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OWENS NAMED FIRST DEAN OF NEW COLLEGE OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University has named Garry Owens, Ph.D., the first dean of the new Texas Tech College of Visual and Performing Arts, Provost John Burns, Ph.D., announced today.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board approved the creation of the College of Visual and Performing Arts this month. The college will officially begin operation on Sept. 1. The School of Music, the School of Art and the Department of Theater – all currently located in the College of Arts and Sciences – will make up the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Burns said Owens was selected to be the dean of the new college because of his extensive background in administration and in the field of visual and performing arts.

"It's rare that a campus is able to have an individual of the special talents of Garry Owens. We were very fortunate to be able to select an individual with Garry's abilities to be the first dean," Burns said. "His leadership will provide this college all the tools it needs to hit the ground running. I look forward to working with him and helping him build the College of Visual and Performing Arts into one of the finest in the country."

The last college to be created on the Texas Tech campus was the Honors College, which began operations as a self-standing college in September 1998.

Owens currently serves as the director of the school of music. Prior to that, he served as Dean of the School of Performing Arts and Professor of Music at Northern Arizona University. Owens earned his bachelor of music education, master of music education and Ph.D. in music education degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity. It is great to have all of these schools working together. I am looking forward to the launching this college and I thank Dr. Burns and Texas Tech for this wonderful opportunity," Owens said.

Texas Tech, the largest research university system in West Texas, provides education and support to approximately 25,000 students. Texas Tech is the only

University system in the state with a comprehensive academic campus, law school and medical center on the same campus. The university's research programs, in areas such as wind engineering, agriculture and environmental and human health, impact the lives of all Texans.

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NATURAL HISTORY AND HUMANITIES DEGREE BLENDS SCIENCE, NATURE AND THE ARTS

LUBBOCK – Do you have a fondness of nature or photography? Are you interested in astronomy or field biology? And do you have an ability to communicate through creative writing, journalism or photography? Perhaps Texas Tech University's new natural history and humanities degree is the perfect way for you to design a degree program in natural sciences, philosophy and humanities.

Administered by the university's Honors College, the Natural History and Humanities degree program is a broad-based liberal arts degree that emphasizes the application of science knowledge to a creative endeavor. "This is a combination of two worlds," Susan Tomlinson, Ph.D., assistant professor of the Honors College, said. "These students will be the communicators of science and nature." Courses will be offered beginning in the Fall 2002 semester.

In addition, Tomlinson said these students will be able to pursue a number of careers in science journalism, nature writing and photography, museum science, as well as earning post-graduate degrees.

This interdisciplinary degree will allow students to create a degree program unique to their interests. The first two years of coursework will provide students with a broad understanding of the sciences including chemistry, physics, biology and geosciences. In addition, a sampling of several different creative paths including creative non-fiction writing, poetry, science journalism and photography will be introduced.

Tomlinson said the foundation of the freshman and sophomore years is four semesters of Honors Integrated Science and three semesters of special Natural History and Humanities seminars designed to verse the students in the philosophy, history and theories and practices of natural history and the humanities.

At the start of the junior year, however, the students will begin to customize a course of study with Tomlinson that reflects a specific career direction. In addition to selecting a field of study during the junior and senior years, students will spend two intersessions with a faculty mentor designing a senior portfolio that will include samples of their work. Students also will be encouraged to seek out summer internships in the field of their choice beginning in the summer of their junior year.

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ELECTION FILING DEADLINE HAS PASSED: EXPERT TALKS ABOUT LACK OF REAL RACES IN TEXAS

Lack of competition in political races makes for less aware and less informed citizens, says Cherie Maestas, Ph.D., an assistant professor of political science at Texas Tech University.

Maestas, who has studied congressional races in particular, believes that when a political race is uncontested or an incumbent candidate is not challenged, voters are less aware of important political issues and debates, in turn creating a weaker political system.

From the information she has gathered, Maestas says that 10 of the 32 districts in Texas with current Congressional races have only one party represented in the race. Of those 10, seven incumbents are running unchallenged.

Maestas is available for interviews and comments on Texas' current political state and why candidates are running for offices unchallenged. She can be reached at (806) 780-6477 or at cherie.maestas@ttu.edu.



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TEXAS TECH CLASSES BEGIN IN AMARILLO

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech University College of Engineering Graduate Studies Program in Amarillo will begin offering classes Wednesday (Jan. 9).

William Marcy, Ph.D., dean of the Texas Tech College of Engineering, said this is an exciting opportunity intended to grow in the future.

"We will be supporting this effort with faculty and staff from Lubbock during the spring of 2002," Marcy said. "After this transition period, beginning in the fall of 2002 we will have resident engineering faculty in Amarillo to help teach and administer this program."

The following graduate degrees will offered: Master of Science in Systems and Engineering Management; Master of Science in Manufacturing Systems and Engineering; Master of Science in Environmental Technology Management; Master of Science in Software Engineering; and an interdisciplinary Master of Engineering degree. Course and program descriptions can be found in the Texas Tech Graduate Catalog at http://www.ttu.edu/~offpub/GradContents.html.

Students may still register for classes. The on-line application for the Texas Tech Graduate School is available at http://www.ttu.edu/~gradsch/. Course registration may be completed at http://aln.coe.ttu.edu/Amarillo.

