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LUBBOCK -- Media representatives are invited to attend a press briefing and reception at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday (March 13) in the Merket Alumni Center introducing the Jack Maddox Chair in Electrical Engineering. The chair, supported by an endowment from the J.F Maddox Foundation of Hobbs, N.M., is the largest endowed chair in the history of the university.

As one of his first official duties as interim president, Donald R. Haragan will join Jorge Auñón, dean of the College of Engineering and James M. Maddox, president of the Maddox Foundation in announcing the newly appointed chair holder. Don Maddox, director of the Maddox Foundation and Robert J. Reid, executive vice president of the Maddox Foundation also will be on hand to answer questions from the media about the Maddox Chair.

In addition to teaching responsibilities, the Maddox chair will establish an interactive research group devoted to various aspects of physics, chemistry and materials science of semiconductors and optoelectronic devices at Texas Tech. The chair's research facility at Texas Tech will feature the first "clean room" on campus. A clean room is purified by air filters to support a sterile environment for work with highly sensitive electronic equipment, such as microchips. The chair's research initiatives will combine current expertise from the departments of electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, physics, chemistry and biochemistry at Texas Tech.

The Maddox Foundation established an endowment at Texas Tech in 1982 to recruit the best researchers and faculty to the campus.

Biographical information on the Maddox Chair as well as information on the Maddox Foundation's relationship with Texas Tech will be available at the press conference.

LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech Interim President Donald R. Haragan today announced the resignation of Don E. Cosby, vice president for fiscal affairs, effective April 1.

Cosby, who has served as the university's chief financial officer since July 1989, is leaving to join a new local banking group being formed by his long-time friend and former associate, Tom C. Nichols.

"Don Cosby has been a valuable asset to Texas Tech for the past seven years. While his departure is a significant loss to the university, I understand his desire to return to the banking industry and I wish him well in his new endeavor," Haragan said.

"I have been investigating a challenging new venture in the private sector since I was approached about this new opportunity in January. While my tenure at Texas Tech has been one of the most rewarding of my career, I felt the time was right in the private sector to go forward with this new venture," Cosby said.

Haragan said that vice president for administration Jim Brunjes will serve as interim chief financial officer for Texas Tech until a new vice president for fiscal affairs has been hired. Haragan also announced that a national search for the new vice president will begin as soon as possible.

Cosby received a bachelor of business administration degree from Texas Tech in 1977. The Tulia native worked as the chief financial officer for the Ford Bank Group before coming to Texas Tech.

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LUBBOCK -- Jorge I. Auñón, dean of the College of Engineering at Texas Tech University, announced today (March 13) that internationally recognized materials research scientist Henryk Temkin will come to Texas Tech on Aug. 1 as the Jack Maddox Chair in Electrical Engineering. The chair, supported by a \$5.5 million endowment from the J.F Maddox Foundation of Hobbs, N.M., is the largest endowed chair in the history of the university.

Joining Auñón and Temkin at a press briefing and reception in honor of the newly appointed chair holder were Donald Haragan, interim president of Texas Tech; Don Maddox of Hobbs, director of the Maddox Foundation; James M. Maddox of Hobbs, president of the Maddox Foundation; and Robert J. Reid, executive vice president of the Maddox Foundation.

James M. Maddox, who served on the Maddox Chair selection committee and was active in the recruitment of Temkin, said, "The Maddox Foundation first established an endowment at Texas Tech in 1982 so that Texas Tech could recruit the best researchers and faculty to the campus. Filling the Maddox Chair in Electrical Engineering with a distinguished scientist such as Professor Temkin certainly indicates that we have achieved our aim. We feel confident that he will bring a new level of research expertise to Texas Tech as he begins an exciting program that will attract positive attention worldwide."

Temkin is currently the Rockwell-Anderson Professor of Electrical Engineering at Colorado State University. Before moving to Colorado State in 1992, he served as a distinguished member of the technical staff at AT&T Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, N.J., from 1977 to 1992.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Temkin will establish an interactive research group devoted to various aspects of physics, chemistry and materials science of semiconductors and optoelectronic devices at Texas Tech. Temkin's research facility at Texas Tech will feature the first "clean room" on campus. A clean room is purified by air filters to support a sterile environment for work with highly sensitive electronic equipment, such as microchips. Temkin's research initiatives will combine current expertise from the departments of electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, physics, chemistry and biochemistry at Texas Tech.

Temkin received his bachelor's degree in physics from Universite Libre de Bruxelles in Belgium. He holds a master's degree in physics from Yeshiva University. He holds a doctorate in physics from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. Widely recognized as an expert on materials science, Temkin is the author of more than 270 papers and holds 26 U.S. and international patents.

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"The Maddox Foundation's support of engineering education through the funding of this distinguished chair stands as a major step forward, in the history of Texas Tech. It also stands as a fitting tribute to one of this institutions truly outstanding graduates, J.F 'Jack' Maddox," Haragan said. "Texas Tech is evolving into a nationally recognized research institution because of Jack Maddox's vision and the support of the Maddox Foundation."

