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LUBBOCK -- An autograph party for William C. Griggs, formerly of Lubbock and now a museum consultant in Houston, will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom.

Griggs will discuss his book, "Tracing the Elusive Eden: The Research Keys for Finding a Confederate Colony from Texas in Brazil." The book is about a group of Texans who tried after the Civil War to establish a colony in Brazil where slavery was allowed.

Griggs earned a doctoral degree in history from Texas Tech. He was in the retail furniture business in Lubbock from 1956-1972 and from 1974-76 was director of what is now Texas Tech's Center for Historic Preservation Technology.

He is president of Southwest Museum Services, a museum consulting firm based in Houston.

Griggs was director of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon from 1977-1982 and founded the Lubbock Corral of Westerners International, a group for western history enthusiasts. He is a past president of the Harris County Heritage Society.

In 1983, he went to Brazil as a Fulbright Scholar and did research for his book. He was named to Who's Who in the South and Southwest in 1983.

The public is invited to attend the reception. Sponsors are the Friends of the University Library/Southwest Collection and the South Plains Geneological Society. For more information, contact the Friends' office at 742-3685. -30-

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LUBBOCK -- The controversial judicial selection process which has been held aloft in the media is a "trend of the times and a sign of the future," according to Texas Tech University School of Law professors.

The battles between presidents and senate judiciary committees are not unique in the nature of past supreme court appointment controversies. But the current public exposure is a phenomenon of our society and the media, which is more capable of acquiring information and providing instant communication, said Rod Schoen, associate dean and law professor.

"Historically, this is not unique. It seems clear that nominees have been rejected in the past on partisan or political basis."

He said of the two recent Supreme Court nominees, Robert Bork and Douglas Ginsburg, there were no single disqualifying features, "but, when you put a sufficient number of issues together, you begin to get the picture of 'Couldn't Reagan find someone better qualified?'" Schoen said.

"Our society is characterized by a great deal of different viewpoints. There's hardly an American I know of who hasn't made mistakes. If (Reagan) found someone who never made a mistake, I'd say that person would be some kind of klutz," Schoen said.

Schoen said he predicts that Reagan will quickly nominate another candidate for the high court because, "it will be his legacy."

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Law Professor Jim Viator agrees the current scenario is similarly patterned from the past.

"This is similar to Nixon's appointments in 1969 when he also had two nominees rejected for associate justices. Historically, fully one-fifth of the nominees sent to the senate for appointment to Supreme Court have not been confirmed," Viator said.

"By no means is this unique. It's business as usual," he added.

Viator predicted the senate may even "string out" the selection process until past Christmas, when it will then further delay any appointment of a ninth justice until November 1988.

"A motive would be to disapprove anyone Reagan sends up. If the senate strings this out until it reconvenes in January, then disapproves the next nominee, it will be Reagan's last (appointment). At that point, I think it's fair to say the Lame Duck Presidency will be a dead duck," Viator said.

If approval of the next nominee is given, it will be the fourth appointment to the bench made during Reagan's tenure in office, tying the score with former president Nixon.

Viator said the impact from the shift in the balance of power on the court between the liberals and conservatives will be the greatest since Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed eight justices during his four terms in office.

Further information concerning federal judiciary appointments or constitutional issues can be obtained by contacting professors Schoen or Viator, at (806) 742-3923, or 742-3991, respectively.

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LUBBOCK -- John E. Birdwell II of Lubbock, Elbert Harp of Abernathy and Bill Pfluger of San Angelo were named Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturists Thursday (Nov. 12) during the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences' 60th annual Pig Roast.

The agriculturist awards are named for Gerald W. Thomas, former dean of agricultural sciences at Texas Tech, who is now president emeritus of New Mexico State University at Las Cruces. The award, established in 1969, is given to individuals for their contributions to West Texas agriculture. Recipients do not have to be Tech graduates.

