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LUBBOCK -- The School of Law at Texas Tech University is preparing a 16 segment video series aimed at strengthening the communication skills of law students and practicing attorneys. The project, which is scheduled to be complete by January will begin planning/scripting this summer.

The series has been funded with a \$5,000 grant from the Texas Young Lawyers Association headquartered in Austin. Technical services that are being donated from the Professional Development Committee of the State Bar of Texas.

The video project will educate law students and practicing attorneys about improved communication skills with clients and regarding ethical dilemmas.

According to Tim Floyd, professor of law at Texas Tech and faculty adviser on the project, "The expertise for the series will be multi-disciplinary because it will include faculty input from psychology, counseling, interpersonal and oral communication and mass communications."

The idea for the video series was conceived by third year law student Deborah Graves of Lubbock, who said she saw a need for increasing the limited availability of materials focusing on legal practice interactions such as client counseling and negotiation as well as communication between attorneys.

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Attached is a special op-ed about Mad Cow Disease by R.L. Preston, Horn professor of animal science and food technology at Texas Tech University.

Texas Tech is offering this to your publication and asking that you provide a tear sheet for our files. If you choose not to use the article, please notify me by May 29 so that Texas Tech may send the article to another publication within your market.

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SPECIAL OP-ED
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BANNING ANIMAL BYPRODUCTS: A MAD REACTION TO MAD COW DISEASE
By R.L. Preston, Ph.D.

Recent national discussions on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, or mad cow disease, especially on daytime talk shows, have diverted the agricultural community's attention away from the proposed ban on the use of ruminant animal byproducts in animal feeds.

The proposed ban is an over-reaction by the World Health Organization, the Food and Drug Administration and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association because Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, commonly referred to as BSE in the scientific community, has not infected the U.S. cattle herd. Such a ban could drastically affect cattle prices and is unjustified since BSE does not exist in the United States, as acknowledged by the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Since 1986, the USDA has randomly tested the brains from 2660 freshly slaughtered cows in 42 states that showed outward signs of neurological problems. The USDA has found no evidence of BSE.

Importing cattle to the United States from the United Kingdom ceased in 1989. From 1981-1989, 500 cattle were imported from Great Britain. Regular USDA tests show negative results for the 106 remaining imported cattle.

Without regard to a non-existing problem in the United States, still no scientific link between BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a similar disease in humans, has been established. CJD has been associated with persons over 40 years old, but recent cases have appeared in British youths.

Speculation, not scientific evidence, has implicated BSE infected beef as a cause of these British cases.

Similarly, scientists have yet to identify the cause of BSE. Preliminary evidence shows that the disease is neither viral nor bacterial, but rather, a unique protein material called a prion. Given that recycling ruminant byproducts is a cost-effective method of increasing protein levels in animal diets, logic points to ruminant byproducts as a possible source of the cattle disease that does not exist in the United States.

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As an alternative to an all-out ban and as a means of identifying a possible source of BSE, the byproduct industry should address processing procedures for ruminant byproducts used in animal feeds. The industry's processing improvements have reduced salmonella potential. Conversely, the BSE epidemic in Britain emerged when they changed their byproduct processing procedures from a steam-cooking to a dry-cooking process.

To assure that U.S. beef remains BSE free, first, the "denaturing" requirements to destroy the BSE prion must be determined and implemented in ruminant byproduct processing. Second, the United States should continue to monitor all cattle and animal byproducts imports from other countries to prevent the disease from entering the country.

By monitoring imports and regulating the processing of ruminant animal byproducts, the beef industry would secure itself from a BSE problem and reassure the consumer without dramatically affecting cattle prices, as could a total ban on ruminant animal byproducts.

R.L. Preston, Ph.D., is the Thorton chair and Horn professor in the department of animal science and food technology at Texas Tech University.

