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# News Release

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DATE: Jan. 4, 2007

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### **Researcher Named to Engineering Regents' Chair** Nanotech Authority Tapped to Keep University on Cutting Edge

Alan F. Jankowski, a world authority in nanoscience and nanotechnology, has joined Texas Tech University's College of Engineering as the J. W. Wright Regents' Chair and professor of mechanical engineering.

Jankowski, author or co-author of more than 100 journal publications and holder of nearly 30 patents both in the United States and internationally, joins Texas Tech after 20 years in the Chemistry and Materials Science department at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Jankowski's research focuses on areas such as creating and identifying high-strength materials on the nanoscale and developing clean and renewable energy technologies. His research has, among other things, led to innovations in x-ray optics, magnetic devices, fuel cells and nuclear waste storage.

He hopes to stimulate interest in materials engineering graduate programs and take advantage of new laboratory capabilities established by the College of Engineering to meet emerging engineering needs in fields such as alternative energies.

"It was quite an honor to be invited to Texas Tech as the J. W. Wright Regents Chair in Mechanical Engineering," Jankowski said. "The impression made by the Lubbock and Texas Tech communities on my family was such that we felt this would be a great place for both career and family growth. Clearly, there is great potential for supporting existing ventures and generating new opportunities in teaching, research and industry."

The J. W. Wright Regents' Chair was established in 2004 by Associated Supply Company, Inc. (ASCO) and by the Wright family: Brax and Steve Wright and Paula Key, who own ASCO, to honor their father, J. W. (Bill) Wright, and help train future mechanical engineers. ASCO is the oldest material-handling equipment and construction machinery dealer under single family ownership in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

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## **Texas Tech Professor Publishes History of Amarillo**

Paul H. Carlson, history professor at Texas Tech, published his eleventh book called “Amarillo: The Story of a Western Town.”

The first comprehensive history of Amarillo, Carlson’s book traces the town’s history from its origins in the 1880s through the election of Debra McCartt, current mayor of Amarillo, in 2005. The book details important political, economic, and cultural developments in the city’s past and explains how events in Amarillo, one of the largest cities on the Great Plains, relate to similar events in the state and nation.

Carlson has been studying the history of the Great Plains and the American West for most of his professional career. He started research for his history of Amarillo more than two years ago.

Events depicted and examined in the book include the debate over where the town would be located, the Ku Klux Klan in Amarillo, how the city responded to World War II, the tornado in 1949 that destroyed eastern portions of the city, the closing of the Amarillo Air Force base in the 1960s, and problems associated with the Pantex Ordinance plant in the 1980s.

Each of Carlson’s previous books describes historical events associated with the Great Plains and the American West. “The Plains Indians” was a History Book of the Month Club selection and was named recently as one of the “100 Most Outstanding Non-fiction Books on the American West Published in the 20th Century.”

“Amarillo: The Story of a Western Town” was published by Texas Tech University Press and released in December 2006.

[Editor’s note: If you would like to obtain a copy of “Amarillo: The Story of the Western Town” for review, please contact Texas Tech University Press at [ttup@ttu.edu](mailto:ttup@ttu.edu) or (806) 742-2982.]

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**'Pursuit of Happyness' Author Available For Interviews Prior to  
Mentor Tech April Banquet Event**

WHO: Christopher Gardner

WHAT: Media availability

WHEN: Today through April 25.

WHERE: By phone or during the Mentor Tech Banquet at 7 p.m. April 25 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

EVENT: Christopher Gardner, rags-to-riches author of "The Pursuit of Happyness" and CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings, will be available for interviews prior to serving as keynote speaker at the Mentor Tech Banquet.

The banquet supports the Lauro Cavazos and Ophelia Powell Malone Mentoring Program (Mentor Tech), a program that enhances the educational experience of students from underrepresented populations.

A series of circumstances in the 1980s left Gardner and his toddler son homeless in San Francisco. Without connections or a college degree, he earned a spot in the Dean Witter Reynolds training program, and then became a top earner at Bear Stearns & Co.

Gardner's book recently was made into a movie with Oscar-nominated Will Smith playing Gardner's character.

Tickets are \$35 apiece or \$400 and \$600 for tables of eight.

To organize an interview with Gardner or for more information on the banquet, contact Cory Powell.

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## **Texas Tech Names Winners of \$1.6 Million Research Grant Competition**

WHAT: Announcement of winners of the second annual Research Grant Competition sponsored by the Texas Tech Office of the Vice President of Research.