This semester Texas Tech professors will travel to Amarillo to teach the courses in the old Texas Tech Medical School Building located at 1400 Wallace Blvd. Classes are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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EXPERTS AVAILABLE FOR COMMENT ON ANDREA YATES CASE

Dan Benson, J.D., and Brian Shannon, J.D., co-authors of the book, "Texas Criminal Procedure and the Offender with Mental Illness, An Analysis and Guide Second Edition," and professors at the Texas Tech University School of Law, are available for comment in the Houston case of Andrea Yates, who is accused of drowning her five children. The jury selection process begins today in Harris County.

Benson says basically what Yates' attorneys will have to prove, to win with an insanity defense, is that at the time the crimes were committed, she did not know that the acts were illegal. Before the John Hinckley case in 1982, Benson says, an insanity defense only had to prove that because of a mental illness, a defendant could not control their actions.

Shannon says the insanity defense is rarely successful in Texas because the legal definition of insanity is extremely narrow. He recently was appointed to Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff's newly created task force on competency for criminal defendants.

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Tim Floyd, J.D., another professor at Texas Tech's law school, is available for comment on death penalty issues. He currently represents the defendant in the first case in the nation tried and appealed under the Federal Death Penalty Act of 1994. The case was heard before the United States Supreme Court in 1999. He also has written nine articles on criminal law topics for the American Bar Association's *Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases*.

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Allahyar Jazayeri, M.D., Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, can comment about how follow-up by a woman's gynecologist following childbirth can help detect signs of postpartum depression and how it can be treated.

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NEW CLASS WILL EXPLORE MIDDLE EAST

LUBBOCK – The Honors College at Texas Tech University will offer a new course during the 2002 spring semester. "Islam, the Middle East and the West" will address the current international crisis following the events of Sept. 11.

"This course is based on the premise that the university's basic mission is to promote study and understanding, reflection and reasoned judgments about world affairs," said Phil Dennis, Ph.D., professor of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work and course coordinator.

Dennis said the class, HONS 3301-H12, will deal with the fundamentals of Islam as well as the history, politics and cultural complexity of the Middle East and the Muslim world. The class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

In addition to Dennis, professors participating in the class include: Gary Bell, Ph.D., dean of the Honors College and professor of history; Hafid Gafaiti, Ph.D., professor of classical and modern languages and literatures; Safei-Eldin Hamed, Ph.D., assistant professor of landscape architecture; Lahib Jaddo, lecturer, College of Architecture; Masha Rahnama, Ph.D., associate professor of economics; Karma Sherif, Ph.D., assistant professor of business administration; and Edward Steinhart, Ph.D., assistant professor of history.

University of Texas Professor Elizabeth Fernea, an internationally known expert on women in the Middle East, will be a guest lecturer.

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TAX EXPERT SUGGESTS NEW YEAR TAX TIPS

LUBBOCK – April 15 is just around the corner and a new year brings new budgeting. According to Robert Ricketts, Ph.D., professor of taxation at Texas Tech University's Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration, taxpayers can do several things to lift the burden of tax season and plan for the new year.

"Electronic tax filing has become a popular and quick way to do your taxes," said Ricketts. The online method is best if you know you are getting a refund. Having the Internal Revenue Service electronically deposit your refund in your account also will speed things along, suggests Ricketts.

"Some people may find that they owe additional taxes," Ricketts said. Filing your taxes sooner in this case will minimize any late payment penalties that may be triggered. If you know that you are going to owe money, you can arrange a payment plan right now instead of waiting until April 15.

Ricketts suggests a variety of payment options that the IRS provides. Paying with a credit card is also an option for those who do not want to pay the full amount up front. "The IRS accepts MasterCard, American Express, and Diner's Club, but not Visa," said Ricketts. Credit card interest rate can be dangerous as well, suggests Ricketts.

Savings accounts are the best source to pay any tax dues this year, but it is generally a bad idea to pay with retirement accounts, suggests Ricketts. "Early withdrawals from your retirement account are taxable and triggers a 10 percent penalty tax," Ricketts said. Some retirement accounts do allow you to borrow against your retirement savings rather than actually withdrawing money. These accounts are not a bad source because you are required to pay interest but you are paying it yourself, said Ricketts.

Ricketts suggests a method that the IRS has been doing for the past couple of years for those who have a very high payment due. "If you owe money on your returns and have no way to pay it, you can file form 9465, Installment Agreement Request, which allows you to pay your balance due in several payments," said Ricketts. The interest rates on these generally beat those charged by the credit card companies.

It is also important when filing your return this year to think about how to reduce your taxes over time for next year, Ricketts said. "Taking advantage of tax breaks for expenses is definitely something to consider in the new year," suggests Ricketts. Things such as medical expense withholding at your workplace, educational IRAs and 401Ks are some things to look into this coming year, Ricketts said.

"You don't want to be surprised on April 15," said Ricketts. "The most important thing is to start early and plan ahead for future tax seasons."

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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY CO-SPONSORS TWO WORKSHOPS IN HOBBS, N.M., ON BUILDING A STRONG ORGANIZATION

WHAT:

Texas Tech University Extended Studies and the New Mexico Small Business Development Center at New Mexico Junior College are cosponsoring two half-day workshops in Hobbs, N.M., on "Building A Stronger Organization." These two workshops will address how to effectively implement policies and practices for addressing sexual harassment and diversity issues that ultimately will build a stronger

organization.