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LUBBOCK -- Geologist Stanley Williams will present "Why Study Active Volcanoes" at the department of geosciences colloquium at 2 p.m. Friday (April 19) in Room 234 of the Science Building. The lecture is free and open to the public.

For the past 18 years, Williams has studied more than 100 active volcanoes in 19 countries.

Williams is the sole survivor of expedition members in a sudden eruption of the volcano Galeras in Colombia. On Jan. 19, 1993, he lead a group of fellow volcanologists, interested in the prediction of volcanic eruption, into the crater of Galeras. Five of his colleagues were killed.

Williams earned his bachelor's degree from Beloit College and his master's and doctoral degrees from Dartmouth College.

For more information, contact Haraldur Karlsson in the department of geosciences at (806) 742-3130.

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LUBBOCK -- The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources will host the Texas FFA State Judging Contests on Saturday (April 20) at the Texas Tech University.

Texas Tech will host six contests: horse judging, crops, cotton, entomology, wool judging, and range and pasture identification.

Last year more than 1,000 students participated in the state contest, and approximately 1,500 are expected to compete this year, according to contest coordinator Paul Vaughn.

Vaughn, who is also the chairman of the department of agricultural education and communications, said the judging contests have shown steady growth in both size and demand during the past few years.

The College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources coordinates the event. College faculty and students supervise and direct the contests as well as tabulate the results.

The top placing teams and individuals in area contests, held April 13, qualified for the state meets, which are held at universities throughout Texas.

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[Editor's Note: Advance copies of Baker's *Nature* article will be available beginning Friday (April 19) by dialing *Nature's* fax-back line. Dial (800) 570-7747, enter the article number 380683, enter your fax number and your news organization's name. *Nature* will fax a copy of Baker's article. Reporting news of the article has been embargoed by *Nature* until 5 p.m. EDT April 24.]

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On April 26, 1986, Reactor 4 blew its 500-ton concrete top, releasing approximately 10 times as much radiation as the atomic bomb at Hiroshima. Baker's trips over the past few years represent the first major effort for a molecular genetics study of the animals in the area.

If you would like more information concerning Robert Baker or his research, please contact Josh Allen in the Office of News and Publications at Texas Tech at (806) 742-2136 or <JoshAllen@ttu.edu>.

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LUBBOCK -- In celebration of Astronomy Day, Texas Tech University's department of physics and the South Plains Astronomy Club will sponsor a public exhibition of telescopes and offer an afternoon of solar observing from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday (April 20) at the Science Spectrum, located on South Loop 289 and University Avenue.

Astronomy club members and Texas Tech faculty will be on hand to answer questions about astronomy, give pointers on telescope purchasing and use as well as provide information on star parties, classes and observing opportunities in the Lubbock area.

In addition, the Texas Tech On-Campus Observatory will be open to the public from 9 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday. At the observatory, views of the western sky include Venus, Mercury, the Pleiades star cluster, several bright stars, the Orion Nebula (M42) and the departing Comet Hyakutake.

The observatory is located on the south side of Fourth Street in a white dome, immediately west of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. A small driveway, just across the street from a single stand-alone building with a glass front enclosure, leads to the observatory.

For more information, call the Texas Tech Telescope Information Line at (806) 742-3774.

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LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech University Student Agricultural Council will recognize outstanding students and teachers in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources during the annual Ag Honors Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Friday (April 26) at the Merket Alumni Center.

The banquet will recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves and Texas Tech during the past year. Students who have achieved honors at the regional, state and national levels also will be recognized.

An overall outstanding student for the college as well as outstanding students from each discipline and department will be announced. Each department also will present a High Academic Achievement Award to a graduating senior with the highest grade point average. Also, the college's student with the overall Highest Academic Achievement will be recognized.

The Ag Council will recognize the college's Aggies of the Month. These are students who have been nominated by departmental clubs in the college and selected each month by the Ag Council.