Birdwell, a former Texas Tech regent, is a rancher, farmer, cattle feeder and agribusinessman. He is president of Birdwell Corporation, Birdwell Cattle Company, Coyote Lake Feed Yard and ranches in Cochran, Bailey and Briscoe counties.

He is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and a member of the National Cattleman's, Texas Cattle Feeders, American Quarter Horse, American Hereford, Texas Hereford, Ranching Heritage and West Texas Museum associations. He is also a director of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

Born in Ralls, Birdwell attended Jacksonville Baptist College and Texas Tech University. He and his wife Geneene have five children.

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Harp, who earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Texas Tech in 1951, has served on many state, national and international advisory committees and has helped to develop markets for grain sorghum in the United States and 40 foreign countries.

He was a primary organizer of the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association, the U.S. Feed Grains Council and the National Farm Coalition. He has been executive director of the National Grain Sorghum Producers Association and the Texas Grain Sorghum Producers Board.

He and his wife Clara have three children.

Pfluger earned a degree in business administration from Texas Tech in 1960 and has been in the ranching business since then.

He is currently president of the National Wool Growers Association and has been president of the American Sheep Producers Council and Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers. He is past chairman of the board of the Federal Land Bank in San Angelo and of the National Wool Grower Wool Act Renewal Committee.

He and his wife Karen have two children.

The college's scholarship recipients, donors and members of judging teams were also be honored at the Pig Roast which began 60 years ago as an informal gathering of agriculture students.

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COURT IN SESSION -- The Court of Appeals from Amarillo hear oral arguments at the Texas Tech University, School of Law courtroom during a recent session in Lubbock. Members of the bench are (left to right), Justice Richard N. Countiss, Chief Justice Charles L. Reynolds and Justice John T. Boyd. The court convenes at the Tech law school twice annually. (Tech Photo by Artie Limmer).

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LUBBOCK -- The Third Annual Farm, Ranch and Agri-Business Bankruptcy Institute held in November was attended by legal professionals from throughout Texas and the nation.

The three-day program, sponsored by the Texas Tech University, School of Law and the West Texas Bankruptcy Bar Association, educates legal professionals in recent changes in laws concerning agricultural issues, ethical considerations in agricultural cases, dealing with governmental agencies, representing creditors in farm, ranch and agri-business bankruptcies and numerous other related issues.

The annual institute is the leading educational program for practicing attorneys and judges in the area of farm bankruptcy, according to Tech Law School Dean Frank Newton, who also served on the program committee.

The program is accredited by the State Bar of Texas for minimum continuing education requirements.

Seminars at this year's program were presented by members of the Tech Law School faculty, including Prof. Dan Benson, who presented a summary of recent reported agricultural cases, and other legal professionals including, Emory University Law School Dean David Epstein, Atlanta, Ga., University of Kansas Law School Professor Keith Meyer, and U.S. Bankruptcy judiciaries from Utah, Tennessee, Iowa, Nebraska, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

The seminar is scheduled to take place next November in Lubbock.

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(EDITORS' NOTE: The media is invited to attend the lecture and Dr. Wilson will be available for a personal interview immediately following his lecture.)

LUBBOCK -- "After the Big Bang" is the topic of a Halliburton Distinguished Lecture Series presentation by Nobel Prize winning physicist Robert W. Wilson.

Wilson, who heads the Radio Physics Research Department for AT&T Bell Laboratories, Holmdel, N.J., will present the lecture at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the Lankford Lab, located at the Texas Tech University Electrical Engineering Annex.

Wilson's work at the Radio Physics Research Department involves research on microwave and millimeter wave semiconductor devices and components and on radio astronomy.

Wilson's early work was in the fields of Galactic radio astronomy and precision measurement of radio source strengths. He is best known for his part in the discovery of the 3K cosmic black body background radiation, thought to have originated in the early stages of the expansion of the universe. In a synopsis of his lecture, Wilson examines the early universe.

