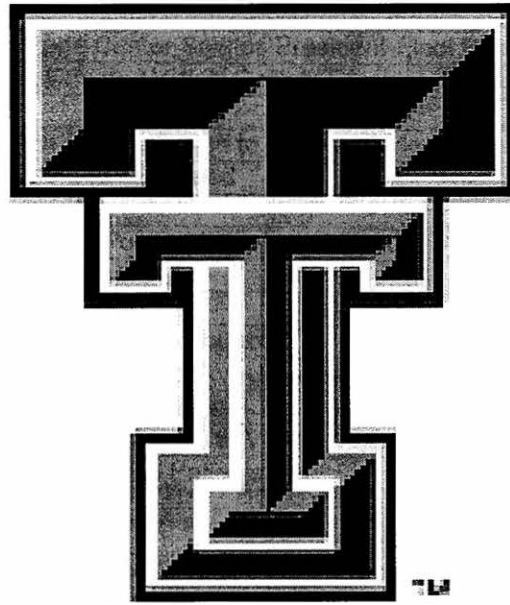


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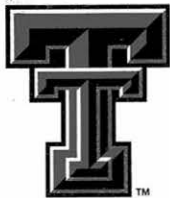
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LUBBOCK – A 28-year-old graduate student at Texas Tech University School of Theater died Saturday after falling from scaffolding at a university theater.

Jiahua Chin, 28, of Taiwan was pronounced dead at the stage in the University Theater. Chin had been working on lighting when he lost his balance and fell from scaffolding, said Clay Parchman, Chief of Texas Tech University System Police. The accident occurred about 11:40 a.m. EMS arrived at the scene about 11:45 a.m.

University grief counselors were made available Saturday night to friends of the young man and to students who witnessed the accident, said Jim Burkhalter, interim dean of students.

“This is a tragic accident and all of us at Texas Tech suffer the loss,” said Burkhalter. “Texas Tech will provide whatever support is necessary to family and friends of Mr. Chin.”



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**TEXAS TECH TO HOST HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE COMPETITION
AND HAMBURGER FEED**

LUBBOCK – The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and the student Ag Council at Texas Tech University are hosting a hamburger feed at 5:30 p.m. Friday (April 6) for area high school FFA students and their advisers. The event will kick off the Area FFA Career Development Judging Contest, which is scheduled for Saturday (April 7). The hamburger feast will take place at the Texas Tech Livestock Arena at 18th Street and Indiana Avenue.

“The student organizations from the college, will be setting up booths to show high school students the opportunities they have to get involved once they are here. Also the Masked Rider will be present to sign autographs,” said Leslie Williams, student and career development coordinator in the Agriculture Recruitment and Retention Center. “We hope to make this a big recruiting event.”

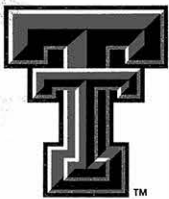
Faculty from the various departments will help execute the event, and representatives from the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee will be on hand to greet students.

The Area Judging Contest will include approximately 2,000 students in grades 9-12 from nearly 200 schools located in the western portion of the state. FFA Areas I and II extend from Lubbock, north to the Panhandle, east to the Childress and Guthrie area, west to El Paso and south to the San Angelo area.

Judging events will include livestock, meats, poultry, horses, dairy cattle, dairy products, land, range and pasture, and agricultural mechanics. A \$200 scholarship will be awarded to the top student in each event. Competitions begin at 7:30 a.m. Saturday and will be completed around noon. The Awards Ceremony will follow at 2 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

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TEXAS TECH OPENS NEW ACADEMIC CENTER IN SPAIN

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University commemorates the establishment of its Seville, Spain academic center with a grand opening celebration and dinner Wednesday (April 4) at the Universidad de Pablo Olavide in Seville. Many Texas Tech and local dignitaries will attend, including President David J. and Janet Schmidly, President Emeritus Donald R. and Willie Haragan, Regents E.R. “Dick” Brooks and Brian C. Newby. Paul Whitfield Horn Professor Allan J. and Lourdes Kuethe, Rectora Rosario Valpuesta Fernandez, and many others.

The Texas Tech University Center in Sevilla is the first general academic center to be established by the university in a foreign country. While Texas Tech has numerous international programs, those are mainly held in the summer for only a few weeks at a time. For this program, students attend classes taught by Texas Tech faculty in Seville for university credit during the fall and spring semesters. In addition, they have the opportunity to live with families in Spain and participate in local activities.

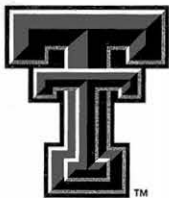
“Beyond the academic classes, these students are learning more about another culture and finding out how they can relate to people who share different backgrounds, experiences and traditions,” said Haragan. First as provost and later as university president, Haragan has made international studies an important part of his tenure at Texas Tech.

While 39 students have been attending classes in Spain since January, this is the first opportunity for the university to officially announce the opening of the center. Nearly 25 students are registered to attend classes next fall, and those numbers are expected to increase as the center’s programs become better recognized.

Four principal courses in Spanish language and culture and information systems will be offered at the Sevilla Center, with more courses added each semester.

Students can apply for a \$2,000 competitive scholarship to cover travel expenses to Seville. Students attending the center are expected to pay traditional tuition and housing costs. Texas Tech arranges for housing with families in Seville, with a typical arrangement providing a room and three meals a day.

Seville is a city of approximately 800,000 in the southern part of Spain. It is the center of Spanish flamenco and is renowned throughout Europe for its religious and folk celebrations, as well as its fascinating history.



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TEXAS TECH AIDS IN PERCHLORATE STUDY

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University's Institute of Environmental and Human Health (TIEHH) will soon begin a scientific study to assess potential environmental impacts of possible perchlorate contamination in the Waco Lake and Belton Lake watersheds.

TIEHH's study is part of a \$4 million project funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, in cooperation with the Brazos River Authority. Texas Tech will receive \$930,000.

Investigators from TIEHH, led by Associate Professor Todd A. Anderson, and other study participants, will identify sources of perchlorate contamination within the lake watersheds and riparian areas. Other TIEHH faculty also will participate in the project, including Phil Smith, Scott McMurry, Chris Theodorakis, Ken Dixon, and George Cobb, as well as James Carr, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Texas Tech University and Andrew Jackson, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Texas Tech University.

The study will determine the extent of perchlorate contamination in the Waco and Belton watersheds and potential impacts on fish, amphibians, birds and mammals. Additionally, models of perchlorate movement, uptake and population-level effects will be developed to better describe the ecological risks associated with perchlorate exposure.

Perchlorate can be found in some explosives and fertilizers. The federal government has ruled that by 2001, community water suppliers must begin monitoring perchlorate. Utilities are now investigating how they might deal with perchlorate if it shows up in drinking-water sources.

Texas Tech, the largest research university system in West Texas, provides education and support to approximately 25,000 students. Texas Tech is the only university system in the state with a comprehensive academic campus, law school and medical center on the same campus. The university's research programs, in areas such as wind engineering, agriculture and environmental and human health, impact the lives of all Texans.



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NATIONAL PLAYWRIGHT TO DISCUSS LATINO THEATER

LUBBOCK – The Department of Theatre and Dance and Latin American Iberian Studies will present the lecture “Latino Theatre” from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. this Friday (Apr. 6) at the Charles E. Maedgen Jr. Theatre’s Lab Theatre located at 18th Street between Flint and Boston. Milcha Sanchez-Scott, a renowned playwright, will be featured as the guest speaker for the lecture.

During the event, Sanchez-Scott will share with students a general synopsis of Latino theater, Donahue said. Her presentation will be open to the general public.

“I don’t think local students have had a great deal of exposure to Latino theater,” said Linda Donahue, Ph.D., assistant professor of the Department of Theatre and Dance. “This event will open the horizon of Latino theater to students, faculty and staff.”

Sanchez-Scott, who is an artist-in-residence at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas, has received national acclaim for her literary efforts. In honor of her accomplishments, Sanchez-Scott received a First-Level Award for American playwrights from the Rockefeller foundation. Some of her work includes “*Roosters*,” “*Dog Lady*” and “*The Cuban Swimmer*.” In 1994, a movie adaptation was produced for her play “*Roosters*.”

“She is one of the most respected and well-known Latina playwright in the United States,” Donahue said.

Along with presenting her lecture, Donahue said Sanchez-Scott will also watch and critique the production of “*The Day Room*.” The critique, which will be after the play, is open to the public.

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TEXAS TECH WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM TO HOST CONFERENCE

LUBBOCK – “Breaking Boundaries: What Culture, Contexts and Sports Tell Us” is the theme of the 17th Annual All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education. The conference, sponsored by the Texas Tech University Women's Studies program, will be April 19-20.

This year's featured speaker is Donna Lopiano, Ph.D., the current director of the Women's Sports Foundation. The foundation was originally founded by tennis great Billie Jean King. *The Sporting News* has listed Lopiano as one of the “100 Most Influential People in Sports” and *College Sports* magazine has written she is one of the “50 Most Influential People in College Sports.” Currently, Lopiano serves as a member of the advisory board of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society, is a Title IX consultant and an ethics fellow of the Institute of International Sport. Lopiano also is a member of the National Sports Hall of Fame, the National Softball Hall of Fame and the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

Lopiano will speak at the conference luncheon at noon on Friday, April 20, in the East Food Court of the United Spirit Arena.

