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LUBBOCK-- While most Texas Tech University students will hold their heads high Saturday morning during commencement, one particular graduate has something to be especially proud of.

After formally receiving his doctoral diploma in experimental psychology, Alex Chaparro, of Cambridge, Mass., will head back to Harvard University where he has been working in a post-doctoral training position. Chaparro accepted the prestigious position after completing his doctoral degree requirements at Texas Tech in August. While at the university, Chaparro was also the recipient of a three-year minority pre-doctoral fellowship from the American Psychological Association.

Chaparro received his invitation to Harvard based on his research in the area of visual perception. Working closely with Rockefeller Young, Ph.D., of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center department of ophthalmology, Chaparro studied the effects of low light on visual performance.

"We know little about the complex task of reading under low lighting," he said. "But by evaluating various deficiencies, we may be better able to understand visual performance."

One particular application, Chaparro said, relates to military personnel who must function 24 hours a day in continuously varying degrees of light. By using models to simulate visual difficulties in low lighting, researchers may in time be able to develop medical aids to enhance visual performance.

"But that's way in the future," Chaparro said.

At Harvard, Chaparro has taken a new path of study in the area of color vision. There, he hopes to better understand color blindness, its cause and its effect on about eight million people in the United States today.

During his stint at Texas Tech, Chaparro received numerous research grants within the department of ophthalmology, including the Sigma XI Grants-In-Aid Research Award. He also was honored by the department of psychology with the Graduate Research Award.

"It's not often that you find two departments working so closely together to provide educational opportunities for college students," Young said. "Joint efforts between departments are an integral part of providing a quality education for the students of Texas Tech. This is just one of many success stories."

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LUBBOCK -- Dallas real estate developer and Texas Tech University alumnus John Scovell will be the featured speaker during Texas Tech's general commencement ceremony at 9 a.m. Dec. 15 in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

During the morning ceremony, more than 2,000 students will receive degrees en masse. Doctoral degree recipients will be recognized individually. Diplomas formally will be presented later in the day during individual ceremonies for the university's seven colleges and the School of Law.

Scovell, who earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1968, is chairman and director of Woodbine Corporation. The Dallas-based real estate development company has been involved with Hyatt Regency Hotels in Fort Worth, Dallas and at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport as well as with Continental Plaza and the renovated Union Station, both in Dallas.

At Texas Tech, Scovell was a starting quarterback on the Red Raider football team and was captain of the team during his senior year. He was honored as a scholar athlete by the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. After graduating at the top of his class at Texas Tech, Scovell earned a master's degree from Harvard Business School.

Scovell currently serves on the Dallas Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, on the Children's Medical Center and Presbyterian Hospital Boards of Trustees and as chairman of the Central Dallas Association. He is the past chairman of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association and general chairman of the Executive Committee for the 86th NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament in Dallas.

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LUBBOCK -- Agricultural professionals from Texas and New Mexico soon will begin working with Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences to launch a fund drive to establish an endowment for a faculty position in memory of Arthur Wesley Young, who died Dec. 7 in Lubbock.

The A.W. Young Fund goal is \$250,000. When the goal is reached, the fund will be named the the A.W. Young Professorship in Agronomy.

Young was recognized for his contributions as an educator, administrator and agronomist at Texas Tech and in the U.S. Southwest. He joined the Texas Tech faculty in 1935 and served as chairman of the agronomy department from 1938 to 1969. He had a major impact on the development of programs in horticulture, entomology, agricultural engineering and range and wildlife management.

When he began his career at Texas Tech, the region had only limited development of crop production. Young was instrumental in disseminating information on cultural practices for cotton, grain sorghum and wheat. He helped to present information on the proper use of irrigation, fertilizer, pesticides and farm machinery to producers and suppliers.

Young also was recognized for his assistance in the development of the seed industry in West Texas. He was active in various seed trade organizations and served for 31 years on the Texas Seed and Plant Board. He was active in the West Texas Agricultural Chemicals Institute and was named in 1953 as the first recipient of its award for Outstanding Service to the Industry.

As a professor, Young contributed to the education of a large number of agronomists, said Bill Bennet, associate dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences.

