

WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM GETS OFFICIAL NOD

TWU's tradition of leading in areas primarily for women now extends to the state's only public degree-granting program in women's studies. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved the university's request to offer a master's degree in women's studies, beginning this fall. While several colleges and universities offer concentrations in that field, TWU will offer the only degree to students interested in women's studies.

"TWU is offering the only free-standing women's studies degree at a state university in Texas," said Dr. Brenda Phillips (women's studies), who directs the program. "Several institutions offer an interdisciplinary studies degree in which about one-third of the content is in women's studies. I am ecstatic that we finally are able to offer this exciting opportunity to our students who, in turn, will take the concepts and applications they learn into the work force."

She added, "This (master's) degree in women's studies has been cited by Dr. Carol Surles in the university's strategic plan, *Pioneering Our Future*. Our goal now is to make this program nationally recognized with a high degree of academic credibility through rigorous courses, high standards, high expectations and a well-credentialed faculty with a record of scholarship in the field. We also will incorporate outreach into the program, as well as interdisciplinary collaboration with other programs, linking them with women's studies."

Phillips, who envisions "cutting-edge" scholarship for students enrolled in the program, said that required areas of study will include theory, epistemology, women of color, pedagogy and rotating seminars (in which the topic will depend on the faculty member teaching it at a given time). "We're also emphasizing the intersection of race, class and gender -- a very complicated task -- so that students can understand the nature of multiple realities....Our academic program will offer a broad range (of ideas) with a variety of perspectives. There will be room for many voices in this program," said Phillips.

The program also will include a professional development component aspect for every course, and Phillips added that students will be mentored in communication skills, especially in writing and

presentation. "We want our graduates to be top-notch as they go out to represent both women's studies and TWU," she said. "Whether they go on to corporate employment or to graduate school to earn a doctorate, we want them to stand out as leaders...with our help."

Nationally, TWU will join more than 600 women's studies programs -- although slightly more than 100 represent graduate degrees; 49 states offer some type of women's studies degree. Phillips said that at least six students are ready to enroll in the new degree program this fall, and TWU faculty will continue to network with other experts in women's studies, particularly through the National Women's Studies Association. Internally, Phillips and other faculty -- along with TWU administrators -- will encourage other departments and disciplines to network with women's studies. For more information, contact Phillips at 8-1-2119 or visit the program's new web page at womenstudies@twu.edu. (*see related story on Vision Awards, page 3*)

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TWU WELCOMES DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FOR COMMENCEMENT

The president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, a distinguished judge from Denton County and a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board will share their thoughts as more than 700 TWU graduates venture forth on Sat., May 16, during three commencement exercises. The university will award 27 doctoral degrees, 181 master's degrees and 531 bachelor's degrees during ceremonies at 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Persons with tickets are invited to attend; receptions are scheduled in Hubbard Hall between ceremonies I and II and ceremonies II and III.

A prominent member of the economic community in the Dallas area and in Texas, Dr. Robert McTeer Jr. will speak to candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences during Ceremony I. McTeer, president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas since 1991, previously served the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond (Va.) and its Baltimore branch. A Georgia native, the guest speaker earned his doctorate in economics from the University of Georgia; he has taught at UG, as well as Johns Hopkins University and the University of Texas at Austin School of Business. He is past president of the Association of Private Enterprise Education, a national association of holders of university chairs of free enterprise and economic educators. McTeer also is a regular contributor to the *Dallas Business Review*, and he serves as a member of the Federal Open Market Committee, which is the Federal Reserve's principal monetary policymaking committee. He also has hosted TWU students and President Carol

Surles at the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas on several occasions.

Denton County Judge Jeff Moseley will be the keynote speaker for Ceremony II at 11:30 a.m. for graduates from the College of Education and Human Ecology, the School of Library and Information Studies and the School of Occupational Therapy. He most recently brought greetings on the county's behalf to TWU during the dedication of Pioneer Hall. He is committed to economic growth and enhancement of the quality of life for residents in Denton County, and he has taken a leadership role in bringing a number of national and international businesses and corporations to the area, including Intel, Federal Express, J.C. Penney, Frito-Lay, Raytheon and the Texas Motor Speedway, to name a few. A national leader in transportation issues, he founded North America's Superhighway Coalition, and he has worked with Gov. George Bush and the Texas congressional delegation to promote the needs of Texas' highway infrastructure, including the effort to designate Interstate 35 as the nation's first NAFTA superhighway. Moseley is a native Texan, a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and an area resident -- as well as a leader recognized at the state and national level.