WHEN: 1:30 p.m. Friday (Jan. 12)

WHERE: Experimental Sciences Building seminar room. The building is located behind the Mass Communications building near the R.P. Fuller Track.

EVENT: The announcement of three Texas Tech University researchers who will share more than \$1.66 million.

This is the second year for the research grant competition. The effort is meant to enhance the research mission of Texas Tech University.

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER PRESIDENT SEARCH

Kent Hance, chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, has named a 19-member Advisory Committee to assist in selecting the next president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC).

The committee includes representatives of key Texas Tech and Health Sciences Center constituencies, including faculty, administration, staff, students and members of communities in which the Health Sciences Center operates.

The committee, working with a five-member search committee established by the Chancellor last month, will help identify potential candidates, assist with initial screenings of candidates and ensure that their respective constituency groups are kept up to date on the progress of the search.

"The committee will play an extremely important role in the search process," said Hance. "The new Health Sciences Center president will work with all groups represented on the advisory panel, so it is essential that they have a voice as we move forward.

"We have an outstanding group of individuals who have agreed to serve and we are looking forward to the collaboration between the search committee and the advisory committee," Hance said.

The advisory committee members include:

- **Laura Baker**, faculty member in the Department of Family and Community Medicine in the TTUHSC School of Medicine, Lubbock
- **Steven Berk**, dean of the TTUHSC School of Medicine, Lubbock
- **Paul Brooke**, dean of the TTUHSC School of Allied Health Sciences, Lubbock
- **Elmo Cavin**, TTUHSC executive vice president for administration and finance, Lubbock
- **Dennis Dove**, regional chairman of the Department of Surgery at TTUHSC School of Medicine, Amarillo

- **Scott Dueser**, member of the Texas Tech Board of Regents, Abilene
- **Margret Duran**, director of the TTUHSC Office of Student Services, Lubbock
- **Shirley Garrison**, community member and sponsor of TTUHSC's Garrison Institute on Aging, Lubbock
- **Larry Gill**, community member and vice president of the Dodge-Jones Foundation, Abilene
- **Alexia Green**, dean of the TTUHSC School of Nursing, Lubbock
- **Tracilyn Hall**, student in the TTUHSC School of Medicine and president of the TTUHSC Student Government Association, Lubbock
- **Antonio Jesurun**, faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics in the TTUHSC School of Medicine, El Paso
- **Cynthia Jumper**, vice chair of the Department of Internal/Pulmonary Medicine in the TTUHSC School of Medicine, Lubbock
- **Arthur Nelson**, dean of the TTUHSC School of Pharmacy, Amarillo
- **Beverly Pevehouse**, community member and local philanthropist, Midland
- **Mike Sanders**, vice chancellor for governmental relations in the TTU System, Lubbock
- **Dan T. Serna**, member of the Texas Tech Board of Regents, Arlington
- **Doug Stocco**, faculty member in the Department of Cell Biology and Biochemistry in the TTUHSC Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Lubbock
- **Betsy Triplett-Hurt**, community member and a member of the TTUHSC Permian Basin advisory council, Odessa

The new Health Sciences Center president will fill a vacancy left in June 2006 when Roy Wilson, resigned. Bernhard T. Mittermeyer, is serving as interim president.



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Texas Tech Wind Engineering Prepares to Install 50<sup>th</sup> Mesonet Station Project Provides Rich Weather and Conditions Data**

The West Texas Mesonet Group is installing a new station – the project's 50<sup>th</sup> – to provide a rich array of meteorological data to residents of Childress County.

The stations, implemented through partnerships between Texas Tech University and serviced communities, calculate wind speed, temperature, humidity, precipitation and other data in five-minute cycles. The information, used by farmers, researchers, meteorologists and local media, should benefit the 7,000-person, largely agricultural community and surrounding county.

Mesonet's first station came online at Reese Technology Center in June of 2000. The project has since expanded to cover a region spanning 33 counties from Pampa to Andrews.

"We now have a station in every county on the South Plains, which goes a long way toward fulfilling our objective," said Mesonet operations manager Wes Burgett.

Childress also will soon benefit from a new National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio transmitter. The transmitter will provide National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts and warnings to as many as 17 counties in both Texas and Oklahoma, originating from the NWS Weather Forecast Offices in Lubbock, Amarillo and Norman, Okla.

