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THOMPSON LECTURESHIP WILL FOCUS ON SOUTHERN WRITERS

Southern women who write about themselves will be the focus of a program at TWU on Tues., Nov. 7, at 2:30 p.m. in MCL auditorium. The free event, TWU's 1995 Joyce Thompson Lectureship in American Literature and Culture, will feature guest speaker Dr. Peggy Whitman Prenshaw, the Fred C. Frey Professor of Southern Studies in the department of English at Louisiana State University. Prenshaw's presentation is titled "Southern Women Autobiographers -- Elusive Authors."

The entire campus community and the general public is invited to attend the annual lectureship at TWU, which is funded by an endowment established by friends of Dr. Joyce Thompson in 1991 and by the Friends of the TWU Libraries. The endowment's advisory committee includes Dr. Martha Swain (history and government, retired), Dr. Dorothy DeMoss (history and government), Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs) and Elizabeth Snapp (library). Thompson was a professor of English at TWU from 1977 to 1992. She also is honored at the university by the Endowment for the Joyce Thompson Scholarship in English, which is awarded annually to an English major. Student recipients include: Theresa Flowers (1992), Velda Boyd (1993), Melinda Williams (1994) and Delores Zumwalt (1995).

Prenshaw is the author or editor of a number of scholarly articles about Southern writers, including Eudora Welty, Elizabeth Spencer, Gwen Bristow and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Her book-length works include *Elizabeth Spencer; Conversations with Elizabeth Spencer; Eudora Welty: Thirteen Essays; Eudora Welty: Critical Essays; Conversations with Eudora Welty; and Women Writers of the Contemporary South.*

The guest speaker is general editor of *Literary Conversations*, a multi-volume series published by the University Press of Mississippi. Her recent articles include "Southern Ladies and the Southern Literary Renaissance" and "Sex and Wreckage in the Parlor: Welty's 'By-By Brevoort.'" Prenshaw, who lectures internationally, received the 1994 Charles Frankel Prize from the National Endowment for the Humanities for her contributions to the public humanities. She also was the first recipient of the Public Humanities Achievement Award, presented by the Mississippi Humanities Council. She is past president of the Welty Society and the Society for the Study of Southern Literature.

The Joyce Thompson Lectureship in American Literature and Culture honors a TWU English professor whose areas of specialization included American literature and women's studies. She earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and English, as well as her master's and doctoral degrees in English, from Texas Tech University. Thompson wrote *Marking a Trail: A History of the Texas Woman's University, Ladies' First: A Miscellany* and more than 30 published articles.

"Dr. Thompson was a patient and inspiring teacher who enabled students to gain insight into literature and their own humanity," said Dr. Phyllis Bridges (English). Thompson also suggested an appropriate quotation from Edith Hamilton that was used as the inscription on the dedication plaque for TWU's Blagg-Huey Library: "To be able to be caught up into the world of thought -- that is to be educated." For more information, call the library at ext. 2665.

FALL READING FORUM FEATURES FUN

Making books fun for children shouldn't be hard, but sometimes bookworms get a bad rap, books are "boring" and children just don't want to read. How to make reading fun is the focus of a program for elementary and middle school teachers and parents at TWU on Sat., Nov. 11. TWU's 30th annual fall forum in reading, titled "Literary Reflections," will focus on reading, storytelling and teaching challenges in the classroom. The program will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in various rooms of MCL. Registration and a book sale will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.; sessions begin after that and will end with an evaluation from 3:30 to 4 p.m.

The annual program is sponsored by the TWU department of reading and bilingual education, the TWU School of Library and Information Studies and the Denton Independent School District. The cost to attend is \$38 per person for the conference and box lunch or \$31 for the conference only; fees include refreshment breaks and materials. For more information, call the TWU office of continuing education at ext. 3408.

Children's author Barbara Robinson and literacy expert Dr. James Baumann are the featured speakers. A number of other sessions will be presented by educators from this area.

