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◆ **That's So 80s:** A look at campus life during the 1980s.

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MEET THE STAFF

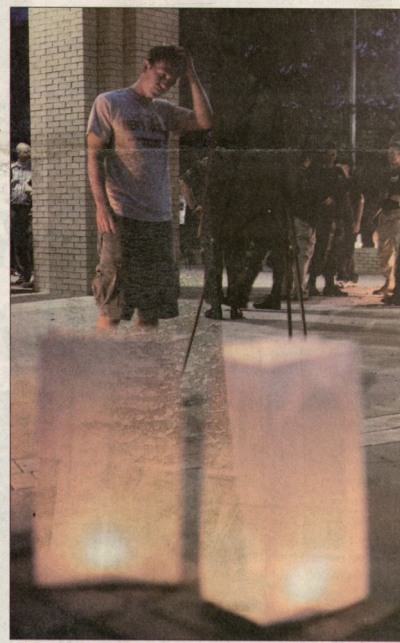
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Ten Years Ago (September 2006)



Senior Computer Science major Alan Hardin pauses to view a photograph of Ground Zero at the luminary candle lighting in memory of Sept. 11.

Students and Faculty Mourn September 11 Victims

Five years later, students and faculty remembered the victims of the September 11 attacks. On campus the University Student Veteran's Association organized all-day events to coincide with nationwide memorials, said Shelia Jones, Faculty Adviser for the organization. Events began at the flag pole with a moment of silence and continued on in the University Center with patriotic readings and testimonies from people who had gone to Ground Zero soon after the attack. Bobbye Rucker, Alumni and Annual Fund Coordinator spoke about her experiences after September 11. "Each person in here has their own story," she said. "After 9/11 everyone had fear in their eyes. A fear rooted in knowing with certainty that life would never be the same for us in America." She said after September 11, she realized a question must be answered by everyone in America, "what am I going to do?" "That question had two answers for me," she said. "First I wasn't going to sit in Texas and let the terrorists hold me hostage. So two months later in November, 2001, I went to New York." By Erin Buller, *Patriot Talon*, September 18, 2006.

Twenty Years Ago (September 1996)

Conference for Counselors

More than 150 educational administrators participated in "Fiesta for Counselors" on Tuesday, September 10 at Hollytree Country Club, according to Dorris Sharp, Director of East Texas Tech Prep and School-to-Work Consortium, The University of Texas at Tyler. Sponsored by the East Texas Tech Prep and School-to-Work Consortium and the East Texas School-to-Work Partnership, Gladewater, the program was designed for college and university presidents, vice presidents, deans, school superintendents, high school and middle school principals, and counselors. Guest speakers included Dr. Bill Crowe.

Snapshot



SCULPTURE EXHIBIT — Fort Worth artist Thad Duhigg displays his sculpture which is on view through Sept. 27 in the University Gallery, UC 101. The exhibition, entitled "a place," features flawlessly constructed pieces of sculpture Duhigg has created by stretching canvas over a steel armature and then painting the canvas to mimic a metallic patina. For more information call the Department of Art, ext. 7250.

Thirty Years Ago (September 1986)

Women's Week Conference Held on Campus

"Women Making a Difference," a conference celebrating Texas Women's Week was held Saturday, September 20 in the University Center. Registration and refreshments were provided, and the general session began at 9 a.m. The keynote speaker was Becky Sykes, chairwoman of Dallas Women's Foundation, an organization founded in 1985 to provide grants for women's projects and educate Dallas women about finance and philanthropy. Workshop topics and participants included: "Balancing Your Stress Budget" (stress management), by Kreeleene Van Cleef, Tyler Mental Health Association Executive Director; "An Ounce of Prevention" (personal safety), by Larry Robinson, City of Tyler Chief of Police, and Dawn Franks, East Texas Crisis Center Executive Director; "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall" (career opportunities), by Vickie Geisel, Tyler Junior College Coordinator of Support Service, and Nancy Loper, Tyler Adult Learning Center Director; "The Joy of Caring" (volunteer opportunities), by Susan Sweatman, Volunteer Center of Tyler Program Director; and "A Stitch in Time" (preventive medicine and insurance), by Dr. Helen Graham, Adult and Adolescent Medicine Physician, and Ruth Ann Wolford from CLU, New York Life Insurance Co.

Campus Study Gets Physical

Dressed in fleece sweat-suits, tightly tied tennis shoes and holding a hand weights, several women regularly walked or jogged around campus, doing their part in an osteoporosis research study. The Physical Education Department at The University of Texas at Tyler conducted a two-year research study on the cause of bone demineralization. Dr. Joyce Ballard headed the study and instructed one group of women, while Angela Huggins instructed another class. Each class met every weekday. In addition to walking and jogging, the participants trained in weights and did floor exercises. The research study included 150 women ranging in age from 35 to 70. The women were originally split into two groups, a control group and an experimental group. By Mark Belcher, *UT Tyler Patriot*, October 9, 1986.

Forty Years Ago (September 1976)

Official Fall Enrollment Totals 1504

The official enrollment at Texas Eastern University for the 1976 Fall Semester was 1504. This represented a 23.7 percent increase over the Fall Semester of 1975 and a 22.3 percent increase over the Spring Semester of 1976. Students took a total of 13,153 semester credit hours, up 23.64 percent from the same semester of 1975. The average student course load was 8.75 semester hours. The Office of Admissions and Records processed 720 new applications for the fall semester. This compared to 615 in 1975. The 720 included 489 undergraduate students and 231 graduate students. Dr. Robert Marsh said that all students who applied for admission did not enroll. Leading academic fields among new applicants included Elementary Education (66), General Business (42), Accounting (37), Nursing (36), and Criminal Justice (34). Elementary Education also set the pace among graduate applicants with 31 students enrolled. 23 students selected Interdisciplinary Studies. The MBA program had 37 new applicants among all areas.

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