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### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD, CEREMONY SET TO HONOR HIGH ACHIEVING ADVISORS**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University will hold a ceremony and reception honoring the nominees for the first annual President's Excellence in Academic Advising Award in the Croslin Room of the University Library from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

University President Jon Whitmore and Provost William Marcy will announce the award winners during the ceremony.

All who were nominated for this award and all who supported the nominees are welcome to attend the reception. Deans, department chairs, advising supervisors, and other supporters of excellence in academic advising also are invited.

Whitmore created the award this spring to emphasize the importance of academic advising.

"While the importance of excellence in teaching will continue to be emphasized at Texas Tech, I also wanted to recognize the value of expert advising outside the classroom to ensure student success and satisfaction along the path to graduation," Whitmore said.

In offering this award competition and in co-hosting the event, Marcy recognized the excellence of academic advisors.

"Some say that advice is only worth what you pay for it," said Marcy. "If that is indeed the case, then Texas Tech is putting a lot of money into advising to provide value to the student. We provided over \$850,000 to hire 29 new advising staff. It doesn't stop there. These advising awards are intended to provide further reinforcement for advising excellence. The recipients of these awards reflect excellence at both the individual and the department level. They are all to be congratulated."

Twenty nomination packets were submitted for the first offering of the President's Excellence in Academic Advising Award. Two winners were named in the individual category, and one in the team category.

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**VIETNAMESE DELEGATION PROMOTES  
PARTNERSHIP WITH TEXAS TECH**

LUBBOCK – A delegation representing two-thirds of Vietnam's community colleges was welcomed Monday at a ceremony featuring Texas Tech Interim Chancellor Donald Haragan and Lubbock Mayor Pro-Tem Tom Martin.

The delegation was on campus to participate in a series of presentations focusing on the further development of Vietnamese community colleges and community college/university relationships. The Texas Tech University Vietnam Center sponsored the event.

The delegation toured the Vietnam Center and was briefed on the role the center plays in preserving the history of the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Center has played an active role in assisting Vietnamese community colleges develop relationships with Western counterparts. In 2004, the center assisted in establishing an information technology curriculum at a community college in Vietnam.

Delegates included:

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| • Pham, Phat<br>Rector, Dong Thap Community<br>College                          | • Nguyen, Tue Thien<br>Rector, Quang Ngai Community<br>College      |
| • Do, Ha Van<br>Rector, Hai Phong Community<br>College                          | • Truong, Hai Thi Be<br>Rector, Vinh Long Community<br>College      |
| • Nguyen, Chau Minh<br>Rector, Ha Tay Community<br>College                      | • Vo, Xinh Thi<br>Vice Rector, Kien Giang<br>Community College      |
| • Nguyen, Son Hoang<br>Vice Chairman, Quang Ngai<br>Province People's Committee | • Vu, Ngoc Dinh<br>Member, Dong Thap Province<br>People's Committee |

Since it was founded in 1989, the Vietnam Center and Archive has become one of the largest repositories of its kind outside of the U.S. government. The center offers a virtual archive containing more than 2.4 million online pages of searchable materials,

including documents, photographs, slides, negatives, audio and video recordings, artifacts and oral histories.

For more information, visit [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu)

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**NEW BOOKSTORE AT SALVATION ARMY TO PROMOTE  
LITERACY, INCREASE ACCESS TO CHILDREN'S LITERATURE**

WHO: Texas Tech University, Salvation Army

WHAT: Grand opening

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday

WHERE: The Salvation Army, 1420 Ave. J

EVENT: Texas Tech University and Salvation Army officials will host the grand opening of a new facility that strives to promote literacy among young children.

"The WORM HOLE: Where The Bookworms Go" is a mini-bookstore and library designed and built by Texas Tech College of Architecture graduate students and stocked by College of Education Kappa Delta Pi honorary society members.

The facility will be a safe haven where young children can read quality, multicultural books. Books will sell for 25 cents.

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## **VERNACULAR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP CREATED AT TEXAS TECH**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University's Vernacular Music Center has announced the creation of a new permanently endowed Vernacular Music Center Scholarship.

The Vernacular Music Center studies, teaches and performs cultural and historical oral-tradition and popular music.

The scholarship will be a competitive award granted annually to a Texas Tech student with expertise in traditional or vernacular performance arts. The first scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 2007.

The student winning the competitive auditions will serve as a coach, ensemble leader, recitalist and participant in the annual fund-raising Caprock Celtic Christmas concert.

Christopher Smith, director of the Vernacular Music Center, said the scholarship will allow the university to draw on the musician's expertise as a performer over the course of the entire year.

"In essence, the Vernacular Music Center Scholarship makes it possible for Lubbock and the Texas Tech community to have a top-notch vernacular musician-in-residence for the award year," said Christopher Smith, director of the Vernacular Music Center.

Donations made to the Vernacular Music Center Scholarship are tax-deductible. For information about donating to the scholarship endowment, contact Director William Ballenger in the Texas Tech School of Music at (806) 742-2270, ext. 222, or e-mail [william.ballenger@ttu.edu](mailto:william.ballenger@ttu.edu).

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## SCULPTURAL EXHIBITION PRESENTED AT TEXAS TECH SCHOOL OF ART

LUBBOCK - Landmark Arts in Texas Tech University's School of Art has opened a new art exhibition.

The MIX! 2005 [redux] exhibition, presented in the Landmark Gallery in the School of Art, will run through June 23.

The Mix! Series is the creation of the Dallas Center for Contemporary Art and Joan Davidow, its director. Each year the Mix! Series presents five young, ethnically and geographically diverse Texas artists whose work is as influenced by their cultural background as it is by the world-discourse of contemporary art. At the Dallas Contemporary, each artist is given a focus exhibition during his or her year in the Mix! series. For the Landmark Arts Mix! 2005 [redux] exhibition, a group show was curated, selecting either recent work or commissioning new work, from four of the five Mix! 2005 artists.

The resulting exhibition includes work by Alejandro Almanza Pereda from New York City, Suguru Hiraide from Wichita Falls, Luz Maria Sanchez from San Antonio and Takako Tanabe from Fort Worth.

To preview the exhibition, please visit the Landmark Arts website at [www.landmarkarts.org](http://www.landmarkarts.org) and follow the links to the Mix! 2005 [redux] exhibition.

The Galleries of the School of Art are located in the Art Building at the intersection of 18th Street and Flint Avenue (2802 18th Street), just east of the Architecture Building on the Texas Tech campus. All events are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday- Friday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am- 5:00 pm, Sunday Noon- 4:00 pm. On weekdays, pay parking is available at the Flint Avenue Parking Facility, across the street from the School of Art. On weekends, parking is free. During summer, the Galleries will be open Monday through Friday only. Art exhibition programs at the Texas Tech University School of Art are made possible, in part, by generous grants from the Helen Jones Foundation and The CH Foundation.

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### TEXAS TECH EXHIBIT SPOTLIGHTS FACULTY RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech University Libraries have opened the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Faculty Academic Contributions Exhibit (FACE) to highlight the research and creative efforts by university faculty.

This year's exhibit in the University Library's Croslin Room includes 122 scholarly and creative works submitted by 113 Texas Tech faculty members. Topics covered include architecture, engineering, art, music, chemistry, mathematics, education, literature, legal issues, political science, feminism, water conservation, dinosaurs, terrorism, the Vietnam War and much more.

Items in the exhibit range from articles, books, book chapters and encyclopedia entries to music CDs, DVDs, artwork, posters and a patent. Several items from the Texas Tech University Museum's Captain Cook exhibit will also be on display.

This year's FACE theme, "Bridging the Disciplinary Divide," addresses the cross pollination of ideas across many academic disciplines, said committee chairperson Jack Becker, interim head of information services for the Libraries.

"This is the largest and most successful faculty exhibit we have had to date," said Becker. "This very important outreach event is our way of recognizing Texas Tech faculty for their scholastic endeavors and encouraging collaboration between the Libraries and faculty."

The exhibit will remain on display through the end of May.