"Through his guidance and counsel, he impacted the lives of many of his students," he said.

To contribute to the endowment fund or for more information, contact the College of Agricultural Sciences at (806) 742-2802.

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LUBBOCK -- Ronald Pigott has been named chairperson and professor of the department of technology for Texas Tech University's College of Engineering. He will assume the position on March 1, 1991.

Pigott replaces Fred Wagner Jr., associate professor of technology at Texas Tech, who will continue to teach courses in the department.

Currently, Pigott is a Westinghouse Electric Corp. manager in the technology support division in Orlando, Fla. He directs the design of new steam turbines, develops turbine and generator materials and supervises all engineering laboratories, computer systems and technical publications for his division.

He has worked in various management positions at Westinghouse for the past 20 years. During that time, he has received numerous awards including a special award for his contributions to the profitability of the Westinghouse Steam Turbine-Generator Division. For the performance & direction of his research, he won an American Society of Mechanical Engineers George Westinghouse Silver Medal. Pigott also has earned the John Robertshaw Medal for outstanding merit and the Elijah Hepworth Memorial Prize for engineering.

He holds a national certificate, earned in 1963 from Sheffield College of Technology. He received a bachelor's degree in 1967 from the University of Bradford, a master's degree in 1968 from the University of Nottingham and a doctoral degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975, all in mechanical engineering.

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LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University commencement exercises on Saturday (Dec. 15) will be highlighted by the awarding of the 25,000th degree from the College of Business Administration during afternoon graduation exercises.

During the general commencement ceremony, Dallas real estate developer and Texas Tech alumnus John Scovell will be the featured speaker at 9 a.m. in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. Doctoral students will be hooded during the morning ceremony that preceeds individual ceremonies for the colleges and the School of Law. About 2,000 other students will receive degrees en masse with diplomas presented during individual college ceremonies later in the day.

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At the 9 a.m. ceremony, the university's Presidential Mace will be carried by College of Architecture Professor James White. Debuting at the December 1989 commencement, the mace is a symbolic staff bearing the university crest and a flame signifying the light of knowledge. The seven colleges and School of Law rotate responsibility for selecting a mace bearer for the December and May commencements.

During the College of Business Administration's ceremony at 2 p.m. in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium, one student will be recognized as the honored graduate. According to college statistics, 25,000 graduate and undergraduate degrees have been awarded since the 1928 graduation exercises when business administration studies were included in a department in the former School of Liberal Arts.

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During this year's general ceremony, eight bachelor's degree candidates will be recognized for maintaining the highest cumulative grade-point-averages in their colleges.

The students, who will carry banners representing their colleges, are: Cherie Diane Bright of Paris, College of Agricultural Sciences; John Kirk Taylor of Lubbock, College of Architecture; Jeffrey Wayne Oliver of Shallowater, College of Arts and Sciences; Becky Lynn Smith of Lubbock, College of Business Administration; Margery Annette Long McArthur and Kathryn Ann Van Deusen of Lubbock, both of Lubbock, College of Education; Amy Louise Clark of Arlington, College of Engineering; and Angela Kay Bohannon of Baird, College of Home Economics. Graduate students Robert William Brashear of Lubbock and Robert William Doll of San Angelo will carry banners for the Graduate School and the School of Law, respectively.

The schedule of individual graduation ceremonies on Saturday is:

College of Agricultural Sciences, 11:30 a.m., University Center Allen Theater, with Dean Sam Curl speaking; reception following in the UC courtyard;

College of Architecture, 11:30 a.m., Architecture Gallery courtyard level, with Dean Willard Robinson speaking; brunch following in the Architecture Gallery;

School of Law, 11:30 a.m., University Theater, with Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips speaking; reception following at the Holiday Inn-Civic Center;

College of Engineering, 11:30 a.m., Lubbock Municipal Auditorium, with R.E. "Dick" Brook, president and CEO of Central & South West Service Inc. in Dallas, speaking; reception following in Room 100 Engineering Center;

College of Arts and Sciences, 11:30 a.m., Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, with Lubbock County Judge Rod Shaw speaking; reception following in Holden Hall east wing, first floor;

College of Home Economics, 11:30 a.m., Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater, with Dean Elizabeth Haley speaking; reception following in Civic Center mall area;

College of Business Administration, 2 p.m., Lubbock Municipal Auditorium, with Graduate School Dean Clyde Hendrick speaking; no reception;

College of Education, 2 p.m., Lubbock Municipal Coliseum, with remarks by Dean Charles W. Smith; reception following at the east concourse of the Coliseum.

