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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

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Tuition and Fees Increases Approved for Texas Tech University

The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents today approved a 4.79 percent increase in the tuition and fees for Texas Tech University students in the fall 2007 semester.

Students will see an increase in designated tuition of \$8.67 from \$85 to \$93.67 per semester credit hour. Currently designated tuition and fees for 15 credit hours is \$3,379.50. Today's action will increase the total by \$162 to \$3,541.50.

Regents also approved a separate \$25 per credit hour designated tuition increase that applies only to School of Law students.

Fee increases approved include:

\$1 per credit hour increase to the student service fee

\$1 per credit hour increase to the student business service fee

\$5 flat fee increase to the student recreation fee

2.25 to 2.5 percent per credit hour to the housing and hospitality fee depending on which housing plan a student selects

The approved tuition increase will allow the university to give faculty and staff merit pay raises.

"Texas Tech University must grow to meet the increasing demands of the marketplace we serve," said Kent Hance, chancellor of the Texas Tech University System. "In order to grow we must retain our first-rate faculty, who do research that is affecting change on a local, regional and global basis. While Texas Tech received great support from the 80th Texas Legislature, our needs cannot solely be met with their help. The adjustment in tuition is below or comparable to that of the other flagship universities in the state and will allow Texas Tech University to continue to prepare students not just for academic success, but for success in all areas of life."



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Texas Tech Announces New Associate Recruiting and Admissions VP

Laying the groundwork to grow its enrollment to 40,000 students by 2020, Texas Tech University announced on Monday the appointment of J. Robert Shindell as the new associate vice president for recruiting and admissions.

Shindell, formerly director of the Texas Tech Rawls College of Business Career Management Center reports to William M. Marcy, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

"Rob brings enormous enthusiasm to his new position," Marcy said. "He has been very successful as the founding director of the Career Placement Center of the Rawls College of Business; he is now in a position to capitalize on his success helping students find good career opportunities by recruiting many additional students to Texas Tech University."

The announcement marks one of many steps Texas Tech is taking to add professional Division of Enrollment Management staff to meet Chancellor Kent Hance's goal of 40,000 students by 2020.

"My new position is an amazing challenge and I am honored to be asked to serve in this role," Shindell said. "Texas Tech is a wonderful place; we must get the word out to potential students."

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Texas Tech Maedgen Theatre Fire Ruled Arson

The State Fire Marshall's office today (June 11) ruled arson in a fire in the Charles E. Maedgen Theatre on the Texas Tech campus.

The fire started just before 5 p.m. Sunday. There were no injuries. Kelly Vandygriff, deputy state fire marshal, said he could not estimate damage since the building was under construction from a previous fire.

"Right now this fire is ruled to be an arson," said Vandygriff. "There is a possibility this fire is related to a January fire at the Boston Avenue Playhouse at 42nd and Boston and at the Maedgen Theatre. We'll continue to follow up on that."

Officials are asking any one with information on the fire to call 1-877-4FIRE45 (1-877-434-7345).

No classes were being taught at the theater, but the fire forced the closure of the lab theater. The theater's offices will reopen Tuesday morning.

Summer Rep '07 will move to Boston Avenue Playhouse, located at 4230 Boston Ave.

Those interested in attending Summer Rep '07 shows can purchase tickets one hour prior to curtain at the Boston Avenue box office. People with advance tickets can pick up their tickets at the Boston Avenue Playhouse box office on the night of their reservations.

This season's lineup is as follows:

- "Daddy's Dyin (Who's got the Will)" – 7:30 p.m., June 15, 20, 23, 25 and 28. Boston Avenue Playhouse, 4230 Boston Ave.
- "Catfish Moon" – 7:30 p.m., June 16, 17, 21, 26 and 29. Boston Avenue Playhouse, 4230 Boston Ave.
- "Bullshot Crummond" – 7:30 p.m., June 19, 22, 24, 27 and 30. Boston Avenue Playhouse, 4230 Boston Ave.

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Second Fire Damages Maedgen Theatre Summer Rep '07 moves to Boston Avenue Playhouse.

