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LUBBOCK -- Michael Mezack, D.Ed., director of Texas Tech University's Division of Continuing Education, recently was appointed to serve on the Issues Management Team, part of a newly formed unit of the National University Continuing Education Association (NUCEA) in Washington, D.C.

Mezack was appointed to the team by Robert Comfort, associate dean of continuing education at the University of Pittsburgh and president-elect of NUCEA.

NUCEA, which is composed of seven regions throughout the United States, focuses on identifying problem areas that may have organizational and societal implications for continuing higher education. The Issues Management Team will synthesize research material and prepare a final report which will serve as an important information source for future short- and long-term NUCEA Board activity, national and regional programming and institutional response.

Mazack will serve with representatives from the University of Minnesota, the University of Georgia, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Illinois.

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LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech University Library will observe reduced hours for students and the general public during the interim and summer sessions.

Current interim operating hours will continue through June 3 with the Library open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and closed Saturday and Sunday. There will be a 4 p.m. closing on June 3. Operating hours will return to the interim schedule Aug. 18-31 after the end of the second summer session.

Beginning June 4, Library hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 1-10 p.m. Sunday.

For convenience during summer session final examination periods, library facilities will remain open until midnight July 11-12 and Aug. 15-16.

The library will be closed for the university holiday July 4.



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LUBBOCK -- According to Ann Burbridge, who retired in May from Texas Tech University's School of Law as its first and only registrar, working with law students has been a challenging experience that's kept her on her toes.

In February, she was honored for her dedicated service and contributions to the School of Law by the Texas Senate with a resolution that was introduced by Sen. John Montford and signed by both Montford and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Burbridge began her career in 1966 at the law school as an administrative assistant. In 1969, she assumed the position of registrar, a one-person office with responsibility for student record keeping, registration and enrollment certification.

"Through the years, I've tried to be helpful and supportive of the students who in my opinion truly are the cream of the crop," said Burbridge.

In a tenure that is among the longest in law schools around the nation, Burbridge has gained the respect and admiration of numerous colleagues.

"By virtue of Ann's leadership and longevity in her position she is unique. But even more important is that she is a nationally recognized registrar among all law schools throughout the nation," said Frank Newton, dean of the Texas Tech School of Law.

Burbridge and nine other registrars worked to publish the Registrar's Handbook in 1989, which contains information about procedures used by law school registrars. The book has become a primary handbook for institutional registrars across the United States.

Burbridge has seen the school grow from its initial days housed in several army barracks to a contemporary, new building built in 1970. Additionally, she has witnessed the expansion of the student body from 72 students in the first year to 588 students this past academic year.

In particular, she notes the changing law school environment that now is composed of about 40 percent women as compared to only two female students in the first entering class of 1966.

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Burbridge plans to spend her retirement traveling around the United States and volunteering in various local organizations.

Currently, she is active in the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women and the Early Learning Center in Lubbock. She also is a volunteer tutor for the Illiteracy Project, an organization formed in 1988 by the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy.

She is a member of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, serving on the association's Professional Schools Committee from 1986-89. Burbridge also is a charter member of the National Network of Law School Officers and has served on that board of directors for the past six years.

Burbridge received her bachelor's degree in English from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Penn., in 1947 and her master's degree in education from Texas Tech University in 1983.



## RETIRING REGENTS SECRETARY REFLECTS ON CAREER

By Myrna Whitehead

LUBBOCK -- For the past 22 years, Freda Pierce has taken care of coordinating the meetings of the Texas Tech Board of Regents. It's a task that required scheduling and organizing regents meetings, writing the minutes of the meetings and arranging the travel for the regents. However, after May 31, Pierce will be handing over the reigns to a successor.

"I feel that I have been able to accomplish the goals of the office. And, I will cherish the friendships that I've made since coming to Texas Tech," Pierce said.

The transplanted Lubbockite said she and her family left the small West Texas town of Olney when she was 7 years-old. Pierce grew up in a rural community near Lubbock and later attended a local business college.

In 1945, Pierce went to work as the secretary to the vice president of Citizens National Bank, which is now called Texas Commerce Bank. Twenty-four years later, Pierce came to Texas Tech.

"I started working here Sept. 1, 1969. That was when Texas Tech's School of Medicine was being organized," she said.

Pierce was the first secretary of the newly formed Board of Regents presiding over both the university and the health sciences center. Previously, the group had been recognized as the Board of Directors of Texas Technological College. The college's name was changed officially to Texas Tech University in 1969.

The new beginning for the regents coincided with a new beginning for its front office. The previous staff consisted of four employees. Under Pierce, the staff was streamlined to an administrative assistant and a part-time employee assisting the secretary.

The new regime implemented a system of indexing all of the minutes from previous directors meetings. This system also networked numerous cross references regarding the regents' official actions.

"Before, if anyone wanted information on an action of the board, they had to know the date of the meeting. We've replaced that with cross references based on the subjects. That makes it easier for everyone," she said.

