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## **T. BOONE PICKENS GIVES \$5 MILLION TO TWU**

A \$5 million gift from T. Boone Pickens to Texas Woman's University will help fund construction of TWU's new \$32-million T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center. Mr. Pickens' donation is the largest single gift from an individual to TWU.

"A key objective of my philanthropy is advancing health and medical research and care. I've done that through gifts to UT Southwestern, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins and M.D. Anderson in Houston, among others," Mr. Pickens said. "To achieve quality health care, a skilled nursing community is vital, and I am impressed with what TWU is doing in this field. They have the vision and the background to ensure nursing care in Texas — and nationally — takes a significant step forward for the benefit of current and future generations."

TWU is in the middle of a \$32 million fundraising campaign to build the new Pickens Health Sciences Center, which will combine TWU's current education sites near Parkland and Presbyterian hospitals. The state-of-the-art facility will be built at the TWU Parkland location in the heart of Dallas' renowned Southwestern Medical District.

TWU will offer programs in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, healthcare administration and library science at the new T. Boone Pickens Health Sciences-Dallas Center. The TWU Stroke Center also will be housed in the facility.

"When you combine TWU's eight consecutive semesters of enrollment growth with the national shortage of healthcare providers, the reason for the new Pickens Health Sciences Center becomes clear," said TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart. "Mr. Pickens' generous gift lays the foundation for a building that will allow TWU to continue graduating quality healthcare professionals for years to come."

Mr. Pickens founded Mesa Petroleum Co. in 1956, which he grew into one of the nation's largest independent oil and gas firms in his four decades of leadership. He left the company in 1996 and founded BP Capital, one of the nation's most successful energy investment firms that has consistently ranked as one of the most successful hedge funds in the U.S. His recently updated 1987 autobiography, *Boone*, was listed for 15 weeks on *The New York Times* best-seller list.

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So far TWU has raised almost \$16 million for its new Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center thanks to the generous donations of Mr. Pickens and others, including: The Simmons Family Foundation, The Pollock Foundation, Mr. and Mrs. Jere W. Thompson, Mrs. Orien Woolf, Ann Stuart, the Abe Zale Foundation, the Robson Communities, Baylor Health Care System, the Gaston Episcopal Hospital Foundation, W.P. & Bulah Luse Foundation, The Eugene Straus Charitable Trust, the Thompson & Knight Foundation and Sheila and Gary Marlow.

The new TWU T. Boone Pickens Institute of Health Sciences-Dallas Center project will create a 143,000-square-foot, multi-building campus that will include renovation of the existing education building and construction of a new 50,000-square-foot education building and a 600-car garage. This will add approximately 17,000 square feet of expanded program space and allow for future growth. The Center will be built in two phases so classes will not be interrupted.

Groundbreaking is planned for 2008, and the complex is scheduled to open in 2010.

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**ROBERTA NUTT NAMED TPA ‘PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE YEAR’**

Dr. Roberta Nutt, founder and director of the doctoral counseling psychology program at Texas Woman’s University, was honored Friday, Nov. 17 as the Texas Psychological Association 2006 Psychologist of the Year. The award was presented at the TPA Annual Convention in Dallas.

“It’s a great honor to be recognized for your work, especially when your work truly is a labor of love,” Dr. Nutt said.

The award recognizes Dr. Nutt for her exceptional accomplishments in teaching, research and service, as well as her leadership abilities.

“I have good people behind me,” Dr. Nutt said, citing her colleagues and students. “Both students and faculty work hard and are open to new ideas. That’s not only rewarding; it’s inspiring.”

Professor Nutt’s research, publications and presentations have focused on gender issues, feminist therapy, ethics and licensure and regulation. She is past president of the Society of Counseling Psychology of the American Psychological Association, and recently was elected the 2007 chair of the APA’s Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and

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Proficiencies in Professional Psychology. She holds diplomate status in family psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology. She also serves on the Joint Designation Appeals Committee of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, which identifies and certifies psychology doctoral programs in the United States and Canada.

Teaching, serving as an administrator and maintaining a private practice can make for a hectic schedule, but Dr. Nutt sees it as a good combination.

“I like the variety in what I do,” she said. “I think practicing psychology brings a greater depth of understanding to the classroom and makes me a better teacher. It also keeps my therapy skills sharp. In turn, my practice allows me to make use of what I teach.”