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### **SCHOOL OF LAW LANDS \$1M GIFT TO FUND PROFESSORSHIP, HONOR FORMER DEAN**

The Texas Tech University School of Law has received a \$1 million gift establishing the W. Frank Newton Endowed Professorship. The gift was made by Wayne Reaud (**pronounced:** Ree-Oh), a prominent trial lawyer and School of Law alumnus.

The W. Frank Newton Endowed Professorship will be associated with the Law School dean's position and will be first held by current dean Walter Huffman.

"We appreciate Wayne's most generous gift to the Texas Tech Law School," said Kent Hance, Texas Tech University System chancellor. "The law school produces outstanding attorneys and Wayne Reaud is certainly a fine example. His gift will greatly enhance Dean Huffman's ability to continue the school's fine work."

Reaud, who resides in Beaumont, graduated from the School of Law in 1974, and was recognized as Distinguished Alumnus in 1998.

The gift honors W. Frank Newton, who served as dean of the Texas Tech School of Law from 1985 to 2001. As the School of Law's longest serving dean, he was a driving force behind many School of Law initiatives and improvements. He is a former president of the State Bar of Texas who throughout his career was recognized for his efforts to further access to justice for poor and low-income Texans.

"Wayne Reaud's gift is a symbol of the tremendous impact the School of Law has on its students, alumni and our community," said Jon Whitmore, president of Texas Tech University. "We are humbled by Wayne's generosity, and we look forward to honoring Frank Newton with this very distinguished tribute."

Huffman joined the Texas Tech School of Law in 2002 after a distinguished 25-year career in public service culminating in his selection as The Judge Advocate General and the top military lawyer for the U.S. Army. During his tenure as head of the nation's largest legal organization, Huffman also was the first uniformed lawyer since World War II selected to serve on the Texas State Bar Board of Directors.

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“Frank Newton is a mentor and friend, and it is a honor for me to hold this Dean’s Professorship created in tribute to his leadership and service,” Huffman said. “This generous gift is a significant step forward for Tech Law, and we deeply appreciate Wayne Reaud’s consistent and extraordinary support to his law alma mater.”

In 2005, Huffman completed an appointment to a congressionally directed panel to examine legal services in the Department of Defense. He teaches National Security Law and has been interviewed as an expert on national security law issues by national radio and print media. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he was the commander of a field artillery battery, and Desert Storm, where he was the senior lawyer for U.S. Army’s VII Corps.

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## **Texas Tech Names Winners of \$1.6 Million Research Grant Competition**

Three Texas Tech University researchers will share more than \$1.66 million to enhance their research efforts. The research ranges from paleoecology to nanotechnology to a soil bio-diversity project

Dean Smith, vice president for research at Texas Tech, announced the winners in the second annual grant competition today (Friday) at a news conference in the Experimental Sciences Building on the Texas Tech campus.

"It is imperative that Texas Tech increase its research capacity," Smith said. "Research is about creating new knowledge and solutions to better our society. Incentives such as this grant competition send a clear signal that we are serious about supporting our research efforts."

The projects were selected from 75 applications submitted by Texas Tech researchers from across the campus. Independent reviewers looked at the applications and made recommendations to Smith.

"The three research projects selected exemplify the breadth of the excellent research going on at Texas Tech," said Jon Whitmore, Texas Tech University president. "I believe it is important to note that each of these projects is interdisciplinary in nature reaching across the campus to include experts in several fields."

The grant money comes from the Research Development Fund, which was created by the Texas Legislature to support research activities in higher education.

Winners are:

Randall Jeter, associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, received a \$547,108 grant to hire graduate research assistants, post-doctoral associates and to acquire soil moisture sensors and loggers. Jeter's research team is studying how microorganisms in the soil interact with crop roots to try to determine if positive effects can be enhanced as a way of improving agricultural production of crops, especially cotton and peanuts.

Eileen Johnson, professor of museum science and curator of anthropology at the Museum of Texas Tech University, received \$612,376 to hire graduate research assistants, post doctoral associates and other staff as well as to pay for services such as radiocarbon dating

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and charcoal-based tree identification. Johnson's team is studying landscape development in an area on the southern edge of the Llano Estacado to determine how the land looked before humans moved into the area, how the landscape has changed and how people have made land use decisions over several thousand years.

