

## **NEW VP FOR STUDENT LIFE SELECTED**

Following a four-month national search, Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) has announced the appointment of Dr. Richard Nicholas as vice president for student life, effective Sept. 1, 1998; Nicholas has been serving as interim vice president for student life since the retirement of Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons from that position in February 1997.

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Nicholas as our new vice president for student life. As both assistant vice president and interim vice president for student life, Dr. Nicholas has put in place a long-range plan that complements the university's strategic plan," said Surles. "With his staff, Dr. Nicholas has worked with students to create a campus climate that encourages scholarship, leadership and student life. I look forward to working with the division as Dr. Nicholas and his staff look at ways to improve student involvement and interaction on all of our campuses." The search committee was chaired by Dr. Janice LaPointe-Crump (performing arts, dance) and Dr. Michael Droge (biology).

Nicholas joined TWU in 1996 as assistant vice president for student life. A reorganization of student government into the United Students Association -- a structure that involves more students at a variety of levels -- is among several major efforts during the past year that he has overseen and supported. He said, "I want to thank the search committee and Dr. Surles for the confidence they have expressed in me. I also want to thank the many students, faculty and staff who have supported me through my period of service as interim vice president and through the search process."

Nicholas added, "I already have found TWU to be a university of strong programs and good people. I look forward to doing my best to help implement the new strategic plan and to realize even more of TWU's potential. I envision support from the division of student life for enhancing the university's reputation, increasing enrollment and expanding opportunities -- especially in leadership development -- for our students."

Nicholas is responsible for counseling, food services, housing, intercollegiate athletics, intercultural services, student life, student activities, the Student Center, conference services, student development,

student health services and the Wellness Center. Additional administrative duties that he handles include service on the university's orientation task force, general scholarship committee, homecoming committee, student service fee allocations committee and other areas.

Prior to his arrival at TWU, Nicholas was dean of students at the University of Evansville (Ind.) from 1990 to 1995. He also has served as vice president for student development and dean of students at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas, from 1978 to 1987; dean of students at Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tenn., from 1976 to 1978; director of Upward Bound at Tusculum College from 1974 to 1976; and assistant to the dean, College of Education, at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., from 1973 to 1974. Nicholas, involved in higher education administration for more than 20 years, earned a bachelor's degree in geology at the University of Texas at Austin 1968, master's degree in higher education administration from Southern Illinois University in 1974 and doctorate in higher education administration from UT-Austin in 1990.

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## **TWO-YEAR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE SET**

The department of human resources has distributed both the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 holiday schedules to all offices and departments on campus. "The two schedules are based on a five-day work week, and they allow the university to suspend operations -- except for essential functions -- for one week at the end of December," said Carri Cronig (human resources) in a July memorandum. "The holiday schedule follows the TWU class schedule." She added, "The university will suspend operations for two days during the 1999 spring break and one day during the year 2000 spring break. This schedule does not require the use of vacation/comp time during either spring break." The 1999-2000 holiday schedule differs from previous holiday schedules because it includes Labor Day. Both schedules are provided below.

### ***1998-1999 Holiday Schedule***

- Wed.-Fri., Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving holiday
- Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 24-25 Christmas holiday
- Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 28-31 Holiday
- Fri., Jan. 1 New Year's Day holiday
- Mon., Jan. 18 Martin Luther King holiday

- Mon.-Tues., March 15-16 Spring break holiday
- Mon., May 31 Memorial Day holiday

Staff members may observe the following holidays by substituting vacation or compensatory time or another holiday (if possible) for one of the holidays shown above: Mon., Sept. 21, 1998 -- Rosh Hashanah; Wed., Sept. 30, 1998 -- Yom Kippur; Fri., April 2, 1999 -- Good Friday. Supervisors must be notified of and approve the time off in advance.

### ***1999-2000 Holiday Schedule***

- Mon., Sept. 6, 1999 Labor Day holiday
- Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 25-26, 1999 Thanksgiving holiday
- Fri., Dec. 24, 1999 Christmas holiday
- Mon.-Fri., Dec. 27-31, 1999 Holiday
- Mon., Jan. 17, 2000 Martin Luther King holiday
- Fri., March 17, 2000 Spring break holiday
- Tues., July 4, 2000 Independence Day holiday

Again, staff members may observe the following holidays by substituting vacation or compensatory time or another holiday (if possible) for one of the holidays shown above: Sat., Sept. 11, 1999 -- Rosh Hashanah; Mon., Sept. 20, 1999 -- Yom Kippur; Fri., April 21, 2000 -- Good Friday. Supervisors must know about and approve changes in advance.