As an attorney and former educator, speaker Wendy Marsh will share her advice at 2 p.m. during Ceremony III with candidates from the College of Nursing, the College of Health Sciences and the School of Physical Therapy. Appointed to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in 1993, Marsh brings her experience from education as a former teacher in the Amarillo Independent School District and part-time faculty member at Texas A&M University to the table for higher education. She holds her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law, as well as a master's degree in education from Cornell University and a bachelor's degree from Smith College. Marsh, elected to two six-year terms on the board of regents at Amarillo College, is a former board member for the Association of Community College Trustees. A previous visitor to TWU, the featured speaker continues to be involved in the arts as well as higher education as a member of the Human Relations Committee of Texas; the Texas Arts Alliance; and the Texas Committee for the Humanities.

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FIRST VISION AWARDS PRESENTED

The TWU women's studies program recently unveiled a new award when Elizabeth Snapp (library) and Dr. Joyce Williams (sociology and social work) were named recipients of the 1998 Vision Award. "The intent of the Women's Studies Vision Award is to recognize vision, courage and leadership in the

promotion of women's studies at TWU," said Dr. Brenda Phillips (sociology and social work).

"Recipients can be faculty members, staff or administrators, and they must have given at least eight years of service to women's studies in a capacity which envisioned where we might go and what we might do, such as becoming the first public institution in Texas to offer an academic degree in women's studies. The recipient is a person who gave time and exhibited courage in the face of adversity or opposition."

A long-time contributor to the program, Snapp has chaired the women's studies committee and developed resources for courses, speakers and web pages; provided funds to publish a women's studies brochure; and led efforts to organize, publicize and promote women's studies. Williams also nurtured the program for the university. She represented women's studies for TWU; served as a member of the organizing group that envisioned the newly-approved master's degree program in women's studies; mentored graduate teaching assistants and faculty; and faced opposition during earlier days when the first courses were approved at the undergraduate level. Both honorees received plaques and thanks for their support and dedication.

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COLLEGE FOR KIDS OFFERS SUMMER FUN

Want to incite a riot this summer? Well...maybe not a riot, but maybe the enthusiasm and excitement of youngsters who need to channel their energies during summer vacation! TWU's "College for Kids" is just the thing this July for youngsters in grades 3 to 6 looking for fun ways to beat the heat. Classes range from "Big Magic, Small Hands" to "Budding Picasso," "Coming to America," "Let's Cook," "Gotta Dance," "Handmade Paper and Book Making," "Rocketry," "Show Me the Money" and more!

Interested students will attend four afternoon sessions, Monday through Thursday, beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 4:50 p.m. from July 6 to 23. The cost to attend is \$129 per student; some courses may include additional fees for supplies. Eligible students are those who attended school during the spring 1998 semester in grades 3 through 6. Registration is done on a first-come, first-served basis; parents also must attend an orientation session on ACT 3 either June 22 at 10:30 a.m. or June 30 at 5:30 p.m. (each session will include a campus tour). For registration information, contact the TWU office of continuing education at 8-1-3408.

"Classes in the program provide learning activities that are different from a child's regular school curriculum," said Terri Franklin (continuing education), who coordinates the program. "We see 'College for Kids' as a three-week summer enrichment program designed to excite the imagination and expand the knowledge of youth." From portraiture to painting, chemistry to ceramics, biology to cyberspace, computer-aided design to math and tae kwon do to video, students will choose four classes for their summer fun as they make new friends and explore new worlds -- and as they learn to follow a code of conduct especially for the program which respects others and their ideas.