Yanzhang Ma, assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, received \$506,138 allowing the purchase of equipment. His project will establish a facility to synthesize large amounts of novel nanomaterials and to explore their properties. By creating a Wire Electrical Explosion Nonocrystalline Production System, the group will be able to produce daily nanomaterials on a kilogram scale.

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### **Risk Management Retreat Receives National Award** Program Memorializing Tech Student Named Second-Best in the Nation.

Texas Tech University's Center for Campus Life received the silver award from the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) in recognition of the Clay R. Warren Memorial Risk Management Retreat.

The retreat was held last September in memory of Tech freshman Clay Warren, who died from injuries he suffered in an automobile wreck while returning home from a fraternity event in 2002. Through efforts of the center and the Warren family, approximately 140 chapter officers representing more than 30 Tech Greek organizations were able to gather and discuss risk management.

"To all involved with the program, this award means a great deal," said Elizabeth Massengale, associate director of the center. "NASPA is a nation-wide professional organization, so for the retreat to even be considered was an honor."

Massengale said winning the award showed that the retreat not only made a difference in the minds of Tech students, but it made a difference in the minds of other Student Affairs professionals across the country.

"A positive aspect of this tragedy," Massengale said, "is that even though Clay's life ended too early, he is still remembered and the program will continue to remind others of potential risks."

The center has already planned a follow-up retreat to be held on Jan. 20 to review the risk management plans developed by the student organizations last September.

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## **Poem by Texas Tech English Graduate Student Nominated for Pushcart Prize**

"Pig Wrestling," a poem by Texas Tech graduate student Carrie Jerrell, has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize, a literary award and publication opportunity given to aspiring authors.

The Pushcart Prize – Best of the Small Presses series is known as one of the most prestigious literary projects in America. It is published once a year. Small magazine and book press editors may nominate up to six literary works for possible entry in the following year's Pushcart publication. About 7,000 literary pieces are nominated each year, out of which 60 are chosen for the Pushcart Prize.

Inspired by her memories of high school, Jerrell's poem was first published in the inaugural issue of the literary journal "Measure," published by the University of Evansville.

In the poem, Jerrell describes her experiences as part of a very successful pig wrestling team and the fun she had participating in local fairs with her friends in her hometown of Petersburg, Ind. Though the poem is about Jerrell's memories of the fair, it also expresses the human struggle to save memories or thoughts of the past from being slowly erased by time.

"The poem is about things you try to capture but can't quite get a grip on, like thoughts or memories," Jerrell said. "You can kind of grasp a shadow of it, but then it slips away. Through my poems, I try to answer the questions that we all have about life."

Rob Griffith, editor of "Measure," said he was thrilled to nominate "Pig Wrestling" for the prize because the poem has so much energy, motion and story, even within the confines of the typical formal verse.

"Too much of today's 'Neo-Formalist' verse merely thumps along, measuring out its beats while providing the reader with nothing more than dull, essay-like exposition," Griffith said. "Ms. Jerrell, on the other hand, knows that the best formal verse can be alive and essential, using all the resources that poetry provides."

The winners of the Pushcart Prize will be announced in May 2007.

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## **Fire Forces Changes in Theatre and Dance Program**

The Texas Tech University College of Visual and Performing Arts and the Department of Theatre and Dance's production of DanceTech: Artistry in Motion will be moved to the Allen Theatre. The change was necessitated by this week's fire in the Maedgen Theatre.

Performances are set for Jan. 26 and 27. A matinee on Jan. 28 has been cancelled. All tickets to the event will be honored. Those who purchased tickets for the Sunday matinee may use them for either the Friday or Saturday performances. For questions, please contact the Texas Tech Theatre and Dance box office at (806)742-3603. The box office, which has temporarily relocated to the Administration Building, room 218, will be open noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

The Allen Theatre is located in the Student Union Building at 15<sup>th</sup> Street and Akron Avenue, across from the Administration Building.

A fire shortly after midnight Jan. 17 has closed the theater temporarily. The fire broke out in an electrician's work area near the main stage. The fire was contained quickly and no one was injured.

There is water and smoke damage to the stage area. Preliminary damage is estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000. It is not known at this time when repairs will be completed and the building reopened.

Announcements about location changes for upcoming events and changes in parking arrangements will be forthcoming.



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## **Texas Tech Celtic Ensemble To Hold Concert Of Music From Brittany**

The Texas Tech Celtic Ensemble to hold a concert of music from the French province of Brittany. The event is set for Saturday (Jan. 20) at 8 p.m. in the Hemmle Recital Hall in the student union on the Texas Tech campus. Admission for the concert is free.

