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CROWNOVER, CHISUM DISCUSS HIGHER EDUCATION

State Rep. Myra Crownover and State Rep. Warren Chisum, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, met with officials from the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University on Wednesday, March 12 to discuss the opportunities and needs of higher education in Texas.

Crownover and Chisum visited with UNT System Chancellor Lee Jackson and other university officials at UNT's Gateway Center and toured the UNT campus. Later in the day, the representatives met with TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart and other TWU officials and talked with students.

"The Legislature faces a daunting challenge each session in allocating the resources of the state to best meet its immediate needs and those of the future," Jackson said. "As a state leader in enrollment growth and degrees awarded, we are grateful to have a chance to demonstrate how we have used the assets entrusted to us in the past and discuss how bright we believe the future can be."

"Our two universities have positioned themselves as great places to serve the Metroplex and the state of Texas," said Crownover, who represents District 64, including UNT and TWU. "I asked Chairman Chisum to visit Denton to ensure he, as an important leader of the state of Texas, knew the story of UNT and TWU. Fabulous opportunities are ahead, and we are excited to be a part of it."

Chisum added: "UNT and TWU have grown in student population — and continue to grow — and we need to focus on what needs are important to continuing that pathway to success. We are visiting the two Denton university campuses to get an up-close view of the growth of this area and what opportunities exist for continuing to improve higher education in Texas."

“TWU has a wonderful and active partnership with the Legislature and we are proud to work with them in solving the critical needs of the state,” Stuart said. “What we at TWU do, and do well, is educate and graduate the many professionals who impact directly the lives and needs of the citizens of Texas.”

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TWU FORUM TO FOCUS ON U.S.-CHINA TRADE RELATIONS

The complex and multifaceted economic ties between the United States and China is the focus of a public affairs forum scheduled Tuesday, March 25 at Texas Woman’s University.

“Eagle and Dragon: Evolving Trade Relations between China and the U.S.,” is scheduled at 1 p.m. in room 202 of the Classroom and Faculty Office Building (CFO). For more information, contact Dr. Michiko Hayhurst at (940) 464-7405 or mhayhurst@twu.edu.

Guest speakers for the event are Yao Wenliang, director of commerce for the Consulate General of the People’s Republic of China in Houston; James Chen, executive regional director-Asia/Pacific, Economic Development and Tourism Division, Office of the Governor, Austin; and Dr. Anil Kumar, senior economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Mr. Wenliang will talk about U.S.-China relations from cultural and business perspectives. Mr. Chen will give a presentation about China-Texas trade relations, and Dr. Kumar will approach the relationship between China and the United States from the federal government policy perspective.

The forum is presented by the TWU College of Arts and Sciences.

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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. 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.

The Beta Epsilon chapter of Sigma Tau Delta seeks submissions or original creative work (poetry, short story and creative nonfiction) for its **2008 literary journal**. TWU faculty and staff as well as undergraduate and graduate students at TWU are eligible to participate. Email submissions as MS Word documents to geiger.tj@gmail.com by April

16. In your email message, include your name as you would like it to be published, and indicate your affiliation with TWU. In order to ensure a blind review process, do not put any identifying information on the attached submission.

Volunteers are sought for the annual **University Picnic**, held in conjunction with Honors Convocation, on April 24 at Pioneer Circle. Volunteers are needed for set up and decorations, food set up, beverage stations, serving food and clean-up. To volunteer, contact Juanita Duenez-Lazo at jduenezlazo@twu.edu or by phone at 81-2237 or 81-3338.

Texas Woman's University will showcase several online degree programs during "**Online Degree Information Sessions**" held at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center on Saturday, March 29. Sessions include information on the following online degree programs: RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Science in Health Studies, Executive MBA, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science in Food Systems Administration, Master of Science in Family Studies, Master of Science in Library Science and Master of Science in Health Studies. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the foyer of TWU's Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center, located in the Texas Medical Center at 6700 Fannin St. For more information or to register, visit www.twu.edu and click on the "Online Degree Information Sessions" icon, email TWU at admissions@twu.edu or call 81-3014 or 1-866-809-6130.

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. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Dr. **Victoria McGillin** (provost's office) was elected chair of the Faculty Advising Commission of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). In this role, she will be responsible for providing leadership and direction to the commission regarding its special advising area of interest, promoting participation in commission activities and conference programming, and proposing and facilitating activities and publications to advance the professional development of its members. Dr. McGillin will assume the role at the end of the NACADA Annual Conference held in Chicago in October, and will serve in the position until October 2010.