Conference events will begin with the Artist's Reception honoring Diana Moore at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, in the City Bank Meeting Room of the United Spirit Arena. Moore, is a retired associate professor of dance in the department of theater and dance. The reception is sponsored by the Women's Studies Community Connection.

The all-day conference will begin at 8:30 a.m., Friday, April 20, in the United Spirit Arena. At that time registration will take place at the South Concourse.

The first panel discussion will be from 9-10:15 a.m. in the City Bank Room. The panel of professors will discuss “Equality Under the Law.” The professors who will take part in the panel are: Alison Myhra, professor of law; James R. Eissinger, associate dean and professor of law; Daisy Hurst Floyd, associate dean and professor of law; Timothy W. Floyd, the J. Hadley Edgar professor of law; Brian D. Shannon, the Charles B. Thornton professor of law; Victoria V. Sutton, associate professor of law; and Reynaldo Anaya Valencia, professor of law and director for the Center for Latina/o Studies at St. Mary's University School of Law.

Following the discussion, the paper and poster sessions will take place. The paper session will take place from 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the City Bank Room, while the poster

session will be at 11 a.m.-noon at the South Concourse. Members of the academic community will share research papers, projects and works-in-progress by or about women.

After the keynote address, the second panel will take place from 1:45-3:15 p.m. in the City Bank Room. Texas Tech and University of Wisconsin professors will discuss "Art as Personal Truth." The following speakers will take part in the panel: Futuré Akins, Texas Tech architecture instructor; Helen Klebesadel, director of the Women's Studies Consortium for the University of Wisconsin System; Rae Atira-Soncea, conservation coordinator for the Wisconsin Arts Board.

At 3:30-5 p.m. in the City Bank Room, Texas Tech and University of Minnesota speakers will discuss "Media Strategies to Contain and Celebrate Emergent Athletic Women." Moderator will be Lanie Dornier, Ph.D., associate professor, department of health, physical education and recreation at Texas Tech; and presenter will be Kim Pearce, of the Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sports at the University of Minnesota.

Advanced registration is only necessary if students or non-students are planning to attend the conference luncheon. The cost of lunch is \$10 for students and \$20 for non-students. The deadline for advanced registration is Monday, April 13. Access to other conference activities is free and open to the public.

The All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education is sponsored annually by the Office of Women's Studies. The conference focuses on research and scholarship by and about women and feminist theories across disciplines.

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**TEXAS TECH ACADEMY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS
HONORS TWO EAST TEXAS MEN**

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech University Academy of Petroleum Engineers will honor Curtis Mewbourne and Dewey Pierce, both of Tyler, for their significant contributions to the engineering profession during the academy's annual dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday (April 5), at the Lubbock Club, located at 1500 Broadway Avenue.

Jennifer Weitman Brock, Texas Tech petroleum engineering recruiting coordinator, said the Department of Petroleum Engineering recognizes professionals each year that have brought credit to the department.

"We want to recognize industry professionals for the work they've done, and we want to encourage our students to achieve the same type of success," Brock said.

Pierce received a degree in petroleum engineering from Texas Tech in 1952. He worked for Mobil Oil Company and Continental Oil Company from locations in Texas to the oil fields of South Africa. In 1975, Pierce began his own consulting firm, Petroleum Engineering Services, and established himself as an expert in the area of design and installation of offshore production facilities.

Brock said that Pierce established the D.W. Pierce Scholarship for Petroleum Engineers in 1999. Each semester, three students receive the Pierce scholarship.

Mewbourne is a 1958 graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and he served as an officer in the U.S. Army. In 1965, he founded Mewbourne Oil Company, and he currently serves as the chief executive officer. The oil company is one of the most active exploration and production companies in the Anadarko and Permian Basins. He has been a long-time supporter of Texas Tech petroleum engineering students through resume workshops and internships.

Brock said that Texas Tech is one of only three universities where Mewbourne Oil Company recruits employees, and he also donates money department of petroleum engineering for scholarships.

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**INTERIOR DESIGN PROGRAM LISTED AS ONE OF THE TOP 15
UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS IN THE NATION**

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University's interior design program was ranked as one of the top interior design programs in the United States. The 2001 study was conducted by *DesignIntelligence* and the *Almanac of Architecture & Design 2001*.

According to JoAnn Shroyer, Ph.D., professor and chairperson of the department of merchandising, environmental design and consumer economics, being named as one of the top schools for interior design education shows that the Texas Tech program meets the highest standards. She said that at Texas Tech the faculty work toward educating a professional interior designer.

"The ranking proves that the students in our program have a good understanding of the business of interior design and the profession," she said. "It says students are creative, have good decision-making skills and can address issues of health, safety and welfare of users."

Shroyer credits the success of the program to both current and former students, and to all of the faculty members who have taught courses in the program.

"A program is built and reaches this level of success when it has had faculty members who have been fully committed to the educational process. This success requires that faculty members maintain their own professional development, so students are assured that they are receiving an interior design educational experience that will provide them with the necessary skills for success."

Zane Curry, Ph.D., program director and associate professor for the merchandising, environmental design and consumer economics department, said the students and faculty in the program are "hard working and a tight knit team."

"It is quite an honor," Curry said. "Considering that we have a low number of faculty. The faculty has a good relationship with the interior design industry, as well as students and each other."

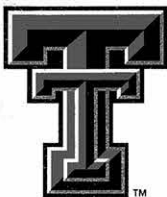
Texas Tech was ranked No. 11 according to the annual study. The study is the industry's first customer-satisfaction-oriented ranking of interior design degree programs. Human resource directors, principals and interior design directors from more than 300 interior design firms were asked to name from which Foundation for Interior Design

Education Research (FIDER) accredited schools they have had the best experience hiring employees within the last 10 years.

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CHERNOBYL EXPERTS ASSESS FALLOUT OF 15 YEARS

LUBBOCK – “Even where the levels of radiation are highest, wildlife abounds. In the summertime, beautiful fields of colorful flowers mask the underlying radiation that can be detected with sophisticated Geiger counters,” said Texas Tech University scientist Robert J. Baker, Ph.D., concerning the Chernobyl nuclear explosion, near the 15th anniversary of the reactor disaster.

Baker, who is a Texas Tech Paul W. Horn Professor of Biological Sciences, has traveled to Chernobyl 15 times since 1994. His colleague, Ron K. Chesser, Ph.D., also a professor of biology at Texas Tech, has traveled to the radioactive site 25 times. Together they have led a team of scientists on an exploration of the effects of radiation on small mammal populations surrounding the site of Reactor 4, which exploded on April 26, 1986.

“In May 1986, *Time* magazine predicted that the Reactor 4 meltdown at Chernobyl would result in the worst environmental disaster in human history,” Baker said. “Scientific findings on the effects of living in the environment have been mixed, but most studies suggest that even the extraordinary amounts of radiation released by the Chernobyl accident today do not have a significant negative effect on the abundance and health of native wildlife.”

What Chesser and Baker have discovered since are not entirely negative effects. Some of their most recent research shows that mammal populations and species diversity around the site do not appear to be reduced, even in the most radioactive environments.

Baker and Chesser also have been unable to document lower reproductive rates in several small mammal species which were exposed to 30 – 40 times the International Atomic Energy Agency limits of exposure for their species types. In addition, no birth defects or physical deformities have been detected. This finding seems to have held true for humans also.

“When the meltdown occurred, the news that millions of people were exposed streamed across Europe, and this perceived danger of exposure resulted in many couples electing abortion over facing the perceived risk of a defective child,” Baker said. “The World Health Organization estimates that 250,000 couples elected to have an abortion as a result of Chernobyl. Subsequent studies by the organization failed to document an elevated birth defect rate for children born to exposed parents.”

Chesser says the way many generations have been raised to think about radiation might need to be adjusted because of research that is ongoing.

“We’ve all been taught that the effects of radiation exposure are cumulative. Say for instance, if it takes 500 rads to kill a human being, it is generally thought that it doesn’t matter if the dose is accumulated over a few minutes, a year or a lifetime. Those are called ‘linear no-threshold’ models, and were done for mathematical expedience. They are not very reliable.”

Chesser likened it to the difference between putting one’s tongue on a battery or putting it on a transformer. The effects of placing one’s tongue on a transformer would be immediate and quite possibly lethal, whereas, keeping one’s tongue on a battery until a person received the same dose of electricity as the transformer would deliver, wouldn’t have nearly the same result or effect.

“The general public believes that scientists *do* know what the long-term effects of chronically administered radiation are. Scientists really *don’t* have a good idea. We will never say that radiation is completely safe,” said Chesser. “Our research does indicate, however, that some of the conclusions concerning health risks and genetic effects of chronically administered radiation do need to be re-evaluated.”

Chesser and Baker, along with a team of scientists, including Carl J. Phillips, Ph.D., chairman of the biological sciences department at Texas Tech, will return to Chernobyl in May to continue their research. Scientists will be in place there throughout the summer. The United States Department of Energy recently has released funds for the continuation of the Chernobyl research project.

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CAMPUS CAREGIVERS TO GARNER HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

WHAT: Campus Caregivers representatives to receive award for Arbor Day events.

WHEN: 10 a.m. Monday (April 9)

WHERE: The courtyard of the Administration/Education Building.

EVENT: Members of Campus Caregivers will announce that the organization has received a distinguished award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for Arbor Day 2000. Additionally, they will reveal the scheduled festivities for Arbor Day 2001 at Texas Tech University.

