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CCCC READY FOR FALL FUN AND LEARNING

The committee for campus climate and community will begin its 1996-97 schedule in September with a voter registration drive, sponsored in conjunction with the League of Women Voters. Lectures and presentations will be offered during later months. Encouraging and enhancing an inclusive environment of mutual respect and diversity is the committee's goal, according to co-chair Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life), who shares those responsibilities with Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs).

"We know you will appreciate the variety of pertinent and important topics included in this year's calendar. Students, faculty and staff will benefit from these diverse programs," said Simmons. "We encourage faculty to take time to review the calendar that was distributed on campus last week and to incorporate these sessions into course activities. And we extend our appreciation to the entire committee for its dedication and invaluable contributions that nurture the inclusive climate of TWU." September and October activities are listed below; call ext. 3601.

September 1996

- Sept. 9 -- Voter registration drive, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Houston Center courtyard; co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters;
- Sept. 18 -- Voter registration drive, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., SC 1st floor; co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters;
- Sept. 20 -- "Preventing Sexual Harassment" presentation, 9 to 11 a.m., SC 207-208; with Dr. Bethany Hamilton, Dr. Linda Rubin and Dr. Sally Stabb (all psychology and philosophy), plus Dr. Karen Prager, University of Texas at Dallas, general studies and special counselor; co-sponsored by the TWU office of human resources;
- Sept. 1996 -- Voter registration drive; Dallas-Parkland; co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

October 1996

- Oct. 21 -- "Country A and Country Z: An Experience in Cultural Diversity," 9 to 11 a.m., Dallas-Parkland DED 2nd floor faculty conference room; featuring Deborah Wegmann (Nursing, Dallas) and Gail Williams (student life, Dallas).

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REGENTS APPROVE CLINIC, HEAR REPORTS

The TWU Board of Regents met in Houston on Aug. 22 and 23 for their regular quarterly meeting. During the course of their work, the regents approved a change in name for the vice president of fiscal affairs to the vice president for finance and administration; approved the beginning of the Assistive Technologies Clinic, contingent upon securing insurance (expected by Sept. 10); and accepted the internal audit plan for 1996-97.

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REGENTS, continued

Members of the executive staff -- Dr. Carol Surles (president's office), Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs), Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement), Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) and Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life) -- each gave reports on their areas. Byers-Pevitts discussed admissions and recruitment activities, as well as the new center, while Gigl shared information about activities in development (with the assistance of Jerri Pastor), alumni relations and public information. Simmons shared information about installation of the sprinkler systems in Guinn and Stark halls (which has just begun), housing occupancy, the need to re-bid on renovations for Hubbard Hall, the completion of renovations in the Student Center and other activities. Floyd spoke with board members during her first regents' meeting since she joined TWU in August.

The Assistive Technologies Clinic, which would be located at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center, will provide -- once it has secured insurance -- assistance to disabled persons who want help with assistive devices in order to live the fullest life possible. The center's plans include evaluating clients for appropriate assistive devices (prostheses and other items, for example), adjusting devices already used to function more effectively and to design new assistive devices as well. Several health care entities in the Texas Medical Center approached TWU about starting such a center, which will be run through the School of Occupational Therapy.

The regents' next meeting will be held in December in Denton.

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PURCHASING ANNOUNCES NEW RULES, GUIDELINE CHANGES

Effective Sept. 1, 1996, the TWU purchasing office is implementing a major change in rules and guidelines, according to Cynthia Polson (purchasing): the spot purchase ceiling will be raised from \$500-to-\$1,000 purchase order totals to \$1,000-to-\$5,000 purchase order totals. "That is...any order totaling from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and available from vendors other than state contract or catalog vendors can be processed by obtaining three telephone bids and recording this information on the 'spot purchase' form," said Polson. The completed form will be attached to the purchase order and routed to the purchasing office, like the current procedure. Purchasing also will conduct random information verification with vendors to ensure all information is correct.

"This new ceiling matches the limits set forth by the General Services Commission in Austin and will give us an even greater flexibility in procuring goods and services for TWU," Polson added. The purchasing office recently issued a memorandum outlining details and procedures for these new rules and guidelines. Anyone who needs a copy of the information or who has questions should call Polson's office at ext. 3585.

