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**(Editor's Note: A doctoral student from your city is included in this release.)**

LUBBOCK -- Five doctoral students in the College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University will be receive the Dean's Excellence in Teaching Awards at 4 p.m. Thursday (May 4) in the Rotunda of the Business Administration Building.

Each recipient will receive a letter of commendation from Carl H. Stem, dean of the college, as well as a \$250 honorarium.

The recipients of the 1994-95 awards are Michael Flores, a doctoral student in accounting from El Paso; Terrance Jalbert, a doctoral student in finance from Reeder, N.D.; Francisco Delgadillo, a doctoral student in information systems and quantitative systems from El Paso; James R. Walton, a doctoral student in marketing from Mineral Point, Mo; and Vinitia Mathews, a doctoral student in management from Gainesville, Fla. All of the doctoral students taught classes this academic year.

"I am always pleased when there is strong evidence that our doctoral students are doing such an outstanding job in their teaching assignments," said Dean Stem.

Flores also was selected to receive the University Outstanding Doctoral Student Teaching Award as judged by a faculty selection committee. He will receive a letter of commendation from Robert W. Lawless, president of Texas Tech, and an additional \$100 honorarium.

Additionally, the Miller Girls student organization will be recognized as the Outstanding Student Organization for accumulating the most community service hours.

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LUBBOCK -- The 13th Annual International Management Workshop will be held May 15-23 on the Texas Tech University campus. The deadline for registration is Friday (May 5) with a registration limit of 30 people.

The workshop is designed for graduate and undergraduate students as well as recent university graduates.

Workshop topics, including management styles, decision theory, conflict resolution, delegation of authority and case study analyses, will be addressed by various members of the Texas Tech faculty. The workshop facilitator will be Kary Mathis, director of the International Center for Arid and Semiarid Land Studies.

"The workshop is ideal for any student who could benefit from an interdisciplinary perspective on key aspects of leadership roles and management styles," said Mathis. "Corporations, consulting firms, academic institutions and government agencies seek applicants possessing practical management training and effective communication and human relation skills including cultural sensitivity which often is as important as technical expertise in many international operations."

The workshop begins with an introductory session at 8:30 a.m. on May 15 and concludes with an awards ceremony on May 23. The workshop fee of \$75 includes three hours of university credit, handouts and field trips to local public and private businesses, health facilities and governmental offices.

The workshop is sponsored by the International Center for Arid and Semiarid Land Studies and the Office of International Affairs.

Contact ICASALS at (806) 742-2218 to register or for more information. Individuals also may register in person at the ICASALS office in Room 103 of Holden Hall on the Texas Tech campus.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this workshop and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to notify the ICASALS office before the workshop so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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**LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech Professor Norman W. Hopper is one of ten college and university professors in the state of Texas named a Minnie Stephens Piper Professor for 1995.**

The prestigious Piper Professor award is presented annually by the Minnie Stephens Piper Foundation of San Antonio. The Piper Foundation is a nonprofit charitable organization founded in 1950 to support scientific and educational undertakings. Hopper was chosen from over 150 applicants within the state of Texas for the honor which salutes teaching excellence in higher education.

"Texas Tech University encourages teaching excellence and is extremely proud to have one of our most outstanding teachers recognized throughout the state by the Piper Foundation," said Texas Tech President Robert W. Lawless.

A native of Ralls, Hopper grew up in Petersburg and received two degrees in agronomy from Texas Tech. He received a Ph.D. in agronomy from Iowa State University. Hopper has been at Texas Tech since 1976 and is currently associate professor of agronomy at the university and at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. He also has received the Spencer A. Wells Faculty Award, Advisor of the Year Award, and the President's Excellence in Teaching Award while at Texas Tech. Hopper's research interests include seed physiology, seed germination, and seedling establishment.

There have been five other Piper Professors from Texas Tech since the award program began in 1950. They include: R.S. Underwood in 1959; Cecil Ayers in 1962; Mina W. Lamb in 1965; Ernest Wallace in 1969; and Harley Oberhelman in 1975.

Hopper will receive a \$2,500 honorarium from the Piper Foundation and will be recognized by Texas Tech President Robert W. Lawless at the Annual Spring Faculty Convocation on May 2.

