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Ten Years Ago (December 2006)

Debaters On Forensic Team Win Awards To End Semester

The debate team proved their rhetoric skills with each member taking home an award. The first of the two weekend excursions took place at Louisiana Tech University where 10 colleges competed. Five debaters made it to the octofinals and David Brown broke into the quarterfinals, said Adviser and Associate Speech Professor Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs. Sean Dodd and Nathan Taylor were among the University students who reached the octofinals in the varsity division. The second University debate team competition took place at LSU Shreveport at the beginning of November. “Twenty-seven schools were present from 10 different states,” Hobbs said. Taylor took second place in the “win-loss” competition while Darci Meadville took first place in the speaker awards. “The Speaker Award is based on quality points and quality ratings. Whoever talks the prettiest wins,” Hobbs said. Brown, Meadville, Dodd, and Taylor participated in the varsity International Public Debate Association. The IPDA is an association that sets forth specific rules and regulations for their members to follow, Hobbs said. By Jenny Simmons, Patriot Talon, December 4, 2006.

Twenty Years Ago (December 1996)

UT Tyler Offers Interactive Video Courses in Athens

It was announced that state-of-the-art technology would deliver The University of Texas at Tyler instruction to Athens residents through Interactive Video. It was arranged for students to attend UT Tyler classes in Athens at Trinity Valley Community College, or on the UT Tyler campus where the courses originated. A wide range of courses were made available at each Interactive Video location, giving students cost-saving convenience, greater flexibility in scheduling their classes, and reduced travel expenses and commuting time to Tyler. Among the Interactive Video classes scheduled for the Spring 1997 semester were courses in general business, management, marketing, education administration, special education, criminal justice, history, technology, and public administration. Students were able to see and communicate with faculty at UT Tyler, ask questions, and participate in classroom discussions. At the same time, faculty members at UT Tyler were able to see and communicate with students at each regional site. A panoramic camera, a large television and sensitive sound equipment allowed complete communication between each location. Trips to the UT Tyler campus were required during the semester for testing, library research, or consultation with the instructor. Additional trips were at the student’s discretion. Interactive Video sites included Mexia, Corsicana, Longview, Kilgore, and Palestine.
Thirty Years Ago (December 1986)

Students Take Pride In Meeting Objectives

Members of the Student Association felt as though they had successfully met the goals set in September. “One of the Student Association’s five goals set was to provide quality entertainment,” Rick Chaffin, president of SA, said. One example of such entertainment was the Don McLean concert at the Caldwell Auditorium. According to Chaffin, Don McLean set an attendance record with an audience of about 1000 people. Another SA sponsored event was the Regency group. “Students, faculty and staff who despite rainy weather and Texas football on TV came to UT Tyler and saw the five-men a cappella group got a very, very good show,” Chaffin said. “In fact, they were so good that we are trying to have them back in the spring,” he added. Increased student political awareness was another goal set at the start of the semester. “We co-hosted the political debate between Jackson Hudson,” Chaffin said. “We also sponsored a petition drive for changes in the Texas Criminal System organized by We the people” to increase the students’ political awareness.” The SA finished up its fall events with the third annual tree-trimming co-hosted by Alpha Chi. Several other organizations on campus contributed to make this all day event as memorable as possible. “Never before has the Student Association had so much involvement from organizations on campus and individual students as this year,” Chaffin said. By Katia Rydin, UT Tyler Patriot, December 4, 1986.

Forty Years Ago (December 1976)

Students Can Avoid Registration Hassles

“It is a common complaint among students that the lines at registration are a hassle. The halls are lined with students waiting to get through lines, and after making it through one line there is always another one to follow. There are also papers to fill out and forms to sign. It usually takes a long time to get finished. If a student is unfortunate enough to have a problem, then he should expect the person who can help to be buried under yet another line. The theme at registration is move the students through as quickly and smoothly as possible. It has to be this way. There are too many individuals to give individual attention. This year students have a chance to do more than just complain. Students can pre-register. Pre-registration is not hard, and does not take a lot of time. It does make it possible for advisors to give students more individual attention, and iron out problems before they arise. Pre-registration also helps the teachers plan the number of sections they will need, and the people in Admissions and Records like it because it will help them cut down on errors.” Editorial from The Patriot, December 3, 1976.

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