The Texas Tech Celtic ensemble is a small group of performers specializing in performances in dance music and song of the seven Celtic nations. These nations include Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Brittany, Cornwall, Galicia and the Isle of Man.

The ensemble learns and plays its repertoire by ear combining several instruments including timber flute, tin whistle, fiddles, mandola, guitar, harp, percussion, accordion, double-bass, and brass and wind instruments.

Christopher Smith, Associate Professor of Musicology, the ensemble's director, said he is excited by what the ensemble will have to offer at the concert.

"The ensemble, consisting of 15 undergraduate and two graduate students, has been preparing for the event for about three months," Smith said. "This is the first formal concert the ensemble has performed since it formed in the fall of 2006 and it is sure to be a success."

For more information, visit <http://webpages.acs.ttu.edu/chrissemi/3106>. A preview of the concert is set for Friday (Jan. 19) at 9 p.m. on KOHM 89.1 FM.

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## **World Chess Champion Visits Young Enthusiasts**

**WHAT:** Five-time world chess champion visits chess club at Ramirez Charter School

**WHEN:** 2:15 p.m. Tuesday (Jan. 23)

**WHERE:** Ramirez Charter School (702 Ave. T)

**EVENT:** Grandmaster Susan Polgar, the top-rated female chess player in the United States, four-time womens' world chess champion, and the first winner Women's World Chess Cup will visit the Ramirez Rooks chess team as part of an outreach program through Texas Tech University.

Polgar, already slated as the Texas Tech's spring commencement speaker, will visit Lubbock Tuesday and Wednesday to help university officials and faculty set up a permanent chess program. The university's fledgling chess program recently earned one of two 2006 Chess College of the Year Awards from the United States Chess Federation and was featured for its scholarships in the New York Times.

While in town, she will meet with chess players involved in the Ramirez Rooks – part of an outreach program run by the Knight Raiders.

Lubbock's only chess club, Knight Raiders consists of more than 100 student members and provides scholarships for those succeeding in the game.

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## **STEP<sub>2</sub> Program Recognized**

Texas Tech University and South Plains College recognize new program.

Texas Tech University and South Plains College have a new collaborative program that will be recognized beginning at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at South Plains College, the Levalland campus. The meeting will be held in the Founders Room located in the Student Center Building.

The collaborative program is called STEP<sub>2</sub> (Successful Transition to the Educator Preparation Program) and is funded by the CH Foundation. The program addresses the teacher shortages facing our state, particularly in high need areas such as math, science, English as a second language and special education.

South Plains College will provide a buffet lunch. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 23 to [Janie.ramirez@ttu.edu](mailto:Janie.ramirez@ttu.edu) or call (806) 742-1998 ext. 459.

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### **Advanced Tickets for 'DanceTech: Artistry in Motion' No Longer Available; Tickets Available at Door on Performance Nights**

Due to last week's fire at the Maedgen Theatre on Texas Tech campus, advanced tickets for "DanceTech: Artistry in Motion" are no longer available for purchase.

The Texas Tech University Theatre box office is temporarily unable to process credit card information.

Tickets will be available for \$12 at the door of the Allen Theatre, located inside the Student Union Building on Texas Tech campus.

People who have already purchased advanced tickets to the show still have valid tickets. However, reserved seating is no longer available. Seating has been changed to general seating on a first come, first serve basis for all tickets.

The amended performance schedule is 8 p.m. Jan. 26 and 27. The Jan. 28 matinee has been cancelled. Those who purchased tickets for the Sunday matinee may use them for either the Friday or Saturday performances.

A fire that started shortly after midnight on Jan. 17 has closed the Maedgen Theatre temporarily. The fire broke out in an electrician's work area near the main stage. The fire was contained quickly and no one was injured.

For questions, please contact the Texas Tech Theatre and Dance box office at (806) 742-3603.



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# Advisory

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: Jan. 24, 2007

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## RECEPTION PLANNED FOR NEWLY APPOINTED ENGINEERING CHAIR

WHAT: Reception

WHEN: 4:30 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 6)

WHERE: Merket Alumni Center

EVENT: The College of Engineering will welcome Alan. F. Jankowski, one of the world's leading researchers in the field of nanoscience and nanotechnology, as the J.W. Wright Regents' Chair and professor of mechanical engineering.