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SPEED THROUGH WORK WITH HELP

The TWU office of continuing education will offer a speed reading workshop on Fri., Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., ACT 601, taught by Dr. Melba Benson. The cost is \$30 for faculty and staff or \$10 for students, plus \$5 each for materials. Benson has taught speed reading techniques in the Dallas metroplex for more than 10 years. For details or to register, call ext. 3408; payment can be made by check, purchase order, MasterCard or Visa.

FACULTY TRIO SETS FALL CONCERT

The TWU Faculty Trio will open its new concert season on Mon., Sept. 9, with a chamber music program featuring guest appearances by pianist Herbert Holl, executive director of the Greater Denton Arts Council; and Candler Schaffer on French horn, newly-appointed conductor of the Denton Community Orchestra and resident artistic director for the Wichita Falls Symphony. Delta Holl, cellist, also will be featured in a performance of Hector Villa-Lobos' "The Jet Whistle."

The program will be presented in Margo Jones Performance Hall at 8 p.m.; the concert is free and open to the public. The TWU trio includes performing arts faculty members Pam Youngblood on flute, Jesse Youngblood on clarinet and Dr. Richard Rodean on bassoon. Selections will include contemporary works by Francis Baines and Laura Shur, along with more traditional 19th-century compositions by Felix Mendelssohn and Gioacchino Rossini. For information, call ext. 2500.

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OPEN FORUMS FOR FACULTY ANNOUNCED

Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) has scheduled three open forums for TWU faculty during the fall semester "...in an effort to communicate more regularly" with faculty during both the fall and spring terms. Members of the executive staff will participate as well; anyone who has questions should call ext. 3201. The fall schedule is listed below; spring dates will be announced at a later time:

- *Denton* -- Thurs., Oct. 3; 3:30 to 5 p.m.; MCL auditorium;
- *Dallas* -- Tues., Oct. 22; 3:30 to 5 p.m., 2nd floor faculty conference room (Parkland);
- *Houston* -- Wed., Oct. 30; 3:30 to 5 p.m., MGJ 718.

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TOSS KICKS OFF NEW YEAR

TOSS (TWU Office Support Staff), kicks off the 1996-97 year with its annual membership drive luncheon on Fri., Sept. 13, from noon to 1 p.m., CFO 102. All TWU office support staff are invited to attend this free event; the theme is "This is your lucky day!" Executive board members for TOSS will prepare a tasty salad buffet and will welcome new and returning members. Dues are \$5 for the academic year.

The organization's goals for the coming year, as stated in the TOSS constitution, are:

- to improve an organization through which the TWU office support staff contribute positively to the academic and professional excellence of the university;

- to provide support for conferences, workshops, programs and special events that professionally will enhance the membership;

- to provide opportunities for informal meetings that will promote fellowship, informal discussion and mutual support; and

- to encourage career and personal development of its members.

TOSS was founded during the 1983-84 academic year. For more information, call Tiffany Williams (family sciences) at ext. 2699.

AVOID MAIL FRAUD SCAM

The TWU department of public safety warns all employees about mail fraud following one employee's receipt of a letter that asked the recipient for personal banking information; the letter came to that individual's work address. "An employee of TWU has reported receiving a letter which is a mail scam asking for the recipient's banking information," said John Erwin (public safety). "The letter is from a governmental committee in Nigeria; it asks the recipient to fax back their bank account number and an authorization to withdraw money to Nigeria.

"This is a quick money scheme," said Erwin. "If any employee receives such a letter, don't act on it. Instead, send the original letter and the envelope to the postal inspector in care of the Denton postmaster." An investigation is under way by federal authorities. Erwin has posted the full text of the letter on VENUS under "letter fraud investigation."

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

TWU head basketball coach Lynn Bria (kinesiology) recently resigned her position to become primary recruiter for an NCAA Division I school; the announcement was made by Judy Southard (athletics). "Lynn has done an outstanding job over the past three years with our basketball program," said Southard. "We cannot fault her with her decision, but the timing obviously is very difficult. We will proceed immediately to attempt to identify the best possible person to continue the escalation of this program to the next level."