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ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE STUDENTS TO OBSERVE EARTH FEST

LUBBOCK – To raise environmental consciousness, members of Students for Environmental Awareness will sponsor the Earth Fest from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, April 20 between the Library and the Agricultural Education and Communications Building.

“We want to get people interested in nature and in taking notice of the wildlife and natural surroundings within Lubbock,” said Michelle Spoonemore, president of Students for Environmental Awareness.

During the event, various local companies and organizations will provide students with information about ecological awareness. Spoonemore, who is also a senior environmental conservation major from Alvin, said SEA members also will offer information on environmental awareness at informational tables as well as will be selling tie-dyed T-shirts for students.

“Our main objective is to promote environmental awareness and encourage students, faculty and staff to do their part to conserve,” Spoonemore said.

Throughout the week of the event, Spoonemore said her organization will try to encourage students to log on to the Web site *EcologyFund.com*. Sponsors for the Web site will donate acres of land to various projects for every student that registers on the site, she said. If the university registers the most members and accumulates the largest amount of donations, an acre of rainforest will donated in Texas Tech’s name.

“People need to be aware of global environmental issues that affect our community,” Spoonemore said.

Recently, Spoonemore said the environmental group established a pilot recycling program at the Wall/Gates Complex. Spoonemore said a program similar to the pilot project will be implemented throughout the university in September if it is approved by the Physical Plant and Housing and Dining Services.

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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES DISTINGUISHED ENGINEERS

LUBBOCK -- Ming Chiang and Enoch L. Dawkins, two Texas Tech graduates from the College of Engineering, will be named as Distinguished Engineers at 11:45 a.m., today (April 6). During a luncheon, held at the McInturff Conference Center, located at University Medical Center, Adam B. Nims, a graduating senior, also will receive an award.

Chiang earned his bachelor of science degree in 1974 from the National Cheng-Kung University in Taiwan R. O. C. He earned a master of science degree in electrical engineering in 1978.

Chiang has worked for Texas Instruments since 1978, and he was appointed vice president in 1997. He coordinates all design efforts and manages all process technology development and computer-assisted design methodology development. Chiang's divisions earn more than \$3 billion in annual revenue for Texas Instruments. Chiang lives in Plano with his wife and two children.

Dawkins earned his bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering in 1960. While attending classes during the day, Dawkins worked nights at Halliburton Company in Brownfield to pay tuition. After graduation, he worked as a drilling engineer and held numerous management positions in the United States and foreign areas. In 1991, he became the president of the Murphy Exploration and Production Company's worldwide upstream operations based in New Orleans, La. Dawkins and his wife reside in New Orleans, and they have two daughters and eight grandchildren.

This year the College of Engineering's Dean's Council will make its first James A. "Jim" McAuley Distinguished Engineering Student Award of \$10,000. This year's award will go to Adam B. Nims, a senior in construction engineering technology, is from Las Cruces, N.M.

This award will be given annually to the outstanding student graduating from the College of Engineering. Nominations come from department chairpersons and college organizations with the final selection being made by the Dean's Council, a prestigious panel of 24 members who are asked to serve in an advisory capacity to the Dean of Engineering.

Upon McAuley's death last August, the college decided to name this award in his memory. McAuley was a very active member of the Dean's Council, as well as an educator, a local businessman, and a tremendous supporter of Texas Tech.

Four students also will receive recognition as runners-up for the award. They are Douglas Burkes, a mechanical engineering major from Castroville; Heather Busby, a chemical engineering major from Earth; Rebecca Chude, a petroleum engineer from Fredericksburg; and Amanda Wilson, a mechanical engineer from Lewisville.

Officials also will include an honorary recognition of the establishment of the John R. Bradford Chair in Engineering. Bradford served as dean of the College of Engineering from 1955 to 1982, and he still is very active in the college and in the community. Gregory B. McKenna, Ph.D., chairman of the department of chemical engineering, is the first appointment to hold the Bradford Chair.

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ENGINEERING STUDENTS TO COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

LUBBOCK – Some Texas Tech University civil engineering students will begin competing in the 11th Annual International Environmental Design Contest from April 9 – April 12 at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M. The seventeen contestants will compete against over 400 students from 22 universities throughout the United States, Mexico and India.

“The contest lets them move past what they have learned in the classroom and forces them to explore other areas that they have not formally studied,” said Andrew Jackson, Ph.D., assistant professor of the Department of Civil Engineering. “It is nice to have them work on real world problems.”

Jackson said the students have been divided into two teams. Each team will construct two different projects. The first team will design an independent community that depends on its own water, liquid waste, sewage and water treatment systems. The second team will create a mobile treatment system for hazardous materials. Jackson said the students have been on working on these projects since October 2000.

Sponsored by WERC: A Consortium for Environmental Education and Technology Development, the competition will focus on students solving environmental problems that have been submitted by representatives from private industries and government agencies. Participants for the event can win cash awards and travel allowances over \$55,000 for their work.

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STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFY TEXAS TECH

LUBBOCK – The 2001 Arbor Day celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 27 on the Texas Tech campus, with the continued theme of “Plant a Tradition.”

The event is sponsored by Campus Caregivers and Campus Activities and Involvement, as well as three student organizations: the Chancellor’s Ambassadors; the Raider ‘Scapers, an architectural student organization; and Presidents University Select. Personnel with the Texas Tech grounds maintenance department are involved in making decisions on the varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers to plant and their locations.

The celebration will begin with the University Center Groundbreaking Ceremony, which will be held in the northwest corner of the University Center. The groundbreaking marks the start of the University Center renovations and expansion.

Epstein’s Mother, a regional band out of Las Vegas, Nev., will perform a concert at noon at Memorial Circle. Following a brief program, which will begin directly after the concert, the planting will commence at 1:15 p.m. The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will hold a tree dedication at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served in Memorial Circle from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. T-shirts commemorating the event also will be sold at the University Center at a cost of \$2 for students and \$3 for non-students.

Debbie Montford, wife of Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford, and Janet Schmidly, wife of Texas Tech President David Schmidly are co-chairpersons of this year’s event.

Montford revived the Arbor Day event in 1999, along with Campus Caregivers, after Texas Tech’s second president, Bradford Knapp, initiated the celebration in 1938 to beautify the campus.

Daniel Brown, activities adviser with Campus Activities and Involvement, said this year’s celebration would bring together many different groups for a good cause.

“It’s an opportunity for faculty, students and the community to come together in one day to help beautify the campus,” said Brown.

Various student organizations participated in last year's event, including Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Kristin McManus, president of Alpha Delta Pi, said last year's event was a rewarding experience.

"It was a lot of hard work, but you get a great feeling when you see how pretty the area you planted has become and remember that you were a part of that," said McManus. "We are really looking forward to doing that again this year."

Organizations as well as individuals are encouraged to participate.

Arbor Day is a nationally observed celebration with the purpose of encouraging tree planting and tree care. The celebration is observed on the last Friday in April.

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HISTORICAL FACTS SHEET

“Plant a Tradition”

Texas Tech University

- The first Arbor Day celebration was initiated by Bradford Knapp, the second president of Texas Tech on March 2, 1938. Because the university's landscaping department was essentially non-existent, President Knapp enlisted the help of students, faculty and staff. More than 1,000 volunteers planted 20,000 trees and shrubs.
- In 1999, under the leadership of Debbie Montford, spouse of Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford, Campus Caregivers, a newly formed group made up of members of the campus and local communities, revived Arbor Day at Texas Tech.
- During the April 28, 2000, Arbor Day celebration, more than 24,300 shrubs, trees and flowering plants had been added to the Texas Tech campus.

National Arbor Day Foundation

- Arbor Day is a nationally observed celebration to encourage tree planting and care, and is celebrated on the last Friday of April.
- Arbor Day was founded by journalist J. Sterling Morton. Morton moved to the Nebraska Territory in 1854 and noticed the lack of trees, shrubs and bushes on the bare plains.
- On Jan. 4, 1872, Morton proposed an idea to the State Board of Agriculture to create a tree-planting holiday called Arbor Day. The official Arbor Day was set for April 10, 1872.
- More than 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.
- Today, Arbor Day is celebrated in communities throughout the United States and in countries around the world. The best tree-planting date determines the observance of the holiday in each area. Celebrations may begin as early as January and as late as May in some northern states.

For more information about Arbor Day, visit the National Arbor Day Foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org or to learn more about the Campus Caregivers visit www.campuscaregivers.org.



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TEXAS TECH HONORED BY THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University will receive the “Arbor Day Celebration Award” for Arbor Day 2000 during the Arbor Day Award Weekend Celebration April 27-29 in Nebraska City, Neb.

The “Celebration Award” is given annually, along with several other awards honoring organizations, institutions, corporations and individuals that participate in Arbor Day. The award honors schools, community and state programs that best represent the spirit of the environmental holiday.

Dawn Howell, senior administrative assistant of special projects, will accept the award on behalf of the university.

The National Arbor Day Foundation is a nonprofit education organization dedicated to planting trees and environmental education. Each year the foundation recognizes outstanding accomplishments in tree planting, care, conservation and environmental stewardship.

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HAAS AUTOMATION INC. DONATES STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT

LUBBOCK, -- Texas Tech University will announce a partnership with Haas Automation Inc., and will open the Haas Machining Center in the department of mechanical engineering at 3:30 p.m., Friday (April 6), in Room 119 of the Mechanical Engineering Building.