Robinson, who began writing as a 3rd- or 4th-grader "for fun," still feels that writing is fun today; her ideas originate with people instead of plots. Her much-loved book, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, is her favorite work because so many children have told her that it is *their* favorite book. The Herdmans (from *Best Christmas*) again appear in *The Worst Best School Year Ever*. Robinson will be the keynote speaker after lunch on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

During the 1994-95 school year, Baumann taught second grade full time in a racially and culturally diverse elementary school in Athens, Ga., where he wrestled daily with a variety of academic and social issues related to providing young children with a challenging and nurturing "literacy-learning" environment. He will share the lessons he learned, as well as potential implications for literacy educators, with forum participants during an 8:30 a.m. general session.

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STUDENTS ARE OUR CUSTOMERS

The human relations program at TWU will present a free workshop titled "Training Employees for Personal Service," on Fri., Nov. 3, from 9 to 11 a.m., in rooms 207 and 208 of the TWU Student Center, located on Bell Avenue in Denton. The program, which will examine the concept that "students are our customers," will be presented by Anne Massaro of the University of North Texas. "We urge everyone on campus to take the time to attend this program," said Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life). "Students are the reason this university exists, and we can all learn how to treat them as our customers. That's what they really are!" For details, call ext. 3601.

Massaro, who is university training coordinator at UNT, develops and plans training opportunities for more than 2,400 staff and faculty. She customizes and markets training programs, conducts new employee orientations, coordinates staff recognition and award programs, and administers the UNT faculty/staff suggestion program. Massaro holds a master's degree from the University of Georgia and a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary. Her previous position at UNT was associate dean of students/director of student employment. She also has worked at Xavier University, the University of Tennessee and Appalachian State University.

CROHN'S STUDY CONTINUES

People who have been diagnosed with Crohn's disease -- a chronic inflammatory condition that affects the intestinal tract -- face an increased risk of developing osteoporosis, a disease that is characterized by weak, brittle bones. The TWU department of nutrition and food sciences at Texas Woman's University is continuing a study that began last spring to determine if dietary factors affect the loss of bone in women who are diagnosed with Crohn's disease. The purpose of the study is to help identify women who may be at risk developing osteoporosis (which is considered a major health concern in the United States) and to determine what role diet may play in the development of this condition.

The department is seeking subjects who are interested in participating in this study: 30 non-smoking, premenopausal women between the ages of 25 and 45 who currently are diagnosed with Crohn's disease. As part of the study, qualified participants will receive a free dietary analysis (a \$38 value), a free bone density mineral test (a \$375 value) and free, personalized recommendations that will help them decrease their risk of developing osteoporosis.

Participants will be screened for osteoporosis using a dual energy x-ray absorptiometer to measure bone mineral density -- the amount of bone that is present in the lower back, hip and wrist. The amount of radiation from the dual energy x-ray absorptiometry scan (less than 5 milliroentgens) is far less than the 100 milliroentgens of a chest x-ray. In addition, each participant's current dietary intake will be assessed using three-day dietary records; dietary intake over the past year will be assessed using a food frequency questionnaire. For more information, call either Dr. Nancy DiMarco or Cindi Reed (both in nutrition and food sciences) at ext. 2645.

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WELLNESS CENTER SETS SCREENINGS, GIVE TIPS

The TWU Wellness Center will offer cholesterol screenings on Wed., Nov. 15. The cost for a total cholesterol screening is \$8, and the cost for a total cholesterol screening plus an HDL breakdown is \$15. "We will use the finger stick method, drawing only one drop of blood," said Dr. Linda King (Wellness Center). "New technology allows us to determine cholesterol with immediate results -- within 10 minutes." Blood pressure checks also will be available at no cost. For more information, call ext. 2900.

Tips....Every year, about 1.5 million Americans suffer a heart attack, and almost 500,000 of them die. Heart attacks claim more lives than any other single cause, and a person's chance of dying from cardiovascular disease is about 1 in 2. In other words, nearly 50 percent of the population dies from cardiovascular disease. The American lifestyle -- a high fat diet, lack of regular exercise, obesity and cigarette smoking -- is a major contributor to heart attack. To reduce an individual's risk factors, the American Heart Association suggests these tips:

- Check blood pressure regularly.
- Don't smoke cigarettes.
- Eat foods that are low in saturated (animal) fats and cholesterol.
- Maintain proper weight.
- Exercise regularly to maintain cardiovascular fitness.
- Have regular medical check-ups and know cholesterol levels.

