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FEATURED EXHIBITS (MAY 2014)

♦ Presidents In Pop Culture

featuring pop culture themed presidential memorabilia from the campaigns of LBJ through Obama.

♦ WW II: Snapshots of Tyler

featuring materials from the Steger papers, Tim Anthony Jackson Collection, and the UASC.

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Ten Years Ago (May 2004)

UT Tyler Professor to Participate in NASA Fellowship Program

Dr. Leonard Brown, assistant professor of computer science at The University of Texas at Tyler, was selected to participate in the 2004 NASA Faculty Fellowship Program in Pasadena, California. One of 245 NASA Faculty Fellows, Dr. Brown was selected from among 762 national applicants. Dr. Brown relocated for the summer to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, where he helped to develop a database management system for the JPL Systems Management Office.

Weekend MBA Program Honors First Graduating Class

The University of Texas at Tyler Longview University Center honored the first graduates of its Weekend Master of Business Administration Program at a reception on Friday, May 7 at the UT Tyler LUC. The first cohort included thirteen Longview area residents.

State Board Recognizes UT Tyler Nursing Graduates

The University of Texas at Tyler nursing program received a commendation from the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in recognition of graduates' 97.6 percent annual pass rate on the state board examination. UT Tyler nursing graduates of the Tyler, Longview and Palestine campuses were cited for their high pass rate of the NCLEX-RN for the 2003 examination year. The national pass rate for first-time examinees in 2004 was 87 percent.



Four-year-old "Shirley's Pig," a wild hog, visited students in a stress management class taught by Dr. Keith McCoy, professor of health and kinesiology. Dr. McCoy held a pig calling contest to help students relieve stress during finals week.
(Intercom)

Twenty Years Ago (May 1994)

NAFTA Highlighted at International Trade Conference on Campus

Presented in conjunction with the Eisenhower International Golf Classic, the 1994 Eisenhower International Trade Conference featured the topic "Doing Business in Mexico: Post NAFTA." The conference was sponsored by UT Tyler's School of Business Administration and Office of Continuing Education, in collaboration with Sister Cities International, the Tyler Economic Development Council, and the Longview Economic Development Corporation. Eduardo Garcia Puebla, consul general of Mexico, presented a keynote address. Additional guests included representatives of the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, the International Trade Administration, and the United States Department of Commerce.

History Professor Receives Chancellor's Award

Dr. Patricia Gajda, professor of history, received the 1994 Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award. As a member of the UT Tyler faculty since 1974, Dr. Gajda was recognized for her excellence in teaching as a specialist in Central and Eastern European History. Dr. James R. Stewart, professor of biology and chemistry, was selected as the university's nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award for outstanding teaching.

Thirty Years Ago (May 1984)

Ambassador Speaks at Spring Commencement

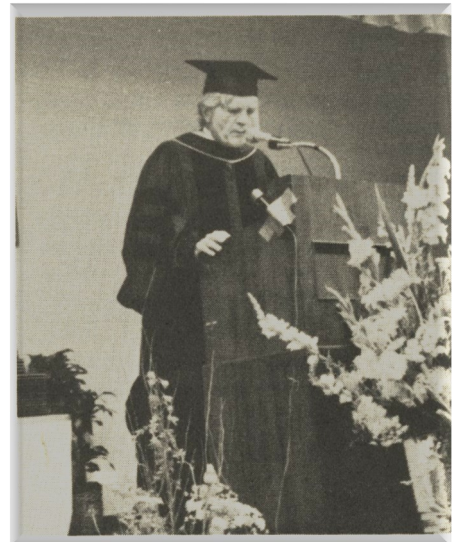
Evan G. Galbraith, U.S. Ambassador to France, gave a commencement speech to the UT Tyler Class of 1984 at Harvey Hall. In addition to his groundbreaking work in international finance, Ambassador Galbraith was recognized for his military service and tenure with the U.S. Department of Commerce. With 447 degree candidates, the Class of 1984 set a new record for the largest graduating class in UT Tyler history. During the 2014 Spring Commencement, the University recognized 756 degree candidates.

Pirtle Professorship in Free Enterprise Announced

On May 10, University President Dr. George F. Hamm announced the creation of a new endowed professorship in free enterprise, funded by a gift of \$110,000 from East Texas philanthropists George W. and Robert S. Pirtle. George W. Pirtle, in conjunction with James S. Hudnall and Isadore Roosth, donated the original land for the University's permanent campus. The former Sciences and Mathematics Building was dedicated in honor of Hudnall, Pirtle, and Roosth. In recognition of his continuing contributions to the university, George W. Pirtle was named Patriot of the Year for 1984.

University Presents First Distinguished Alumni Award

At the first annual alumni and friends gala, the UT Tyler Alumni Association presented David Hudson of Tyler with the first Distinguished Alumnus Award. Mr. Hudson graduated from UT Tyler in 1980 with a Master of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies. Mr. Hudson, who served as the Smith County state representative from 1983 through 1991, was recognized in part for his service on the Committee of Higher Education in the 68th Session of the Texas House of Representatives.



Above, Ambassador Evan G. Galbraith speaks to the Class of 1984 at the spring commencement ceremony in Harvey Hall.
(UT Tyler Forum)

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