

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED IN VPSL SEARCH

The search committee for the vice president for student life, co-chaired by Dr. Janice LaPointe-Crump (performing arts, dance) and Dr. Michael Droge (biology) has invited four finalists to visit TWU's locations in Denton, Dallas and Houston, beginning Wed, July 1, in Dallas and Houston. All members of the campus community are invited to an open forum for each candidate. The names, visits and open forums are listed below; more detailed biographical information will be provided at the open forum with an evaluation sheet that each participant is asked to complete.

- *Dr. Norleen Pomerantz*, vice president for student affairs, Northern Kentucky University (Highland Heights, Ky.) -- Dallas open forum, July 1, 3 p.m., video distance lab; Houston open forum, July 1, 10 a.m., MGJ 724; Denton open forum, July 2, 1:30 p.m., ACT 601.
- *Dr. Richard Nicholas*, interim vice president for student life, Texas Woman's University -- Denton open forum, July 7, 1:30 p.m., ACT 301; Dallas open forum, July 8, 10 a.m., video distance lab; Houston open forum, July 8, 3 p.m., MGJ 724.
- *Dr. Charlene Jaeger*, associate vice president for student affairs/student development, Millersville University (Millersville, Penn.) -- Denton open forum, July 8, 1:30 p.m., ACT 301; Dallas open forum, July 9, 10 a.m., distance video lab; Houston open forum, July 9, 3 p.m., MGJ 724.
- *Dr. Deborah Garrett*, executive assistant to the president, McLennan Community College (Waco, Texas) -- Denton open forum, July 14, 1:30 p.m., ACT 301; Dallas open forum, July 15, 10 a.m., distance video lab; Houston open forum, July 15, 3 p.m., MGJ 724.

For more information, call Connie Dixon (president's office) at 8-1-3201.

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CAMPUS FACED WEEK OF CHALLENGES

During a recent seven-day period, the campus community at TWU grew together as members faced several emergencies and challenges. Some matters have been resolved; others are under investigation.

- On Sat., June 13, Brenda Matthews apparently fell from a balcony above the 10th floor in Guinn Hall. Matthews, a University of North Texas radio/TV/film major, was found deceased by two adults participating in a conference on campus that weekend. According to John Erwin (public safety), she fell between 12:45 and 1:15 p.m. that Saturday. Matthews lived in Denton; her father, a metroplex-area resident, was notified that afternoon. Counseling was offered to both those persons who discovered Matthews and to TWU housing residents. The incident is under investigation by the TWU department of public safety.

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- On Wed., June 17, TWU graduate student Rebecca Pierce was struck by a car on Bell Avenue in front of the MCL Building and was critically injured. Pierce, who was taking classes in elementary education, remains hospitalized at Harris Methodist Hospital in Fort Worth. Her husband, Larry, wishes to thank all students, faculty, staff and community members who have offered their support and prayers since his wife's accident. Pierce was upgraded from "stable but critical" to "stable but serious" at the end of last week. She suffered multiple injuries and is improving slowly. Both Pierce and the driver were cited by Denton police -- Pierce for crossing against the pedestrian light and the driver for speeding.

All students, faculty and staff who are crossing streets on campus and on Bell Avenue are reminded to cross with the light and in the crosswalk. All drivers are urged to slow down and obey the posted speed limits -- including 20 m.p.h. on Bell and Oakland avenues. Two petitions -- one for the city of Denton and one for TWU -- have been started by concerned students who would like to have additional measures taken that would slow traffic on Bell and Oakland avenues, as well as Administration Drive.

Anyone interested in signing the petitions can stop by the office of student development in the Student Center during regular office hours.

- On Thurs., June 18, TWU students, faculty and staff were evacuated by campus public safety personnel and the Denton Fire Department when a fire occurred during the early evening hours in MCL. One faculty member, who was not identified, was rescued by firemen from an elevator in which he was trapped. No one was injured, and Denton firefighters extinguished the fire in a matter of minutes. The fire started above the elevator shafts in the penthouse equipment room where combustible materials and oil-soaked rags were improperly stored by the elevator company maintaining the equipment, according to Larry Harrison (physical plant). The materials have been removed and the alarm system -- which did not sound and, as a result, forced the manual evacuation of the building -- has been checked and will be monitored manually each day, added Harrison.

