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Ten Years Ago (March 2007)

President Approves Student Fee Budget

“President Rodney Mabry approved the recommended $1.5 million student services fee budget for fiscal year 2008 last Tuesday, an increase of $121,172 more than this year. The fee, which is $11 per semester credit hour per student, will pay for an increase in funds for departments like the Patriot Center, getting an extra $16,113 and Counseling and Testing getting an increase of about $60,000. Chad Myers, the student services fee committee chairman, gave an explanation of the Patriot Center’s increase. ‘They have the largest amount of student workers and money runs out,’ Myers said. Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Howard Patterson praised the committee’s budget recommendation. ‘They did a good job in thoroughly examining what the requests demanded and how they would impact the programs.’ The committee consists of nine students who recommended the budget to Mabry, which is then sent to the Board of Regents to approve or disapprove.” By Allen Arrick, Patriot Talon, March 26, 2007.

Ensemble Performs During Lunch

“The University Wind Ensemble met outside Harvey’s Burrito Bar March 7 to conduct a half hour concert for students and faculty, ‘Lunchtime Music.’ Music Department Chair and conductor of the ensemble Dr. Jeffrey Emge said that he wanted to start an all student ensemble reminiscent of an earlier community orchestra. ‘In the fall of 2002 we started with a little bitty group of twenty-five, and now we are up to fifty players.’ Students in the ensemble are not all music majors, and have a variety of reasons for playing. Trombone player Charles Stuettgen said the ensemble is ‘relaxing, a real stress reliever.’” By Zach Hrab, Patriot Talon, March 26, 2007.

Twenty Years Ago (March 1997)

Legislation Filed To Grant University Four-Year Status

“A group of Texas senators and representatives announced that legislation had been filed in Austin to authorize four-year status for UT Tyler. The joint announcement came from State Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant; State Sen. David Cain, D-Dallas; State Rep. Ted Kamel, R-Tyler; and State Rep. Bob Glaze, D-Gilmer. The four East Texas legislators announced the filing of S.B. 840 and H.B. 1795 which contain identical language. The bills would allow UT Tyler to offer freshman and sophomore classes. ‘We see an unprecedented level of community support for expanding higher educational opportunities in East Texas by making UT Tyler a four-year university. This is a natural step in the growth of higher education in this East Texas area and addresses both a regional and statewide need,’ the legislators stated.” From Intercom, March 10, 1997.
Thirty Years Ago (March 1987)

Springfest Sponsors Announce Race Winners
The UT Tyler Alumni Association and the UTT Student Association hosted a 5K run/walk and the third annual Springfest. The run was co-sponsored by Diet Coke. The Tyler Rose Runners helped to set up the course for the run. The entry fees went to support scholarship awards for UTT. One-hundred sixty people entered the race. The overall winner in the men’s race was Dave Barney, a former all-American from Scottsdale, Arizona with a time of 14:51:18. The overall winner in the women’s race was Debbie Peebles from Mineola with a time of 19:30:00. This was the first year that the fun run was combined with the Springfest activities of the Student Association. At Springfest, several campus organizations and community groups set up booths for prizes and fun. The Imaginary Band furnished live music during the afternoon and Tract the Clown provided entertainment for the children and adults alike. By Serena Crossland, UT Tyler Patriot, March 5, 1987

Forty Years Ago (March 1977)

Students Head To Court
“Students with parking tickets from Texas Eastern University have a chance to appeal before the student traffic court each Tuesday evening in UC 111. Provisions for the court were set out in the university constitution. All members are students appointed by the Dean of Student Life Tom Turns. The court has met alternately at 4 and 6 p.m. since Feb. 15. The court can only try parking violations, not moving violations. Many students seem not to know they can be given a ticket for parking improperly or parking in the wrong place. Chief Justice Mary Lewis said, ‘The campus police are real police. The tickets are real tickets. They are not toy tickets.’ Students who do not pay tickets and are not found innocent by the court may be penalized by withholding of grades and transcripts and failure to graduate. No more than four cases are heard and judged separately at each session. Students who appeal tickets must be at the scheduled court hearing or pay the fine shown on the citation. A minimum of three of the six court members must be present to hear cases, which are decided by majority vote.” From The Patriot, March 29, 1977.

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