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WELLNESS CENTER OFFERS FITNESS FUN, GREAT PRICES

The TWU Wellness Center will begin offering annual memberships of \$25 to all benefits-eligible employees, effective June 1, 1998. "We are happy to offer membership at this cost to our employees," said Dr. Linda King (Wellness Center). "Our goal is to provide fitness services that will enable our employees to lead healthier lives."

The new membership price of \$25 applies only to the TWU employee; spouses and dependents continue to pay the reduced rate of \$10 per month, \$35 for four months or \$100 for a year. Retired employees are eligible for the \$25-per-year benefit; their spouses continue to pay \$10 per month. "All benefits-eligible employees can take advantage of this benefit immediately," added King. "For example...if you do not owe dues again until September, you do not need to pay the \$25 until then. However, you must be employed currently to receive this benefit. Employees who break service with TWU will no longer be members at this rate and will not receive a refund."

In other Wellness Center news:

- National Employee Health and Fitness Day will be held on Wed., May 20, from noon to 1 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. A walk on the indoor track will begin at 12:15 p.m. -- walk as many laps as possible in 30 minutes. Participants will receive a ticket for each completed lap; each ticket represents a chance to win a prize: a one-year membership in the Wellness Center; NEHF Day T-shirts; one visit to the Wellness Center dietitian; or one personal training appointment ("Fresh Start"). The walk will be followed by a box lunch for \$5 (turkey sandwich, chips, banana and bottled water from the Garden Room), or bring your own.
- The center is starting a walking club -- "Step Up!" -- which will kick off during NEHF Day on May 20. A one-time registration fee of \$10 includes a cotton T-shirt. Participants will take an imaginary walk across Texas as a club member, and the Wellness Center will track each person's mileage. Incentives, healthful tips and other fun will be provided for members.
- The outdoor pool will open on June 1. Children's swimming lessons will be offered beginning June 8. For details, call the Wellness Center at 8-1-2900 now or the outdoor pool at 8-1-2902 after June 8.

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FACULTY SENATE HOLDS ELECTIONS

On Fri., May 8, representatives of the Faculty Senate elected Dr. Basil Hamilton (psychology and philosophy) as speaker; Betty MacNeill (Physical Therapy) as speaker pro tem; and Dr. Jack Gill (fashion and textiles) as secretary for the 1998-99 academic year. Dr. Janice Killian (performing arts, music) and Glenda Lehrmann (library) both were elected by acclamation to represent the Graduate Council and the curriculum committee, respectively. Joanna Lipoma (Occupational Therapy) was elected as representative to the faculty evaluation and development committee.

Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) discussed a proposal that -- once approved by the TWU board of regents -- would allow a 1.5 percent, across-the-board salary increase for faculty members who receive a "satisfactory" or above on their annual faculty performance reviews in the spring. The proposal also allows the creation of three separate "pots" of market adjustment money: one for faculty adjustment; one for professional administration adjustment; and one for classified adjustment. Surles noted that increases in student tuition would have to be made in order to defray costs for funding faculty raises.

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During the meeting, Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) announced the approval of a new grant for technology and interdisciplinary studies, and TWU's new USA president -- Tammy Calhoun -- was introduced. A number of committee reports were delivered, several motions were made and passed, and a number of Senate members who had completed two years of service were recognized. Those persons were: Dr. O.J. Bowman (Occupational Therapy, Houston); Hamilton; MacNeill; Betty Henderson (Nursing); Dr. Oneida Hughes (Nursing); Dr. Charlotte Keefe (early childhood and special education); Lipoma; Dr. Harry Meeuwsen (kinesiology); Dr. Julia Newcomer (business and economics); Dr. Martha Randeri (English, speech and foreign languages); Dr. Clay King (nutrition and food sciences); and Lehrmann. The Faculty Senate will resume meeting during the fall semester.

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VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE POSITION ANNOUNCED

TWU immediately is accepting applications for the position of vice president for student life. The hiring date is expected to be on or about July 20, 1998.

The vice president for student life is the senior administrative officer for the division of student life and reports directly to the president of the university. The university seeks an individual who will advance its mission as an institution which empowers and affirms the full development of students, primarily women. The vice president plans, coordinates and evaluates short- and long-range goals and programs for the student life division; directs and manages the following units -- conference services, Counseling Center, food services, health services, intercollegiate athletics, intercultural services, student activities, Student Center, student development, university housing and the Wellness Center; maintains knowledge of current trends and regulations pertaining to student life administration; and oversees student life operations on the Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses.

