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FEATURED EXHIBITS
(SEPTEMBER 2015)

♦ **Losers: 20th Century**

**Presidential Runners-
Up**

featuring presidential
election memorabilia
from the Tim Anthony
Jackson Collection.

♦ **The Development of
the UT Tyler Theatre
Department** featuring
production programs and
photos.

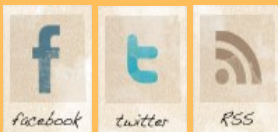
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Ten Years Ago (September 2005)

Celebrating Constitution Day

On September 20 University students and faculty joined fully costumed members of the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, for a celebration beneath Riter Tower. They gathered around the bell tower to reflect and learn about the importance of the Constitution to American government on the anniversary of its signing. The ceremony began with a series of public service announcements, delivered by members of the Student Government Association. University President Dr. Rodney Mabry, SGA President Dustin Tallent, Senior History Lecturer Dr. James Newsom, and special guest speaker John Love, Chief Staff Attorney to the US District Judge Leonard Davis, also delivered a series of brief speeches. The crowd of about 60 included students, faculty, and a number of citizens interested in the history of the Constitution. They braved the heat and sun to gather around the bell tower, decorated by the 16 flags of the American Revolution waving in the wind. The 40-minute program drew to a close as members of the University Chorale gathered beneath Riter Tower and sang "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," a song taken from the poem "The New Colossus" which is printed on the base of the Statue of Liberty. *By Adrienne Graham, Patriot Talon, October 3, 2005*



Photo By Adrienne Graham
The Sons of the American Revolution present the flags before a crowd
gathers to celebrate Constitution Day on Sept. 20, 2005.

University Shelter Closes

The American Red Cross Shelter in the Patriot Center closed on September 14, after nearly all remaining Hurricane Katrina evacuees were placed in new homes. The shelter housed more than 100 evacuees since September 3, but nearly two weeks later only one remained. That evacuee was transferred to another Red Cross shelter. Dr. Dale Lunsford, Vice President for Student Affairs and External Relations said. "From the first arrivals it has been our goal that each evacuee find suitable housing and the means to begin again." Cleaning up the shelter began immediately, said shelter manager Scott Lawrence. "UT Tyler has been great. They have provided so much support for this shelter, which makes our job easy, and we truly appreciate it." Lunsford praised shelter operators and volunteers from Grace Community Church who fed, clothed and counseled Hurricane Katrina victims. He also praised Dean Linda Klotz and faculty and students from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences who, "demonstrated again why they are the best program in Texas." *By Alaina Allen, Patriot Talon, October 3, 2005*

Twenty Years Ago (September 1995)

Faculty Member Conducts Key Osteoporosis Research

Research by Dr. Joyce Ballard, Professor of Health and Kinesiology, played a significant role in identifying what experts believe to be an effective treatment for osteoporosis. Ballard and local physician Dr. Helen Graham were the research investigators in Tyler for a national study which measured the effect of slow-release sodium fluoride and calcium citrate on postmenopausal women with osteoporosis. The study's principal investigator, Dr. Charles Y.C. Pak of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, presented results of the study at the annual meeting of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research in Baltimore.

Thirty Years Ago (September 1985)

First Chairman Starts Sesquicentennial Year

The University of Texas at Tyler's celebration of Texas' sesquicentennial year kicked off Sunday, September 8 with a program and reception honoring Harold J. "Mr. Mac" McKenzie. Hosts for the event were UT Tyler President Dr. and Mrs. George F. Hamm.

McKenzie was a longtime supporter of UT Tyler and was the lobbying force that led to the passage of Senate Bill 419. The bill, passed on June 10, 1971, created Tyler State College, the institution that later became UT Tyler. McKenzie served as the first chairman of the Board of Regents of Tyler State College. *By Elaine Reichard, The UT Tyler Patriot, Sept. 12, 1985*

Learning Assistance Lab Eases Fears, Offers Aid

A learning assistance lab opened in room 107 of the Robert R. Muntz Library. The lab offered help with reading, writing, and math, along with information on improving notetaking, speed-reading, and studying skills. Help was also available for students taking the Pre-professional Skills Test, GRE, GMAT, and Nelson-Dennye tests. Term and research papers were proofread and advice was offered by the staff consisting of graduate assistants Dolly Smith and Betty Anderson. *By Betty Helt, The UT Tyler Patriot, Sept. 12, 1985*



PLAYING PRANX—The Back to School Dance, slated for Friday, Sept. 28, will spotlight a local rock group, Pranx. The members are, from left, Stacy Shoe, Robert Campbell, Paul Holub, James Cotten and Rick Leffler. [Courtesy photo]

Forty Years Ago (September 1975)

Regents Select Fort Worth Firm For Phase II Construction Program

Preston M. Geren Architects & Engineer and Associates of Fort Worth was selected by the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents to serve as architect for the Phase II construction program. Two buildings, an addition to the School of Sciences and Mathematics Building and School of Business Building, were scheduled for construction in Phase II. State appropriations for these buildings totaled \$6,277,648. Selection of the Preston M. Geren firm was subject to contract negotiations accepted by the board. A meeting of the board's Legal Committee and the Campus and Building Committee was later held. Geren's firm was picked from a final group of six architects who were interviewed at a September 10 meeting of the Regents.

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