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READING RECOVERY CONFERENCE SET

"I never thought I would be smart. I am smart. I know it." These words from a first-grader in the Plano Independent School District reflect the need for and the rewards of the Reading Recovery program. Reading Recovery is a short-term intervention for children who are at risk of failing to learn to read in the first grade. The program, introduced in Texas by faculty members in the TWU department of reading and bilingual education, has grown by leaps and bounds over the last five years -- generating enthusiasm among educators and parents, and giving confidence and lifelong skills to thousands of youngsters.

TWU's sixth annual Reading Recovery conference (which attracted 3,000 teachers and administrators to Fort Worth in 1994) will explore techniques, issues and skills that help make the program a national success. The conference will be held on Fri. and Sat., Oct. 20 and 21, at the Hyatt Regency DFW, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. The two-day event will feature several keynote and special speakers who will talk about the program and reading itself.

"The conference is designed for all persons who are interested in early literacy and intervention programs for children who find the path to literacy difficult," said Colleen Ferguson (continuing education). Those people include administrators, classroom teachers, personnel involved in Reading Recovery programs, parents, university faculty and students, policy makers and community members. The cost to attend is \$118 per person; several box lunches are extra. Conference fees include conference materials. For registration information or forms, call Ferguson at (817) 898-3408. Advance registration and payment are required.

Experts who will share their ideas and experiences at the conference will include keynote speaker Barbara Watson, national director and training coordinator of Reading Recovery in Auckland, New Zealand; and highlight speakers David Booth of the University of Toronto in Canada; Susan Paynter, a consultant for the Reading Recovery Council of North America; and Gay Su Pinnell, a Reading Recovery trainer for Ohio State University and current president of RRCNA. The event offers teachers a chance to participate in 76 sessions and to learn more from other teachers and educators like themselves who are engaged in the Reading Recovery program.

In the program, at-risk first-grade readers meet daily with a specially trained teacher for an average of 12 to 20 weeks. The goal of the program is for children to develop effective reading and writing strategies in order to work within an average group setting in the regular classroom. The program and accompanying texts and materials also have been translated into Spanish, "Descubriendo La Lectura."

Founded by Dr. Marie Clay of New Zealand, Reading Recovery began at Ohio State University in 1984; TWU now is one of 22 universities that serve as teacher leader training sites for the program in this country. TWU also is involved in a collaborative effort with 19 area sites in Texas, employing teacher leaders to train teachers within those districts.

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According to TWU's most recent annual Reading Recovery report (1994-95), 50 sites were involved in the program (146 school districts and 698 schools) -- or 10,197 Texas school children. Of the total number of students served in 1994-95, 40 percent were Caucasian, 32 percent were Hispanic, 21 percent were African American, 1 percent was Asian and 6 percent were not identified. Approximately 73 percent of the students in the program were "discontinued" -- meaning that they finished the weekly instruction and returned to the classroom, working on an average level with their peers.

In Texas, 362 students were assisted through the Spanish Reading Recovery program during that same period. Almost 3,000 additional out-of-state students at 13 sites in TWU's network also participated.

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TWU GRAD STUDENT HONORED FOR READING RECOVERY WORK

A second-year TWU doctoral candidate recently was named by the Federation of North Texas Area Universities as the recipient of the 1995 Toulouse Doctoral Scholarship. Yvonne Rodriguez was awarded \$1,000 during the Federation's meeting at the University of North Texas on Sept. 22 for her outstanding academic record and contributions to a national bilingual collaborative that is developing Reading Recovery training materials in Spanish. The scholarship is designed to honor outstanding academic and research activities in an FNTAU program of study. The award is presented annually in the name of Dr. Robert Toulouse, former dean of the Graduate School at UNT, who was responsible for the development of the federation.

Rodriguez, who is translating the concepts of two major Reading Recovery training books from English into Spanish, was selected to oversee the project by Dr. Marie Clay, New Zealand developer of the intervention program. She also works closely with local school districts and assists teachers and teacher leaders who are changing from the English Reading Recovery program to the Spanish Reading Recovery program. Currently, Rodriguez is conducting research for her dissertation and plans to use the information to increase literacy rates in the United States, as well as in all Spanish-speaking countries.

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FLUTE CONCERT, GUEST VOCAL RECITAL SET NEXT WEEK

Instrumental and vocal performances sponsored by the TWU department of performing arts music program will be presented next week; both programs are free and open to faculty, staff, students and the general public.

