Ten Years Ago (January 2008)

UT Tyler Beach To Be Finished In March

“UT Tyler Vice President for Business Affairs Greg Lassen announced a construction project featuring a beach area on Harvey Lake, scheduled to be completed by spring break. ‘We heard from the students and from their perspective, it is a valuable addition to the university and one of many approaches to address recruitment and retention as we strive to become a destination campus,’ Lassen said. ‘However, we’ve limited the scope of the project to recognize the concerns that some people had about expenditures for leisure projects on campus. As time goes on and money allows, we hope to expand the features of the area.’ In addition to a beach, plans included a basketball half-court, volleyball court and a promenade along the lake.” Announcement, January 30, 2008.

Professor Seeks To Improve Retention Among Nurses

“Dr. Lynn Wieck, Jacqueline M. Braithwaite professor of nursing at UT Tyler conducted a research study to investigate the correlation between job incentives and retention among nurses, Dr. Linda Klotz, UT Tyler College of Nursing and Health Sciences dean, announced. This was the first study to actually ask nurses what incentives they want and to tie this to their intent to stay or leave, according to Wieck, who received a $50,000 grant from the CHRISTUS Foundation, a non-profit Christian organization that supports its various health care systems around the state. ‘The study was designed to look at what nurses of each generation want in order to remain in their job setting,’ said Wieck. ‘Findings from this study indicate that hospitals might have better retention if they offer a transparent menu-plan of options for employees to choose those incentives which mean the most to them.” Press Release, January 31, 2008.

Twenty Years Ago (January 1998)

Finalists Named For UT Tyler President

“Four finalists for the presidency of UT Tyler were announced January 27 by the UT System. The finalists are William G. Cale Jr., executive vice president for academic affairs at Lamar University in Beaumont; Stephen G. Jennings, president of Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa; Rodney Hugh Mabry, dean of the college of business administration at the University of Tulsa; and W. Frank Newton, dean and professor of law at Texas Tech University. The finalists are visiting the UT Tyler campus this week and next and will be interviewed by the Board of Regents following those visits. The finalists were recommended by an advisory committee that included faculty, staff, students, alumni, regents, System administrators, and community representatives. Donald L. Evans, chairman of the Board of Regents, said: ‘We are grateful to the advisory committee for its excellent work in screening and interviewing potential candidates in developing this list of distinguished finalists.’ William H. Cunningham, chancellor of the UT System and a member of the advisory committee, said: ‘Each of the finalists has broad experience in the classroom, as a scholar, and as an academic administrator. Each is eminently qualified for this vital leadership role.” Intercom, February, 16, 1988.
**Thirty Years Ago (January 1988)**

**Parking Tickets On The Rise**

“Tickets for illegal parking on curbs or in handicap area continue to rise, UT Tyler Police Chief, Larry Roberts said. Roberts noted the parking seemed to be congested at the moment but expects the situation to lessen as the semester progresses. ‘People always park in certain areas for the first couple of weeks, and then as students drop classes or find new places to park, the search for a parking place becomes a little easier,’ said Roberts. Non-campus people selling magazines have also been seen around campus.” *The UT Tyler Patriot*, February 4, 1988.

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**Forty Years Ago (January 1978)**

**Students Say Health Care Adequate**

“In an informal survey six out of ten students favored the hiring of a school nurse. However, most students believe the first aid assistance available from the trained student life staff and the university police is adequate. Tom Turns, dean of student life, said, ‘First aid is sufficient since this is a commuter school. If we had dormitories, we would have to have a nurse, but few students get so sick at school that they need a doctor or a nurse. We've only had to use our first aid a couple of times. We have not had any need, and something like this is based on what has happened in the past. The student life staff would administer first aid for emergencies,’ said Turns. He added that an ambulance service is only five minutes away from the campus. ‘With what it would cost us it wouldn’t really reap all that many benefits.’ A nurse would be financed through an additional fee to the students. ‘If apartments are built nearby, we may need a nurse, but since 80 percent of the students are married, we don’t really need a nurse,’ Turns said. Students polled on the topic were split almost equally for and against. Criminal justice major Farol Suzanne Crockett said, ‘Definitely, why not?’ Donna Hawkins, junior from Tyler said, ‘I think we need one. She might save someone’s life if we had one.’” By Ellen Morgan, *Texas Eastern Patriot*, February 2, 1978.

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