The college's outstanding Agri-Techsans also will be announced. Agri-Techsans is a student organization dedicated to college recruitment and promotion. These ambassadors for the college travel throughout Texas and adjoining states promoting Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

For more information contact Lybby Rush in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Dean's Office at (806) 742-2808.

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LUBBOCK -- Representatives from 130 school districts nationwide will participate in the 1996 Teacher Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday (April 23) in the University Center Ballroom and Courtyard on the Texas Tech University campus. The day-long fair will allow interested primary or secondary teachers and graduating education students the opportunity to secure school district information and job applications.

Many of the representatives from school districts in California, Kansas, New Mexico and Texas will be available to conduct informal interviews and to answer questions regarding employment opportunities.

The job fair is sponsored by the university's Career Planning and Placement Center.

According to Connie Beversdorf, assistant director of the Career Planning and Placement Center, participants are encouraged to bring copies of current resumes, dress in business attire and meet with the participating representatives.

Several of the representatives will remain on campus Wednesday (April 24) to conduct formal job interviews in West Hall and the University Center Ballroom. Individuals interested in formal interviews can schedule appointments during the job fair.

For more information, contact Beversdorf at the Career Planning and Placement Center at (806) 742-2210.

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LUBBOCK -- Health care professionals specializing in mental health will have a chance to expand their horizons when Harlene Anderson, co-developer of Narrative Therapy, will present a workshop from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 26 at the McInturff Conference Center at University Medical Center. The registration fee for the workshop, "New Approaches to Therapy: Narrative Therapy," is \$74 for professionals and \$55 for students and includes lunch and professional credit. On-site registration is \$84.

Anderson, director of the Houston-Galveston Institute, has earned an international reputation for her work at the leading edge of systems-oriented approaches to consultation, training and psychotherapy. She was the long-time associate of the late Harry Goolishian who co-developed Narrative Therapy. She has authored and co-authored numerous professional papers. She serves as co-editor of *The Journal of Systematic Therapies* and is a member of several editorial review boards.

Narrative Therapy, an approach to individual, couple and family therapy has grown in popularity in recent years. It is based on the postmodern/constructivist notions of using language, dialogue and narrative to create change for a client in therapy. Workshop participants will be introduced to the premises and practices of Narrative Therapy.

The workshop is designed for mental health care professionals including psychologists, psychiatrists, marriage and family therapists, psychiatric nurses, social workers as well as licensed professional counselors. Participants can earn six hours of continuing education credit by the Texas Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, Texas State Board of Examiners of Licensed Professional Counselors and the Texas State Board of Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists. Social workers and psychologists also will be awarded Continuing Education Units from Texas Tech.

The workshop is sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education and the Family Therapy Clinic in the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University.

For more information or to register, individuals may call the Division of Continuing Education's Personal and Professional Development area at (806) 742-2352. Telephone registration may be charged to VISA, Mastercard, Discover or American Express. Individuals also may register at the Continuing Education office at the corner of 15th Street and Akron Avenue on the Texas Tech campus.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend the workshop and need auxiliary aids or services should contact the Division of Continuing Education at least two business days prior to the event so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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(Editor's Note: Baker will brief the press on his Chernobyl research in Biology Lab 614 at 11 a.m. Thursday (April 25). Please meet in the Biology Building Lobby at 10:55 a.m. for direction to the lab.)

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LUBBOCK -- The fifth annual Race for Kids walk/run event will be held Saturday (April 27) at the Texas Tech University Engineering Key. The race is a project of the Child Development Research Center in the College of Human Sciences.

Proceeds from the race will be used to help complete the Child Development Research Center playground area near the College of Human Sciences.

A five kilometer race, sanctioned by the West Texas Running Club, will loop around the university, starting and finishing at the Engineering Key. Also there will be an Elementary School One Mile Challenge and an intergenerational Team Relay Run/Walk. Other special events throughout the morning will include face painting and a post-race pancake breakfast. The cost of the pancake breakfast is \$3 per person. Special visitors will feature Raider Red and a clown from a McDonald's restaurant.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the El Centro Lounge of the College of Human Sciences. Free T-shirts will be given to participants, and children will receive participation ribbons.