The J.W. Wright Regents' Chair was established in 2004 by the Associated Supply Company, Inc. (ASCO) and by the Wright family: Brax and Steve Wright and Paula Key, who own ASCO. The donation was made in honor of their father, J. W. (Bill) Wright, and to help train future mechanical engineers.

Jankowski, author or co-author of more than 100 journal publications and holder of nearly 30 patents both in the United States and internationally, has contributed to innovations in x-ray optics, magnetic devices, fuel cells and nuclear waste storage.

Jankowski joins Texas Tech after 20 years in the Chemistry and Materials Science department at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The chair's funding was assisted by the Regents' Faculty Endowment Program, which offered matching funds to donors to create regents professorships and chairs. The program created a \$20 million investment in recruiting and retaining top quality faculty at Texas Tech.

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# News Release

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## **Registration Open for Texas International Cotton School**

Registration is now available for the two-week Texas International Cotton School session beginning Aug. 13.

Classes will take place weekdays at the Texas Tech University International Textile Center in Lubbock.

The program comprises hands-on instruction of all phases of cotton production, harvesting, ginning, classing, testing, preparation and processing of cotton. TICS students also undergo in-depth training in many phases of marketing, futures, indexing and other sectors of the ever-changing economic climate for cotton.

In the past 25 sessions, more than 400 students, managers, merchants and textile workers from 54 countries have joined top cotton, commodity and textile experts for intensive sessions of the Texas International Cotton School.

“While TICS students can expect the same level of instruction as seen in past sessions, I really believe this year’s curriculum is even more innovative,” said Mike Stephens, coordinator of the Texas International Cotton School. “The Texas International Cotton School is dedicated to maintaining a level of education that matches the rapidly changing fiber and textile complex.”

The Texas International Cotton School is a cooperative effort of the Lubbock Cotton Exchange and the International Textile Center – a department of the Texas Tech’s College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

For more information, or to apply to the next session of the Texas International Cotton School, visit [www.texasintl cottonschool.com](http://www.texasintl cottonschool.com).

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**Texas Tech International Affairs Hosts Cultural Celebration**  
Chinese Lion Dance and other cultural performances highlight event.

WHAT: Celebrations of the World  
WHEN: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday (Jan. 27)  
WHERE: Texas Tech University International Cultural Center (601 Indiana Ave.)  
EVENT: More than 40 students, faculty and staff from more than 25 countries will gather as Texas Tech's Office of International Affairs hosts this event allowing visitors to learn about and experience other cultures.

Participants hailing from such far-flung locations as Jamaica, Japan, Russia and Sri Lanka will share cultural information through photos, presentations and activities from each of their home countries.

Highlighting performances representative of countries such as Scotland, India and Nepal, Dallas-based JK Wong Association will perform the traditional Chinese Lion Dance that is celebrated as a part of the Chinese New Year. Their performance will begin at 1 p.m. in the International Cultural Center Auditorium.

A schedule performances is available at:  
<http://www.iaff.ttu.edu/main/studentProgramming/Celebrations.asp>

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# News Release

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **Texas Tech Graduate Student Receives Society of Toxicology Award**

Rene Viñas, a graduate student in the Department of Environmental Toxicology (TIEHH), from Eagle Pass, received a \$3,500 "Colgate-Palmolive-Society of Toxicology Award for Student Research Training in Alternative Methods" from the Society of Toxicology.

The award seeks to find alternative techniques to reduce, replace or refine use of animals in toxicological research. Four to six national awards are given to graduate students or institutions each year. The award is meant to support the student's thesis or dissertation work.

Viñas' research looks at the *in vitro* screening of herbal remedies for their potential toxicity. Viñas analyzed the effects that these herbal remedies might have on cells at the molecular level after exposure has taken place. In using *in vitro* techniques as oppose to animal testing, Viñas hopes his research will reduce and eventually lead to the replacement of testing on animals.

"There are so many different herbal remedies out there," Viñas' said. However, one never knows what the side effects can be from their consumption. By testing these remedies on a cell in culture, I hope to prevent animal testing all together."

Viñas started his research in December 2005.

Official recognition for the award is set for March 25-29 at the Society of Toxicology annual meeting in Charlotte.

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# News Release

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### **Maedgen Theatre Fire Forces Date, Venue Changes**

Following the Jan. 17 fire that damaged the Texas Tech University Maedgen Theatre, the Department of Theatre and Dance has changed several dates and venues for the rest of this season's shows.