The partnership includes a donation of \$250,000 in state-of-the-art equipment. Representatives for Haas Automation Inc. and Texas Tech will attend the opening of the ceremony, and several of Lubbock's large manufacturing entities such as CMH Manufacturing Co., MidCon Inc., Semco Inc. have been invited to attend.

The Texas Tech lab contains three new state-of-the-art pieces of equipment including a VF-3 Vertical Machining Center, an SL-20 CNC Turning Center and an HS-IRP Horizontal Machining Center.

Thomas Burton, Ph.D., chairman of the department of mechanical engineering, said these machines make very complicated machine parts that would be difficult to machine by hand.

"The machines operate very fast and very accurately," Burton said.

The department plans to use the Haas Machining Center to make parts for the department, fabrication research and senior student design projects. Burton said they will incorporate the Haas Machining Center into the undergraduate curriculum by creating new undergraduate courses in manufacturing processes.

"We've taught our students how to use the software and how to design the parts, and now that we have these machines on campus, our students will see the whole process through," Burton said.

Burton estimates that between 125 and 150 students will use the center each year.

"The facility also will be used to provide a resource and demonstration center for regional industrial applications, and it will be used to provide a state-of-the art experience through summer short-course offerings," Burton said.

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HAAS AUTOMATION INC. DONATES STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT/2

Haas Automation Inc., located in Oxnard, Calif., is currently one of the newest, largest and most modern machine tool facilities in America. Haas is expanding its workforce to an estimated 1,000 employees, and investing more than \$15 million in new flexible manufacturing systems, automated computer numerically controlled (CNC) turning cells and robotic welding systems to further streamline production.

“Haas continues to manufacture all of its products at the California facility, and the Haas commitment to quality makes its machine tools one of the best values in the country,” Burton said.

For more information on Haas Automation Inc., refer to its Web site at <http://www.haascnc.com>.

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TTUHSC PROFESSOR WINS GOVERNMENT AWARD

LUBBOCK -- James McGrath, Ph.D., a professor and researcher in the Department of Physiology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, will be honored by the Environmental Protection Agency today.

The EPA will present McGrath with a Silver Star for outstanding scientific achievement which helps the organization advance its mission of protecting human health and the environment.

"I feel terrific about this," McGrath said. "To be honored for making a big contribution is an honor. I feel good about that."

McGrath is being honored for his work in developing the scientific criteria document for diesel exhaust emissions. The EPA uses the scientific criteria document to develop regulations governing air pollutants.

"I'm right in the middle of two extreme groups," he said. "There are the people who are devoted to the environment who feel the country can't support more than 30 million people. The others are the businessmen who feel they can ravage the planet however is needed to make money. But, if they're all mad at you, you know you're doing something right."

Because of these divergent factions and the enormous research effort that was needed, McGrath said developing the diesel exhaust document became a 25-year process.

"It has been so controversial," he said. "There's a great economic impact when it comes to diesel engines. There have also been changes over the years in the diesel fuel composition and the technology has improved. We had to keep those things in mind."

This is the second time McGrath has received the Silver Star. He also received the award for his work on the scientific criteria document for particulate matter.



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**GRADUATE STUDENTS TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED HONOR AT
LUNCHEON**

LUBBOCK – Five women graduate students will be honored for their achievements at the University Quarterly Club luncheon at 12 p.m. Monday (April 16) at the Matador Room in the University Center. During the luncheon, each student will receive a Paul Whitfield Horn Fellowship.

Liz Watts, chair for the Paul Whitfield Horn Fellowship Committee, said committee members focused on a variety of aspects of each student. Committee members evaluated students based on their positions in the graduate programs, the students' likeliness of completing their graduate programs in a timely manner, their financial need, academic record, letter of recommendations and professional accomplishments.

"I think the consensus of the committee is that these students are very qualified and well-deserving of this honor," Watts said.

Graduate students receiving the fellowship are: Jeong Rim Lee, a human development and family studies doctoral student from South Korea; Elizabeth Najera, a counseling psychology doctoral student from Lipan; Kimberly Bouldin, a physics doctoral student from Stratford; Talah Arabiyat, an economics doctoral student from Jordan; and Erin Walker, a biology master's student from Albuquerque, N.M.

Members of the University Quarterly Club and the University Women's Club annually award the fellowships to deserving women doctoral and master's students at Texas Tech University. Established in 1941, the fellowship is named after the first president of the university.

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**TEXAS TECH STUDENTS HONORED AT SPRING SCHOLARSHIP
BREAKFAST**

LUBBOCK -- Ten Texas Tech University System students recently were honored for superior achievement in both academics and service to the community as part of the Spring Scholarship Breakfast presented by the Texas Tech Association of Parents.

Each year the association recognizes one student from each of the academic colleges, as well as schools of allied health and nursing, and presents them with the Student Academic-Citizenship Award. The 2000-2001 recipients are: Brenda Schumann, Charles Elliot, Velma Michelle Babb, Aysa Pena, Katherine Tutak, Lindsay Johnson Pierce, Melissa Kay Reyes, Loren Bell, Kaylynn Snodgrass and Amanda Parsons. These 10 seniors were selected based on their excellence in scholarship and outstanding leadership abilities.

Schumann, an agricultural communications major, represented the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Currently, she is the Student Government Association internal vice president and president of the Student Senate. She also was elected National President of Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow, Student Senator for College of Agricultural Sciences, Collegiate 4-H and Miss Texas Farm Bureau.

Elliot received the award for the College of Architecture. Elliot is recognized for his dedication to Habitat for Humanity. He has spent many hours volunteering for, and managing, construction work on houses for the organization. Elliot recently entered the College of Architecture to pursue an architecture education.

Babb, a cell and molecular biology major with a minor in chemistry, represented the College of Arts and Sciences. Upon completion of 155 credit hours, Babb maintains a 4.0 grade-point-average. Babb has experienced success as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Fellow, and she has extensive participation in extracurricular groups.

Pena, an international business major with a minor in Spanish, represented the College of Business Administration. She has been on the President's List and the Dean's List. Her campus involvement and community service includes working in the Student Government Association on the student fees advisory board. She is a member of University Select and Chancellor's Ambassadors.

Representing the College of Education was Tutak, a multidisciplinary science major with an emphasis in English. Tutak works as a science education fellow with the

Texas Tech/Howard Hughes Medical Institute and as such travels to schools to work with teachers and helps to train students in grades 3-12 in workshops on campus.

Pierce, representing the College of Engineering, is working toward a bachelor of science in environmental engineering degree. This past summer, she worked as a student assistant at West Texas Middle School. Pierce is also an Engineering Ambassador who worked with recruiting and orientation sessions.

Reyes, a human development and family studies major, represented the College of Human Sciences. She maintains a 4.0 GPA and serves as treasurer for the Human Sciences Ethnic Minority Organization. She is also a member of the Minority Scholars Reading and Discussion Group, Golden Key National Honor Society and the Hispanic Student Society.

Bell, who received the award for the Honors College, is a philosophy and biology major. Bell's most committed service is to the environment. He has served as co-founder and president for the Sierra Student Coalition. He also has spent time abroad in Bulgaria working on a volunteer project with the Peace Corps. In the fall 2000 semester he put his academics aside and took a leave of absence from school in order to fight fires in Wyoming.

Snodgrass who currently maintains a 4.0 GPA while enrolled in an intense laboratory medicine program, represented the School of Allied Health. She has been involved in community organizations for several years, including Women's Protective Services, Children's Miracle Network, Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Parson represented the School of Nursing. She is an active member of the local Texas Nursing Student Association. Her professional involvement includes speaking to high schools about the opportunities nursing offers. She holds state-level offices, including president of the Nursing Student Association president.

Each student was presented a plaque at the Spring Scholarship Breakfast in recognition for his or her individual scholastic achievement and community involvement.

For more information about the Texas Tech Association of Parents, contact Trudy Putteet, associate dean of students, in the Parent Relations office at (806) 742-3630 or email at trudy.putteet@ttu.edu.



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REESE CENTER INSTITUTE BEGINS WATER QUALITY STUDY

WHAT: Announcement of a research project to study the impact of possible water contamination in central Texas.

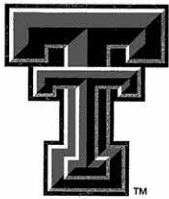
WHEN: 10 a.m. Wednesday (April 11).

WHERE: Building 555, Reese Technology Center.

EVENT: The Institute of Environmental and Human Health, the U.S. Corp of Engineers and the Brazos River Authority will sign agreements so that Texas Tech scientists may conduct research near the Waco and Belton Lakes in central Texas. The study will address possible perchlorate contamination in those areas.

The Corps of Engineers will present Texas Tech with a check for \$930,000, which is the university's portion of a \$4 million award for this research. President David J. Schmidly will receive the check on behalf of the university. Michael Mocek, Deputy District Engineer of the Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth District, and a Texas Tech alumnus, will present Schmidly with this check.

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VIETNAM CENTER TO PRESENT 2001 CONFERENCE

LUBBOCK – The Vietnam Center at Texas Tech University will present its biennial conference on April 20–21. Presentations will address the complex bonds formed between Vietnamese and the American officers who were assigned to serve as their advisors.

