

INAUGURATION COMMENTS SHARED

During a day filled with activity and festiveness, the inauguration of Dr. Ann Stuart formally launched her administration. Stuart, TWU's 10th president and chancellor, welcomed friends, guests and colleagues from across the country, as well as representatives from institutions throughout Texas. The event was preceded by a women's leadership symposium which featured presentations of the first "Woman of Distinction: Second Century" Award to Dr. Shirley Chater, Brig. Gen. Mary Saunders, Ambassador Cynthia Perry, businesswoman Sheila Whitaker-Kellagher and Houston controller Sylvia Garcia. The symposium and inauguration were well attended, and guests enjoyed an outdoor reception in late afternoon.

Stuart, who also acknowledged the presence of Dr. Mary Evelyn Blagg Huey and Chater (both presidents emerita of TWU), thanked members of the inauguration committee and her office staff for their work on programs and events. She shared her sense of pride in the university's accomplishments and looked ahead to its future, pledging to meet a number of goals.

Stuart said, "When considering if this (presidency) was an opportunity I wanted to pursue, TWU's mission of educating women was a prime factor. In a world where certain countries today continue to devalue girl children, often selling them for a few dollars into lives of slavery, denying them recourse in court and denying them an education -- Texas and America have created institutions where women can excel. Higher education in America is the envy of the world; our opportunities for women are equally to be lauded, and TWU is a pioneer in that tradition."

She added, "I am immensely proud to join this university -- to join faculty who are master teachers but also are producing nationally and internationally recognized scholarship in many health-related fields, particularly in women's health, and in such diverse fields as reading, education, dance, biology, library science and more; to join staff who care about student success and offer their assistance, enabling students to progress in compliance to graduation -- often with personal attention; to join students who seek and try to be the best they can be, to be a good person and to lead a good life; to join our over 50,000 alumni." Stuart also said she was happy to join the Houston and Dallas communities, to be a

civic partner with the city of Denton; and to serve the board of regents at TWU. The event ended with toe-tapping fun and music by Alexandria's Ragtime Band; other performances were presented by the TWU Flute Choir and Dr. Tom Brown.

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FACULTY AWARDS REFLECT EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

In celebration of excellence, TWU honored four faculty members last week with awards for teaching, research and service. Dr. Delaina Walker-Batson (communication sciences and disorders) was presented with the Cornaro Award during Honors Convocation. Dr. Eva Doyle (health studies) and Dr. Guy Litton (English, speech and foreign languages) each received the Mary Mason Lyon Award. Rheatte Solomon (Nursing, Houston) was presented the first Distinction in Teaching Award.

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Established in 1978, the Cornaro Award honors one TWU faculty member for her or his excellence in teaching, scholarship and achievement each year. The award is named in honor of Elena Lucrezia Cornaro de la Piscopia, the first woman to receive a doctoral degree (University of Padua, 1678). Named for the founder of Mount Holyoke, the first (1837) women's college in the United States, TWU's Mary Mason Lyon Awards are presented annually to recognize individuals among the junior faculty for achievements in teaching, research and service. The Distinction in Teaching Award honors a TWU faculty member who has a distinguished teaching record and dedication to improving his or her teaching and the learning of students.

- Walker-Batson, a member of the TWU faculty since 1980, is known by her students, patients and colleagues as an enthusiastic and tireless teacher, researcher and caregiver. She inspires her students to excel, treats her patients with compassion and zealously works to improve the quality of life for stroke victims. Through painstaking and innovative research, Walker-Batson has laid the foundation for the serious study of aphasia -- the inability to communicate normally after a stroke -- and her research in the pharmacological management of aphasia is known internationally. One of her most notable accomplishments was the creation of the TWU Aphasia Center, which is located on TWU's Dallas campus near Parkland Hospital. She has received almost \$1 million in grants from local, national and international agencies and associations.