Maddox graduated from Texas Tech in 1929 with a bachelor's degree in textile engineering. As a student, he served as the president of the Texas Tech Student Council. He later served as president of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association in 1953. He also served two terms on the Texas Tech Athletic Council from 1968 to 1972 and as chair of the Texas Tech University Foundation from 1965 to 1967. Maddox was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Texas Tech University in 1967 and a Distinguished Engineer of the College of Engineering in 1970.

In 1931, Jack Maddox moved to Hobbs, where he began a life-long career as a successful businessman in the utility industry as well as real estate development, gas pipeline operations, banking and textiles. A civic and education leader in New Mexico, he exhibited a strong interest in higher education. In addition to his contributions in time and leadership to Texas Tech, he was a long-time board member and supporter of the College of the Southwest, a four-year private school in Hobbs.

The Maddox Foundation was established in 1963 by Jack Maddox and his wife, Mabel. The foundation was the beneficiary of the estates of Jack Maddox, who died in 1978, and his wife, who died in 1987. After Jack Maddox's death, his brother, Donovan Maddox of Gastonia, N.C., assumed the presidency of the foundation. Donovan Maddox, a 1934 graduate of Texas Tech and a Distinguished Engineer and Distinguished Alumnus, was instrumental in the establishment of the endowment fund at Texas Tech in 1982 that supports the Jack Maddox Chair. The corpus of the endowment currently exceeds \$5.5 million. In addition to the Jack Maddox Chair in Electrical Engineering, the Maddox Foundation also supports the Jack Maddox Professorship in Law and several Presidential Endowed Scholarships at Texas Tech.

Directors of the Maddox Foundation are Don and James M. Maddox of Hobbs, both sons of Donovan Maddox, and Harry H. Lynch of Dallas. In addition to its support of Texas Tech, the Foundation provides support to many projects in Southeastern New Mexico and West Texas.

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LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will recognize its 36 Dean's Scholars for the 1995-96 academic year during a 4 p.m. reception Friday (March 15) in the University Center Matador Room.

These scholarships have been established by the college to reward academic excellence and to encourage highly capable young men and women to major in the agricultural sciences, said Sam Curl, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

The Dean's Scholars awards are based on academic excellence as well as leadership, character and citizenship. The Gold Award is a \$10,000 four-year scholarship, and the Silver Award is a \$5,000 four-year scholarship. To keep the scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.4 GPA for Gold Awards and a 3.2 GPA for Silver Awards. The scholarships are funded by various donations to the college.

The Gold Award winners, each receiving a \$2,500 scholarship this year, are Jeff Brown, a sophomore majoring in interdisciplinary agriculture from Helotes; Jim Bret Campbell, a senior majoring in agricultural communications from Hereford; Craig Carpenter, a freshman majoring in food technology from Earth; Kacey Fuston, a senior majoring in food technology from Turkey; Chad Key, a junior majoring in agronomy from Spur; Kevin Klein, a freshman majoring in animal science from Artesia, N.M.; Brenda Lauterbach, a senior majoring in agronomy from Canyon; Jenny Phillips, a senior majoring in animal science from Big Spring; Bruce Porter, a senior majoring in entomology from Dalhart; Rachelle Rice, a freshman majoring in landscape architecture from Abilene; and Tara Shaw, a freshman majoring in agricultural communications from Clovis, N.M.

The Silver Award winners, each receiving a \$1,250 scholarship for the year, include Donnie Baldridge, a senior majoring in agricultural economics from Spur; Reagan Bownds, a freshman majoring in agricultural business from Eldorado; Jarrod Busby, a sophomore majoring in agronomy from Springlake; Will Cradduck, a freshman majoring in preveterinary medicine from Aspermont; Coleburn Davis, a senior majoring in agricultural communications from Tolar; Travis Flint, a freshman majoring in range management from Plano; Wesley Glass, a senior majoring in agricultural economics from Big Spring; Amy Head, a junior majoring in agricultural communications from Lubbock; Kevin Hoelscher, a junior majoring in agricultural economics and general business from Midland; Jill Jackson, a freshman majoring in wildlife management from San Antonio; and Katie Jackson, a junior majoring in animal science from Portales, N.M.

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Additional Silver Award winners are Sammye Martin, a junior majoring in horticulture from Amarillo; Vicki McClaran, a senior majoring in agricultural economics from Ralls; Jeanette Pritchard, a junior majoring in landscape architecture from Abilene; Peter Smith, a freshman majoring in preveterinary medicine from Lubbock; Joseph Stahmer, a junior majoring in wildlife management from Lone Oak; Kimberly Stricklen, a senior majoring in animal science from Lubbock; Ryan Teichelman, a senior majoring in food technology from Panhandle, Malaika Tully, a sophomore majoring in preveterinary medicine from Glencoe; Robert Valentine, a freshman majoring in animal science from Lubbock; Bryan Vogt, a freshman majoring in range and wildlife management from Boerne; Brandon White, a freshman majoring in wildlife management from Sweetwater; Kendra Williams, a sophomore majoring in agricultural business from Guthrie; Eric Winston, a junior majoring in preveterinary medicine from Mercedes; and Erin Winter, a freshman majoring in preveterinary medicine from Hurst.