Bria, who joined TWU in 1993, compiled a 26-54 record. Each season the team progressed under her guidance during her three years as head coach, including last year's 13 wins -- the most in a season since TWU joined the Lone Star Conference in 1989. In other news:

■ The TWU gymnastics team earned team and individual academic honors recently. Finishing first among all NCAA Division II institutions, TWU gymnasts as a team placed 9th overall in the National Association of College Gymnastics Coaches/Women (NACGC/W) 1996 top 50 scholastic team rankings with a team grade point average of 3.34. NACGC/W ranks all women's gymnastics programs in NCAA Division I, II and III.

Six Pioneer gymnasts were named Scholastic All-Americans by ending the 1995-96 school year with a 3.5 GPA or better: senior Monique Taylor (4.0); freshman Sadie Warrent (4.0); freshman Missy Fife (3.889); junior Michelle Horsfall (3.862); sophomore Wendy Graves (3.688); and junior Heather Milligan (3.677).

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SPIRIT CLINIC HONORED FOR ITS SPIRIT

TWU's Spirit Clinic in Houston -- a clinic run by faculty and students in the College of Nursing for AIDS patients and their immediate family members -- has been recognized by Sigma Theta Tau International with a 1996 Archon Award, which is presented to "not-for-profit organizations creating successful model programs that are collaborative, innovative and contribute to the new direction of health care." Dr. Dianne Ragsdale (Houston, Nursing) will travel to Chicago on Sept. 10 to accept the award on behalf of TWU and those who staff the clinic.

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ARCHON AWARD, *continued*

"We are extremely proud to receive this award from our honor society for nursing," said Ragsdale. "We believed, when we submitted the paperwork for an Archon Award, that the clinic should be recognized because the Spirit Clinic was created and founded by a nurse and is managed by a nurse practitioner. The practitioners provide on-site care and coordinate a variety of health and social services. Spirit is staffed by persons who volunteer their time without pay. The clinic is supported by public and private funds, and care is given at no direct costs to clients."

"The mission of the Spirit Clinic is to provide holistic care for HIV-infected persons and their families to help them manage their lives, care for their families and enjoy an enhanced quality of life," added Ragsdale.

The criteria to receive an Archon Award includes: is the project collaborative and interdisciplinary? (Has it resulted in improved health care delivery or access?); is the project unique, innovative and transferable as a model for other venues/commodities?; and has the project contributed to the new direction in health care?

The Spirit Clinic was dedicated during the spring 1996 semester by Dr. Carol Surles (president's office), board of regents chair Nan Bailey, several other TWU regents and administrators, as well as elected, governmental and health care officials from the Houston area.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Faculty are asked to remind students about a leadership retreat at Summer Summits and Camp Copass on Fri. and Sat., Sept. 6 and 7. Departure is scheduled on Friday at 8 a.m. for a day-long ropes course adventure; participants will spend the night and the next day at Camp Copass for leadership break-out sessions. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes all meals except lunch on Friday. Pick up applications in student development, SC 134, or call ext. 3626.

Reminder: A multimedia exhibit by Dallas artist Leticia Huerta titled "Constructions" will be held through Fri., Sept. 20, in the TWU fine arts gallery. Huerta's work, which relies heavily on issues of family and culture, uses materials such as beeswax, metals and found objects, in conjunction with painting. A reception will be held in the gallery on Tues., Sept. 3, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. For details, call Gary Washmon (visual arts) at ext. 2530.

Correction: New faculty member April Bohannon (not Bonham) joined the School of Library and Information Studies this fall.

Reminder: The open door meeting schedule for TWU faculty, staff and students with Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) for fall 1996 includes the following dates (all appointments will be 20 minutes in length):

■ **Denton** -- 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 3; Tues., Sept. 10; Wed., Sept. 18; and Wed., Oct. 2; to schedule a visit, call Ann Wilkinson at 8-1-3206.

■ **Dallas** -- Presbyterian: 9 a.m. to noon, Wed., Oct. 9; Parkland: 2 to 5 p.m., Wed., Oct. 9; to schedule a visit, call Helene Bonavita at 8-2-6600.