- In her seven years at TWU, Doyle has made a respected name for herself. She has worked as the undergraduate program coordinator for the department of health studies since 1993; served as vice president for the health division of the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance; and has been a member of the Multidisciplinary Initiative for Educator Preparation. Doyle also consulted with the Texas International Education Consortium to create a bachelor's degree program in health, wellness and fitness for a newly-created women's university in Saudi Arabia. With Doyle's help, TWU's undergraduate program has become nationally recognized as a model by the approval committee of the Society of Public Health Educators/ American Association of Health Education.
- Litton, a nationally-recognized scholar in American literature, came to TWU in 1995 and has been a positive example to students and faculty alike. He has been an enthusiastic leader of the freshman English program, and his innovations in course design and composition studies exemplify his commitment to and passion for his discipline and profession. Litton designed, developed and manages the TWU writing center, called the Write Site, which is the third-largest writing center in Texas and the most active *per capita*; the Write Site staff log more than 3,000 hours of tutoring on average. President of the South Central Writing Center Association, Litton has served as guest associate editor for *English in Texas* and associate editor of *Emerging Rhetorics* and has written numerous publications.
- Solomon both leads and empowers others. Many students have benefited from her devotion and patience, and she is respected for her clear explanations -- using a piece of chalk and a blackboard -- and extensive knowledge of the difficult principles of pathophysiology and physics. Solomon teaches high acuity nursing, a course that involves the most complex concepts of professional nursing, and her students are highly recruited in intensive care units in the Texas Medical Center and elsewhere. She places a "spark" in the learning process, energizing her students through creative case studies, interactive lessons and personal contact with patients. An expert resource on cardiovascular health and a registered nurse, Solomon has 12 years of cardiovascular clinical experience and maintains an adult nurse practitioner certification.

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STAFF HONORS SIGNIFY DEDICATION

Three TWU staff members were honored for their contributions and achievements during Honors

Convocation last Thursday. Wendy Degler (Nursing, Denton) received the TWU Award of Excellence, while Jane Erwin (institutional advancement) and Bertha Martinez (ITS, Dallas) received Outstanding Achievement Awards. All full-time, non-academic employees below the level of departmental director are eligible for these awards. However, they must meet the following criteria: have two years of service with TWU; exhibit superior job performance and a high degree of proficiency in all areas of responsibility of their position; demonstrate ability to relate well to all members of the university community, including students, faculty, staff and alumni; display outstanding personality traits such as loyalty, dedication, enthusiasm, initiative and reliability; and demonstrate support and understanding of the university's activities and mission.

- Degler came to TWU in 1993. She has friends in every part of the university, and her humor and cheerfulness endear her to anyone who crosses her path. She is conscientious and careful with her work, takes on challenges, quickly develops new skills and handles a myriad of tasks that ranges from budgeting issues to conference planning. An active participant in ASSET and the COLORS mentoring program, Degler cheerfully assists new students and "has a special touch for making us see how much we mean to one another and how the common bond in the college is our dedication to TWU," said her colleagues.
- Erwin is a TWU alumna and a staff member of more than 20 years. One colleague said, "She bleeds TWU maroon." Erwin is a devoted ambassador who promotes TWU's mission, traveling and spending numerous evenings and weekends to encourage financial -- and moral -- support for TWU and its students. The parliamentarian of the Staff Council, she also has spent many years as an active member of ASSET and TOSS and has served on numerous university committees, including the general scholarship committee. With Erwin's effort, the endowment for TWU's Women Airforce Service Pilots Collection and scholarship donations for many departments have increased greatly. In short, she's very good at "making friends for TWU."
- Martinez has been with TWU for nine years. When she was a library clerk, she managed her daily responsibilities and helped students, faculty and staff troubleshoot software and hardware problems in the computer lab. She now is a valued member of the information technology services team, and she has adapted to rapid technological and departmental changes while helping others adapt, too. To Martinez, "library and technology problems are seen as opportunities to learn and to serve others," and she is renowned among the TWU Presbyterian community for her ability to handle multiple demands without a complaint. She has taken the initiative to learn technology and to share that knowledge with people around her, enabling others to achieve their goals and responsibilities.

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STUDENTS SHINE ON STAGE

Five students from TWU also were honored last week for outstanding academic achievements, as well as service to the community. Three students received the Outstanding Senior Award -- Holly Robins-

Bell of Mill Creek, Okla.; Christine Shelton of Henderson, Texas; and Angi Traplena of Crawford, Texas. Natalie Haydon of Arlington, Va., who attended TWU's Dallas-Presbyterian Center, earned the Outstanding Master's Student Award, and Lea Ann "Beez" Schell of Denton received the Outstanding Doctoral Student Award.

