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ATTN: NEWS AND WOMEN'S EDITORS

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Also offered will be a weekend workshop August 26-27, which will give participants guidance in examining and evaluating in depth their educational and vocational interests and strengths. Participants will be assisted in clarifying their career objectives and planning any coursework desired or necessary to develop skills for the jobs they want. Registration for this workshop is August 15.

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This eight-week seminar will begin August 23. A program on how to use the Texas Tech Library will be presented September 14.

More information about the programs is available from Denning or Mary Reeves in the Texas Tech Office of Student Life at (806) 742-2192.

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The session will be called to order at 9 a.m.

The policy alteration would clarify procedures for acceptance of bowl bids, according to Chairman Judson F. Williams of El Paso.

Following an executive session, scheduled from 9:15-10 a.m., the board will meet on behalf of the School of Medicine.

They will consider a proposal to establish Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center as the proper name for the health professions educational complex.

Other matters to be reviewed for the medical school include continuation of an interagency cooperation contract to permit the school continued use of Thompson and Gaston Halls during the coming year, continuation of concession contracts with Texas Tech Specialities, Inc. (with the board acting for the Tech Ex-Students Association) and approval of a policy for selection of primary and secondary depositories.

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Approval of plans and authorization for proceeding with contracts and receiving bids for renovation of the Chemical and Petroleum Engineering Buildings will be reviewed. Authorization to proceed with the renovation of West Hall and appointment of an architect for this project will be considered.

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There is no charge for the slide lecture by Fred and Nancy Griffin, owners of Griffin Stained Glass Studio, El Paso. The Griffins will be artists-in-residence at Texas Tech on Aug. 7-11 and will be demonstrating their techniques during a workshop from 1:20 to 4:40 p.m. daily in Room 3 of the Architecture Building.

The workshop is a part of a second summer term sculpture class but it is open to others through the Division of Continuing Education at Texas Tech University. For additional information call Prof. Robert Venn of the architecture faculty, 742-3136.

The Griffins are 1959 graduates of Texas Tech. Fred Griffin is a licensed architect, combining his practice with design and production of stained glass. Nancy Griffin is a painter and co-designer and constructor of some of the Southwest's most noted stained glass windows.

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The Griffins produce leaded glass in the traditional manner and with contemporary faceted glass set in epoxy.

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Pragmaticism is a modern philosophical ^{approach,} ~~branch~~ based on the thoughts of the American philosopher, mathematician and logician Charles Sanders Peirce (1839-1914).

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LUBBOCK--A Rockefeller Foundation representative will be on the Texas Tech University campus August 3 (Thursday) to meet with agricultural sciences faculty and discuss food production in the semi-arid regions of developing countries.

Gary H. Tonniessen, assistant director of the foundation's agricultural sciences program, will visit with Dr. William F. Bennett, interim dean of Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences, and other faculty members.

The foundation is in the exploratory phase of a new component of their Conquest of Hunger program and is seeking to identify what contributions the foundation might make toward increased agricultural productivity in the semi-arid zones of developing countries.

Representatives of Texas Tech's International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies (ICASALS) will also meet with Tonniessen. ICASALS is the local host for the visitor.

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LUBBOCK--A Rockefeller Foundation representative will be on the Texas Tech University campus August 3 (Thursday) to meet with agricultural sciences faculty and discuss food production in the semi-arid regions of developing countries.

Gary H. Tonniessen, assistant director of the foundation's agricultural sciences program, will visit with Dr. William F. Bennett, interim dean of Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences, and other faculty members.

The foundation is in the exploratory phase of a new component of their Conquest of Hunger program and is seeking to identify what contributions the foundation might make toward increased agricultural productivity in the semi-arid zones of developing countries.

Representatives of Texas Tech's International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies (ICASALS) will also meet with Tonniessen. ICASALS is the local host for the visitor.

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should be used; how many harvesters should be used; how costs are affected by different weather patterns during harvest; and how year-to-year variations in yield and acres harvested affect the optimum equipment selection and costs.

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To learn whether to invest in a module builder at about \$18,550 or a ricker at about \$2,800, or to decide whether to buy one more trailer at \$1,267, the farmer is asked to fill out a fairly detailed questionnaire.

Information fed into the computer includes costs of equipment, labor, taxes, insurance, maintenance and operation, along with fuel consumption rates, equipment salvage estimates, even the number of acres desiccated and weather data.

"Weather data can be provided for the program for good, bad and mediocre years," Smith said. "We also take into account the cotton that drops on the ground and never gets to the gin, the yield loss that comes with moisture loss, the decline in grade depending upon harvest times and conditions."

HASP is best used by farmers who are considering a change in their system of harvesting and transportation to the gin, he said. It gives them a chance to examine all their alternatives.

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There is no charge for the service while it is in the research stage, Smith said. Once experience has been gained, the program probably will be turned over to a producer group or, perhaps, a commercial operation for the future use of cotton farmers.

While it will take a farmer some time to fill out the questionnaire, the time is well spent in Smith's view. It gives the producer an opportunity to look at his costs in detail. Once the questionnaire is filled out and returned, it may take up to 30 minutes to punch the computer cards and 3.5 minutes on the computer to get the results.

"The results could save the producer thousands of dollars and a lot of anguish in trying to make future investments by the 'good-guess' method," Smith said.

To participate in the research program, supported by Cotton, Inc., producers can call Smith at 806: 742-3404 or write to him in care of the Department of Industrial Engineering, Texas Tech University 79409.

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Another outcome of the Beckner study is a graduate student research project that was funded by the Texas Tech Graduate School to conduct a pilot workshop based on the needs assessment. The award for the project was made to Jeannine Foster, graduate student in the College of Education, under the supervision of Beckner.

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Another outcome of the Beckner study is a graduate student research project that was funded by the Texas Tech Graduate School to conduct a pilot workshop based on the needs assessment. The award for the project was made to Jeannine Foster, graduate student in the College of Education, under the supervision of Beckner.

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