

**BOARD OF REGENTS OKAYS REQUEST, APPROVES HOUSING INCREASE**

During their quarterly meeting, members of the TWU board of regents met in Denton on Thurs. and Fri., Dec. 5 and 6, to accept reports, to approve matters on their agenda and to receive information from Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) and the executive staff. Jayne Lipe, former chair of the board of regents, and Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life) both were honored by members during their last regents' meeting. Lipe's 6-year appointment expires in February 1997, and Simmons will retire that month as well.

Two key items were approved by the regents: a request to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for a Master of Arts degree in women's studies; and an increase in housing fees and deposits, effective fall 1997.

Dr. Brenda Phillips (sociology and social work) presented to regents the proposal for the new graduate degree in women's studies. Phillips, who currently oversees the women's studies program at TWU, told regents that the university has a minor in women's studies. If TWU were to offer a master's degree in women's studies, "...it would be the first graduate program in Texas in women's studies," she said. "Offering a graduate degree in women's studies prepares students for a diverse world and provides them with good critical thinking skills." Thirty-five faculty members had committed their support to the program as of December 1996 to teach core courses, offer graduate lectures and assist others through interdisciplinary support, according to Phillips. The program would include three tracks: community/health services, administration and policy/analysis, and higher education.

The proposed program also includes a technological focus, incorporating database searches, the Internet, interactive video and satellite capabilities "...wherever there are community and corporate partnerships," said Phillips, who also discussed a survey conducted charting potential students for the program, job possibilities and skills that students will be able to offer prospective employers. Approximately 30 master's-level programs are offered nationally; the closest geographically to TWU is in Oklahoma. Phillips and Dr. Dana Gibson (business and economics) also presented the budget for the proposed program. Regents approved TWU's request to move forward with the proposal to the Coordinating Board; the item should appear on THECB's April agenda.

Regents also approved rate increases in housing for FY 1998 (which begins fall 1997) and FY 1999. The room deposit will increase from \$50 to \$100. Other increases are listed below.

FY 1998

Increase traditional room semester rates by \$100  
Increase monthly apartment rates by \$20  
Increase non-TWU student monthly rates  
by \$22  
Increase commuter/guest housing daily rates by  
\$2 per day

FY 1999

Increase semester rates by \$50  
Increase monthly apartment rates by \$10  
Increase non-TWU student monthly rates  
by \$10

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“We conducted a survey of rates across the state and found we are either the lowest or 2nd-lowest in the state,” said Simmons. “Our rates are lower than those schools with community baths -- even though we don’t have those. We still will be very competitive. The recent increase in the minimum wage has had a significant increase on our costs, as well as utilities, maintenance, supplies and other areas.” Officials asked for the deposit increase because they found the amount did not provide a sufficient incentive for prospective residents to cancel their room reservations before each semester begins. Regents approved the most recent housing increase two years ago when cable television was installed in the residence halls (an additional \$30 per semester).

In the areas of finance and audit, the regents approved personnel additions and changes, contracts and agreements, gifts and grants, allocation of federal funds, renewal/acquisition/extension of insurance, authority to sign vouchers and checks, the annual review of TWU’s investment policy and the 1996 internal audit annual report; they also received the first quarter 1997 internal audit activity report. Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) reported on car leases for the university and her ongoing efforts with the Texas Department of Transportation and the city of Denton regarding the widening of Highway 380. “TxDOT went back to the drawing board and has submitted a new proposal to us. Instead of eliminating all parking (on University Drive), they now propose to move the existing curb south of the first row of parking spaces; we would lose about 60, instead of the original 190-plus spaces.” TxDOT has reduced the median footage and looked at regrading the lanes, and the golf course would be unaffected. Talks continue among TWU, TxDOT and the city of Denton; nothing has been signed at this point.

Aside from its request for the master’s degree program in women’s studies, the office of academic affairs (represented by Dr. Wilkes Berry) presented a report on TWU’s Voluntary Modification of Employment (VMOE) program, which the board requested during its August 1996 meeting. Berry discussed details and projections for the program, and regents asked academic affairs to provide a report to them in March about VMOE programs at other Texas colleges and universities. He also told regents about fall enrollment trends and that work is under way on a merit salary increase plan. Berry told them that TWU is one of 25 universities across the U.S. primarily for women that has been chosen to send a team to the University of Notre Dame for “Play of the Mind” -- a conference that brings together teams of faculty, students and student life representatives from each participating institution. TWU is the only public institution represented.