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- Robins-Bell, an occupational therapy major, is president of the Delta-Denton chapter of Pi Theta Epsilon, an occupational therapy honor society, and she belongs to the Golden Key National Honor Society. A member of several professional organizations, she had the Best Scientific Session for research and presentation at the 1999 Texas Occupational Therapy Association Mountain Central Conference. She has earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.82. As a volunteer, she took part in treatment play activities at a pediatric outpatient rehabilitation facility. She will graduate in August, and she looks forward to a career in occupational therapy.
- A dietetics and institutional administration major, Shelton came to TWU after she graduated with honors from Kilgore College. She works as a dietitian's assistant and serves as president of the TWU Student Dietetic Association. She belongs to the Texas Dietetic Association, the American Dietetic Association and the Dallas Dietetic Association. Shelton has received several honors, which include the TWU Honor Roll, the TWU Dean's List, the *National Dean's List* and *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. The recipient of two scholarships from TWU, Shelton volunteers her time at North Texas Food Bank, AIDS Services of Denton and her church. She has a GPA of 3.59 and will graduate in May.
- Traplena found her strengths in two diverse areas -- basketball and mathematics. A mathematics and computer science major, she is the captain of the TWU basketball team and has earned a 4.0 GPA. In recognition of her athletic and academic excellence, she has received a Datatel Scholarship, the Harlan C. Miller Mathematics Scholarship and a Kitty Winter Magee athletics scholarship; she also was named to the Lone Star Academic All-Conference and GTE Academic All-American teams. She is president of the TWU student-athlete advisory committee, is a member of the Lone Star Conference student-athlete advisory committee and is a volunteer mentor at a local elementary school. Other honors include membership in Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key National Honor Society and Gamma Beta Phi. Traplena received the 1998-99 President's

Award, which is given to the most outstanding TWU student-athlete. She will graduate in May.

- Haydon, who received her master's degree in occupational therapy last December, held various leadership positions at TWU. For two years, she served as president of the Student Occupational Therapy Association, and she collaborated with other students to develop a leadership council at TWU's Dallas Presbyterian campus. She also was an active member of Pi Theta Epsilon and the American Occupational Therapy Association. Her volunteer activities include working with Special Olympics, the Adopt-A-Child program in Dallas and the Fayetteville Women's Shelter in Fayetteville, Ark. She is a member of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* and twice received a Rehabilitation Scholarship from the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation. At TWU's Celebration of Scholarship, Haydon presented her professional project on current trends and programs in occupational therapy serving survivors of cardiac incidence.
- Last December, Schell completed a custom-designed doctoral program that cut across several departments, earning her Ph.D. in physical education, with an emphasis in women's studies and sociology. At TWU, she co-launched a campus-wide program, funded by the Kellogg Foundation, that links various components in innovative ways to develop students' leadership abilities. She also worked as a certified ropes course/experiential education instructor and spent five years as a graduate research assistant at the TWU Institute for Women's Health. She has published and presented her research to the 13th Annual Conference for Women in Higher Education, the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport and the Wilma E. Grote Symposium for the Advancement of Women, among others. She also was named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi.

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STUDENT EARNS LEMAN AWARD

The TWU National Alumnae Association presented the Lemman Award to student Sheri Robertson during Honors Convocation last week. Established in 1930, the Lemman Award honors one graduating senior who has made an outstanding artistic contribution to the university. The award is named in honor of Pauline Bishop Lemman, a graduate of TWU.

Robertson, a photography major, has been an active and creative force in the TWU department of visual arts, and she received the Helen Thomas Perry Endowed Scholarship for art last year. She formerly worked as president of the Photographic Artists Coalition (a TWU student organization), serves as PAC's vice president this year and is involved in the activities of Delta Phi Delta, an art honor society.

Robertson also belongs to Art Across Campus, a group open to all TWU art majors, and to the Society of Photographic Educators.

Her work has been shown in various exhibits and contests at TWU and throughout the metroplex. Last year, she won prizes in the annual Voertman's Student Art Exhibit and Competition for "Remember Forget," a black and white triptych, and "Mom," an installation made of 66 flyswatters. She also received the undergraduate "Best of Show" award at the University of Texas at Dallas show "Women, Photography and Related Technologies" in March 1998. Robertson has exhibited in several juried PAC shows held at TWU and Denton's Center for the Visual Arts; her photography has been displayed in the Handley-Hicks Gallery in Fort Worth.

