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FEATURED EXHIBITS
(MARCH 2015)

♦ **Political Games**

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♦ **How to Present a
Distinguished Lecture**

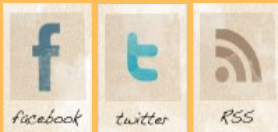
featuring materials
from the Distinguished
Lecture Series and
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Ten Years Ago (March 2005)

Campus Clubs Join the "Don't Mess With Texas" Campaign

The University held a reception on March 9 for five student organizations in appreciation for their participation in the "Don't Mess With Texas Cleanup" campaign. Mary Owens, District Engineer with the Texas Department of Transportation, presented plaques from the University to the presidents of the Accounting Society, Tri Beta Biology Honor Society, the Student Chapter of the American Chemical Society, the Muslim Student Association and the Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Association. Each organization adopted 2 miles of Texas highways and agreed to clean up their stretch of road at least twice a semester, more in a heavy traffic area. UT Tyler was one of 23 Texas colleges and universities participating in the campaign. *From the April 4, 2005 Patriot Talon, by Jennifer Skinner.*

Campus Smoking Policy Modified

The University announced that smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of building entrances and air handler intakes as a result of the revised campus smoking policy. The revised policy also stated that "the only possible exceptions are student residential facilities where policies will be established by management, and athletic venues where smoking may be permitted outside of the stands." *From the April 4, 2005 Patriot Talon, by Emily Stevens.*

Men's Golf Team Wins First Tournament

On March 14 and 15 the men shot a two day total of 627, easily defeating host school Louisiana College in the Spring Invitational Tournament at Oakwing golf course. The Patriots finished seven shots better than second place LC, and placed three golfers in the top five of the leader board. Freshman Will Orr fired a 155 to capture fifth place, sophomore Larry McDougal placed third with a score of 153, and senior Sean Scibba lead all individuals with a total of 148. All three golfers were named to the all-tournament team. *From the April 4, 2005 Patriot Talon, by Will McDonald.*

Twenty Years Ago (March 1995)

Computers Give Greater Access To Students With Disabilities



Ida Marks (seated left), Coordinator of Counseling and Testing, witnessed a demonstration by John Porter (far right), of Telesensory in Dallas. Porter installed the new computer equipment designed for students with disabilities. Students with visual, mobility, and learning disabilities were allowed access to the computers in the Academic Computer Center by presenting an accommodation form. The computers provided several functions including a zoom feature to enlarge print as much as 16 times the size of normal text. The voice dictation feature allowed students to dictate an entire document, and speech capabilities allowed the computers to read documents aloud. With the braille function, text could be printed into braille. Also pictured are Mary Loden (second from left), Director of Student Services, and Carol Hafner (second from right), Secretary of Student Services.

Thirty Years Ago (March 1985)

Sonata Festival Hosted On Campus

UT Tyler hosted the eighteenth annual Sonata Festival Saturday, March 30 in the Hudnall-Pirtle Roosth Building. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of Music and the Tyler Music Teachers Association. The event drew 126 area students from elementary to high school levels. Students were divided into groups according to their grade. Judges Ken Frerichs and Midge Pope of Commerce critiqued the students and awarded first, second, and third place ribbons according to the level of competence exhibited. Frerichs, Associate Professor of Music at East Texas State University, had judged throughout the nation and held workshops for colleges. Pope, a private music teacher in Commerce and president of the Commerce Music Teacher Association, had judged statewide.

Forty Years Ago (March 1975)

Patriots Selected as TEU Mascot

Texas Eastern University officially became the TEU Patriots, as approved by the Board of Regents. In presenting the recommendation to the board, Dr. James H. Stewart, TEU President, reported that there were 101 nominations for mascot received. "The selection committee felt the name Patriots would be relatively unique and would avoid duplication of a mascot already used in Texas higher education. Moreover, Patriots would provide appeal and recognition both on state and national levels," stated the President's report.

Sack Lunches Popular On Campus

The "Brown Baggers" met in the Student Center. The only requirement for entry into the organization was to bring a lunch. Charter members of this club included: Donald Zachary, Student Financial Aid Officer; Steve McDaniels, Instructor of Business, Steve Stamps, Assistant Director of Data Processing, Dr. Gerald Morris, Director of Institutional Planning and Analysis, and Don Blevins, Physical Plant Technical Assistant. The major activities of these noon meetings were trading food stuffs and playing ping pong. Dr. Morris could be seen playing in his suit jacket. Dr. Tom Turner, Dean of Student Life, although not a part of the official "Brown Bagger" group, could often be found in his office around lunch time eating from a sack lunch. Those that skipped the brown bag, like Dr. Kenneth Casstevens, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Jerry McMullen, Media Technician could be found raiding the vending machines for sodas and potato chips.



BROWN BAGGERS-With the nearness of so many fast food restaurants some TEU students and faculty members resort to the traditional sack lunches and can be seen daily in the student center. Some brown baggers include Steve Ray, Steve McDaniels, Don Blevins and Gerald Morris.

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