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LUBBOCK -- Two student teams representing Texas Tech University's School of Law were recognized at the spring 1996 Honors and Awards Banquet for capturing second and third place awards at the American Bar Association's National Competition in Baltimore, Md.

The Texas Tech teams finished closely behind Arizona State University, which captured the first prize. Preliminary negotiation rounds were conducted in February, and only the top four teams, including Texas Tech's two student teams, advanced to the national finals.

The competition included 24 teams representing law schools from around the country who had qualified to advance from regional competitions in November.

May 1996 law graduates John Bowdich of Dallas, and Sandra Melissa Strelzin of El Paso, earned second place in the competition. Third year law students Trace Blair of Robstown, and Michael Stacy of Plano, placed third in the final standings.

"This was the first time that a school has placed two teams at the top in the national finals. Our students were disappointed not to win the overall title, but I am very proud of their accomplishments," said Brian Shannon, Texas Tech professor of law and the coach of the student teams.

W. Frank Newton, dean of the Texas Tech School of Law, echoed Shannon's comments by stating that the student advocacy program at Texas Tech has a strong record of demonstrated excellence at the national level.

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LUBBOCK -- "Developing Visions: A Photographic Sampling of the Southwest" is the theme of a new art exhibit in the Forum On the Visual Arts Gallery on the Texas Tech University Campus. The exhibit, which opens Aug. 12 and runs through Sept. 3, will feature the works of David Gibson of Dallas, Dennis Darling of Austin, Nicholas Trofimuk of Galisteo, N.M. and Mark Nohl of Santa Fe, N.M.

An opening reception is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 12 in the Main Gallery of the Art Building. The reception is free and open to the public.

"Developing Visions" is presented in conjunction with the Fifth International Conference on Development: Desert Development: The Endless Frontier which is slated for Aug. 12-17 on the Texas Tech campus.

The gallery is located near the entrance of the Texas Tech Art Building, 18th Street and Flint Avenue. The exhibit is presented at no charge during normal gallery hours, 9 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Persons with disabilities who plan to visit the gallery and need auxiliary aids or services should contact Kathy Whiteside, gallery director, at (806) 742-1947 so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

LUBBOCK -- Hale County State Bank in Plainview has contracted with Texas Tech University to establish the E.W. Williams, Jr. Chair in Finance in the College of Business Administration.

The endowment, when completed, will be \$1 million. It is named in honor of West Texas native Williams of Plainview who currently is chairman of the executive committee of Hale County State Bank.

A dinner, hosted at Texas Tech's Market Alumni Center by the College of Business Administration, was held July 10 to honor Williams and celebrate the establishment of the endowment. Among the speakers were Pete Laney, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and John C. Anderson, president and CEO of Hale County State Bank.

Williams has been involved in Texas banking since graduating from Southern Methodist University in 1949 with a degree in banking and finance. That career included positions with First National Bank in Grapevine, the U.S. Treasury Department, First National Bank of Lubbock, Citizens National Bank of Lubbock, Amarillo National Bank and First National Bank in Post.

He also has been involved in community service projects including employees division fund drive chairman of the what is now Lubbock United Way, director and fund drive chairman for the local chapter of the American Red Cross and finance chairman and director of the South Plains Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Williams also has been involved in higher education associations at West Texas State University and Southern Methodist University as well as Texas Tech where he was on the executive committee for the Texas Tech University Foundation and a member of the President's Council.

Currently, Williams is chairman of HaleCo BancShares Inc; Citizens Bank and LubCo BankShares Inc. in Slaton; Bank of Commerce and BrayCo BancShares Inc. in McLean; Union BancShares Inc. in Clayton N.M.; and Coyote Lake Feedyard Inc. in Muleshoe. He also serves as chairman of the executive committee of First National Bank in Clayton, N.M., and as director of Furr's Bishop's Inc. in Lubbock.

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LUBBOCK -- Media representatives are invited to attend the TexPREP-Lubbock mousetrap car races at 10 a.m. Thursday (July 18) in the quadrangle parking lot in front of the mathematics building on the Texas Tech University campus.

Approximately 40 handcrafted mousetrap-driven vehicles will be entered in the competition. Awards will be presented to the winners of the distance and speed categories.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students currently enrolled in the TexPREP-Lubbock program are entered in the competition. The purpose of this event is to show the applications behind the theories of physics that the students have studied since the summer program began in June.

For more information on the races, contact Dana Byerly, administrative assistant for TexPREP-Lubbock, at (806) 742-2585.

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**LUBBOCK --** The wide expanses of the South Plains seem heavily populated when compared to the desert region around Big Bend.

But isolation will not stop nurses from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center from delivering health care to the region. Thanks to a \$24,150 grant from the Health Education Training Center Alliance of Texas, nurses from TTUHSC's Odessa campus are training health care volunteers in the Terlingua area.

"Access to preventive services for West Texans is limited because of the distance to health care facilities and other factors," said Gayleen Ienatsch, R.N., CNS, M.S.N., regional dean for the School of Nursing. "By training volunteers, we hope to help the community help itself."

Volunteers in the Big Bend area will participate in a 12- to 16-day course over a six- to eight-week period directed by Roberta Caffrey, R.N., M.S.N. The course will teach volunteers how to become health advocates in their communities and give them information about primary health care, basic health assessments and other topics.

The project's goals are based on guidelines from the Texas Year 2000 Health Objectives which include increasing the healthy life span of Texans, reducing health disparities among Texans and providing better access to preventive care. For more information, contact Ienatsch or Caffrey, at (915) 335-5150.



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**LUBBOCK --** A researcher in the Department of Cell Biology and Biochemistry is the first professor at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center to receive a MERIT Award from the National Institutes of Health.

Douglas Stocco, Ph.D., was awarded a grant that guarantees funding for five years with the possibility of extensions up to 10 years for his research on steroid hormone biosynthesis. The grant could total about \$2 million.

The Method to Extend Research in Time (MERIT) Award is designed to relieve the applicant from writing frequent grant renewal applications and is given to investigators who have demonstrated superior competence and productivity during their research endeavors.

"This award, provided only to the most outstanding scientists supported by the Institute, is a highly prestigious one," said Duane Alexander, M.D., the director of the Public Health Service in the Department of Health and Human Services.

Stocco's identification of the Steroidogenic Acute Regulatory protein, or StAR, in 1994 helped other researchers find the mutation that causes congenital adrenal hyperplasia, a rare disease in newborns. Stocco has served on the Tech faculty since 1974, and he was awarded the Presidents Academic Achievement Award in 1993. Stocco has been awarded more than \$3.5 million in grants while at the Health Sciences Center.