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### **PBS FILMING AT TWU**

The WASPs (Women Airforce Service Pilots) of World War II, whose national collection is housed in the TWU Blagg-Huey Library, will visit the campus this Friday to participate in a PBS program detailing their military role in U.S. history. PBS producer Laurel Ladevich will tape an installment of "The American Experience" about the WASPs. Ladevich was at TWU doing research on the WASPs when she decided their story needed to be shared with a wider audience.

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## CHILDREN'S LITERARY EXPERT WILL VISIT

The TWU School of Library and Information Studies will present a free lecture on Wed., Aug. 5, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., ACT 3, featuring Roger Sutton, editor of *The Horn Book Magazine*. The program is free and open to both the campus community and the general public. Seating is limited, and reservations are requested; call Dr. Betty Carter at 8-1-2616.

Sutton, also a reviewer and a scholar, will discuss reviewing and literary criticism of books for children and young adults. He formerly was executive director and editor of *The Bulletin*, produced by the Center for Children's Books. He previously also wrote a column titled "In the YA Corner" for the *School Library Journal*. *The Horn Book* is celebrating 75 years of book reviewing and literary criticism; visit their website at [www.hbook.com](http://www.hbook.com) to learn more.

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## MOTHER/SON DUO WILL APPEAR IN CONCERT

When Norma Davidson (performing arts, music) and her husband, James, were raising their two sons in Denton, family musical performances were commonplace. That's because Norma, violinist and artist-in-residence at TWU, and her spouse -- an amateur pianist -- wanted to share their love of music with their children. "We certainly didn't want to pressure the kids to go into it (music)," she said. "But if you're gifted and you hear music constantly, you learn by osmosis. I think you decide that it's really important to you."

Now that both sons are grown and are pursuing their own musical paths -- Kevin is an Alabama-based violist and Nat is a keyboardist and drummer in popular music -- it's difficult to get everyone together for a family concert. Now, Norma and Kevin have solved that problem, and they have scheduled a performance on Mon., Aug. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Denton Center for the Visual Arts. TWU faculty member Dr. Pamela Youngblood will join them. The concert is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Norma Davidson said the joint concert -- the first time both she and Kevin have performed together publicly since he was in high school -- was prompted by their shared love of chamber music. "Musicians love to play chamber music," she said. "It's small, intimate, complex music and it very often is left behind. As professional musicians, we get busy with solo performances and teaching. I believe that Kevin brought up the idea, and we both thought it might be wonderful to play here during the summer." The mother/son duo will perform *Three Madrigals for Violin and Viola* by Czechoslovakian composer Bohuslav Martinu (with whom Norma studied when she attended the Mannes College of Music in New York), *Serenade for Flute, Violin and Viola, Op. 25* by Ludwig Van Beethoven, and a third selection. For details, contact Davidson at 8-1-2500.

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## **TRAINING WORKSHOP ON SSPS WINDOWS SET**

SPSS Windows, a software program for statistical analysis, will be the subject of a training workshop at TWU on Fri. and Sat., Sept. 25 and 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., both days, SH 312. "The purpose of this workshop is to provide training on basic statistical analysis," said Dr. Carolyn Bednar (nutrition and food sciences). The workshop will be funded through an academic development/faculty development award and will be presented free to interested participants.

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## **SPECIALIZED WINDOWS WORKSHOP, *continued***

Topics for the workshop will include data entry, descriptive statistics, data presentation and several types of statistical analysis, including t-tests, analysis of variance, correlation and nonparametric statistics. Bob Zacks of SPSS Inc. will serve as trainer. Registration forms will be mailed to each department and school on TWU's Denton and Dallas campuses. Enrollment is limited to 20 faculty members (only one faculty member per department or school), and applications will be accepted in the order in which they are received, said Bednar. If space remains, additional faculty from a department or school will be admitted. For more information, contact Bednar at 8-1-2658.

