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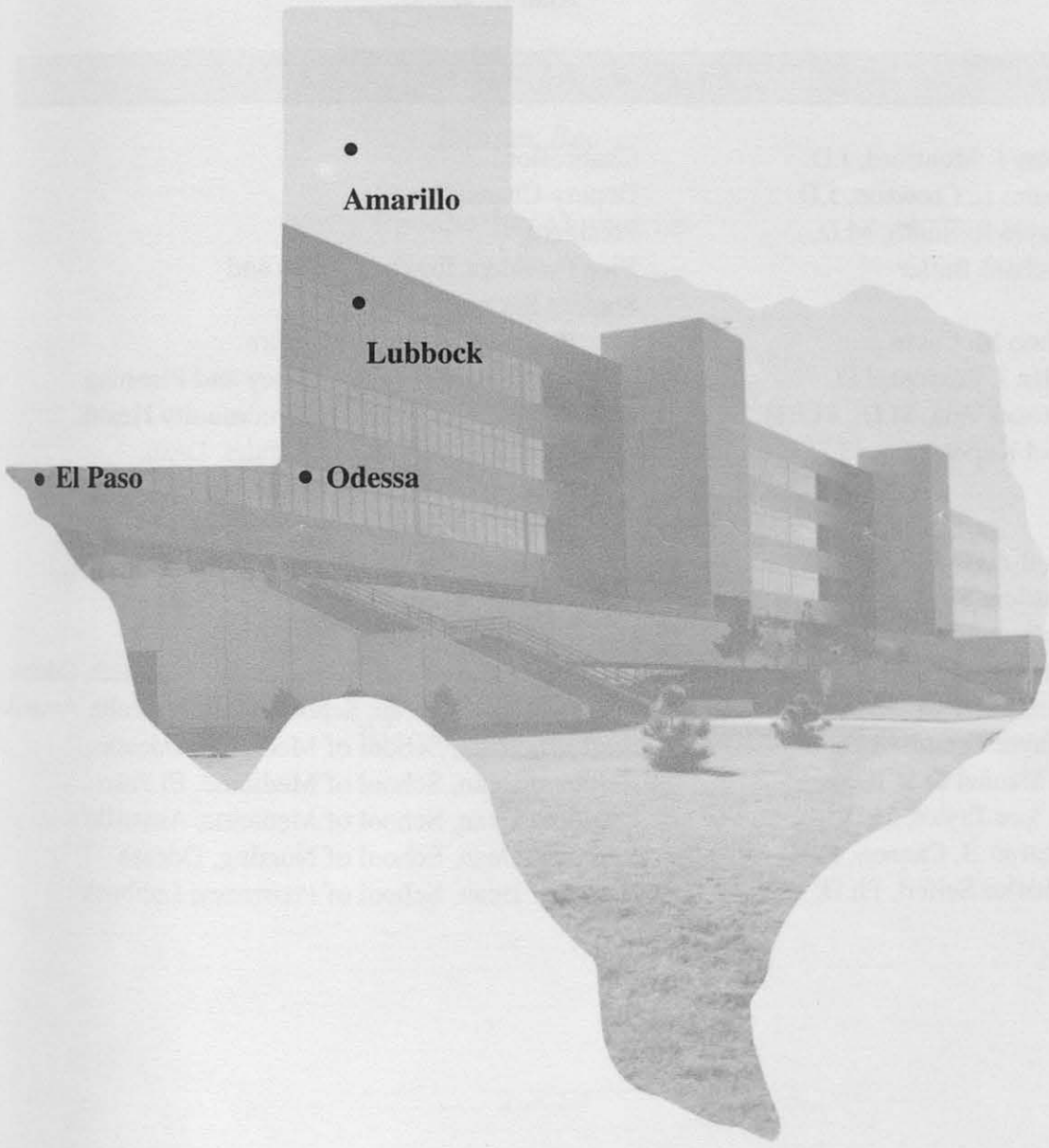