On Tues., Oct. 24, the TWU Flute Choir, under the direction of Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music), will present its second annual fall concert at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. More than 20 flutists will perform as members of the Dallas-based Brookhaven Flute Choir join forces with TWU flutists "in an exciting program of selections ranging from Bach to jazz," said Youngblood. The choirs will perform on all instruments of the flute family, including alto flutes, bass flutes and piccolos. Featured guest performers will include Dr. Richard Rodean (performing arts, music) and Sidney Johnson as electric bassist.

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The following evening, Julio Dominguez, accompanied by TWU faculty member Dr. Mark Dal Porto, will present a free guest vocal recital. The program will be held on Wed., Oct. 25, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Dominguez was the first-place winner in the 1994 Placido Domingo World Opera Contest in Mexico City. Dal Porto will perform several of his own original works for solo piano. Dominguez also will teach a voice master class on Mon., Oct. 23, at TWU from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Eberly Recital Hall in the music building.

A performing arts note: The department of performing arts programs in dance will present its annual Fall Festival of Dance 1995 next month in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Program A, featuring MFA choreographers, will be staged at 8 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 9, and Sat., Nov. 11. Program B will feature works by senior choreography students on Fri., Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. and on Sat., Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$2, \$4 or \$6 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call ext. 2085.

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CRUISE INTO SPRING BREAK...

The TWU National Alumnae Association "has some Royal Caribbean coming" -- a spring break cruise scheduled March 18-22, 1996, according to Karen Bluethman, chair of the association's travel programs. And they want TWU faculty and staff to join them! "For an unbelievable price of \$983, we want to invite faculty and staff to sign up for our 5-day/4-night cruise on Royal Caribbean's 'Nordic Empress' to the Bahamas." Space is limited, and a \$200 deposit is required by Nov. 10 to hold a reservation. For a brochure and more information, call ext. 2586.

The cost includes round-trip air fare to Miami from DFW Airport, plus all baggage handling, shuttle transportation from TWU to the Dallas and Miami airports, port charges and all on-board gratuities. Those who travel will receive three meals per day, plus nightly midnight buffet and the services of a tour escort. During the 5-day cruise, three ports-of-call are scheduled, including Freeport, Nassau and Royal Caribbean's own private island, Cococay. Nightly entertainment, musical productions, dancing and fun also are offered.

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WHO'S WHO NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The TWU Who's Who committee is seeking **undergraduate** nominations for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, which must be submitted by Mon., Nov. 13. For 62 years, this nationally-known program has honored outstanding students annually for their scholastic and community achievements.

"The national Who's Who organization has changed their procedure somewhat this year," said Sharon Bezner (Physical Therapy, Dallas), who chairs the TWU Who's Who committee. "Graduate student nominations will be handled separately by the Graduate School, so the committee is asking only for undergraduate nominations at this time." Students eligible for nomination must be either juniors or seniors.

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Every dean, assistant dean, program director and chair each has nomination forms and instructions. While a student generally fills out the nomination form, a TWU faculty member must actually nominate the student (see the last two lines on the form). No nominations will be accepted after Nov. 13. Completed forms should be returned to the Who's Who committee, Sharon Bezner, in the School of Physical Therapy, Dallas-Presbyterian. Anyone who has questions can call Bezner at 8-3-2465.

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WRITING LAB SERVICES OFFERED ON LINE

The freshman English office has begun offering writing lab services on line for TWU students who need specific questions answered about grammar, syntax or form, and they also can send paragraphs for an instructor to review. Students may access the Online Writing Lab (OWL) through their Venus account's e-mail function; that e-mail address is OWL. Experienced writing lab instructors will respond to questions within a 24-hour period, Monday through Thursday. Any messages received after noon on Thursday will be answered by the following Monday.

"The writing lab provides individualized instruction in writing to undergraduate and graduate students from classes across the curriculum," said Camille Langston (writing lab). "Graduate students working toward advanced degrees in English serve as tutors. Specially-trained instructors are available for international students and for those with dialectical needs. Use OWL for quick and convenient answers to your questions or call ext. 2341 to schedule an appointment with an instructor," added Langston. Appointments also may be made through e-mail at s_2murphy or in ASB 301, the freshman English office. The writing lab, located in ASB 304B, is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

TWU faculty are asked to tell students who are interested in careers in mathematics, the natural sciences or engineering disciplines (specifically those that "contribute significantly to the technological advances of the U.S.") that they can apply to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program, established by Congress in 1986. The foundation operates an educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for U.S. students with excellent academic records and demonstrated interest in and potential for careers listed above.

