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LUBBOCK -- More than 250 diplomas, including one to the first graduate of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, will be awarded during Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center commencement exercises at 1 p.m. Saturday (May 20) in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

Texas Tech President Robert W. Lawless, Ph.D., will deliver the commencement address. The awarding of 259 degrees will increase the number of health sciences center graduates to more than 3,000 since the institution's first graduating class in 1974.

The graduation ceremony in the Civic Center Exhibit Hall will culminate two days of commencement activities and will see Benny C. Shaw receive the first diploma awarded by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Although the health sciences center has awarded master's and doctoral degrees previously in the School of Medicine, those programs have been re-structured in the new Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Another first for the commencement exercise will be participation by a Texas Tech dean of pharmacy. Arthur Nelson is the founding dean of the Texas Tech School of Pharmacy which is to be located in Amarillo and is scheduled to open in the fall of 1996.

During the commencement the School of Medicine will present medical degrees to 98 graduates. The School of Nursing will award 5 master's degrees and 51 bachelor's degrees.

The School of Allied Health will recognize recipients of six master's degrees and 20 bachelor's degrees in communication disorders, 23 bachelor's degrees in clinical laboratory science, 27 bachelor's degrees in occupational therapy and 28 bachelor's degrees in physical therapy.

The 1995 commencement will bring to 3,059 the number of graduates from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

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Prior to the overall commencement exercise the individual schools will hold honors programs. The School of Medicine convocation and hooding ceremony is scheduled at 3 p.m. Friday (May 19) in Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater when faculty and administrators from Texas Tech's Lubbock, Amarillo, El Paso and Odessa campuses honor the Class of '95. The dean's reception will follow in the Civic Center mall area.

The School of Nursing will hold its campus graduation awards ceremony and pin presentation at 7 p.m. Friday in the University Center Ballroom.

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences will hold its recognition dinner at 7 p.m. Friday at the Depot Restaurant.

On Saturday graduates entering the military will be recognized during a commissioning ceremony at 7:30 a.m. in Room 2B152 of the TTUHSC Building.

At 10 a.m. Saturday the School of Nursing will hold its awards and recognition ceremony in the University Center Ballroom for graduates from both the Lubbock and Odessa campuses.

The School of Allied Health will hold its awards ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Civic Center Theater.

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LUBBOCK -- The Ranching Heritage Center of the Museum of Texas Tech University will host its first "Chuck Wagon Gathering" from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (May 20-21). Chuck wagon meals are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Admission to the Ranching Heritage Center is free.

Four chuck wagons from across the state will be present to offer visitors a sampling of traditional trail drive foods such as stew, sourdough bread and beans, according to David Salay, director of the Ranching Heritage Center. A historic chuck wagon, built in 1900, from Watt Matthew's Lambshead Ranch also will be displayed.

Chuck wagon cooks scheduled to appear at the gathering include Bill Cauble, of Lambshead Ranch in Albany; Clifford Teinert, of Long X Ranch in Kent; Jim Shirley, of Palo Duro Ranch in Fritch; and Guy and Pip Gillette, of the Four G Ranch in Crockett.

Salay noted that all of the chuck wagons are members of the Western Chuck Wagon Association, which only sanctions wagons meeting their criteria for authenticity of equipment, cooking methods and recipes.

Visitors are welcome to observe authentic cooking methods that will include the use of actual pit fires and dutch ovens.

"The chuck wagon was an important part of the history and folklore of the West. The chuck wagon and its cook were an integral component of the long trail drives of the late 19th century. On those trips, the chuck wagon carried supplies that included food, ammunition, medicines and bedrolls," Salay said.

Chuck wagon cooks served three meals-a-day in fair weather, and often doctored cowboy injuries. The importance of the cook was reflected in the amount of his wages, which averaged twice that of a typical cowboy.

The Ranching Heritage Center, located at Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue, is an outdoor museum of 33 restored buildings and structures that represent the development of ranching from the 1830s to the early 1900s.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the celebration or the special one hour tour may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to notify the museum education division at (806) 742-2432 two business days prior to the event to that necessary arrangements can be made.

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LUBBOCK -- The Governing Board of the Amarillo National Resource Center for Plutonium has awarded \$365,000 to Panhandle and South Plains institutions for research and education programs serving students in kindergarten through graduate school as well as the general public.

The grant was awarded today (May 19) to Texas Tech University for a collaborative effort with Amarillo College, West Texas A&M University, Texas State Technical College-Amarillo and Texas A&M University at College Station.

