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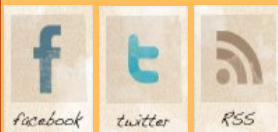
**Phase I Construction**

featuring photographs  
and sketches of the first  
phase of the permanent  
campus construction

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# This Month in UT Tyler History

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## Ten Years Ago (April 2006)

### Senator Hutchison Tours Labs

Kay Bailey Hutchison visited the University to help promote the Protecting America's Competitive Edge, or PACE Act. Hutchison said the act was intended to help America keep its edge in math and science research by promising scholarships for students who plan on teaching middle school for at least five years. "We have got to start at the middle school to show students why science is exciting," Hutchison said. The senator's speech followed a brief tour of the science labs in the Hudnall-Pirtle-Roosth Building. Hutchison praised the University, but commented that nation wide, the country may be losing its edge in technology. "I think you've found a niche here at UT Tyler. That's where the rest of the county is going, but you're leading the way. We are not graduating enough engineers to fill the demand. We don't have enough young people graduating in math and science." After the speech Hutchison fielded questions from members of the Tyler media, most of which dealt with immigration.

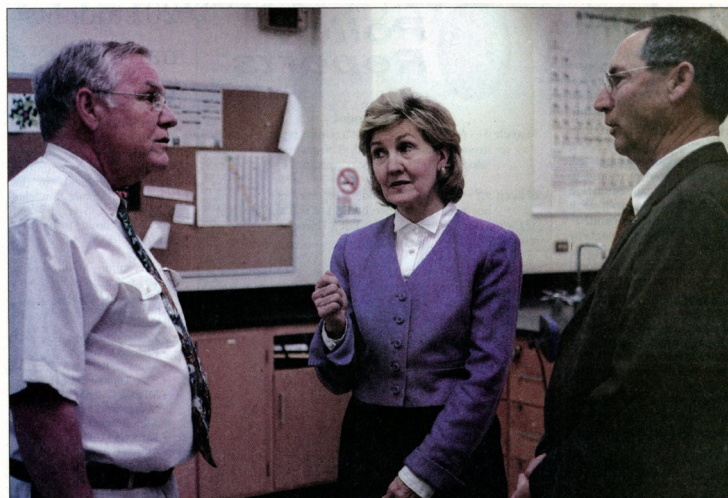


Photo by Brantley Ensey  
Dr. Donald L. McClaugherty, (left) and president Rodney Mabry, (right) showed Kay Bailey Hutchison, (center) senator R. Texas around the chemistry lab's in the HPR building April 18. Senator Hutchison was in Tyler promoting the Protecting America's Competitive Edge, or PACE Act.

## Twenty Years Ago (April 1996)

### Colloquium Held on Gender and Politics

Noted Texas author and political scientist Dr. Jeanie Stanley-Coleman spoke to the annual UT Tyler Liberal Arts Colloquium April 9. Dr. Stanley-Coleman addressed the issue of "Gender and Politics in the 1990s." She is the co-author of *Claytie and the Lady*, a book about the 1990 governor's race between Ann Richards and Clayton Williams. Dr. Stanley-Coleman taught at UT Tyler from 1980 to 1991. In 1990 she served as finance director in the Dan Morales campaign for attorney general, and in 1991 she moved to Austin to work in Attorney General Morales' office as director of research and legal support and director of policy management. The colloquium was sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts.

### Keyboard Festival Features Guest Artist

Acclaimed pianist Constance Knox Carroll was a featured guest artist for the Keyboard Festival, hosted by the Department of Music. Carroll performed in concert the evening of April 11 and conducted master classes April 12 for junior college students participating in the festival. The recitalist, chamber musician and orchestral soloist, has won awards at national and international competitions. She was a featured artist at the national meeting of the Music Teachers National Association and at numerous state conventions of the State Music Teachers' Association. Carroll joined the Louisiana State University faculty in 1995 where she served as professional-in-residence.

## Thirty Years Ago (April 1986)

### ACM Provides Computer Help

Vice President of the Association of Computing Machinery Cynthia Blair headed up a program to teach basic computer language and literacy. Several Tyler students from Rice and Birdwell elementary schools used Apple 2E computers purchased by the Tyler School System in after-school class sessions. An introductory class familiarized students with computer terms and parts of the computer. Blair stated that such a program makes using computers "a less frightening prospect" for students. "It is also a supplement for teachers." There were two sessions per four to five week long semester. The sessions costed each student \$10.



**IT'S ELEMENTARY**—To combat computer fright at an early age ACM members provide after-school computer sessions for children in Rice and Birdwell elementaries. Pictured, from right, are officers Cynthia Blair, vice president; Kelly Olhausen, treasurer; and Tim O'Dell, president. Absent is Karen DeSplinter, secretary. [Photo by Lona Kennedy]

## Forty Years Ago (April 1976)

### Coordinating Board Approves Degree

The Master of Science Degree in Psychology received approval from the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. A second degree proposal, the Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Technology was deferred. From a list of 103 proposed degree programs only five received approval, including the Texas Tech Medical School. Seventeen programs were voluntarily deferred by individual institutions. The Master of Science in Psychology degree program was composed of 36 semester hours, 15 in foundation courses and 21 in one of the following areas of emphasis: mental health, school psychology, or teaching college level Psychology. "We are very pleased that the Coordinating Board has approved our request for the degree," Dr. Donald M. Anthony said. "The triple option available to students makes this a unique program. In particular, we feel that the gerontology emphasis on this degree will prepare graduates of the program to serve some very significant needs of agencies in the East Texas area." Texas Eastern was represented at the Coordinating Board meeting by Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr., Dr. Anthony, Dr. W. A. Mayfield and Dr. Fred Mears.

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