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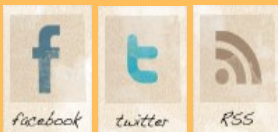
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Ten Years Ago (June 2008)

UC Completion Delayed

"Students, faculty and staff will have to wait a little longer to flood into the new University Center. Administrators wanted the new UC completed by summer's end, but construction setbacks made that goal all but impossible. Delays and setbacks have held up University Center construction: from non-seasonal heavy rains to back ordered steel. Now one University administration official says a mid-fall semester completion is the best he can hope for. Vice President of Business Affairs Gregg Lassen said exterior glazing (glass) isn't installed yet, and due to the outdoor elements, none of the interior work can be completed. Lassen specifically cited the heating and air conditioning system and carpet as reasons for the delay, but for the UCs kitchen to be completed, it needs appliances—

appliances which are in use at the Metamorphosis café. Lassen said the Met will continue to serve students until the UC is finished. In a previous *Patriot Talon* article, Lassen said he expects the UC and all it's amenities to be ready in the fall semester. 'While there have been some setbacks, I have not given up hope that we will feed students in [the addition] by fall,' Lassen said. 'Failure is just not an option. We're going to continue to push and make that happen — we're just not ready to throw in the towel.' During the summer of 2007 the setbacks began, first with unseasonable rains creating a poor working condition. In April, The *Talon* learned that several large pieces of steel for faming the UC roof were back-ordered. 'We got behind in the beginning and never caught up,' Lassen said. The existing portion of the UC will be renovated once the addition is complete, Lassen said." By Allen Arrick, *Patriot Talon*, July 14, 2008.



Staff photos by Jacob Rash
Scaffolding stretches across south UC construction as workers pour in concrete on the north. VP of Business Affairs Gregg Lassen said workers are tirelessly working to put exterior glass on the building in order to finish the interior. (TOP) workers go to new heights on scaffolding to finish brick work.

Twenty Years Ago (June 1998)

President Hamm Honored by Community

President George F. Hamm was honored at a reception given by the Emmett J. Scott Cultural Center in recognition of his commitment to the community. Hamm, who was retiring as president of The University of Texas at Tyler after 17 years of service, was presented an official proclamation that cited his 'relentless commitment to expand access to higher learning for those whose potential has been impeded by economic and social barriers.' Hamm co-chaired the Texas College/United Negro College Fund drives in 1994 and 1997, and assisted in a major capital campaign for the college. Texas College awarded him a honorary doctorate of humane letters in 1997. Hamm received the Sister Cities International Distinguished Service Award in 1996. Citizens of East Texas honored him by establishing the George F. Hamm Endowed Chairs in Arts and Humanities in 1997. *Intercom*, June 1, 1998.



GIS TOUR—Jack Mills, coordinator of the Office of Research Services/GIS Lab, hosted 12 students and instructors from Wiley College. They visited the UT Tyler campus to learn about the services offered by the Geographic Information Systems laboratory. The Wiley students and instructors will apply what they learned from their visit to their on-going study of the ecology of the Caddo Lake area. Mills coordinated the visit with Dr. Alexandrine Randriamahafa and Dr. Shah Salam, instructors at Wiley. Photo by Clarence Shackelford.

Intercom, June 1, 1998

Thirty Years Ago (June 1988)

Seminar for Law Enforcement Officials Held

"Financial Investigative Techniques," a seminar for law enforcement officials, was held June 20-23 at The University of Texas at Tyler. Sponsored by the UT Tyler Criminal Justice Program, Tyler Police Department, the Internal Revenue Service, and the U.S. Attorney's Office, the seminar was focused on the application of financial investigative techniques to crimes — including narcotics, embezzlements, credit card frauds and others — investigated by local law enforcement agencies. Topics included methods of recording, practical application of joint investigation, sources of financial information, and financial statements and tracing transactions. *News Release*, June 2, 1988.

Reading Conference Held

"Vote for Success in '88 — Read!" was the theme of the seventh annual summer conference on reading, held June 15, sponsored by the UT Tyler Council of the International Reading Association. Designed to bring together educators and students from throughout East Texas, the conference was open to anyone interested in promoting reading in the classroom. Dr. Connie Juel, Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at UT Austin was the keynote speaker. The conference also featured a session on secondary-level corrective reading by specialists from John Tyler High School. *Intercom*, May 23, 1988.

Forty Years Ago (June 1978)

Construction Projects Receive Board Approval

Projects relating to construction and the appearance of the Texas Eastern University campus received approval of the Board of Regents at a called meeting. These projects included the library, work on the upper dam and lake, and paving of a new street. The regents voted to seek bids to have a street paved from near the power plant to the intersection with Loop Drive. This was to include paving across the lower dam. Curb, gutter, and paving work was included in the bid package. Work around the upper lake was to include clearing and sodding and adding top soil to the dam to make a 4-1 grade from the new walkway to the water level. With the exception of a skylight being removed from the library drawings, and the rejecting of elevation plans for the parking and sidewalks in the library project, the regents approved the preliminary design documents and gave the architects the green light to proceed to the 50 percent completion phase of the design work. Elevation plans were to be resubmitted, and the skylight was to be eliminated from the building plans. *Intercom*, June 8, 1978.

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