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TWU WILL CONTINUE IN-HOUSE CUSTODIAL SERVICES

During a meeting with custodial staff on Thurs., June 19, Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) informed employees that TWU will continue to use in-house custodial staff rather than contracting off-campus for those services. Floyd, who stressed that custodial services and all other services on campus would continue to be reviewed for performance and efficiency/ cost, credited the hard work and knowledge of custodial staff members as a key factor in her decision.

“When we reviewed cost comparisons, there would be, in fact, a cost savings by going with an outside contractor,” said Floyd. “However, when we factored in the quality of service provided by our own staff, the flexibility afforded by you -- the TWU staff, your long-term familiarity with the needs of the university, and consideration for the staff and your families, it was my recommendation to Dr. Surles that at this time we retain our staff to perform custodial services. You should take pride in knowing that what you contribute as individuals made the difference in this decision.” Floyd’s announcement was interrupted by applause from custodial staff members in Denton, Dallas (Parkland and Presbyterian) and Houston; videoconferencing was used to share the news with approximately 60 staff who participated at the four locations.

Floyd said, “Please understand also that we will be required on an ongoing basis to evaluate costs and services to ensure that the university is provided the highest quality of services for the resources that are expended.” She added, “I am calling on each of you to constantly look at ways we might do things better -- and more efficiently -- so that when we are asked to justify the continuation of providing in-house custodial services, we can with pride and confidence say, ‘We can do it better, and with comparable costs.’”

Earlier this year, TWU bid custodial services to evaluate options for providing such services, according to Floyd, who set a 10 percent savings minimum as the basis for whether TWU would consider contracting out custodial services. Information gathered from the bid process indicated that the university would save approximately 10 percent, and Floyd repeated to her audience that the work, flexibility and familiarity of TWU custodial employees -- which she said cannot be quantified on paper -- were factors that influenced her recommendation.

During a brief question-and-answer session, Floyd reiterated that custodial services and other areas of the university will be re-evaluated continuously; however, a comprehensive study like the one conducted during FY 97 in custodial services would not occur during FY 98. She made no promises beyond that point and said, “I have to reserve the right to continually evaluate services. But I hope that we, working together, can begin to cut costs and contribute to saving the university money, which will take us farther into the future.”

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Dr. Carol Surles invites all TWU faculty and staff to an open forum (a summer update) on Mon., June 30, 1997, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in CFO 204.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES FOR NEW REGENTS SET

TWU's three new regents -- Dr. Cynthia Perry, Marie Martch and Douglas Myers -- have been scheduled to participate in swearing-in ceremonies, following Senate confirmation this spring. Perry, a retired United States ambassador, was sworn in as regent on Wed., June 18, during a 3:30 p.m. ceremony at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center. Her oath was administered by Judge Dwight Jefferson of the 215th District Court.

Martch, a resident of Belton (Texas) and TWU alumna, and Myers, a Plano banker, will be sworn in by Judge Jeff Moseley of Denton County prior to the regents' next board meeting on June 26 and 27; Perry also will participate. The ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. on ACT 16 next Thursday, following a 10:30 a.m. reception to honor new and current regents.

The TWU board of regents will meet in committees on Thurs., June 26, starting at 1 p.m. and on Fri., June 27, from 9 a.m. to noon. The public meeting of the board will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday; all sessions will be held on ACT 16, and the general public and members of the campus community may attend.

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NEW COMPONENT WILL HELP WITH STUDENT RESEARCH

A new component -- Undergraduate and Graduate Research Support -- has been established at TWU to coordinate and promote the university's efforts in student research. The office, which will be directed by Dr. Michael Droge (biology) and staffed by Susan Phillips (chemistry and physics), is located in SC 001-003.

"The UGRS office is eager to assist TWU students in pursuing scholarly activities appropriate for their chosen field of study," said Droge. "One of our initial tasks will be to gather information about students who are involved with research. Since research opens minds -- and doors! -- this effort should serve TWU students well."

The new office will work within the university and with external constituencies as well to:

- target recruitment activities for student research;
- obtain external funding for programs of student research;
- assist students in finding and applying for research scholarships and fellowships;
- coordinate TWU support services for students;
- increase student research activity;
- assist students with finding and obtaining post-graduate training and career opportunities;
- develop a university-wide system to track current and former students' research and career activities; and
- facilitate program evaluation.

For details, call Droge in the UGRS office at 8-1-2457 or send inquiries and e-mail to StudentRes@twu.edu.