The 5K Road Race will begin at 8:15 a.m. This race is a 3.1 mile run and is open to all ages. The entry fee is \$10. Awards will be given to the top male and female finishers in various age divisions and to overall winners. Prizes will include a certificate for a free pair of running shoes for male and female overall winners as well as master winners. Custom medals will be presented to the top three male and female overall winners.

The Elementary School One Mile Challenge begins at 9 a.m. and is open to children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The entry fee for the race is \$5. Awards will be given to the top three boys and girls in each grade level.

The Team Relay Run\Walk is a non-competitive event open to all age levels and begins at 9:45 a.m. The teams must be comprised of five people and must include one child age 12 or younger. Team members will pay a entry fee of \$25. Teams will divide 10 laps around the engineering key among its participants. All ages and abilities including infants in strollers and persons in wheelchairs may participate in this event.

Sponsors for the event include Southwest Airlines, Premier Travel, Cleveland Athletics, Arrowhead Mills, Norwest Bank, St. Mary of the Plains Hospital and Malouf's.

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Special awards will be given to the group, organization or business with the most participants and the individual or groups with the largest donation. Drawings will be held for merchandise donated by local merchants for all participants in the 5K, one mile race and the team relay.

Participants in race events will be eligible for merchandise draw prizes including a grand prize drawing for a "Get Away Weekend" for four to San Antonio. The grand prize, which is donated by Southwest Airlines and Premier Travel, includes passes to Sea World, airfare and hotel accommodations. The grand-prize winner must be a participant in a race and must be present at the time of the drawing.

For more information or for entry forms call 742-3016.

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LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University's Office of New Student Relations will host its annual "Get Acquainted Day: A Celebration of Diversity" for students from all cultures from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 27 (Saturday) in Human Sciences Building Room 169. High School students who attend will receive free baseball tickets to Texas Tech's double-header match against Houston. Tickets are limited.

The event will provide an opportunity for prospective students from all cultures from Lubbock and the surrounding areas to familiarize themselves with Texas Tech's academic programs and services.

The event will begin with an official welcome by John Burns, interim executive vice president and provost, and featured speaker Cornelius Griffin, director of the minority engineering program in the College of Engineering. Other activities also will include several student speakers, a campus tour, lunch in a residence hall and academic advisement sessions for students.

For more information, contact Rhonda R. Davis, in the Office of New Student Relations, at (806) 742-1480.

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LUBBOCK -- The award-winning apparel of 10 senior fashion design majors in the College of Human Science will be displayed during Fashion Design Seniors Night at 7 p.m. Friday (April 26) in Human Sciences Building Room 169 on the Texas Tech University campus. A reception and portfolio display is set for 6 p.m. in the El Centro Lounge area.

The event is free and open to the public.

The garments that will be presented during the program recently were recognized during the Career Day National Student Design competition sponsored by the Dallas Fashion Group and the Texas Natural Fibers Fashion Design competition sponsored by the Texas Food and Fibers Commission. Both competitions were held earlier this month.

Fashion design student winners whose works will be displayed include Theresa Alexander of Lockhart, Jennifer Aldinger of Dallas, Alicia Campbell of Dowling, Mich., Meredith Couch of The Woodlands, Kristie Jenkins of Tucson, Ariz., Jennifer Marshall of Plainview, Isis Morales of Corpus Christi, Lesa Silhan of Morton, Karonda Slay of Slaton and Keely Quinn of Guntersville, Ala.

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LUBBOCK -- Twenty-one Texas Tech University students have been selected to participate as the initial class in the newly created McNair Scholars Program designed to provide underrepresented college students with effective preparation for doctoral study.