The subject of the 2001 conference will be “The Advisory Effect and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam.” Speakers will include Col. Roger Donlon, U.S. Army (Ret.), and Lt. Col. James G. Zumwalt, U.S.M.C. (Ret.), the only surviving son of the late Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr., a long-time supporter of the center.

According to James R. Reckner, Ph.D., director of the center, the American media reported the war itself as essentially an American story played out against an Asian backdrop.

“Vietnamese-Americans are understandably concerned that the South Vietnamese Army has essentially been written out of the war, even though they suffered several hundred thousand deaths,” said Reckner. “What happened to our former allies, the South Vietnamese, only became a story when egregious examples of corruption surfaced.”

Adm. Zumwalt will be honored on April 19, when Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton will declare the day “Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt Day,” and confer honorary citizenship on the admiral’s widow. The ceremony will also mark the official opening of the exhibit of Zumwalt’s papers and memorabilia, which he willed to Texas Tech before his death on Jan. 2, 2000. Ten members of the admiral’s family are expected to attend the conference.

“The activities at the center through April and May really illustrate the breadth of our mission,” Reckner said. “Our conference deals with history. Next month we are dealing directly with Vietnamese officials on programs to help the younger generation in Vietnam today.”

The mission of the Vietnam Center is the preservation of the complete Vietnam experience, as well as education and outreach to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The Vietnam Archive is second only to the National Archives in its holdings on the Vietnam War era.

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SCHOOL OF NURSING OFFERS COURSE IN MALPRACTICE

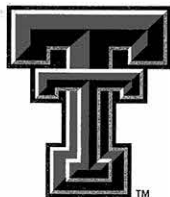
LUBBOCK -- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center's Continuing Nursing Education program will present "Malpractice Liability: What Every Nurse Should Know" on April 20 at the TTUHSC Odessa Campus Auditorium.

The purpose of this program is to provide a working legal knowledge in malpractice liability for nurses practicing in today's health care environment. Kip Roe, R.N., M.S.N., J.D., and Ken Braxton, Jr., J.D., who both work in the office of general counsel at TTUHSC, will teach the course.

The class goes from 9:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. Registration fee for the course is \$104. Credit cards are accepted.

Participants will receive 6.3 contact hours or 0.6 CEUs upon completion of the course. Contact the TTUHSC School of Nursing at (806) 743-2734, e-mail Carolyn Brackett at sonclb@ttuhsc.edu, or for more information, go to the school's website at: <http://www.ttuhsc.edu/pages/nurse/cne.htm>

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JOB FAIR TO ATTRACT FUTURE EDUCATORS

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech Career Center will sponsor the Education Job Fair from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday (April 17) at the University Center Courtyard and Ballroom. Recruiters will also interview job candidates from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday (April 18) in the University Center.

“Some students can walk from the job fair with jobs,” said Tom Casey, assistant director of the Career Center. “Last year, representatives from school districts conducted 300 interviews at the job fair.”

The focus of the job fair will be mainly on students and alumni, Casey said. Recruiters from various school districts are looking for students who have completed their student teaching. Job fair attendees are encouraged to bring resumés and dress in business attire.

Casey said officials from about 150 school districts will attend the job fair. Local representatives from Lubbock Independent School District and Frenship Independent School District will be available to recruit job seekers.

School districts within the Dallas/Fort Worth area will include: Arlington Independent School District, Carrollton Independent School District, Dallas Independent School District, Fort Worth Independent School District, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District, Irving Independent School District, and Richardson Independent School District. Other school districts within the state will include: Abilene Independent School District, Alief Independent School District, Amarillo Independent School District, Katy Independent School District, and San Angelo Independent School District.

Along with state school districts, Casey said officials from school districts within Hobbs, N.M., Clovis, N.M., and Las Vegas, Nev., will attend the job fair. Additionally, the Region Centers within the state will try to attract potential employees.

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**CAMPUS-WIDE TALENT SHOW TO SHOWCASE STUDENTS'
PERFORMANCES**

LUBBOCK – Members of the Student Government Association will sponsor the University Talent Show at 7 p.m. Wednesday (April 18) in the University Center Allen Theatre. The talent show will feature a variety of performances.

“This event will also bring about university unification,” said Leigh Mauer, the talent show chairperson. “It is time for individuals and organizations to do activities as a university.”

Mauer, who is also the senator-at-large for the College of Arts and Sciences, said 14 acts will be performed during the event. The performances will include singing, tap dancing, lip-syncing and a comedy act. Student performers will be awarded first place, second place and third place plaques.

Admission for this event is \$1. Tickets can be purchased in the Student Government Association Office in University Center Room 230 or at the UC Information Booth. The event is open to the public.

“We hope the talent show will become an annual tradition,” Mauer said.

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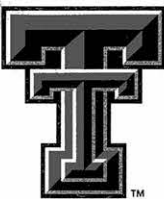
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TEXAS TECH REGENTS TO MEET TUESDAY

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University System Board of Regents will meet at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday (April 17) to elect a new chairman and vice chairman.

The meeting will be conducted by conference call for members unable to travel to Lubbock. The term of Jim Sowell of Dallas, current chairman, will expire upon Texas Senate confirmation of his replacement. The term of Regent Alan White of Lubbock will expire upon confirmation of his replacement.

The meeting will be in the Board of Regents Room, Second Floor 201, Administration Building.



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(Editor's Note: A student from your hometown is included in this release.)

TEXAS TECH NAMES AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARS

LUBBOCK – The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University will recognize 23 Dean's Scholars for the 2000-2001 academic year during a reception at 1:30 p.m. Friday (April 20) in the courtyard of the University Center.

"These scholarships have been established by the college to reward academic excellence and to encourage highly capable young men and women to major in the agricultural and natural sciences," said John Abernathy, Ph.D., dean of the college.

The Dean's Scholars Awards are based on academic excellence as well as leadership, character and citizenship. The Gold Award is a \$10,000 four-year scholarship and the Silver Award is an \$8,000 four-year scholarship. To keep the scholarship, recipients must maintain a 3.4 grade-point-average for Gold Awards and a 3.2 grade-point-average for Silver Awards. The scholarships are funded by various donations to the college.

The Gold Award winners, each receiving a \$3,000 scholarship per year, are: Jolena Fleming, a junior animal science major from Rising Star; Ben Holland, a sophomore animal science major from Texline; Shane Kiefer, a senior wildlife and fisheries management major from Temple; Ashlee Lawson, a sophomore agricultural and applied economics major from Dumas; Katie Paske, a sophomore food technology major from Lamesa and Robert Simek, a sophomore animal science major from Lubbock.

The Silver Award winners, each receiving a \$2,000 scholarship for the year, are: Eric Cunningham, a junior pre-veterinary major from Lubbock; Brian Essex, a sophomore senior wildlife and fisheries management major from Clovis, N.M.; Jimmy Hendrix, a sophomore agricultural and applied economics major from Sweetwater; Jared Horsford, a freshman landscape architecture major from Hale Center; Jeff Mathiews, a freshman agricultural and applied economics major from Woodson; Krista McKamey, a sophomore animal science major from Artesia, N.M.; Dustin Miller, a junior agricultural and applied economics major from Seagraves and Phil Peabody, a junior agricultural business major from Texico, N.M.

Also, Sara Schweers, a junior animal science major from Lamesa; Nathan Sears, a sophomore range management major from Clarendon; Phil Trammell, a senior agricultural communications major from San Antonio; Leslie Utton, a sophomore

interdisciplinary agriculture major from Aztec, N.M.; Ryan Ward, a junior wildlife and fisheries management major from Wichita Falls; Johnathan Warminski, a freshman agribusiness major from White Deer; Amber Williams, a senior pre-veterinarian major from Calvert and Alison Wortman, a senior animal science major from Arlington.



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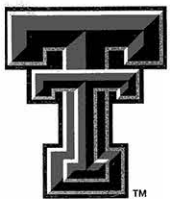
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CONGRESSMAN COMBEST PROMOTES TEXAS TECH RESEARCH

- WHAT:** U.S. Rep. Larry Combest brings research companies to Texas Tech.
- WHEN:** 2 p.m., Tuesday (April 17).
- WHERE:** Building 555, Reese Center.
- EVENT:** Combest and Texas Tech University President David J. Schmidly will host a press conference with the Consumer Speciality Product Association (CSPA) to explore research partnerships between Texas Tech and CSPA companies. Some of the companies attending include 3M Corporation, The Clorox Company, Ecolab Corporation and The Lysol Company.
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TEXAS TECH BOARD ELECTS ROBERT BROWN CHAIRMAN

LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech Board of Regents selected El Paso businessman J. Robert Brown as the new chair during a special called meeting, via teleconference, today (April 17) in Lubbock. Regent Nancy E. Jones, of Abilene, was selected as the vice-chair. Both will serve in their leadership roles until Dec. 31, 2002.

Brown, a Texas Tech alumnus, was appointed to the board in 1995 by Gov. George W. Bush and reappointed to the board in April 2000 by Gov. Rick Perry. He is the president and chairman of the board of Desert Eagle Distributing Company of El Paso, a distributor of Anheuser-Busch products.

Brown graduated from Texas Tech in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in marketing, and from St. Mary's University in 1971 with a Juris Doctorate degree.

The Corpus Christi native is past director of Citizens State Bank in Corpus Christi and Alice National Bank in Alice. Brown previously served as vice chairman of the Texas Tech Board of Regents.

Jones is executive director of the Community Foundation of Abilene, an organization that collects, invests and administers charitable endowment funds.