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**TWU ENGLISH PROFESSOR’S ESTATE ENDOWS SCHOLARSHIP**

More scholarships will be available to Texas Woman’s University graduate students, thanks to a \$325,000 gift from the estate of Dr. Charles Bruce, emeritus professor of English. The gift will be used for the Bruce Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment to benefit graduate students in American Literature who are native Texans.

Dr. Bruce joined the TWU English department in 1969 and served the university for more than 25 years until retiring in 1995. He passed away in September 2005 at the age of 84.

“Dr. Bruce was a congenial colleague with a devotion to American literature and culture,” Dr. Phyllis Bridges, TWU professor of English, said. “He also was known for living a modest life — setting aside resources to benefit others.”

Dr. Bruce specialized in teaching American literature, focusing on the authors Stephen Crane, Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald. He also served as the co-chair of the TWU Writer’s Conference for several years and was an invited panelist at many scholarly meetings.

For more information on planned giving or to make a contribution to the Bruce Family Memorial Scholarship Endowment, call the TWU Office of Institutional Development at 8-1-3863.

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## **NEWSBRIEFS**

*Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.*

TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart invites the university community to join her for a Holiday Celebration from 11 a.m. until noon Thursday, Dec. 14, in the Banquet Room in Hubbard Hall.

Holiday music from all over the world will be performed during the TWU Holiday Concert, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. The event will feature the 42-voice TWU Concert Choir, the TWU Chamber Singers, a brass quintet, Dr. Thomas Brown on the organ, and an audience sing-along. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 8-1-2500.

## **UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

*Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).*

Dr. **Mahesh Raisinghani** (SOM) will serve as the program chair for the Information Management and Business 2007 conference in Wuerzberg, Germany. Dr. **Raisinghani** also recently was asked to serve on the advisory board for *Business Week* magazine.

Dr. **Robert Martin** (SLIS) gave the keynote address ("Collaborative Creation of Digital Cultural Content") at the Imaging Connecticut's Past Conference, sponsored by the Connecticut State Library, Nov. 14 in Hartford. He will participate in the Meeting of Experts on the World Digital Library at UNESCO Nov. 30-Dec. 1 in Paris, France, and will present the keynote address ("Attend to Your Configuration: Libraries in a Smaller, Flatter World") at the Military Librarians Workshop Dec. 4 in San Antonio.

**Faisal H. Aboul-Enein** and **Bradley Manuel** (nursing-Houston) recently published a paper titled "Influence of family history and lifestyle on blood pressure and heart rate in young adults in Jordan" in the journal, "Public Health." This research work was an international collaboration with a partner at Jordan University of Science and Technology.

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Dr. **Pat Holden Huchton** (nursing) recently became a certified nurse educator.

**Teresa Mauk** (enrollment management) was named chair for the 2006-07 Strategic Enrollment Management Session Planning Committee for the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (TACRAO).

Dr. **Robin Britt** (nursing-Houston) was the keynote speaker for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Baylor College of Medicine Perinatal Conference, held Oct. 27 at the University of Houston Hilton. Her topic was “Teen Pregnancy in Texas: What a Tangled Web We Weave.” She and Dr. **Terry Walsh** (nursing-Houston) also were invited to speak in the afternoon at a breakout session on “Show Me the Evidence: A presentation of evidence-based practice in health care.”

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 20-DECEMBER 3, 2006**

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| Mon., Nov. 20  | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. -10 p.m.   |
| Tues., Nov. 21 | - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-6 p.m.<br>-ASSET general meeting, noon, STOD 402. Thanksgiving luncheon. Candy Westbrook, speaker.<br>-Women’s Center Forum, 2:30 p.m., SU 207. Free. |
| Wed., Nov. 22  | - Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.   |
| Thur., Nov. 23 | -Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.  |
| Fri., Nov. 24  | -Thanksgiving holiday; university closed.  |
| Sat., Nov. 25  | -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m. to noon.   |
| Sun., Nov. 26  | -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 4-8 p.m.  |
| Mon., Nov. 27  | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;<br>Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  |

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- Tues., Nov. 28      -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Wed., Nov. 29      -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Thur., Nov. 30      -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 1        -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 2        -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness &  
Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.  
-TWU Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free.  
-Guest Piano Master Class Series with Dr. Mia Hynes, 10 a.m.,  
MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.
- Sun., Dec. 3        -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &  
Recreation open 4-8 p.m.  
-Guest Piano Artist Recital Series with Dr. Mia Hynes, 3 p.m.,  
MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.

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