In institutional advancement, Kathleen Gigl reported on activities in alumni relations, development and public information. Regents discussed issues in the areas of gift acceptance policies, naming policies and gift incentives. Gigl invited regents to attend Founders Day on Feb. 21, 1997, which will start with a reception in the Blagg-Huey Library’s archives (looking at

TWU's history) before proceeding to the traditional Founders' Day dinner. She added that development had brought in \$1.97 million in new funds this year (including \$800,000 from the Mattie Mae Glover Wilkinson estate); the Help Keep the Promise campaign is putting in place marketing techniques to meet its benchmark of FY 1994; the Pioneer Athletic Scholarship Campaign remained level this year; and seven new endowments were received. She also invited the regents to participate in kick-off festivities on March 6 when TWU launches its mobile medical van in Dallas to serve women and children at five Head Start sites. Mattel Incorporated provided funds to purchase the vehicle.

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In student life, Simmons told regents about the need to renovate elevators in Guinn and Stark halls, deferred maintenance needs, bidding out the annual food services contract, delays in the Hubbard Hall renovation, the NET program, student participation in Make A Difference Day and the Rosa Parks visit, progress with the one card entry access system and student life web sites.

During what was her final presentation to the board as vice president for student life, Simmons said, "I have had a long love affair with this university, and I say thank you to these people (student life) for being so wonderful. I have a wonderful staff, and they do a wonderful job, and I can't say enough about Dr. Richard Nicolas and the work that he has done since he arrived. I want to say thank you publicly to him and to the students for making this such a fun job to do." She received a standing ovation.

During the Thursday morning finance and audit committee meeting, Regent Jayne Lipe announced the federal court in Sherman had ruled in late November in favor of the board of regents regarding the action members took in December 1994 to change the TWU admissions policy that opened the General Divisions to both women and men.

The regents will meet in Dallas March 6 and 7, 1997.

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**SESQUICENTENNIAL TREASURES JOIN COOKBOOK COLLECTION**

After a year of special events for the Denton County Sesquicentennial that began with a special exhibit of TWU's Gowns of the First Ladies, the celebration comes full circle with the presentation of the county's best recipes to the TWU Blagg-Huey Library's historic cookbook collection. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend a presentation of *Recipes and Recollections: Being a Compendium of the Rich Heritage and Precious Moments of Kitchen*

*Remembrances Offered by Amiable People Who Have Chosen to Make Denton County Their Home* on Wed., Dec. 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the library's lecture hall (room 101). A reception will be held after the presentation. For more information, call ext. 3770.

Autographed copies of the cookbook, edited by Marilyn Goldsmith, will be sold. "Don't miss the opportunity to get an autographed copy of the cookbook -- a great holiday gift -- and tour the TWU library's cookbook collection," said Elizabeth Snapp (library). The TWU cookbook collection includes the Julie Benell and Margaret Scruggs Cookbook Collections. It also includes more than 10,000 catalogued volumes of books and periodicals; more than 1,000 menus; and 2,000 cookery pamphlets and brochures, the oldest dating from the 17th century.

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## **COMMENCEMENT SET FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY**

More than 780 degrees will be conferred during fall commencement exercises at TWU on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 14 and 15, in Denton and Houston, respectively. Three Denton ceremonies are scheduled -- 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. -- in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Students and family members with tickets are invited to attend. The 2 p.m. Houston ceremony on Sunday will be held at the First Presbyterian Church.

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The number of diplomas earned during the fall 1996 semester includes 523 undergraduate and 266 graduate degrees, according to Dr. Jim Stiles, registrar. (A total of approximately 535 students in Denton and 125 graduates in Houston are expected to participate in their graduation ceremonies.) Times for commencement in Denton reflect candidate assignments, based on specific schools and colleges participating in the ceremonies listed below:

- 9 a.m. -- Ceremony I for candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences;
- 11:30 a.m. -- Ceremony II for graduates from the College of Education and Human Ecology and the School of Occupational Therapy;
- 2 p.m. -- Ceremony III for the School of Library and Information Studies, the College of Nursing, the College of Health Sciences and the School of Physical Therapy.