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LUBBOCK -- More than 700 Texas Tech University faculty and staff members will be recognized for 15 or more years of service at May 11 receptions hosted by President and Mrs. Robert W. Lawless as part of a new service awards program this spring that has honored almost 2,000 university employees for service records from five years to 52 years.

"These service awards are a way of recognizing faculty and staff commitment to Texas Tech through their years of service," said Jeanette Hodges, director of personnel, noting that this awards program came from individual employee input. A Texas Tech committee was organized last year to gather employee suggestions from the university and health sciences center and study award programs and incentives for employees.

Personnel staff members have been working on logistics of the awards program for more than a year. For the past several months, they have been compiling and verifying employment records to include employees' work histories at the university as well as at the health sciences center through Dec. 31, 1994.

All university employees with a minimum of five years of Texas Tech service have been or will be recognized and presented service pins in departmental, college and area ceremonies scheduled in April and May. Additionally, the 710 faculty and staff members with 15 or more years of service will be guests of honor at the May 11 receptions. The informal receptions, divided into two events to accommodate the large number of recipients, will be 2:30-3:30 p.m. and 4-5 p.m. in the University Center Red Raider Ballroom. Lawless and Texas Tech representatives will on hand at both receptions.

Among the more notable terms of service with Texas Tech is the 52-year tenure of Louis Powers, professor of mechanical engineering, who still teaches part time as a semi-retired faculty member. John G. Taylor Sr., retired employee liaison officer, and William Oden, professor of political science, will be recognized for 46 years of employment. Also with 44 years of employment at the university are Roy Wells, special assistant to the general counsel; Robert Rouse, professor of economics; and Donald J. Helmers, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering. All are working retirees.

Among the active employees with the longest records of service are Mary Jeanne van Appledorn, Horn professor of music, with 44 years of service, Robert A. Moreland, associate professor mathematics, with 41 years of Texas Tech employment and Henry Shine, Horn professor of chemistry and biochemistry, with 40 years of service.

According to Hodges, the service awards program will be modified after this initial year when employees with five to nine years and 10 to 14 years of service are awarded five and 10 year pins, respectively, in addition to the 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 year recipients. Beginning next year, the program will recognize only those university employees with 15 or more years of employment. A similar awards program also is in place at the ~~Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.~~

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According to Hodges, the university service awards program will continue as an annual event, awarding pins to mark employment in five year increments. A similar awards program also is in place at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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LUBBOCK -- University and health sciences center faculty members will be recognized for outstanding achievements during the annual Texas Tech Faculty Honors Convocation at 3:30 p.m. today (May 2) in the University Theatre. A reception in the University Library Croslin Room will follow the convocation.

Recognition will be given to current emeritus faculty, Paul Whitfield Horn professors and faculty who received campus awards earlier in the academic year. Also, new faculty awards, including the President's Excellence in Teaching Awards and the President's Academic Achievement Awards, will be announced at the ceremony.

President's Excellence in Teaching Awards will be presented to faculty from each of Texas Tech's colleges and schools.

Health sciences center recipients are Raymond Linville, chair, department of communication disorders, School of Allied Health; Abraham Verghese, professor, department of internal medicine-El Paso, School of Medicine; James C. Hutson, professor, department of cell biology and biochemistry, School of Medicine; and Corinne Grimes, assistant professor, School of Nursing.

University recipients are James Graves, professor, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; Robert L. Coombs, associate professor, College of Architecture; Lewis Held, associate professor of biological sciences, John Howe, associate professor of history, Mary Jane Hurst, associate professor of English, and George W. Sorensen, professor of theatre, all in the College of Arts and Sciences; Patrick Dunne, professor of finance, College of Business Administration; William Y. Lan, assistant professor of education, College of Education; Michael Giesselmann, associate professor of electrical engineering, College of Engineering; Shelly Harp, associate chairperson of the department of merchandising, environmental design and consumer economics, College of Human Sciences; and Brian Shannon, professor of law, School of Law.

The President's Academic Achievement Award will be given to faculty who have excelled in teaching, research and service. Recipients are Beverly S. Chilton, professor, department of cell biology and biochemistry, School of Medicine; Patricia Horridge, professor of merchandising, environmental design and consumer economics, College of Human Sciences; Jerry Hudson, associate director, School of Mass Communications; and R. Stephen Sears, professor of finance, College of Business Administration.

