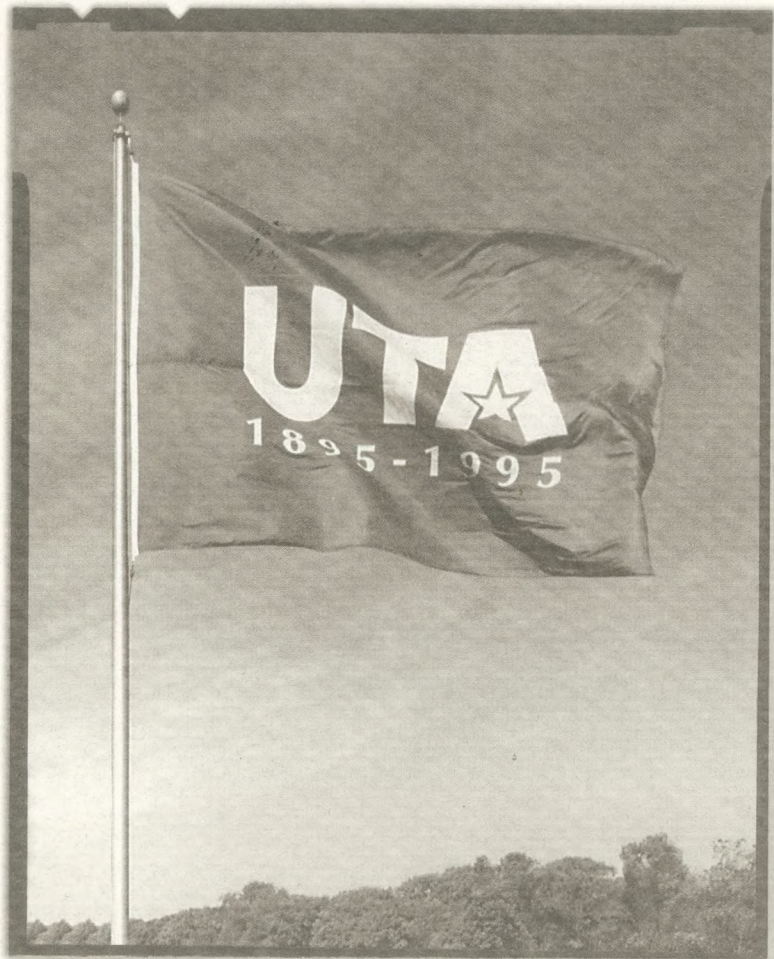


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UTA's family tree originated in 1895 when tiny Arlington College opened as an alternative to Arlington's public schools. Its 100-year history has been marked by change, growth and accomplishment. UTA began its Centennial observance in August with opening ceremonies (pictured above) on the Library Mall. Journey through a century of excellence as the University continues to celebrate its 100th birthday.

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Roots of diversity

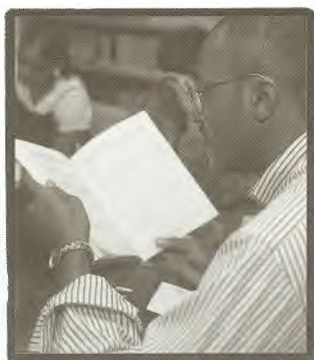
When the Library's Minorities Cultural Center opened in 1972, it was billed as the first tri-ethnic center of its kind in the Southwest. For a university that had integrated a decade earlier, the center exemplified UTA's commitment to a multicultural environment for students, faculty and staff.

In 1977, UTA established the Office of Multicultural Services to foster the full participation of ethnic minorities. The office strives to create an academic, social and cultural atmosphere responsive to the needs of African-American, Native American Indian, Mexican American and Pacific Island students.

Under supervision of the Office of Multicultural Services, the Center for Multicultural Cooperation (CMC) opened in 1988 and serves as a comprehensive campuswide outreach initiative for attracting, orienting and retaining minority students. The CMC recruits minority students and works to increase retention by providing academic, cultural and financial assistance.

Since 1992, the Office of Multicultural Services has sponsored a mentoring program, teaming faculty and staff members with students to help improve retention and graduation rates among minorities.

Each year, the UTA community celebrates the diverse traditions, customs and cultures of its faculty, staff and students with commemo-



UTA's diverse student body features a growing minority enrollment.

rative activities. African Heritage Month, International Week and Semana de Cultura — honoring Mexican-American heritage — all are celebrated during the spring semester.

Those seeking a more comprehensive look at the life, times, history and culture of Mexican-Americans can find information and opportunities at the UTA Center for Mexican American Studies, established in 1994.

Chair-Men of the boards

Following their third consecutive national championship in 1993, members of the Movin' Mavs wheelchair basketball team visited the White House as special guests of President Clinton. They were the first UTA athletic team and the first collegiate wheelchair team to receive an official invitation from the president of the United States.

The Movin' Mavs won a fourth straight National Intercollegiate Wheelchair Basketball title in 1994 before a clamorous home crowd at Texas Hall. It marked the first time UTA had hosted the NIWB Final Four Tournament.

Since beginning intercollegiate play in 1989, the Movin' Mavs have posted a 42-4 record. They have lost only two intercollegiate games in the last five years, including a last-second defeat to Illinois in the 1995 championship game in St. Louis.

Wheelchair basketball is just one example of the many outstanding programs and opportunities the University provides for disabled students. UTA is widely regarded as one of the most accessible campuses in the nation. Its commitment to providing an inclusive environment for disabled students began long before the recent passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Established in 1976, the Office for Students with Disabilities serves students with a wide range of challenges. The office offers lectures, workshops and seminars designed to meet the needs of all disabled students.



The national champion Movin' Mavs wheelchair basketball team visits President Clinton at the White House in 1993.

1992

April 9 - Ryan C. Amacher named president.

1993

May 12 - Wheelchair Movin' Mavs visit the White House after winning their third consecutive national basketball championship.

1994

March 9 - Wheelchair Movin' Mavs win fourth consecutive national basketball title and first before home crowd at Texas Hall.

1995

March 24 - Robert E. Witt named interim president.
May 22 - George C. Wright named interim provost.
Aug. 30 - Centennial Observance kicks off with opening ceremonies on the Library Mall.