WHEN:

"Sexual Harassment: Awareness, Perception & Prevention"

8 a.m. - noon. Thursday, Jan. 24.

"Building a Diverse Workforce"

8 a.m. - noon. Thursday, Feb. 21.

WHERE:

Bob Moran Hall, Multimedia Room

New Mexico Junior College

Hobbs, N.M.

EVENT:

In the first workshop, "Sexual Harassment: Awareness, Perception and Prevention," participants will address sexual harassment issues in a practical and non-threatening way by exploring what legally constitutes sexual harassment, how to handle complaints and how to address and prevent sexual harassment in the workplace.

The second workshop, "Building a Diverse Workforce," addresses how diversity in the workplace can enhance the overall performance of an organization. Participants will develop practical skills and hands-on techniques for managing diversity. In addition, they also will recognize the importance of successfully managing diversity and the positive impact this will have on the organization's customer service.

Human resource professionals, business owners, managers, supervisors, staff, teachers, administrators, faculty and students and others interested in

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SCHOOL OF NURSING OFFERS COURSE ON GERIATRIC ISSUES

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Continuing Nursing Education program will present The Geriatric Client: Heartaches, Pain and Confusion Jan. 25 at the Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

The daylong activity will be an update on the latest science and disease management. It will incorporate national clinical guidelines to assist the nurses with clinical practice, patient education and expose them to the current research models.

Registration for the course will take place from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and the course is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The registration fee for the course is \$89 if paid before Jan. 11 and \$104 if paid after the deadline.

The speaker for the course is Kathleen Pace Murphy, Ph.D., R.N., C.S., G.N.P., who is a regional scientific associate director for Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Pace Murphy is a geriatric nurse practitioner and has received several awards including: The Nurse Excellence Award from the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Outstanding Nurse of the Year from the Texas Nurses Association.

Participants will receive 7.5 contact hours upon completion of the course.

For more information, contact Carolyn Brackett, educational coordinator for continuing nursing education, at (806) 743-2734 or sonclb@ttuhsc.edu.



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TTUHSC SCHOOL OF NURSING SECURES FUNDS FROM NURSING INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's School of Nursing faculty members received two grants totaling \$264,727 from the Nursing Innovation Grant Program.

School of Nursing Dean Alexia Green, R.N., Ph.D., and Elizabeth Amos, R.N., Ph.D., received a \$218,874 grant for their research on the unique partnership in developing a diverse R.N. workforce and reduce the nursing shortage on the South Plains of Texas. Donna Scott-Tilley, R.N., Ph.D., and Amos, assistant professors in the School of Nursing, received a \$45,853 grant for their research on retention and excellence in academics for disadvantaged students.

Of the \$2.3 million awarded in grant money from the program, the Health Sciences Center received 11 percent, which is the highest amount awarded to any individual nursing school.

The program was established by the 77th Legislature to help relieve the state's nursing shortage and is funded with proceeds from the Texas tobacco lawsuit settlement.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board received 89 applications for the grants which are selected for funding based on program quality as determined by 29 peer reviewers, representing nursing deans, directors and nursing executives in the state. They also make decisions based on other criteria identified in the grant application instructions and forms. All awards are contingent on any necessary budget and program narrative changes.

"It is gratifying to see the great work of this School of Nursing recognized at the state level. The innovation and commitment to excellence of the school is on display and the outcome of this research will benefit Texans throughout the state," said David Smith, M.D., Health Sciences Center president and interim chancellor of the Texas Tech University System.



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FIFTH ANNUAL TECHWELL: AN INTERACTIVE WELLNESS FAIR AT THE ROBERT H. EWALT STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

WHAT:

Interactive wellness fair focusing on various health issues.

WHEN:

3:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 29)

WHERE:

Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center

EVENT:

Various departments and community organizations will have

informational booths that will provide brochures and short health

activities.

New activities will be added this year. including tours of new facilities

and massage therapy stations.

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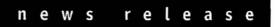
Getting Ready For College

LUBBOCK -- "Getting Ready for College" is a summer workshop aimed at increasing the retention rate of freshmen entering Texas Tech University. The program is oriented toward high school juniors, seniors, and college freshmen and helps them determine their interests and possible academic majors. The workshop also helps students become aware of the challenges and pitfalls of college.

Students who are registered for the workshop will be mailed a battery of inventories that must be filled out at home and returned prior to the workshop. The one-day workshop then evaluates these inventories and helps determine a student's personality style, work values, study skills and possible career interests. Twenty five key strategies for a successful freshman year will also be discussed.

Nine workshops will be offered from June 15 to Aug. 25. Interested students must register three weeks before their desired workshop. The cost is \$95. Applications can be attained by calling the Texas Tech Student Counseling Center at (806) 742-3674, or www.ttu.edu/~ccenter/grfc.html.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FINDS IN FAVOR OF TEXAS TECH

LUBBOCK – The United States District Court Judge in Lubbock, Sam Cummings, issued an Order granting a Motion for Summary Judgment in favor of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's former School of Medicine Dean Joel Kupersmith, M.D., and Randolph Schiffer, M.D., chair of the Department of Neuropsychiatry.

Judge Cummings' Order found that Texas Tech did not violate plaintiff Shirley Poduslo's constitutional rights and did not violate due process with regard to her protected property or liberty interests in her former position as director of the TTUHSC DNA Bank.