The campus program, named after the African-American astronaut who was among the crew members killed in the 1986 Challenger accident, is funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant through 1999. The grant provides support to low-income, first generation college students or members of underrepresented groups to enable them to earn doctoral degrees. Participating students receive peer and faculty mentoring, active research participation, learning assessments and financial assistance.

"I was extremely pleased with the number and quality of applicants we had for the program. The scholars our advisory committee selected definitely will be assets as leaders in higher education," said Don Garnett, director of the Texas Tech program.

The scholars are Gordon Allen, a junior exercise and sports sciences major from Artesia, N.M.; Kristle Ann Burton, a junior biology major from Lubbock; Veronica Cano, a senior social work/communication studies major from El Paso; Sandra Castro, a junior marketing major from Lubbock; Jami Carothers, a junior history major from Ellicott City, Md.; Joseph Correa, a junior engineering physics/electrical engineering major from Big Spring; James Doughty, a junior broadcast journalism major from Lubbock; Darrell Fountain, a junior family studies major from Lubbock; Christina Gonzales, a junior management information systems major from Big Spring; Marsha Jackson, a senior interior design major from Tulsa, Okla.; and Elinore LaFebre, a senior psychology major from Redondo Beach, Calif.

The rest of the scholars are Christine Martinez, a junior public relations major from Lubbock; Leonel Moreno, a junior management information systems major from Dallas; Phillip Palomo, a junior mathematics major from San Antonio; Lauri ann(cq) Peek, a junior biochemistry major from New Boston; Sofia Rodriguez, a junior multidisciplinary studies major from Wichita Falls; David Saenz Jr., a senior management information systems graduate from Crosbyton; Eufemia Salazar, a senior Spanish major from Lubbock; and Eberardo Suarez, a junior studio art major from Snyder; and Albert Buitron, a senior horticulture major from Eldorado.

The Texas Tech McNair Advisory Committee includes Garnett; Alison Esler, McNair, program coordinator; Bill Carter, associate director of testing and evaluation; Mae Fitchett, director of Student Support Services/Upward Bound; Cornelius Griffin, director of the Minority Engineering Program; Marlene Hernandez, associate director of New Student Relations; Troy Johnson, director of graduate admissions; and Mark McGinley, assistant professor of biological sciences.

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LUBBOCK -- The Rockefeller Foundation has given Texas Tech University Professor of Plant and Soil Science Henry Nguyen a \$200,000 grant for research on the use of molecular tools for genetic analysis of root penetration in rice.

The foundation provided two previous grants of \$150,000 each to Nguyen for his research since 1991. The Rockefeller Foundation's total support of Nguyen's research stands at \$500,000, including the most recent gift.

The initial grant payment provided Nguyen \$87,940 for the first year's research. The Rockefeller Foundation has committed to annual payments until Jan. 31, 1998, for a total donation of \$200,000.

Nguyen, the first crop scientist in the nation to become a National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigator, has been studying the effects of soil compaction on rice growth and plant development. In particular, he has been striving to improve rice production in drought-prone areas.

The research will concentrate on rice grown in shallow topsoil, where frequent plowing and cultivation has left the topsoil thin and compacted. In these fields the plant roots cannot penetrate the subsoil to reach moisture and nutrients located below in the deeper soil horizons. Nguyen is isolating genetic markers in the rice genome to find genes capable of providing good root penetration.

The Rockefeller Foundation is a philanthropic organization endowed by John D. Rockefeller and chartered in 1913 "to promote the well-being of mankind throughout the world." Its work lies in three principal areas: international science-based development, including agriculture; the arts and humanities; and equal opportunity.

A major emphasis of the Rockefeller Foundation's Agricultural Sciences program is to develop and disseminate crop biotechnology to farmers in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In Asia, the Foundation's seeks to increase rice production by 20 percent over the next decade on acreage that has shown a disappointing low yield since 1975.

