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TWU, GTE PROMOTE EARLY LITERACY INITIATIVE

It's a matter of success or failure...fulfillment or impairment. When the nation's children learn to read, they expand their minds and ensure their future. When they don't, they lag behind, drop out and no longer dare to dream. But taking the proper steps -- offering good reading programs, training teachers and literacy facilitators for schools and school districts, and providing a challenging, stimulating learning environment filled with books and encouragement -- can give children the tools they need to read and succeed.

A new program at Texas Woman's University will help support literacy from kindergarten through third grade with a gift from GTE -- $450,000 over a three-year period -- that will enable TWU faculty in reading to help teachers and train literacy facilitators who, in turn, will enhance reading opportunities for youngsters in their formative years.

"With GTE's support and our reading faculty's expertise and planning, we have created a partnership that will allow us to begin a new initiative in early literacy that should help children learn to read -- and love to read," said Dr. Michael Wiebe (Education and Human Ecology), which received funding from the GTE grant. "The purpose of the grant is three-fold: to take advantage of literacy opportunities in a child's early years -- from kindergarten through third grade, specifically;
to offer varied literacy opportunities for area teachers and school districts; and to implement an organized, planned approach to providing services to teachers. Every member of our reading faculty has played a role in developing our proposal, and we all are very excited to be able to implement it, with GTE's financial support."

As a corporate neighbor to more than 3,000 communities nationwide, GTE has surveyed leaders from those areas and has asked them to identify issues that concern them. The survey results identified three major areas: economy, crime and education. "GTE's grant supporting early literacy in partnership with Texas Woman's University is one example of how the company joins with others to help solve problems and help members of the communities that they serve," said Larry Atwell, GTE regional president for Texas and New Mexico. GTE also has provided financial support for the President's Council and the

TWU Pioneer Athletic Scholarship Campaign.

The new literacy initiative that TWU will launch begins first with a year of progressive planning, coupled with an eminent scholars lecture series for area teachers. The second and third years expand outreach; identify and train literacy facilitators who will work with teachers in participating school districts' classrooms; develop a model for literacy training in a child's early years; and strengthen research and evaluate the progress of the ongoing, evolving literacy initiative planned by TWU. School districts participating in the program will help share approximately one-fourth of the initiative's cost as GTE supports the other 75 percent.

"TWU's reading initiative will be a fluid, progressive effort. Planning is critical to its success, and we will spend much time doing just that," said Dr. Billie Askew (reading and bilingual education). "This (effort) is a new approach in children's literacy, and we hope to establish a model that others can use so that children in this country can learn to read and use that skill to improve their lives."

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WOMEN IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION IS FOCUS OF SEMINAR

Until the turn of the 20th century, women in America had few -- if any -- rights. Their needs and interests weren't represented, they couldn't vote and they had no legal voice. Now, 150 years after the Seneca Falls convention in New York that launched the women's rights movement, women have strong voices in government, business and even the legal profession, which largely had ignored them for decades.

In observance of the sesquicentennial celebration of Seneca Falls, TWU will present a symposium titled "Women in the Legal Profession" on Wed., Oct. 14, at 1 p.m., CFO 203. The program, facilitated by Jeff Robb (history and government), will feature discussions presented by Judge E. Lee Gabriel; Melissa A. Essary, professor, Baylor University School of Law; and Kim J. Askew, a partner in Hughes and Luce, LLP. The next day, Oct. 15, Judge Hilda Tagle -- the first Latina appointed to a federal judgeship in Texas -- will discuss "Women and the Law: What Constitutes Equality?" at 1 p.m., MCL auditorium.

Gabriel, district judge in the 367th Judicial District Court, will discuss "Women in the Judiciary." Gabriel was appointed to the newly-created 367th Judicial District Court in 1989 and was re-elected in 1990 and 1994. She previously was first assistant district attorney for Denton County and was recognized as one of the seven best criminal litigators in Texas by *The Texas Lawyer*. A 1980 cum laude graduate of the Texas Tech University School of Law, Gabriel is board-certified in criminal law by the

Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She has spoken at State Bar of Texas continuing education seminars and was an adjunct assistant professor at TWU.