In April 1996, the foundation will award scholarships to students who will be juniors or seniors during the 1996-97 academic year. *Students must be nominated by their institutions no later than Jan. 12, 1996.* The scholarship award covers eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$7,000 per year. Junior scholarship recipients can receive a maximum of two years of support; seniors are eligible for one year of support.

To be eligible, a student must be a current full-time sophomore or junior; must be pursuing a bachelor's degree; must have a "B" average or its equivalent; must be in the upper-fourth of the class; and must be a U.S. citizen, resident alien or U.S. national who will pursue a career in mathematics, the natural sciences or an eligible engineering discipline. Interested students should contact Dr. John Christy (mathematics and computer science) at ext. 2176 by Nov. 2.

NEWSBRIEFS

Reminder: *The TWU department of human resources* will present a tax-sheltered annuity fair for all faculty and staff on Tues., Oct. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m., SC 207-208. "This fair is designed to provide valuable information about the benefits of enrolling in the tax-sheltered annuity program," said Amy Hall (human resources). "There are no pressure sales." For more details, call Hall at ext. 3555.

TWU's annual International Food Fair and Folk Dance Festival will be held on Thurs., Oct. 26, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., SC second floor. Call ext. 3611 for more information.

Reminder: *Additional performances* of *Two Rooms*, a drama depicting the frustrations of a woman vying for the release of her husband taken political hostage by radicals in Beirut, are scheduled on Oct. 20 and 21 at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, senior citizens, university staff and faculty, and \$3 for TWU students with valid identification. Tickets are available at the box office, located inside Redbud Theater, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday; or from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. until curtain time on Friday and Saturday. *Due to adult language, parental discretion is advised.* Call ext. 2020.

Reminder: *A centennial birthday celebration* honoring the late dancer and choreographer Doris Humphrey will be held at the TWU Blagg-Huey Library lecture hall on Tues., Oct. 17. Two lectures and three film presentations, chronicling the development of her style and unconventional approaches to dance, are scheduled throughout the day. (See the Oct. 9 issue of *TWU Update* for a complete schedule.) A reception, featuring a 100-candle birthday cake, will be held after the last lecture. An exhibition of photographs and memorabilia also is on display on the second floor of TWU's Blagg-Huey Library until Nov. 1. Admission is free. For more information, call ext. 2085.

Reminder: *An organ recital*, featuring the works of French, Dutch and German composers from the 17th through the 20th centuries, will be held at TWU in Margo Jones Performance Hall on Tues., Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. Dr. Thomas K. Brown (performing arts, music) will be featured in the third TWU 1995-96 faculty series. Admission is free and open to the public. Call ext. 2500 for more information. Flutist Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music) will join Brown for a duet to perform Josef Doppelbauer's "Sonata" in the second half of the concert.

Reminder: *The TWU department of public safety* will offer a defensive driving course on Oct. 20 and again on Nov. 10, ACT 601, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., including a one-hour lunch break. "These courses are for persons who will drive state vehicles and who have not had defensive driving within the past three years," said Vicki Byrd (public safety), who coordinates the courses. A course fee of \$20 is due at the beginning of the morning session. Drivers who have documentation showing that they have taken a defensive driving course within the last three years only need to take the practical skills portion of the course. The next practical skills course will be offered on Tues., Oct. 17, and Wed., Nov. 8, at the TWU department of public safety's office on Oakland Avenue. There is no cost for this part of the authorization process. To register for any of the courses mentioned above, call Byrd at ext. 2924.

Reminder: *The TWU human relations committee* will offer a special program titled "Cross-Cultural Communications and Understanding" on Wed., Oct. 18, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and again from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in SC 207-208. The seminar, which will feature Dr. Leonard Olguin, "is designed to develop cultural awareness by understanding differences in

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language development and imprinting," said Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life), who chairs the human relations committee. "Dr. Olguin uses humor and appeals to mixed audiences -- students, faculty and staff." The program is free and open to everyone. For details, call ext. 3601.

Reminder: An interactive videoconference titled "Educating Students with Disabilities: A Shared Responsibility" will be presented at TWU on Wed., Oct. 25, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Blagg-Huey Library lecture hall, room 101. Panelists will include several college and university administrators and the executive director of the Association for Higher Education and Disability. For more information, call Dr. Emily Harbold (academic support services) at ext. 3950. The program is free and open to the public and members of the campus community.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Carri Stephens (human resources) recently was elected to serve a two-year term representing all four-year colleges and universities in the state of Texas on the board of the Texas Association for Access and Equity. Stephens demonstrated commitment to the mission of the access and equity effort in Texas, and her work for the association helped her win a seat on the board.