Part of the funds will be used to promote innovative teaching methods and learning technologies in K-12 math and science education, in cooperation with Panhandle and South Plains school districts, as well as to encourage minority and female participation in those programs through the college level.

Additional funding will go toward sponsorship of distance learning programs in the Amarillo area for graduate education in nuclear and environmental engineering.

A video about the Amarillo National Resource Center for Plutonium also will be funded in addition to a documentary about Amarillo's Pantex nuclear weapon plant and about peaceful uses of material generated from nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly. The documentary will be produced by KACV-TV, a public television station licensed through Amarillo College.

"The governing board's commitment to these types of education and public information programs should be commended," said Amarillo attorney Wales Madden, a board member of the center. "Education and outreach is a significant part of what the Amarillo National Resource Center for Plutonium is all about."

Texas Tech Assistant Vice Provost for Research Fred C. Bryant, a board member of the center, also expressed pride in the university playing a role in a project with the potential to reach students from graduate school to kindergarten.

The center is operated by the Higher Education Consortium, a consortium of public universities including the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University and the University of Texas System. Through its research and education programs, the center serves as an independent scientific and technical information resource on issues relating to the storage, disposition, potential utilization and transportation of plutonium, explosives and other materials generated from weapons assembly and disassembly.

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LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech University Libraries will offer free summer seminars on the use of the library for students and university employees. The programs include library orientations, classes for university employees, workshops for finding science resources on the Internet, and a social sciences graduate student seminar on computerized library services. No advance registration is necessary.

The library orientation for undergraduates is designed to teach students how to use the main reference resources, computerized periodical indexes, Interlibrary loan and circulation. Sessions will be offered 3:30-5 p.m. on June 2, 5 and 7. Each session will be held in the User Instruction Room 1 in the east basement of the main library.

The classes for university employees are offered through the University Training Department. An introduction to library research and the use of computerized library services will be taught. The class will be divided into two sessions: June 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. and June 16 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The first session, an introduction to library research, will cover basic reference sources available and will place an emphasis on finding citations to books and articles in periodicals. The second session will demonstrate the uses of TechPAC and computerized periodical indexes. Both sessions will be held in the User Instruction Room 1.

The workshops for finding science resources on the Internet will be offered through the Advanced Technology Learning Center. The first session will offer an overview of the Internet and search tools used for research. The second session will focus on finding scientific resources on the Internet. The sessions will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. on June 16 and 29. The first half of each session will be in User Instruction Room 1 and the second half in Room 23 of the ATLC.

The social sciences graduate student seminar will focus on the computerized library services offered for graduate students majoring in the social sciences. Advanced techniques for searching TechPAC, periodical indexes on CD-ROM, and on-line periodical indexes will be demonstrated. The seminar will also explain how to access the on-line catalogs of other academic research libraries and how to find library-related resources accessible on the Internet. The class will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Aug. 4 in the User Instruction Room 1 of the main library.

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

LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University's Paul Whitfield Horn committee recently named eight Horn Fellows for the 1995-96 academic year. The fellows were selected by a committee composed of members of the University Quarterly Club and the University Women's Club.

The Horn Memorial Fellowships began in 1941 in honor of Texas Tech's first president. The honor is presented to female graduate students who possess significant scholastic records, commitment to careers and receive support from their professors and other members of their professional communities.

Three fellows have been selected for the first 1995 summer semester. They are I-Fan Chen, a doctoral student in Spanish; Andrea Dean Fontenot, a doctoral student in American literature; and Raquel Irene Leyva-Espinosa, a doctoral student in wildlife management.

Chen of Lubbock received a bachelor's and master's degree in Spanish in 1991 and 1994, respectively, from Texas Tech. She is a teaching assistant in the department of classical and modern languages and literature.

Fontenot of Lake Charles, La., received a bachelor's degree in speech/radio and television in 1978 from McNeese State University and a master's degree in creative writing in 1985 from McNeese State.

Leyva-Espinosa of Oaxaca, Mexico received a bachelor's degree in biology in 1984 from the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana in Mexico City, Mexico and a master's degree in animal ecology in 1993 from Iowa State University.

Five fellows have been selected for the fall and spring 1995-96 academic year. They are Nuala Mary Lincke, doctoral student in fine arts; Pamela Renee Lockwood, doctoral student in applied mathematics; Linda Alice Prowell, doctoral student in British literature; Toni Dian Sauncy, doctoral student in applied physics; and Patricia Jean Tyrer, doctoral student in English.