She has served as program chair and secretary of the board of directors of the Conference of Southwest Foundations and currently serves on several Committees of the Board of the Council on Foundations in Washington D.C.

Ms. Jones earned bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Southern California and a doctor of business administration degree from the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Jones' term will expire January 31, 2003.



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TRANSFER OF REINS SADDLES UP NEW MASKED RIDER

WHAT: Texas Tech University will present its new Masked Rider.

WHEN: 3 p.m. Friday (April 20).

WHERE: Masked Rider Plaza, behind the Frazier Alumni Pavilion, Sixth Street and Akron Avenue.

EVENT: The Masked Rider Committee will present new Masked Rider Kathryn "Katie" Carruth during a ceremony honoring outgoing Masked Rider Lesley Gilbreath. Carruth is the daughter of former Masked Rider Johnny Bob Carruth, who served as the Masked Rider from 1968 to 1970. A reception honoring the Masked Riders and the Masked Rider program supporters will follow the ceremony.

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**DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION TO
SPEAK AT TEXAS TECH**

WHAT: The 17th Annual All-University Conference on the Advancement of Women in Higher Education, "Breaking Boundaries: What Culture, Contexts and Sports Tell Us."

WHEN: Noon to 1:30 p.m. April 20 (Friday).

WHERE: Texas Tech United Spirit Arena in the East Food Court.

EVENT: Keynote address by Donna Lopiano, Ph.D., the current director of the Women's Sports Foundation. The foundation was originally founded by tennis great Billie Jean King. *The Sporting News* has listed Lopiano as one of the "100 Most Influential People in Sports" and *College Sports* magazine has written she is one of the "50 Most Influential People in College Sports." Currently, Lopiano serves as a member of the advisory board of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society, is a Title IX consultant and an ethics fellow of the Institute of International Sport. Lopiano also is a member of the National Sports Hall of Fame, the National Softball Hall of Fame and the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Tech Women's Studies program.

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EARTH FEST TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

WHAT: Earth Fest to raise environmental consciousness.

WHEN: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Friday (April 20).

WHERE: Between the Library and the Agricultural Education and Communications Building.

EVENT: Members of Students for Environmental Awareness will host festivities for Earth Fest.

Various campus and community organizations will have informational booths that will provide information about ecological awareness.

Students for Environmental Awareness will sell tie-dyed T-shirts as well as inform students about environmental awareness.

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TO ERR IS HUMAN: HEALTH CARE QUALITY

LUBBOCK -- The Institute of Medicine's report, "To Err is Human," has placed the issue of health care quality on the national agenda. Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will host two half-day workshops, "Improving Clinical Outcomes: The Sciences of Quality Improvement," Friday, April 20.

Presenters Paul Miles, M.D., and Doris Quinn, Ph.D., from the Center for Clinical Improvement at Vanderbilt University Medical Center are both nationally recognized experts in measuring and improving health care systems and patient outcomes.

The IOM's committee on the Quality of Health Care in America was formed in 1998 to develop a strategy for substantial improvement in the quality of health care over the next 10 years. David R. Smith, M.D., president of TTUHSC, says "To Err is Human" looks at reducing medical errors and improving patient safety through the design of a safer system.

"We can no longer accept the 'turnstile' approach to health care," says Smith. "We now need to know whether people are healthier with better outcomes because of what we do and what we measure."

Smith says that continually improving the quality of health care has become one of the highest priorities at Texas Tech. Barbara Cherry, director of customer service and performance improvement at TTUHSC, adds that this program is a part of TTUHSC's PatientFirst initiative.

"We hope to provide valuable knowledge for medical practitioners at Texas Tech to use in a daily practice to continually improve the quality of health care for patients of West Texas," says Cherry.

The workshop is from 8 a.m. to noon with a repeat program from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cherry says it is open to TTUHSC faculty and staff with a charge of \$25, but is free of charge to students and residents.



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TEXAS TECH GRADUATIONS TO FEATURE DALLAS SENATOR

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University has scheduled its Spring 2001 graduation ceremonies at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. May 12 in the United Spirit Arena, 1701 Indiana Ave. The featured speaker for both events will be Texas Sen. Royce West of Dallas.

West, who has served in the Senate since 1993, also is a senior partner with the law firm of Robinson, West and Gooden, P.C. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas at Arlington, and his doctor of jurisprudence from the University of Houston. West served under several district attorneys in several Texas counties, becoming the first African-American to be named chief felony prosecutor in Texas.

Graduates in the Colleges of Architecture, Arts and Sciences and Engineering will attend the 9 a.m. graduation ceremony. Graduates in the Colleges of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Business Administration, Education and Human Sciences will attend the 1:30 p.m. ceremony.

The Texas Tech School of Law will have its commencement at 5 p.m. at the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium, with a reception immediately following at the Market Alumni Center. The commencement speaker will be Bill Jones, legal counsel for Gov. Rick Perry.

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Dr. Robert J. Baker, Horn Professor and Director of the Natural Science Research Laboratory at Texas Tech University, was announced as the recipient of the 2001 Packard Outstanding Educator Award at the annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalist in Fort Hays, Kansas, April 19-21.

The Southwestern Association of Naturalists is an association of biologists, founded in 1953, that promotes the study of plants and animals in the southwestern United States, Mexico, and Central America. The Association presents the Robert L. Packard Award annually to a scientist who has made significant contributions to our understanding of plants and animals of the Southwest through teaching or presentation of scientific information. Dr. Baker has devoted most of his professional life to teaching and research in the Southwest, and is held in high regard by colleagues and former students for his dedication as a researcher and, especially, as an educator and mentor.

Dr. Baker began his academic career with a BS at Arkansas A&M College followed by a MS at Oklahoma State University. He earned his PhD at the University of Arizona in 1967. At Texas Tech he has built one of the most successful research programs in mammalian systematics in the world. Baker has published more than 220 articles and is invited to give talks all over North America. However, his most important contributions to the field are the students he has mentored over his career. Dr. Baker has directed the research of more than 30 MS students and 30 PhD Students and has involved countless undergraduates in research projects. It is because of his classes and direction that many undergraduates have decided to pursue graduate careers and graduate students pick up the enthusiasm and skills to truly excel. His academic "children" and "grandchildren" are now highly respected scientists and educators in their own rights and are leaders in many scientific organizations. All of the letters of support for his nomination for this award echoed his commitment to ensuring his students were given every opportunity to succeed. From the demonstrable success of his students, it is clear that his is a winning formula and that his students realize the magnitude of Dr. Baker's investment in each of them.

Dr. Robert Baker is an asset to education in this region and the Southwestern Association of Naturalists is pleased to recognize his contributions with the Robert L. Packard Outstanding Educator Award.



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IRON HORSE LITERARY REVIEW TO SPONSOR READING

WHAT: A reading by author Pam Houston.

WHEN: 7 p.m. April 24.

WHERE: Room 169 in the Human Sciences Building, Texas Tech University.

EVENT: Houston's first book, "Cowboys Are My Weakness," soared onto the New York Times Best Seller list. Her other books include "Waltzing the Cat," "Women on Hunting" (an anthology she edited), and a memoir titled "A Little More About Me." Her short stories and articles have appeared in *Best American Short Stories*, *Elle*, *Ski*, *Redbook*, *Mirabella*, *Ploughshares*, *Vogue*, and many other publications.

Admission to the event is free. The reading is sponsored by the *Iron Horse Literary Review*, Texas Tech and Caprock Winery.

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**FIVE TEXAS TECH FACULTY MEMBERS HONORED BY THE
ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS**

LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech Association of Parents recently honored five of the university's faculty members for their outstanding contributions to leadership, research and teaching excellence in higher education. Shelley Hong Xu, Ed.D., Vivien G. Allen, Ph.D., Ben K. Goh, MBA, Larry M. Hovey, Ph.D., and Allan J. Kuethe, Ph.D., were recognized for their excellence at the Spring Scholarship Breakfast.

Xu was awarded the Hemphill-Wells New Professor Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is for demonstrated exceptional ability in teaching by a faculty member who has been at Texas Tech less than four years. Xu is assistant professor in the department of curriculum and instruction in the College of Education. She teaches language and literacy education. Students of the Texas Student Education Association selected Xu as an outstanding faculty member for 1998-1999.

She interacts with university students in a manner that enables them to reflect on their own work and to better understand the topics under consideration, according to a nomination letter. Xu's College of Education and university teaching evaluations have been outstanding for the three-and-a-half years she has served at Texas Tech.

Allen was presented the Barnie E. Rushing Jr. Faculty Distinguished Research Award. This award is for published and distinguished scholarly research. Allen has been with Texas Tech for five years and is a professor in the department of plant and soil science. She is known for her research efforts in sustainable production systems for agriculture.

Her research and teaching output resulted in her move to the Thornton Distinguished Chair and Professorship of Forage Crop Management and Utilization at Texas Tech. She was elected as Fellow of the Crop Science Society of America and received the Medallion Award, the highest honor of the American Forage and Grassland Council.

Goh was the recipient of the Spencer A. Wells Faculty Award, which is given for creative excellence and innovation in teaching. Goh is an instructor in the department of education, nutrition, restaurant/hotel and institutional management (RHIM) for the College of Human Sciences. He specializes in hospitality management. He currently teaches three classes in financial control composed of finance and accounting principles. On RHIM program exit surveys, Goh has been the highest ranked teacher for the past six years. He has been awarded several excellence in teaching awards in his employment at

Texas Tech. He has been ranked first in teaching effectiveness by RHIM graduating seniors from 1992-2000.