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LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will announce the creation of the Dean Leidigh Professorship in Plant and Soil Science during a ceremony at 11:45 a.m. Thursday (May 4) in the Merket Alumni Center in the Ex-Students Association Building.

Leidigh was Texas Tech's first dean of the School of Agriculture and served with distinction from 1925 to 1945.

Sam Curl, dean of the college, said Leidigh established an agriculture school that represented the needs of West Texas, focusing on cotton, plant breeding and animal husbandry. In the first college bulletin, Leidigh announced, "Special attention will be given to arid and semi-arid farming."

The professorship is the result of the fundraising efforts of the Leidigh Memorial Fund Committee. This fund was established in 1987. Interest from the endowment will be used to support the professorship.

The establishment of the professorship will be announced by Dean Sam Curl and will be received by Len Ainsworth, vice provost. Members of the Leidigh family will reflect on Dean Leidigh's life at Texas Tech. Memorial fund committee members and donors also will be recognized.

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**LUBBOCK --** The Ranching Heritage Center of the Museum of Texas Tech University will present a concert by Stephen Weber to commemorate the restoration of a grand piano that was made in 1876. Weber will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday (May 7) at the RHC DeVitt-Mallet Orientation Building. The concert is free and open to the public, however seating is limited.

Weber, a piano instructor at Texas Tech's School of Music, is a published composer of piano, organ and chamber music. He will perform selections by late 19th century American and mid-19th century European composers as well as classic American folk music.

The piano, which is displayed in the McKanna Parlor at the Ranching Heritage Center, recently underwent an 11 month restoration by Mollberg and Associates in Austin. The Ranching Heritage Association provided the financial support for the restoration through the McKanna Parlor Fund.

David Murrah, director of the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech, and Georgia Mae Ericson, president of the Ranching Heritage Association, will reflect on the history of the piano.

According to Murrah, the piano was originally owned by C.C. Slaughter, a prominent Dallas cattleman with extensive ranch holdings throughout West Texas. Slaughter lived from 1836-1919. Murrah, an authority on ranching history, is the author of "C.C. Slaughter: Rancher, Banker, Baptist." Ericson will reflect on Edith McKanna, for whom the parlor is named, and her many contributions to the Ranching Heritage Center.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the concert, and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to notify the education division of the museum at (806) 742-2432.

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LUBBOCK -- Edward C. Benninger Jr., executive vice president and director of Valero Energy Corp. in San Antonio and president of Valero Natural Gas Co. in Houston, has been named a 1995 Distinguished Alumnus award from the College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University. The award will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday (May 5) at the Forest Club in Houston at a dinner honoring Houston area alumni and supporters.

Benninger, who earned his bachelor's degree in business administration at Texas Tech in 1965, guides the diversified energy company in its activities of producing, transporting and marketing environmentally clean fuels and products.

He began his career with West Texas Utilities in Abilene, where he worked for one year in the management training program. His business career was interrupted in 1966 when he attended the United States Navy Officer's Candidate School in Newport, R.I., and went on to serve for three years as a naval officer.

Upon reentering the business world, Benninger worked as a senior accountant at Deloitte & Touche in Houston. In 1975 he left the certified public accounting firm to join LoVaca Gathering Company, a gas pipeline company also located in Houston. Benninger held many positions at LoVaca, including vice president.

In 1980, Valero Energy Corporation was formed, and Benninger was named treasurer. He quickly rose to the top at Valero Energy, being named chief financial officer and vice president in 1986. He was promoted to senior vice president in January 1987 and executive vice president in November 1989. Benninger was elected to the Valero Energy Corporation Board of Directors in 1990. He was elected to the board of Valero Natural Gas Company and as president of Valero Natural Gas, L.P. Companies in October 1992. Both companies are listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Benninger has been a long time supporter of the College of Business Administration at Texas Tech. He spearheaded Valero Energy's support of the college's Graduate Fellowship Endowment Fund, which provides financial support to masters and doctoral students. Benninger also is a member of the Texas Tech President's Council.

He presently serves as a member on the Board of Trustees and the executive committee of the United Way for the Texas Gulf Coast area in Houston, and has served in numerous capacities for the United Way while living in San Antonio.

