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NEW APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

TWU has named a new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences -- Dr. Suzann Buckley -- and a new assistant dean -- Dr. Lucille Travis -- in the College of Nursing in Houston. Buckley's appointment was announced by Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) on July 11, and Dr. Carolyn Gunning (Nursing) notified the campus community in mid-July that Travis will join the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center. The vacancies were created when Dr. Robert Collier retired as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Carolyn Adamson returned to teaching.

Buckley, currently special assistant to the chancellor for academic development and professor of history at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at UMass-Dartmouth from 1993 to 1996. Previously, she was associate dean of arts and sciences at the State University of New York at Plattsburgh from 1986 to 1993. UMass-Dartmouth, the smallest of five campuses within the University of Massachusetts system, has approximately 6,000 students and 320 faculty. The College of Arts and Sciences is the largest of five colleges on the campus and includes 13 departments, three programs (African-American, honors and women's studies) and the Labor Education Center.

During the past years, Buckley has been involved in leadership efforts to improve undergraduate programs, develop graduate education and increase support for equity and diversity. "The undergraduate initiative, called the Common Academic Experience, enables faculty and students from various disciplines to work together in teaching and advising clusters in order to incorporate some of the best practices in general education," said Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants), who chaired the search committee for the dean's position. "Dr. Buckley also is working with the associate dean of engineering at UMass-Dartmouth to secure external funding for a pilot across-college integrated freshman curriculum to provide more opportunities for women and minorities to succeed in engineering." At the graduate level, the new TWU dean developed a Master of Arts in teaching, a proposed doctoral program in professional writing and a joint doctoral program in chemistry between UMass-Dartmouth and UMass-Lowell.

Buckley, who has both teaching and administrative experience, earned her undergraduate degree from Regis College, a master's degree from Mount Holyoke and her doctorate in history from Duke University. She has held post-doctoral appointments as senior Fellow at the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government and as Hannah Visiting Professor of History and of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. She will join the TWU campus community in September.

Travis, currently with the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University (Cleveland, Ohio), served as that school's BSN program director and assistant professor from 1990 to 1995 and its BSN program and admissions director from 1990 to 1992. She previously taught and had administrative responsibilities at the Indiana University School of Nursing (South Bend, Ind.). She also was a graduate administrative associate and graduate research associate in several departments at the Ohio State University. Travis also has worked in several charge nurse positions at various acute care facilities.

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The new assistant dean in Houston is a member of Sigma Xi (the scientific research society), Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honorary and the Torch Club, OSU's nursing honor society. She was named the HBO and Company Nurse Scholar for Informatics in 1995; recipient of the OSU Graduate School Research Alumni Award for Dissertation Research in 1989; recipient of the OSU College of Education's Thomas C. Holy Fellowship for Excellence in Higher Education in 1989; and scholarship recipient (the American Lutheran Church Scholarship for Advanced Studies, 1978 and 1979).

Travis, who will begin her new position at TWU on Aug. 1, earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from OSU, her master's degree in nursing education (medical/surgical nursing) from OSU and her doctorate from the OSU College of Education's department of educational policy and leadership, with a program emphasis in higher education administration. She also is certified in nursing administration by the American Nurses Association through 2001.

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TWU RECEIVES CORPORATE GIFTS

While countless numbers of volunteers and individuals contribute to their communities, many corporations and foundations make a difference in those communities as well. Often, their dedication to service enables other organizations -- like TWU -- to provide assistance in ways that make life better. Recently, the Meadows Foundation, the Exxon Corporation and the Houston Endowment contributed funds to the TWU Foundation for projects that touch the lives of children and families, as well as students who pursuing degrees and careers to help others.

"Grants from world leaders like the Exxon Corporation and civic leaders like the Meadows Foundation and the Houston Endowment enable Texas Woman's University to serve our communities and to improve the quality of life for children and families," said Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement). "The grants from these three organizations specifically will enable us to provide health care for underserved populations and to education health care providers (nurses, specifically) who will continue that tradition as well."

■ Since its doors opened in 1989, the TWU CARES Health Center has expanded both the number of Denton-area patients it serves and the types of services it provides to those residents. The center, which began as a clinical site for TWU nursing students and a place where area residents could receive health care, offers primary care to underserved and underinsured populations in Denton. During its first year, TWU CARES volunteers (nursing faculty and students) saw several hundred patients; staff members and students now see several thousand annually.

As the center has expanded, so has its need for additional space. In 1996, the Denton Housing Authority provided several units within the Phoenix Apartments for remodeling so that more patients could be served. The Meadows Foundation, based in Dallas, recently donated \$25,000 to be used "toward the renovation and expansion of a nurse-managed health center in a public housing development." The TWU CARES renovation project involves new concrete and electrical work, which is either completed or under way, to remodel 2,500 square feet of space. The renovated area will include five examination rooms, a business office, a counseling area, a work room for TWU students and an office for the center's staff.

