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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HERR SCHUBERT!

"Happy Birthday, Herr Schubert" is the focus of a faculty recital at TWU on Mon., Nov. 10, featuring Lanelle Blanton (performing arts, music) and pianist Harold Heibert, professor of music at the University of North Texas. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Blanton, a soprano, will sing 21 songs by Franz Schubert, who wrote more than 600 songs -- plus orchestral music, chamber music and pieces for piano and other instruments -- during his 31-year life. "Our intension is to perform and to pay homage to Franz Schubert, who was recognized very little during his lifetime but who has made a profound impact on musicians everywhere," said Blanton.

Blanton, a TWU faculty member for 22 years, has performed as a soprano soloist with several symphony orchestras and opera companies throughout the United States. Recently, her research into the music of Native Americans has captured national attention. Blanton has lectured about and performed Native American music at a number of area community colleges, Texas Christian University, the University of Pennsylvania, Bucknell University and the National Association of Singers annual meeting in Seattle, Wash. She arranged the soprano, piano, flute and percussion music for her presentations. The TWU professor of music is co-author of *Principles of Pop Singing*.

Heibert is recognized internationally as a concert pianist, coach, accompanist and translator. A member of the UNT College of Music faculty for 26 years, he has performed more than 100 recitals in western Europe, including the "Palace Concerts" in Salzburg. Heibert, who has been on the faculty of the American Institute for Musical Studies in Graz, Austria, since 1969, also has performed with leading European and American artists as an accompanist. He moved from New York City to Texas in 1971 and has served as an official accompanist for the national Opera America auditions; for Pierre Bernac's master classes in French songs; and (as a coach-accompanist) for the Dealy Awards finals. He also has translated many art songs and choral works for major music publishers, as well as opera for the Juilliard School, the New York City Opera and the San Francisco Opera.

For more information, call the TWU department of performing arts at ext. 2500.

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REMINDER

TWU President Carol Surles invites all faculty and staff to attend an open forum on Nov. 3, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at the Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center, Parkland site, for faculty and staff at Parkland and Presbyterian. She will provide an update on the university's strategic plan, *Pioneering Our Future*. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m., prior to the presentation.

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PRESIDENT ADDRESSES ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) and members of the TWU executive staff spoke to the Administrative Council about activities and the university's strategic plan on Thurs., Oct. 30. Surles talked about the Alliance for Higher Education, corporate partnerships in higher education, distance learning, the Dallas Education Center and other areas. Each vice president presented a brief overview of activities, and Dr. Leslie Thompson (Graduate School) discussed distance learning. Dr. Jim Alexander (history and government) briefly talked about the next legislative session and appropriations.

Surles reported on TWU's involvement with the Alliance for Higher Education, which includes approximately 25 corporate members and 25 higher education and community college members. Those entities continue to look at professional development initiatives and cooperative ventures. Texas A&M University has applied for membership in AHE, and Surles participated as a member of the site team for a visit. She said, "Texas A&M clearly wants to offer academic and professional development and vocational programs using TAGER (AHE's distance learning network)." The University of Houston also has applied for membership in AHE, and the University of Texas has made an application to offer distance learning programs in north Texas. She added, "EDS and Texas Instruments want to go into Oklahoma for programs to address their specific needs."

The president emphasized that TWU must "scan the environment constantly...and scan the competition constantly..." and look at "global and economic forces" that affect what the university will offer and how TWU is involved in distance learning and corporate partnerships. "We must maintain a proper balance," she said, "...and we must ensure that we are called to the table to participate in the decision making process."

As chair of the Federation of North Texas Area Universities, Surles has been involved in discussions with Dallas business leaders about the DEC. Business and civic leaders want the center to offer degree programs; university leaders believe that such a move also will make a difference in the center's enrollment. "But we also need to get some financial help with 'bricks and mortar' from area businesses," added Surles. "Approximately one-third of the DEC's budget comes from legislative appropriations." She also discussed cost-effectiveness and budget at TWU, infrastructural needs and the gap in the university's 1998 fiscal year budget.

Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) reported that her area is moving forward with strategic planning and that academic affairs is working with other divisions of the university -- such as student life and the new undergraduate student research office. "We also are working more closely with human resources to advertise positions for faculty members, and we are working more efficiently with the controller's office with on-line approvals." She added that her division and information technology services are communicating in a direct, open manner and that they are collaborating on a four-year plan, prioritizing needs.

Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) pointed out that her division is re-evaluating processes to improve service in her area, citing how quickly travel reimbursements are handled now as one example of positive change. She said that all buildings have been re-evaluated as well, "...which will position us positively as we look at space use...to determine more effective and efficient use of our buildings." She also reported that two officers in public safety work every shift, and officers have increased their visibility on campus. She asked administrators to encourage staff members to attend training sessions now offered through human resources.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, *continued*

Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement) discussed efforts in alumni relations, development and public information related to strategic planning. She reported on specific goals and objectives the division has met, including the addition of more academic alumni chapters, increased interaction of geographic chapters with faculty as presenters and efforts to start chapters in areas where a number of TWU alums live. She said, "I also thank each one of you -- deans, faculty, staff and others -- who made our first Houston Alumni Day successful. A real energy was present that brought together alumni, current students, faculty and staff." Gigl mentioned that *TWU Update* is now online, that the theme this year for public information staff is "Pioneers and Partnership" and that staff members are seeking names of TWU pioneers (past, present and future) from all deans, directors, faculty and staff on campus as the university moves toward Centennial.

Dee Siscoe (student life) reported on strategic planning in her division and said, "We have had a busy fall, but we also have been very pleased with student involvement." Pioneer Days is one example of the division's efforts in that area. She also mentioned changes in the infrastructure of student government (now United Students Association) and the status of student dining services. Student life also has restructured some committees, which has "...made students more accountable and more involved," said Siscoe.

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KEEP UP WITH LIBRARY NEWS

Texas documents relocated

The Texas documents collection in the Blagg-Huey Library has been relocated to the northern end of level one (on the first floor), near the photocopy room. "This collection includes publications we receive from all state agencies as a designated Texas State Depository," said Dr. James Galloway (library). "You can find annual and biennial reports, studies on a wide range of subjects, journals, newsletters, directories, guides and statistical publications."

Some items are received in microfiche format (instead of paper) and are stored in a file cabinet across from where the paper collection begins. Large paper items are designated as Quarto Texas documents and are located in two large filing cabinets across from the collection. Publications are shelved under call numbers assigned from the Texas documents classification, which groups together all items issued by each state agency. The library's web page on Texas documents also has been revised and updated to reflect the changes. For details, contact John Hepner (library) at ext. 3708.

Holiday library hours

The TWU Blagg-Huey Library's holiday schedule during Thanksgiving is:

Sun., Nov. 23	2 p.m. to midnight
Mon. and Tues., Nov. 24 and 25	7:30 a.m. to midnight
Wed. and Thurs., Nov. 26 and 27	closed
Fri., Nov. 28	7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 29	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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The TWU Parkland library's Thanksgiving holiday schedule is:

Sun., Nov. 23	3 to 9 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 24	8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 25	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wed. to Sun., Nov. 26-30	closed
Mon., Dec. 1	regular fall schedule

The TWU Presbyterian library's Thanksgiving holiday schedule is:

Sun., Nov. 23	closed
Mon., Nov. 24	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 25	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wed. to Sun., Nov. 26-30	closed
Mon., Dec. 1	regular fall schedule

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GRADUATE WHO'S WHO NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Information and forms seeking graduate student nominees for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* were sent on Oct. 13 to all TWU deans, chairs and directors. Faculty are asked to nominate graduate students whose academic standing, participation in extracurricular activities and community service are notable. The nominating faculty members must sign the form, and they are encouraged to make individual nominations either through their offices or directly to the Graduate School *no later than Fri., Nov. 14*. For details, call 8-1-3400.

