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Ten Years Ago (March 2008)

Debaters Face Japanese Students At Tournament

"Debate team members from opposite sides of the world argued the topic, 'Capital Punishment Should be Abolished,' on March 18. University students Darci Meadville and Sean Dodd debated against Japanese opponents Akira Murakami and Tomonori Tasaki. The Committee on International Discussion and Debate and The American Forensic Association accepted the University's bid to sponsor the debate, team coach Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs said. Refreshments were served to about 50 attendees in the Robert R. Muntz Library as the debaters made last minute preparations and notes. Each round consisted of one member of each team giving a 10-minute presentation. Meadville said the main goal of the debate was to educate the community about all aspects of the death penalty. 'We are not trying to persuade people to be for or against it,' Dodd, a senior computer science major, said. Despite any competition, those sentiments were readily agreed upon by the Japanese debaters. 'I just want to get rid of a prejudice,' Murakami said. Two main points Meadville and Dodd argued during the debate consisted of executing innocent people and under-representation causing death penalty conviction. To end the debate Murakami and Tasaki argued eliminating the death penalty would only increase crime rates. The audience voiced mixed comments about points made by both sides, presenting debaters with further opportunities to explain viewpoints. By Ashlie Osburn, Patriot Talon, March 24, 2008.

Twenty Years Ago (March 1998)

Mabry Named UT Tyler President

"Dr. Rodney H. Mabry, dean of business administration at the University of Tulsa, was named president of UT Tyler on March 6 by the UT System Board of Regents. Mabry was dean of the College of Business Administration at the University of Tulsa since 1994. 'The Board of Regents should be commended for what, in my judgment, is an excellent choice. By distinguishing himself in the classroom and through his publications, Dr. Mabry has demonstrated the ability to move higher education forward at an accelerated pace throughout East Texas. Moreover, his accomplishments in bringing corporate leaders and the greater community into the university family at Clemson and the University of Tulsa are convincing evidence of his commitment to the idea that the university belongs to everyone. Dr. Mabry is eminently qualified to lead UT Tyler into its next era of growth and development,' said President George F. Hamm. The Board of Regents selected Mabry after interviewing him and another finalist for the presidency, Dr. William G. Cale Jr. of Lamar University. Two additional finalists had been named by the advisory committee in January, but they subsequently withdrew their names from consideration. Mabry, a native of Paducah, Kentucky, earned a bachelor's degree in commerce from the University of Kentucky and a doctorate in economics from the University of North Carolina." Intercom, March 9, 1998.
Thirty Years Ago (March 1988)

Marketing Association Chartered
Marketing students at UT Tyler petitioned the American Marketing Association, an international professional organization, for a collegiate chapter. According to Dr. George Joyce, an application was made and imminent approval was anticipated. Officers were, from the left, Robert M. Johnston, II, president; Wendy Woodcock, executive vice president; Lesa McCarrell, vice president-membership and promotions; and Jeff Aly, vice president-finance. The organization offered members affiliation with an international professional organization, a job bank for graduating seniors, a complete marketing library and various seminars and conferences on marketing. The UT Tyler Patriot, March 17, 1988.

Forty Years Ago (March 1978)

Serious Students Steal Fewer Books And Journals
“The thefts from our library are proportionately small,” said C. Olene Harned, head of library public services. She thinks it’s because ‘we have serious students who take great pride in our new facilities. There are more journals than books taken, especially, during summer. This student is a different profile of person. He has a shorter time to study and justifies the theft in his own mind. If we wait long enough, sometimes the article will show back on the shelf. If we are going to bind (a year’s set of issues) and an issue has been stolen, we pay $8-$12 for another one, one-half the journal’s cost for a year. We do not have the staff to inventory more than once a year. We read the shelves once a month and make out search cards for missing books,” said Harned. ‘About 50 books a year are taken, but we replace about 25. When we re-order the price is up. The real tragedy is many books have only one printing. An out of print dealer’s search fee is $30-$50. To buy a book again averages $20.’” By Zoe Smoyer, Texas Eastern Patriot, March 14, 1978.

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