CALENDAR WEEK DEC 14-JAN 3

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(MEDIA ADVISORY: This Texas Tech calendar is compiled to let you know of upcoming events and releases and to serve as a reminder of releases already sent. If you need more information, call News and Publications at 742-2136.)

DEC 14 Teleconference -- "Clinical Perspectives for Panic Disorder in the '90s,"
sponsored by the Library of the Health Sciences,
1:30 p.m., TTHSC Room 2B152

Candlelight at the Ranching Heritage Center
6-8 p.m., Ranching Heritage Center

DEC 15 Fall 1990 general university commencement
9 a.m., Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

College of Agricultural Sciences graduation ceremony
11:30 a.m., UC Allen Theater

College of Architecture graduation ceremony
11:30 a.m., Architecture Gallery

College of Arts and Sciences graduation ceremony
11:30 a.m., Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

College of Engineering graduation ceremony
11:30 a.m., Lubbock Municipal Auditorium

College of Home Economics graduation ceremony
11:30 a.m., Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater

School of Law hooding ceremony
11:30 a.m., University Theater

College of Business Administration graduation ceremony
2 p.m., Lubbock Municipal Auditorium

College of Education graduation ceremony
2 p.m., Lubbock Municipal Coliseum

DEC 24 Health sciences center offices and university closed through Jan. 1

DEC 26 Health sciences center clinics open through Dec. 28

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LUBBOCK -- Lubbock area residents age 55 and older now can have streamlined access to college classes, academic counseling and registration through Texas Tech University's Seniors' Academy. Registration, currently underway for the spring 1991 semester, will continue through Jan. 11 with classes beginning Jan. 14.

The program was developed this summer to offer participants the opportunity to enroll in on-campus classes or to earn a bachelor's degree with individual attention from university personnel.

The Seniors' Academy is a way of encouraging older students who may have avoided the inconvenience of regular enrollment and registration, according to Jo Hutcherson, coordinator of adult learner programs in the Texas Tech Dean of Students Office.

"Education, whether it is for a degree or just one class for personal enrichment, should be accessible to everyone. The Seniors' Academy works on the principle that age should not be an obstacle for people wanting to continue their education," Hutcherson said, noting that no membership fee is required to join the program.

A highlight of the program is academic counseling conducted by experts in adult education. Seniors' Academy members are offered interest and aptitude testing and academic tutoring at no cost. Members also take part in adult learner orientation sessions that introduce them to student services and facilities at Texas Tech.

Applicants to the academy do not need previous college experience. They also are not required to furnish results of college entrance exams.

On-campus classes are open to Seniors' Academy participants in Texas Tech's seven colleges: Agricultural Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Architecture, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Home Economics.

Information forms are available at senior citizens centers around the South Plains. Brochures also are available through the mail by calling the Texas Tech Visitor's Center at (806) 742-1299.

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LUBBOCK -- A topic-by-topic examination and explanation of the nation's cattle feeding industry recently was released by an Amarillo publisher. The book was written and edited for working professionals, students and investors or others needing information on the cattle feeding industry.

"Cattle Feeding: A Guide to Management" provides in one volume useful information for all segments of the cattle industry and can be used as a textbook and reference volume.

Edited by Robert C. Albin, associate dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Texas Tech University, and G.B. Thompson, resident director of research at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo, the book contains 21 chapters covering the intricacies of the business.

Topics such as ration formulation, principles and practices of feedlot management, risk management, cattle feeding, feedmill operation, feed handling and processing and manufacturing practices are addressed in the book.