"The Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at TTUHSC School of Medicine is gratified to hear of Judge Cummings decision today," said Schiffer. "The department is especially pleased to be moving ahead with many exciting research programs with Alzheimer's disease which is one of the major public health challenges for all of us in the state of Texas in the 21st century."

The case was filed as S.E. Poduslo vs. Joel Kupersmith, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine and Randolph Schiffer, M.D., chairman of the Department of Neuropsychiatry at TTUHSC.



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FIRST ANNUAL "I HAVE A DREAM" INTERPRÉTIVE CONTEST INVITES TEXAS TECH COMMUNITY TO INTERPRET KING'S MESSAGE

WHAT

"I Have a Dream" Interpretive Contest and Dinner

WHEN:

5 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 22)

WHERE:

Horn/Knapp Dining Hall

EVENT:

First annual contest inviting Texas Tech University students, faculty and staff to interpret and express their impression of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. Entries can include poems, essays, dances or

other forms of expression.

Entry is free to any Texas Tech student, faculty or staff member. Entry forms are available in any residence hall office. They must be submitted

to the Gordon Hall Office by Jan. 17.

Admission is free for dining account holders, or meal tickets may be

purchased for \$6.45 at the event.

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CHANCELLOR'S SEARCH COMMITTEE WELCOMES NOMINEES

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University's Board of Regents Chancellor's Search Committee is welcoming nominations of individuals to fill the position of chancellor.

The committee has provided a number of avenues for individuals to provide input. Nominations can be submitted to a member of the Chancellor's Search Advisory Committee, by mail to the Texas Tech University Board of Regents office or through the Chancellor's Search Committee Web page.

The chancellor is responsible for the operation of the Texas Tech University System and all of its component institutions. The chancellor is the chief executive officer of the Texas Tech University System.

Former chancellor John T. Montford resigned effective Sept. 1, 2001to accept a position in the private sector. David R. Smith, M.D., is serving as interim chancellor. Smith also is president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

To make recommendations, individuals can write to the Chancellor's Search Committee at the Board of Regents Office, Box 42011, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, 79409. Nominations also can be made using the chancellor search Web page. That can be accessed by going to www.texastech.edu and connecting through the chancellor's search link, or by going directly to the page at www.texastech.edu/cs.html.

Members of the chancellor advisory search committee represent areas throughout Texas. A list of those individuals is attached.

Members of the Regents Chancellor Search Committee are: Chairman Robert Black of Horseshoe Bay; Carin Barth of Houston, Nancy Jones of Abilene and Brian Newby of Austin. All are members of the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents.

The search committee will make a final recommendation to the full board for a new chancellor.

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CAREER GATEWAY: CAREER EXPO/MARKETPLACE TO TAKE PLACE FOR FIRST TIME

LUBBOCK-- The Texas Tech University Career Center and the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration will team up for the first time to bring Texas Tech students the Career Gateway: Career Expo/Marketplace. The event will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 29 at the United Spirit Arena.

This will be the first time the Career Center has held a career fair during the spring semester. The event has been held during the fall in the past. This year the fair was scheduled to take place on Sept. 12, 2001, but after the events of Sept. 11, planes were grounded and some recruiters were unable to attend the event. The Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration typically holds a spring career fair known as "Marketplace." Career Gateway is an effort of the Career Center and the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration to provide students with another opportunity to network with potential employers.

More than 70 companies will participate in the event, and the fair will be open to all students. Busing also will be provided from the University Center to the United Spirit Arena.

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BYERS NAMED CERTIFIED MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR

LUBBOCK – Robert Byers, administrator of the division of forensic pathology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and chief investigator of the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office (LCME), has become the first board certified Medicolegal Death Investigator in Texas. He is only one of 18 in the United States.

Byers says the testing process was difficult. "I am proud to be the first in the state of Texas because it benefits Lubbock and the Health Sciences Center," said Byers. "We are the last advocates for the deceased person to find out what happened and why, and through all of this training for this certification, we better our experience."

David R. Smith, M.D., interim chancellor of Texas Tech University System and president of TTUHSC, says Byers' success demonstrates that Texas Tech has the best and the brightest in forensic medicine.

"The HSC continues to look forward in medicine to provide the best quality in all areas," said Smith. "His pursuit of excellence on this national level shows his commitment to the area."

Byers became a board certified Medicolegal Death Investigator by attaining the highest level of professional certification possible by demonstrating his qualifications and proficiency in the advanced technical skills required of a medicolegal death investigator as established by the National Guidelines publications for Death Investigation. He will be listed as a Fellow of the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators.

"We are on the cutting edge of advancing death investigation, and we want to provide the best and most up-to-date investigative tools that are available," said Byers.



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CHANCELLOR'S SEARCH COMMITTEE PROVIDES OPTIONS FOR NOMINATING TEXAS TECH CHANCELLOR

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TEXAS TECH, COMMUNITY TO COMMEMORATE AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

LUBBOCK – Education and family. The black student experience. Community relations. Economic development. Spirituality. These are among some of the themes that will dominate local celebrations of African American History Month.

Texas Tech University, along with the Lubbock community, will observe African American History Month with a series of events scheduled throughout February.

"We hope that this collaborative effort will help to unify the African American community and provide a linkage between African Americans, the Lubbock community and Texas Tech, promoting strength through diversity," said Kwame Alford, Ph.D., assistant professor of history in Texas Tech's College of Arts and Sciences.