A fire erupted shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday (May 10) in the scene shop of the Charles E. Maedgen Theatre on the Texas Tech campus.

No injuries were reported in the blaze, which is currently under investigation. The extent of the damage is unknown at this time.

No classes were being taught at the theater, but the fire forced the closure of the lab theater and offices in the building. The theater's offices have moved temporarily to room 237 of the Administration Building, No. 1 Memorial Circle. The temporary office telephone number is (806) 742- 0700.

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The first fire at the Maedgen Theatre broke out on Jan. 17.

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Topping Out Ceremony Celebrates Law School Addition

WHAT: Topping Out Ceremony

WHEN: Noon Tuesday (June 12)

WHERE: School of Law building, 19th Street and Hartford Avenue. Attendees should enter through the north door and go through the building to the construction site, where there is a door leading out to the concrete slab of the new building.

EVENT: Attendees can sign their name to a steel beam that will go into a new, 34,500-square-foot addition of a state-of-the-art, 150-seat courtroom and a 300-seat auditorium.

Additionally, the project will construct space for the Office of Academic Success Programs, Career Services and Alumni Development, and student organizations.

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Associate Law Dean Elected President-Elect of Bar Association

Brian Shannon, associate dean for academic affairs of the Texas Tech University School of Law, will serve as the next president-elect of the Lubbock County Bar Association.

Shannon will fill a one-year term in the office, becoming association president once the term of the incoming president, Lubbock attorney and Texas Tech Law School alumnus, Les Hatch, expires.

"We are pleased that the School of Law has had such a great relationship with our local attorneys and courts," Shannon said, "and I'm honored to continue that relationship."

The approximately 700-member association is open to Lubbock County members of the Texas Bar; Shannon has been a member since 1988.

"This election is not only a personal tribute to Brian and the esteem in which he is held by his peers, but also another positive indication of the unique, mutually supportive relationship that exists between Texas Tech's School of Law and the Lubbock Bar," said School of Law Dean Walt Huffman.

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Early Head Start to Honor Two Lubbock Institutions
Cartoon-inspired awards ceremony to highlight key city partnerships.

- WHAT: First Pooh Awards Ceremony
- WHEN: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday (June 21) Awards Ceremony starts at 6:15 p.m.
- WHERE: Texas Tech Early Head Start, 515 N. Zenith St.
- EVENT: The College of Human Sciences Early Head Start Program will honor the Lubbock Housing Authority (LHA) and the Lubbock Health Department (LHD) at the First Pooh Awards Ceremony. The awards ceremony also honors Early Head Start parents, who are a vital part of the day-to-day activities within the program.

The ceremony is named after Winnie the Pooh, an international symbol of friendship and caring, and honors Lubbock community institutions who have opened their arms and hearts to the Early Head Start Program and have helped make the programs a reality.

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Partnerships were made possible through a federal grant received in 2000. Both LHA and LHD helped to provide Early Head Start with the non-federal money that was needed in order to match the federal grant funding. LHA supplies the facilities, maintenance and utilities for the program, as well as staff funding and development. The LHA works closely with Early Head Start to identify potential students and families that are in need and are eligible for the program. The Lubbock Health Department supplies Early Head Start with personnel and health counseling.

The Texas Tech University Early Head Start program strives to ensure high-quality, responsive services to families from culturally and socio-economically diverse backgrounds. As part of the Texas Tech College of Human Sciences, the Early Head Start program enhances the college's mission to further the human condition and to encourage community involvement.

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Library Announces New 3-D Animation Lab

The Texas Tech University Libraries announced the opening of a new state-of-the-art 3-D animation lab packed with a wealth of software for producing professional modeling and animation projects.

The opening caps a year of work to create the lab, which features eight user workstations offering the same software used by the leading animation studios.

“Libraries traditionally have stood at the crossroads of intellectual inquiry and information,” said associate dean of library technology Bob Sweet. “We’re doing this because our mission is to support discovery, creativity and imaginative learning. For these reasons and more, we believe that the TTU Library is the ideal place for a full-fledged 3-D animation lab.”