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MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATED

Representatives of the Trinity Forks chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas presented a plaque to TWU on Thurs., June 19, to dedicate a memorial garden honoring the society's co-founder Benny Simpson, who died last year. Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) accepted the plaque on the university's behalf from chapter president Lou Kraft. Simpson and former TWU President Mary Evelyn Blagg-Huey began the Native Plant Society of Texas in Denton in 1979 at TWU. Simpson was responsible for the commercial introduction of many now-common landscape plants, and he encouraged the use of native Texas plants in landscapes.

Byers-Pevitts said, "On behalf of Dr. Carol Surles and Texas Woman's University, I would like to thank the Trinity Forks chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas for cultivating and dedicating the Benny Simpson Memorial Garden on our campus. TWU is known for the beauty of its campus, and the society's gift will only add to that reputation. We also are pleased that our gardens were chosen as the site where the society honors a man who greatly influenced Texas horticulture and landscaping.

"Not only will the garden be enjoyed by students, faculty, staff and visitors for years to come, but the endeavors of Benny Simpson will be remembered as well," she added.

The Benny Simpson Memorial Garden was designed by G. Owen Yost, a Denton landscape architect and columnist for the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. The garden, approximately 400 square feet, incorporates Wax Myrtle, Inland Seaots, Longspur Columbine, Turk's Cap and Native Redbud. Located south of the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, the garden will provide a colorful setting all year for visitors and the campus community. Money, plants or materials for the garden were donated. Persons interested in helping can send donations to the Benny Simpson Memorial, Box 424891, Denton TX 76204.

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STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDED BY COMMITTEE

Members of the student travel funds allocation committee, chaired by Dr. Basil Hamilton (psychology and philosophy) met recently and awarded funds to 14 TWU students who met the year's third funding period deadline (April 4). Students interested in applying for 4th-period funding awards must submit applications by July 17, 1997. Forms and guidelines are available from departmental offices or from the office of the vice president for student life. Recipients and their presentations are listed below.

■ *Suparna Mishra* (biology) -- Research Society on Alcoholism, San Francisco, Calif.: "Gender Issues in Alcohol Research: A Comparison of Findings from Human and Animal Models."

■ *Evelyn Parker* (psychology) -- Association for Women in Psychology conference, Pittsburgh, Penn.: "Forging the Future -- Feminist."

■ *Mary Bold* (family sciences) -- National Council on Family Relations, Crystal City, Va.: "Using the Internet to Present Family Sciences Information to Undergraduate Students."

■ *Rozena McCabe* (kinesiology) -- North American Society for Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity, Denver, Colo.: "Effects of Static and Dynamic Visual Models on the Acquisition of a Complex Motor Skill."

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STUDENT TRAVEL, *continued*

■ *Joe Michael Cruz* (sociology) -- Conference of American Men's Studies Association, Nashville, Tenn.: "Mexican-American Homosexual Men."

■ *Sherry Little* (Library and Information Studies) -- American Library Association conference, San Francisco, Calif.: "Indexing a Slide Collection: Development of a Database and Instruction Manual."

■ *Katherine Hughes* (Physical Therapy) -- American Physical Therapy Association national conference, San Diego, Calif.: "Reliability of Integrated Electromyography Values of Upper and Lower Trapezius Muscle in Normals During Glenohumeral Elevation in Scapular Plane."

■ *Joseph Nolan* (kinesiology) -- International Symposium for Adapted Physical Activity, Quebec, Canada: "Autism and Physical Activity: American and Danish Perspectives."

■ *Amitra Avette Hodge* (sociology) -- Southwestern Social Science Association conference, New Orleans, La.: "Mental Disorder or a Normal Response: Let's Take Another Look."

■ *Hailing Xiao* (English, speech and foreign languages) -- 1996 Modern Language Association convention, Washington, D.C.: "The Ideal and the Real in Robert Penn Warren's *All the King's Men*."

■ *Shazia Ahmed* (biology) -- International Conference on Genes, Gene Families and Isozymes, San Antonio, Texas: "A Polymerase Switch in the Synthesis of rDNA in *S. cerevisiae*."

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■ *Samuel Wren* (biology) -- Research Society on Alcoholism, San Francisco, Calif.: "Early Stress and Alcohol Intake."

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NEWSBRIEFS

The Denton Elks Lodge presented a United States flag to Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration), who accepted on behalf of TWU, during a special ceremony on Flag Day, held Sat., June 14.

