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Ten Years Ago (October 2007)

Going Green

Physical Plant Director Chip Clark said going “green” on campus meant designing more energy-efficient buildings and turning the lights off when rooms weren’t occupied. Clark’s job was to make sure each building ran as energy efficient as possible. Money was an issue for going green. “If you don’t have any money, you have to do it manually. In other words, get people to turn off the lights.” When Clark began working at UT Tyler, the administration spent $1.5 million to install new lighting and energy-efficient air conditioning thermostats with variable controls. The air conditioning controls allowed monitoring throughout the day to regulate the temperature instead of simply turning them on full blast all the time. Clark said the little things also help—the newer buildings such as the Ratliff engineering complex have lower lighting throughout the building and the windows have a darker tint. “What we’ve done to all our new buildings is get a little better shading coefficient, which helps the A/C. The darker windows let in less heat-producing light, letting the air conditioning work a little less to cool the building. All those little things add up. Until we built the Ratliff building we were the most energy efficient campus in the whole UT systems.” Clark said in the 2005-2006 fiscal year the cost of energy—electricity and gas—was $1.10 per square foot in one year. The use of laboratory fume hoods and other engineering and science equipment increased the cost of the energy to $1.60 in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. By Allen Arrick, Patriot Talon, October 15, 2007.

Twenty Years Ago (October 1997)

UT Tyler Speech and Debate Team Garners Awards

The University of Texas at Tyler Speech and Debate Team earned tournaments honors, according faculty advisor and Assistant Professor of Speech and Communication, Dr. Jack Rogers. The UT Tyler team of Craig McGee and Kenneth Smith, both of Houston, and Chris Dickson of Troup, and Keith Peterson of Kansas City, Kansas placed fourth overall in a tournament hosted by Rice University. McGee was named one of the top 10 speakers in the tournament. The event attracted more than 50 debate teams from 34 colleges and universities. McGee and Smith also placed fourth overall in the Sunflower Classic, a national competition hosted by Bethel University in Kansas. In a tournament hosted by Sam Houston State University, Peterson placed first in the Public Debate Division. Rogers was named the top speaker in that event which also was open to debate team coaches. Other Public Debate winners were Dickson, fourth place; Art Rennels of Hawkins, fifth place; and Peterson, third place. Individual winners in that tournament included Susi Dabney of Lindale, first place programmed oral interpretation; Allison Bragg of Athens, sixth place prose; Dickson, third place after dinner speaking; Rennels, fifth place after dinner speaking; Dabney and Peterson, third place dramatic duo; Smith and McGee, third place parliamentary division; and McGee, third place impromptu speaking. News Release, October 17, 1997.
Thirty Years Ago (October 1987)

Children’s Place Offers Childcare
UT Tyler offered learning fun as well as a ‘home away from home’ setting for children of students, faculty, and staff. The Children’s Place offered childcare for children ages 3 through 6. “We are primarily for care of students’ children, then for children of faculty and staff and if room permits, then for the community children,” program Director Mona Everett said. The facility was licensed to enroll 49 children. The Children’s Place provided a planned classroom to help children develop and want to learn. The children were encouraged to use learning centers, which included activities in areas such as housekeeping, science and music. The classes were divided into two age groups: 3-year-olds and younger 4-year-olds, and 4 and 5-year-olds. Each class was supervised by a full-time teacher and one assistant. Teacher education students worked with the children under the supervision of UTT faculty and staff members. Faculty of UTT Early Childhood Education supervised the curriculum. By Shell Collier, The UT Tyler Patriot, October 15, 1987.

Forty Years Ago (October 1977)

Campus Police Serve Students, Faculty, and Staff
“Students, faculty, and staff are aided, protected, and sometimes reprimanded by the eight members of TEU’s campus security police. Led by Captain Larry Roberts, the members of TEU’s police force blend well in the day-to-day activities of campus life. ‘Not only do we coordinate parking, unlock car doors, start cars, and in some instances fix flats, we also offer many other services,’ said Roberts. ‘We try to maintain a well-run security practice that includes not only giving parking citations and moving vehicle tickets, but also offers such things as engraving numbers and names on items for theft prevention and assisting in locating lost or stolen items.” By Billy Emberlin, Texas Eastern Patriot, October 27, 1977.

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