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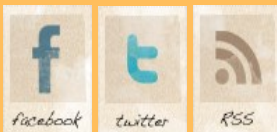
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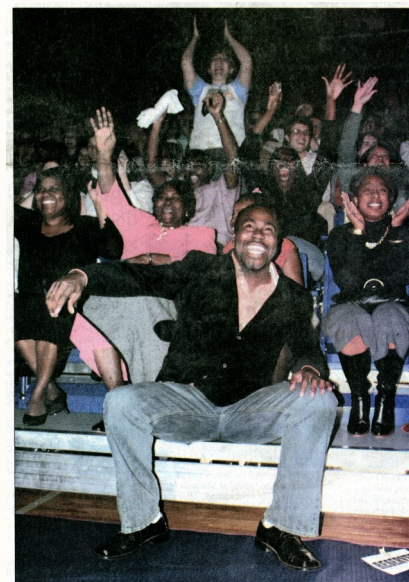
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## Ten Years Ago (January 2007)

### UT Tyler Student Wins Big

"The day after his television debut on NBC's *Deal or No Deal*, senior journalism student Will Edmond was 20 minutes late for work because of the other five interviews he had done on Thursday. 'Last night felt like a relief,' Edmond said while sitting at a table in the University Center. 'No one knew how much I won and it was great for the rest of my family to know.' Edmond said he wants to invest most of the \$214,000 after 'helping out' his parents and 'giving a portion to God.' But he will not see a penny until the end of April and probably will see a great deal less than the \$214,000 after taxes. 'I don't know how much I'll actually have. I have a financial planner figuring all that out,' he said. But for now, he said he feels a bit like a celebrity on campus. 'People are acting differently with me now – offering me stuff. I've gotten job offers and stuff like that,' the resident assistant at Ornelas Hall said. Edmond said he plans to graduate from the University in December and was planning to go to graduate school somewhere on the East Coast. Those plans may change this year though, he said. 'We'll see how everything goes,' he said. 'I want to go into public relations or advertising.'" By Erin Buller and Paige Hayter in the *Patriot Talon*, February 5, 2007.



Will Edmond celebrates in the Harrington Patriot Center on Wednesday night with more than 200 University students, who all gathered to watch his television debut last week. Staff photo by Kyle G. Hare

## Twenty Years Ago (January 1997)



**ELECTRONIC INFORMATION** — Marilyn Greene, professional librarian (standing left), assists Dorothy F. Brown, graduate public administration major, with on-line information search. The Robert R. Muntz Library has expanded computer access to allow more students to use the more than 50 on-line journal indexes. The indexes are available from several information vendors including the World Wide Web and The University of Texas System as well as those locally loaded by CD-Rom. The library will offer training sessions for faculty, staff and students during the spring semester. For more information contact Greene, ext. 7167. (Photo by Michael Murray)

### UT Tyler Tennis Coach Announces Retirement

Coach Fred Kniffen announced plans to retire after 11 years of service, according to President George F. Hamm. Kniffen, 61, continued to coach at UT Tyler on a part-time basis through the 1997 spring semester. His retirement plans included giving tennis lessons, traveling, spending time with family, and working in the community. "I appreciate Dr. Hamm and UT Tyler for giving me the opportunity to coach tennis. I thoroughly enjoyed my tennis career at UT Tyler," said Kniffen. Some career highlights include induction into the National Association of Intercollegiate

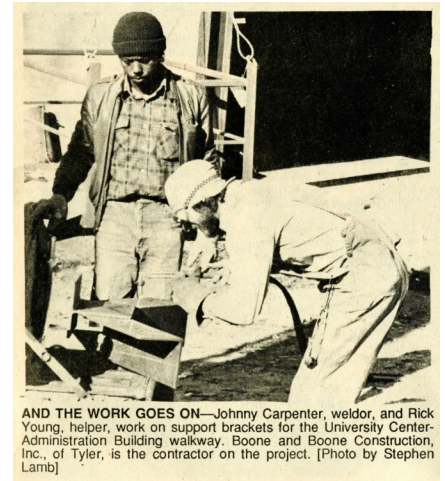
Athletics Hall of Fame in 1996; the NAIA Coach of the Year award in 1994; the Wilson Coach of the Year honor in 1987; and Texas Professional Tennis Association Coach of the Year in 1985. Under his leadership, the Patriots advanced to the NAIA national championship tournament 11 times winning national championships in 1989 and 1994. He served as president of the NAIA Tennis Coaches Association from 1991-92 and was named Outstanding Tennis Professional of the Year while serving as vice president of the Texas Professional Tennis Association in 1971. From January 8, 1997 news release.

# Thirty Years Ago (January 1987)

## Renovation Underway in University Center

"Phase I of the University of Texas Tyler's space completion and renovation project is 99 percent complete, and construction for Phase II is well under way, according to James Rackley, vice president for business administration. The two-part, \$1.48 million project is being financed with part of a \$3.8 million allocation from the Permanent University Fund. According to Mike Prestidge, job superintendent for contractor Boone and Boone Construction Co., Phase I consisted of remodeling the third floor of the Administration Building. 'We put in new carpet and base, new ceilings and new paint,' said Prestidge. 'And we built some new walls and removed some old ones.' The wall work was meant to better utilize some previously open space by making several new classrooms and offices. Space was also added to some existing offices. 'All we're waiting on is delivery of some furniture we have on order.' Rackley said, 'We have delivery dates from now to Feb. 23.'

When asked about progress on Phase II Rackley said, 'We've had good luck with construction. Right now we're about 40 percent complete. Deadline is May 15, but we may be finished by April.' Phase I is the completion of the second floor of the University Center and the enclosing of the upper level walkway between ADM and the UC. By Terry Frazier in the *UT Tyler Patriot*, February 5, 1987.



AND THE WORK GOES ON—Johnny Carpenter, welder, and Rick Young, helper, work on support brackets for the University Center-Administration Building walkway. Boone and Boone Construction, Inc., of Tyler, is the contractor on the project. [Photo by Stephen Lamb]

# Forty Years Ago (January 1977)

## Board of Regents Meet

Fifteen items were presented by the Campus and Building Committee to the quarterly meeting of the Texas Eastern University Board of Regents. These items included a Phase I construction progress report, a report on the University Center red oak floor, consideration of final payment certificate on Phase I construction, construction progress report on the Health and Physical Education facilities, five architect's statements, sidewalk and plaque installation for Mike Harvey Lake, grate for overflow pipes in Mike Harvey Lake and reclamation of borrow area, Phase II campus plan and construction documents, entrance signs for the campus, and seeding of Mike Harvey Lake dam slopes. The Academic and Personnel Committee reported recommendations on organizational structure, personnel additions, changes in positions and terminations. Recommended budget changes were presented by the Finance and Appropriations Committee and an interagency contract was presented by the Legal Committee. The President's Report by Dr. Stewart had 10 items including Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaffirmation of accreditation, Texas community and junior college scholarships, Basic Educational Opportunities Grant program, grant application for equipment and materials, consultation with State Board of Control on the Berta Street facilities, Texas Education Agency reaffirmation of accreditation visit, university insurance program, scholarships and awards for TEU students, and faculty research projects and academic program projections. From *Intercom*, January 13, 1977.

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