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### SCIENTISTS TRACE BOUNDARIES OF ANCIENT TEXAS LAKE

LUBBOCK – Using traces of a rare band of minerals buried more than eight stories below current ground level, Texas Tech University researchers are now mapping the boundaries of a massive hyper-saline lake system that swept across the South Plains and well into New Mexico some 1.6 million years ago.

The scientists believe a chain of lakes, which likely ranged more than a mile wide in spots, began near Lubbock's Yellowhouse Canyon and ended in Fort Sumner, N.M., about 160 miles to the west. They know this by the special mineral and sediments that formed at the bottom of the lake.

Discovering the dimensions of the ancient lakes contributes to a better understanding of what occurred in the past.

"Knowing more about the lakes will help us put some dates on sediments that we didn't know were there," said Wayne Hudnall, a soil scientist and Tech's B. L. Allen Endowed Professor of Pedology. Pedology is the study of soils and soil formation. "It also gives us some information on the climatic conditions for this area during that time."

During the lake's formation, volcanic ash and dust were blown onto the water surface, he said. As the material drifted downward through the water, a chemical reaction occurred, separating the material into specific and identifiable minerals.

These minerals – sepiolite, birnessite and calcite – settled on the lake bed as layers.

"It was a chemical reaction that created these minerals, rather than sediments falling into the lake that formed these bands," Hudnall said. "The deepest we've found these bands are 80 feet in a caliche mining pit near Muleshoe, but the lake could have been far deeper. That's just how far down we've gone now."

The actual dimensions of the lake are still being determined, but Hudnall and doctoral candidate Dusten Russell believe the lakes lie within what's known as the Portales Basin. Following what was originally a river bed, the lake's long and narrow form was determined by the basin's shape.

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“It’s not likely the lake would have widened over time,” Russell said. “Just like a stream, the moving water would down cut, rather cut out the sides of the bank.”

There are economic benefits from discovering the lake’s boundaries, too.

“The unique minerals that formed at the bottom of the lakes are now being mined,” he said. “The rock itself is being removed and crushed for use in road construction and in area dairies.”

While the material looks like the typical caliche used on the region’s unpaved roads, the rock coming from the lake beds contains sepiolite, a fibrous mineral that can absorb organic compounds. It also has color advantages, since it is a bright white.

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**SMITH ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF NEW FUNDING COMPETITION FOR  
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS**

- WHO:** Dean Smith, vice president of research at Texas Tech University
- WHAT:** Announcement of funding grants to Texas Tech faculty members who competed in a new internal grant competition
- WHEN:** 2 p.m. Thursday
- WHERE:** Experimental Sciences Building Seminar Room. The ESB is at the corner of Canton Avenue and Main Street by the R.P. Fuller Track. Media can park in the R02 lot on the north side of the building.
- EVENT:** Smith will announce which faculty research projects will receive funding from his million-dollar internal challenge. In November, Smith announced the competition and invited faculty across campus to apply. No constraints were put on what type of project would receive funding, and any project would get consideration. From that, 96 applications were filed. Winners were selected through the help of independent sources in higher education. Grant money comes from the Research Development Fund, which was created by the Texas legislature to support research activities in higher education.

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**HAMILTON PARK CELEBRATION SET TO HONOR  
PAST, FUTURE RURAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**WHO:** U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer  
Dr. Sheryl Santos, dean of the Texas Tech University  
College of Education

**WHAT:** Dedication of Hamilton Park

**WHEN:** 11:30 a.m. Saturday

**WHERE:** First Baptist Church Activities Center,  
3rd and W. Main Street, Brownfield

**EVENT:** U.S Rep. Randy Neugebauer and Dean of the Texas  
Tech University College of Education Sheryl Santos will  
speak at a celebration luncheon dedicating the new  
Hamilton Park.

The park features a series of large panels that include historical and contemporary photographs. Other features in the landscaped park are a windmill, two rest areas, a Texas Historical Commission marker, inscribed memorial bricks and two bronze sculptures.



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**KATRINA VICTIM TO GRADUATE FROM TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

LUBBOCK – Despite the fact Hurricane Katrina flooded her all-girl Catholic School in Harahan, La., Claire Simpson found a way to graduate – virtually.

Instead of graduating this year from Ursuline Academy, Simpson will graduate from Texas Tech Independent School District this summer, and will be one of 19 students to walk across the stage during a graduation ceremony. Commencement begins at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Merket Alumni Center on the Texas Tech Campus.

Texas Tech Provost William Marcy will give the graduation address.

“It meant a lot to prove to myself that I was disciplined enough to complete this on my own,” Simpson said of graduating through TTUISD. “I know now that I can be a responsible and mature person – I also was able to take part in many things I wouldn’t have been able to do if I had finished at my other school, like help other hurricane victims by distributing food and water through my church.”

Simpson has been accepted to Loyola University New Orleans on an \$8,000-a-year recognition award.

TTUISD, the only accredited distance learning K-12 diploma program in Texas, will graduate 137 seniors for the 2005-2006 school year. The graduates come from 13 different states and three foreign countries, including Brazil, Oman and Mexico.

The program, established in 1993, offers a high school curriculum in a combination of print- and electronic-based courses. Graduates of TTUISD average 1137 on their SAT scores and 25 on their ACT scores. All graduates passed all parts of the TAKS or TASS tests.

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### SMITH ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF \$1.8 MILLION GRANT COMPETITION

LUBBOCK – Researchers in plant genetics, wind science and the geosciences at Texas Tech University will share in a \$1.8 million grant awarded by the vice president of research.

Dean Smith, vice president of research at TTU who created the grant competition, announced the winners Thursday at a news conference at the Experimental Sciences Building on the Texas Tech Campus.

“My mission is to increase research capacity at Texas Tech University,” Smith said. “I felt we needed to do something different to ignite the research engine. That’s why we put the \$1 million out there with no constraints.”

Originally, Smith offered TTU researchers \$1 million. However, after he saw the quality of the 95 research applications, he said he increased funding to \$1.8 million.

The three awards provide funding for modern state-of-the-art equipment that will enhance Texas Tech’s research infrastructure, Smith said. This will make TTU researchers more competitive in their applications for state and federal funding.

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

Winners are:

- Randy Allen, professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, earned a \$315,049 grant for equipment and to pay for graduate research assistants. Researchers hope to find genetic answers to improve plant stress tolerance and improve crop plant production under marginal conditions.
- Melanie Barnes, senior research associate in the Department of Geosciences, earned a \$506,203 grant for an inductively-coupled plasma

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mass spectrometer with laser ablation. This machine will enable researchers to analyze the chemical composition of water, soil and other compounds to detect elements in parts-per-billion. In geology, the device can be used to determine the age of rocks and how they were formed.

- John Schroeder, assistant professor in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences, earned a \$1 million grant for two high-resolution mobile research Doppler radars for the Wind Science and Research Center. These will be used to study the lower atmosphere and create four-dimensional wind flow simulations to better understand weather patterns near Earth's surface.

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## **TEXAS TECH REGENTS HIRE SEARCH FIRM, BEGIN BUILDING CANDIDATE POOL TO FILL CHANCELLOR POSITION**

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech University System Board of Regents has hired the executive search firm of Korn/Ferry International and has begun assembling a pool of candidates to consider in filling the position of chancellor.

The five-member Chancellor Search Committee, comprising three regents and two members of the Texas Tech Foundation Board of Directors, held an organizational meeting Thursday with a search firm consultant and with an 18-member Advisory Committee representing a number of Texas Tech constituencies. Their first action will be to solicit nominations and seek applicants, a process expected to take about two months.

“We are casting a wide net in our search for the best possible person to lead the Texas Tech University System,” said Frank Miller, a regent from Dallas and chairman of the Chancellor Search Committee. “Contrary to recent speculation, we are starting with a clean slate and have no particular individuals in mind.”

Miller said advertisements will be placed in higher education journals, information will be posted on the Texas Tech System website and on other websites, and direct mail invitations to make nominations will be sent to Texas Tech alumni, friends and supporters. Members of the Advisory Committee, representing faculty, staff, students, alumni, the business community and administration, have been asked to provide nominations as well.