Essary, professor of law at Baylor, has taught employment, labor and trade classes in BU's School of Law since 1990. Previously, she served as a litigation attorney for Vinson and Elkins in Dallas, and Shannon, Gracey, Ratliff and Miller in Fort Worth. Essary has authored several publications on employment, trade and consumer protection. She is a 1985 magna cum laude graduate of BU School of Law and is a frequent presenter.

Askew practices primarily in complex commercial litigation, labor and employment cases. She earned her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and clerked for U.S. District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer before she joined Hughes and Luce. She has been a frequent presenter at continuing education seminars. Her extensive professional activities include service as chair of the State Bar of Texas continuing legal education committee and as a member of the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Professions.

November programs in TWU's Seneca Falls celebration include: "Women's Rights Conventions of the 1850s," Nov. 3, 9 a.m., ASB 306, by Dr. Brenda Phillips (women's studies); "Symposium on Women in the Theological Profession," Nov. 18, 1 p.m.; and "Are Women Persons? Questions from Canada in the 1920s," Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m., CFO 204, by Dr. Suzann Buckley (Arts and Sciences). For more information, call 8-1-2133.

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ITS WELCOMES EXPERTS TO PROGRAM

The TWU department of information technology services is hosting 53 representatives from 22 colleges and universities in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma who want to learn more about imaging. The program, titled "Document Imaging for Universities," will be held on Mon. and Tues., Oct. 12 and 13, ACT 5, all day.

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IMAGING SEMINAR, *continued*

The seminar is sponsored by TWU, Optika and Critical Technologies, and it will showcase a product called eMedia from Optika. TWU's department of information technology services has been testing the

software for three months and was one of 10 sites in the U.S. chosen for "beta testing" of eMedia.

"We also have been used extensively as a reference site by Optika for the software, and several schools -- like Washington State University, the University of Idaho and the University of Oklahoma -- have come to TWU for the last several months to see software demonstrations and to seek our opinion on implementing the imaging system in a university environment," said Robert Martin (ITS systems engineer). Representatives from companies like Packard Bell-NEC and Dell Computer also have visited TWU.

"We currently are using Optika's FilePower suite of products for scanning, reporting and work flow in several departments, including financial aid, accounts payable, payroll and ITS, to name a few," added Martin. "The office of institutional advancement will be the first unit on campus where we will install eMedia -- probably in November of this year. They will re-engineer the way they process gifts and donations to the university, scanning correspondence between donors and the university to allow for faster response times and better customer service."

The seven offices already using Optika's FilePower software will convert to eMedia next year. The TWU Center for Research on Women's Health will begin using the new document imaging software in November or December of this year. A sampling of schools sending participants to the seminar include Southeast Louisiana State University, University of Oklahoma, Southwest Texas State University, Dallas County Community College District and others. "We welcome our colleagues from other colleges and universities and look forward to sharing our experiences -- and to hearing ideas that others will share with us," said Tom Graf (ITS).

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MONSTERS, MONSTERS....EVERYWHERE!

In October, a Monster Flute Concert conjures up visions of gigantic instruments with dancing arms and legs, noisily playing some haunting tunes. Fear not! TWU's annual Monster Flute Concert, instead, showcases a 20-member ensemble, directed by Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music) and comprising flute students from TWU and Brookhaven College in Dallas. The free concert will be held on Tues., Oct. 27, at 8 p.m., MJPH.

Youngblood said this year's free concert will feature a special surprise. "I was at a faculty meeting earlier this fall and Joe Pinson (performing arts, music) handed me a piece of music that he had written for the Monster Flute Choir," she said. "He had the parts written out for me by the end of the week, and we will perform it during the concert. The work is called *Spook Dance*, so I think he really liked the whole monster flute choir concept." Other pieces on the program will include: *Over the Edge* by Benjamin Boone; *Take Five*, made popular by Dave Brubeck and written by Paul Desmond; *Concerto in E Minor* by Antonio Vivaldi; and *Salsita* by Venezualan composer Victor Rojas.