Reminder: TWU Summerfest '97 (theater) will stage a play in conjunction with "Shakespeare in the Park," a Fort Worth-based professional theater company, which will present *The Taming of the Shrew*. The play, also produced in association with Texas Wesleyan University, is running daily (except Mondays) through Sun., July 6. Performances are held at the Trinity Park Playhouse, located on the corner of 7th Street and Trinity Park Boulevard in Fort Worth. The gates open at 6:45 p.m., and the performance begins at 8:30 p.m. Tickets for lawn and table seating range from \$6 to \$12, and children ages 12 and under are admitted free. Discounts are available for students, seniors and groups of 15 or more persons. Dinner packages are available. For reservations, call "Shakespeare in the Park" at (817) 923-6698.

And...The second production of the TWU Summerfest '97 season, *Bedroom Farce*, will be performed in Redbud Theatre on Fri. and Sat., July 11-12 and 18-19; and at 2 p.m. on Sun., July 20. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for students, seniors, university staff and faculty; and \$3 for TWU students with valid ID. Ticket sales begin Tues., July 1, at the theatre box office. Discounts are available with a ticket stub from *The Taming of the Shrew*; call ext. 2020 for tickets or details.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

“Feminist Theory” will be the subject of the critical theory discussion group’s next meeting on Fri., July 11, at 1 p.m., CFO 1307. The group -- formed by Dr. Judith Bean, Russell Greer and Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) -- will discuss the “Canon” section from Robyn Warhol’s anthology titled *Feminisms*. Essays are on reserve in the library (call number Sou-Eng-B11); all members of the university community are welcome to join the informal group. For details, call Souris at ext. 2324.

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: “Green Thumb Gardening” on June 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., SC 2; “Hot Diggity Dog” on July 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hubbard Oval; “Double Feature” (“It’s a Mad, Mad, Mad World” on July 8 at 7 p.m., SC 207, and “Rocky Horror Picture Show” at 9 p.m., Hubbard Oval); “Ice Cream Floats” on July 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., SC 2; “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. For details, call ext. 3611.

Locks in the Science Building will be changed by the department of public safety during the week of June 30. New keys will be available in the DPS office on Oakland Avenue from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., weekdays, beginning June 23. Persons with a deposit on file may pick up their “wide-body” key to the same room or entrance; those who don’t have a deposit on file must submit a key request form signed by the dean. After locks are changed and appropriate faculty and staff have their wide-body keys, they should return old keys to the DPS office. For details, call Raquie Gasperson at ext. 2919.

Reminder: Anyone who has any type of aerobic fitness equipment that they now are using as a coat or clothes rack (or standing unused in the garage) is asked to donate it to the TWU gymnastics team. “We are looking for donations of good quality aerobic equipment to use in our practice facility. Exercise bikes and treadmills are needed,” said Frank Kudlac (kinesiology). To donate, call Kudlac at ext. 2384.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Janice Killian** (performing arts, music) presented a research paper titled “A Description of Vocal Maturation Among Fifth- and Sixth-Grade Boys” during the 12th annual Symposium for Research in Music Behavior held in Minneapolis, Minn., May 1-3. Killian also recently served as adjudicator for 159 state and regional choirs at the Sandy Lake Choral Festival in Carrollton.

Dr. **Chris French Beatty** (dental hygiene) has been appointed interim chair of the department of dental hygiene following Dr. **Nancy Glick’s** return to full-time teaching.

A reception honoring Dr. **Nancy Kingsbury** (family sciences) was held on June 18. Kingsbury is leaving TWU to become chair of the department of family and consumer sciences at Georgia Southern University.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JUNE 23-JULY 6, 1997

June 1-July 31	-Blagg-Huey exhibit: Homecoming--Class of '47, 1st floor, library hours.
Mon.-Fri., June 23-27	-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.
Tues., June 24	-Student activities: "Cool Tuesday-Green Thumb Gardening," SC 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
Wed.-Sat., June 25-28	-Continuing education: 4th National Symposium on Teaching Kinesiology and Biomechanics in Sports, Denton, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 3404)
Thurs., June 26	-Timesheets for salaried employees due, payroll office, 5 p.m. -Deadline for purchase orders that involve STATE OPEN -- orders totaling \$15,000 or more. (Ext. 3585)
Sat., June 28	-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., June 29	-Blagg-Huey Library open 2-9 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
Mon.-Thurs., June 30-July 3	-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.
Mon., June 30	-Open forum with Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) for faculty and staff, CFO 204, 4-5:30 p.m. (Ext. 3201)
Tues., July 1	-Student activities: "Cool Tuesday-Hot Diggity Dog," HH oval, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
Wed., July 2	-Last day of classes for summer I.
Thurs., July 3	-Final examinations for summer I.
Fri., July 4	-Fourth of July holiday: no classes, university closed; Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open noon-6 p.m.
Sat., July 5	-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., July 6	-Blagg-Huey Library open 2-9 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.