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The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution established in 1948 by Algor H. and Virginia Meadows to benefit the people of Texas. The foundation's mission is to assist the people and institutions of Texas to improve the quality and circumstances of life for themselves and future generations. The foundation's grants support work in the fields of art and culture, civic and public affairs, education, health and human services. The foundation's board has particular interest in imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems through projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency and in capital plans which enable projects to flourish.

■ In March 1997, the TWU College of Nursing went on wheels with MCARES, a mobile nursing unit that serves people who may not have any other access to health care -- children, in particular, who attend Head Start programs at five sites in the Dallas area. Seven key organizations, including the Exxon Corporation, joined forces and resources to launch MCARES; now Exxon has contributed an additional \$50,000 for operating expenses so that the project continues to serve those in need. TWU nursing faculty and students are staffing the van as part of their clinical experiences, and they have identified immunizations as one of their primary targets; prenatal care for mothers is another.

TWU's focus on immunizations signals the university's commitment to primary health care, which reduces medical costs and promotes disease prevention. Some of the other services offered include physical examinations, diagnosis and treatment of common health problems (infections and minor injuries, for example) and chronic illness, initial prenatal care and follow-ups, well-child care, developmental screenings, health education, referrals to other health care professionals for further care when necessary and other work. Exxon's grant will enable the program to continue to serve others.

■ This spring, the Houston Endowment Inc. provided a \$175,000 matching grant that, when combined with the \$175,000 grant from the TWU Foundation, was used to establish the Mary Gibbs Jones Endowed Scholarships in Nursing; the endowment total is \$350,000. The TWU Foundation directed a portion (\$175,000) of the funds received from the estate of Mattie Maye Glover Wilkinson to be used for the new nursing endowment.

"There is no gift more meaningful in higher education than one which supports our students," said Sennett Kirk, chair of the TWU Foundation. "This scholarship has special meaning because it honors the memory of Mary Gibbs Jones, who advocated and supported women's education throughout her life. Mrs. Jones received an honorary degree from Texas Woman's University in 1958."

The stream of income generated by the fund will provide scholarships for students who have been accepted for admission or who are enrolled in upper-division or graduate-level nursing courses in the TWU College of Nursing in Denton, Dallas and Houston. Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee of nursing faculty members.

Houston philanthropists Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Jones established the Houston Endowment Inc. in 1937. The foundation's purpose is to support any charitable undertaking. "Without the generosity of foundations and corporations, TWU would not be able to serve others, to start new programs and to provide opportunities that enhance the education of our students," added Gigl. "We thank them, we applaud them and we look forward to working together in the future."

SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM REACCREDITED

The TWU program in social work recently was reaccruited by the Council on Social Work Education, Commission on Accreditation, for eight more years. "We feel extremely happy about this (reaccreditation)," said Dr. Linda Nickum-Marshall (sociology and social work), who directs the program. "Aside from confirming the high quality of our social work program, the accreditation is significant because -- in the state of Texas -- students must have a bachelor's degree in social work from an accredited program before they are eligible to take the social work licensing exam. Only persons who pass the licensing exam may practice social work in Texas."

TWU's program initially was accredited in 1974, the first year that undergraduate social work programs were eligible for accreditation. "We were one of two baccalaureate programs to become accredited that year, and we have maintained that accreditation ever since," added Nickum-Marshall. The program submitted its self-study to the council last fall.

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GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS ANNOUNCED

The office of institutional advancement has announced that the following gifts of \$10,000 or more, plus newly established endowments, were received during the period from March 1, 1997, to July 3, 1997:

- Friends and family in honor of Richard and Marji Bentley on their 50th anniversary, to establish the Bentley Scholarship Endowment Fund for students majoring in music education;
- Dr. Lucyle Hook, gift of stock to enhance the Autrey Nell Wiley Scholarship Endowment for students majoring in English;
- Jo Kuhn, gift of stock to establish the Jo Kuhn Endowment Fund for Women's Athletics to support athletic scholarships for student athletes participating in the women's intercollegiate athletics scholarship program;
- Jo Kuhn, gift of stock to support softball field improvements for intercollegiate athletics;
- Helen and John Perry, gift to enhance the Helen Thomas Perry Scholarship Endowment for students majoring in art; and
- Ruth and David Wingo, gift to enhance the Ruth James Wingo Scholarship Endowment for Journalism.

For more information, call Jane Erwin (institutional advancement) at ext. 3869.