The search committees will be working with R. William Funk, Korn/Ferry International’s leading consultant in higher education executive placements. Funk, who is based in Dallas, has been called “the guru of higher education recruiting” by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Serving on the Chancellor Search Committee along with Miller are Regents Bob Black of Horseshoe Bay and Windy Sitton of Lubbock and two members of the Texas Tech Foundation Board of Directors, Jerry Turner of Austin and Robert Brown of El Paso.



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**NEW BOOKSTORE, LIBRARY AT SALVATION  
ARMY TO BENEFIT CHILDREN'S LITERACY**

LUBBOCK – A belief that all children should have access to libraries and bookstores inspired two Texas Tech University professors to imagine and build a space for young children to enjoy the magic of reading and purchase new and used books inexpensively.

Rosa Hernández Sheets, an associate professor in the College of Education, and Upe Flueckiger, an associate professor in the College of Architecture, worked together this spring to make this conviction a reality for Lubbock's Salvation Army.

"The WORM HOLE: Where The Bookworms Go" is a mini-bookstore and library designed and built by Flueckiger's graduate students and stocked by Sheets' Kappa Delta Pi honorary society members.

Located inside the Salvation Army (1420 Ave. J), the facility is a safe haven where young children can read quality, multicultural books and can purchase books for 25 cents.

"This is a non-institutional place where children, regardless of the economic status of their parents, can experience a safe, comfortable place to build memories of favorite books," Sheets said. "It's important for the Lubbock community to share the mutual goal of providing access to books to as many children as possible throughout their lives."

Donations of cash and books are being accepted throughout the year for the project. For more information on donating, contact Sheets.

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**HAMILTON PARK CELEBRATION HONORS HISTORY,  
OUTLINES FUTURE OF TERRY COUNTY**

LUBBOCK – At a ceremony dedicating Brownfield's Hamilton Park Saturday, Texas Tech University College of Education Dean Dr. Sheryl Santos said the facility will serve as a reminder of the role education plays in West Texas' rural communities. The event, which featured a celebration luncheon, was also attended by U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer.

"The educational areas of Hamilton Park will serve to remind our children of the accomplishments of the city and county and the hopes for a better future," Santos said. "The park will provide students with many opportunities to expand the mind and explore possibilities. The creative learning that will take place as a result of this town's vision can never be measured in dollars but it will manifest itself through the appreciation of educators that use it as a teaching resource."

Former Terry County resident Richard L. Ridgway, who also served as principle organizer of the event, said education will be at the forefront of initiatives designed to promote the future of rural West Texas communities.

"Some of us have identified wise use of the land and water, new technologies, health services, economic development, and education as key elements in building a promising future for rural communities," he said. "Certainly, education transcends all of these elements, so we think that it is particularly fitting to have a special focus on education."

The park features a series of large panels that include historical and contemporary photographs. Other features in the landscaped park are a windmill, two rest areas, a Texas Historical Commission marker, inscribed memorial bricks and two bronze sculptures.

Developers have provided an opportunity for individuals, families, organizations and businesses to be a part of the park by being recognized on inscribed bricks. Forms for making contributions for bricks are available at the City Hall and at the Brownfield Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact the chamber at (806) 637-2564.

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## **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY TO HONOR GRADUATES**

**[Editor's note: A student from your area is included in this release.]**

LUBBOCK – U.S. Education Secretary Margaret Spellings and U.S. Sen. John Cornyn will be commencement speakers at graduation exercises May 12 and 13 at Texas Tech University.

Diplomas will be awarded to 2,984 students during commencement ceremonies and for the first time, Texas Tech's Graduate School will hold a separate commencement ceremony at 6 p.m. Friday in the United Spirit Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave. in Lubbock. The featured speaker will be Dr. Shelby D. Hunt, Jerry S. Rawls and Paul Whitfield Horn Professor of Marketing at Texas Tech.

Undergraduate commencement ceremonies will be at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday (May 13), in the United Spirit Arena. The featured speaker for the morning ceremony will be Spellings and the featured speaker in the afternoon ceremony will be Dr. Donald R. Haragan, interim chancellor of the Texas Tech University System.

The morning ceremony will include students in the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Education, Human Sciences, Mass Communications and the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration. The afternoon observance includes the Colleges of Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Engineering, Honors and Visual and Performing Arts.

Cornyn will be the featured speaker at the Texas Tech School of Law commencement at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, at the United Spirit Arena. Class speaker will be Brandon Hill of Fort Worth. A reception will follow at the Merket Alumni Center.

Receptions for the colleges will follow their respective ceremonies. Reception locations are: College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in the atrium area of the Animal Science Building; College of Architecture in the Architecture Gallery; College of Arts and Sciences in the foyer in front of Room 104 in Holden Hall; Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration in the Business Administration Building Rotunda; College of Education in the second floor foyer of the Education Building; College of Engineering in the courtyard of the Engineering Center; College of Human

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Sciences in El Centro lounge; College of Mass Communications in the Merket Alumni Center; and College of Visual and Performing Arts in the foyer of Hemmle Hall.

Outstanding students will carry banners representing their respective colleges. Administrators selected the banner bearers based on all-around achievement.

The banner bearers are: Cody Ryan Beaver, an animal science major from Fluvanna, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources; Marissa Kathleen Spears, an architecture major from Albuquerque, N. M., College of Architecture; Ashley Marie Cartwright, a mathematics major from Lubbock, College of Arts and Sciences; Jeremy James Neurohr, a management major from Mesquite, the Jerry S. Rawls College of Business Administration; Kristi Lauren King, a multidisciplinary studies major from Dallas, College of Education; Abram Henry Clark IV, an electrical engineering major from Arlington, College of Engineering; Anthony P. Scanio, an international business/marketing major from Temple, at 9 a.m., and Amber Y. Swinford, an English major from Van, at 1:30 p.m., Honors College; Jana Michelle Martin, a family and consumer sciences major from Paradise, College of Human Sciences; Bryan Donald Wendell, a journalism/Spanish major from Plano, College of Mass Communications; and Matthew Allan Cash, a music performance major from Levelland, College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Selected to carry the banner for the Graduate School are Dawndra Ann Meers-Scott from Lubbock, a doctor of philosophy student in family and consumer science education in the College of Human Science.

Also recognized during commencement exercises will be bachelor's degree candidates with the highest grade-point-averages in their respective colleges.

Highest ranking May graduates for each college are:

- Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources: Cody Ryan Beaver of Fluvanna.
- Architecture: Marissa Kathleen Spears of Albuquerque, N.M.
- Arts and Sciences: Staci Ln Barker, an English major from Granbury; Laura Beth Bergman, a French/history major from Bridge City; Joyce Ruth Dahlbeck, a general studies major from Lubbock; Bobbie Jack Epperson, a political sciences major from Wylie; Nathan Andrew Jahnke, a German major from Houston; Lindsey Michelle Jasbring, a psychology major from Mesquite; Lindsey Anne Roberts, a Spanish major from Garland; Elizabeth JoHanna Walcott, a Spanish/public relations major from Stamford; and Bryan Donald Wendell, a Spanish/journalism major from Plano. Tied in mathematics were Ashley Marie Cartwright of Lubbock and Ryan David Nipp of Amarillo. Tied in biology were Mitchell George Eichhorn of Amarillo and William Farouk Qubty of Corsicana.



- Business Administration: Jeremy James Neurohr of Mesquite and Alex Anne Agnor of Marshall, both management majors; Tyler Blake Jones of Amarillo and Jonathan Bradley Platt of Richardson, both accounting majors; and Michael James Davis of Arlington and Lyndsey Michelle Yarbrough of Fort Stockton, both marketing majors.
- Education: Kristi Lauren King of Dallas.
- Engineering: Abram Henry Clark IV an electrical engineering major from Arlington; Kenneth Alexander Marek, a mechanical engineering major from Cypress; and Justin Dewayne Thompson, a petroleum engineering major from Abilene.
- Human Sciences: Jana Michelle Martin of Paradise and Erin Elizabeth Brown of White Oak, both family and consumer sciences majors; Julia Christine Henderson of Carrollton, Jessica Angelique Kelly of Seymour and Raleigh Brichelle Phillips of Odessa, all human development and family studies majors; Kristen Elyse Fulton of Katy and Heather Renea Weaver of Godley, both early childhood majors; and Kathleen Annette Joyner, an interior design major from Colleyville.
- Mass Communications: Bryan Donald Wendell, a journalism/Spanish major from Plano; Elizabeth JoHanna Walcott, a public relations/Spanish major from Stamford; and Christine Marie Canales, a public relations major from Sunray.
- Visual and Performing Arts: Matthew Allan Cash of Levelland.