Additional chapters examine feed delivery, shipping and receiving, animal welfare, performance factors affecting feedyard cattle, quality assurance and feedlot safety. Other chapters include a look at energy efficiency in the feedyard, waste management and air and water pollution control, disease and health programs, processing and handling of sick cattle, computers and cattle feeding, and the history of the first 300 years of cattle feeding in the United States.

The book is available from Trafton Printing, Box 9068, Amarillo, Texas, 79105, for \$19.95 plus tax and postage.

Contributing authors, listed alphabetically, are:

Charles E. Ball, executive vice president emeritus, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Amarillo;

Wesley B. Bonner, D.V.M., general manager, Veribest Cattle Feeders, Veribest;

James R. Cook, executive vice president, First National Bank, Amarillo;

Steve Cornett, associate editor, Drovers Journal, and former communications director of Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Canyon;

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Stanley E. Curtis, professor of animal science, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.;

Charles E. Deyhle, D.V.M., Deyhle Veterinary Clinic, Clarendon;

Gary C. Gentry, Lubbock Feed Lots Inc., Lubbock;

Temple Grandin, animal science department, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.;

Derrell Havins, safety manager, Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Amarillo;

Larry C. Hollis, D.V.M., Syntex Animal Health Inc., Amarillo;

Johnny M. Horton, Nutrition Service Associates Inc., Hereford;

David P. Hutcheson, professor of animal science, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, Amarillo;

John J. McGlone, associate professor of animal science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock;

John W. McNeill, associate department head and extension program leader, department of animal science, Texas A&M University, College Station;

William L. Mies, associate professor of feedlot management and marketing, Texas A&M University, College Station;

Rodney L. Preston, Thornton Professor of Animal Science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock;

Jack Rhoades, general manager, Stratford Feedyard, Cactus Feeders Inc., Stratford;

C. Reed Richardson, professor of animal science, Texas Tech University, Lubbock;

John M. Sweeten, associate department head and extension program leader, department of agricultural engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station;

Also contributing to the book were: Paul Engler, president and chief executive officer, Cactus Feeders Inc., Amarillo; Robert Josserand, president, AZTX Cattle Company, Hereford; and Zay Gilbreath, general manager, Caprock Industries, Amarillo.

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HARDWARE UPDATE -- Plains National Bank recently donated an IBM PC System 2 computer for the Texas Tech University Dads and Moms Association to replace outdated word processing equipment. Pictured (from left) are: DeWayne Pierce, senior executive vice president of Plains National and president of the Dads and Moms Association's Lubbock chapter; Johnny Owens, president of Plains National; and Dudley Faver, executive director of the Dads and Moms Association. (Texas Tech News and Publications photo)

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LUBBOCK -- A Texas Tech University engineering professor recently was appointed to the newly formed Advisory Committee on International Issues for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Raghu S. Narayan, a committee member and chairman of the department of chemical engineering at Texas Tech, will attend an organizational meeting of the committee Friday (Dec. 14) at the University of Texas at El Paso. Discussions will concern international educational issues such as study abroad programs, curriculum development, language programs and internship programs.

The most recent recommendations, titled "Partners on a Rising Curve, Higher Education for International Competence and Competitiveness," were accepted by the state board in April. The suggestions were developed by William H. Mobley, the advisory committee's chairperson and president of Texas A&M University in College Station.

The formation of the new committee was sparked by "concern of American students' general ignorance of global issues, geographical facts and languages other than English," according to the report.

In addition, the report stated that educational, business and public leaders in Texas clearly share this widespread alarm over ignorance of even the basic essentials of world affairs and recognize "the need to respond to these signals of future danger to state and national prosperity."

The committee members spent nearly two years studying the progress of the state of Texas in the area of international education as well as the current and potential roles of various partners in the higher education community, such as the Coordinating Board, colleges and universities, state government and the private sector.

The Texas Commissioner of Higher Education created the Advisory Committee on International Issues in January 1988. Its members consist of business executives, state and federal public officials and university administrators and faculty from all sections of the state.

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LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University Professor of Law John Krahmer has been named the Texas Tech Law School Foundation professor of commercial law.