A reception for graduates, their families and guests who attend Ceremony I or II will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in the southwest dining room of Hubbard Hall. Graduates and their guests participating in Ceremony II or III are invited to a second reception in the same location from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. TWU President Carol Surles will preside at each ceremony, which includes an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

During Ceremonies I, the keynote speaker will be Texas Rep. Irma Rangel, chair of the House Higher Education Committee. The featured speaker for Ceremony II will be Dr. Donna

Shavlik, director of the office of women in higher education for the American Council on Education. Candidates for Ceremony III will hear Mayor Jack Miller from the city of Denton. In Houston, Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life) will speak to the graduates.

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## TWU REP GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Seven TWU faculty members recently received funding for their projects through TWU's Research Enhancement Program, according to Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants). The principal investigators and their projects are listed below.

- *Dr. Viki Ash-Geisler* (Library and Information Studies), "Child Care Providers and the Public Library: Services from the User's Perspective," \$2,275;
- *Dr. Harold Aukema* (nutrition and food sciences), "Effects of Gender and Protein Level on Polycystic Kidney Disease in Rats Fed a Soy Protein Based Diet," \$5,000;
- *Dr. Judith Bean* (English, speech and foreign languages), "The Uncollected Critical Writings of Margaret Fuller: Part 1," \$4,992;
- *Dr. Rebecca Code* (biology), "Development of Dynorphin-Containing Nerve Terminals in the Chick Cochlear Nucleus," \$5,000;
- *Dr. Heather Conrad-Webb* (biology), "Analysis of the SRD1 Gene, a Gene that Arrests Pol II Synthesis of rRNA in Yeast," \$5,000;
- *Dr. Catherine Jankowski* (kinesiology), "Post Exercise Insulin Responses in Mexican American Women with and without a Parental History of Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus," \$5,000; and
- *Dr. Pamela Youngblood* (performing arts, music), "A Study of Wind Chamber Ensemble Music: A Review of the Literature with Emphasis on Performance Practice," \$1,974.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

**Recent retiree Sidney Fry** (controller's office) sends a message to TWU faculty and staff: "Many thanks for your support, cooperation and friendship during my years at TWU. I'll miss you. Thank you for the cards, telephone messages and for attending the (retirement) reception."

**Reminder: The office of student activities** is accepting applications for the 1997 SOAP executive board; SOAP is the primary programming board at TWU in Denton and is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating social, educational and recreational events on campus. "Involvement in SOAP helps students gain experience in leadership, time management, organizational development, parliamentary procedures, diverse populations, budget management and other skills," said Dee Siscoe (student activities). SOAP positions include executive chair, secretary/treasurer, concerts chair, leadership chair, multicultural chair, recreation and leisure chair, special events chair, talks and topics chair, and trips and travel chair. Each executive

position requires a minimum of six hours per week and comes with a stipend. Applications are available in the office of student activities, SC 1st floor, or call ext. 3611.

***The division of student life's holiday open house*** will be held on Wed., Dec. 11, from 12:30 to 2 p.m., SC 2nd floor. All students, faculty and staff are invited!

***Reminder: Breakfast in the Student Center*** took a giant leap (downstairs, that is) to the Underground on Mon., Nov. 25. A variety of menu items -- omelets made to order, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, hot cereal and more -- will be served Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. It's all you can eat for \$3! (Lunch in the Underground -- weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. now features a la carte gourmet sandwiches, sizzling salads and pizza "your way"...items not available in the Garden Room.)

***VENUS and e-mail will be unavailable*** from 2 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 13, to 7 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 15, while systems maintenance and upgrades are done. For details, call Grace Chalon (information technology services) at ext. 3970.

***Reminder: The last issue of TWU Update*** for this year is distributed today (Dec. 9); publication will resume Mon., Jan. 13, 1997. The deadline to submit information for *TWU Update* is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following Monday's issue. For details, call ext. 3456.