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### **INTERNAL REVIEW FINDS NO NCAA VIOLATION BY TEXAS TECH TRACK AND FIELD PROGRAM**

LUBBOCK – An internal review by Texas Tech University officials has found no violation of NCAA rules by the track and field program. The review examined allegations raised in a Fort Worth Star-Telegram newspaper article published April 21.

The review found no credible evidence to conclude that a violation of the NCAA rules concerning the payment of extra benefits to a student athlete had occurred. The review began April 4, based on the issues raised by a reporter for the newspaper.

The review was initiated through the Athletic Compliance Office and directed by Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. Robert J. Baker, Horn professor in the Department of Biological Sciences.

“We have conducted a thorough review of the allegations including university records, apartment rent payment records and interviews with the two student athletes involved in the allegations as well as other individuals associated with the track and field program,” said Baker. “Through our review, we have found no violation of NCAA extra benefits legislation on the part of Coach Kittley or anyone associated with the track and field program as alleged in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram article.”

In the article were allegations that track and field Head Coach Wes Kittley provided money to pay rent for a track student athlete. During the internal investigation, the student athlete consistently denied he received inappropriate monetary assistance from Kittley, and denied making such allegations to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram reporter. University records show that approximately \$4,200 paid to the student athlete came from a Pell grant, student loans and a NCAA permissible special assistance fund.

An overwhelming amount of evidence collected during the month-long review indicates that a second track student athlete quoted in the article was mistaken in his statement that he received cash from Kittley in January 2005 to pay rent.

A letter detailing the findings of the review has been sent to the NCAA vice president for enforcement services and to Big XII Conference officials.



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## **CU-BOULDER ANNOUNCES CREATION OF NEW STUDENT RECOVERY CENTER**

[Editor's Note: Kitty Harris, director of Texas Tech's Center for the Study of Addiction and Recovery, will be available for interviews regarding the University of Colorado at Boulder's new Center for Students in Recovery (806) 742-2891, or e-mail [kitty.harris@ttu.edu](mailto:kitty.harris@ttu.edu).]

LUBBOCK -- The University of Colorado at Boulder has announced the creation of a new center to support students in recovery from addiction, based on a model program emphasizing peer-based support now in place at Texas Tech University.

The new CU-Boulder Center for Students in Recovery will provide needs assessment, academic and housing support, 12-step meetings, addiction recovery education and community service opportunities. The center will be funded initially by a six-month, \$25,000 seed grant from the CU Parents Association and is expected to become self-funded through contributions and grants from foundations and private support, said CU-Boulder Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Ron Stump.

"I'm excited about this program because it fills a need within the university," said Robert Cranny, director of CU-Boulder's Wardenburg Health Center, who will oversee the administration of the center. "This will give us a solid structure for recovering students, providing direct, on-campus support that supplements community support available for those in recovery."

The new CU-Boulder center is modeled after the Texas Tech program begun two decades ago, which now involves 80 students in recovery each semester, said Jack Lavino, who will coordinate the CU-Boulder center. While most CU-Boulder students will be in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction, others may be in recovery from other addictions such as eating disorders, he said.

"One of the goals of this center is to energize the recovering people on this campus, as well as their family members and friends," said Lavino. "We hope supporters of this center will participate in campus recovery meetings and act as mentors for our students."

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Cranny said he has been approached at CU-Boulder student orientation sessions by parents inquiring about recovery programs on campus for students. "From a health center perspective, I think we will see the same thing for students recovering from drug and alcohol addiction that we have seen regarding those with eating disorders," said Cranny. "That is, the number of students we have in recovery on campus is significantly higher than we had anticipated."

CU-Boulder hopes eventually to build support for the program, as has been done with the student recovery program at Texas Tech, Lavino said. The Texas Tech student recovery program has an endowment of more than \$2 million that allows the school to offer a number of small scholarships annually to participating students who demonstrate recovery, academic achievement and service, Lavino said.

Campus administrators are collaborating with Texas Tech representatives, who have provided curriculum materials to CU-Boulder developed with a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the U.S. Department of Education, Lavino said. CU-Boulder officials, who have worked for the past several months to finalize the program, plan to admit up to 10 students by the fall semester.

The CU-Boulder Center will be housed in Willard Hall on campus and will include weekly "celebration of recovery" meetings that will be open to all members of the Boulder community and surrounding area, said Lavino.

Texas Tech also is piloting the recovery center curriculum material at the University of Texas at San Antonio and two junior colleges, Lavino said. Other colleges with student recovery programs include the University of Texas at Austin, Rutgers University, Brown University and Augsburg College in Minneapolis, he said.

CU-Boulder center officials are in the process of forming a fundraising committee comprised of people from around Colorado. They also will collaborate with a number of groups, including high schools and colleges with recovery programs and addiction-treatment centers, including the University of Colorado Hospital's Center for Dependency, Addiction and Rehabilitation in Denver.



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**HISPANIC CONVOCATION 2006 TO  
HONOR TEXAS TECH GRADUATES**

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech University Raiders Rojos will host Hispanic Convocation 2006 at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Red Raider Ballroom of the Student Union Building. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will honor graduates of Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The convocation will feature speakers Dr. Juan Munoz, special assistant to the president for diversity, and Dr. German Nunez, vice president of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

A reception will follow the ceremony.

Raiders Rojos seeks to promote the retention and graduation attainment of Hispanic students within the Texas Tech University System by providing a strong support system that includes scholarship, mentoring and networking opportunities.

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**TECH SCHOOL OF LAW GRADUATE EARNS HIGHEST  
SCORE ON TEXAS BAR EXAMINATION**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech School of law graduate Brandon Barnett has earned the highest score in the state on the February Texas Bar exam. Barnett is a December graduate of the school's class of 2006.

On the past six bar exams dating back to 2003, Texas Tech produced two top scorers – the most top scorers of any Texas law school in that time period.

Barnett, a native of Arlington, is currently attending Marine Corps training.

“It is a tremendous achievement to attain the highest score on the Texas Bar Exam, and we are extraordinarily proud of Brandon and the faculty who prepared him,” said Walter B. Huffman, dean of the School of Law.

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**U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION MEDIA AVAILABILITY**

WHO: U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings

WHAT: Media availability

WHEN: Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 8:40 p.m

WHERE: International Cultural Center at Texas Tech University  
601 Indiana Avenue

EVENT: U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings will be made available to media prior to a private reception at Texas Tech University.

She is a commencement speaker at Saturday morning's commencement exercises at Texas Tech University.



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**TEXAS TECH PROFESSOR NAMED TO CONSERVATION BOARD**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech professor Dr. Loren Smith has been named to represent Texas in a three-year term on The Nature Conservancy's 21-member Board of Trustees.

The Nature Conservancy is a leading international, nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving plants, animals and natural communities. Its Conservation by Design concept identifies priority areas that promise to ensure biodiversity over the long term.

Smith, a Caesar Kleberg Professor of Wildlife Ecology for Texas Tech's Department of Range, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, has studied various aspects of wetland ecology, especially the approximately 25,000 playa lakes that dot the Great Plains.

He has published more than 140 peer reviewed research papers in field and ecosystem ecology, edited several books and symposia, and written two books. He also is past editor-in-chief of the Journal of Wildlife Management.

His wetlands research book "Playas of the Great Plains" won the 2004 Outstanding Book Award from the Wildlife Society and first prize in Texas Tech's President's Book Award in 2005. He also has received an outstanding publication award from the Wildlife Society for the edited book "Habitat Management for Migrating and Wintering Waterfowl in North America."

Past conservancy board members from Texas Tech include former chancellor John T. Montford and former president Dr. David Schmidly.