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LUBBOCK -- The Museum of Texas Tech University and the West Texas Museum Association will host an autograph party for Elizabeth Skidmore Sasser, professor emeritus of the department of art, at 2 p.m. Sunday (May 7) in the lobby of the museum. The party is free and open to the general public.

Sasser's books, "The World of Spirits" and "Ancestors in the Art of Western Sub-Saharan Africa," represent the first depiction of the African sculpture collection at the Museum of Texas Tech.

"The book contains more than 180 drawings and illustrations that reflect the creative genius that continues to meet environmental challenges and to express the distinctive contributions of the cultures and the people of western sub-Saharan Africa," according to Gary Edson, executive director of the Museum of Texas Tech.

The masks and figurative carvings from the late 19th century to mid-20th century originate from the collections of Ambassador and Mrs. Julius Walker, which was a gift to the International Center for Arid and Semiarid Land Studies at Texas Tech, and the Elliot Howard Collection.

Howard, an artist and antique authority, chose examples of sculpture based on their variety and aesthetic appeal. His hope was that the pieces he assembled would provide new discoveries for those unacquainted with the art of Africa and an art experience that would enhance mutual respect among people, according to Edson.

"As the title of Sasser's book suggests, it contains carefully selected examples of masks and figures as social and spiritual communications imbued with the living history and culture of the various peoples of western sub-Saharan Africa," said Edson, noting that Sasser emphasizes geography and climate influence not only the art but also the habitations and ceremonial life of the region.

Exhibits at the Museum of Texas Tech are free and open to the public 1-5 p.m. on Sunday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The museum is open until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday and is closed on Monday. For more details, contact the museum at (806) 742-2490.

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**(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dermatologists from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will participate in a free skin cancer screening 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday (May 6) at the Southwest Cancer Center of University Medical Center, 602 Indiana Avenue. The screenings are part of a national campaign by the American Academy of Dermatology.)**

LUBBOCK -- Though summer means fun, too much fun in the sun can lead to skin cancer.

With the approach of summer, West Texas residents need to become more sun savvy if they want to avoid the skin problems that result from cumulative sun exposure to the skin, said Ronald P. Rapini, M.D.

Rapini, who chairs the Dermatology Department at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said skin cancer is the most common cancer in this country, affecting up to one in six Americans over the course of their lifetimes.

The Texas Tech dermatologist said research suggests sun exposure has a cumulative effect upon the skin. Consequently, everyone from children to senior citizens should avoid prolonged sun exposure because it could lead to problems years later.

"People with fair skin, significant sun exposure and a history of skin cancer are at highest risk," Rapini said. "Most skin cancers, though, are easily cured by surgical removal."

Rapini said basal and squamous cell cancers are the most common skin cancers. These cancers are usually found on areas of the skin exposed to the sun, particularly the head, neck, arms and hands. These cancers may appear as red, flat or raised spots that may be crusted, scaly or bleed easily. Basal cells almost never spread internally and only 1 percent of squamous cell cancers do.

Malignant melanoma, the least common skin cancer, is the most dangerous. Rapini said 20 percent of melanoma patients die of their disease within five years of its diagnosis.

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**LUBBOCK --** Grief counselors from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) and Methodist Hospital will join TTUHSC Medical Dean Darryl Williams, M.D., for a special "High Tech Health" discussing how people cope with human loss. The program will air from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday (May 6) on KTXT-TV Channel 5.

Tom McGovern, Ed.D., TTUHSC grief counselor, and Ted Dotts, chaplain/ethicist at Methodist Hospital, will discuss the emotional trauma Oklahoma City disaster survivors are experiencing and what grief processes they and any individual may encounter.

McGovern and Dotts also will offer explanations to help those who have experienced a loss or who know someone who is grieving.

"High Tech Health" is produced as a public service of TTUHSC and airs the first and third Saturday of each month on KTXT-TV.

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**LUBBOCK --** A Coronado High School science teacher will be working in the laboratory of a Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center professor as part of a national program to improve the teaching of science in public schools.

Edward J. Tishler of Coronado High has been named to one of five Summer Teacher Research Fellowships awarded nationally by the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) and sponsored by the RGK Foundation of Austin.

Tishler will be working in the lab of Elmus G. Beale, Ph.D., of Texas Tech's cell biology and biochemistry faculty. Under Beale's guidance, Tishler will learn sophisticated laboratory techniques such as polymerase chain reaction and DNA sequencing. Tishler will then develop plans to utilize these technologies in educating his high school students.