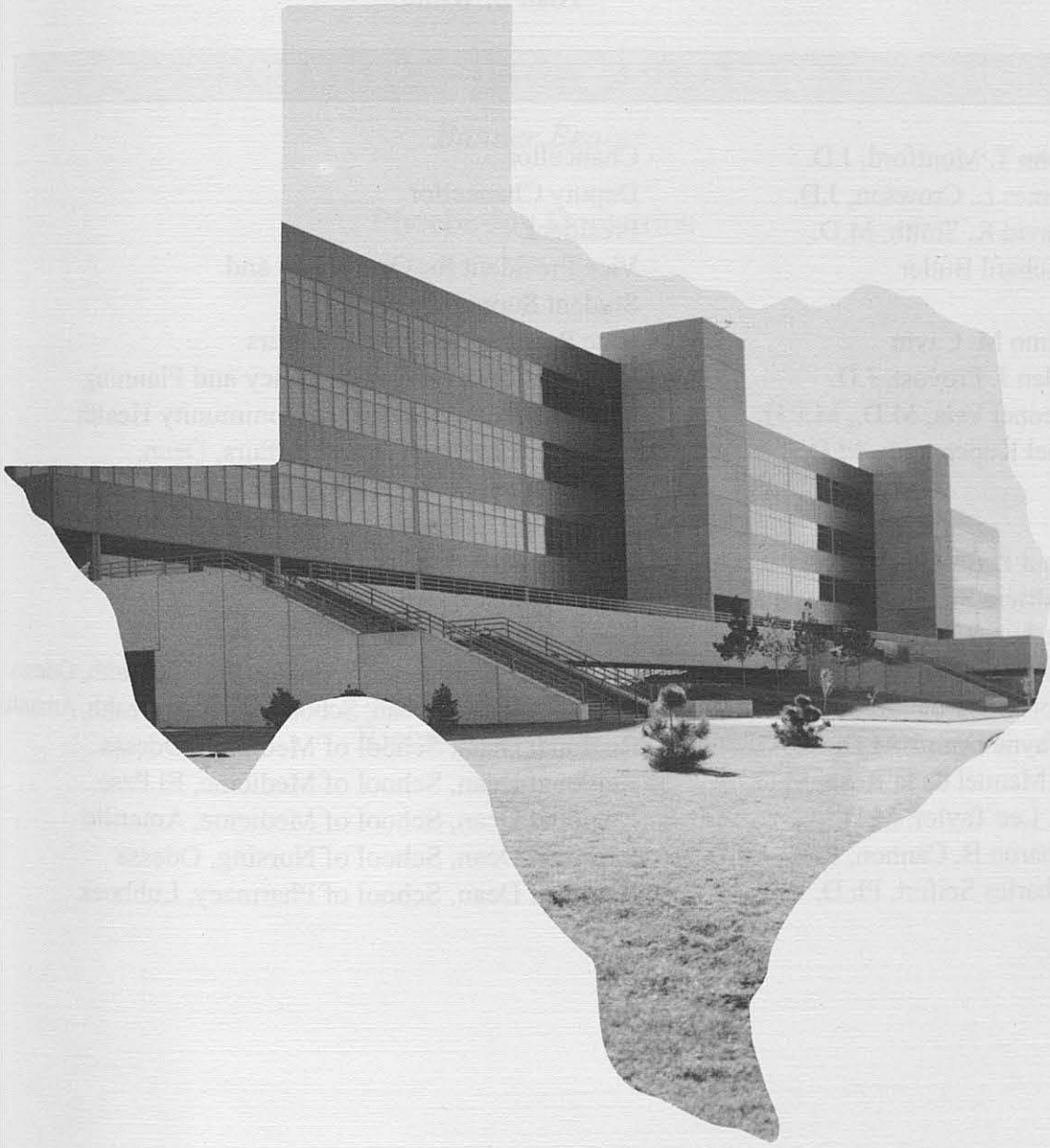

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Regent's Greetings	Alan B. White Board of Regents
Welcome	John T. Montford, J.D. Chancellor
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Affirmation of Commitment (p. 11)	Phoebe Joy Dometrius
Charge to Graduates	David R. Smith, M.D.
Benediction	The Reverend Bruce Green
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Rural Characteristics of Controlled Hypertensives in the Big Bend Area
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Program Impact on Cholesterol Risk and Clinical Preventive Services.
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A Descriptive Study of Relationships Among Perceived Functional Status, Perceived Level of Dyspnea, and Pulmonary Function in Adults with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
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Prevalence of Four Cardiovascular Health Risks in a Rural Community Oriented Primary Care Population
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Diabetes Self-Management and Psychosocial Adjustment
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Thesis Title:
Tuberculosis Screening Projects in High Risk Communities: A Comparable Descriptive Study
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Thesis Title:
Cumulative Trauma Disorders Among New Employees Before and After Preventive Focused Orientation
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The Hardiness Characteristic of Adults with Diabetes
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We believe the nature and purpose of nursing is providing a caring response to human needs. We believe the practice of professional nursing provides nurses and clients a unique opportunity to share the wonder, pain and awe of human existence.

We further believe that to fulfill our commitment to those needing nursing care we must:

require increasing expertise from our colleagues;
function as advocates for our clients;
continue to *"develop organization, economic, political, legal and ethical climates that support nursing values and expertise;"*
increase collegial relationships with others in the health care field;
and support a spirit of professional unity.