Lincke of Pensacola, Fla., received bachelor's and master's degrees in English in 1992 and 1993, respectively, from the University of West Florida-Pensacola.

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Lockwood of Lorenzo received bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics in 1992 and 1994, respectively, from Texas Tech.

Prowell of Las Vegas, Nev., received a bachelor's degree in English in 1990 from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas and a master's degree in English literature in 1993 from the University of New Mexico.

Sauncy of Big Spring received a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1992 and a master's degree in physics in 1993 both from Texas Tech.

Tyrer of Ankeny, Iowa, received a bachelor's and master's degree in English in 1991 and 1993, respectively, from California State University in Fullerton, Calif.

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LUBBOCK -- Eddie Monroe Lesok, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Color Tile Inc. in Fort Worth, has been named a 1995 Distinguished Alumnus by the College of Business Administration at Texas Tech University. The award will be presented at 7:30 a.m. Thursday (May 25) at the Westin Galleria Hotel in Dallas during a breakfast for Dallas area alumni and supporters.

Lesok, who earned his bachelor's degree in finance at Texas Tech in 1969, guides the operation of more than 800 specialty stores containing a broad assortment of floor and wallcovering products which are sold to both the do-it-yourself and commercial customer.

In 1971, Lesok began his career as an attorney working with the Tandy Corporation of Fort Worth. When the Tandy Corporation formed Tandycrafts Inc. in 1975, Lesok was promoted to assistant secretary and corporate counsel.

Later, when Tandycrafts diversified in 1979 to form Color Tile Inc., Lesok was named vice president and secretary. After a series of promotions, he was elected to his current position in January 1989.

Lesok has been a longtime supporter of the Texas Tech's College of Business Administration. He also is the founder of the Fort Worth chapter of the Texas Tech President's Council.

His civic involvement includes committee work for the Van Cliburn Foundation and the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. Lesok has been a member of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary President's Council and, in 1992, received the B'Nai B'rith International Distinguished Achievement Award.

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LUBBOCK -- Craig Baker, a Texas Tech University School of Law graduate from Garland, received a \$1000 scholarship in April from the Health Law section of the Texas State Bar Association.

The scholarship is awarded to a Texas Tech law student with preference given to those students who intend to practice health law.

Baker previously published a case note on health law titled "Potentiality for Ongoing Liability under the Absolute Two Year Statute of Limitation in Texas Medical Malpractice Actions" in the *Texas Tech Law Review*.

Later this year, Baker will join Gwinn and Roby, a Dallas law firm specializing in medical malpractice defense, nursing home law and insurance defense.

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(Editor's Note: A law professor and Santa Fe, N.M., native is included in this release).

LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University Law Professor Bill Piatt recently was selected as the first J. Hadley Edgar Professor of Law. Edgar, who retired in December 1991, served as a professor of law at Texas Tech for 20 years.

"I'm hoping to live up to the legacy created by Professor Edgar and continue my writings and legal research in the area of immigration law and human rights. I hope my work will continue to bring recognition to the law school," said Piatt.

Piatt, who began teaching at Texas Tech's School of Law in 1988, has become a leading authority on immigration and language barriers in the workforce. He authored a 1993 book titled "Language on the Job, Balancing Business Needs and Employee Rights" that was named the Outstanding Book on the subject of human rights in 1994 by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America. The book discusses issues arising from the increasing numbers of people with limited English language proficiency entering the workforce.

His 1994 casebook and accompanying teacher's manual titled "Immigration Law: Cases and Materials," offers a new approach to teaching immigration law by integrating current law and procedure with discussions about immigration, law and policy.

"Only English? Law & Language Policy in the United States," Piatt's 1990 book, questions whether English should be the official language of the United States. The book also examines the legal and practical consequences of attempts to regulate language in a pluralistic, multi-cultural United States.

Prior to coming to Texas Tech, Piatt served as a faculty member at Southern Illinois University School of Law, Washburn Law School and the University of Oklahoma School of Law. He has taught at special summer law programs at the University of New Mexico and the University of Guanajuato in Guanajuato, Mexico.

Piatt received a bachelor's degree in psychology and political science in 1972 from Eastern New Mexico University and earned a law degree in 1975 from the University of New Mexico.

Professor Emeritus J. Hadley Edgar, for whom the professorship is named, began his teaching career at Texas Tech following 15 years of practice with the law firm of Gibson, Ochsner & Adkins in Amarillo. With an extensive litigation practice behind him, he was hired to teach at Texas Tech in 1971, just four years after the school admitted its first class of students.