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SPRING LIS CLASS WILL HELP GRAD STUDENTS

The School of Library and Information Studies will offer a spring 1996 semester class for graduate students that is designed to help them with literature reviews. "Electronic Information Retrieval" (LS 5553), taught by Dr. Lynn Westbrook (Library and Information Studies) will assist graduate students who are interested in locating and managing information in their fields, especially doctoral students who are preparing for dissertation literature reviews. The course will be offered on alternate Saturdays, beginning Jan. 27, 1996. For information, send e-mail to Westbrook at f_westbrook@twu.edu or call her at ext. 2609.

"This practical course covers all of the major search strategies and literature review techniques that are relevant to scholarship in the electronic age. Scholarly communication tools, efficient database searching and bibliographic management systems are covered," said Westbrook. "Regular use of hands-on, applied practice of each technique is matched with explanations and supporting handouts. All homework is done in the student's individual discipline."

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CAMPUS INVITED TO VISION FOR DENTON PRESENTATIONS

During the past two years, public meetings have been held and action groups have been formed in the city of Denton as part of the project "A Vision for Denton -- The 21st Century." The final "Visioning" project has been completed, and four public presentations have been scheduled to inform the general public about the results. All programs will be held in the Campus Theater, 214 W. Hickory, and everyone from Denton is invited to attend. TWU and six other groups sponsored the effort: City of Denton, United Way of Denton County, University of North Texas, Denton Chamber of Commerce, Denton Independent School District and the *Denton Record-Chronicle*.

On Mon., Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., the "Play" and "Live" action teams will present summaries on how to develop Denton as a center of diverse and accessible cultural and recreational opportunities; and on how to develop the city as a safe, attractive community with strong neighborhoods, a unique identity, quality accessible health care and a sense of historic pride.

On Wed., Nov. 1, at 7 p.m., the "Learn" and "Work" action teams will discuss their recommendations to develop the city as a community that promotes excellence in lifelong learning by providing educational and training opportunities for all citizens; and to develop Denton as a leading entrepreneurial city that attracts high-tech, high-skill and high-paying jobs.

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PERFORMING ARTS ANNOUNCES NOVEMBER EVENTS

Faculty, staff, students and members of the community can mark their calendars now for a variety of events that will be presented by the TWU department of performing arts in November. Enjoy an afternoon or an evening of drama, music and dance! A list and brief description of each program is presented below; more details will be provided in future issues of *TWU Update*.

Drama

■ On Nov. 17, 18 and 30 (and Dec. 1 and 2), "The Importance of Being Earnest" will be staged at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. The cost is \$7 for general admission; \$5 for TWU faculty,
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staff, senior citizens and students; and \$3 for TWU students with valid ID. The comedy by Oscar Wilde looks at double lives, love and deception, directed by Dr. Mary Lou Hoyle (drama).

Dance

■ The department of performing arts programs in dance will present its annual Fall Festival of Dance 1995 in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Concert 1, featuring MFA choreographers, will be staged at 8 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 9, and Sat., Nov. 11. Concert 2 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, \$3, \$5 or \$7 and can be purchased at the door.

■ The programs in dance also will host a high school dance symposium on Sat., Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Workshops will feature modern dance, jazz improvisation, dance design and social dances from the 1960s and 1990s. The cost is \$4 per person, and registration forms must be received by Nov. 1. Call Dr. Janice LaPointe-Crump (performing arts, dance) at ext. 2085 for more information.

Music

■ The TWU Opera Ensemble will present "Opera -- American Style," a series of musical selections from well-known American operas, on Sat., Nov. 4, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for TWU faculty, staff, senior citizens and children, and \$3 for TWU students. Special rates are available for groups of 10 or more people.

■ At 8 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 9, the campus community and the general public are invited to attend a guitar and harp ensemble in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. Admission is free, and the performance will be followed by a reception. Music selections from the 17th to 20th centuries will be featured in the program.

■ On Mon., Nov. 13, hear Simply Jazz (formerly the Choraliers) perform an evening of music featuring jazz from all eras. The free program will be held at 8 p.m. in MCL auditorium; Alexandria's Ragtime Band will perform Dixieland music.

