

1980

UTSouthwestern
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35
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Twenty-four employees at UT Southwestern are marking 35-year anniversaries in 2016. Of those, 21 joined the Medical Center community in 1980 and nine currently serve in William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital.

At UTSW



On campus, UT Southwestern was establishing new frontiers. Dr. Ronald W. Estabrook, Chairman of Biochemistry, had just been named as the first faculty member elected to the National Academy of Sciences.



The UT Board of Regents, meeting on campus in late 1979, had approved formation of the Department of Otolaryngology as well as construction of an additional two floors to the Florence Bioinformation Center.



Medical Center leaders, led by new recruit Dr. Scott Grundy, were busy organizing and planning the launch of the first Center for Human Nutrition in an American medical school.

Dallas doings



The city was scorching hot – literally. The summer included 69 days of 100-degree temperatures, including a 42-day string. On both June 26 and June 27, the high reached 113 degrees.



A new U.S. Census showed Dallas as having slightly more than 904,000 residents, making it the nation's seventh largest city.



Air transportation was reacting to the newly passed Wright Amendment, which restricted airport passenger service out of Love Field.



Near downtown, the upstart Dallas Mavericks basketball team embarked on its first season in the NBA.

National view



The average income was \$19,200, purchasing a new house averaged \$68,700, and a new car would set you back about \$7,200.



Teens became obsessed with a new video arcade game – Pac-Man.



Americans were shocked in 1980 by several events, including the eruption of Mount St. Helens in Washington state, the shooting death of former Beatle John Lennon, and the nation's boycotting of the Olympics in Moscow.