The endowed professorship, funded through the Texas Tech School of Law Foundation, was approved during the foundation's fall meeting in November.

Krahmer was named a Fellow of Banking and Commercial Law Studies in 1988.

A native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Krahmer has been on the Texas Tech faculty since 1971. He received the President's Excellence in Teaching Award in 1984 and the Outstanding Researcher Award in 1980, both at Texas Tech. He received the Texas Tech School of Law Outstanding Law Professor award in 1974, 1976 and 1978.

Krahmer completed his law degree in 1966 from the University of Iowa. He earned an advanced law degree in 1967 from Harvard Law School. He served from 1967-71 as a faculty member of the University of South Carolina School of Law.

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LUBBOCK -- Leon Neuenschwander, associate dean of the College of Forestry at the University of Idaho, has been named the 1990 outstanding alumnus of Texas Tech University's department of range and wildlife management.

He recently was honored by Texas Tech administrators, faculty, students and staff during a reception at the university.

The award is given annually by the department of range and wildlife management to recognized one of its graduates who has made significant contributions in his or her area of interest. Nominations are accepted from alumni and faculty, and a candidate is selected by the faculty. Nominees must have completed a degree in the department at least 10 years earlier.

Neuenschwander, internationally recognized for his contributions to fire ecology, received his doctorate in range science at Texas Tech in 1976. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1970 and 1972, respectively.

Henry Wright, chairman of Texas Tech's department of range and wildlife management, said Neuenschwander's research in the area of fire ecology and prescribed burning, along with his unique abilities as a university administrator, were important factors in his selection as an outstanding alumnus.

"Leon was chosen from more than 40 candidates," said Wright. "And he was at the top with no close seconds."

Neuenschwander is an authority about the use of fire to prepare sites for reforestation. Under his direction, the College of Forestry at the University of Idaho offers the largest set of fire courses taught at any forestry school. Additionally, he directs the university's international programs and Wilderness Research Center.

Neuenschwander said that as an administrator he tries to maintain a relationship with his graduate students -- a concept that was instilled in him while he was at Texas Tech.

"I am pleased to have been here at Texas Tech University. The individualized teaching in the classroom that I experienced here is a standard I try to maintain today in my career," he said.

In addition to his involvement in research and teaching, Neuenschwander is a member of the Society for Range Management and the Society of American Foresters. He has been honored by the University of Idaho as an associate alumnus, a recognition of achievement awarded by the students and alumni.

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(MEDIA ADVISORY: Doctoral candidate Andrea Goudie will be available for interviews before and after Texas Tech University commencement exercises at 9 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 15). To schedule an interview, call Myrna Whitehead at News and Publications at 742-2136.)

LUBBOCK -- The musical composition "Pomp and Circumstance" has a special meaning for Texas Tech University doctoral candidate Andrea Goudie. The 50-year-old has compensated for the blindness she has had since age 7 and has survived a recent bout with cancer to earn the walk across the stage for her second doctorate.

Goudie will receive a Ph.D. in counseling psychology during Texas Tech University's fall commencement exercises slated for 9 a.m. Saturday (Dec. 15) at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

As a youngster attending elementary school in Minneapolis, Goudie gradually lost her sight due to a congenital illness. Goudie said she has been determined not to let the disability stop her from accomplishing her goal of becoming a college teacher.

"I was always interested in college teaching," she said. "And I knew it meant getting a master's and ultimately a doctorate for any kind of future."

During her early public school education, Goudie attended special classes, called "Sight Saving Classes." Through the program, she learned to type and to read braille while remaining in regular classrooms.

"The city of Minneapolis was integrating handicapped students in the 1940s, long before the trend of mainstreaming came about," Goudie said.

Upon graduation from high school, she was accompanied by a mobility instructor who helped her become familiar with the campus at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

At the university, she was aided not only by her white cane but by a textbook recording service established by Hamm Transcription Project and Minnesota State Services for the Blind. She was able to place catalog orders for college textbooks on tape from Recordings for the Blind Inc., in New Jersey. She said she remembers the catalog, which contained two volumes, being similar in size to the Sears and J.C. Penneys catalogs.