Drs. **Sally Schultz** (Occupational Therapy, Denton) and **Kathlyn Reed** (Occupational Therapy, Houston) co-presented the "Silver Anniversary Lecture" at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, College of Allied Health, on Sept. 22. Schultz's lecture focused on "Influences of the Present that Will Affect Future Practice." Reed, one of OU's original faculty, presented "Concepts of the Past that Must Be Carried into the Profession's Future." The Silver Anniversary Lecture initiated a weekend of celebration activities attended by faculty, students and numerous alumni.

Dr. **Keith Swigger** (Library and Information Studies) served as a member of the external review panel for the committee on accreditation of the American Library Association at North Carolina Central University Oct. 7-11.

Drs. **Pamela Youngblood** and **David Yeomans**, plus **Lanelle Stevenson** (performing arts, music), presented a concert of Native American melodies from Southwest tribes, arranged by Stevenson, at Richland College in Dallas Oct. 10. They will present the same program at Northlake College Nov. 21.

Kathy Dieringer (kinesiology) passed the certification examination for Orthopedic Physician Assistants and now adds the letters OPA-C to her name. Dieringer, head athletic trainer for TWU, is certified by the National Association of Athletic Trainers and is a Texas-licensed athletic trainer.

Drs. **Jane Irons** and **Linda Sluder** (early childhood and special education) will present their collaborative research, titled "A Multi-Generational Study of Incarcerated Teenage Mothers and Their Maternal Relations," at the annual conference of the American Association for Education Research in New York this spring.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of long-time faculty member Dr. **Betty Wade** (Nursing, Dallas), who passed way in Dallas Oct. 12. Services were held in Colleyville Oct. 13.

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TWU student **Cynthia Nevels-Nelson** (sociology and social work) has been notified by the University of Humberside of England that her research abstract has been accepted for publication and review during that institution's human services conference. The conference, which will be held in Hull, England, Sept. 18-20, 1996, will focus on "Crisis and boundary crossing in the human services"; Nevels-Nelson's research is titled "Assessment of Criminal Economic Rehabilitation: First-time Offenders on Probation." She received assistance from faculty member Dr. **Lisa Garza** (sociology) and will complete her research by March 1996.

Congratulations to Dr. **Frances Dowd** (Library and Information Studies) and her husband, Ron, for receiving approval by a licensed agency to adopt a newborn! They applied more than a year ago to receive that designation and are anxiously waiting for placement to become first-time parents to a newborn child when one becomes available.

Dr. **Rudy Rodriguez** (reading and bilingual education) will be one of several presenters during a session scheduled during the American Council on Education's biennial national conference, scheduled Oct. 18-21 in Kansas City, Mo. The conference theme is "Educating One-Third of a Nation V: Constructing the Next American Dream," and Rodriguez' session is titled "Stakeholders for Accountability: Capturing Cross-Campus Representation in Planning and Implementing the Diversity Agenda." Others scheduled to participate in the session include two representatives from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: Dr. Betty James, assistant commissioner; and Hector Castillo, program director for the access and equity division.

...and TWU People: "A Pat on the Back"

Dr. **Nancy Glick** (dental hygiene) believes that departmental secretary **Pat Sullivan** deserves a "pat on the back" for her public relations skills as she deals daily with faculty, staff, students and potential students. "Dental hygiene enrollment is limited, and students must meet criteria beyond those of TWU's general undergraduate requirements," explains Glick. "As a result, students may call with many questions, and Pat is the friendly voice at the other end of the phone. She is always courteous, patient, empathetic, knowledgeable and helpful....When these students do come for an advising appointment with a faculty member, they are genuinely happy to finally meet Pat in person and say 'thank you.' Students often tell faculty that they called several colleges and universities for information about their dental hygiene programs and that Pat was the only friendly person they spoke to. Pat is a definite asset for TWU and dental hygiene!"