The cultural event will open with a reception from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Helen DeVitt Jones Sculpture Court and auditorium of the Museum of Texas Tech, Fourth Street and Indiana Avenue. During the reception, the "2000 Black" jazz ensemble, Iles Elementary School steel drum band and the Dunbar Junior High School jazz band will perform.

Asa G. Hilliard, Ph.D., the Fuller Callaway professor of Urban Education at Georgia State University in Atlanta, will speak during a keynote speech and luncheon at 11 a.m. Feb. 2.

The Kankouran West African Dance Company will be featured in concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 15, at Texas Tech's Allen Theater in the Student Union Building. Tickets are available by calling (806) 742-3610. Proceeds will benefit the Carter G. Woodson Scholars Fund.

The Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, civil rights activist, adviser to the Political Action Network, and protégé of Martin Luther King Jr., will speak on the longevity of the black church at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22, at the Lubbock Civic Center.

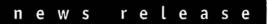
The month-long celebration of African American culture will conclude with a reception and scholarship awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Merket Alumni Center, with a special performance by the Estacado High School choir.

Other highlights of the month's activities include panel discussions, tributes, book signings, a soul food cook off, a gospel brunch, and other keynote events. For a complete listing of activities visit: www.ttu.edu/history.

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Attachment: African American History Month schedule of events





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FIRST LADY MENTIONS TTUHSC LITERACY PROGRAM

LUBBOCK - Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center pediatrician Donna Bacchi, M.D., and the Reach Out and Read program were mentioned during testimony given by First Lady Laura Bush to the Senate Education Committee.

Bush described Bacchi's experience with a mother in a clinic, whose son suffered from asthma., who could not read the prescription she was given. Bacchi then was able to find the mother a literacy provider in the small town she lived in.

"Mrs. Bush has been a big supporter of early literacy development," Bacchi said. "She has recognized that the Health Sciences Center has the program for parents to help ensure they read to their children, so by the time the children get to school, they will have a head start."

Reach Out and Read is a national program that makes literacy and reading aloud part of the health care that pediatricians deliver to young children every day. More than 1,000 Reach Out and Read programs are in clinics, hospitals, health centers and practices around the country where literacy promotion is part of primary-care pediatrics.

The Red Raider Readers program, which began operating four years ago, gives away more than 6,000 books every year.



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IRON HORSE LITERARY REVIEW SPONSORS READING

WHAT:

A reading by Stephen Jones and John Poch. sponsored by Texas Tech

University's Iron Horse Literary Review. Admission is free.

WHEN:

7:30 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 31)

WHERE:

Third floor reception room, Texas Tech University Library

EVENT:

Stephen Jones, Ph.D., specializes in creative writing/fiction and American

Indian literature. His novel, "The Fast Red Road: A Plainsong," was published by FC2 in 2000. The book was a finalist for the Texas Institute

of Letters Award and won an Independent Publisher Award.

John Poch, Ph.D., was the Colgate University Creative Writing Fellow from 2000-2001. His chapbook of 15 sonnets, "In Defense of the Fall," was published by Trilobite Press in 2000. He won The Nation/Discovery Prize in 1998 and the Dallas Museum of Art Prize for Young Writers in 1999. He was managing editor of American Literary Review from 1998-

2000.

Iron Horse Literary Review is compiled, edited and published twice a year as a part of the creative writing program in the Department of English at

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TEXAS TECH CONSIDERS BUILDING A TORNADO SIMULATOR

WHAT: Within the next year, researchers at Texas Tech University's Wind

Science and Engineering Research Center will design and build a tornado simulator funded by a \$150,000 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. As part of this process they have called upon John Snow, Ph.D., Dean of the Oklahoma Weather Center, University of Oklahoma, and one of the pioneers in tornado simulation, to share his

extensive knowledge and expertise with them.

WHEN: 2:30 p.m., Today (Jan. 28).

WHERE: High Bay Laboratory in the Mechanical Engineering Building. The

Mechanical Engineering Building is located at the north end of the

engineering key on the Texas Tech campus.

EVENT: Snow is considered to be one of the country's top meteorologists and a

built two major tornado simulators while at Purdue University. He will present a seminar, "Tornado Simulation, Past, Present and Future," today.

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TTUHSC SCHOOL OF NURSING TO HOST SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing will host the second annual Scholarship Stampede at 4 p.m., Wednesday (Jan. 30) at McInturff Conference Center, 602 Indiana Ave.

The reception is intended to bring students and donors together, said Alexia Green, Ph.D., dean of the TTUHSC School of Nursing.

"This is an opportunity for scholarship donors to meet the students who have benefited from their generosity," she said, "as well as for students to say thank you."

The event will include the presentation of new scholarships and donors will be presented special gifts, as well. Nursing students also will learn about additional scholarship opportunities and will be able to pick up scholarship application materials.

Exa Goode, director of marketing in the TTUHSC School of Nursing, said scholarships are a crucial part of attracting students to a profession that is seeing increasing shortages.

"Nursing shortages are becoming an international concern," she said, noting that aging baby boomers will need more and more nursing care in the coming years. "And at an estimated cost of \$3,000 per semester for tuition, fees, books and other miscellaneous costs, the majority of nursing students need financial assistance, especially those who attend school on a full-time basis."

David R. Smith, M.D., TTUHSC president and interim chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, and other officials are expected to attend the event.