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Pierce has gained a reputation of making life easier on everyone including the regents.

"Freda always was very thorough and efficient. She did her job so well that it was taken for granted that things would be done right. She did an exemplary job and made the regents look good," said former regent and former chairman Fred Bucy of Dallas, chairman of the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission.

Current board chairman Alan B. White, chairman of the board of Plains National Bank, echoed the same sentiment, "Freda has done an outstanding job representing the regents. The first time I saw her name was on my diploma, and I'm pleased to have been a part of the regents and have the opportunity to work with her."

During her career at Texas Tech, Pierce has served under six university presidents including two interim presidents. Her office also helped conduct the 1979-80 presidential search.

"We handled all of the resumes, correspondence, schedules and dissemination of materials for the search that ended with Lauro Cavazos becoming president," she said.

And, like many other Texas Tech employees, Pierce has ventured into the classrooms. Because of her interest in personal development, she audited finance classes and took courses in American history. She was a member of the Quarterly Club, an organization that raises scholarship funds for female graduate students. Pierce later served as the club's president.

However, the school/work/home loads became too taxing, Pierce said. She eventually scaled back her activities to focus strictly on work and family.

As her retirement day looms near, Pierce is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, Bill, and traveling. She and her husband often travel with other recreational vehicle owners.

"I'm looking forward to traveling across the United States and doing more church work," she said.

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LUBBOCK -- An article published in the Texas Tech University Law Review has been named the 1991 Outstanding Law Review Article by the Texas Bar Foundation.

The piece, "With Malice Toward None: The Metamorphosis of Statutory and Common Law Protections for Physicians and Hospitals in Negligent Credentialing Litigation," was published in Volume 22 of the law review. It was co-authored by Richard L. Griffith, a partner with Cantey and Hanger in Fort Worth, and May 1990 Texas Tech graduate Jordan Parker, currently an associate with Cantey and Hanger.

The authors and representatives from Texas Tech will be recognized during a Texas Bar Foundation dinner June 19 at the Hyatt Regency Houston.

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LUBBOCK -- Jenise Link, a second-year student at Texas Tech University School of Law, has been named National Student Advisor to the American Bar Association (ABA) Client Counseling Competition Committee.

As part of her initial duties, Link recently attended the committee's spring meeting in Clearwater, Fla. During the meeting, the panel drafted future client counseling competition topics and offered suggestions for competition host schools for the next academic year.

Link's additional duties include assisting host schools organize regional and national competitions and acting as liaison between the ABA and law schools participating in competitions. She also helps encourage school participation in client counseling competitions across the nation.

Link was a member of Texas Tech's 1991 client counseling team that claimed a regional competition championship and advanced to the quarterfinal round of the ABA national competition earlier this year.

She is the daughter of Jo Flowers of Roswell, N.M.



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- MAY 27** TTHSC clinics closed for Memorial Day
- MAY 28** First day of summer session I classes at the School of Law
- MAY 30** National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, sponsored by the Ranching Heritage Association, University Center through June 2
- Cowboy Symposium exhibit opening  
7 p.m., University Center
- Cowboy Symposium dance  
9 p.m., University Center Coronado Room
- MAY 31** William H. Gordon Sr., M.D., Family Medicine Lecture Series -- "Sports Medicine for Family Practitioners," sponsored in part by Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and South Plains chapter of Texas Academy of Family Practitioners,  
7:30 a.m., TTHSC Room 5B148
- Cowboy Symposium opening session  
10 a.m., University Center Allen Theater
- Cowboy Symposium evening performances  
7 p.m. and 9 p.m., University Center Allen Theater

**TEXAS TECH CONTINUES CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN COWBOY CULTURE**

LUBBOCK -- Cowboy. The word evokes strong images of a rough, leathery man -- a solitary spirit with a zest for hard work and hard lands -- a man respectful of nature, polite to the ladies and best friends with his horse.

But the public's vision of a cowboy did not materialize from the dust of the West. The portrait was created by people -- poets, writers, scholars, artists, musicians and craftsmen. This vision of folk heroes was created by cowboys themselves or by people who, through relationships or research and analysis, have come to know and understand cowboys and the spirit of the American West.

More than 250 of these authorities on cowboy culture will unite for a comprehensive exploration of the traditions of the American frontier at the third annual National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration May 30 through June 2 in Lubbock, the heart of the West Texas plains. All events are open to the public.

The symposium offers the poetry, literature, art and music of the real-life cowboy. Craftmakers will display boots, saddles, spurs, jewelry and other gear. Academicians and authorities in the areas of Western history and culture also will participate.

The event will include two days of panel sessions on aspects of cowboy culture as varied as turn-of-the-century ranch life and the current western trend in television programming. Also, evening performances will feature nationally known cowboy poets and musicians.

The final day of the symposium will include an authentic chuckwagon breakfast followed by a cowboy devotional and a rodeo featuring participants from as far away as California, Idaho and Tennessee.

**SOURCE:**

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