

Study finds possible remedy for baldness

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SAN ANTONIO — A drug used to treat high blood pressure appears to stimulate hair growth when applied to the scalps of prematurely balding men, a researcher said Wednesday.

Dr. Richard De Villez, assistant professor of dermatology at the University of Texas Health Science Center, said the drug produced remarkable responses in balding men during a year-long clinical study.

The results confirmed similar studies conducted with mino-

xidil, a potent anti-hypertensive drug marketed by the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co.

The study showed that 12 men in the 56-man study showed "a noticeable cosmetic enhancement of hair growth" after the drug was administered directly to the scalp twice a day for one year.

De Villez said 16 other volunteers in the study showed "adequate improvement" in hair count, while 28 men showed no response and "grew only fuzz." "We're not sure how the drug promotes hair growth," he said. "Perhaps it stimulates sleeping hair bulbs by providing them with an increased supply of blood and nutrients, or maybe it blocks hair bulb sensitivity to the balding effect of the male hormone testosterone."

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by Paul Dirmeyer

Bond

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The consolidation of public affairs with the legal department, Bond said, made it easier

to mobilize people, such as the system lawyers, to work on the public affairs such as drafting legislation.

But while taking on the job of public affairs, Bond said about 75 percent of his time still was spent working with some of the more important legal matters.

Of the cases Bond has worked on, he cited the Gay Student Services suit for University recognition and the Melanie Zentgraf

suit for women's admission to the band as the most notorious he has handled. Neither has been resolved.

However he cited a case the University recently lost as one of the most important to higher education. A lawsuit was filed against the University in 1981 petitioning for the release of the names of the nominees for the University presidency. The University was required to release the names to the Bryan-College Station Eagle after the decision by the Texas Supreme Court.

"I think that as a matter of law, that case stood as the most important issue for all higher education," he said. "The application of the open records law as determined will be a serious detriment to the real world recruitment of the type of people needed for those jobs."

He said he did not see a role for the public in the selection process when a cross section of people from students to administrators has been chosen to make such decisions. The court's decision was a crippling blow to the selection process, he said.

As a result of the decision, Bond said there will be less formal activity taking place during a selection process with fewer records being kept.

Bond has worked in almost all areas of law with the legal office but said he particularly enjoyed

the work which involved real estate, probate and estate which he said was a strong part of his earlier private practice.

"We have the opportunity of the legal office to make for the University a lot of money," he said.

Through good representation, being prompt and times Bond said his department has picked up thousands of dollars for the University.

Bond said the legal department became involved in the leasing of oil and gas property under the direction of the Board and was able to negotiate beneficial terms.

Bond, who earned his law degree at the University of Houston's Bates College of Law in 1968, expects to continue the type of work at the Bryan-College Station firm of West Adams and Webb where he assumes a full partnership.

Before coming to work in the system, Bond practiced in Navasota with the firm of Bond and Falco. Bond, who is past president of the Grimes County Chamber of Commerce, was honored as the Grimes County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Citizen in 1974.

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AUSTIN — A fired state prison construction estimator is listed as a partner in a company that won \$132,000 in state contracts for building materials last year, it was reported Wednesday.

Records list the former official, Leon Danchak, 45, as a partner in Texas Supply & Service Co., of Houston, a successful bidder on 21 state contracts in 1983, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

All but five of the contracts for supplies were for the Texas Department of Corrections, the newspaper said.

Danchak was fired last Dec. 12 for violating TDC regulations. The American-Statesman said Danchak is the target of an investigation into bid rigging.

"We have an ongoing, continuing and percolating investigation," said Wallace Zentgraf, Attorney General's office.

State purchasing officials said they did not learn until after Danchak was fired that he was connected with Texas Supply Service Co. at the time the bid was taken in January 1983.

Danchak was unavailable for comment.

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