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**U.S. SEN. JOHN CORNYN MEDIA AVAILABILITY**

WHO: U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

WHAT: Media availability

WHEN: Saturday, 5:45 p.m.

WHERE: United Spirit Arena  
West Entrance (Main Doors)

EVENT: Sen. John Cornyn will be available for media interviews prior to addressing the Texas Tech University School of Law commencement ceremony.

SPECIAL NOTE: Media representatives are strongly encouraged to arrive at the West Entrance of the United Spirit Arena prior to 6 p.m.

Late arrivals may not be admitted.

Media availability will begin at 6 p.m. and last until 6:15 p.m.

From the West Entrance, media will be escorted to an area in the United Spirit Arena to conduct interviews with Sen. Cornyn.

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**GABRIEL ECKSTEIN NAMED GEORGE W. MCCLESKEY PROFESSOR OF  
WATER LAW AT TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech School of Law professor Gabriel Eckstein has been appointed the school's George W. McCleskey Professor of Water Law.

Eckstein currently is director for the Center for Water Law and Policy at Texas Tech. He also serves as an advisor to the United Nations' principal U.S. legal expert on water law issues as well as director of the Internet-based International Water Law Project.

The School of Law has positioned itself in recent years as a leader in water law and policy, an issue of increasing importance as global freshwater resources dwindle and legislation becomes increasingly outdated and complex.

Last year, Eckstein spearheaded The Water Law and Policy Symposium at Texas Tech, which allowed leading North American experts to address the roles that the public and private sectors, as well as government agencies, play in developing standards for managing freshwater resources.

The George W. McCleskey Endowed Professorship was created in 1998 by contributions from friends and family honoring the late George W. McCleskey.

McCleskey was a pioneer and expert in water law as it applied to Texas and the South Plains. The primary objective of the professorship is to equip others to carry on the tradition of excellence and further advance the development of water law knowledge and education.

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**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS FOR 2006 ANNOUNCED  
BY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech College of Education officials have announced the recipients of the college's 2006 Outstanding Student Awards. Honorees are nominated by faculty of the College of Education and selected by committee.

- Outstanding Undergraduate Student: Dawn Bullock, middle-level (grades 4-8) math and science major, Wolfforth
- Outstanding Master's Student: Dana Barnes, curriculum and instruction master's candidate, Lubbock
- Outstanding Post-Baccalaureate Student: Belinda Keith, secondary education certification, Lubbock
- Outstanding Doctoral Student: Robin Griffith, curriculum and instruction, Scotland
- Outstanding Doctoral Student: Richard Molina, educational leadership, Lubbock

The Student Worker and Graduate Assistant of the Year recognitions are awarded to student employees of the college who go above and beyond the expected duties of their positions.

- Outstanding Graduate Assistant: Walter Doue, curriculum and instruction, Lubbock
- Outstanding Student Worker: Tyler Brothers, international business major, Abilene

All students were recognized with a monetary award at the College of Education Student Awards Celebration April 28.



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### EXPERTS CAN SPEAK ABOUT ETHANOL AND OTHER BIOFUELS

As Gas Prices Climb, University Researchers Boost Efficiency of Alternative Fuels

Oil and gas prices continue to skyrocket, making biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel more cost-effective and attractive. Texas Tech scientists are collaborating on new methods to more cheaply and efficiently produce ethanol and other fuels.

Through multidisciplinary research that combines Texas Tech's agricultural, chemical, engineering and business expertise, the university is working to increase production of renewable biofuels including ethanol, biodiesel and lignocellulosic biomass – or fuel developed from grasses and other plant matter.

Within three years, the university estimates that the Texas High Plains could produce as many as 400 million gallons of ethanol to supplement energy needs each year. It could supply around 200 million gallons of biodiesel in less than five years and 600 million gallons of lignocellulosic biomass within the next ten.

Co-products generated during the fermentation of biofuels could be used to boost other industries, the researchers believe. Examples include using the carbon dioxide that results from fermentation in oil and gas recovery or feeding leftover grains to cattle.

Experts can speak to a range of issues and include:

**Dr. Dick Auld**, Rockwell professor and chairman of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, can speak about the production of feedstocks and genetic manipulation of crops needed for production of biofuels. **He can be reached at (806) 742-2838, or [dick.auld@ttu.edu](mailto:dick.auld@ttu.edu).**

**Dr. Dominick J. Casadonte, Jr.**, Minnie Stevens Piper professor and chairman of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, can speak about biofuel development using nontraditional crop plant extracts, such as cottonseed oil. **He can be reached at (806) 742-1832, or [dominick.casadonte@ttu.edu](mailto:dominick.casadonte@ttu.edu).**

**Dr. Mike Galyean**, professor of animal and food sciences, can speak about using co-products created during ethanol and biodiesel production to support animal industries

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and optimize economic return. **He can be reached at (806) 742-2453, or michael.galyean@ttu.edu.**

**Dr. Naz Karim**, chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering, can speak about new pre-treatments and enzymes that can be used to more effectively convert biomass into fuel. **He can be reached at (806) 742-3553, or naz.karim@ttu.edu.**

**Dr. Timothy Maxwell**, professor of mechanical engineering, can speak to the development of engines using methanol, ethanol, natural gas, hydrogen and hybrid electric drive trains. **He can be reached at (806) 742-3563, or timothy.maxwell@ttu.edu.**

**Terry McInturff**, director of the Rawls College of Business Center for Energy Commerce, can speak about international energy policy and law and the marketing and distribution of biofuels. **He can be reached at (806) 742-1609, or t.mcinturff@ttu.edu.**

**Dr. John Zak**, chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences, can speak to the possible benefits of using arid-land fungi in biofuel development. **He can be reached at (806) 742-2715, or john.zak@ttu.edu.**



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## **HIGH ACHIEVING ADVISORS HONORED BY TEXAS TECH**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University named the winners of the first President's Excellence in Academic Advising on Wednesday afternoon.

Individual awards went to Ramona Johnson, from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, and John Anderson, from the Office of Athletic Academic/Student Services.

University Provost William Marcy read excerpts from the nominations for each of the winners.

"Ramona Johnson fulfills a particularly unique and critical role in the college by serving as the focal point for all academic advising and program monitoring activities," said Marcy. "She represents the pinnacle of what we would like to see in every academic advisor at Texas Tech – an abundance of knowledge, strength of convictions, unsurpassed work ethic, professionalism throughout, and all of this packaged with a service-plus attitude."

"John Anderson strives to ensure the needs of the student are put first and foremost," Marcy said. "He works tirelessly to ensure each student is meeting and exceeding their academic progress toward graduation. The fact that the student athletes have outperformed the campus norm in graduation rates for six years running is only one example of the leadership John has provided to our students."

The team award was presented to Academic Advising Services in the College of Human Sciences. The team members receiving the award included Director Ann Bush, instructor and recruitment advisor Erlene McNeill and academic advisors Shawna Boyer, Shelly D. Buchanan, JoAnn Lynch and Andrew Smith.

"This team was chosen for its skill in guiding students toward graduation even when options seem limited and for its expertise in changing frustrations, concerns and tears into smiles," Marcy said. "This team of outstanding individuals represents a loyal group of professionals who are committed to the personal and professional growth of students."

President Jon Whitmore created the award this spring to emphasize the importance of academic advising.

"While the importance of excellence in teaching will continue to be emphasized at Texas Tech, I also wanted to recognize the value of expert advising outside the classroom to ensure student success and satisfaction along the path to graduation," Whitmore said.

In offering this award competition and in co-hosting the event, Marcy recognized the excellence of academic advisors.

"Some say that advice is only worth what you pay for it," said Marcy. "If that is indeed the case, then Texas Tech is putting a lot of money into advising to provide value to the student. We provided more than \$850,000 to hire 29 new advising staff. It doesn't stop there. These advising awards are intended to provide further reinforcement for advising excellence. The recipients of these awards reflect excellence at both the individual and the department level. They are all to be congratulated."

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## **TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER INTERIM PRESIDENT NAMED**

LUBBOCK – Bernhard T. Mittermeyer, M.D., today was named interim president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Mittermeyer will begin his duties July 1. He will serve until a replacement for M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., can be found. Regents and Interim Chancellor Dr. Donald R. Haragan will develop a search process in the near future to select a new Health Sciences Center president.