Hovey and Kuethe were both awarded the Faculty Distinguished Leadership Award. The awards were given to both for distinguished service on committees, boards and councils that propel the university's pursuit of excellence.

Hovey is an associate professor in the department of curriculum and instruction. Hovey has served as acting/interim dean in the College of Education, certification officer for Texas Tech, associate dean for undergraduate studies, associate dean for academic affairs and program coordinator for elementary education. He also was the coordinator of the Texas Tech and Baylor University Partnership Program, a project funded by the State Board for Educator Certification. Hovey has served Texas Tech for 30 years and will be retiring this spring.

Kuethe is a Paul W. Horn Professor and specializes in colonial Latin American history in the department of history. He joined the history department of Texas Tech in 1967 and has assumed a prominent role in leading the department and the university to seek excellence and to promote international programs.

Kuethe has helped to establish three programs in Spain for Texas Tech students. Those programs include the Texas Tech Summer Program, which began in 1995; the Seville Exchange Program, which began in 1997; and the Texas Tech University Center in Seville, which began operations this spring with approximately 35 students.

The faculty members were presented with an honorarium and a plaque to honor their outstanding achievements in the pursuit of excellence. They were nominated by their peers, reviewed by the Honors and Awards Council and final selections were made by the parent committee.

The Texas Tech Association of Parents serves as a forum for parents, students, faculty and the university to exchange information and support, and to foster parent participation and involvement. For more than 44 years, the Texas Tech Association of Parents has been dedicated to serving the needs of parents and families of all Texas Tech students.

For more information about the Texas Tech Association of Parents, contact Trudy Putteet, associate dean of students, in the Parent Relations office at (806) 742-3630 or email at trudy.putteet@ttu.edu.



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AREA SCIENCE TEACHERS RECOGNIZED BY TEXAS TECH

LUBBOCK – The Texas Tech University Chapter of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, will honor three area science teachers at a banquet scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday (April 26) at the Helen DeVitt Jones Sculpture Court and Auditorium at the Museum of Texas Tech.

Outstanding Science Teacher awards will be presented to Cindy Timms, elementary level, from Steven F. Austin Elementary in Slaton; Madeleine Taylor, junior high level, from O.L. Slaton Junior High; and Tobi McMillan, high school level, from Lubbock-Cooper High School. Each recipient will receive a plaque and an honorarium.

Larry Blanton, Ph.D., associate professor of biological sciences at Texas Tech and secretary/treasurer of the chapter, believes outstanding teaching at early levels helps students become more involved in science once they get to college. "The precollege years are critical ones in fostering interest in the sciences, and in developing our future scientists," Blanton said.

The banquet speaker will be Steven Vogel, Ph.D., James B. Duke Professor of Biology at Duke University, speaking on "Prime Mover: What Can Muscle Physiology Say About Human History?" Vogel studies biological problems from an engineering perspective.

Sigma Xi is an international science honorary society that serves to promote research and education in the sciences, mathematics and engineering.

Texas Tech, the largest research university system in West Texas, provides education and support to approximately 25,000 students. Texas Tech is the only university system in the state with a comprehensive academic campus, law school and medical center on the same campus. The university's research programs, in areas such as wind engineering, agriculture and environmental and human health, impact the lives of all Texans.

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ARBOR DAY: A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

LUBBOCK – Arbor Day is a celebration of life. On Friday, April 27, the Texas Tech University will come together to celebrate community and the memory of lives lost.

Faculty, staff and students at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center will honor the memory of lost family members and loved ones who have donated their bodies to the “Willed Body Program” by planting a tree. The tree, purchased by the Health Sciences Center Student Senate, will be dedicated at 2 p.m., April 27 in front of the Preston Smith Library.

The sorority, Sigma Phi Lambda, purchased a tree that will be planted during Arbor Day, which will serve as a memorial to their sister, Stefanie Hill of Odessa. Members of the sorority will wear white ribbons and a white ribbon will be placed on the tree planted. A plaque will be presented to Hill’s parents by the sorority at a later date. Hill, a 19-year-old Texas Tech student, was found dead in her apartment in May 2000, the victim of a homicide.

The following is a schedule of the day’s events.

University Center Expansion Groundbreaking

11 a.m., northwest corner of the University Center

Food served

11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Memorial Circle

Concert, Epstein’s Mother

Noon, Memorial Circle

Arbor Day Ceremony

1-1:15 p.m., Memorial Circle

Arbor Day Kickoff

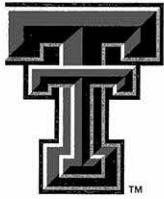
1:15 p.m., Memorial Circle

HSC Tree Dedication

2 p.m., in front of the Preston Smith Library, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center

Planting

1:15-3:30 p.m., Holden Hall, Science Quadrangle, Men's Gym, Wiggins Parking Lot, Administration/Education Building, Stangel/Murdough Residence Hall, Frazier Pavilion, University Medical Center, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, Southwest/Special Collections Library, Texas Tech Rodeo Arena, Texas Tech Credit Union and Ranching Heritage Center



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TEXAS TECH TO HOST INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University's International Center for Arid and Semiarid Land Studies (ICASALS) will host the 19th annual International Management Workshop beginning at 8:30 a.m. May 14 at the International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave.

According to Kary Mathis, Ph.D., ICASALS director, the workshop presents an interdisciplinary perspective on key aspects of leadership roles and management styles.

"The workshop, which started in 1983, has provided an overview of management in an international context to several hundred Texas Tech students from every college and from many different countries," said Mathis. "The exposure to highly qualified instructors and visits to successful businesses and organizations add valuable dimensions to the course."

Workshop sessions feature leadership and management styles, resource management, delegation of authority, innovation and change, entry/re-entry transition, management practicum and case study analysis. Management field trips include visits to local public and private organizations such as city government, health facilities and local businesses.

Dates for the course are May 14-18 and May 21-23, with sessions taking place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The workshop fee is \$85, with a registration of May 11 or until a course limit of 40 is reached. Participants have the option of registering for three hours credit after completing the course. Registration for credit requires completion of a major research paper on a topic of the student's interest related to international management.

For complete course registration information, contact the ICASALS office at (806) 742-2218 or kary.mathis@ttu.edu.



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TTUHSC STUDENT TO SERVE ON NATIONAL BOARD

LUBBOCK – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center student Diana Diaz was selected to represent Region IX of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association which is part of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

As a Regional Councilor, Diaz will represent Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Alberta, Canada, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

“This is an honor not only for Diana, but for the Department of Communication Disorders,” said Paul Brooke, Ph.D., dean of the TTUHSC School of Allied Health. “Our students continue to bring prestige to the School of Allied Health and to the Health Sciences Center.”

As a member of the NSSLHA Executive Board, Diaz will attend two board meetings each year and one or two ASHA board meetings. Her term of office will begin in July of 2001 and extend until June 30th of 2003. Diana was selected at the annual spring executive board meeting of the NSSLHA, which was held in Rockville, Md., at the ASHA headquarters.

Diaz is a senior in the Department of Communication Disorders. She has been accepted into the graduate program at TTUHSC. She has been treasurer of the TTUHSC Chapter of NSSLHA and was recently selected to the Alpha Eta Honor Society, which is an honor society of the School of Allied Health.



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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING SPONSORS FUNHOUSE OF IMAGINEERING

LUBBOCK -- The Funhouse of Imagineering, an exciting exhibit at the Science Spectrum sponsored by the Texas Tech University College of Engineering, the Southwestern Bell Communications CLEAR Project and the Texas Tech Center for Partnerships in Science and Technology, will introduce students and their teachers to concepts of engineering, science and technology from 4:45-6:45 p.m., Tuesday (May 1). The Science Spectrum is located at 2579 S. Loop 289.

On Tuesday, hands-on exhibits will demonstrate engineering principles from a variety of engineering disciplines. Some activities include operating an industrial robotic arm and driving robotic vehicles, building bridges using a computer simulation and examining the effects of wind on roof design in a wind-tunnel. Texas Tech engineering students, faculty, staff and local engineering practitioners will be on-hand to answer questions and help participants interact with the exhibits.

During this nine-week exhibit, nearly 6,000 students and teachers from schools in the West Texas and Eastern New Mexico region have toured the exhibit, and organizers expect that more than 10,000 participants will have learned about engineering when the exhibit closes May 18.

The exhibit is open from 10 a.m to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. In addition, the Funhouse is available from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights for schools to schedule special family nights that allow students and their parents to learn about engineering together.

Information packets and other materials are available to participants to help them learn more about engineering and science and to provide teachers with resources they can bring back to their own classrooms.

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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVE RECOGNITION

LUBBOCK – Several Texas Tech University student organizations were recognized today for their outstanding work throughout the year. New Student Government Association President John Steinmetz recognized the organizations during the Arbor Day program.

The following organizations were recognized as “Student Organization of the Year,” Alpha Phi Omega, for service; Society for Petroleum Engineers, academic/professional; Chitwood/Weymouth/Coleman, residence halls; and the Catholic Student Association, religious.

Gamma Beta Phi was recognized as the “Most Improved Student Organization of the Year.” Jacqui Lockaby, Ph.D., and Don Bagert, Ph.D., were both honored as “Advisers of the Year.” The “Overall Student Organization of the Year” was Alpha Phi Omega.