Programs available on the lab’s workstations include trueSpace, for modeling and animation; Poser, a character modeling program; Vue Infinite, an animation tool often used for final production of animated features, such as Disney’s “Pirates of the Caribbean”; Maya, used in all aspects of 3-D; and 3-D Studio Max, a favorite of designers in the gaming industry.

The library will follow the official grand opening of the lab, located on the second floor of the University Library, with a series of events to promote the new facility during the fall and spring semesters. These will include symposiums featuring industry leaders, and directors also envision short courses, contests, student and faculty showcases, and festivals.

The library invested \$100,000 on the endeavor—half of which was paid for by funds generated by the Coach Knight Library Fund. Additional support came from 3-D animation pioneer Caligari Corporation, which partnered with Texas Tech Libraries by giving \$15,000 in software, and graphics company e frontier, which contributed a \$5,000 in-kind software gift. Caligari is the developer of trueSpace software.

The library also purchased hundreds of tutorials and training videos that will be accessible in the lab over the local computer network for users at all levels.

“The field of 3-D technology has become pervasive, but it is often unseen,” said information technologist Jim Brewer. “It’s used to design most of the gadgets, tools and appliances we touch and work with every day. What we are doing is opening up the door

to discovery as we help others use these versatile tools for their learning and research pursuits.”

Already, Texas Tech faculty are partnering with the library to utilize this multi-disciplinary lab.

“Very few universities in the country are attempting what we are doing here, and certainly, no university library that we know of is venturing down this path,” Sweet said. “The exciting thing about all of this is it’s here for anyone and everyone who wants to gain skills and knowledge. Word will spread like wildfire, and we are confident that people will come.”

For more information, visit <http://library.ttu.edu/3Dlab/>

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Meat Science Academic Team Claims National Championship

Texas Tech University's Meat Science Academic Quiz Bowl Team was named 2007 national champion at the 60th annual Reciprocal Meats Conference, marking the second time since 2005 that the team has earned the national title.

The competition, held from June 17-20 at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D., featured more than 20 university teams from across the nation. The Texas Tech team defeated Angelo State University in the finals to take the top spot.

Team members included Landi Woolly, Travis O'Quinn, Matt Sellers, Meagan Mitchell, Travis Chapin and Austin Voyles. The coach of the team is Mark Miller, Texas Tech professor of Meat Science and Muscle Biology and San Antonio Livestock Show Distinguished Chair in Meat Science.

Texas Tech was named 2005 national champion at the International Congress of Meat Science and Technology conference, held from August 7-12 in Baltimore.

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Texas Tech Curator Discovers Secret of Flight for World's Largest Bird

{Editor's Note: This story is embargoed until 4 p.m. CDT on Monday July 2, 2007.}

At the size of a Cessna 152 light aircraft, the world's largest bird couldn't take off entirely by flapping its wings. It just wasn't strong enough.

But when it came to flying, *Argentavis maginicens* glided lazily on updrafts and thermals as it searched for prey and soared over the Andes Mountains just as modern condors would do 6 million years later, said Sankar Chatterjee, Horn professor of museum sciences and curator of paleontology at the Museum of Texas Tech University. Once airborne, the bird could take 200-mile trips across the sky with ease.

Chatterjee published his findings in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. He and other researchers used software originally written for helicopters to analyze the aerodynamics of the largest bird known to have taken flight.

Like today's condors, *Argentavis* was a lazy glider that relied either on updrafts in the rocky Andes or thermals on the grassy pampas to provide lift, Chatterjee said.

"Think about a super-sized bald eagle with a 21-foot wingspan," Chatterjee said. "It would darken the sky. It's almost like a tale from the 'Arabian Nights.' It was a very aggressive bird that flew over the pampas of Argentina to sweep down from the sky and seize large prey with a formidable beak."