Wilson will leave the institution June 30 to become chancellor of the newly consolidated University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.

“Dr. Mittermeyer has served the Health Sciences Center well for 20 years. He knows the university and he knows the people and the communities of the campuses that we serve,” said L. Frederick Francis, chairman, Texas Tech University System Board of Regents. “I know his dedication and commitment to Texas Tech and that he will continue the goals and vision that Dr. Wilson so ably has championed in the areas of research, education and patient care.”

“As executive vice president of the Health Sciences Center during the early years, Dr. Mittermeyer provided valuable leadership for the institution,” said Interim Chancellor Donald R. Haragan. “I worked closely with him at that time and am confident that he will lead during the interim period with enthusiasm and integrity and will maintain the forward momentum of the university.”

“I am honored to have been asked to serve as the interim president and am excited to work with the talented faculty and staff at our campuses in Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock and the Permian Basin” said Mittermeyer on his appointment. “A great deal has been accomplished in our young history, but we have much to do. We must continue the goals and visions that our departing president, Dr. M. Roy Wilson has championed across the parameters of medical education, research and patient care. Throughout our five professional schools, we’ll continue to keep excellence in education as our highest priority and simultaneously advance our focus and efforts in basic and clinical research.”

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Mittmeyer served as executive vice president and provost of the Health Sciences Center from 1986 to 1996. In 1996, the Health Sciences Center established the \$1 million Bernhard T. Mittmeyer Endowed Chair in Community Medicine in his honor.

Prior to coming to the Health Sciences Center, Mittmeyer served 28 years in the U.S. Army earning numerous awards and decorations. He served as surgeon general of the Army from 1981 until his retirement in 1985 and also served as commanding general of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.



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## **TEXAS TECH TO HOST LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING SYMPOSIUM AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STATE POLITICS**

LUBBOCK – In an effort to educate people about state politics, Texas Tech University College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Political Science and the American Political Science Association will hold A Symposium on Redistricting and the Sixth Annual National Conference on State Politics and Policy.

The symposium is from 12:30-9 p.m. Thursday at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 5215 S. Loop 289.

The conference runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in the Matador Room of the Student Union Building on Texas Tech's campus.

The symposium brings together academics and practitioners to discuss redistricting and its consequences as well as the prospects for reforming redistricting practices. The public can attend three sessions featuring experts from academia, media, advocacy groups and the Texas Legislature.

The panels will be followed by a social hour and a dinner with a special panel addressing the 2003 Texas redistricting effort. The panel includes election law specialist and author Steve Bickerstaff, Texas Rep. Pete Laney (D-Hale Center) and State Sen. Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio). This dinner has sold out to the public. However, media can attend by e-mailing Dora Rodriguez at [dora.rodriguez@ttu.edu](mailto:dora.rodriguez@ttu.edu).

The panel discussions are:

- 1-2:30 p.m. – Unfair Advantages? The Consequences of Redistricting for Elections and Governance
- 2:45-4:15 p.m. – Public Perceptions of Redistricting and the Role of Media and Interest Groups

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- 4:30-6 p.m. – Redistricting Roundtable: Avenues of Reform and Prospects for Success
- 7-9 p.m. – Dinner with Keynote Address on Redistricting in Texas

At the National Conference on State Politics and Policy, researchers from 26 states will present their research on such topics as state voting practices, the changing roles of governors and legislative leaders, comparative state policies in education, marriage, the environment and state reactions to federal policies.

Tickets are \$15 per full day, or \$25 for both days. The public can attend one or two panels during either day for free.

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### TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER HONORS ALL SCHOOLS IN COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

LUBBOCK – President M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., presided over his final Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center graduation with students from all campuses, including the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences and Pharmacy, in an all-school commencement ceremony Saturday (May 20) at the United Spirit Arena. A total of 761 students received degrees in these health disciplines. Of those, 476 were May graduates and 285 were August 2006 graduates.

Hooding and student awards were presented at individual school convocations held prior to the commencement ceremony. Awards presented included:

The Outstanding Graduate Student Award for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences went to Alamdar Hussain, Ph.D., and the student with the highest grade point average was Anne Vinal Denison, M.S.

The Gold-Headed Cane was presented to Brianna Leigh Kirk, M.D. The Gold-Headed Cane is a symbol for excellence in the art of medicine and in the care of patients. Kirk was selected by faculty and students as the individual who best exemplifies those attributes most desirable in the competent and caring physician.

Thomas Joseph Lambert, M.D., received the Dean's Highest Academic Achievement Award in the School of Medicine.

The Award for Excellence in Nursing was presented to graduate student, Rhonda Kay Greco, R.N., M.S.N., and undergraduate, Julie Landry, R.N., B.S.N. This award recognizes graduating students who have best exemplified excellence in nursing through practicing holistic philosophy in patient care.

The School of Allied Health Sciences presented the Dean's Award for Excellence to Shaunda Kaye Eady, M.S., a speech language pathology graduate and Erica Lynn Maskell, B.S., a clinical laboratory science graduate. The award recognizes excellence in academic achievement and overall performance by individuals chosen as the top graduate and undergraduate students.

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Alisia Diane Baker, Pharm.D., received the Bowl of Hygieia award for the School of Pharmacy. The award is an internationally recognized symbol for the profession of pharmacy. Universally depicted as a snake wrapped around a bowl, it comes from Greek mythology. Hygieia is the daughter of Zeus and the goddess of purity. Her bowl represents medicine and the snake indicates potency. The Bowl of Hygieia symbolizes "pure and potent medicines." The pharmacy graduate with the highest GPA was Sarah Beth Dehoney, Pharm.D.

Commencement speaker was Woodrow Myers, M.D., former executive vice president and chief medical officer of WellPoint Health Networks. He received his doctor of medicine from Harvard Medical School and an M.B.A. from Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

Prior to joining WellPoint, Myers served as director of Healthcare Management at Ford Motor Company. He was responsible for the management of quality, cost and access issues related to health benefits, occupational health, workers compensation and disability programs. Myers also served as the corporate medical director for Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, Commissioner of Health for the state of Indiana and Commissioner of Health for New York City.



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## **COLLIN AND TEXAS TECH SIGN AGREEMENT ALLOWING CONSECUTIVE ADMISSION TO BOTH INSTITUTIONS**

May 17, 2006 – Officials from Collin County Community College District (Collin) and Texas Tech University (Texas Tech) signed a consecutive admission agreement giving qualified students a guarantee of admission to Texas Tech. The program will be called “Red Raider Bound.”

Dr. Jon Whitmore, president of Texas Tech, Sam Roach, chairman of the Collin Board of Trustees, and Dr. Cary Israel, president of Collin, joined alumni, students and administrators from both institutions at a recent signing ceremony in the conference center at Collin’s Spring Creek Campus.

This partnership allows students to complete the first two years of their degrees while at Collin with the guidance of a Texas Tech advisor to ensure the seamless transfer of credits. In fact, Collin students meeting the transferable hours and grade point average requirements are guaranteed admission to Texas Tech.

Texas Tech will make available to Collin students application information and deadlines about scholarships. The university also will guarantee Red Raider Bound students the opportunity to attend the earliest orientation/registration, held each April, for summer and/or fall classes. Collin and university officials say the agreement clears the path for students who are working toward bachelor’s degrees.

“One of the key issues facing students and parents in higher education today is affordability,” Dr. Israel said. “How long it takes to graduate affects the cost of a college education. We believe it is very important to obtain an undergraduate degree in four years rather than the national average of 5.2 years. Accordingly, this unique partnership will help

reduce time to a degree. We welcome Texas Tech University as our newest educational partner.”

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“Texas Tech University is proud to partner with Collin County Community College, and we look forward to welcoming Collin students to our campus,” Dr. Whitmore said.

In order to increase the number of Texas students completing bachelor’s degrees and to help meet the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board’s “Closing the Gaps” goals, Texas Tech University, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and Collin also have agreed to participate in the Pathway Partnership, which encourages both partners to share information about enrollment, admissions policies, recruitment events and scholarship opportunities.