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INSURANCE ENROLLMENT UNDER WAY

Summer enrollment for group insurance and TexFlex programs will be held from July 21 through Aug. 15. During summer enrollment, the Employees Retirement System offers an opportunity for employees to make certain changes to their Uniform Group Insurance coverage, to change their TexFlex premium conversion election and to enroll in TexFlex reimbursement accounts. Benefits coordinators in the department of human resources will be available on Wed., July 23, to assist employees with completing the forms necessary to make changes during summer enrollment; the session will be held in Denton from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m., SC 207-208. No appointments are necessary. For details, call Amy Hall (human resources) at 8-1-3555.

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Employees are encouraged to visit with benefits coordinators on July 23; however, employees do not need to complete any forms if **all** of the following statements are true:

- The employee does not want to change any insurance coverages;
- The employee does not want to participate in a TexFlex health care or dependent care reimbursement account;
- The employee's current TexFlex premium conversion election is not changing; and
- The employee's mailing address and residential zip code are correct on the "Schedule of Coverage" form (which each employee already has received from human resources).

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LIS EXPLORES REWARDS FOR READING

The TWU School of Library and Information Studies will present a one-day that will explore how to motivate children, in particular, to read. Titled "Punished by Reward: What Motivates Kids to Read," the program will focus on a topic that currently is receiving national attention as the merits and problems are debated about reward programs for children that prompt them to read. The seminar, scheduled on Mon., July 28, will be held in Margo Jones Performance Hall and will begin at 9 a.m. The fee for the symposium is \$30 per person; box lunches are available at an additional cost.

The keynote speaker, Alfie Kohn, will address the group at 11 a.m. Kohn is the author of *Punished by Rewards: The Trouble with Gold Stars, Incentive Plans, A's, Praise and Other Bribes*. "Librarians, teachers and other participants will be offered strategies for reading motivation that encourage children to read without creating incentive programs that ultimately may devalue the process of reading," said Dr. Betty Carter (Library and Information Studies), who is coordinating the symposium. "We will talk about reward systems and using them to get children to read. We will explore short-term methods versus long-term systems."

Additional speakers will include nationally and locally known librarians, publishers, authors and professors who will conduct breakout sessions on ways to encourage reading and to motivate readers. "We have seen enormous evidence that (short-term) reward systems do not pay off in the end," added Carter. "Students don't continue that (reading) behavior with short-term rewards. The symposium will explore many sides of the issue. Teachers, parents, librarians representing systems in many states surrounding Texas and others are registering for the program. Parents are coming -- those who are happy and unhappy about what's going on." For more information, call Carter at ext. 2602 or e-mail her at f_carter@twu.edu.

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HOUSING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

It's that time again...time to welcome new faces to campus -- especially students who are coming to TWU for the first time. The department of university housing (the residence life program in particular) would like to give faculty and staff an opportunity to make a difference in the beginning of a student's experience on campus by helping with check-in and moving in on Sun., Aug. 24, from 1 to 6 p.m.

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“TWU has a reputation of providing a strong academic experience, within a supportive learning environment, for its students,” said Nancy Murphy-Chadwick (housing). “We are inviting our faculty and staff to participate in TWU’s second annual ‘Welcome to Campus’ program.” Volunteers will help students and their parents check in, move in belongings and serve refreshments. Participants will receive special T-shirts and are asked to sign up in advance for 2-hour shifts (or more!). Interested persons are invited to contact the department of university housing by July 22 or to fill out forms that already have been mailed to their homes. Call ext. 3676 for details.

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NEWSBRIEFS

An open forum with Dr. Carol Surles (president’s office) will be held at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center on Thurs., Aug. 21, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., MGJ 206. All interested faculty, staff and students are invited to hear an update on the university. For details, call Ann Wilkinson (president’s office) at 8-1-3206.

“Deep in the Heart of Texas” -- that’s where TWU faculty, staff and students are invited to go on Tues., July 29, as the department of nutrition and food sciences offers food and “fixins” for some down-home fun. Delicious food, toe-tapping entertainment (square dancing) and barbecued beef brisket or barbecued chicken with the “fixins” (including apple cobbler a la mode for dessert) are included for \$7 per person. For tickets or information, call ext. 2636.

Reminder: All TWU faculty are invited to mark their calendars and make their plans to attend the 1997 TWU Faculty Development Day on Fri., Aug. 26. The event will include information and training sessions, a luncheon and a guest speaker, according to Dr. James Galloway (library), the event’s coordinator. Session description materials and registration forms were sent to all regular TWU faculty in early July. *Please return completed registration forms to the office of the vice president for academic affairs no later than Aug. 18, 1997.* For registration or related Faculty Development Day matters, contact Galloway at 8-1-3707 or s_galloway.

Employees who use a university pager are advised that the state contract for pager services will expire on July 31, 1997. All pagers provided by vendors on this contract must be returned to them by that date. A new contract with different vendors is in place, and departments using pager services must process new purchase orders for pager rental beginning Aug. 1, 1997. For details or more help, call Krista Hodge (purchasing) at 8-1-3585.

