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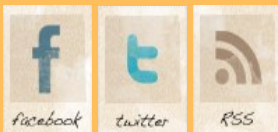
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Ten Years Ago (June 2007)

Dr. Ben Fisch Remembered

The modest generosity of Dr. Ben Fisch, one of Tyler's extraordinary leaders, will have a lasting effect on The University of Texas at Tyler, according to President Rodney Mabry. Dr. Fisch died June 18. "Ben and his beloved late wife, Maytee, were great friends of The University of Texas at Tyler through their multiple philanthropic gifts over many years. But they were so much more than that to my wife Merle and me, and to a number of others here at this University," President Mabry said. "As much as we deeply appreciated their gift support to this institution, they were personal friends of ours, and we enjoyed many hours in their company. Ben will truly be missed." *UT Tyler Press Release*, June 19, 2007.



Dr. Ben Fisch (far right) at the September 2003 opening of the Herrington Patriot Center, featuring the Maytee Fisch Convocation Center.

Text Messaging System Used for Emergencies

Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Howard Patterson announced that a text messaging system for use during emergencies would be implemented on campus. "Text messaging has proven to be one of the most effective methods for reaching large number of people in a short period of time, which can make the difference in a critical incident," said Patterson. "If something were to happen on the UT Tyler campus, the administration and University Police would be able to reach large numbers of students, faculty, staff and parents in a matter of minutes." The system was designed to allow the University to send text messages directly to the mobile phone of subscribers to the free service. "We acquired the system two years ago to send out announcements and news about UT Tyler athletics," said Peyton Low, UT Tyler athletics public affairs specialist. "This year, we expanded this to include announcements about student activities and emergency notifications." *UT Tyler Press Release*, June 22, 2007.

Twenty Years Ago (June 1997)

Governor Bush Signs House Bill 1795

Governor George W. Bush was on campus June 13 for the ceremonial signing of legislation related to authorization for freshman and sophomore programs at the University. House Bill 1795 was introduced in the Texas Legislature by Representatives Ted Kamel, R-Tyler and Bob Glaze, D-Gilmer and Senators Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant and David Cain, D-Dallas. Approved by the House and Senate, the bill authorized UT Tyler to enroll lower division students beginning in the 1998 summer session. *UT Tyler Press Release*, June 12, 1997.



Thirty Years Ago (June 1987)

Patriots Named NAIA Academic All-Americans

Three members of the UT Tyler Patriots tennis team were named Academic All-Americans for 1987 by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Sandra Sigulinski, Per Ola Andersson, and Daniel Henry Hovey were among 24 players chosen for the honor nationwide. To be selected as an Academic All-American, students had to attend a college or university fulltime, have a minimum grade point average of 3.25 and a demonstrated proficiency in intercollegiate tennis. Qualities such as citizenship and character, as well as involvement in extracurricular activities, were also considered. Sigulinski, who was an All-American NAIA district champion at UT Tyler in 1986, placed first in NAIA doubles completion for 1987. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the UT Tyler Student Foundation, and majored in business administration. Andersson won NAIA district champion in 1987 and 1986. Pursuing a B.B.A. in accounting, he received the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants Accounting Excellence Award and the M.J. Harvey Award. *Intercom*, June 1, 1987.

Forty Years Ago (June 1977)

Nursing Program Receives Full Accreditation

The Texas Eastern University nursing program received full accreditation by the State Board of Nurse Examiners. Accreditation of the program was mandatory by state law for continued operation. Five health agencies also received board approval for student clinical experience. These were the East Texas Chest Hospital, Medical Center Hospital, Mother Frances Hospital, Schlesingers Home Health Service Agency and the Tyler-Smith County Public Health Department. Strengths of the TEU program cited in the board's report included administrative and community support of the program, nursing faculty representation on university-wide committees, the use of innovative teaching approaches, and the leadership capabilities of the director. Enrollment in the nursing program for the spring semester was 122, up from 67 the previous semester. *Intercom*, June 2, 1977.

Two Lectures Slated for Summer Term

Two lectures on intercultural relationships were presented during the first summer term of 1977. They were free and open to anyone. "Stereotyping the American Indian" was presented by Dr. Alfonso Ortiz. Dr. Ortiz wrote extensively on the Pueblo Indians of the Southwest. He taught at Rutgers and Princeton before moving to New Mexico University in 1974. Professor and Director of the Center for Communication Research at the University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Alfred G. Smith presented "Conflicts Among Texas Cultures." *Intercom*, June 2, 1977.

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