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LUBBOCK -- The Museum of Texas Tech University will host the 1996 Spring Break Fest Tuesday through Thursday (March 19-21) for interested youngsters from preschool through sixth-grade. The festival will provide participants with hands-on activities focusing on weather. Spring Break Fest will meet Tuesday through March 21 in the Learning Center in the Robert A. "Bob" Nash Interpretive Center at the Lubbock Lake Landmark State Historical Park.

The program is divided into two age groups, kindergarten through third-grade and fourth- through sixth-grade. The classes are offered at no charge to participants, but preregistration is required. Each section is limited to 15 participants.

Students in preschool to the third-grade category will meet from 9 to 11 a.m. for the "Lets Explore Weather" classes. Students in grades fourth through sixth will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. for the class "Changing Climates at Lubbock Lake."

The younger class will focus on activities and topics related to weather including discussions on the availability of foods during certain seasons and why seasons occur.

The older class will focus on the climate and its effect on people, animals and the landscape. During the Spring Break Fest, participants will use scientific methods to study causes of weather and conduct experiments.

For more information on Spring Break Fest or to register, contact Tracie Stock at the Learning Center at the Lubbock Lake Landmark at (806) 742-1116.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the event and need auxiliary aids or services should contact the center so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University will be the site of a video conference, "Making Collaboration Work for Children and Youth With Emotional and Behavioral Problem, Their Families, Schools and Communities," March 27 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the College of Education/Administration Building Room 353. The conference, which is presented at no charge for participants, is designed for educators, parents, students and community members interested in learning about behavior problems in the classroom.

"Making Collaboration Work" is a live, interactive video conference based in Washington, D.C., supporting the development of effective and sustainable community-based collaborations that address the needs of children and youth with emotional and behavioral problems and their families. A call-in telephone line will be available.

Sponsors of the videoconference are the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education, the Center for Mental Health Services, the Children's Bureau and the Head Start Bureau, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Objectives of the conference will allow participants to learn about effective programs and approaches, discover how to create and sustain effective collaborations and design strategies as well as engage in dialogue with family members, educators and government officials to provide solutions and improve services.

For additional information on the conference or to reserve a seat, contact Daniel Farrell, assistant professor of special education in the College of Education at Texas Tech, at (806) 742-2370.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the videoconference should contact Farrell at least two business days prior to the event so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



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LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Internal Medicine Chair Neil A. Kurtzman, M.D., has been named editor-in-chief of the American Journal of Kidney Diseases (AJKD), the official journal of the National Kidney Foundation.

Kurtzman, the Arnett Professor of Medicine at Texas Tech, will serve in the position for five calendar years beginning Jan. 1, 1997. He was selected from a field of 17 nationally renowned nephrologists to provide editorial leadership for the AJKD, the world's leading journal of clinical nephrology.

Editors-in-chief are selected based upon membership in the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), previous editorial experience and international reputation in nephrology. Kurtzman will succeed Saulo Klahr, M.D., professor of medicine at the University of Washington in St. Louis.

Kurtzman currently is serving NKF as its immediate past president. Previously, he served the organization as vice president, 1990-92, and president, 1992-94. For the past 15 years Kurtzman has been editor of Seminars in Nephrology.

In addition to peer-reviewed papers, the AJKD publishes NKF position papers, abstracts from NKF meetings and other foundation documents. Kurtzman said the editorial offices for the AJKD will be moved from St. Louis to Lubbock during his tenure as editor-in-chief. The transition will begin in the fall so the journal can produce its first monthly issue under Kurtzman in January.

Kurtzman said he will appoint four assistant editors for the journal as well as editors in Japan and Europe. He will also appoint a new slate of associate editors. He said his plans include expanding the monthly journal by 500 pages annually and putting it on the World Wide Web.

A Texas Tech faculty member since 1985, Kurtzman is the author or editor of three books, more than 270 scientific papers and some 340 abstracts. Since the 1970s, his research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health. He also has received research funding from the American Heart Association and the National Kidney Foundation.



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LUBBOCK -- Raymond Leidich, M.D., an associate professor of urology at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, has been named Prostate Health Educator of the Year.

The Prostate Health Council of the American Foundation for Urologic Disease presents the award annually to urologists who have made significant contributions to patient and public awareness about prostate health during the year. One award is given in each of the eight geographic sections of the American Urological Association.

Leidich joined the TTUHSC faculty in January after serving as an associate professor at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. He received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia and is the author of more than 20 professional papers about urology.

"We highly commend the award recipients for their efforts and contributions toward patient and public awareness of prostate diseases," said Thomas Bruckman, executive director of the American Foundation for Urologic Disease. "Together we can strive toward our mission of research, education and awareness about urologic diseases to the public and health care professionals."

The Prostate Health Council is one of five councils in the American Foundation for Urologic Disease. It is comprised of leading physicians, researchers, health care providers and patient advocacy groups committed to the prevention and cure of prostate-related diseases.