She also supports younger artists. As a volunteer, she helped organize the PAC juried photography exhibit for area high school students, one of whom won a \$200 TWU scholarship. For the last three years, she has taught a photo session at the TWU high school arts workshop, an event attended by high school students from across Texas. Robertson will begin graduate school at TWU; her Bachelor of Fine Arts show will be held May 8 to 12 in the Fine Arts Building.

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DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SCHEDULED IN DALLAS

As part of the TWU College of Nursing Distinguished Lecture Series, Dr. Margretta Styles will present "Magnet Work Environments: Hope for Everyone!" on Wed., April 19. The lecture will be held in the Fogelson Auditorium at Presbyterian Hospital, located at 8200 Walnut Hill Lane in Dallas. The presentation, which will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m., is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow the event.

Styles -- who is nationally known as an expert in her field -- has spent her career in academic nursing, and she works to create harmony among all nursing organizations, each with its own interests. She has exercised leadership in a number of national and international consensus-building projects that deal with a wide range of health care and professional issues.

The immediate past president of the International Council of Nurses, Styles also is a past president of the American Nurses Association and the principal consultant and past president of the American Nurses Credentialing Center. She is the author of five books and numerous articles.

For more information, contact Dr. Joannette McGadney (Nursing, Dallas) at 8-2-6513.

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POET WILL SHARE HIS READINGS

The TWU department of English, speech and foreign languages will host a reading and presentation by award-winning Texas poet Dr. Walt McDonald on Thurs., April 27, at 7:30 p.m. McDonald's program will be held in ACT 601. The program is free and open to the public, and a reception and book signing will follow. On April 15, McDonald will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Texas Institute of Letters. He also is the 1999-2000 Poet Laureate of Lubbock, Texas; the Paul Whitfield Horn Professor of English at Texas Tech University; and the poet-in-residence and director of Texas Tech's creative writing program.

Whatever the Wind Delivers, a collection of poetry by McDonald and Janet Neugebauer, received a Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City. The award recognized *Whatever the Wind Delivers* as the outstanding poetry collection for 1999. McDonald and Neugebauer, a Texas Tech University Southwest Collection associate archivist, matched historic photographs with poetry to create a historical record of the settlement of West Texas and New Mexico, which Texas Tech University Press published.

Author of 18 collections of poems and one book of fiction, McDonald also has published more than 1,800 poems in leading literary publications. His work has appeared in *American Poetry Review*, *Atlantic Monthly*, *The New York Review of Books* and *Poetry Ireland*, among others. He was named the Texas Professor of the Year in 1992 by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, and he received National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowships in 1984 and 1989. In addition to his academic work at Texas Tech, McDonald previously taught at the United States Air Force Academy. For more information, call Dr. Phyllis Bridges (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2324.

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ADD PROGRAM SCHEDULED

The TWU School of Management and the TWU chapter of Students in Free Enterprise will host "Career Symposium with the ADDED Twist" on Wed., April 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The event, which will feature guest speakers and a panel discussion, will be held on ACT 6. The public is invited to attend. The TWU department of business and economics, now a component of the School of Management, traditionally holds an annual career symposium. Dr. Kathleen Adler, a former TWU visiting assistant professor of economics, an economist and a TWU alumna, proposed this year's focus on attention deficit disorders and their effects on academics and careers.

A panel of experts will discuss various therapies and coping mechanisms as they help participants identify and understand learning differences; discover and strengthen their inherent talents; and minimize or manage their weaknesses.

Guest speakers and their topics include: Richard C. Collier, O.D., specialist in developmental and therapeutic optometry, "How the brain makes sense of what it encodes, and what happens when encoding breaks down"; C.A. Kotsanis, M.D., MindBody Health Center International, "Digestion + Nutrition = Behavior"; D. Victoria Martin, M.D., psychiatrist for children, adolescents and adults, "Medication and ADHD"; and Lynn Weiss, Ph.D., best-selling author and ADD specialist, "The Gifts of ADD."

For more information, contact Adler at (972) 612-9911.

