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LUBBOCK -- Eugene J. Dabezies, M.D., has assumed duties as chairman of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center department of orthopaedic surgery, effective Jan. 1.

Dabezies came to the health sciences center from the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans where he served for 13 years as a professor and director of resident education in the orthopaedics department.

He is certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He holds his medical degree from Tulane University School of Medicine and his bachelor's degree from Tulane as well. He completed his internship and residency at Charity Hospital of New Orleans.

He has served as medical director of the sports medicine programs for the University of New Orleans and for Orleans Parish.

Dabezies also served from 1967-1969 in the United States Army Medical Corps where he received the Army Commendation Medal.

Dabezies' research has studied nerve supply of anterior cruciate using horse radish peroxidase; histology of specialized nerve receptor in human ACL, menisci and flexor tendons; and clinical usage of plates for spine fixation.

Among his many affiliations, Dabezies is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeon Fellows.

He is the author or co-author of more than 70 publications as well as five book chapters.

He and his wife, Covar, have three children: Jean, 28; Jeppe, 26; and Joyce, 24.

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LUBBOCK -- The Emergency Medical Services Program of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center will offer courses on pre-hospital care during January and February in five South Plains towns.

Courses will be offered beginning Jan. 8 for emergency care attendants, at the Fire Department, 215 E. Locust, Lockney; Jan. 14 for emergency medical technician-basic, City Hall EMS Room, 105 E. Main St., Post; Jan. 14 for emergency medical technician-basic, Caprock Hospital, 901 W. Crockett, Floydada; Jan. 15, emergency medical technician-basic, TTHSC, 3601 Fourth St., Lubbock; and Feb. 11 for emergency medical technician-intermediate, EMS Building, 130 W. Lynn, Slaton.

For times or other information, contact Texas Tech's EMS Program at (806) 743-3218.

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LUBBOCK -- The Texas Tech Health Sciences Center will offer the continuing nursing education course "Dealing with Guilt" Jan. 25, Room 2C103, TTHSC.

The course will examine guilt origins and recognize guilt-driven attitudes, actions and decisions. It will also discuss the impact of guilt on patients and professionals and approaches to dealing with and confining guilt.

Presenter Melodie Chenevert, R.N., M.S.N., directs her own company, PRO-NURSE, which provides products and services designed to increase professional pride and productivity. She is author of "STAT: Special Techniques in Assertiveness Training" and "Mosby's Tour Guide to Nursing School."

Cost is \$28 if registered before Jan. 11 and \$43 afterward. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Participants will received 0.6 CEUs.

For more information, call the Continuing Nursing Education Program at (806) 743-2734. The course is partially funded by the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

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LUBBOCK -- An informational video now is available to help students, parents and school personnel answer commonly asked questions about the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP), a statewide skills assessment program in public colleges and universities.

The five-minute VHS-format video was funded and produced by the Texas Tech University TASP Office. The production was filmed on the Texas Tech campus by the Office of News and Publications Video Services using Texas Tech students and TASP Office personnel.

TASP is a retention effort that provides early assessment of college-level skills in mathematics, writing and reading. The program also includes personal academic counseling to interpret TASP exam scores; placement in appropriate classes and/or activities such as computer-assisted instruction or tutorials; and continuous skills development until all skills standards have been met by the student.

Copies of the video can be obtained for \$10 each. For more information or to order a copy of the video, contact the TASP Office, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, 79409-1038, or telephone the office at (806) 742-2189.

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CALENDAR WEEK JAN. 4-11

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

- JAN 4** First day to disburse guaranteed student loans
Bursar's Office, Drane Hall Room 163
- Orientation for new international students, sponsored by the
Office of International Affairs,
on campus through Jan. 9
- JAN 5** Drop-off Recycling Day
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., University Center
- JAN 7** Spring semester registration for new students through Jan. 11
- Residence Halls open for spring semester occupancy at 10 a.m.
- JAN 9** Spring semester classes begin at the School of Law
- JAN 11** Last day of spring semester registration without penalty

LAW PROFESSOR'S LEGAL WRITINGS INFLUENCED BY HISPANIC HERITAGE
By Steve Kauffman

LUBBOCK -- Born and raised in Santa Fe, N.M., Bill Piatt's Hispanic ancestry easily blended with a day-to-day American existence of bicultural communication, consciousness and harmony. That way of life, he says, undoubtedly affected his future.

"I learned from the beginning that bilingualism is not a detriment," Piatt said, reciting a Spanish saying: "A person who speaks two languages is worth two people."

Today, Piatt, a Texas Tech University law professor, is among the pioneers in the legal profession concentrating on bilingual issues. He has made numerous speeches around the nation and frequently is contacted by colleagues for professional advice on the issue.