Youngblood said it's no accident that the ensemble's repertoire is wide-ranging this year. "I always try to have a broad variety of music at these concerts," she explained. "That way, there's something for

everyone. And it gives the ensemble many different challenges."

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COME ONE, COME ALL...TO THE SECC AGENCY FAIR

As the 1998 State Employee Charitable Campaign continues at TWU, the agencies that directly touch the lives of people in need will share information about their efforts during the university's second annual SECC agency fair. The event will be held on Thurs., Oct. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., SC 207. All faculty and staff are invited to stop by and visit with representatives from: Denton Parks and Recreation, Sickle Cell Disease Association, TWU CARES Health Center, ARC of Denton County, Denton Christian Preschool, Denton County Children's Advocacy Center, Friends of the Family, HelpNet, Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

SECC provides state employees with an opportunity to contribute to a variety of local, state and national charities -- including the United Way -- through payroll deduction, cash or check. TWU's campaign continues through Oct. 31. This year's goals and targeted participation rates are: $27,000 -- Denton (40 percent); $6,000 -- Dallas (40 percent); and $2,800 -- Houston (40 percent). Anyone who has questions or needs assistance with the forms can contact Elizabeth Snapp (library) at 8-1-3748 or Dr. Betty Adams (Nursing) at 8-1-2401. Send in your form today!

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FNTAU FALL SEMINAR SET

The Federation of North Texas Area Universities -- comprising TWU, the University of North Texas and Texas A&M University-Commerce -- will present its annual fall seminar on Fri., Oct. 16, in the Memorial Student Center at TAMU-Commerce. The theme is "Critical Issues Facing Higher Education," and the plenary session begins at 10:30 a.m.

The seminar will include featured speaker Sen. Teel Bivins (R), chair of the committee on education in the Texas Senate. Bivins was elected to the Senate in 1989; his district includes the top of the Panhandle to Midland-Odessa. A resident of Amarillo and a west Texas native, Bivins also serves on the finance and natural resources committee and the Legislative Budget Board. Selected twice by *Texas Monthly* as an "Outstanding Legislator," he also was named to the Legislative Honor Roll of the Young Conservatives of Texas.

The Toulouse Scholarship luncheon will begin at noon in the Texas Ballroom, and the guest speaker will be Dr. Don Brown, commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Robert Toulouse Doctoral and Master's Scholarships also will be announced; they are given annually to an outstanding doctoral student and a master's student pursuing courses of study in one of the federation's program areas ($1,000 for the doctoral award and $500 for the master's). A TWU student -- Astra Jackson, a doctoral student in biology -- will receive the doctoral scholarship, while Kristine Haddox from TAMU-Commerce will be given the master's award.

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PIPER PROFESSOR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation annually recognizes 10 professors for their dedication to the teaching profession and their outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement. The honorees receive certificates naming them a "Piper Professor," a cash honorarium of $2,500 and a gold commemorative pin
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FNTAU SEMINAR, *continued*

The awards specifically focus on recognition of the teaching profession. Nominees must be full-time faculty. Nominations must be submitted on two-part forms, available from the faculty awards committee, by contacting Dr. Sarah McIntire (biology) at 8-1-2396. The nominee's department completes part A; the nominee fills out part B. The committee will forward a name to Dr. Carol Surles (president's office). No more than five letters of recommendation may accompany the forms, and all materials should be sent to McIntire in biology. Materials may be faxed from Dallas or Houston to 8-1-2392. *The deadline to submit is Mon., Oct. 19, at noon.*

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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.

Reminder: A reception honoring Dr. Richard Nicholas (student life) will be held on Tues., Oct. 20, from 4 to 5 p.m., ACT 2. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and congratulate him on his appointment as vice president for student life.

A financial aid training session for academic advisors will be held on Tues., Oct. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m., SC 105, with Raedean Bolton (financial aid). Find out about the importance dropping a class, being a general major, holding non-degree status, carrying too many hours, academic advising -- and how each area affects a student's financial aid. Call 8-1-3056.

