

University of Texas celebrates centennial

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AUSTIN — University of Texas officials received recommendations on how to improve the school over the next 25 years at Thursday's special centennial celebration.

Presentation of the report was one of several activities planned for the celebration which was observed by Texas Gov. Mark White, three former governors and representatives of 250 colleges and universities.

Although the 48,000-student university has been celebrating its 100th birthday since January, Thursday marked the exact date that classes officially began.

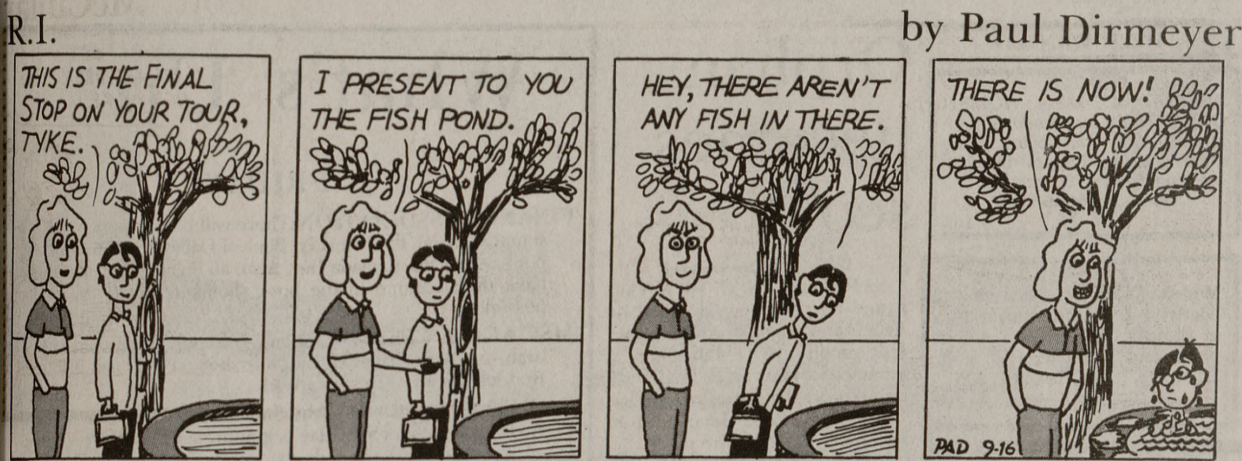
The report's recommendations are the result of three years of work by a 175-member commission appointed in 1980 by the Board of Regents. The recommendations for a 25-year period were presented to the regents during the convocation.

In addition to the report, UT observed the anniversary with a re-enactment of the first law class. Later in the day, the school hosted a barbeque and open house, dedicated a city park donated to UT by the city of Austin, and conducted an evening parade through campus.

The day-long activities began with the convocation at the

Erwin Center attended by White and former Texas Govs. Allan Shivers, John Connally and Dolph Briscoe. At the end of the day, the Main Building Tower was lighted orange and the numeral "1" was spelled out in the windows of the 27-story building.

The "1" has been spelled out only four other times — in 1963, 1969, 1970 and 1977 — to honor the Longhorn football team for national titles. The 1977 "1" honored Earl Campbell for capturing college football's Heisman Trophy. UT is spending a half-million dollars raised in private donations on its centennial activities.



A&M scientists involved

Teeth can reveal age

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COLLEGE STATION — Just as we have long been able to tell a tree's age by counting its rings, there's hope for determining a person's age by the layers of a bony substance built up on the roots of teeth, scientists say.

The technique would be particularly useful in identifying victims of disasters whose remains are reduced to bones and teeth, said Texas A&M veterinary scientist Dr. George Stott.

Teeth are held in their sockets by a bony substance called cemen-

tum. Each year two new layers of cementum are added until the tooth is pulled or the person dies, Stott said.

The two layers are known as an annulation, and each annulation leaves a ring like those on a tree trunk.

In Stott's research project, supported by a two-year, \$118,087 grant from the National Institute of Dental Research, he and veterinary student Jay Naylor are devising a technique for staining thin sections of teeth so the annulation rings are distinct enough to count.

If the method is perfected, Stott said, pathologists may be able to pinpoint a person's age at death with just a half-dozen samples from any tooth.

The technique also may be of great importance to anthropologists. It has been applied to animals, such as dinosaurs and crocodile species, but never before to humans, said Stott.

"Our objective is to develop a means of locating the most consistent site of countable annulations," said Stott.

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Army relieves Fort Dix officer

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FORT DIX — Col. William Berner, the commander of the U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Dix, has been relieved of duty pending reassignment after authorities arrested an unlicensed doctor working on the hospital staff, the Army said.

Berner was relieved of his post two days after an investigation revealed that Abraham Asante, 45, of Bordentown, was a fraud who failed seven times to pass his medical licensing examination, the military said.

One of Asante's patients, Joseph Branda, a 46-year-old retired U.S. Navy chief petty officer, fell into an irreversible coma and is considered brain dead after

Asante administered anesthesia to him during an operation, authorities said.

Asante was arrested by the FBI at Fort Dix on Tuesday. The arrest has sparked an internal probe into the procedures surrounding the hiring of civilian medical personnel at military installations.

Berner was officially relieved of his duties at Fort Dix Sept. 9, said a spokesman at the U.S. Army Health Services Command in San Antonio. Berner was relieved pending reassignment at a later date, the spokesman said.

The fraud case began to develop on Aug. 25, shortly after Branda suffered cardiorespiratory arrest and fell into a coma during surgery for removal of a bladder tumor.

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