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Ten Years Ago (September 2007)

Cross Country Dominates Opponents

“The men’s cross country team is the best in the state but might also be one of the better teams in the nation after back-to-back dominating wins the past two weekends. On Sept. 22, the Patriots traveled to Abilene State Park to compete in the Texas Div. III State Championships. The men came away with the title and the women finished fifth. One weekend later, the men and women traveled to Memphis, Tenn. to run in the Rhodes College Invitational. The men came away with another dominating first place finish while the women struggled to an 11th place finish. In the Texas State Div. III Championships, the men finished with 39 points while second place was Trinity University, who finished with 43. In that race, Ben Donnan had the top three runners and no Patriot runner finished worse than 26th place. Donnan won first place with a time of 26:27. Patriots R.J. Cowan and Corey Kellam finished second and third place. Leading the way for the women was Sarah Hankla, who finished ninth in the 6K. After winning the 8K race at the Texas State Div. III Championships, Donnan was named the American South-west Conference runner of the week for the second time this season.” By Jeremy Cotham, Patriot Talon, October 1, 2007.

Twenty Years Ago (September 1997)

UT Tyler Receives Gift of Art Collection

“Frank and Betsy Burke of Dallas recently contributed their extensive collection of Fred Machetanz Alaskan art to The University of Texas at Tyler, President George F. Hamm announced. Machetanz is considered the master delineator of the Eskimo and early 20th Century lifestyle in Alaska. He was named Artist of the Year by American Artist magazine in 1981. In addition, the Burkes gave The University of Texas at Tyler their collection of 55 antique and unusual maps, most of which are from the 18th and 19th centuries. News Release, September 12, 1997.

Cowan Center Managing Director Named

‘William F. (Bill) Fisher, former director of theatres in Hawaii and Florida, has been named managing director of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center at The University of Texas at Tyler, President George F. Hamm has announced. ‘Mr. Fisher has more than 10 years of experience in managing and programming events in major performing arts facilities,’ Hamm stated. ‘The cultural life of the university and the entire region will benefit enormously because of the extensive professional skills he brings to this new position.’ Prior to coming to UT Tyler, Fisher was manager of the Hawaii Theatre Center in Honolulu. Also, he held positions as director of operations at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center in Kahului, Hawaii, and served as director of finance and administration with the Florida Grand Opera, Inc. New Release, September 23, 1997.
Thirty Years Ago (September 1987)

Computers Make Good Business

‘Lawrence Hutson, a new UT Tyler computer science instructor, is working to give students an opportunity to mesh computer science technology with business applications. ’I like UT Tyler because I am given the opportunity to expand my potential in both areas of my specializations,’ Hudson said. As a member of the Texas Partnership Council, Hutson has constant interaction with various East Texas industries. The TPC is composed of local and regional representatives of the business community. The TPC is working in conjunction with the UTT Technology Department on a project expected to establish a low-cost computer training center. This center would benefit not only students and faculty but also the surrounding communities, Hutson said.’ By Godson Eneude, UT Tyler Patriot, October 1, 1987.

Forty Years Ago (September 1977)

Bell Seeks Student Government Position

‘Bill Bell believes TEU offers a higher quality education than most major universities. But he has one complaint. TEU has no elected student government. Bell, a senior political science major, became interested in student government for TEU in the spring, 1977, when he attended several Student Life Advisory Committee (SLAC) meetings. ‘I began questioning their methods,’ Bell said. ‘Why wasn’t the committee more effective? Why weren’t the representatives elected by the students? I don’t believe the administrator’s claim that there wasn’t any interest, that the student body was too small or that the students were too old.’ In an organizational meeting for SLAC Sept. 16, Tom Turns, dean of student life, said that the students had not expressed a desire for student government. In 1974, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools recommended, ‘Students attending Tyler State College (now TEU) should have representation and input into all decision-making processes where student interests are concerned.’ Efforts were made by Bell last semester to get a student government organized. He communicated with Turns and with President James H. Stewart that he felt the students wanted elected representation. By Debbie Carter, Texas Eastern Patriot, September 29, 1977.

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