The Coronelli globe, which dates from 1688, went on permanent display in the Rotunda of the Southwest Collection/Special Collections in late December.

In 1683, King Louis XIV of France commissioned the globe. Today, it is one of three such 1688 Coronelli globes in the United States. American newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst purchased it in the 1920s as part of a now unknown European estate.

The globe was purchased from the Hearst estate in the 1950s and eventually came into the ownership of Dallas oilman Robert B. Moody. He sold the globe to Texas Tech in 1968 where it was displayed for many years in the University Library.

Dean of Libraries E. Dale Cluff said the globe was purchased in 1968 for less than $13,000, but a current appraisal estimates the globe's value at approximately $300,000. The globe was originally purchased to celebrate acquisition of the library’s one-millionth volume.

The globe was refurbished through a $56,000 donation from Texas Tech Regent James E. Sowell, Class of '70, who dedicated it in honor of Texas First Lady Laura Welch Bush on May 9, 1997 for her support of education, libraries and literacy. The globe is displayed in an optical quality glass enclosure.

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Texas Tech University

March 26-27, 1999
Lubbock, Texas
Friday, March 26

Session I  2:00 – 3:15  Formby

Doctors, Trees, and Historical Markers
Presiding: Stewart Caffey, Abilene

Robert Jensen – Texas Tech University -- “Lubbock Physicians and the Changes in the Doctor-Patient Relationship Since Medicare.”


Session II  2:00 – 3:15  Room 111

Indians and Buffalo Hunters
Presiding: Bill Green, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum


Betsy Nanny – Haskell, Texas and Lawrence Clayton – Hardin Simmons University – “Indian Captivity of Anna Metzger.”

Cheryl Lewis – Hamlin, Texas – “Buffalo Hunters of Rath City and Current Archaeological Investigations.”

Session III  3:30 – 4:45  Formby

Development of Lubbock and West Texas
Presiding: Kirk Bane, Arkansas Tech University

June M. Steele – Texas Tech University – “Mollie and Monroe Abernathy and the Development of Mackenzie State Park.”

Tiffany Haggard – Texas Tech University – “West Texas Cotton Farmers and the Great Depression.”


Session IV  3:30 – 4:45  Room 111

Brass Bands and Cowboy Songs
Presiding: J’Nell Pate, Tarrant County Junior College

Elleta Nolte – Lubbock, Texas – “Alex Schneider Brass Band: First in West Texas.”

Rob Weiner – Lubbock, Texas – “Environmental Views in Cowboy Songs.”
Presidents Reception
6:15 – 7:00
Banquet:
7:00 – 8:30

President Harwood Hinton, Presiding
Speaker – Dr. Donald R. Walker, Texas Tech University
“The Rewards of Persistence: The Political Career of Preston Smith”

Saturday, March 27

Session V
8:45 – 10:00
Formby Room
The Red River Ran Thru It
Presiding: Bob Carr, Lubbock
J. Brett Cruse – Texas Historical Commission –
Millie Vanover – West Texas A&M University – “The Red River War As Holocaust.”

Session VI
8:45 – 10:00
Room 111
A River and a Ranch
Presiding: B.W. Aston, Hardin-Simmons University
Lu Ann Aday – University of Texas School of Public Health/Houston – “The Surratt Ranch: The Oldest Organized Ranch in Cochran County, Texas.”

Session VII
10:15 – 11:30
Formby Room
Politics, War, and Education
Presiding: Wes Watters, North Richland Hills
L. Patrick Hughes – Austin Community College – “West Texas Swing: Roosevelt Purge in the Land of the Lone Star.”
Ava E. Mills – San Angelo, Texas – “The Home Front of World War II in West Texas.”
Ed Tinney – Angelo State University – “I’ll Keep My Children: The Life of Pioneer Educator Noe Lara Camunez.” (Winner of WTHA Student Essay Award)

Session VIII
10:15 – 11:30
Room 111
Water and War
Presiding: Frederick W. Rathjen, West Texas A&M University
Jim Matthews – San Antonio, Texas – “Patrolling the Texas Frontier with Captain Louis Carpenter and Company H of the Tenth Cavalry.”

President’s Luncheon and Business Meeting
Presiding: Harwood Hinton, Austin

President’s Address: “Scholarly Writing on the Texas Range Cattle Industry,” Harwood Hinton, Austin

President elect, Darlene Bellinghausen, Presiding

Program Committee: Don Walker, Chair; Garry Nall; Lou Rodenberger, Albert Camp

Local Arrangements Committee: Betty Carr, Chair; Tai Kreidler, Andrew Young, William Tydeman