TWU, established in 1901, is a comprehensive public university, primarily for women. A teaching and research institution, the university emphasizes the liberal arts and sciences, health-related and other professional studies and research. Another aspect of the mission of TWU is to serve a distinct role among public institutions of higher education in Texas, to provide education of the highest quality in a multicultural environment and to serve a wide, diverse community.

Through its eight schools and colleges, TWU offers more than 100 majors leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees for women and men in Denton, Dallas and Houston. TWU is noted for its services and programs for students; for its outreach to women, minorities and non-traditional students; and for active collaboration with academic affairs. The university enrolls approximately 9,400 undergraduate and graduate students. The main 270-acre campus is located in Denton (pop. 71,500), approximately 38 miles north of the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. Visit TWU's web page at www.twu.edu. The candidate should possess these qualifications:

- an earned doctorate in higher education administration, counseling and guidance, or related field of study;
- professional work experience in higher education in positions of increasing responsibility;
- a record of successful experience in strategic institutional planning;

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- ability to work within a diverse university community, enhance student climate and contribute to a multidisciplinary environment;
- excellent skills in communication, human relations and administration;
- ability to apply budgeting and fiscal planning systems; and
- knowledge of administrative practices, methods, resources and standards in the area of student affairs.

Application procedures: Submit a letter of application which addresses the qualifications listed above; a curriculum vitae; and three current letters of recommendation. Screening of applications will begin May 29, 1998, and will continue until the position is filled. Please submit applications to Dr. Janice LaPointe-Crump, Co-Chair, VPSL Search Committee, TWU, P.O. Box 425587, Denton TX 76204-5587; phone (940) 898-3201; fax (940) 898-3216.

TWU is committed to the principle of diversity. In that spirit, we welcome applications from all individuals. Women, minorities, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Upon request (940/898-3555), TWU will make reasonable accommodations to enable applicants with disabilities to apply for a job. EEO/AAE

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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.

Faculty and staff who have disabilities may request accommodations by contacting the TWU human resources office. Students must contact the office of student disability support services to request assistance with accommodations. The TDD number for TWU's DSS office is 8-1-3606.

A retirement reception for Dr. Rose Spicola (reading and bilingual education) will be held from 3 to 5 p. m. in MCL 305 to honor her for more than 30 years of service to TWU. The campus community is invited.

"On My Own Time" participants in the TWU employee arts and crafts show will be honored during a reception on Wed., May 13, from 10 to 11 a.m., ACT 2. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) will host the event. All faculty and staff members are invited.

Reminder: Beat the stress...try a 10-minute chair massage at the TWU Wellness Center (faculty, staff and students) -- just \$5! Take advantage of this offer these dates and times: May 11, 1-4 p.m.; May 12, 1-4 p.m.; May 13, 1-3 p.m.; and May 14, 1-4 p.m.

A farewell party for Kathy Dieringer (intercollegiate athletics) will be held on Tues., May 12, from noon to 1:30 p.m., PH 2nd floor -- the athletics office lobby. Refreshments will be served, and the campus community is invited to attend.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

TWU Update will begin its biweekly summer publication schedule on Mon., May 18. Please continue to submit items throughout the summer; for details, call 8-1-3456.

Reminder: Two MFA exhibits, titled *Amalgamation* and *Three Cantos: An Inner Journey*, will be displayed May 11-15 in the East and West Galleries of the Fine Arts Building, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibits are free and open to the public.

Payroll deadlines for this month have been announced. Personnel changes for June 1 are due in human resources by 5 p.m. on Mon., May 11. Timesheets for hourly employees should be finalized on Mon., May 18, so that they may be downloaded to Rhea at 5 p.m.; begin edit of hourly timesheets on May 19 and finalize on May 20 by 5 p.m. for final approvals.

Reminder: This semester's "Midnight Breakfast" will be held on Mon., May 11, from 10 p.m. to midnight in the Pioneer Cafe. The "all-you-can-eat" pancake breakfast is staged for TWU students during finals week as they study for exams.