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SEE: RED HOT AND COLE

"I love Denton in the springtime!" Cole Porter might sing. The TWU department of performing arts program in drama takes that theme one step farther with *Red Hot and Cole: A Musical Revue of the Work of Cole Porter* this week. The show will be performed at 8 p.m. from April 19 to 22; a 2 p.m. matinee will be staged on Sun., April 23. All shows will be presented in Redbud Theatre. Tickets are \$12 for general admission; \$10 for TWU faculty/staff and senior citizens; and \$7 for TWU students. Featuring music and lyrics by Cole Porter, the revue is filled with hit songs from movies and musicals, including *Anything Goes*, *Kiss Me Kate* and *High Society*. The production also is based on a book by James Bianchi, Murrell McAuley and Randy Strawderman. Ken Freehill is guest director for the show, which also offers musical direction by Stuart Younse (performing arts) and choreography by Gail Minor-Smith. Call 8-1-2500.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu. The weekly deadline to receive information is 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conduction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

TWU Update is posted weekly online; the deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Questions? Call Ann Hatch (public information) at 8-1-3456.

Reminder: TWU continues to look at a specific group of women in April, focusing on black feminists who are sharing their ideas, research and works. Titled "Black Feminist Theorizing Across the Disciplines: A Distinguished Lecture Series," the program brings each speaker to TWU's Denton campus for a free public lecture, book signings, receptions and, for graduate students enrolled in the seminar, a two-hour lecture. The public lectures will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. The next program is:

- April 27 (MCL auditorium) -- "Strength, Morality, Tyranny: The Nature of African American Literary Mother"; Trudier Harris, J. Carlyle Sitterson Professor of English, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

The Center for Innovation and Teaching Excellence invites all faculty to a CITE Connection session, or roundtable, to discuss "Teaching Students with Diverse Backgrounds" on Thurs., April 27, from noon to 1 p.m., CFO 13.

Reminder: The 2000 Women and Heart Health Luncheon, hosted by The American Heart Association -- Denton Division, Denton Regional Medical Center and the TWU department of kinesiology, will be held on Wed., April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$20. Dr. Barney Sanborn, director of the Institute for Women's Health, will be the guest speaker. For details, call Vic Ben-Ezra (kinesiology) at 8-1-2557.

Reserve your place today at TWU's annual retirement recognition luncheon on Tues., April 25, at 11:30 a.m. in Hubbard Hall. RSVPs are due on Mon., April 17; tickets are \$10.95 each. See next week's issue of *TWU Update* for a list of the honorees.

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Please note: The campus calenar lists one of the university's holidays as Memorial Day. That day is *not* a holiday, according to the department of human resources. The university *will* be open.

We need your vote! Dr. Beverly Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) and Chalesse Connors (intercollegiate athletics) both have been nominated in different categories as "Community Stars" for the Denton Chamber of Commerce annual event. Everyone is encouraged to vote, and ballots can be printed from the chamber's Internet website and mailed in. Visit www.denton-chamber.org and vote (you must vote in

at least half of the categories for your ballot to count)!

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Because of space restrictions, "Update on TWU People" will be postponed to a future issue.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: APRIL 17 - 23, 2000

April 4-20

- Visual arts: Voertman's Student Art Exhibit, student galleries, Fine Arts Building, free, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 17-20

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tues., April 18

- Child Development Center art show/open house/book fair, 6:30-8 p.m.
- HR: "Interviewing Skills," Denton, ACT 301, 9-11 a.m.

Wed., April 19

- HR: "Coaching and Counseling Employees," Parkland, FPH faculty conference room, 2nd floor, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Nursing lecture: "Magnet Work Environments" with Dr. Margretta Styles, Fogelson Auditorium, Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, free, 1:30-3 p.m.
- SIFE workshop: "Career Symposium with the ADDED Twist," free, ACT 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. UT-Arlington, away (rain game).

April 19-22

- Performing arts, drama/music: *Red Hot and Cole: A Musical Revue of the Work of Cole Porter*, \$12/\$10/\$7, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m.

Thurs., April 20

- Black Feminist lecture series: "Strength, Morality, Tyranny: The Nature of African American Literary Mother," Trudier Harris, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, free, MCL auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- HR: "Emotional Intelligence and Success," Denton, ACT 501, 1-4 p.m.

Fri., April 21

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat., April 22

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., April 23

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- Performing arts, drama/music: *Red Hot and Cole: A Musical Revue of the Work of Cole Porter*, \$12/\$10/\$7, Redbud Theatre, 2 p.m.

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