Texas Tech’s Office of Campus Activities and Involvement recognizes outstanding student organizations each year. For more information, contact Campus Activities and Involvement at (806) 742-3621.



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**GERMAN GROUP TO RECOGNIZE PROFESSOR
WITH PRESTIGIOUS HONOR**

LUBBOCK – In recognition for her work, Meredith McClain, Ph.D., associate professor of German in the department of classical and modern languages and literatures, will receive the Lucius Clay Medal. Named after the World War II American commander in Berlin, the medal is the highest accolade that is presented to German or American honorees who have greatly contributed to establishing strong German American relations and friendship.

“I was amazed to receive the letter for the award and was tremendously honored, especially when I found out what the award means and to whom it has been awarded,” McClain said. “I am extremely grateful to the Germans who nominated me.”

McClain is the second female recipient to receive the award in 20 years and the first representative of a university. Historically, she said previous honorees have been presidents, governors, ambassadors, mayors, journalists and military officials. The medal will be presented to McClain Oct. 6 in Dusseldorf, Germany.

“It is a great delight and a tremendous honor to receive this award,” she said. “I certainly didn't expect anyone to document my work in two countries so thoroughly and so positively.”

The Wilhelmshaven/Friesland German American Association nominated McClain as an honoree due to her efforts to initiate numerous exchange programs for American and German students. Through coordination of various symposiums and conferences, she has heightened public awareness of German American connections. Last year, McClain, who is also the director of the Southwest Center for German Studies, organized the International Karl May Symposium. The event presented a variety of lectures and exhibits on the German writer.

“What motivates me as a teacher is the opportunity to awaken young Americans to the great opportunity of learning a foreign language and then being in another country not as a tourist but as passing as a native,” McClain said.

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STUDENT DESIGNS TAKE ON PRESIDENTIAL STYLE

LUBBOCK – Just 100 days into George W. Bush's presidency, speculation has surrounded the location of his presidential library. Will it be located at Texas Tech University? If it is, students in the College of Architecture have designs ready for President Bush to consider for his library.

Students in Texas Tech's College of Architecture will present their designs for the proposed George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas Tech during a class presentation from 2-5 p.m., Monday (April 30). Presentations will take place in rooms 304, 401, 402, 404 of the Architecture Building located at 18th Street and Flint Avenue.

Robert D. Perl, AIA, associate professor of architecture, said this semester-long project involves 75 third-year students who were asked to design the entire complex including a museum, archives, theater, presidential offices and parking.

In addition to Perl, other faculty members taught sections of ARCH 3501 including Joanna Mross, associate professor of architecture, Ben Shacklette, assistant professor of architecture, and Gary Lindsey, lecturer.

On the Web site, <http://www2.arch.ttu.edu/perl01s/designstudio/roster.htm>, a sample of the students' work can be seen.

Texas Tech, the largest research university system in West Texas, provides education and support to approximately 25,000 students. Texas Tech is the only university system in the state with a comprehensive academic campus, law school and medical center on the same campus. The university's research programs, in areas such as wind engineering, agriculture and environmental and human health, impact the lives of all Texans.

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**LEATHER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGY COURSE
SCHEDULED AT TEXAS TECH**

LUBBOCK -- SATRA Technology Centre of the United Kingdom and the Leather Research Institute (LRI) at Texas Tech University announce the creation of a Leather Product Technologist training course, to be offered in June in Lubbock.

SATRA, headquartered in Northampton, England, is the largest and most comprehensive independent footwear materials testing and consulting organization in the world. Over the last ten years, it has diversified into a range of other consumer products, many of which are leather-based. The Leather Research Institute is the only independent leather research, education and service group in the United States, offering a range of materials research and industry development services from their facilities at Texas Tech.

The two groups now join forces to offer an important new educational opportunity for leather and leather product manufacturers. The SATRA Accredited Leather Product Technologist (SALPT) course is a unique training program in the leather field.

"The world leather product market is becoming much more competitive, with quality and performance requirements being the all-too-frequent difference between sales success and failure," said Dennis C. Shelly, Ph.D., director of the Leather Research Institute and associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Texas Tech. "We see an increased demand for leather product testing and evaluation services by U.S. industry, and we want to be able to provide the training that will equip industry to be successful in the marketplace. Either the company invests in the people *and* the testing equipment for a stand-alone testing lab within their facilities or their people get the skills to specify and supervise contract testing in support of sales and marketing," said Shelly.

Richard Turner, deputy chief executive of SATRA, said, "SATRA's world wide training and product testing successes will be enhanced by this U.S. venture. The U.S. represents a large section of upholstery leather and furniture manufacturing, and that is a market niche we wanted to develop."

Shelly explained that leather is becoming more of a 'technical' material, in the sense that it is sold on the basis of fitness for performance. "End uses, products made from leather, are also held to performance standards. Our course will enable students to become knowledgeable about leather materials, the products made from them and the testing procedures and equipment. The courses will also be offered in England and Asia."

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Turner added, "The new SATRA Accredited Leather Product Technologist course joins our other highly successful accredited course, SATRA Accredited Footwear Technologist. SATRA also conducts numerous specialized courses each year from SATRA Technology Center, our multimillion-dollar research and testing complex in the U.K. Testing services and specialized training programs for footwear are available only to SATRA member companies, but for leather products we are able to offer this course more widely. Texas Tech and their Leather Research Institute are helping bring this important technical training to the U.S. We have great hopes for this collaboration."

The SATRA Accredited Leather Product Technologist Course will be offered in five modules, from June 25 through July 6, at Texas Tech. The course consists of lectures and laboratory demonstrations. Upon completion of the course, students can take an examination leading to certification, which carries SATRA accreditation. Graduates will be equipped to perform SATRA test methods on leather products of all types. Manufacturer testing labs, independent contract testing labs and governmental agencies are typical sources for students and employment outlets for graduates.

For more information on the SATRA Accredited Leather Product Technologist course contact Phil Shaw at SATRA, by telephone at (44-1536-410000), by fax at (44-1536-410626) or phils@satra.co.uk.

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SPEAKER TO ADDRESS INFECTIOUS NATURE OF AUTISM

LUBBOCK -- For decades, autism has been a mysterious disease that allows children to appear to be developing normally for the first few months of life then forces them into a world of isolation and behavioral problems.

There are many theories about what causes the disease, ranging from a genetic mutation to exposure to a toxin. One researcher, Sidney M. Finegold, M.D., believes the cause can be traced to bacteria in autistic children's digestive tracts.

Finegold, a professor in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the UCLA School of Medicine, will present "Autism as an Infectious Disease" as part of the third annual David J. Hentges Lecture Series on Infectious Diseases from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday (May 3).

Finegold believes autism may be caused by a bacterium found in the intestines of autistic children. The bacterium is not found in the intestines of non-autistic children, said Rial D. Rolfe, Ph.D., assistant dean for faculty development and associate professor of microbiology at TTUHSC, who studied with Finegold at UCLA.

Rolfe said Finegold and a group of researchers studied a group of autistic children who were given doses of an antibiotic. During treatment, the children's symptoms and the bacteria disappeared. However, once the antibiotics were discontinued, the symptoms returned.

"This suggests the bacterium is producing something that's causing the autism," Rolfe said. "It may be producing something that's acting on the central nervous system."

Rolfe said there have been other studies showing large clusters of autism in some East Coast cities, also suggesting a possibly infectious nature to the disease.

"We don't know any of this for sure, but it's been extremely fascinating," he said. "Any possible cause is exciting because this is such a devastating disease for families because their children develop normally for the first few months to a year and a half and then they just change."



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SCHOOL OF ART RECEIVES \$25,000 AWARD FOR EXCELLENT TEACHING

LUBBOCK – The Teaching Academy at Texas Tech University will present its annual Teaching Academy Departmental Excellence in Teaching Award in the amount of \$25,000 to the Texas Tech School of Art on May 1. A luncheon will take place at 11 a.m. in the Citibank Room of the United Spirit Arena.

The award is given to recognize the School of Art's significant contributions to the mission of the university, and the existence of a teaching culture, which reflects a commitment to students and makes teaching a high priority.

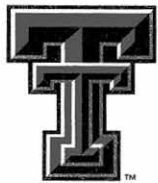
The selection committee, comprised of nine Texas Tech faculty members, chose the School of Art for its outreach programs, the faculty's ongoing training to improve their teaching skills, and the special efforts to mentor the school's teaching assistants.

Approximately 60 people will attend the luncheon including Provost John Burns, Ph.D., Vice Provost James Brink, Ph.D., and Assistant Provost Elizabeth Hall, Ph.D.

For more information on the Teaching Academy, refer to www.academy.ttu.edu.

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COOKING DEMONSTRATION SET FOR TTUHSC APHASIA GROUP

- WHAT:** Cooking demonstration of easy-to-fix, heart-healthy meals
- WHEN:** 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, May 1
- WHERE:** Market Street United, 50th Street and Indiana Avenue
- EVENT:** The Department of Communication Disorders at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center offers a weekly group therapy session for patients who have aphasia, or inability to communicate, subsequent to a stroke. United corporate dietitian Jan Daniel will demonstrate healthy cooking techniques to the group members.
- CONTACT:** For additional information about the aphasia group, contact Melinda Corwin, assistant professor in the TTUHSC Department of Communication Disorders and group coordinator, at 743-5660, ext. 223.