All faculty and administrators who would like to be included in the university's "experts guide" for the news media are reminded they can still turn in their forms to Ann Hatch (public information). Anyone who has misplaced a form or would like to request one can call 8-1-3456.

Reminder: The physical plant will send a Ryder truck to TWU's Houston campus on May 18 to pick up surplus property for return to Denton. Any department that has items which need to be sent to Houston should contact Ron Justiss (inventory) at 8-1-3140 or Jerry Stansel at 8-1-3144. Items going to Houston on the truck must be sent to the physical plant by 5 p.m. on May 15.

TWU's outdoor pool will open on June 1. Children's swimming lessons will be offered beginning June 8. For details, call the Wellness Center at 8-1-2900 now or the outdoor pool at 898-2902 after June 8.

Faculty, staff and students at TWU's Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center served the community during National Nurses Week in early May by collecting donations for charitable organizations. TWU sponsored de Madres a Madres.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

The faculty development leave committee, chaired by Dr. **Merry Evenson** (family sciences), has announced that the following faculty members received leave awards for 1998: Dr. **Nicki Cohen** (performing arts, music), \$1000; Dr. **Lybeth Hodges** (history and government), \$325; Dr. **Vicky Imrhan** (nutrition and food sciences), \$977; Dr. **Jane Irons** (special education), \$1,000; Dr. **Gladys Keeton** (performing arts, dance), \$1,000; Dr. **Martha Rew** (nutrition and food sciences), \$977; and Dr. **JoLynne Reynolds** (family sciences), \$777; and Drs. **Joyce Williams** and **Sharon Cullen** (sociology and social work), \$992. The 1998 awards totaled \$7,048 and were coordinated through Dr. **Beverley Byers-Pevitts** (academic affairs). Awards are given for individual projects that promote faculty knowledge and skills for improved teaching, research and service capabilities.

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Dr. **John Flohr** (performing arts, music) and Dr. **Dan Miller** (psychology and philosophy) presented their work, "The Effect of Music Instruction on Brain Activity of Four- and Five-Year-Olds," at the Velma E. Schmidt Programs in Early Childhood Education conference in April.

Three faculty members from the department of nutrition and food sciences -- Drs. **John Radcliffe** (Houston), **Vicky Imrhan** and **Dorice Narins** -- have co-authored a paper titled "The Use of Soy Protein Isolate to Reduce the Severity of Retinoid-Induced Hypertriglyceridemia" that has been accepted for publication in *Cancer Detection and Prevention*.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: MAY 11 - 17, 1998

April 30-May 14

- "On My Own Time" employee art show, ACT 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

May 11-15

- Visual Arts: MFA exhibits, *Amalgamation* and *Three Cantos: An Inner Journey*, East/West Galleries, Fine Arts Bldg., weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 11-14

- 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., May 11

- Midnight breakfast for students, HH, 10 p.m. to midnight.

Tues., May 12

- Retirement reception for Dr. Rose Spicola (reading and bilingual education), MCL 305, 3-5 p.m.
- Farewell reception for Kathy Dieringer (intercollegiate athletics), PH 2nd floor, noon-1:30 p.m.

Wed., May 13

- "On My Own Time" reception, ACT 2, 10-11 a.m.
- Houston: technology committee meeting, MGJ 928, 9:30 a.m.
- Houston: animal committee meeting, MGJ 928, 11:30 a.m.
- Fire prevention plan training program, Library 201; sessions repeated several times: 8-8:50 a.m., 9-9:50 a.m.; 10-10:50 a.m.; and 11-11:50 a.m. Registration requested; call 8-1-2924.

Thurs., May 14

- Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Fri., May 15

- Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sat., May 16

- Commencement, MJPH: Ceremony I, 9 a.m., Arts and Sciences; Ceremony II, 11:30 a.m., Education/Human Ecology, Library/Information Studies and Occupational Therapy; Ceremony III, 2 p.m., Health Sciences, Nursing and Physical Therapy; receptions in HH at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; residence halls close.

Sun., May 17

- -Blagg-Huey Library and bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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