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TELEMEDICINE BRINGS NEW ELECTRONIC BURN TREATMENT TO EL PASO

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has developed a new burn treatment system that allows El Paso-area burn patients to receive follow-up treatment via television from Lubbock.

With no burn center in El Paso, many burn patients make monthly return visits to Lubbock, which can continue for months and in some cases years. John Griswold, M.D., chair of the Department of Surgery at TTUHSC, says 60 percent of burn patients travel more than 150 miles to the burn center for care.

"The patients traveling from the El Paso area can make a 600-mile round trip to Lubbock to receive their follow-up care," said Griswold. "This telemedicine treatment could have a positive impact in their travel time and daily activity disruption."

The new telemedicine burn clinic electronically links patients from the El Paso campus of TTUHSC with burn specialists at TTUHSC in Lubbock. Patti Patterson, M.D., vice president of rural and community health at TTUHSC, says this project is an example of what telemedicine does best by overcoming time and space barriers. "Because burn follow-up care is largely visual, this program will work well for us," said Patterson. "The doctors will be able to see how the patient is healing through telemedicine."

Griswold adds, "We believe that using telemedicine will improve both physical and psychological outcomes once we establish the appropriate support systems within their communities."

Lydia Ramos, PA, nurse manager of the TTUHSC El Paso surgery clinic, says patients have responded positively to telemedicine. "Telemedicine burn care is definitely the best intervention we have for patients without them having to leave home," said Ramos. "Because they are able to see the physicians in Lubbock, which is their burn home, they feel secure."

The telemedicine pilot burn clinic started in October 2001. Regular monthly burn clinics begin this month.



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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY PHYSICS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A LECTURE ON ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL ASTRONOMERS

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech University Physics Department is bringing a Harlow Shapley lecturer to campus to speak on Galileo, the astronomer who "gave rise to the greatest scandal in Christendom."

Mary Kay Hemenway, Ph.D., will give a public lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday (Jan. 31) in Science Building, Room 7 at Texas Tech.

She will examine Galileo's life along with his research in the context of the 1600s. The lecture will tell the story of a man whose observations of the Earth's location relative to the sun and its rotation created an upheaval of religious leaders in the Catholic Church.

"The lecture will include the history and interaction of science and religion," said Charles Myles, Ph.D., professor of physics, Texas Tech University. "Dr. Hemenway is a prominent astronomer and astronomy educator. We do not have anyone like her at Texas Tech."

Hemenway is a professor of astronomy and director of Astronomy Educational Services at the University of Texas at Austin. She holds the office of Secretary of the Board of Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Hemenway is an internationally recognized expert on creating and implementing innovative science teacher-training programs and on using science as a catalyst to improve teaching and curricula. She has held elected offices in the American Astronomical Society, along with operating national programs to prepare teachers to present astronomy workshops.

The Harlow Shapley Visiting Lectureships in Astronomy of the American Astronomical Society is a program of two-day visits by professional astronomers to college campuses. The visiting professors can contribute to the host institution's academic program and intellectual environment in many different ways, according to the American Astronomical Society.

Dr. Hemenway will be available for media questioning from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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WHEN:

2:30 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 31

WHERE:

TTUHSC, Room BA100 (basement)

EVENT:

Press conference to demonstrate new technology

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AWARD WINNING FILM TO BE SHOWN IN LUBBOCK

WHAT:

A showing of the film "Los Trabajadores" ("The Workers").

WHEN:

7 p.m., Tuesday (Feb. 5).

WHERE:

International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

EVENT:

The award winning film, "Los Trabajadores," follows a year in the lives of immigrant day workers, Juan and Ramon. Heather Courtney, director of the film and Austin resident, will attend the showing. Courtney said the film examines the misperceptions and contradictions of immigrant labor in the United States.

"Los Trabajadores" is the winner of an Audience Award at the South by Southwest Film Festival 2001; the Great Plains Film Festival 2001 Nebraska Humanities Council Award; a Best of Show at the Cinematexas International Film Festival 2001; and the Documentary First Place Award at the Next Frame Touring Festival of International Student Film and Video.

Courtney received funds from the Texas Council for the Humanities for a grassroots distribution of the film in Texas communities, universities, schools and neighborhood organizations.

An informal panel discussion will follow the film. Texas Tech University's Jorge Iber, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, and Randy McBee, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, are included in the panel discussion as well.

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TOP HEALTH CARE SPEAKERS TO BE HONORED

LUBBOCK – Ten continuing health care education speakers will be honored during a ceremony Jan. 24 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the HealthNet Studios in the Preston Smith Library.

HealthNet, a continuing education service for hospitals in Texas and across the nation, allows experts from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and the surrounding medical community to present information to other health care professionals through educational programs. Each year, HealthNet participants are asked to evaluate the programs, and awards are given to the top ten speakers based on those evaluations.

"This year the evaluations have been higher than ever before," said Michelle Bright, associate director of customer service and marketing for HealthNet. Bright said the high evaluations indicate the programs are the best they have ever been.

Featured speaker Karin McCay of KCBD-TV in Lubbock will draw from the ceremony's theme, "Aiming for Excellence," to present a speech on building excellence.

David R. Smith, M.D., president of TTUHSC and interim chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, is one of the speakers who will be recognized at the ceremony.