The Texas Woman's University Foundation is announces that ***The Carissa R. Enright Endowment for Psychiatric Nursing*** has been established through the generosity of Carissa and William Enright. An associate clinical professor of nursing at Dallas, Professor Enright has taught at TWU for 20 years and teaches primarily in the areas of psychiatric and mental health. The Enrights created the endowment for the purpose of providing scholarships for students within the College of Nursing. Scholarships will be

awarded to students committed to practicing in a mental health, behavioral health or psychiatric setting and will be available to both undergraduate and graduate students. Professor Enright received her BSN from Duke University, her MSN from Boston University and her psychiatric nurse practitioner training at the University of Texas at Arlington. Those who wish to make gifts to the endowment may contact the TWU Office of Institutional Development, Attn: Gilland Chenault, P.O. Box 425618, Denton, TX 76204-5618; phone 81-3878; or email gchenault@twu.edu.

Dr. **Katy Mitchell** (physical therapy, Houston) recently gave a platform presentation at the National Combined Sections meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) in Nashville. Research for the project, titled “Female Activity Patterns and Perceptions of Health and Body Image as Influenced by Weight Status,” was done in collaboration with Dr. Julie Pauls, PT, PhD, education coordinator, MD Anderson Cancer Center, The University of Texas.

The TWU College of Nursing was well represented during the 22nd Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society, held Feb. 21-23 in Birmingham, Ala. Dr. **Gail Davis** (Denton) received the prestigious John A. Hartford Foundation Geriatric Research Award, and Dr. **Anne Stiles** (Denton) began her role on the SNRS Board of Directors. Faculty presenting papers included: Dr. **Stiles**, “Recruiting and Retaining Adolescent Mothers in Research;” Dr. **Teresa Walsh** (Houston), “Storytelling: Bridging Relationships between Homecare Workers and Elder Clients;” and Dr. **Brenda Binder** (Houston), “A Theory-Derived Intervention to Decrease Depression of Home-Dwelling Older Women: A Qualitative Analysis.” Faculty also presented a symposium titled “Preparing the Future Nursing Workforce: A 2-Year Longitudinal Study Examining Stressors and Nursing Student Success.” Dr. **Ann Malecha** (Houston) presented the overview; Dr. **Sherry Carter** presented “Gender Differences and Perceived Faculty Support;” Dr. **Teresa Walsh** (Houston), “Student Nurse Stress and Perceived Faculty Support;” Dr. **Michelle Dorin** (Dallas), “Quality of Sleep in Nursing Students.” Faculty doing poster presentations included Dr. **Ruth Grubestic** (Houston), Dr. **Malecha**, Dr. **Walsh**, Dr. **Sandra Cesario** (Houston) and Dr. **Jan Foster** (Houston). Ten doctoral nursing students from Houston also attended, with eight of them presenting posters.

Dr. **Pushkala Raman** (School of Management) presented the paper titled “The Impact of Technology Comfort on Consumers’ Online Privacy Coping Strategies” at the American Marketing Association Winter Conference 2008 in Austin. The paper was co-authored with Dr. K. Pashupati, SMU Temerlin Advertising Institute.

Dr. **Pushkala Raman** (School of Management) gave a talk at the Marketing Research Strategy Camp at the Mays Business School, Texas A&M University, College Station, on Feb. 15. Her presentation title was “Nice Guys or Information Spies: Investigating Information Privacy from the Perspective of Organizations and Consumers.”

A chapter by Dr. **Mahesh S. Raisinghani** (School of Management) titled “Mobile Devices & Mobile Applications: Future Trends and Key Implications” has been accepted for publication in the *Handbook of Research in Mobile Business: Technical, Methodological and Social Perspectives – 2nd Edition*, to be published in January 2009.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 17-30, 2008

- Mon., Mar. 17 -Spring Break.
-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., Mar. 18 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Wed., Mar. 19 - Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Pioneers Softball vs. University of the Incarnate Word, home, 5 & 7 p.m.
- Thur., Mar. 20 - Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Pioneers Softball vs. East Central University, home, 5 & 7 p.m.
-Pioneers Gymnastics vs. Southeast Missouri State, away, 7 p.m.
- Fri., Mar. 21 - Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sat., Mar. 22 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 23 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Mon., Mar. 24 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., Mar. 25 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Wed., Mar. 26 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Nutrition Day, with guest speaker Rick Salewski, 6:30-8:30 p.m., SU 207. Free. For more information, call 81-3833 or email healtheducation@twu.edu.
-Pioneers Softball vs. Midwestern State University, home, 5 & 7 p.m.
- Thur., Mar. 27 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

- Fri., Mar. 28 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Pioneers Softball at Lone Star Conference Crossover Tournament,
Durant, Okla.
- Sat., Mar. 29 -Library closed; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and
Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
-Pioneers Gymnastics at MIC Conference Championships,
Shreveport, La., 7 p.m.
- Sun., Mar. 30 -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-
10 p.m.

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