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LUBBOCK -- America's involvement in the Vietnam War ended 21 years ago. An academic conference designed to stimulate a retrospective discussion of the past two decades following the Vietnam War, "After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam," is scheduled April 17-20 at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza Hotel, 3201 S. Loop 289.

According to James Reckner, director of the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict and associate professor of history at Texas Tech, "We're approaching this from an entirely new perspective -- the world has changed. We should re-evaluate the entire Vietnam experience. The aim is for conference participants to reassess all the basic assumptions about Vietnam based on the fact that the Cold War is now over."

U.S. and international scholars, academicians and former military and government leaders from the United States and the former Republic of South Vietnam will attend the symposium. The general public is invited to register. The conference fee is \$60, or \$30 for students showing current identification.

The public also may attend the April 18 banquet, hosted by Texas Tech University's Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict. Banquet reservations cost an additional \$30, and may be made by calling Reckner at (806) 742-3742 or (806) 792-3441. The registration deadline for the banquet is April 15. A complete agenda and registration forms are available on the Vietnam Center's World Wide Web homepage at <http://www.ttu.edu/~vietnam>. For room reservations at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza, call (800) 465-4329 or (806) 742-3241.

Highlighting the speakers are Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., who commanded U.S. naval forces in Vietnam and served as chief of naval operations from 1970-1974; William E. Colby, former CIA director; Bui Diem, former South Vietnamese ambassador to the United States; U.S. Rep. Pete Peterson (D-Fla.), a Vietnam veteran and U.S. ambassador designate to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam; Professor Ilya Gaiduk, fellow of the Russian Academy of Sciences; and Major General Vang Pao, formerly with the Royal Laotian Army and leader of the Hmong People.

The welcoming address "Reliving Vietnam" at 8 p.m. (April 17) will be presented by Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman, United States Army retired. The official, opening address will be presented at 8:30 a.m. (April 18) by Adm. Zumwalt, chairman of the Vietnam Center's National Council.

The symposium will include a presentation at 8:30 a.m. Friday (April 19) of a report by Rep. Peterson of the Vietnam Working Group of the United States-Russian Joint Commission on M.I.A./P.O.W. affairs. Peterson, a P.O.W. for about seven years in the "Hanoi Hilton," is the commission's American co-chair. He was nominated in March to become the United States' first ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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Rep. Peterson's comments will focus on findings that indicate no credible evidence to date suggesting that the Soviets transferred American P.O.W.s to the former Soviet Union and no resolution regarding whether there was direct Soviet contact with American P.O.W.s in North Vietnam. However, Peterson's report does discuss information concerning alleged wartime reports by Vietnamese officials on numbers, names and policies regarding American P.O.W.s in North Vietnam. Additionally, the report references information the working group has learned from Russian witnesses on specific incidents of loss in Vietnam. Additionally, Professor Gaiduk, of the Russian Academy of Sciences, will present a paper at 9 a.m. Thursday (April 18) on Soviet aid to North Vietnam.

A highlight of the symposium will be a luncheon address at 12:30 p.m. Thursday (April 18) by Maj. Gen. Vang Pao, formerly with the Royal Laotian Army and currently leader of the Hmong People. The focus will then proceed to a celebrity roundtable discussion at 2 p.m. Thursday with participants such as Colby; Bui Diem, former South Vietnamese ambassador to the United States; and George Herring, a preeminent American scholar on the Vietnam Conflict and a professor of history at the University of Kentucky. Adm. Zumwalt will serve as the moderator. Colby will provide the symposiums keynote address at 9 p.m. banquet Thursday (April 18).

Approximately 80 scholarly papers will be presented in sessions during the three-day symposium by participants representing the United States, Canada, Russia, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore and Vietnam. In addition to papers dealing with the Vietnam Conflict, panel discussions on Laos and a reassessment by individual branches of the U.S. Armed Forces will be presented.