“A college education is a must in today’s society,” said Chairman Roach. “We believe in keeping higher education convenient and accessible for all residents of Collin County. Our goal is to help students finish their degrees on time and within a reasonable cost through a comprehensive Collin education. We look forward to collaborating with Texas Tech University.”

Texas Tech will have a representative on Collin campuses. Each fall and spring semester, the university will sponsor a visitation program for Collin students interested in transferring to Texas Tech. In addition, the university will develop a plan to offer Collin students “retroactive associate’s degrees.”

Collin broke ground in 2000 when it signed its first dual admission agreement. The college now holds admission partnerships with six universities – The University of Texas at Dallas, Southern Methodist University, Texas Woman’s University, the University of North Texas, Texas A&M University – Commerce, and the newest partner, Texas Tech University. To date, more than 400 students have participated in Collin’s dual admissions programs.

Texas Tech University is a comprehensive public research institution comprising 12 colleges and schools and offering 118 undergraduate degrees, 104 master’s degrees and 59 doctoral degrees. Texas Tech serves more than 28,000 students, including 23,000 undergraduate

and 5,000 graduate and professional students. The main campus is located in Lubbock, a city of more than 200,000 in West Texas. The university also has academic centers in Abilene, Amarillo, Fredericksburg, Junction and Seville, Spain.

Collin County Community College District serves more than 40,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and workforce development.

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### THOMPSON TO HEAD TEXAS TECH PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE

LUBBOCK – Nationally recognized soil scientist Tom Thompson has joined Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources as the new head of its Plant and Soil Science Department. He will take the helm Sept. 1.

"I'm looking forward to working with an excellent group of faculty, staff, students and administrators at Tech," said Thompson from his office in Tucson. "My goal is to contribute to making this one of the best departments focused on plant and soil science in the nation."

The Abilene native will lead a diverse mix of research programs at the university, ranging from agriculture genomics and biotechnology to the economically important studies of soil, water, and other environmental resources. He hopes to enhance the educational, research and outreach missions of the department.

As a department chairman and professor at Texas Tech, he will oversee instruction for the department's 154 undergraduate and graduate students, whose majors include agronomy, horticulture and plant biotechnology.

"Dr. Thompson has the vision, experience, energy and leadership qualities that will enhance the department as it continues its quest for excellence," said Marvin Cepica, dean of Texas Tech's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Thompson joins Texas Tech after a 15-year stint at the University of Arizona, where he was a professor and extension specialist with the soil, water and environmental science department. Thompson's research program has addressed soil-plant relationships in agricultural and non-agricultural systems.

A particular focus has been efficient water and nutrient management with subsurface drip irrigation. Many of his studies were conducted at the University of Arizona's Maricopa Agricultural Center near Phoenix.

He holds a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Abilene Christian University and a master's degree in soil chemistry and fertility from Texas A&M University. His doctorate in soil chemistry is from Iowa State University.

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Thompson currently is associate editor of the Soil Science Society of America Journal, and has previously served as president of the Western Society of Soil Science. Also, he is a member of American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America.

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### **COULD EFFICIENT “ZERO” WASTE TANNERY REVIVE INDUSTRY?** Salvaging Wealth from Tannery Waste – All Under One Roof

LUBBOCK – Dennis Shelly is sure that tanneries can be economically viable in the United States – and at the same time produce nearly zero waste. Now he’s looking for an opportunity to prove it.

Using a vacant 75,000 square-foot tannery in Cactus, Shelly hopes to build a facility that would churn its own dreck into everything from biodiesel and shampoo ingredients to living baitfish – all while also turning a profit.

“Think biosolids, not waste,” Shelly said.

Shelly, an associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Texas Tech University, believes the demonstration project would help to reinvigorate an ailing U.S. industry while establishing a significant new supplier of in-demand products such as biodiesel.

“It’s a complete recycling picture,” he said. “All of the potential waste outputs can be converted internally.”

Tanning hides can be messy. Every pound of leather produced generates a little more than its own weight in byproducts. Processing and purifying the waste for landfills involves heavy machinery and is pricey.

Due largely to this cost and mess, the number of tanneries located in the United States has dwindled significantly. Where approximately 300 U.S. tanneries were turning out leather five decades ago, Shelly said, only 50 or so large commercial operations exist today.

The proposed facility would actually be a series of self-contained processing plants – in addition to the tannery – dedicated to recycling the leftovers. Much of these leftovers would be returned to various “friendly neighborhood” processes that work in tandem with tanning, increasing the profitability of the entire operation. For example, salts extracted from hide shavings could later be employed as a tanning agent.

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In other cases, the waste could be converted to new products. Keratin pulled from hair sludge could be used in part to feed and raise baitfish or to make shampoos and flame retardants.

Another attractive spinoff: biodiesel. In a recent project study, Texas Tech graduate student Divya Pasupuleti estimated the facility would ferment as many as 5.8 million gallons of biodiesel a year at a net profit of around \$310,000.

Shelly notes that the facility would roll research conducted at Texas Tech and across the globe into one integrated system designed to extract “wealth from waste.”

“We have put all these processes under one roof and we have studied the economics of integrating them,” he said. “There is great synergy in this diversified strategy.”

The researchers estimate the facility could get on its feet with an \$8.5 million investment that would be paid back in just over four-and-a-half years. The gross profit per year could reach about \$2.2 million.

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## ENGINEERS ADDRESS PETROLEUM INDUSTRY CHALLENGES

WHAT: Luncheon

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday (May 23)

WHERE: The Road Runner Room in Midland College's Scharbauer Student Center (3600 N. Garfield Rd., Midland)

EVENT: Dr. Pamela Eibeck, dean of Texas Tech's College of Engineering, and Dr. Lloyd Heinze, chair and Butler Professor of the Petroleum Engineering Department, will speak about challenges facing the petroleum and other engineering industries.

Slumping engineering enrollment nationwide could hurt the United States' economic viability as it competes with other countries.

Eibeck will speak about the implications of current enrollment trends, the benefits of exposing children to engineering at an early age, identifying students with engineering potential and facilitating the movement of students from high schools through community colleges to universities.

Heinze will speak to the current and future status of petroleum engineering – especially as it relates to the engineers who will be available to fill future needs.

The event is sponsored by Midland College, the Permian Basin Section of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, the West Texas Technology Initiative and Texas Tech's College of Engineering.

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## **TEXAS TECH PUBLIC ART PROGRAM NAMED ONE OF TEN BEST**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University's Public Art Collection and Program has been named one of the top 10 university public art collections in the nation by Public Art Review magazine.

The magazine includes an article covering its choices for the ten best programs in the current spring/summer issue, which focuses on campus art nationwide.

Cecilia Carter Browne, public art manager for the Texas Tech University System, said the recognition is an important acknowledgment of the program's success.

"It's remarkable because we have a very young program here at Texas Tech," said Carter Browne. "We only really got started in May 2001, so something like this is a great source of pride for the University Public Art Program, as well as outstanding exposure for Texas Tech."

"We have public art associated with our Lubbock and Amarillo campuses, and we have an artist beginning work on our El Paso campus, too," Carter Browne added. "We are working with some of today's leading artists. It is a growing treasure trove of public art that stresses the importance of the arts in our daily lives and fosters a culture of learning. I believe Texas Tech's University Public Art Collection will demonstrate how the arts can stimulate the cultural, intellectual, and economic growth of a campus and community."

Artists whose works are included on the Lubbock campus also have praised Texas Tech's program.

"I think people are going to take notice of Lubbock, just because of this program," said Jesús Moroles, a Texas sculptor whose monumental granite works at Texas Tech include "Lapstrake" and "Square Spiral Arch: A Portal of Discovery."

"By the end of the year, there will be no collection in Texas that will rival the Texas Tech collection."

Mike Mandel, an artist whose monumental photorealistic mosaic work is in Texas Tech's Jones AT&T Stadium, added praise.

"In contrast to some other major universities who only invite the usual suspects, Texas Tech has commissioned a significant roster of artists of great range to create a rich program in a part of the country where art is needed the most," he said.

Numerous university collections and programs were nominated, and then the top ten were selected by members of the Americans for the Arts' Public Art Network.