■ The 12th annual Women's Choirfest will be held on Tues., Nov. 14, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The program is free and open to the public. Simply Jazz, the TWU University Chorus and the Concert Choir will be joined by other area high school and college choirs.

■ On Mon., Nov. 20, the TWU Concert Choir will perform its fall concert at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is free; everyone is invited.

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AIDS ACTIVIST WILL SPEAK ON CAMPUS

AIDS activist Sharon Lund first learned that her husband, Bill, was dying of AIDS during a television special with Dan Rather in 1986. When the couple married in 1984, Bill Lund already was infected and never told his wife, who also became infected. Bill died six years ago.

Given six months to live, Sharon Lund fought back during a time when she was extremely ill. She learned how to use the virus to empower herself and today -- nine years later -- Lund travels throughout the United States and Europe to educate people about the myths and facts regarding the AIDS virus. Lund will speak at TWU on Mon., Nov. 6, at 6 p.m., SC 207. She will discuss "AIDS," and all members of the campus community and the general public are invited to attend this free presentation. The program is sponsored by TWU's SOAP talks and topics committee; for more information, call ext. 3611.

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Lund has appeared on more than national and international television and radio programs, including the "Oprah Winfrey Show" and "48 Hours." She also has presented information in more than 300 lectures for college audiences and at conferences. "She shares from her heart her own personal experiences living with HIV/AIDS for the past 11 years," said Farah Shaikh, chair of the talks and topics committee. "She also has educated audiences about prevention, transmission, drugs, alcohol, abstinence and other topics."

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FALL FESTIVAL OF DANCE SCHEDULED

TWU senior and graduate dance students will stage original works during the Fall Festival of Dance on Nov. 9-11 in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Concert 1, featuring MFA choreographers, will be staged at 8 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 9, and Sat., Nov. 11. Concert 2 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, \$3, \$5 or \$7 and can be purchased at the door. Call ext. 2085 for details.

More than 10 dances will be featured, including:

- "Rite of Balance," choreographed by graduate student Haley Hoss -- The work examines relationships among water, wood, fire, earth and metal, and their cyclic changes in the body.
- "Echo's Beckon," inspired by glass artist Dale Chihuly -- This dance represents the evolution of a work of art and will be performed by Kristina Shumsky.
- "Are We There Yet?" explores the rationale behind the hustle, bustle and trauma of traveling -- Natalie Underwood choreographed this spoof on traffic.
- "Remote Control," which uses music from popular television show themes and commercials to reveal the common thread of the medium throughout American society -- Choreographer Sarah Imhoff-Jones challenges audiences through the dance to take a critical look at themselves.
- "One Way Out" -- Choreographed by Tiffanee McPhee, the performance depicts the cycle experienced by society when individuals struggle with individuality and conformity.
- "Jolt," which focuses on worldly and bodily energies -- Choreographer Veronica Erickson explores the differences between being "in" and "out" of one's body in the dance.
- "Mano A Corazon," inspired by the adage "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world" -- Angie Dutton and Kelly Ford will perform this piece choreographed by Claudia Roxanne Mejia.
- "Images of Nature" -- Choreographer Cindy Lee Coxon reflects on nature and time.
- "Strength of Love," featuring the music of Elton John and Hans Zimmer -- The work takes a look at how to overcome adversities in life with love.
- "Heroine/Addict" -- Using the music of "Earth, Wind and Fire," choreographer Letitia Nadine Dyer depicts the isolation and depravity of a substance abuser.
- "Transitions" -- Choreographer Andrea Bueno explores emotions evoked by separation.

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NEWSBRIEFS

The first meeting for members of the Staff Council steering committee will be held on Fri., Nov. 10, at 9:45 a.m., ACT 12. Call Laurie Hammett at ext. 2111 for details.

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The quality foods class in the TWU department of nutrition and food sciences will present a "Texas Country Dinner" on Thurs., Nov. 9. The event will begin at 6 p.m. in the southwest dining room of Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$6 each and must be purchased in advance. Entertainment will be provided by Showtime Dance Studio. For tickets or other information, call Carol in nutrition and food sciences at ext. 2636.