Mark those calendars! TWU Mortar Board has scheduled its annual auction on Wed., Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the SC Garden Room. More information will be printed as it becomes available. Proceeds from this effort are used to help people in the community.

Reminder: The deadline for human resources to receive a personnel vacancy form is 1 p.m. each Wednesday. Vacant positions are added to TWU’s employment bulletin based on information from the personnel vacancy form. Vacancy forms received after the deadline will be placed in the employment bulletin and appropriate newspaper the following week. For details, call Annette Johnson (human resources) at ext. 3555.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: TWU will hold a blood drive sponsored by the American Red Cross on Mon. and Tues., July 21 and 22, in Denton from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in SC 207-208. All faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to donate blood. Those who donate will receive refreshments following their participation, plus a T-shirt in recognition of their contribution. Walk-ins are welcome. For details or to volunteer as staff during the blood drive, call the event's coordinator, Dr. Don Rosen (Counseling Center), at ext. 3801.

The office of information technology services has announced that TWU will host Datatel's regional workshop for Colleague Release 14 on Tues. and Wed., July 29 and 30. TWU will welcome Datatel's Texas-area clients who currently are "live" on Release 13 of the Colleague Student System, and the workshop will kick off the implementation of the Release 14 project. "The two-day workshop will provide an overview of the new student system and implementation project," said Grace Chalon (ITS). For details, contact Chalon by e-mail: chalon@TWU.edu.

HOOP-LA, a nonprofit organization that raises money for several Denton Independent School District programs for at-risk students, will hold its annual basketball tournament at TWU on Sept. 6 and 7. The tournament, which will be held in the Blagg-Huey Library parking lot, features three-on-three basketball and a 3-point shoot-out. The entry fee is \$85, and the deadline to register is Aug. 23. For details, call Dr. Vic Ben-Ezra (kinesiology) at ext. 2597.

Reminder: It's Cool Tuesday all summer! Join the office of student activities as staff members present Cool Tuesday fun for all faculty, staff and students on campus. Future "Cool Tuesdays" this summer include: "Creature Feature: 'Creature from the Black Lagoon'" on July 22 at 9 p.m. on the Hubbard Oval; "Double Feature" on July 29 ("Father of the Bride"- 1991 at 7 p.m., SC 006-007, and "Father of the Bride"-1950 at 9 p.m., Hubbard Oval); and "E.T. Phone Home for 25 Cents" (continental U.S. only; time limit) on Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., SC 2.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Marian Jernigan** (fashion and textiles) and **Amanda Chesser** (student life, Houston) co-authored a poster titled "Perceptions of Females Featured in Fashion Magazine Editorial Photography," which Jernigan presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Science in Washington, D.C., June 21-24.

Dr. **Becky Code** (biology) co-authored a paper titled "Calretinin Expression in the Chick Brainstem Auditory Nuclei Develops and Is Maintained Independently of Cochlear Nerve Input," which was published recently in the *Journal of Comparative Neurology*.

Cynthia Johnson (undergraduate admissions) is the 1997-98 president of the North Texas Council of College and University Registrars and Admissions Officers. She also has been appointed to the recruitment and school relations committee of the Texas Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers for 1997-98. Several members of the office of enrollment management attended the summer meeting of the NTCCURAO recently.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of **Joyce Strong** (performing arts), who passed away July 10 after a prolonged illness.

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Condolences are expressed to TWU regent and board chair **Sheila Whitaker-Kellagher**, whose father, Buryl A. Whitaker, died July 11. A service was held in Paris, Texas, on July 14.

A warm welcome to TWU alumna **Dina Hinojosa-Ramos** (enrollment management), a new admissions counselor in the office of undergraduate admissions. Hinojosa-Ramos graduated from the university in the spring and holds a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Dr. **Frank Longoria** (English, speech and foreign languages) has been re-appointed to serve on the 1997-98 executive board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Susan Sponsler (public information) recently participated in a photographic exhibition titled "Ephemeral Truths" and received a first-place cash award in the show. The show was sponsored by the San Marcos Fine Arts Center and was juried by Jean Caslin.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JULY 21-AUG. 3, 1997

June 1-Aug. 31	-Blagg-Huey exhibit: Homecoming--Class of '47, first floor, library hours.
Mon.-Fri., July 21-25	-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., July 26	-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., July 27	-Blagg-Huey Library open 2-9 p.m.; bookstore closed Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
Wed., July 30	-Last day to drop a class or withdraw from the university, 5 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., July 28-Aug. 1	-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 2	-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 3	-Blagg-Huey Library open 2-9 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

Camps and Special Programs

July 17-20	-Universal Cheerleaders Association. (Ext. 3644)
July 23-26	-Universal Cheerleaders Association. (Ext. 3644)
July 28-31	-National Cheerleaders Association. (Ext. 3644)
July 28	-Denton County Probation. (Ext. 3644)