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCT. 16-22, 1995

- Oct. 2-27 -Visual Arts exhibit: "Far From the Border," Fine Arts Gallery, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)
 -Visual Arts exhibit: "Pattern/Process/Transformation," Fine Arts Gallery, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)
- Oct. 6-Nov. 3 -Blagg-Huey Library exhibit: "The Doris Humphrey Centennial," library 2nd floor, Woman's Collections, all day. (Ext. 3752)

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CALENDAR, *continued*

- Mon.-Thurs.,
Oct. 16-19 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-midnight.
 -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
 -Learning assistance office brown bag seminar: "Critical Thinking," CFO
 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)
- Mon., Oct. 16 - TOSS Bosses' Day luncheon, SC 207-208, noon. (Ext. 2369)
- Tues., Oct. 17 -Career services: co-op information workshop, JH 2nd floor, 6-7:30 p.m.
 -Tax-sheltered annuity fair, SC 207-208, 1-4 p.m. (Ext. 3555)
 -Doris Humphrey dance celebration, all day, library lecture hall. (Ext. 2085)
 -Practical driving skills course, TWU public safety. (Ext. 2924)
 -Faculty recital by Dr. Thomas Brown, MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2500)
- Wed., Oct. 18 - Human Relations program: "Cross-Cultural Communications and Under-
 standing," SC 207-208, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. (Ext. 3601)
 -Career services: co-op information workshop, JH 2nd floor, 11 a.m.-
 12:30 p.m. (Ext. 2950)
- Thurs., Oct. 19 -Graduate Council meeting, ACT 16, 1:15 p.m. (Ext. 3402)
 -Career services: co-op information workshop, JH 2nd floor, 2:30-4 p.m.
- Fri.-Sat.,
Oct. 20-21 -Theatre '95: "Two Rooms," Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2020)
 -Reading Recovery conference, DFW Hyatt Regency. (Ext. 3408)
- Fri., Oct. 20 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
 -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 -Defensive driving course, ACT 601, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 2924)
 -Biology seminar: "Safety Rules," presented by Dr. Nathaniel Mills; SCI
 303, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2351)
 -University Club social hour: Fritz Schwalm's home, 5-7 p.m.
 -Volleyball: TWU vs. Eastern New Mexico, Denton, 7 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 21 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
 -Bookstore closed.
 -Volleyball: TWU vs. West Texas A & M, Denton, 7 p.m.(Ext. 2378)
- Sun., Oct. 22 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight.
 -Bookstore closed.

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 23-27 -International Awareness Week.
- Oct. 23 -Voice master class presented by Julio Dominguez, Eberly Recital Hall,
 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 -TWU Flute Choir concert, free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 25 -TWU guest vocal recital, Julio Dominguez, free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
 -Videoconference: "Educating Students with Disabilities: A Shared Respon-
 sibility"; free, library lecture hall, 12:30-2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 -International Food Fair and Folk Dance Festival, SC 2, 5:30 p.m.

It's Not Too Late to Help One Other

State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC)

Lend a helping hand...

Thanks to all TWU faculty and staff for their generous support of the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC), says Judy Hildebrandt (Student Center), campaign coordinator. "We are making steady progress toward our goal of \$25,000," she adds. "If you have returned your forms -- thank you. If you are still considering which agency or agencies to support, there is still time to make your contribution. You may send your confidential contribution to me, Judy Hildebrandt, in Student Center 002 through campus mail."

Contributing to the SECC campaign is easy, and the following information will help Hildebrandt process pledge forms:

- Fill out the pledge form completely, and return both the white and yellow portions of the form to room 002 in the TWU Student Center by Fri., Oct. 20. Each employee who submits a pledge should keep the pink copy of the form.

- Return all pledge forms and contributions in envelopes marked "Confidential."

"You may choose to contribute through payroll deduction, cash or checks," says Hildebrandt. "If you choose to use payroll deduction, a monthly deduction will be made for the period beginning Dec. 1, 1995, and ending Nov. 30, 1996." Anyone who has questions should call their departmental SECC liaison or Hildebrandt at ext. 3640.

A variety of state and local agencies depend on this campaign to continue their services. Gifts from TWU faculty and staff make these services possible, and every gift is important!

You might like to know...

- In 1994-95, TWU met and exceeded its campaign goal of \$20,000; 24 percent of the university's faculty and staff participated in the campaign.

- Last year, the average state employee's contribution was \$80. The average contribution from a TWU faculty or staff member was \$125.

- TWU's campaign goal this year is \$25,000, and officials hope that the level of participation will increase to 30 percent.

**Remember...fill out forms and return them by Oct. 20 to
Judy Hildebrandt, SC 002!!!**