Reminder: The TWU office of admissions will host a Saturday visit on Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the SC Underground. "This informal program is designed to give junior and senior high school students information about preparing for college and selecting a major," said Veronica Valenzuela (admissions). A continental breakfast will be served, and a campus tour will be offered. For more information, call ext. 3014.

To arrange scheduling for videoconferencing on campus, TWU faculty and staff should contact Caprice Southall by phone at by e-mail (Southall@venus.twu.edu) or by phone at 8-1-3297. He is responsible for scheduling video sites in Denton, Dallas and Houston. Video rooms already available are SH 308, MCL 811, Parkland 230, Presbyterian 109 and Houston E-83; SH 302 soon will be added.

Reminder: Prospective minority graduate students are invited to attend a free workshop on Mon., Nov. 13, presented by the TWU Graduate School and the office of financial aid from 2:30 to 4 p.m., ACT 5. TWU faculty, administrators, current graduate students and recent graduates will answer questions, and topics will include reasons for pursuing a graduate degree, application procedures, eligibility criteria and financial aid. For details, call ext. 3415.

Dr. Bill Franklin, executive vice president of the Texas Consortium in International Education, will discuss possibilities for teaching and research in an international setting on Thurs., Nov. 2, ACT 301, at 2:30 p.m. He will discuss "Emerging Trends in International Education." Call Dr. Frank Longoria (English, speech and foreign languages) at ext. 2324 for information.

The Wellness Center will conduct a "Light Style" cooking seminar on Sat., Nov. 11, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Jones Hall. The cost is \$8 per person; call ext. 2900 to register.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Two student leaders from the department of business and economics -- **Sylvia Moncrief** and **Elaine Lee** -- each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship during the State of Texas Human Resource Conference on Nov. 8. Moncrief is president of the TWU student chapter of the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM), and Lee is president of Professional Business Women. Students from across the state in human resource programs competed for the scholarships.

Dr. Donald Michel (music and music therapy), who is on modified service this year, participated with colleague Dr. Kris Chesky from the University of North Texas College of Music in a research poster presentation at the American Academy of Pain Management conference at the DFW Hyatt Regency Hotel. They reported on research and the development of the Music Vibration Table (MVT), which also will be the topic of presentations in Houston in November for the National Association for Music Therapy's annual conference.

THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCT. 30-NOV. 5, 1995

- Oct. 6-Nov. 3 -Blagg-Huey Library exhibit: "The Doris Humphrey Centennial," Library 2nd floor, Woman's Collections, all day. (Ext. 3752)
- Nov. 1-Feb. 28 -Blagg-Huey Library exhibit: "The Ribbon"; panels of exhibits to remember the first use of the atom bomb 50 years ago; all day. (Ext. 3752)
- Mon.-Thurs.,
Oct. 30-Nov. 2 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-midnight.
-Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
-Learning assistance office brown bag seminar: "Approaching the TASP Test," CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)
- Mon., Oct. 30 -SOAP: Fright to Flight Halloween Fun Run, 5:30-7 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
- Tues., Oct. 31 -Volleyball: TWU vs. Tarleton State, Denton, 7 p.m.
-SOAP: Halloween party, SC Underground, 6-10 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
- Nov. 1-2 -Student government elections, SC 206. (Ext. 3627)
- Wed., Nov. 1 -Academic advising begins for the spring 1996 semester, departmental offices, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 2 -Final tuition and fees payments due, 4 p.m.
-Housing and meals installment due, 4 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 3 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
-Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
-Human Relations program: "Training Employees for Personal Service," SC 207-208, 9-11 a.m. (Ext. 3601)
-TOSS executive board meeting, ACT 2 conference rm., noon. (Ext. 2568)
-Biology seminar: CFO 205, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2351)
-University Club Social Hour: Betty Kreps' home, 5-7 p.m.
- Nov. 4-5 -Tennis: Sa-Su Goldfield fall tournament, Denton. (Ext. 2378)
- Sat., Nov. 4 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
-Bookstore closed.
-Performing Arts: "Opera -- American Style," Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 5 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight.
-Bookstore closed.