"Books fall open; you fall in"....The TWU School of Library and Information Studies wants anyone interested in children's literature and literacy to drop in for several programs this fall -- the first is a presentation by Roland Smith on Tues., Oct. 13, at 6 p.m., ACT 3. Smith, an author an naturalist, will present a free lecture and slide show tracing his transition from zoo keeper to writer; book sales and autographs will be held immediately following the lecture in SH lobby. Admission is free, and Smith's visit was made possible by Hyperion Books for Children. He is author of *Thunder Cave*, which was included on the 1997-98 Texas Lone Star Reading List.

Reminder: The power of language and how educators can use creative techniques to share their love of reading will be the focus of TWU's annual fall forum in reading on Sat., Oct. 24, in MCL (various locations). Sponsored by the department of reading and bilingual education and the College of Education and Human Ecology, the Rose F. Spicola Forum in Reading will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost to attend is $35 per person; students may pay $15. A box lunch is an additional $7, and a late fee of $10 will be added to registration after Oct. 14 (lunch reservations also must be received by that date). For information, call reading and bilingual education at 8-1-2227. The featured speaker for the event will be Dr. Taffy Raphael, faculty member in the department of reading and language arts at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.

Space planning and utilization reports sent to various departments and offices across campus should be returned to Larry Harrison (physical plant) by Tues., Oct. 13.

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NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

Reminder: Scholarship money is available for TWU students majoring in bilingual education if they apply by the deadline on Fri., Oct. 16, at 4 p.m.. The scholarship program provides money for tuition, fees and books for TWU students during the fall 1998 semester who are either juniors or seniors enrolled in the bilingual education program. Application forms and copies of the eligibility criteria can be picked up in MCL 305 in the Title VII grant office. For more information, call Gustavo Cedillo (reading and bilingual education) at 8-1-2213; the fax number is 8-1-2048.

An open forum for TWU faculty and staff in Dallas will be held on Mon., Nov. 9, FPH 2nd floor faculty conference room, from 10 to 11 a.m. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) will convene the forum and also will provide an update on the university's strategic plan, *Pioneering* Our Future. Faculty and staff are invited to enjoy refreshments from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Reminder: A free faculty recital featuring flutist Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music) will be held on Tues., Oct. 13, in MJPH, 8 p.m.

Reminder: TWU's 5th annual flu shot clinic for faculty, staff and students is offered every Wednesday in October from 4 to 6 p.m. at Student Health Services. The cost is $10 per person, and each client must have a valid TWU ID. Plan to stay 20 minutes after the shot is administered. For more information, call 8-1-3826.

Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk will be the featured speaker on Thurs., Oct. 22, during the members/guests-only meeting of the Denton Rotary Club; the Rotarians meet weekly at TWU.

A Saturday visit for prospective students and their family members will be hosted by the TWU office of undergraduate admissions on Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon in Denton. Interested persons are asked to RSVP two weeks before the program, which includes a welcome and campus overview, financial aid session and campus tour. For details, call 8-1-3047.

Reminder: A Bosses' Day luncheon presented by ASSET will be held on Thurs., Oct. 15, from 11:30 a. m. to 1 p.m., HH. The $6-per-person meal includes barbecue sandwiches, chopped brisket, baked beans, potato salad, pickled onion tray, cookies and iced tea or water. Reservations are needed by noon on Mon., Oct. 12.

Reminder: The Graduate Club in nutrition and food sciences is conducting a food drive Oct. 5-16 in honor of World Food Day. They need easy-to-prepare foods, canned vegetables, peanut butter, canned fruit, tomato sauce, rice, beans, pasta and canned meats. All items will be donated to the Denton Community Food Center and TWU's food pantry; boxes are located across the campus. For details, call 8-1-2636. And...On Oct.15, Carol Kernek from the Denton Community Food Center will discuss local hunger needs at noon, OMB 300. The TWU department of nutrition and food sciences also will host a teleconference from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Blagg-Huey Library 101. The topic will be "Food for All: Right or Goal"; both programs are free and open to the public.

Reminder: Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) is holding a clothing drive for Make A Difference Day

through Oct. 19. They need professional clothes for students who need help getting ready for job interviews. Donated clothes will be given to TWU's office of career services to help students in need. Clothing can be dropped off in CFO 410. For details, call Paula Warren or Chandra Schong at 8-1-2108 or Sherrie Taylor at 8-1-2903 (business and economics).