His reputation as an expert in the field continues to grow with the popular and professional acceptance of his 1990 book, "Only English? Law and Language in the United States," an analysis of historical, legal, political and philosophical interests at stake in the current English/Spanish language rights debate. The book -- the first book in the nation to address the language and law controversy -- outlines current laws and debates as well as provides an analysis on how the issues should be handled.

Regarding domestic movements to legislate English as an official language, Piatt says, "Language, like religion, is the way we view the world. Being religious and practicing religion can be considered a good thing, but we would not consider it good to have the government impose religion on us."

According to Piatt, language should not be a barrier to the exercise of fundamental legal rights or to the satisfaction of basic human needs.

That freedom of language, Piatt says, should extend from children being able to get a basic bilingual education to business employees being able to communicate in the customer's language of choice. But, according to him, limited circumstances still require the use of a common majority tongue for immediate protection of person or property such as communication in law enforcement and air traffic control.

Piatt says his book addresses the issue of Spanish and English languages because of the Southwestern United States' growing Hispanic population and the trend in more consumer and media marketing for the Hispanic population. However, he says, the case for bilingual rights equally applies to the use of other languages in other regions or countries as well.

LUBBOCK -- The deadline for applications for the spring sessions of Super Saturdays and the Young Actors Workshop for gifted and talented students is Jan. 28. The classes, offered by the Texas Tech University's Division of Continuing Education Institute for the Gifted, will begin Feb. 2.

The programs are structured for students in kindergarten through 12th grade to provide academic and creative experiences beyond the regular school curriculum. Instructors for the classes include members of the Texas Tech faculty and public school teachers who have expertise with gifted and talented students.

Super Saturdays topics include adventures with art, architecture, astronomy, computers, drawing, exploring agriculture, French cooking, law, gems and minerals, masks, meteorology, microbiology, mysteries of farm animals, painting, puppet magic, science mysteries and self-esteem and building self-confidence.

Super Saturdays classes meet for two hours each Saturday, Feb. 2 - March 9. Costs for classes vary, but most classes cost \$59.

The Young Actors Workshop offers stage-related classes to students with superior academic and performing arts potential and skills. The creative dramatics class will emphasize movement and voice as it relates to creative self-expression and will teach self-confidence, communication and a love of the theater.

The "Theater Arts Production" class will introduce the basics of theater and acting. It will include topics such as audition techniques, acting, voice, movement and ensemble work. The course will conclude with a class production.

Cost for the Young Actors Workshop classes range from \$62 to \$82. The classes will meet on Saturdays, Feb. 2 - March 9 on the Texas Tech campus.

To participate in any of the classes, students must be nominated by a parent, teacher, counselor, psychologist or school administrator. Students who meet any one of the following criteria may be nominated: I.Q. of 120 or above; solid B+ or better overall average in school; standardized achievement test score in the 90th percentile or higher in one or more areas, leadership ability, imaginative or creative thinking ability, or visual or performing arts ability.

For more information or to register for Super Saturdays and Young Actors Workshop, contact Deborah Milosevich or Carolyn Marsalis at the Institute for the Gifted, Division of Continuing Education, (806) 742-2353 Ext. 241.

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LUBBOCK -- The current debate over George Bush's authority to go to war with Iraq highlights a problem in interpreting the Constitution that has been a part of American history since the early years of the United States.

According to Texas Tech Law Professor William R. Casto a lively newspaper debate between Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton and Representative James Madison in 1793 hinged upon the President's unilateral authority to take actions that might plunge the young nation into war. In an "op-ed" column that parallels the current debate, Secretary Hamilton effectively argued that the President's general executive powers and powers as Commander-in-Chief gave him extensive authority over foreign affairs. Like the current Bush administration, Hamilton argued that much of this authority was concurrent with the Congress's powers. Hamilton argued that even though the President cannot actually declare war, he has full authority to create situations that might force the Congress to declare or acquiesce in war.

The 1793 debate involved the country's relationship to the European wars engendered by the French Revolution. Five years later our relations with France had deteriorated to the point that many of President Adam's advisers recommended war with France. Others, however, thought that a formal declaration of war would create domestic political problems and complicate negotiations with France. Although Congress never declared war, a limited naval war was authorized. It was during this conflict that the U.S.S. Constitution, "Old Ironsides," built in 1797 and still in service today, saw battle for the first time.

The Supreme Court later reviewed this undeclared war with France and ruled that Congress could authorize a limited undeclared war under the Constitution.

Professor Casto can discuss the similarities between the debate in the formative years of our government and the debate currently being waged over the Persian Gulf conflict. You may contact Professor Casto at the Washington Marriott (202) 872-1500 in Washington, D.C., from January 3 until January 9, 1991.