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CELEBRATION HONORING JO KUHN ANNOUNCED

Former TWU director of athletics and current faculty member Jo Kuhn (kinesiology) has announced her retirement after 30 years at the university, five years on the Ladies Professional Golf Tour and eight years of teaching in Delaware and Pennsylvania public schools. To celebrate her achievements, a reception and dinner are scheduled on Sat., Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. in the southeast dining room of Hubbard Hall.

"Wherever she has been, Jo has been involved 110 percent, so we all anticipate that her new service and leisure activities will keep her 'on the move,'" said Dr. Bettye Myers (kinesiology), who is chairing the event. "Those of us who have worked with Jo as colleagues while she taught, coached and served as athletics director at TWU invite everyone to share an evening dedicated to honoring her many contributions to TWU and Denton."

Myers and the group responsible for the event ask everyone who has photos, videos, notes or letters they would like to see in the program to send them to Myers by Fri., Nov. 7. Items received by that date will be incorporated into a memory album or the program plans. Reservation forms (including an opportunity to donate to the Jo Kuhn Endowment Fund for Women's Athletics) have been distributed on campus; reservations are due by Nov. 7. For more information, call Betsy Tandy at (940) 387-8257.

NEWSBRIEFS

All TWU faculty, staff and students are reminded that *TWU Update* is online and can be accessed through TWU's home page at www.twu.edu by clicking on the "general information" key and then the *TWU Update* button. Please continue to send "People" items. The deadline to submit materials each week is Tuesday at 5 p.m. *TWU Update* is posted each Monday during the regular academic year (except holidays). Send e-mail submissions to Hatch at s_hatch@twu.edu. For details, call 8-1-3456.

Reminder: Australian children's author Mem Fox will visit TWU on Sat., Nov. 8, for the university's 32nd annual "Fall Forum in Reading." Sponsored by the department of reading and bilingual education and the College of Education and Human Ecology, the program is expected to be a "sell-out" -- no registrations will be accepted on site that day. Fox will speak twice during the one-day program -- first on "The Role of Passion in the Development of Literacy" during the 8:30 a.m. general session and then on "Learning from Learning" during the 12:30 p.m. general session. Several breakout sessions with other experts in children's literacy will be held, as well as an autograph session and evaluation with Fox at 3:15 p.m. (Limit two books per person.) The cost is \$51 per person for registration. Call continuing education at 8-1-3408 for details.

Please note the following correction in the 1997-97 *Departmental Directory*: under Arts and Sciences, the dean's correct name is Dr. Suzann Buckley.

Reminder: ASSET (the Association of Support Service Employees of TWU) is sponsoring its 9th annual staff scholarship and is seeking applications through 5 p.m. on Nov. 21. One \$150 scholarship will be awarded for the spring 1998 semester to a permanent full-time or permanent part-time staff member at TWU who is enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses at the university during that semester. Applicants are not required to be members of ASSET to apply. Completed applications and recommendation forms must be received by the chair of ASSET's scholarship committee, Susan Phillips (Chemistry Science Learning Resource Center), no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 21, 1997. Applications received after that date or applications submitted by 5 p.m. on Nov. 21 that are incomplete will not be considered for the spring 1998 ASSET staff scholarship. For materials or details, call Phillips at 8-1-2568 or visit GRB 113 from 1 to 5 p.m.

TWU's Bachelor of Science degree with a major in criminal justice (at the Dallas Education Center only) was approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board during its Oct. 17, 1997, meeting. TWU offers the degree jointly at the DEC with Texas A&M University-Commerce and the University of North Texas.