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## **TWU SEEKS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH IN HOUSTON**

Four finalists have been interviewed for the position of associate director of research in Houston: Dr. Patricia Jakobi, director of the Center on Aging at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; Dr. Kathryn Peek, director of the office of student affairs and admissions in the College of Optometry at the University of Houston, and director of the program in female clinical anatomy at the UT-Houston Medical School; Dr. Cynthia Lanier, director of the office of health education at Rice University; and Dr. Ellen Brooks, clinical researcher in the Women's Health Research Institute at the Woman's Hospital in Baton Rouge, La., and at the Chief Pennington Biomedical Research Center at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

The search committee, comprising department heads at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center, hopes to fill the post by Sept. 1, 1998.

## **MORE DETAILS ON OPERATING UNIVERSITY VEHICLES OFFERED**

Aside from appropriate training and paperwork necessary for employees to operate university vehicles, a procedure is in place which outlines steps to follow when a university vehicle is damaged. Larry Harrison (physical plant) stressed in a recent memorandum: "All vehicle accidents or damage to a TWU vehicle and/or damage from a TWU vehicle to private property must be documented properly."

Appropriate procedures should be followed. They are:

- Contact the TWU department of public safety for an incident or an accident report. A copy of this report also should be sent to the physical plant office.
- The individual's supervisor should be notified.
- Contact the physical plant office.
- The individual's supervisor should notify the auto shop.

"These vehicles are valuable, and they project an image to others as well. Everyone needs to take care of them so that we can get the maximum life from our equipment," added Harrison. "The vehicle operator is the person who is responsible for properly reporting all accidents -- no matter how small the damage -- so that we can maintain the equipment and make repairs. Driver negligence or persistent damage to a vehicle may force us to bill that person's department for the cost of repairs." For more information or to ask questions, contact Harrison at 8-1-3132.

## **NEWSBRIEFS**

**Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to [s\\_hatch@twu.edu](mailto:s_hatch@twu.edu). The weekly deadline to receive information is Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.**

**Letters and forms to purchase parking decals by mail for 1998-99** have been sent to all TWU faculty and staff who already have parking stickers. Avoid standing in line later by filling out the form and returning it to the TWU department of public safety. Employees may pay the amount due or may submit a form for monthly payroll deduction; the payroll deduction form was included in the mailing. Return the completed form(s) and payment (using either check or payroll deduction) to the TWU parking office. Allow two to three weeks for decals to arrive by mail at home. For more information, call 8-1-2925.

**Reminder: TWU MCARES**, a mobile nursing unit helping residents at several rural locations -- Aubrey, Justin and Sanger -- began biweekly visits in July and will continue them into the fall. Nursing staff and volunteers (faculty and students) will provide back-to-school immunization clinics at each location this week. Call TWU CARES at 382-4794 ; the schedule includes visits to:

- Justin Municipal Complex (Wednesdays) -- at 10 a.m. on July 29 (back-to-school immunizations for children); and Aug. 12 and 26;
- Sanger Municipal Building (Tuesday or Thursday) -- at 10:30 a.m. on July 30 (back-to-school immunizations for children); and Aug. 18 and 27;
- Aubrey Fire Station (Tuesday or Thursday) -- at 10:30 a.m. on July 28 (back-to-school immunizations); and Aug. 13 and 25.

**Reminder: A team of researchers** from UT Southwestern Medical Center and TWU is conducting research on stroke recovery, and they are looking for stroke victims who are interested in participating in the study. All study-related treatment is free of charge to qualified participants. The study is funded in part by the National Institutes of Health. Persons who may be eligible to participate are those who have had a stroke within the past 40 days. They must be age 18 years or older and must have moderate to severe speech-language problems -- aphasia -- and/or motor problems (hemiplegia). A person would be excluded from the study if she or he has: hemorrhagic stroke; previous stroke with speech or motor deficits; seizures; or uncontrolled hypertension. For details, call Sandra Curtis at (214) 689-6613 or Dr. Delaina Walker-Batson at 8-2-6592.