With caring at the heart of our profession, we dedicate ourselves to our clients and each other. Today, we publicly affirm our commitment to our clients, our colleagues and our profession.

(Written by Mary Slater, 1983 Graduate, School of Nursing, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Italic words are from the "Declaration of Belief" (p. 61) by Margaret M. Styles ON NURSING--TOWARD A NEW ENDOWMENT, St. Louis: C.V. Mosby Company, 1982.)

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A Brief History

On May 27, 1969, enabling legislation was passed making possible the creation of the Texas Tech University School of Medicine. Three years later, a remarkably short time in which to develop a comprehensive medical education program, the School of Medicine opened its doors to 36 freshmen and 25 juniors. It was August 21, 1972. The first class graduated in 1974.

In 1979 the name of the School was changed to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, paving the way for the development of two additional schools. Accordingly, a School of Nursing was approved and the first nursing students were admitted in 1981. That same year the School of Allied Health was funded and physical therapy students began arriving twelve months later.

By 1983 two additional allied health programs-medical technology (now referred to as clinical laboratory science) and occupational therapy-were initiated. Ten years later Tech's Department of Speech & Hearing Sciences was transferred into the School of Allied Health and renamed the Department of Communication Disorders. Continued growth in Allied Health is exemplified by the expansion of the occupational therapy and physical therapy programs onto the Amarillo and Odessa campuses. In the summer of 1999 the physician assistant program based in Midland will welcome its first students.

In 1987 the School of Medicine formalized an integrated dual doctoral degree program, one leading to the Doctor of Medicine degree, the other to the Doctor of Philosophy degree. This program prepares students to be physicians as well as modern biomedical scientists. Another milestone was reached when the Health Sciences Center graduated its first three candidates from the M.D./Ph.D. program in May, 1994. In addition, the class size of the School of Medicine has grown from 100 to 120.

Two additional schools have been approved recently for the Health Sciences Center: a Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and a School of Pharmacy, Amarillo campus, which admitted its first students in Fall, 1996.

Today, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center is a dynamic, multi-campus school with educational programs in Amarillo, El Paso, Lubbock and Odessa and a student enrollment of over 1500. With this graduating class, the institution boasts approximately 4,200 alumni, including physicians, scientific researchers, nurses and allied health professionals practicing in nearly every state of the union and several foreign countries. Of particular pride is the fact that the majority of these graduates have chosen to remain in Texas to serve the health care needs of the State of Texas.

The wearing of academic dress at commencement dates from the early history of the oldest universities somewhere in the twelfth or thirteenth century. Since educated people were almost always of the clergy, the black gown is somewhat of an adaptation of the *cope*, a mantle of *silk* or other cloth worn by church dignitaries in procession and on other occasions. The long gown and *cowl* (similar to the academic hood of today) were worn by priests and monks for warmth in the cold medieval buildings.

In the early centuries, a great diversity of color and style of cap, gown, and hood appeared in different universities of Europe. The European custom of wearing academic dress was later introduced at American colleges. Not until after 1895 was a uniform academic code of dress adopted by most colleges and universities in the United States. Today, the black robe, hood, and cap are worn at most institutions of higher learning.

The gown is cut differently for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees. Usually the bachelor's robe has long pointed sleeves; the master's has closed sleeves, square at the end with a slit at the elbow; the doctor's is faced with velvet and has round open sleeves with three bars of velvet.

The doctor's hood has side panels and is slightly longer than the one worn for the master's degree. The color used in the velvet border of the hood indicates the field of study. The velvet border is widest on the doctor's hood. The colors of the lining of the hood indicate the college or university that conferred the degree. For example, those who have received advanced degrees from Texas Tech University wear hoods lined with red.

The Oxford — the so-called mortar board — is black and has a long tassel fastened to the center. The tassel is usually worn pendant over the left front of the cap. Different colored tassels are often worn on the bachelor's and master's caps to indicate the type of degree. The tassel on the cap of the doctor's candidate, except for professional degrees, is either gold or black.

Candidates for the undergraduate degree will wear the tassel on the right side of the cap at commencement. After the degrees have been conferred, baccalaureate degree recipients will turn the tassel to the left side of the cap, thus showing that they are now graduates.

All candidates for the undergraduate degree who wear the medallion are honor students. Those members of a graduating class who complete their work with a grade point average of 3.90 or above are graduated *Summa Cum Laude*, those who complete their work with a grade point of 3.70 or 3.89 are graduated *Magna Cum Laude*, and those who complete their work with a grade point average of 3.50 or 3.69 are graduated *Cum Laude*.