Reminder: TWU faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in a campuswide blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tues. and Wed., Nov. 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., SC 207-208. Those who donate will receive refreshments afterward, as well as a T-shirt that recognizes their contribution. "Walk-ins are welcome. However, for those who want to make an appointment and receive priority, a registration table will be set up in the Student Center each day this week (of Oct. 27) during the noon hour," said Dr. Don Rosen (Counseling Center), who is organizing the effort. For details, call Rosen at ext. 3801.

Faculty and staff who have disabilities may request accommodations by contacting the human resources office. Students must contact the student disability support services office to request assistance with accommodations. The TDD number for the office of student disability support services is 8-1-3606. For details, call human resources at 8-1-3555.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: *The crushing effect* of Adolf Hitler's fascist regime on the lives of five friends in 1930s Germany -- all filmmakers and actors -- is the dramatic focus of *A Bright Room Called Day*, presented by TWU Theatre '97. The production will be staged at 8 p.m. on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, and Nov. 7 and 8, and at 2 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 9, in Redbud Theatre. Ticket prices are \$10 for general admission; \$7 for TWU faculty and staff, senior citizens and other students; and \$5 for TWU students and children. For information or ticket reservations, call the TWU theatre box office at ext. 2020.

A women's studies program will be presented by Dr. Lynn Westbrook (Library and Information Studies) on Thurs., Nov. 20, at 4 p.m., HDB 202. (Please note the date has been changed.) Her topic will be "Making Connections: Information Seeking in Women's Studies."

Reminder: *The TWU Blagg-Huey Library's* fall series featuring women authors will continue and will focus next on the 7th annual Joyce Thompson Lectureship in American Literature and Culture with Dr. Emily Toth on Thurs., Nov. 13, at 2:30 p.m., ACT 301. Toth, professor of English and women's studies in the department of English at Louisiana State University, will present "The Gossip about Kate Chopin." The program, which is free and open to the public, will include a reception after the event. For details, call Elizabeth Snapp (library) at ext. 3748.

Reminder: *Welcome to their world...*the "Planet of the Divas." Haven't been there yet? Well, take a trip with members of the TWU Opera Ensemble for a special performance on Sat., Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. All faculty, staff, students and members of the general public are invited to attend the event, titled "Planet of the Divas: A Comic Exploration into Opera." Tickets -- available at the door that night -- are \$7 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens, students and children; and \$3 for TWU students with valid identification. For more information, call Joan Wall (performing arts, music) at ext. 2500.

Reminder: *Undergraduate student nominations* for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* are needed from TWU faculty and staff *no later than Wed., Nov. 19*. Applications and information are available in the office of student life, SC 206; no nominations will be accepted after the deadline. Nominees must be either juniors or seniors with at least 60 credit hours on their transcripts. Students must complete all information on the forms, and the nominating faculty member must complete the last two lines. The student's transcript showing course work completed through summer 1997 *must* be attached to the application; the copy does not have to be "official," but it must be computer-generated. Call 8-1-3615 for details.

Reminder: *All commuter students are invited* to attend a commuter breakfast on Tues., Nov. 11, at 7 a.m., HH banquet room. A panel of guests will be present to answer questions and comments about commuters' concerns: Larry Harrison (physical plant); Patricia Jackson (information technology services); Dr. Leslie Thompson (Graduate School); and Beth Lewis (food services). For more information, call the office of student development at ext. 3626.

Reminder: *The alcohol and drug education committee* will meet on Thurs., Nov. 6, at 3 p.m., SC 108. Anyone who is interested in reviewing the TWU drug and alcohol policy or is interested in planning alcohol awareness/education programs is invited to attend; call ext. 3615.