"Most of the large scale objects in the universe are held together by gravity. In the early 1900s, Hubble discovered that when you look beyond the influence of gravity, distant galaxies and clusters of galaxies are all moving away from us. We thus live in an expanding universe. This fact led to several cosmological theories.

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"The Big Bang theory and the Steady State theory were the most popular in the 50s and early 60s."

Between 1963 and 1965, Wilson and co-physicist Arno Penzias, were conducting radio astronomy with the 20-foot horn reflector at Bell Laboratories and discovered the Cosmic Microwave Background radiation.

"This radiation is thought to be a remnant of the big bang origin of the universe. It gives us a new numerical measure of the early universe and has turned cosmology into a science with more than one number."

Wilson is a recipient of the Henry Draper Medal from the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, the Herschel Medal from the Royal Astronomical Society, and the 1978 Nobel Prize in Physics.

He is an Adjunct Professor at Princeton University and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Wilson received his BA "With Honors in Physics" from Rice University and his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology.

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PLANNING FOR AIDS -- What has been called the worst health problem of this generation has thus far been concentrated in this country in a handful of metropolitan centers. While cities like San Francisco, New York and Newark have been epicenters of the AIDS epidemic, many smaller cities and towns thus far have had relatively few AIDS cases. That does not mean, however, that the less populous cities and towns will not have to deal with the health problem on a comparable scale. In fact, reports TTUHSC Preventive Medicine Department Chairman Anthony B. Way, M.D., the per capita incidence of AIDS in communities such as Lubbock is following closely the rising curve of the disease two years ago in the larger metropolitan areas. What this means is that the AIDS epidemic is coming to middle America, which unlike the large metropolitan areas will have time to plan for dealing with it. Way, the director of the Lubbock City Health Department, said proper planning could help reduce by as much as half the AIDS treatment cost which now averages about \$46,000 per patient annually. These cost savings would be possible if communities integrated their health resources so that treatment and care could be shared by a variety of hospitals, hospices and even nursing homes. Hospitalization is the most expensive form of treatment, though it is not always necessary if other care facilities are available. Mobilizing a community to address the AIDS crisis before it strikes too close to home includes projecting the impact, determining needed services, enlisting service agencies, assessing funding needs and sources and assigning responsibilities. It is not too early to begin that planning because projections for communities like Lubbock indicate a ten-fold increase in AIDS patients over the next five years. For more on the AIDS problem and on community strategies for dealing with the rising numbers, contact Way at (806) 743-2485.

For assistance in covering this or other stories, contact TTUHSC news manager Preston Lewis at (806) 743-2143. Photographs and video footage can be arranged upon request.

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(MEDIA ADVISORY -- Speakers for the AIDS Health Care Planning Group meeting will be available at 5:45 p.m. for brief media interviews.)

LUBBOCK -- How Dallas has handled the influx of AIDS cases will be discussed by Dallas County officials during a meeting of the Lubbock AIDS Health Care Planning Group Thursday (Nov. 19).

Dr. Ron Anderson, chief of Parkland Memorial Hospital and a member of the Texas Board of Health; Dr. Gordon Green, director of the Dallas County Health Department; and Dallas County Commissioner Nancy Judy will participate in the program 6-8 p.m. Thursday in the Arnett Room of St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

Dr. Bernhard T. Mittemeyer, executive vice president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and chairman of the AIDS planning group, said the group is examining ways to help the Lubbock area deal with an anticipated increase in future cases of the deadly disease.

Anderson will discuss the medical perspective on AIDS. Green will outline the community response and Judy will examine the political aspects of AIDS planning.

Representatives of area hospitals, health organizations, professional societies, TTUHSC and other interested agencies will participate. Organizations which have not received invitations but are interested in the meeting should contact Dr. Anthony B. Way, director of the Lubbock City Health Department and chairman of the TTUHSC Department of Preventive Medicine at 743-2485.