Additionally, Tishler will work to establish a cooperative program involving Texas Tech scientists and LISD teachers and students.

The ASCB and RGK Foundation jointly sponsor this science education partnership to acquaint teachers with modern research tools and techniques and to help them bring the excitement of research science into the classroom.

The program recognizes and promotes the concept that professional scientific societies and their member scientists have significant roles to play in the improvement of pre-college science education through providing teachers authentic science research experiences coupled with follow-up support.

To qualify for the ASCB Summer Teaching Research Fellowship, teachers and member scientists are required to plan and submit a research project together and to provide evidence of school administration commitment to follow up on plans for the school year.

Each application is then scored in the following categories: the proposed research; the quality of planned interactions for the teacher; the intended relationship between teacher and sponsoring lab in the future; benefit to teaching; qualifications of the researcher and the teacher; level of commitment by each teacher's school; and the potential impact on women, minorities and schools with high minority enrollment.

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**LUBBOCK --** Ronald Rapini, M.D., dermatology chair at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC), has been elected to the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) Board of Directors. His term runs until May 1998.

Rapini also serves as secretary-treasurer of the American Society of Dermatopathology (ASDP), whose national headquarters are in Lubbock during Rapini's term, which ends in 1997.

Rapini has been TTUHSC dermatology chairman since Jan. 1, 1993 and has been a member of ASDP since 1983 and ASDS since 1982. He is listed in "Who's Who in Health and Medical Services."

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"The tragedy of melanoma is that it is easily cured when it is caught in its early stages," Rapini said.

Melanoma usually begins as a black mole, as contrasted to the more common brown moles which most people have. Rapini said applying the "A-B-C-D" test can help the average person differentiate between the common moles and the potentially dangerous ones.

The "A" stands for asymmetrical and means the mole is irregular in shape. "B" represents borders which are irregular or notched. The "C" stands for varied color which can be black red, white or a mixture of those colors. "D" represents diameter which can be a problem if it is larger than a pencil eraser.

"Distinguishing benign and malignant skin growths can be difficult for the untrained eye," Rapini said. "Dermatologists, though, can usually make a distinction between benign and malignant growth just by looking at the lesion, though sometimes we must take a biopsy for laboratory examination."

Rapini said prevention is the best medicine when it comes to dealing with the threat of skin cancer. He recommends using a sun screen daily on areas that will be exposed to the sun. Further, he encourages residents of West Texas to wear hats, long-sleeve shirts and long pants during the summer and to avoid the outdoors as much as possible during the brunt of the day, especially 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when the sun is at its fiercest.

"Those are simple precautions to take," Rapini said, "to keep from having to deal with skin cancer later in your life."

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**SUBSTITUTION FOR LIFE** -- Pergonal, the most common drug used to increase a woman's reproductive fertility, has been in short supply for the past 12-18 months. TTUHSC reproductive endocrinologist Melin Cañez, M.D., says having only one option has put couples and doctors in a bind.

Hope has arrived, however. Cañez said a replacement compound named Humegon recently won FDA approval and seems to be comparable in makeup and success as Pergonal.

"Other substitutes to Pergonal have not been as successful as Humegon," Cañez says. "Humegon also is less expensive than Pergonal, and we've just seen our first pregnancy as a result of Humegon."

Cañez also says medical evidence seems to suggest Humegon will have the same success rate as Pergonal.

For more on infertility, contact Cañez at 743-1200.

**SOAKING WET** -- It won't be long and thousands of West Texas youngsters will be out of school and in the pool. Unfortunately, some water-bound children and adults will suffer the frustrating and often painful effects of swimmer's ear.

Water that usually drains from your ear after exiting the pool can get trapped inside your ear canal. This causes the area to become warm and soggy, which are perfect conditions for fungus and bacteria to flourish.

The key to controlling the problem, says TTUHSC ear, nose and throat specialist Robert Wang, M.D., is to apply antiseptic eardrops when you feel water trapped in your ears, which will kill the bacteria and fungus.

Wang warns, though, that children and adults who have a history of ear drum perforation should avoid getting any water in their ears and should not use eardrops.

For more on swimmer's ear, contact Wang at 743-1350.

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