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FIRST STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE CHANCELLOR'S COUNCIL FIND TIME TO GIVE BACK TO UNIVERSITY

LUBBOCK – Carol Johnston and Kyle Clark do not have to wait until after graduation to show their gratitude to their university. Instead, they are giving back to the university under the new student-member category of the Chancellor's Council at the Texas Tech University System.

Recently, Johnston, a junior restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Lubbock, and Clark, a junior agricultural economics and business administration major from Comanche, became members of the Chancellor's Council. Through their involvement in the council, they donate to fund university-sponsored scholarships for Honors College and first-generation college students. Along with other council members, the students also help by funding awards to honor professors of the university and health sciences center for their outstanding work in the classroom and in research.

"I think becoming a member of the council is a great way to get involved at Texas Tech and to show your support for Tech," Johnston said.

As a member of the council, Clark said he is not only able to financially contribute to the university system, but he also is able to network with members of the council. Through interacting with some of these members, Clark said he can form lifetime contacts for possible career opportunities.

"I think it is just a great organization because the Chancellor's Council makes numerous contributions to the university," he said.

Marcie Johnston, executive director for the Chancellor's Council and special events, said almost 25 students are associate members of the Chancellor's Council. Students who are interested in joining the council can call (806) 742-0012.

"It is great when students support organizations that help other students and faculty members," Johnston said.

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THE TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES A SPEAKER FOR GLOBAL SECURITY

WHAT:

Lecture covering global security after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

WHEN:

7 p.m. Monday (Feb. 4).

WHERE:

International Cultural Center (601 Indiana Ave.).

EVENT:

Ronnie D. Lipschutz, director of the politics graduate program at Stevenson College, University of California-Santa Cruz, will lecture on global security after Sept. 11, 2001. He will compare the attacks with some of the nation's past tragedies, examine the appropriateness of the "war metaphor" and associated military responses in dealing with the

threats posed by terrorist networks.

The lecture is open to the public. There will be a reception following the

lecture.

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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY PUT VIETNAM COLLECTION ON-LINE

LUBBOCK -- One of the world's largest collections of Vietnam War documents is now available on-line. The Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive contains millions of pages of documents, letters, photographs and other information about the Vietnam War. The Texas Tech archive is the largest collection of Vietnam related material outside the U.S. government.

"The virtual archive eventually will contain all non-copyrighted information in the Texas Tech collection," said Ron Frankum, associate director of the Vietnam Archive. "The majority of the collection deals with military records such as action reports, unit rosters, unit histories. But there are also many political documents from the policy makers who decided our course in the Vietnam War."

The Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive can be found on line at www.vietnam.ttu.edu.

Putting the archive on line is a multi-year project. But once it's done, Frankum says it will add to the archive's value. "The information that we have in the archive is a national treasure and I think it loses some potential if access is limited. Putting our collection on line will give anyone with a computer a chance to use our materials."

Frankum estimates it will take archivists about four years to get the current collection on line. At present, about 40,000 items are available on line. Among the first collections are photographs and slides as well as documents from the Central Intelligence Agency. Also on line is a collection from the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots' Association. A series of oral histories with those who fought on both sides of the war also is being added to the virtual archive.

The virtual archive is searchable by entering a key word or phrase, specific dates or a time range and by language. The collection contains documents from all sides of the war. "We have military documents from North and South Vietnam and the allies on both sides," said Frankum. "The antiwar movement is represented as are the post-war issues of Agent Orange exposure, the rise of veterans organizations and the continuing POW-MIA issue."

The virtual archive project already is proving immensely successful. In November 2001, the Web site had about 89,000 hits. In December, the total jumped to 252,000 and in the first two weeks of January 2002, the number is already at 225,000.

"The whole point of the virtual archive project is access," said James Reckner, Ph.D., director of the Vietnam Center. "The increasing number of requests on our Web site bears out how important this project is. It also reflects that people around the world are aware of what we're doing at the Texas Tech Vietnam Archive."

The Vietnam Center recently received a \$500,000 appropriation from Congress to continue building the virtual archive.

Reckner, who is also a history professor at Texas Tech and a Vietnam veteran, founded the Vietnam Center in October 1989 when he realized his students knew very little about the war. "I knew we needed to do something to make sure the history of that era in America was preserved," he said.

The idea of an archive grew out of a meeting Reckner had with other Vietnam veterans in Lubbock. "We talked about what we could do in positive ways to preserve our Vietnam experiences," he said. "For the first five years, the Vietnam Center was my briefcase and the archive started with a packet of letters from a soldier from Slaton, Texas. I never imagined it would grow as it has."

Texas Tech is interested in collecting anything related to the Vietnam War, but does not limit acquisitions to the war years. "I think the war extends even into today's society," Frankum said. "We have documents that go back to World War II and materials in a secondary nature that go back to the beginning of Vietnam history."

Anyone interested in donating material to the Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive, or providing an oral history should contact the archive at (806) 742-9010 or by e-mail at livna@ttu.edu.

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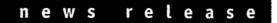
ALTERNATIVE FUEL EXPERT

In response to the Bush Administration's call for improved automobile fuel economy, Timothy T. Maxwell, Ph.D., associate professor of mechanical engineering, is available to discuss fuel cell and hybrid engine technology.

Maxwell is the author of "Alternative Fuels: Emissions, Economics and Performance." During his 30-year career, he has worked with automobile manufacturers including Ford, General Motors and Chrysler. His teaching areas include vehicle engineering, engineering analysis, design, fluids and energy systems.