Chatterjee said he and other scientists estimated the flight parameters of fossilized *Argentavis* bones and put that data into two computer algorithms commonly used in flight simulation. Based on the power that would have been available from its pectoral muscles, the authors concluded that *Argentavis* would have been incapable of flight powered entirely by wing flapping, but could soar efficiently.

"The hardest part would be taking off from the ground," he said. "It needs so much force for a 140-pound giant bird to fly, and that that would be a limiting factor. But we came up with two possibilities. Perhaps it jumped off an Andean cliff, then glided lazily about the sky."



But then there's a problem when it tried to take off on the plains. Well, like a hang glider pilot, it could run down a slope and take off. Once it found a thermal, it would circle and climb vertically within the rising column of air."

Chatterjee grabbed headlines in January after releasing an article on Microraptor Gui – a 125-million-year-old feathered dinosaur from China with two sets of wings that it used to fly like a biplane.

"The Aerodynamics of Argentavis, the World's Largest Flying Bird From the Miocene of Argentina," was authored by Sankar Chatterjee, R. Jack Templin and Kenneth E. Campbell Jr. For a copy of this or for a picture of the bird, please contact John Davis at (806) 742-2136 or e-mail john.w.davis@ttu.edu.

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Texas Tech Board of Regents Officers Announced

The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents today (June 28) elected F. Scott Dueser, chair and Larry K. Anders vice chair, respectively. They will serve two-year terms.

Dueser, who had been elected vice chair of the board in May, succeeds J. Frank Miller III, who passed away June 1.

Dueser, of Abilene, was appointed to the board on January 26, 2004. He is a 1975 graduate of Texas Tech with a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting. He is chairman of the board of First National Bank of Abilene and president and chief executive officer of First Financial Bankshares Inc.

Anders, of Plano, was appointed to the board on March 21, 2005. Anders is the chairman and majority owner of Summit Alliance Cos., an independent investment advisory and financial services firm in Dallas. A Lubbock native, Anders attended West Texas State University on a football scholarship before attending Texas Tech University.

For more information about the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents, visit www.texastech.edu/bor/.



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Sole Finalist for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center President Named

[Editor's Note: For more information about Dr. John Baldwin and a downloadable picture, go to www.ttuhsc.edu]

John C. Baldwin, M.D., has been named the sole finalist for the position of president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Texas Tech University System, Chancellor Kent Hance announced today (June 28). State law requires that 21 days must pass before final action is taken. The appointment becomes final on or after July 19.

Baldwin, who is currently professor of surgery at Harvard University and president and chief executive officer of the Immune Disease Institute, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, was selected as sole finalist after an extensive national search, working in consultation with an advisory committee, appointed by Hance.

Baldwin earned his bachelor's degree from Harvard where he was one of 12 students to be elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society as a junior. After graduating summa cum laude from Harvard, Baldwin was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford. He received his medical degree from the Stanford University School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He succeeded Dr. Michael DeBakey as head of surgical programs at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. He has served as dean of the Dartmouth Medical School and as the university's associate provost for health affairs. Baldwin has extensive business experience in biotechnology and bioengineering, intellectual property, technology transfer, pharmaceutical and device company start-up, health insurance, banking and nonprofit organizations.

"I was given several extremely well-qualified candidates from which to pick, but John Baldwin stood out to me as the person best suited to lead the Health Sciences Center," said Hance. "His medical skill and knowledge of the healthcare system is unparalleled. His business and leadership experience is extensive. John Baldwin is the right person to lead the Health Sciences Center here in Lubbock and at all six state-wide campuses, including our new and second medical school in El Paso. I believe he is the most qualified person in the country to lead our health sciences center. He is a fifth-generation native Texan, and we are pleased to welcome him back home to Texas to assume the presidency."

Baldwin said, "The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, a regionally and nationally pre-eminent institution, has greatly honored me with this opportunity. The

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responsibility to lead this great university, in its many components, is an exciting prospect.”

Bernhard T. Mitemeyer, M.D., continues to serve as interim president of the HSC. He began his duties July 1 when M. Roy Wilson M.D., left to become chancellor of the newly consolidated University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.