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REGENTS MEET, TAKE ACTION

Members of the TWU board of regents met on Thurs. and Fri., June 25 and 26, in Denton during their regular quarterly meeting. The university's FY 99 budget was approved, as well as several promotions, a non-student housing fee increase and a meal plan increase. Items are reported below by the specific committee in which action was recommended and then approved by the full board during its public meeting on Friday afternoon.

Finance and audits

The board accepted reports and action on the university's investments, gifts and grants, contracts and agreements (including matters such as a confirmation of TWU's contract with Barnes and Noble Collegiate Bookstores Inc.; retention of a professional design service to evaluate the TWU golf course so that the university can maximize its potential in the area of revenues; agreements and receipt of funds related to the widening of Highway 380 -- \$130,000 from the city of Denton for a public track on campus, and more than \$329,000 for acreage; and others); allocations of federal funds; renewal and extension of insurance; changes/additions of names on university banking accounts; purchase of property on Grove Street; services of a financial advisor for issuing and selling tuition
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revenue bonds totalling \$8.5 million (which will be used for repairs, renovations and equipment in the Human Development Building, the Arts and Sciences Building and Old Main); and maintenance services for University House (home, lawn care and mechanical services -- with a request to consider part-time housekeeping help instead of full time).

Dr. Carol Surlles (president's office) asked regents to approve three title changes and/or promotions: naming Dr. Rudy Rodriguez (reading and bilingual education) as executive assistant to the president for community relations, a half-and-half time split with his duties as department chair; naming Dr. Kathryn Stream (associate vice president's office, Houston) as vice provost for health affairs with reporting responsibilities to the president; and adding the title of provost to Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts' title as vice president for academic affairs. Rodriguez' appointment, effective Aug., 1, 1998, "...is related to the EEO position that I requested two years ago," said Surlles, "which will bolster our multicultural outreach and uphold federal laws." The president also added that the new vice provost position will enable TWU to "...respond to the needs and invitations we receive regarding health care partnerships and commitments. Part of our strategic plan is to enhance our external reputation and to take a greater leadership role in health care."

Regents also approved TWU's operating budget -- totalling \$56.05 million -- for FY 99, which begins on Sept. 1, 1998. Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) reported that the E&G portion of the budget was increased 4 percent; most of that amount covers faculty and staff salaries with a general increase of 1.5 percent and market adjustments where needed. An increase in auxiliaries also was driven by salary increases. The budget and percentage changes reflected a new method of reporting, which showed revenues and expenses, at the board's request. Board members also heard a report from the internal auditor's office, and Dr. Dana Gibson (controller's office) presented the quarterly financial report. Floyd updated regents on possible future use for Hubbard Hall, and she informed the board that RFPs had been issued for a vending contract, which she will bring before the board at their August meeting in Dallas.

Institutional advancement

Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement) presented a report to board members that included details on efforts in the office of public information, alumni relations and development. She discussed recent news coverage of ACES, Engineering Week and other activities, and she thanked everyone for participating in the dedication of Pioneer Hall. Gigl told the board that the office of institutional advancement -- with the board's permission -- will add another development associate and has appointed Patrice Benfield as full-time coordinator of stewardship and special events. Both positions will be filled in lieu of the director of development's slot, said Gigl, who also reported on third-quarter fundraising efforts, the Heritage Society, annual fund and other activities. She discussed the importance of charitable gift planning and

outright large gifts, plus the Help Keep the Promise annual fund.

Gigl told regents that the TWU National Alumnae Association would hold its annual board meeting on June 27, and that "...the leadership of the National Alumnae Association feels that the future of the institution is where TWU's future is." She also shared a sample of the "new look" for *TWU Times*, which will be published in July, and mentioned, as part of the office's efforts in strategic planning, that *TWU Update* continues to be offered online; that RFPs for a new multimedia presentation are being evaluated; that the distribution of *Quest* magazine was widened; and that the office has added both a donor report and an annual report to its hundreds of projects.

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Academic affairs

Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) introduced the newly-elected speaker of the Faculty Senate for 1998-99, Dr. Basil Hamilton (psychology and philosophy), before she and David Peat (enrollment management) discussed enrollment and TWU's board-approved admissions policy which provides automatic admission to high school seniors who graduate in the top 25 percent of their class (from an accredited Texas high school). Statewide, some colleges and universities accept the top 10 percent, while others accept those who graduated in the upper 50 percent. Byers-Pevitts commented that summer enrollment was up half a percent, and Peat added that he expects fall enrollment to be "even or slightly ahead" of fall 1997.