The goals of the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict, and its complement, The Vietnam Archive, are to encourage research into the costly and divisive war, which between 1965 and 1973 claimed 58,000 American lives, cost an estimated \$120 billion and ignited domestic turmoil and governmental distrust.

Both the center and archive focus on developing a significant research collection. The archive houses material related to U.S. involvement in Vietnam and is one of the largest collections in the nation. All microfilm collections acquired by the archive are available through interlibrary loan to libraries throughout the United States. The work of the center and the archive are dependent on donations. Since their beginning in 1989, many Vietnam veterans have donated time, money and materials to build the archive's holdings.

For more information about the Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict, the Vietnam Archive or to register for the conference, call Reckner at (806) 742-3742 or (806) 792-3441.



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LUBBOCK -- Student volunteers at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center raised more than \$45,000 in scholarship funds during this year's HSC Phonathon.

Along with matching funds donated by the President's Office, this year's fund-raiser increases the HSC Endowed Scholarship Fund by \$100,000 to \$470,000. During the 1996-97 school year, 37 Health Sciences Center students will receive scholarships from the fund.

Sixteen medical students will be awarded \$1,500 scholarships, and 10 scholarships for \$250 will be given to students in the School of Allied Health. In nursing, 10 students will be eligible for \$250 scholarships, and a \$250 scholarship also will be available in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

"All of our alumni were extremely generous during this year's phonathon," said Mitzi Sturgeon, TTUHSC's director of development, Lubbock region.

The Health Sciences Center started sponsoring the annual event in 1989 when students began and participated in the first phonathon as a way to generate scholarship money. This year Ester Barranda, a senior nursing student, served as the chairwoman for the phonathon.



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LUBBOCK -- Helen C. Cox, R.N., C., Ed.D., executive associate dean for the Texas Tech School of Nursing, has been elected to the board of directors for the North American Nursing Diagnosis Association.

Cox was elected at the association's 12th conference, April 11-14, in Pittsburgh. The association was organized to articulate and classify nursing language in terms of nursing diagnosis.

Cox began work at the school in 1981 as one of the original nursing faculty members, and she has overseen the school's continuing nursing education program throughout her tenure. She has been associate dean for continuing nursing education from 1988 to 1994 and was interim executive associate dean from 1992 to 1994.

Cox is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and in 1988 was named Nurse of the Year by the Texas Nurses Association. She is the author or co-author of more than 80 publications, papers and reviews.

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CANCELING CANCER -- Up to one in six Americans ultimately must deal with some form of skin cancer during their lifetimes, says Ronald P. Rapini, M.D., chair of the TTUHSC Dermatology Department. Those cancers can range from the common and relatively mild basal cell and squamous cell to the particularly dangerous melanoma.

Despite the high risk of getting a skin cancer, most can be cured quickly and inexpensively -- if they are caught early in their development. To bring attention to the early detection and treatment of skin cancers, TTUHSC dermatology faculty are participating in local skin cancer screenings Saturday (May 4) as part of a nationwide campaign organized by the American Academy of Dermatology.

Persons with fair skin, significant sun exposure and a family history of skin cancer are at highest risk of developing skin cancer and should undergo a periodic exam, Rapini said. For more on the screenings or on skin cancers, contact Rapini at 743-2456.

PICNIC POISONING -- Summer picnics can turn into bumper picnics if food spoils.

Picnickers should remember that food poisoning can be an unwanted addition to an otherwise relaxing afternoon because some picnic foods are hard to store at optimum temperatures. To avoid the problem, Kae Hentges, Ed.S., TTUHSC education specialist, says outdoor eaters should remember a few important tips:

- * Keep the hot foods hot and the cold foods cold.
- * Cook foods at the picnic site to help kill bacteria that causes food poisoning.
- * Prepare cold foods such as tuna salads at the site. Mixing and improperly storing some ingredients can break down preservatives, causing the potential for poisoning problems.

For more on proper picnic food preparation, contact Hentges at 743-3099.

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