**Fire and Ice: A Night in the Caribbean** is the theme for an evening of elegant dining presented by the TWU quantity foods class on Thurs., July 30, at 7 p.m. in Hubbard Hall, featuring music by Tony Palos. The menu will include: mixed tropical fruit with sweet sauce, mixed greens with fruit dressing, baked chicken breast with herb sauce or grilled teriyaki steak kabobs, wild rice and grilled vegetable medley, sweet corn bread, strawberry sorbet or rum cake, frozen pina colada, coffee and tea. The cost is \$8 per person; for tickets, call 8-1-2636.

**It's coming!** The State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) will begin again this fall, giving TWU faculty and staff an opportunity to help others in their communities. This year's goal is \$27,000 in Denton. The 1998 SECC steering committee will hold its first meeting on Thurs., Aug. 6, at 10 a.m., Library 206. Dr. Betty Adams (Nursing) and Elizabeth Snapp (libraries) are this year's co-chairs; for details, call Adams at 8-1-2401 or Snapp at 8-1-3748.

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## NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

**Reminder: Year-end deadlines** for FY 97-98 purchase orders have been announced and distributed to all departments and offices on campus. The list is provided below.

- All purchase orders for *state contract* items must be received in the purchasing office **on or before Aug. 7, 1998.**
- All purchase orders from *Qualified Information Systems Vendors* (QISVs) that use 1997-98 funds must be received in the purchasing office **on or before Aug. 7, 1998.**
- All other purchase orders for *direct purchases* from vendors that use 1997-98 funds (less than \$10,000) must be received in the purchasing office **on or before Aug. 7, 1998.**
- All consumable items purchased with 1997-98 funds must be accepted and received no later than **Aug. 31, 1998.**

Anyone who has questions should call purchasing at 8-1-3585.

**TWU's annual graduate assistant orientation** will be held on Fri., Aug. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., CFO 205. This program primarily is for all new graduate teaching and research assistants, but returning students also may attend if they wish. Departments hiring new assistants are asked to forward those students' names by Aug. 19 to Adele Petty (Graduate School). Petty can be reached at 8-1-3402 or by e-mail at [s\\_petty@twu.edu](mailto:s_petty@twu.edu).

**Reminder: Summer enrollment for insurance** and TexFlex plans continues through July 31, 1998. For more information, contact human resources at 8-1-3555.

**The physical plant** will send a Ryder truck to the Houston Center on Mon., Aug. 3, to pick up surplus property for return to the Denton campus. Any department or office that would like to send anything to Houston should contact inventory staff members Ron Justiss at 8-1-3140 or Jerry Stansel at 8-1-3144. Items for Houston must be received by the physical plant no later than 5 p.m. on Fri., July 31.

**Facilities management now offers** online services for interested offices and departments. By using the TWU Intranet, each office can: request work orders; submit a customer survey form (for complaints or applause!); and request plants from the grounds department. All three online forms require the user to provide her or his Venus name and password. The property move request form (which also is used for university function set-ups) and the vehicle request form will be added in the near future. For details,

call Jerry Stansel at 8-1-3144 or Ragenna Prince at 8-1-3159.

***Needed: readers for the blind and dyslexic*** -- The TWU office of disability support services is seeking faculty, staff and students who are interested in volunteering to read into a tape recorder, either in the DSS office (CFO 1st floor) or at home. Anyone interested in helping TWU students by participating in this effort should call disability support services at 8-1-3835.

***TWU intercollegiate athletics*** has signed nine new volleyball players for the 1998 season. Head coach Patty Dowdell (kinesiology/intercollegiate athletics) made the announcement in mid-July. The new players will include: junior kinesiology major Aya Aharen of Okinawa, Japan, a transfer student from Hill Junior College; sophomore business major Jennifer Hayman of Plantation, Fla., a transfer student from Blinn Junior College; freshman TaBrae Hendrickson from Quitman, Texas; freshman Michelle Lee of Houston; freshman Rachel Martin of Lafayette, La.; freshman Nicky McCarthy of Bedford, Texas; junior kinesiology major Ebony Pinke of Tyler, Texas, a transfer student from Tyler Junior College; freshman visual arts major Natalie White of Brownsville, Texas; and freshman Cara Wonders of Longview, Texas.