Four TWU faculty have received faculty development leave, reported Byers-Pevitts: Dr. JoAnn Barbour (educational leadership), Dr. Nancy DiMarco (nutrition and food sciences), Susan kae Grant (visual arts) and Dr. Michael Rudick (biology). She also discussed TWU faculty salaries and compared levels to Texas and the national average, citing the need for increases at all levels (although TWU's salary at the instructor level is above average most likely because of the number of clinical instructors employed by the university). At each of the other ranks -- professor, associate professor and assistant professor -- TWU faculty earn an average of \$4,000 less annually than other faculty in Texas. Surles told the regents that TWU "recruits from the same national pool...which puts us at a disadvantage because we cannot pay even the state average....We need a large increase in E&G funds and to reallocate money for faculty

salaries." Regents talked with administrators about faculty retention, research, mentoring and other related topics. Dr. Leslie Thompson (Graduate School/research and grants) also provided an in-depth report on distance learning trends, and Byers-Pevitts provided information on initiatives related to strategic planning. The list for tenure, promotion and faculty emerita/emeritus was approved (see separate story).

Student life

Dr. Richard Nicholas (student life) presented two requests that resulted in two fee increases: one in housing for non-TWU students, beginning this fall, that mainly will be felt in Houston; and the second for meal plans, also effective fall 1998, that will vary (from \$35 to \$45), based on the plan each student selects -- a 5 percent increase. The board approved both increases, and regents also learned more about expanded facilities offerings for students in Guinn Hall and the Student Center (including the new Chik-Fil-A in the Student Center and a convenience store in Guinn Hall). During the session, Nicholas introduced a number of students (including several in United Students Association) and staff members.

Nicholas provided information about new student health services contracts in Dallas and Houston; he added that a study is under way to determine whether student health services in Denton could move to and use the first floor of Hubbard Hall (the second floor will be retained as a catering area). "We will do a feasibility study....We believe that if we increase the size of the (student health services) facility, we would then be able to offer health care to the children of our students. We don't have the space to do that right now." He also updated regents on the success of TWU's first women student leadership conference; noted that orientations are shorter this summer (but with a stronger academic emphasis), which will accommodate "Pioneer Camp" this fall -- "a more relaxed, social format." Nicholas also provided a construction update and distributed four new and/or redesigned publications from student life: a students' handbook, a parents' handbook, the student services brochure and an international students' handbook.

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TENURE AND PROMOTION

During the TWU board of regents meeting in Denton on June 25 and 26, members approved faculty

members for tenure, promotion or emerita/emeritus status; they are listed below.

- *Tenure*: English, speech and foreign languages -- Hugh Burns, Stephen Souris and Lou Thompson; fashion and textiles -- Deborah Young; performing arts -- Nicki Cohen; sociology and social work -- Brenda Phillips and Mahmoud Sadri; early childhood and special education -- Jane Irons, Charlotte Keefe, Dana Lilly and Linda Sluder Schertz; reading and bilingual education -- YeVette McWhorter; health care administration -- Robert Maurer; health studies -- Eva Doyle; Nursing -- Sally Northam; and Physical Therapy -- Maureen Simmonds.
- *Promotion*: biology -- Rebecca Code (associate professor); English, speech and foreign languages -- Joyce Palmer (professor), Stephen Souris (associate professor) and Lou Thompson (associate professor); fashion and textiles -- Deborah Young (associate professor); performing arts -- Mary Lou Hoyle (professor) and Nicki Cohen (associate professor); sociology and social work -- Brenda Phillips (associate professor) and Mahmoud Sadri (associate professor); early childhood and special education -- Jane Irons (associate professor) and Charlotte Keefe (professor); reading and bilingual education -- YeVette McWhorter (associate professor); dental hygiene -- Carolyn Ray (associate clinical professor); Library and Information Studies -- Betty Carter (professor); mass communications -- Ruth Ann Ragland (associate professor); Nursing -- Janice DiFalco (assistant clinical professor), Sally Northam (associate professor) and Deborah Wegmann (assistant clinical professor); Occupational Therapy -- Johnnie Aven (assistant clinical professor) and Diane Brown (assistant professor); and Physical Therapy -- Maureen Simmonds (associate professor).
- *Emerita status* -- Dr. Dorothy DeMoss (history and government); Adrienne Fisk (performing arts, dance); Gabriella Miller (sociology and social work); Dr. Florence Winston (English, speech and foreign languages); Dr. Elaine Goldsmith (family sciences); Dr. June Impson (family sciences); Dr. Marjorie Keele (early childhood and special education); Joanne Kuhn (kinesiology); Dr. Adeline Wilkes (Library and Information Studies); Dr. Patsy Keyser (Nursing).
- *Emeritus status* -- Dr. Herral Landry (history and government); Dr. Bobby Fincher (mathematics and computer science); Dr. Walter Hamilton (chemistry and physics); Dr. Lee Kennedy (mathematics and computer science); Dr. Frank Longoria (English, speech and foreign languages); Dr. Donnell Whitmore (reading and bilingual education); and Dr. Thomas Croley (Physical Therapy).