For questions, please contact the Texas Tech Theatre and Dance box office at (806) 742-3603.

The following changes are effective immediately.

- "Stop Kiss" – Feb. 5-11, Boston Avenue Playhouse, 4230 Boston Ave.
- "The Pillowman" – Dates changed to March 2-6, The Firehouse Theatre at The Louise Hopkins Underwood Center for the Arts, 511 Ave. K.
- "Raider Red's One-Act Play Festival" – March 26-April 1, Escondido Theatre, Student Union Building on the Texas Tech campus.
- "To Kill a Mockingbird" – Dates changed to April 26-29, McDonald Moody Auditorium on the Lubbock Christian University campus.



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### **Follow-Up Retreat Continues Risk Awareness Promotion** Student Communities Continue Working to Prevent Future Tragedies.

- WHAT:** Follow-up Clay R. Warren Memorial Risk Management Retreat
- WHEN:** 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday (Feb. 3)
- WHERE:** South Plains College (participants will take part in an outdoor ropes course in the morning and will meet in the Sundown Room of the South Plains College Student Center after 1 p.m. They will meet at 8 a.m. in the North Plaza of the Texas Tech Student Union Building for the trip to the retreat location)
- EVENT:** Texas Tech University's Greek community will participate in the follow-up Clay R. Warren Memorial Risk Management Retreat at South Plains College.

During the fall 2006 semester, chapter officers representing each of Texas Tech's fraternities and sororities participated in sessions focusing on risk management. These students developed action plans addressing chapter-specific risk management policies. During the spring 2007 retreat, these action plans will be reviewed and revised as needed. Additionally, the students will participate in a ropes course and case study activities.

The retreat was created through a joint effort between Texas Tech's Center for Campus Life and the Warren family. Warren died in a car accident while returning from a fraternity retreat during the fall 2002 semester. The Warren family suggested such a retreat to prevent future tragedies by educating students and creating risk awareness.

Large group discussions will be led by James Parker, assistant dean of campus life at Texas Christian University.

Texas Tech's Center for Campus Life recently received the silver award from the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) in recognition of the retreat.

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# News Release

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## **Texas Tech Increases ADA Parking Spaces for Basketball Fans**

To better accommodate Lady Raider and Red Raider fans, Texas Tech University is increasing the number of ADA parking spaces available on game days.

“Our fans are priority No. 1 at basketball games. We are sensitive to those who have mobility issues and will do our best to see that they have adequate accommodations,” said Steve Uryasz, senior associate athletic director. “Our fans have asked for more ADA parking and the university and system are doing everything we can to accommodate them.”

The 30 new spaces will be located in the satellite parking lot used as a staging area for fans taking advantage of the shuttle to the United Spirit Arena. The lot is located west of the Health Sciences Center Building at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Memphis Avenue. If there remains a demand for ADA spaces, more will be added in the satellite lot.

Fourteen Citibuses are used for the shuttle. They are ADA compliant and run continuously from the satellite lot to the United Spirit Arena before and after the games. There is a \$2 fee for a round-trip ride on the shuttle. Parking for basketball games opens two hours prior to the game.

“The buses drop off and pick up passengers at the curb nearest the west entrance to the United Spirit Arena. This is closer to an entrance than many of the ADA parking spots in the lots around the arena,” Uryasz said.

State law requires that 2 percent of available parking spaces be reserved as ADA spaces. Current ADA parking spaces are located primarily in front and to the north of the United Spirit Arena. There are 843 total parking spaces in those two lots, meaning 16 spaces must be designated ADA spaces. The university currently provides more than four times the required amount of ADA parking for Lady Raider, with 90 total ADA spaces, and Red Raider games with a total of 75 ADA spaces available.

The spaces will be available for every home game beginning Wednesday when the Red Raiders face the University of Texas. The new ADA spots will be marked with traffic cones. An attendant will be available to assist fans.

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### ChallengeX Team to Meet With Young Engineers

- WHAT:** Groundhog Job Shadow Day
- WHEN:** 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 1)
- WHERE:** Advanced Vehicle Engineering Laboratory at Reese Technology Center, Building 460 (a map is available upon request)
- EVENT:** Members of Texas Tech University's ChallengeX team and 17 local high school students will participate in South Plains College Tech Prep's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

The event is part of a nationwide program aimed at giving young people a first-hand perspective of how skills learned in the classroom relate to an actual workplace.