■ **Houston** -- 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 29; 9 a.m. to noon on Wed., Oct. 30; call Lori Nelson at 8-4-2331 for an appointment.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Hoop-La again comes to the TWU campus Sept. 14-15 at 9 a.m. both days. Try 3-on-3 basketball or 3-point shoot-outs -- but try! The entry fee is \$85; Hoop-La benefits at-risk programs in the Denton Independent School District and the city of Denton. For details, call (817) 383-8002.

Reminder: TWU's University Club kicks off its fall 1996 schedule with a welcome back party on Fri., Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall (south foyer). New employees and their spouses will be guests of the club for this reception (others will be asked to pay \$5 each); additional events will include Oktoberfest and a Christmas party. The club features Friday evening gatherings that rotate among members' homes, as well as some brown bag lunches and other activities. Annual membership is \$25 per person; call Dr. Fritz Schwalm (biology) at ext. 2351.

The registrar's office reminds all faculty, staff and students that the deadline date to apply for Dec. 14, 1996, commencement is Fri., Sept. 6. This deadline applies to both graduate and undergraduate students -- **absolutely no late applications will be accepted.** Applications for graduation are available in the registrar's office, ADM 128. Call Amy McDonald at ext. 3036.

Reminder: The final candidate for the position of dean of enrollment management will participate in an open forum this week. All interested faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the following session; call Dr. Carolyn Gunning (Nursing) at ext. 2401 for details:

■ **John Witter**, associate director, office of admissions, University of Nevada-Las Vegas (1992 to present), on Wed., Sept. 4, 11:15 a.m. to noon, ACT 3.

Half-price tickets for Six Flags Over Texas on Sun., Sept. 29, may be purchased for that date only at a cost of \$16.50 each (which includes a free return ticket to Holiday in the Park). Visit student activities, SC 1st floor, for details and tickets.

The TWU Wellness Center hours are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Stretch breaks are back on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. in a class designed primarily for TWU employees. The center also is planning a health fair on Oct. 2, which will include cholesterol screening, flu shots and other healthy activities. More details are coming on the center's involvement in American Heart Association's annual Heart Walk in Denton on Sat., Sept. 28, at 8:30 a.m. For details about any of the Wellness Center's classes, orientation or other matters, call ext. 2900.

University Chorus is open to all faculty, staff and students at TWU. For a musical break during the day, please join the chorus from 1 to 2:30 p.m., MU 307, Monday and Wednesday. The group currently is preparing a concert titled "Rhythm of Life," which will include lullabies, love songs and songs of celebration from all over the world. No audition is necessary; call Dr. Janice Killian (performing arts, music) at ext. 2505 for details.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please note: Student scholarships or activities are not included in the "People" section of *TWU Update* -- a faculty and staff newsletter -- unless they are done in conjunction with or sponsored by a faculty member who submits that information and includes her or his name and department. Otherwise, the information is sent to the *Lasso*, TWU's student newspaper.

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TWU PEOPLE, *continued*

Dr. **Roberta Nutt** (psychology and philosophy) has been selected president-elect of Division 43 (family psychology) of the American Psychology Association. She will serve as president in 1998. Nutt also has been elected Fellow in Division 17 (counseling psychology) and Division 51 (Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity). The Fellow results were announced at the annual APA convention in Toronto in August.

Dr. **Nancy Glick** (dental hygiene) has been appointed to serve on the national board of dental hygiene test construction committee by the American Dental Association. She attended a four-day committee meeting in Chicago recently at which time test items in community dental health were drafted for the 1998-99 board examinations. Beginning in 1998, dental hygiene national boards will be formatted using a case-based structure.

A warm welcome to the following people employed by TWU during the months of April, May, June and July: admissions and registration -- **Linda Frank**, clerical specialist I; **Catherine Johnson**, secretary II; **Leatrice Taylor**, clerical specialist II... Blagg-Huey Library -- **Katherine Ott**, clerical specialist III... Child Development Center -- **Nancy Jones**, assistant director... controller's office -- **Sherri Stottlemeyer**, accounting assistant I... development -- **Jerri Pastor**, director of development... financial aid -- **Edna Davis**, secretary III.