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## **NEWSBRIEFS, *continued***

***Get healthy!*** All "benefits eligible" TWU employees are reminded that they can join the TWU Wellness Center at a highly reduced rate of only \$25 per year. "We also continue to offer a special rate of \$10 per month for employee spouses," said Dr. Linda King (Wellness Center). "Your membership in the center includes access to the Jones Hall fitness room, aerobics classes and reduced rates in the Jones Hall nutrition clinic. It also includes access to Pioneer Hall -- racquetball courts, the indoor walking/jogging track and indoor swimming pool. Another special opportunity available to employees only is use of the Pioneer Hall weight room from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The weight room in Pioneer Hall is not open to all Wellness Center members -- only to our TWU employees." Hours in Jones Hall are weekdays 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. Hours in Pioneer Hall are more limited; call 8-1-2900 for a schedule or for general information about the center.

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## **UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

Dr. **Leslie M. Thompson** (Graduate School/research and grants) has co-authored an article titled "Redefining the Academy: Can Distance Learning Technologies Help Graduate Education Promote Socratic Ideas?" -- printed in the *Communicator*, the national publication of the Council of Graduate Schools.

Several faculty members from the department of early childhood and special education -- Drs. **Jane Irons, Ron Fritsch, Lloyd Kinnison, Linda Schertz** and **Barbara Lerner** -- joined Jacqui Ogden, Heidi Ashwill, Allison Rea and Vincent Weeks from Rosemont Middle School in Fort Worth for a panel discussion recently. The program, titled "Staff Development Coupled with Teacher Assistance for Inclusion: A Collaborative LEA-IHE Action Research Project," was presented at the Texas Centers for Professional Development of Teachers annual conference in Dallas in June. Irons, Schertz and Dr. **Michael Wiebe** (Education and Human Ecology) delivered a presentation, "The CCPDC: Educational Administration -- A Holistic Systems Model," during the same event.

Dr. **Chris French Beatty** and Dr. **Pat Fallon** (dental hygiene), with Dr. **David Marshall** (mathematics and computer science), have co-authored an article titled "A Comparison of the Effectiveness of Two Wooden Interdental Cleaners" that was published in June 1998 issue of *Contact International*, the official publication of the International Federation of Dental Hygienists.

The current issue of *Texas Books in Review*, a refereed journal published at Southwest Texas State University, includes an essay by Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) titled "A Rich Variety of African American Writing." In the essay, Bridges reviews *KenteCloth: Southwest Voices of the African Diaspora*, a 1997 publication of the University of North Texas Press.

**Ann Hatch** (public information) will be among the persons listed in the 27th edition of the *Dictionary of International Biography*.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dr. **Joseph C. Sherrill** (fashion and textiles), a former TWU faculty member, who died in Chicago, Ill., on July 7 after suffering a heart attack.

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### **TWU PEOPLE**, *continued*

Two TWU faculty members in health care administration (Dallas) -- **Pat Driscoll** and Dr. **Robert Maurer** -- and Douglas D. Hawthorne have won the 1998 Health Management Research Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives. Their proposed study is titled "Do Provider Incentives Withhold Arrangements Compensate Managed Health Care Plans for Agency Risk?" They will receive \$5,000 to support their research.

**Kathleen Gigl** (institutional advancement) will serve as a trustee-at-large for the national board of directors for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Gigl was elected to the post for a two-year term during the CASE annual assembly in Chicago in July.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JULY 27 - AUG. 9, 1998**

### **July 27-31**

- 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.

### **July 30**

- Fire and Ice -- A Night in the Caribbean: dinner presented by the TWU quantity foods class, \$8, HH, 7 p.m.

### **Aug. 1**

- Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Aug. 2**

- Blagg-Huey Library open 2-9 p.m.; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

### **Aug. 3-7**

- 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.

### **Aug. 3**

- Financial aid: exit interviews for loan recipients, Dallas.

### **Aug. 4**

- Financial aid: exit interviews for loan recipients, Denton.

## **Aug. 6**

- Financial aid: exit interviews for loan recipients, Denton.
- SECC steering committee meeting, library 206, 10 a.m.

## **Aug. 8**

- Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

## **Aug. 9**

- Blagg-Huey Library open 2-9 p.m.; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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