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SUMMER THEATER CONTINUES

Comedy and fairy tales both are taking on a darker hue during TWU Summerfest '98, which continues through July 17. *Reckless*, a dark comedy by Craig Lucas, will be performed at 8 p.m. on Fri. and Sat., July 3 and 4, and at 2 p.m. on Sun., July 5, in Redbud Theater. Also...*Into the Woods* -- a "dark fairy tale" with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim from the book by James Lapine -- will be staged at 8 p.m. on July 10, 11, 17 and 18, and Sun., July 19, at 2 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets for *Reckless* are: \$10 for the general public; \$7 for TWU faculty, staff, senior citizens and children; and \$5 for TWU students with valid ID. Tickets for *Into the Woods* are: \$12 for adults/general public; \$9 for

TWU faculty, staff, children and senior citizens; and \$7 for TWU students. For ticket reservations, call 8-1-2020.

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Recent TWU MFA graduate Brad Campbell directs *Reckless*, a one-act play from the creator of *Blue Leaves* and *Prelude to a Kiss*. Campbell said that *Reckless* focuses on Rachel, a "perpetually optimistic woman" who finds her world turned topsy-turvy when her husband tells her that he has taken out a contract on her life. When Rachel (played by TWU student Angela Angle) hears the news, she leaps from a 2nd-story window and unwittingly embarks on an adventure...one in which she uncovers an Albanian terrorist plot; wins \$100,000 on a TV game show; and meets six different psychiatrists.

While *Reckless* questions an individual's relationship with others, *Into the Woods* takes a darkly modern look at some classic fairy tales. Written in 1986, this two-act, Tony Award-winning musical first intertwines the worlds of fairy tale protagonists like Cinderella, Jack (of *Jack and the Beanstalk* fame) and Little Red Riding Hood...and then shatters the romance of those worlds. That particular strategy is meant to produce a reaction from the audience, said Charles Harrill (performing arts, drama), who directs the play. "There are some very heavy messages (in the play), and some very heavy vocal work," he added.

For more information, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

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CANADIAN CONSUL PROVIDES GRANT

The TWU Blagg-Huey Library went Canadian last week -- at least for a day -- when representatives welcomed R. John Morrow, consul from the Canadian Consulate General, on Tuesday. Morrow's visit was part of efforts by the Canadian government to strengthen ties and provide information about that country to U.S. citizens through library resources.

As a result, TWU has received \$2,500 in a matching grant program called the Canadian Grant. The university will spend a total of \$5,000 to purchase library materials on Canadian literature, history, politics or culture. "We are pleased to receive a matching grant from the Canadian Studies Library Support Program," said Elizabeth Snapp (library). "These funds will enable us to enrich our library collection and to provide a special opportunity for our students as faculty develop a more inclusive curriculum."

The proposed list of acquisitions was developed by Dr. Suzann Buckley (Arts and Sciences), and by faculty members Dr. Lybeth Hodges (history and government) and Dr. Vivian May (women's studies). This fall, Buckley will teach a course on modern Canada, and three history faculty members are working together to include content about the United States' northern border neighbor in their courses. Two faculty in the TWU department of English, speech and foreign languages at TWU also will expand content about Canada in their courses.

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DEAN'S SEARCH PROGRESSES

The search for the dean of the College of Health Sciences is progressing. Committee members will meet on Thurs., July 2, at 1:30 p.m. to choose the finalists for on-campus interviews. Interview schedules will be posted following that meeting. For more information, call search committee chair Dr. Richard Rodean (performing arts) at 8-1-2500 or 8-1-3326.

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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. 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.

A Night in the Caribbean is the theme for a special evening of dining and entertainment scheduled by the TWU quantity foods class in the department of nutrition and food sciences. The event will be held on July 30; tickets will be available soon. Call Bonnie for details at 8-1-2636.

Reminder: All faculty are asked to mark their calendars now for the university's annual Faculty Development Day on Tues., Aug. 25. Dr. Clay King (nutrition and food sciences) is coordinating the one-day program; details will be printed in *TWU Update* as they are available.

The TWU Student: What New Faculty, Staff and Administrators Need to Know is the title of a publication that will be distributed during the new faculty orientation session in August. Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) is seeking words of advice from any faculty or staff members, administrators or current students who would like to submit them so that he can compile the entries for those new text. The deadline to submit observations and words of wisdom is July 31. Writing may be formal or informal; pieces may be submitted by e-mail to ssouris@iglobal.net or sent to Souris in his department. For details, call him at 8-1-2343. Contributors should include their position, title and contact information.

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.

A TWU videoconference titled "Purchasing: Tracking Your Requisitions On-Line" will be presented for faculty and staff in Denton, Dallas and Houston on Tues., June 30, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the videoconference rooms at each TWU location. Seating in the room is limited, and registration is suggested. For details, call human resources at 8-1-3552.

During the break between Summer I and Summer II, food service facilities will follow a different schedule: meal plans end on Wed., July 8; the Pioneer Cafe will be closed from noon on July 8 through July 12; the Garden Room will close at 6 p.m. on July 8 and will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 9, from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 10 and will re-open at 7:30 a.m. on July 13. All food service facilities are closed on July 11 and 12.

They've moved! The Undergraduate and Graduate Research Support (UGRS) office has moved to SC 206I; the telephone and fax numbers have not changed. Questions? Call 8-1-2457.

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Chemical waste from various departments and offices on campus will be accepted by staff in the environmental safety and health office from July 6 to 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *by appointment only* at the chemical storage building. Call Vicki Byrd (safety office) at 8-1-2924 for a time.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: June 29 - July 12, 1998

June 29 - 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.

Tues., June 30

- Videoconference: "Purchasing -- Tracking Your Requisition On-Line," videoconference rooms, Denton/Dallas/Houston, 10-11:30 a.m.

Wed., July 1

- VPSL Dallas/Houston candidate forum: Dr. Norleen Pomerantz; Dallas, 3 p.m., videoconference room; Houston, 10 a.m., MGJ 724.

Thur., July 2

- VPSL Denton candidate forum: Dr. Norleen Pomerantz, ACT 601, 1:30 p.m.

July 3-5

- Performing arts: *Reckless* -- Redbud Theatre, July 3-4 at 8 p.m.; July 5, 2 p.m.

Sat., July 4

- Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (Pioneer Hall closed July 4 and 5.)

Sun., July 5

- Blagg-Huey Library open 2-9 p.m.; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- ACES camp begins (through July 17).

July 6-10

- 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.; College for Kids, 1-5 p.m.

July 6-8

- Hazardous chemical waste disposal for campus departments by appointment only.

Tues., July 7

- VPSL Denton candidate forum: Dr. Richard Nicholas, ACT 301, 1:30 p.m.

Wed., July 8

- VPSL Dallas/Houston candidate forum: Dr. Richard Nicholas; Dallas, 10 a.m., videoconference room; Houston, 3 p.m., MGJ 724.
- VPSL Denton candidate forum: Dr. Charlene Jaeger, ACT 301, 1:30 p.m.

Thur., July 9

- VPSL Dallas/Houston candidate forum: Dr. Charlene Jaeger; Dallas, 10 a.m., videoconference room; Houston, 3 p.m., MGJ 724.

July 10-11

- Performing arts: *Into the Woods*, Margo Jones Performance Hall, 8 p.m.

Fri., July 10

- ITS: "Introduction to Excel 97 (PCs)," SH 206, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sat., July 11

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

Sun., July 12

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

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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