Also, golf course -- **Garrold Roberts**, golf course assistant... graduate admissions -- **Nancy Bradley**, clerical specialist II... Graduate School -- **Darla Milligan**, transcript evaluator I... human resources -- **Linda Sloan**, manager of employee relations and training... kinesiology - **Timothy Burnett**, custodian I... Library and Information Studies -- **Deanna Sanchez**, secretary I... maintenance, Dallas -- **Rad Fedric**, maintenance worker III; **Maria Montemayor**, **Sammy Sampson**, and **Marie Shields**, custodian I... Nursing -- **Marilyn Morris**, secretary II part-time... nutrition and food sciences -- **Jean Rawling**, research technician III.

Also, performing arts, dance -- **Burlyce Logan**, secretary II... Physical Therapy, Houston --- **Billy Davis**, research technician III... physical plant -- **Marie Henson**, **Cynthia Oliver**, **Veronica Thomas**, custodian I... printing services -- **Stephen Brenholtz**, bindery equipment operator... public safety -- **Laurie Lindamood**, teller II; **Elizabeth Pauley**, police officer I... registrar's office -- **Katherine Watson**, clerical specialist I... Science and Math Center for Women -- **Kim Florea**, project coordinator... student center -- **June Leek**, custodian I... student health -- **Deborah Daboub**, nurse practitioner... Wellness Center -- **Johnna Hinton**, dietitian.

Dr. **Frank Thomas** (family sciences) has been chosen to serve on the inaugural editorial advisory board of the *Journal of the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy*.

Dr. **Janice Killian** (performing arts, music) presented an all-day workshop titled "Selecting Music for Success with Middle School Choirs" for teachers of Orange County schools in Orlando, Fla., in preparation for the new school year. She presented a similar workshop at the Schmitt Music Clinic for Minneapolis-area choral educators.

Norma Davidson (performing arts, music) received word that the PBS series *Wishbone*, for which she recorded the music, won an Emmy. The children's series dramatizes classic literature such as *Tom Sawyer* and *A Tale of Two Cities* and currently is seen in 59 countries.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1996

- Aug. 26-Sept. 20 -Visual arts exhibit: Leticia Huerta-Solo, Fine Arts Building, West Gallery, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2531)
- Sept. 1-5 -Community Dance Center registration, dance classes for all ages; DGL 206, 1-5 p.m. (Ext. 2088)
- Mon.-Thurs.,
Sept. 2-5 -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight.
-Learning Assistance Center Brown Bag Seminar: "Rating Your Learning and Study Skills," CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)
- Mon., Sept. 2 -Suggested deadline for 1997 spring only financial aid, financial aid office, 5 p.m. (Ext. 3050)
-SGA meeting, SC 110, noon-1 p.m. (Ext. 3652)
- Wed., Sept. 4 -Student Development: Organization Fair, SC 2, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
-Open forum: Dean of Enrollment Management candidate, ACT 3, 11:15-noon. (Ext. 2401)
-Student Development: Zip Code Luncheon, SC Garden Room, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Ext. 3626)
-SGA meeting, SC 006-007, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3652)
- Thurs.-Tues.,
Sept. 5-10 -Continuing education: Maintenance Management Institute, Denton, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. (Ext. 3404)
- Fri.-Sat.
Sept. 6-7 -Student Development: Student Leader Retreat, \$25 each; call Student Development for application or stop by SC 134. (Ext. 3626)
-Continuing education: Advanced Manual Orthopedic Full Spine High Velocity Low Amplitude Technique: Grade V Manipulation; Dallas-Presbyterian, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 3404)
- Fri., Sept. 6 -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
-Last day to file application for graduation by students completing degree requirements by Dec. 1996, 4 p.m. (Ext. 3030)
-Library and Information Studies: Meeting of School's Advisory Committee, SH 402, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 2602)
-Biology seminar: "The Menstrual Cycle and Alcohol: Role of Serotonin," Dr. James Bjork, UT Mental Science Institute; CFO 205, 4-5 p.m.
-University Club: Welcome old/new members, HH south foyer 5:30 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 7 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
-Bookstore open 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 8 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed.