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Ten Years Ago (September 2008)

UT Tyler Gives Shelter to Hurricane Gustav evacuees

After hurricane Gustav ravaged Beaumont Texas in 2008, UT Tyler students, faculty, staff and volunteers worked countless hours preparing for evacuees. The organizational structure of the shelter combined lessons from hurricanes Katrina and Rita and several years of planning. A campus wide email asking for volunteers was issued and more than 135 students, faculty, and staff answered. They gained hours of experience dealing with special needs patients sheltered in the Herrington Patriot Center. Anne Viviano, who served as charged nurse for the shelter, stated that UT Tyler had been great with everything, especially the supplies they needed. Della Edwards, a Beaumont evacuee, said she was impressed by the care she and others had received. *Patriot Talon, September 8, 2008.*

Patriot men, women win UT Invitational

For the first time in the school’s history at the time, both University cross country teams won the UT Tyler Invitational. The women won their first home event while the men won the meet for the fourth year in a row. The men also swept the first eight places in the individual race. *Patriot Talon, Sept.8, 2008.*

Remembering Sept. 11 attack victims

More than 70 students gathered on the Harvey Lake deck to commemorate the most devastating attack on American soil. Members of student organizations, faculty and staff spoke at the event. The Black Student Association on campus sponsored the event to promote unity. “The main purpose was for members of student organizations to come together,” said Joseph Solomon, BSA president. *Patriot Talon, September 15, 2008.*

Twenty Years Ago (September 1998)

Outstanding Artists on Campus

Hollywood actress and Broadway star Debbie Reynolds opened the 1998-1999 Performing Arts Sept 18th at the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center. Once again, the Performing Arts Series had featured an outstanding array of artists. Other performances included the St. Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra, Oct.18th; Tap Dogs, Nov. 10-11th; Tango Buenos Aires, Jan 28th; Russian National Ballet performing “Swan Lake,” Feb.22th; and mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, April 10th. *Intercom September 16, 1998.*
Thirty Years Ago (September 1988)

Kirkpatrick Opened Series on Campus
Dr. Kirkpatrick was appointed U.S. representative to the United Nations by President Reagan, and also served in the President’s cabinet. She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian award. Dr. Kirkpatrick held a doctorate from Columbia University and was author of numerous works. Intercom September 12, 1988.

Fall Enrollment Increased five percent; Highest Ever at the Time.
The 1988 fall enrollment at UT Tyler had been estimated at 3,900, a five percent increase over the 1987 fall number. It was the highest semester enrollment in the history of the university at the time, according to Admissions Director Martha Wheat. She believed one reason for the increased enrollment that fall was UTT’s “widely-known reputation for academic excellence”. The UT Tyler Patriots, September 5, 1988.

Forty Years Ago (September 1978)

TEU, Site of an East Texas Area Leadership Workshop.
Saturday September 23, 1978, Texas Eastern University was the site of an East Texas Area Leadership Workshop sponsored by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society (International). The organization, made up of women educators, held a general session in the Physical and Health Education Building with 10 small group workshops, then held additional spaces on campus.
Among the 275 registering for the workshop was Mrs. Laginia Hale of Austin, state president of the society. The participants came from areas between Texarkana and Lufkin.
Other groups meeting on the TEU Campus during September included the East Texas Psychological Association and the East Texas Epileptic Association. Intercom September 28, 1978.

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