For instructional and research purposes, the university owns a Chevrolet Lumina, two Chevrolet Suburbans, a Ford Escort and a Dodge Neon powered by hybrid engines and fuel cells.

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TEXAS TECH PROFESSOR TO RECEIVE LOLAS E. HALVERSON AWARD

LUBBOCK -- Nida Roncesvalles, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Health, Exercise and Sports Sciences Department at Texas Tech, has been chosen to receive the Lolas E. Halverson Young Investigator Award for her research in the area of motor development.

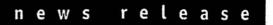
The award is intended to recognize and honor new scholars in the field of motor development. Nominees must be involved in doctoral study or be no more than 5 years beyond completing their Ph.D. and must be the primary contributor to research studies that have been conducted. The award is given to those who have demonstrated scholarship based on the innovation or the impact their work has had on the field of motor development. A member of the Motor Development Academy must make the nomination. The work is then presented to a panel of judges who select a recipient.

Roncesvalles will receive the award during the 2002 conference for the American Alliance for Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance. She will then have a year to prepare her research to present it at the 2003 convention.

Roncesvalles is the second Texas Tech professor to receive this award. Karen Meaney, Ph.D., an associate professor for the Health, Exercise and Sports Sciences department, was the first recipient of the award in 1995. She is now a chairperson for the Motor Development Academy.

Roncesvalles did her post doctorate work at the Institute of Neuroscience and the Department of Exercise and Movement Sciences at the University of Oregon. She has been a professor at Texas Tech since the Fall 2001 semester, and is doing research in motor development, with specific focus on balance and posture (infants to 10 years) and more recently on spatial reference for movement of young children.

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GOV. RICK PERRY NAMES DAVID R. SMITH TO COUNCIL

LUBBOCK – Gov. Rick Perry has named David R. Smith, M.D., interim chancellor of the Texas Tech University System and president of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, to the Council on Science and Biotechnology Development.

The governor announced that the council would work to create a seamless system of innovation from the laboratory to the marketplace in the rapidly developing areas of biotechnology – such as biopharmaceutical development, bioinformatics, genomics and nanotechnology.

Perry described the council's mission as one that will ultimately bring more research dollars to Texas higher education institutions, encourage university researchers to get products that advance the quality of life to the market and create biotechnology jobs across Texas.

Smith says this appointment puts Texas Tech in a leadership role. "This is a unique opportunity for us to share our perspective and talents as we participate in these efforts," said Smith.

Currently, Texas ranks sixth in research funds received from the National Institute of Health, and third overall in research expenditures. Perry has asked the council to identify ways institutions of higher learning can attract federal research funds.

The council also will develop a strategy to increase research and development expenditures in this state, including both private and public funds. In a statement released by his office, Perry said, "It is about finding a gene therapy that will prevent a parent or child from dying too young from cancer. It is about making improvements to nutrition or the food supply that can enhance our health," Perry said. "It is about a better Texas."

The council will consist of individuals from across Texas, representing the state's best in science and technology, research, higher education and business.



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MAYOR TO PROCLAIM AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

WHAT:

Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton will proclaim February 2002 "African

American History Month."

WHEN:

10:15 a.m., Wednesday (Jan. 23).

WHERE:

City Council Chambers, 1625 13th Street.

EVENT:

Scheduled to attend the proclamation are David Schmidly Ph.D., president of Texas Tech University; a representative from the Chancellor's Office and members of the African American History Month Advisory Board.

The African American History Month Advisory Board is comprised primarily of officers of Texas Tech's Black Faculty and Staff Association, including Lawson Bush, president; Kwame Alford, vice president; Marie Alford, treasurer and Tonia Bush, secretary. Beatrice Tatem is an

additional advisory board member.

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TEXAS TECH HOSTS AGRICULTURE COMPANIES AT ANNUAL CAREER EXPO

LUBBOCK -- The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) at Texas Tech University will host its annual spring career expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 30 at the University Center Courtyard. This year's Expo includes company representatives from more than 20 agriculture-related businesses for students to meet and sign up for interviews.

"This is a great opportunity for students to meet with employers regardless of what their major is, as well as a wonderful opportunity for employers to see what outstanding students Texas Tech has to offer. The companies participating in this event will be looking to fill full-time and part-time jobs as well as internships," said Melissa Aguillard, coordinator of student and career development for the college.

Several of the companies will be interviewing from 2-6 p.m. that afternoon and all day on Jan. 31. Sign-ups for interviews are already underway.

An employer panel and mock interview session is scheduled on Jan. 29 as part of the kick-off to the event. The panel will address a series of issues including resume and interview tips, which will be followed by a 15-20 minute question and answer session. After that time students will be able to participate in mock interviews to brush up on their interview skills and be critiqued by the employers.

To date, participating companies include: ADM, Ag Workers Mutual Auto, Agriliance, Andy's Sprinkler, Bartlett & Co., Cactus Feeders, Collingwood/Crop-timizer, Conagra Beef Co., Contibeef, DeBruce Grain, Inc., Delta & Pine Land, Environmental Care, Excel Corporation, Farm Credit, Fort Dodge Animal Health, IBP, Peace Corps, Premium Standard Farm, Seaboard Farm, Six L's Packing Co., Tractor Supply Co., Texas Agriculture Stats Service, Texas Dept. of Agriculture, United Supermarkets, U.S. Foodservice and Wright Brand Foods.

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