***All departments should note*** that Fri., Dec. 13, begins holiday break for the campus. Student assistants who are on work-study or Project Pioneer, as well as those who are either new or working in a different department, must complete a break permit. For details, call Cindy Sansom (career services and employment) at ext. 2950.

***Reminder: The Denton Community Chorus***, under the direction of Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music), will present its winter concert featuring the Ariel Recorder Consort and the First Christian Church Carillon Handbell Ensemble on Tues., Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Campus Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for senior citizens and \$3 for students and children. Call (817) 382-1915 for more information or ticket reservations.

***Reminder: Recreational sports*** will sponsor the first 20 individuals who sign up to participate in the Jingle Bell Fun Run this year, scheduled Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. TWU will provide transportation to and from the race site. For details, call ext. 3612 or stop by student activities, SC 1st floor.

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***Anyone who needs to submit a class packet request*** to duplicating should do so as soon as possible. "The first day of classes is Mon., Jan. 13, 1997, and there are only three work weeks before the spring semester begins," said Cindy Maloney (printing services). "If you have not already done so, please order your class packets from duplicating, located in Old Main 109 as

soon as possible.” Billing for spring semester 1997 class packets will not be done until Jan. 20, after course fees have been collected for the semester. Call ext. 3124 for more information.

***The deadline to submit nominations*** for Outstanding Master’s Student and Outstanding Graduate Student awards to the TWU National Alumnae Association has been extended to Fri., Dec. 20. For details, call Donna Ryan (alumni relations) at ext. 2586.

***A canned food drive*** sponsored by the office of student development is under way to benefit the TWU food pantry. “Departments, organizations and individuals are challenged to donate from the heart...in the true meaning of the holiday season -- the spirit of giving,” said Monica Mendez-Grant (student development). People who donate items will have their name placed on the holiday “can” tree. Items will be accepted through Fri., Dec. 20, in SC 134. Call ext. 3626.

***Representatives from Xerox Corporation*** will be honored on campus during a reception held by the department of business and economics on Mon., Dec. 9, at 3 p.m., CFO 13. The corporation has been engaged in a cooperative partnership with TWU students enrolled in marketing research.

***The TWU Wellness Center*** will offer two new programs in January for folks with fitness in mind: a stress management series and “The Challenge.” A kick-off for the stress management series is scheduled during the week of Jan. 20, and some of the topics during the semester will include time management, stretching for relaxation and learning to relax. “The Challenge” can help with those New Year’s resolutions that seem to slip away. A six-week program, “The Challenge” will provide participants with the necessary tools to accomplish their goals as they accumulate miles (through different activities each week) and “travel” across the United States. The first class is scheduled during the week of Jan. 20. For details, call ext. 2900.

***SOAP also is recruiting students*** for committee membership this spring. Faculty and staff are encouraged to notify students that they can get involved in campus life through SOAP and other organizations. The SOAP committees include: “Etcetera,” leadership, marketing and promotions, multicultural, trips and travel, and special events. Call Dee Siscoe (student activities) for more information at ext. 3611.

***The office of student activities and orientation*** is accepting applications for 1997 student orientation leaders. They would like help from faculty and staff members with identifying qualified students who can represent their departments this summer during the new student orientation program. Qualified students must have at least a 2.5 grade point average and must be recommended by a faculty member. Applications are available in the office of student activities, SC 1st floor; the deadline to apply is Jan. 29. Call ext. 3611 for details.

***A leadership consortium conference*** for students presented by the office of student development will be held on Feb. 8, 1997. The cost to attend is \$20 per person, and transportation is free. Topics will include ethics, male/female relationships and service leadership. For details, call student development at ext. 3626 or the office of intercultural services at ext. 3673.

## UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Carol Surles** (president's office) will deliver the commencement address at Texas A&M University on Fri., Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. She will speak to students who are receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees from the Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Liberal Arts and Science. Approximately 7,000 graduates and well-wishers will attend; TAMU conducts three commencement ceremonies.