The students will have the opportunity to tour the Reese Technology Center's Advanced Vehicle Engineering Lab and interact with the Texas Tech ChallengeX team.

Team members will discuss topics ranging from engineering in today's society to the use of hydrogen as a fuel and the details of their work on the Texas Tech ChallengeX vehicle.

The ChallengeX program, a three-year competition involving 17 schools, tests each team's ability to re-engineer a GM Equinox, a crossover sport utility vehicle, to minimize energy consumption, emissions, and greenhouse gases while maintaining or exceeding the vehicle's utility and performance.

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### **Valentine's Day Experts Available for Interviews on Love, Communication and the Not-So-Happy Endings**

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and love is in the air – or is it?

Texas Tech experts can talk about more than your standard cliché love topics. From busting the Valentine's Day myth that lots of flowers and candy equal quality expressions of love to why people choose bad mates and stay in bad relationships, these five experts can add a different twist to your story. Visit [this site](#) for more.

**Patrick Hughes, associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies,** can discuss how the everyday, mundane acts of kindness toward a loved one matter more than a blitzkrieg of candy and cards on Valentine's Day. Also, lots of conflict in a relationship doesn't mean the end -- it's how conflict is handled that matters. **He can be reached at (806) 742-3911, [patrick.hughes@ttu.edu](mailto:patrick.hughes@ttu.edu).**

**Luis Ramirez, assistant professor of sociology,** is an expert about the lesser-known forms of intimate partner violence such as psychological or mental abuse directed toward males, who are not as susceptible to physical violence. **He can be reached at (806) 742-2401 ext. 255 or [lramirez@ttu.edu](mailto:lramirez@ttu.edu).**

**Martha Smithey, associate professor of sociology,** can speak about intimate partner violence, otherwise known as domestic violence. Specifically, she can speak about what factors motivate individuals to begin abusing their partners and how to leave unhealthy relationships successfully. **She can be reached at (806) 742-2401 ext. 254 or [m.smithey@ttu.edu](mailto:m.smithey@ttu.edu).**

**David Rudd, chairman of the Department of Psychology,** can speak about why people tend to make bad mate choices then choose to stay in an unhappy relationship despite the obvious emotional strain. He helps unhappy couples in his psychology clinics on a weekly basis. **He can be reached at (806) 742-3711 ext. 224 or [david.rudd@ttu.edu](mailto:david.rudd@ttu.edu).**

**Narissra M. Punyanunt-Carter, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies,** can discuss how affectionate communication can lead to a healthy relationship, and why romance and affection are not just meant for Valentine's Day. **She can be reached at (806) 742-1025, or at [n.punyanunt@ttu.edu](mailto:n.punyanunt@ttu.edu).**



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Division of Outreach  
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# News Release

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **WIND ENERGY SHORT COURSE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE**

The Wind Science and Engineering Research Center and the Division of Outreach and Distance Education at Texas Tech University are sponsoring an "Introduction to Wind Power Systems: Technology and Economics" short course, June 20–22, at Texas Tech University at Abilene. The course is intended for those interested in obtaining a general overview of wind energy technology and its associated issues.

During the past decade, wind energy has been the fastest growing source of electric power in the world. Texas recently became the number one producer of wind power in the country, and recent state legislation is laying the groundwork for large transmission lines, which will accelerate the use of wind power in the state and the region. This short course is designed to provide an overview of current wind power technology, from its technical aspects to operational, geographic, and economic issues. Course attendees will learn about the architecture, design, configuration, operation, site placement, and economics of wind turbines, wind farms, and wind-driven power plants. The course will also provide an understanding of wind energy as it relates to the electric utility industry.

Instructors for the course are Jamie Chapman, senior research faculty member in Wind Science and Engineering at Texas Tech; and Andrew Swift, director of the Wind Science and Engineering Research Center at Texas Tech.

The course fee is \$450 if registration is received or postmarked by June 1. After June 1, the fee is \$500. The fee includes the short course notes, as well as a reception and dinner on Wednesday, Thursday's lunch and daily refreshment breaks. A wind farm tour is an additional \$25 fee. Registration and attendance in the course will provide each participant with 1.3 CEU's.

For a complete brochure, or for more information, contact Texas Tech Outreach at (806) 742-7200, ext. 270 or (830) 990-2717, ext. 232; or visit [www.ode.ttu.edu](http://www.ode.ttu.edu)