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UT celebrates 100th birthday

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AUSTIN — Constitutional-mandated to be a "university of the first class," the University of Texas ends its first century this year.

From the 85 men and 18 women who made up the charter class in 1883, the school has grown to a current enrollment of more than 48,000 students and 17,000 faculty and staff at the Austin campus.

The centennial celebration officially begins Friday with the raising of the centennial flag.

"February 4 has no historical significance," said Cynthia Elam Darwin, assistant coordinator of centennial program activities. "It is just a day of convenience that did not interfere with the governor's inauguration and assured the students will be on campus."

Centennial activities actually started Jan. 6 when a copy of the Gutenberg Bible began a tour of 18 Texas cities — marking the first time it has left the UT campus since it was acquired by the university in 1978.

The Bible, purchased for \$2.4 million, is one of five complete copies in the United States. Currently being exhibited in Midland, the Bible will be on display in Texas cities through Dec. 26.

Shirley Bird Perry, vice president and coordinator of centennial programs, said: "This tour is one way we hope to share the University's Centennial with the rest of the state."

The centennial celebration will reach its peak Sept. 15, the 100th anniversary of the first day of classes.

A special convocation is

scheduled to commemorate the day and a report from the Centennial Commission, a group of 175 people appointed by the UT Board of Regents to analyze the condition of the university, will be presented to the regents.

More than 200 events, ranging from academic symposia to a reunion of members of greek organizations, are scheduled during the 10-month celebration period.

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of the flag and the regents' response to the Centennial Commission's report.

While the report will address future priorities and recommendations, many centennial exhibits and activities will look back on the university's colorful, and sometimes controversial history.

Now a powerful and central force in the Austin community, the university could have been established in Tyler or Waco. Both cities waged intense efforts to land the main campus, but Austin was selected by popular election.

Records show that in its first year, the university spent \$121,792. Last June, the re-

gents approved a 1982-83 budget of \$381 million.

The first student — S.J. Sheffield of Lodi — enrolled at the university Sept. 11, 1883. It would be another 55 years before the first black student, George L. Allen, enrolled at the university through an error by registration clerks.

The Southwestern Historical Quarterly reports that 10 days after he began classes in 1938, Allen's enrollment was canceled when he declined to withdraw voluntarily. The school's action provided the foundation for a series of legal battles that ultimately were settled by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1950. The court ordered UT to admit blacks.

One major activity of the centennial celebration will be a reunion of black alumni Feb. 18-20.

Although the university is celebrating its 100th birthday this year, another landmark will pass that marks an event possibly most vital to what UT has become.

May 28 will be the 60th anniversary of the date Santa Rita — the first well drilled on the university's 2 million acres in west Texas — blew in.

The first strike prompted others and by 1980, producing wells and oil and gas leases on the university's vast, desolate land holdings had boosted the book value of the Permanent University Fund, which is shared by Texas A&M and UT, to \$1.3 billion.

Investors in the first well, unconvinced it would be successful, asked that it be christened Santa Rita, "after the Saint of the Impossible."

Counselor studies teen suicides

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DENTON — A dramatic rise in the number of child and adolescent suicides in Texas prompted state officials to take a closer look at the techniques used with potentially suicidal youth.

John L. Hipple, a counseling psychologist and associate professor of counselor education at North Texas State University, says working with the increasing number of severely depressed youths in Texas requires a more subtle technique than that used

with adults.

"A child is immature and impulsive," Hipple said. "Kids also are highly subject to suggestion. Even to talk about suicide with a child could give the child the idea to try it."

"For one thing, the permanence of death is not real to many children. They don't realize (that) the damage can't be undone."

To better equip counselors, teachers and parents to the dangers of suicide, Hipple will give the keynote address at the North

Texas Midwinter Counseling Conference on "Suicide and Depression in Children, Adolescents and Adults."

Hipple said he will discuss one of the most effective remedies for severely depressed children at the conference, play therapy.

He added that while dissatisfaction with oneself is a normal state of affairs for teens, adults must be alert for any point at which normal discontent may evolve into self-hate or depression.

Counselors working with adolescents and adults need to be aware of subtle indications of chronic despair because — unlike children — older people often disguise their sadness, Hipple said.

"People who are suicidal usually have a certain ambivalence," he said. "One part of them wants to live. The other part is in pain and wants to die. The counselor's role is to sustain the part that wants to live and help it to win."

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