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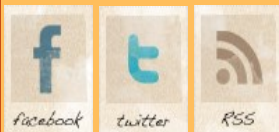
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## Ten Years Ago (February 2008)

### Model UN Conference At UT Tyler Cowan Center

"Area middle school and high school students participated in the Model United Nations Conference, held February 5-8 at the UT Tyler R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center. Students made presentations as representatives of a pre-selected country. They also proposed solutions to global problems within their represented countries. About 400 students from districts in Region VII participated. UT Tyler Professor of Education, Dr. Robert Stevens, served as the University's Model UN Conference coordinator." *Announcement*, February 11, 2008.



### College of Business, Technology Forms New Academic Structures

"Two new academic structures within The University of Texas at Tyler College of Business and Technology were created, Dr. Jim Tarter, College of Business and Technology dean, announced. Human resource development and technology, applied arts and sciences, and construction management programs are now combined to form the School of Human Resource Development and Technology. Business administration programs, the bachelor of business administration and the master's of business administration, form the School of Business Administration. 'Our move to this two-school structure establishes clear distinctions for recruiting and educating our students and then assisting them in finding jobs,' said Tarter. 'The academic programs in each have different admission requirements and accreditation agencies. This structure follows our strategy to position and market two distinct and excellent academic areas.'" Dr. Clayton Allen, UT Tyler professor of human resource development and technology, is the associate dean for the School of Human Resource Development and Technology. Dr. Barbara Wooldridge, UT Tyler associate professor of marketing, is an interim associate dean for the School of Business Administration. She will serve in that capacity until a permanent associate dean is named." *Press Release*, February 20, 2008.

## Twenty Years Ago (February 1998)

### Professors Awarded Grant

"Dr. Arun Kulkarni, professor of computer science, and Dr. Ron King, professor and chair of the Department of Computer Science, received the NeuralWorks University Teaching Grant, Dr. Lynn Sherrod, dean of the School of Sciences and Mathematics announced. The \$25,000 grant, awarded under the Aspen Tech University Teaching Grant program, will provide software to establish an Advanced Neural Computing Center at UT Tyler. The computing center will provide students with hands-on experience in many applications such as image processing and artificial intelligence, as well as the development of new technology. Kulkarni will serve as the principal investigator with King serving as co-investigator for the grant. Author of the text *Artificial Neural Networks for Image Understanding*, Kulkarni was awarded a 1997 NASA Summer Faculty Fellowship in Aeronautics and Space Research. The fellowship allowed him to work on a project dealing with algorithm and software development for a fuzzy-neural decision system which will monitor plants in space. King has 25 years of experience in higher education and is author of *Applied Statistics Using the Computer*. He is currently serving as president of the Texas Academy of Science." *Intercom*, March 9, 1998.

# Thirty Years Ago (February 1988)

## HPE Given \$3,000 Grant To Study MS

"The UT Tyler Department of Health and Physical Education received a \$3,000 grant from the Texas Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society for an aquatic exercise and research program, Dr. Barry Green, associate professor of health and physical education, said. The program, a result of a joint proposal by UTT and the MS society, was designed to ease the physical impairments caused by the disease. The grant would enable UTT to staff the program with full-time graduate students and pay for testing and equipment. The research hypothesis initiated by the team is that an exercise program will improve the cardio-respiratory endurance as well as muscular strength and balance of participants. 'With this developed strength it is hoped that they (participants) will be able to function better in everyday life,' Green said. 'We are really pleased that all members are continuing and are optimistic about the results.' Green headed the departmental research project, assisted by five other faculty members and four graduate students." By Cami Snider, *The UT Tyler Patriot*, February 18, 1988.

# Forty Years Ago (February 1978)

## Survey Shows Texas Eastern University Known By Name Only

"An exploratory study by a TEU marketing research class last spring revealed most people have heard of TEU, but few people know much more than the name. A large proportion of those surveyed were unfamiliar with TEU's location, degree programs, type of degrees available or the wide range of courses available at TEU. 'This is the first exploratory study we have done,' said Marilyn Young, associate professor of management. 'They (her class) did an excellent job, but the samples were limited.' Young plans a more thorough study this spring. 'I feel we will repeat it this semester in graduate seminar,' she said. The spring '77 study focused on four separate populations in the immediate area; Tyler Junior College (TJC) students, Stephen F. Austin off-campus students in Longview, people randomly selected from the Tyler telephone directory, and TEU students. TJC students were the most knowledgeable about TEU. The 50 students polled at TJC knew TEU by name, however two students did not list TEU when asked to list all the colleges and universities in Tyler. Three of the 50 Stephen F. Austin students polled had never heard of TEU and 17 did not list TEU when asked to list all the colleges and universities in Tyler. The Tyler telephone survey, of 100 people, revealed most people in the community (86 percent) have heard of TEU. Yet when asked to name all the universities and colleges in Tyler only 69 percent of the people included TEU." By Jim Tomlin, *Texas Eastern Patriot*, February 21, 1978.

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