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"Planning ahead was the most important thing for my college education," she said.

Goudie received a bachelor's degree in English in 1962 from the university and the following year earned her master's degree in English from Indiana University in Bloomington. She completed her first doctorate in 1969 in English at Indiana University. Afterward, she taught English for 14 years at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan., before she decided to change professions.

While at Wichita State, Goudie said she began to feel herself slipping into a rut. She started taking psychology courses, and by 1982 she had obtained enough hours for an undergraduate degree in the discipline. She chose to enter graduate school at Texas Tech rather than at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

In 1986 while conducting her doctoral internship at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, Goudie was diagnosed with cancer. After receiving treatments for the disease, she completed her internship and resumed work on her dissertation.

She successfully defended her dissertation, "Precursors of Humanistic, Existential and Social Cognitive Approaches In American Psychology: The Contributions of Emerson and Thoreau," in an oral presentation this fall before her Texas Tech dissertation committee.

Goudie said she has enjoyed a challenging and supportive environment in the Texas Tech department of psychology and has received special encouragement from her major professor and dissertation director, Robert P. Anderson, Ph.D.

She now plans to pursue a professional career as a counseling psychologist in Wichita, Kan.

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LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech University College of Business Administration marked the awarding of more than 25,000 degrees in its history during the December 1990 graduation ceremony. The milestone diploma was presented during exercises at 2 p.m. Saturday (Dec. 15) in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

Cara Odom of Dimmit was honored as the 25,000th graduate when she crossed the presentation stage to receive her bachelor's degree in accounting. Gary White, director of accounting programs, presented her with a diploma. Acting in the absence of Dean Carl Stem, Carlton Whitehead, coordinator of the college's area of management, presented a certificate of recognition to Odom.

Louise Luchsinger, the college's associate dean for academic administration, also presented a rose to Odom during the recognition. Luchsinger in 1968 was the second person to receive a doctorate from the college.

Also during the ceremony, the college recognized the recipients of its 2,500th master's degree and its 200th doctorate.

The two honorees were: George Parsley of Lubbock, an MBA graduate in health organization management; Gary Salegna of Basking Ridge, N.J., an information systems and quantitative sciences doctoral recipient. Both graduates were presented commemorative certificates from Larry Austin, the college's associate dean.

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TOYS FOR TOTS -- Sometimes parents overlook toys because they seem too simple, too plain. That type of toy can, however, be good for a child, says pediatric nurse Kathy Sridaromont, R.N., M.S.N., of the TTHSC School of Nursing. Toys don't have to be labeled educational to help in a child's development. Toys that seem simple help develop a child's imagination. For infants, brightly colored or cuddly toys develop a sense of sight, touch and grasping response. Tricycles and ride-on toys help toddlers improve their balance and toys such as doctor's kits inspire pre-schoolers' imaginations. For children in school, more advanced building sets and electronic toys are good. Books and books with read-along tapes are good for any age to stimulate a child's intellectual development. While parents may want to concentrate on helping their child's development, they should not forget that toys should also be fun. After all, says Sridaromont, a child's work is play. For more on choosing the right toy, contact Sridaromont at (806) 743-2730.

AIDS UPDATE -- As of October 1990, more than 152,000 cases of AIDS had been reported, yet it's estimated that as many as 1 million people in the U.S. are infected with the HIV virus. Texas alone reported more than 2,000 cases of AIDS in 1989, said Thomas Butler, M.D., a TTHSC infectious disease specialist in the department of internal medicine. Among heterosexuals, he said, the incidence of AIDS has increased by 38 percent and among those 25 to 44 years of age, AIDS is now the fifth leading cause of death. In 1991, it will move to the second leading cause of death among that age group. And, while the numbers continue to increase, the short-term future doesn't look very bright. Within the next five years, Butler said, the chances of developing an effective vaccine or breakthrough medication are slim. However, in the long run, he said, he believes the life expectancy for those suffering from AIDS will continue to increase, and, with time, more effective drugs will be developed. For more on the subject of AIDS and current research on this fatal disease, contact Butler at (806) 743-3189.

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