Reminder: *An HIV/education coalition meeting* is scheduled on Thurs., Nov. 6, at 12:15 p.m., SC 108. Anyone interested in participated is invited; for details, call ext. 3615.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: The Delphi chapter of Mortar Board will host its 1997 "Great Auction" on Wed., Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., SC Garden Room. Admission is free, and everyone is invited to join the fun! The event will include both a "silent auction" and a "live" auction. Items include: Dallas Cowboys tickets, a football autographed by Troy Aikman, a fishing trip, paintings and much more. The auction also provides an early shopping opportunity for the holidays. Proceeds will fund scholarships for TWU students as well as community service projects.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Fashion and textiles faculty members **Sheri Dragoo** and **Deborah Young** will represent TWU at the International Textile and Apparel Association 1997 juried design competition on Nov. 12 in Knoxville, Tenn. Their entry in the competition is titled "Photo Escape." Dragoo also sponsored graduate student finalist Li-Fen (Annie) Chang for her entry, "Balenciaga Revisited." More than 90 designs by faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students will be displayed at the ITAA Design Exhibition, scheduled at the Knoxville Museum of Art at 6:30 p.m. that day. A second round of judging prior to the exhibition will be held, and winners will be announced at the end of the program.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: NOVEMBER 3 - 9, 1997

- Nov. 3-25 -Visual Arts: TWU Art Faculty Exhibition, Fine Arts Gallery, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)
- Nov. 3-6 -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Mon., Nov. 3 -Open forum with Dr. Carol Surles (president's office), 2nd floor conference room, Parkland Center, for Dallas Center, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
-House of Representatives meeting, SC 105, noon. (Ext. 3626)
-Student government meeting-Houston, lounge, 12:15 p.m.
-Student recital, Cathy McLinton, MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2500)
- Nov. 4-5 -Campus blood drive (American Red Cross), SC 207/208, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Tues., Nov. 4 -ITS: Netscape/Basics, SH 206, 1-2 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
-Volleyball: TWU vs. Tarleton State, Stephenville, 7 p.m.
-ITS: Creating/editing simple workbook-Excel '97, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon.
-ITS: Creating/editing a simple workbook-Excel 5, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon.
-Student recital, Hyun Joo Ryun, MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2500)
- Wed., Nov. 5 -ITS: Venus/e-mail, SH 206, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
-ITS: Create a simple newsletter-Word 6.0, SH 206, 4-5 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
-ITS: Eudora/e-mail, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 3252)

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CALENDAR, continued

- Wed., Nov. 5
- ITS: Creating and editing a document-Word '97, SH 206, 1-2 p.m.
 - ITS: Netscape/Basics, SH 206, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
 - USA meeting, SC 006/007, 5-7 p.m. (Ext. 3650)
 - Diversity: "What is it?" Houston Center, courtyard, noon. (Ext. 8-4-2158)
 - Student recital, Denise Johnson, MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2500)
 - Mortar Board 1997 "Great Auction," SC Garden Room, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Thurs., Nov. 6
- ITS: Venus/e-mail, SH 206, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
 - ITS: Build/edit a presentation-PowerPoint '97, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon.
 - ITS: Venus/homepage, SH 206, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
 - HIV/education coalition meeting, SC 108, 12:15 p.m. (Ext. 3615)
 - Alcohol and drug education committee meeting, SC 108, 3 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 7
- Continuing Education: "At Risk" workshop. (Ext. 3411)
 - 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.
 - Biology seminar: "Effects of parasite secretory products on cancer cell growth" by Jill Hood, University of Texas at Arlington, CFO 205, 4-5 p.m. (Ext. 2354)
 - ITS: Videoconferencing, SH 308, 9-10 a.m. (Ext. 3252)
 - ITS: Venus web page design, SH 206, 1-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
 - International Food Fair & Folk Dance Festival, SC, 5-9 p.m. (Ext. 2088)
 - A Bright Room Called Day*, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2020)
- Sat., Nov. 8
- Volleyball: TWU vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, gym, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2373)
 - A Bright Room Called Day*, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2020)
 - Fall Forum in Reading with Australian children's author Mem Fox, MCL, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and book signing at 3:15 p.m. (Ext. 2602 or 3404)
 - Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., Nov. 9
- A Bright Room Called Day*, Redbud Theatre, 2 p.m. (Ext. 2020)
 - Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.