**Dana Davies** (TWU laundry) -- after meeting established qualifications and passing a standard examination on drycleaning procedures, standards and safety -- has been designated a "certified professional drycleaner," which also entitles TWU to use the professional designation of "CPD" through October 2001. Davies, who already holds the title of "certified environmental drycleaner," was among 23 candidates nationally who passed the written exam in October, which was administered by a professional testing corporation under contract with the International Fabricare Institute (IFI). "Drycleaners who earn a CPD and a CED reflect a movement throughout the industry nationwide to improve the profession in which we work," said Jack Alquist, co-chair of the certification council. Davies recently assisted Dr. **Charles Riggs** (fashion and textiles) with a story on drycleaning tips for consumers aired by ABC-TV's "PrimeTime Live" on Nov. 27.

Dr. **Marie-Anne Demuynck** (mathematics and computer science) presented a paper titled "B-Mad-Tree: An Efficient Data Structure for Parallel Processing" at the eighth IEEE symposium on parallel and distributed processing in New Orleans Oct. 23-25.

**Raedean Bolton** (financial aid) has been selected to represent the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Southwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators to conduct regional training for the National Association of Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA). She attended two days of training provided by NASFAA Oct. 18-19. In November, Bolton conducted a training session for approximately 40 financial aid professionals from the Arkansas area and in San Antonio. Bolton, a graduate student at TWU, was honored by Phi Kappa Phi on Dec. 3 "in recognition of high scholastic achievement in the 1996 year at Texas Woman's University" during a reception held on campus.

**Kenn Kotara** (public information, publications) had a work titled "Indifference" on display at the Center for Contemporary Arts in Shreveport, La., from Sept. 3 to Oct. 13. He also presented an exhibition titled "Vast Horizons" at the Trenton Street Cafe/Gallery in Ruston, La., from Oct. 6-Dec. 1. "Miniatures International Competition" will be displayed at the Glynn Art Association in Saint Simons Island, Ga., from Dec. 5-30. During the months of March and April, Kotara will exhibit a one-man show in Monroe, La.

Sympathy is extended to **Jim Lehman** (public information, retired) and his wife, **Henrietta**, following the death of Jim's mother, Sherrill Lehman, on Dec. 7 in Denton. Services will be held on Wed., Dec. 11, in Booker, Texas.

Best wishes to **Doris Key** (international student office) who will retire Jan. 17, 1997, after 20 years of service. Key began her career at TWU as a Spanish instructor from 1977-1981. After a temporary leave, she returned in 1982 as a part-time faculty member and a staff member in the office of international students. Doris says she plans to “become a full-time couch potato.”

Sympathy is extended to TWU alumna **Frances deCordova** following the death of her son in late November after his extended struggle with cancer.

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### **THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS AT TWU: DEC. 9, 1996-JAN. 12, 1997**

- Dec. 2-13                -Visual arts: MFA/BFA Student Exhibitions, Art Building, weekdays.
- Dec. 9-11                -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 9            -Personnel changes for Jan. 2 payroll due, human resources, 5 p.m.  
-Midnight breakfast, north line, Hubbard hall, 10 p.m.-midnight.
- Wed., Dec. 11          -Student life “Open House,” SC 2nd floor, 12:30-2 p.m. (Ext. 3601)  
-Cookbook presentation/reception, library lecture hall 101, 2:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 12        -Final exams completed for fall 1996; bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Dec. 12-13            -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 13           -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
-Faculty Senate meeting, SC 207-208, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3393)
- Sat., Dec. 14          -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
-Fall commencement, Denton, MJPH, at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
-Basketball: TWU vs. Midwestern State University, Denton, 3 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 15          -Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed.  
-Fall commencement, Houston, First Presbyterian Church, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 16-20            -Blagg-Huey Library open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 16          -Basketball: TWU vs. University of Central Oklahoma, Denton, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 23-Jan. 1        -University closed for holidays.
- Thurs., Jan. 2          -University offices reopen, 8 a.m.  
-Blagg-Huey Library open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 3 -Blagg-Huey Library open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Jan. 4-5 -Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed.

Jan. 6-8 -Blagg-Huey Library open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 7 -Basketball: TWU vs. Texas A &M Kingsville, Denton, 3 p.m.

Jan. 9-10 -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Jan. 9-11 -Payment settlement for spring 1997. (Ext. 3030)

Sat., Jan. 11 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-1 p.m.  
-Basketball: TWU vs. Abilene Christian University, Denton, 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 12 -Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed.