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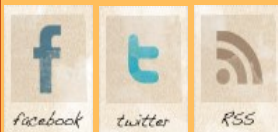
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Ten Years Ago (November 2007)

UT Tyler Professor Creates Internationally Acclaimed Web Site

What began as a single web page consisting of hyperlinks to political, social movement, and religious speeches grew to an entire site of information developed by Associate Professor of Speech Communication, Dr. Michael Eidenmuller. That page, first titled "Online Speech Bank," was originally conceived and implemented by Eidenmuller as a useful resource for his students toward various course assignments. AmericanRhetoric.com transformed into an extensive online library of text, audio, and video versions of speeches delivered in the U.S. over the past 70 years. "AR's content offerings now include a 'top 100 speeches of the 20th Century' section, Hollywood movie speeches, 9/11 speeches, audio and video illustrations of various figures of speech, conceptual exercises, indexes of journals and associations in the field and other offerings that animate the study and practice of American public address," Eidenmuller said. The site attracted 400,000 to 450,000 visitors per month from nearly 200 countries. Approximately 35 percent of the Web site's user base laid outside the United States. Educators working within a variety of academic fields including political science, journalism, history and English integrated the site's contents into their courses as well. *UT Tyler News Release*, November 8, 2007.



Twenty Years Ago (November 1997)

Regents Approve Admissions Policy

The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System approved the undergraduate admission requirements for freshman students at UT Tyler, President George F. Hamm announced. As a result of a bill approved by the 75th Texas Legislature, UT Tyler began admitting freshmen students in the fall of 1998. Hamm said eligibility for admission as a freshman will be determined on the basis of various predictors of academic success including: high school preparation, rank in high school class, and SAT (ACT) score. Additional consideration for admission could be based on an evaluation of the applicant's involvement in extracurricular activities and in responsible, non-academic affairs while attending high school, including employment and family responsibilities. Other factors that could be considered were the applicant's status as a first-generation college student and socioeconomic background. *Intercom*, December 15, 1997.

UT Tyler Music Student Association Hosts Event

UT Tyler's Music Student Association hosted its first alumni/student faculty event November 8 in the Braithwaite Recital Hall in the Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center at UT Tyler, according to Professor of Music Ken Muckelroy. The program, entitled "Musical Moments '97," featured former music faculty and graduates, as well as current music faculty and students. The evening was designed to acquaint UT Tyler music alumni with current students. Activities on campus included tours of the University's new fine arts facilities. *UT Tyler News Release*, November 3, 1997.

Thirty Years Ago (November 1987)

Students Visit NASA's Johnson Space Center

Geography instructor Darrell McDonald and his Environment and Man and Physical Geography classes toured a prototype for a working space station and a working model of a modern space station. McDonald said the modern station had more room than the earlier one, but "every potential space is utilized." Students saw a shuttle mock-up, and looked at types of satellites sent into orbit from the shuttle boosting system. The group toured engine systems and saw the operating capabilities of the remote arms. McDonald said the future in space was not limited to scientists. "There will be space lawyers, doctors, and accountants. Americans will be working and living in space in the late 1990s." By Merri Scheibe, *The UT Tyler Patriot*, December 10, 1987.



CLIMB ABOARD—Students from Darrell McDonald's Physical Geography and Environment and Man classes toured NASA's Johnson Space Center Nov. 13 in Houston. [photo by Darrell McDonald]

Forty Years Ago (November 1977)

Fourth Annual Rose Run Attracts Record Number

The fourth annual Tyler Rose Run brought 278 runners to the Texas Eastern University campus November 12, making the run the largest in its history. According to Assistant Professor of Education and coordinator of the event Barry Green, participation in the event exceeded the 150 expected. The Rose Run featured a 1.5K for children and 5K and 10K races for men and women. Participants in the 5K race numbered 116, with 134 in the 10K race. 28 children participated in the 1.5K race. Runners who completed a race were given coupons to pick up a free t-shirt from The Athlete in Broadway Square Mall. The 5K and 10K races began in the parking lot nearest the Old Omen Road entrance to campus. Runners ran down Old Omen to the spur, down the spur to Patriot Drive, down Patriot Drive to McDonald Road, up McDonald Road to Old Omen Road and back to the parking lot. One participant dropped out of the race due to heart flutters. University Police were called and an ambulance was summoned to the scene. The Rose Run was sponsored by TEU's Department of Health and Physical Education, Whataburger of Tyler, The Athlete, and the Tyler Roserunners. A \$4 entry fee was charged for the 10K and 5K, the children's event was free. By Ellen Morgan, *Texas Eastern Patriot*, November 23, 1977.

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