

A C E N T U R Y O F S C I E N C E

**1903**  
First flight at Kitty Hawk;  
First silent movie;  
**Bachelor of Science**  
degree first offered

**1905**  
Albert Einstein develops  
his theory of special  
relativity

**1906**  
Third law of  
thermodynamics  
established

**1908**  
Ford introduces the  
Model-T

**1909**  
Plastic is invented

**1910**  
Halley's Comet visible;  
**Physics professor resigns  
over evolution controversy**

**1911**  
Structure of an atom is  
discovered;  
**Separate chemistry,  
biology, and physics  
departments established**

**1913**  
Atomic number is defined  
and a model of the atom  
created

**1914**  
**Thompson Hall completed**

**1917**  
**College begins offering  
pre-medical courses**

**1918**  
First female  
undergraduate admitted;  
Physics Department  
organized

**1919**  
College offers geology  
field trips

**1920**  
First commercial radio  
broadcast aired

**1922**  
Insulin discovered

**1923**  
A complaint is made  
about the teaching of  
evolution

**1924**  
Discovery that the Milky  
Way is just one of many  
galaxies

**1925**  
The Scopes (Monkey) trial

**1927**  
First talking movie;  
"Big Bang" theory  
formulated

**1928**  
Penicillin discovered

**1929**  
Stock market crash  
triggers the Great  
Depression

**1930**  
**Math and physics courses  
combined to save money**

**1932**  
Scientists split the atom

**1937**  
Hindinburg disaster

**1939**  
First commercial flight  
over the Atlantic;  
**College participates in  
pilot training**

**1941**  
Manhattan Project begins;  
Attack on Pearl Harbor

**1943**  
DNA found to be the  
genetic material of the  
chromosome;  
**College offers nurse  
training program**

**1945**  
First computer (ENIAC)  
built

**1947**  
First transistor invented

**1951**  
Color TV introduced;  
HeLa cell line established  
from cells from Henrietta  
Lacks

**1952**  
Polio vaccine created

**1953**  
Helical structure of DNA  
discovered

**1954**  
Brown vs. Board of  
Education

**1957**  
Sputnik satellite launched

**1958**  
NASA founded

**1960**  
**Pierre Shamba becomes  
first black undergraduate**

**1962**  
*Silent Spring* published

**1963**  
Evidence of plate  
tectonics documented

**1965**  
**Moody Science building  
completed, housing an  
IBM 1620 digital  
computing system**

**1967**  
Discovery of the first  
pulsar

**1969**  
Neil Armstrong is the first  
man on the Moon

**1971**  
Floppy disk available

**1972**  
Pocket calculators are  
introduced

**1976**  
Apple Computer formed

**1978**  
First test-tube baby born

**1979**  
Nuclear accident at Three  
Mile Island

**1981**  
Personal computers  
introduced by IBM

**1984**  
**Sneed Environmental  
Research Area  
established**

**1985**  
Hole in the Ozone Layer  
discovered

**1986**  
Challenger space shuttle  
explodes;  
Chernobyl nuclear  
accident;  
USSR launches Mir Space  
station

**1989**  
Creation of the World  
Wide Web

**1990**  
Hubble telescope  
launched into space

**1995**  
**All students and faculty  
have access to the  
Internet through campus  
computer network**

**1997**  
Pathfinder sends back  
images of Mars;  
Dolly the sheep is cloned;  
**Center for Environmental  
Studies established**

**2000**  
Human genome is mapped

**2001**  
The iPod is announced;  
National Academy of  
Sciences report global  
warming is on  
the rise

**2003**  
Toyota launches a hybrid car

**2004**  
Facebook launched

**2005**  
YouTube launched

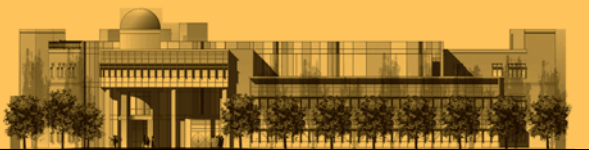
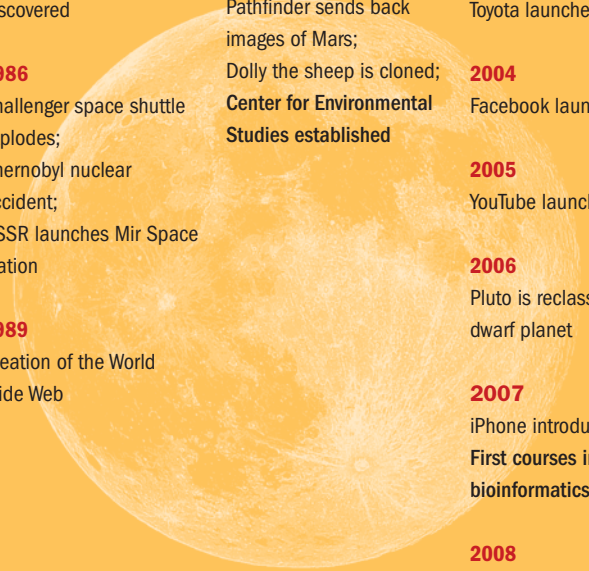
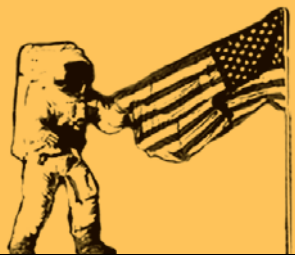
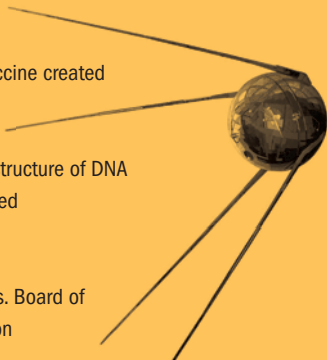
**2006**  
Pluto is reclassified as a  
dwarf planet

**2007**  
iPhone introduced;  
**First courses in  
bioinformatics offered**

**2008**  
Large Hadron Collider is built

**2009**  
Evidence of water is found on  
the Moon

**2011**  
NASA launches the last  
space shuttle;  
**Ground broken for  
construction of new  
IDEA Center;**  
College celebrated a  
Century of Science



1900 1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

Austin College milestones in bold