The other universities named to the list include Arizona State University in Tempe, Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan., the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Pratt Institute in New York City, the University of California in San Diego, the University of South Florida in Tampa, the University of Minnesota, Western Washington University and Wichita State University.

"We are extremely honored to be listed along side these wonderful collections," said Carter Browne. "Some of these universities have been building their public art collections for decades."

Public Art Review is sold by subscription and on their website at <http://www.publicartreview.org>.

Publicly accessible art sited on college campuses is a centuries-old tradition, and Texas Tech continues and literally "builds" on that tradition through its own percent-for-art program. The university allocates 1 percent of the estimated total cost of each new construction project and each repair and rehabilitation project that exceeds \$500,000 for the acquisition of public art. An additional 1 percent is set aside for landscape enhancements.

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## **TEXAS TECH CHANCELLOR'S COUNCIL ANNOUNCES 18 NEW SCHOLARSHIPS**

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech Chancellor's Council has announced the creation of 18 new scholarship opportunities, with funds to be matched through the Chancellor's Council.

The matching portions of the scholarships are endowed through a charitable gift from a bequest of the late James E. LaMunyon of Amarillo. Each scholarship requires a minimum contribution by the donor(s) of \$5,000 to be matched by an amount in the sum of \$5,000 from the LaMunyon bequest. The donor(s) can increase these endowments at any time. However, the Chancellor's Council will match only the first \$5,000 to the scholarship funds, guaranteeing that each of the scholarships will be worth at least \$10,000.

The scholarships will be administered through the Chancellor's Council but can be designated for a specific scholarship purpose by donors.

The Chancellor's Council is accepting gifts for the scholarship match immediately.

LaMunyon earned a degree in management from the College of Business Administration in 1952. He owned LaMunyon Implement Company in Amarillo. He died Sept. 2, 2005.

"The Texas Tech University System is most appreciative of Mr. LaMunyon for his generosity," said Interim Chancellor Dr. Donald Haragan. "We are pleased that because of his contribution and those of other donors, future students will receive assistance in funding their education."

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### PROGRAM BRINGS THERAPY TO FAMILIES IN EFFORT TO CUT DELINQUENCY

LUBBOCK – Police can only do so much. Same with teachers. In the end, reducing juvenile delinquency in Lubbock's most crime-riddled neighborhoods comes down to parenting.

Therapists and volunteers in Texas Tech's Parent Empowerment Project provide a unique service to families in these neighborhoods, bringing free therapy into homes or schools as needed in an effort to discourage delinquent behavior and equip parents with effective discipline strategies for raising their children.

Richard Wampler, the program's founder and a Texas Tech professor of marriage and family therapy, says there is a need for such services. The neighborhoods his counselors work in are located in the zip codes with the highest crime rates in Lubbock. Some parents, grappling with depression or anxiety that they are unlikely to seek help for, turn to drugs and alcohol. Neglect and family hostilities may drive children to adopt delinquent behaviors.

The Parent Empowerment Project partners university marriage and family therapy graduate students with mothers that have been recruited from the targeted communities and trained to work with families. These Parent Educators, as the women are called, use their knowledge of the neighborhood to bridge the gap between the clients and counselors. Their presence quickly establishes a trust, the counselors say, that couldn't be forged in a clinic.

Another benefit: Since the counseling teams are mobile, they can tailor their sessions to meet the needs of their clients. They visit homes or schools as necessary and even make weekend visits if needed.

This differs from many counseling services, which can involve lengthy waits to speak with counselors who are often overwhelmed with cases. In these instances, the parents sometimes have to hunt down transportation or take time off of work to make the trip.

However, Wampler has been fighting a funding battle as grant money shifts and he has to find new sources. The program was forced into a year-long hiatus at one point as Wampler sought new financial support. Current support from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health expires this month.

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**SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNUS DONATES AWARD  
TO HELP LAUNCH ETHICS SYMPOSIUM**

LUBBOCK – Mark W. Laney, a Plainview attorney and alumnus of the Texas Tech University School of Law, has been named the 2005 recipient of the annual Jim Bowmer Professionalism Award, an honor presented by the College of the State Bar of Texas.

The award is accompanied by a \$5,000 grant from the State Bar College to a Texas Law School named by the recipient.

Laney donated the \$5,000 award to the School of Law to help launch an ethics symposium that is slated for 2007.

Laney, who graduated from the School of Law in 1972, is a partner in the law firm of Laney & Stokes, L.L.P., in Plainview.

The award recognizes members of the bar who have distinguished themselves by significantly contributing to professionalism within the legal profession.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year the College of the State Bar of Texas has presented the award.

The College of the State Bar of Texas is an honorary society of lawyers who are among the best trained attorneys in Texas, voluntarily taking more that double the continued legal education required each year to maintain their law license. Members are qualified attorneys who are interested in high ethical standards and improved training for all Texas attorneys, to better serve the needs of their clients.

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### ARCHITECTS PREPARE TO SCAN THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

- WHAT: Demonstration of laser scanning documentation equipment
- WHEN: 10 – 11 a.m. Friday
- WHERE: Texas Tech Architecture Building, room 604
- EVENT: College of Architecture faculty, student research assistants and others will provide a demonstration of 3-D laser scanning and hi-definition photography equipment as they complete their final day of a weeklong training workshop.

The team will use the equipment as it continues documenting the Statue of Liberty this summer. This is the second phase of a project in cooperation with Historic American Buildings Survey to document the statue for the National Park Service. Currently, no structural renderings of the Statue exist and the Park Service plans to use the documents for preservation and maintenance purposes.

In the first phase of the project, conducted in 2001, researchers scanned approximately 80 percent of the Statue. On this trip, the team will record much of the remaining structure, including the pedestal and portions of the interior. Team members also will document two administrative buildings related to Fort Wood, which is the star-shaped battery located at the base of the Statue.

Recordings of the interior also will be used to flesh out external statue features that cannot be scanned from the ground. These features include the feet, blocked by the pedestal, and the top of the statue's head.

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### **TEXAS TECH WINS SANDIA AWARD FOR SECOND YEAR Renowned Laboratories Name MEMS Contest Winners**

LUBBOCK – An exceedingly small monorail. A chain with links approximately 1/10 the diameter of the human hair. Tiny as they are, these were among devices that caught the eye of judges at the nation's Nuclear Security Administration laboratory.

Texas Tech was named one of two winners in Sandia National Laboratories' 2006 MEMS University Alliance Design Competition. This marked the second consecutive victory for Texas Tech's Dr. Tim Dallas, who, along with student Jay Friend, led the effort that won the Characterization/Reliability/Material and Surface Science category.

Team representatives from Texas Tech and Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute (the only two-year school in the competition) were recently informed of their victory. They visited Sandia in mid-May to present their designs for review and to tour Sandia's microsystem facilities.

Among the designs produced by Texas Tech's winning team were a MEMS, or microelectromechanical systems, monorail and a method to mechanically characterize bio-cells.

"The Sandia Design Competition is the centerpiece of our MEMS curriculum. We believe the educational benefits are excellent," said Dallas, an associate professor in Texas Tech's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The two schools will receive organizational memberships to the Micro and Nanotechnology Commercialization Education Foundation. The winning designs will be fabricated by Sandia and Sandia-fabricated parts will be shared with all University Alliance members to use in their curriculum, regardless of participation in the 2006 contest.

Institutions must be members of Sandia's MEMS University Alliance for their students to participate. Membership is available to any U.S. institution of higher learning. Members receive course materials structured to help start or further develop their own MEMS program. They also receive licenses for Sandia's cutting-edge MEMS design

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software, MEMS parts and other benefits. Twelve schools are members of the Alliance with a number of agreements pending.

The contest attempts to help attract, inspire and train U.S. students to become the engineers and scientists of the next generation of the MEMS workforce.

MEMS devices allow development of smaller, higher performance systems with improved applications. They are used in devices such as pressure sensors, air bag sensors, project in televisions and biomedical devices.

This is the second year of the design competition. Dallas and a team of students won the 2005 competition as well. Greater detail can be found at <http://www.sandia.gov/mstc/education/design-contest/index.html>.

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