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Eva Doyle** and TWU alumna Dr. **Susan Keith** (both health studies) recently published an article titled "Using PRECEDE/PROCEED to Address Diabetes within the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma" in the *American Journal of Health Behavior* in October.

Dr. **Barbara Cramer** (HPOP) and her staff welcomed members of the Cross Timbers Girl Scout Council to TWU for "Partners in Health, Careers and College" on Sat., Oct. 3. Doctoral students **Jody Oomen** and **Carole Veach** (health studies) discussed HIV/AIDS. Others from TWU who helped with the program included **Laura Barnett** (admissions), **Carrie Farrier** (financial aid), **Sherri Williams** (career services) and President's Leadership Council members **CeCe** Washington, **Shandrina Boyd**, **Chris Davis** and **Sandra Parcher**. Barbara Reynolds and Judy Price from the Cross Timbers Girl Scout Council also assisted.

Dr. **Carol Surles** (president's office) and **Ann Hatch** (public information) attended the annual meeting of the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities in Austin on Oct. 11 and 12. Surles participated as outgoing president of ATCU; Hatch met with other members of the statewide ATCU Communications Council.

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to Ann Hatch in public information by campus mail or by e-mail to s_hatch@twu.edu! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (i.e. Dr.).

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCT. 12 - 18, 1998

Oct. 12-14

- Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sept. 10-Oct. 16

- Visual arts exhibits: *About Women* and *Ripples in the Water*, east and west galleries, Fine Arts Building, free, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oct. 12-13

- ITS: "Document Imaging for Universities" conference, ACT 5, all day.

Mon., Oct. 12

- Personnel changes due for November payroll in human resources, 5 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 13

- Concert: faculty flute recital featuring Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music), free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- GTE reception/gift announcement, ACT 16, 5-6:30 p.m.
- Volleyball: TWU vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, Durant OK, 7 p.m.
- LIS speaker: Roland Smith, author and naturalist, free, ACT 3, 6 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 14

- Faculty/staff/student flu shot clinic, $10 with TWU ID, SHS, 4-6 p.m.
- Fire safety course, BHL 101, 8:30-9:30 a.m. or 1-2 p.m.
- Hazardous communications: train the trainer, ACT 501, 2-3 p.m.
- Seneca Falls program: "Women in the Legal Profession," free; discussions by Judge E. Lee Gabriel; Melissa A. Essary, professor, Baylor University School of Law; and Kim J. Askew, partner, Hughes and Luce, LLP; CFO 203, 1 p.m.

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CALENDAR, *continued*

Thurs., Oct. 15

- Seneca Falls/Hispanic Heritage Month program: "Women and the Law: What Constitutes Equality?" by Judge Hilda Tagle -- the first Latina appointed to a federal judgeship in Texas, free, MCL auditorium, 1 p.m..
- ASSET Bosses' Day luncheon, RSVP only, HH, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Nutrition speaker: Carol Kernek, Denton Community Food Center, free, OMB 300, noon.
- SECC annual agency fair, SC 207, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Hispanic Heritage Month: Salsa dance, HH, $8 in advance or $10 at the door, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Fri., Oct. 16

- Biology seminar: Dr. Ann Thompson, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, free, CFO 205, 4 p.m.
- Volleyball: TWU vs. Central Oklahoma, Edmond OK, 7 p.m.
- Finalize web hours through Oct. 15 for payroll; downloaded at 5 p.m.
- Adult CPR course, $15, registration required, SC 110, 8 a.m.
- First aid course, $15, registration required, SC 110, 1 p.m.
- 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.
- Nutrition teleconference: "Food for All: Right or Goal" from George Washington University, free, BHL 101, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 17

- Houston Alumni Day, $10 (RSVP required), MGJ 206, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Health educator certification exam, MCL 216, 8 a.m.
- Volleyball: TWU vs. Cameron University, Lawton OK, 2 p.m.
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m

Sun., Oct. 18

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m

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