

## **IT'S TIME TO GO FORWARD**

The heat of summer is on...and it's time for August commencement at TWU! More than 550 students will celebrate the end of their academic careers and the beginning of their professional lives when commencement exercises are held on Sat., Aug. 14, in Pioneer Hall. Students and family members are invited to attend. The ceremonies will be held at 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.. Commencement speakers will be Texas Rep. Vicki Truitt of Keller and TWU 1999 Distinguished Alumna Anne Durrum Robinson for ceremonies I and II, respectively.

Approximately 450 students are expected to participate in their graduation ceremonies.

Times for commencement reflect candidate assignments, based on specific schools and colleges participating in the ceremonies listed below:

- 9 a.m. -- Ceremony I involves candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Nursing, the School of Library and Information Studies, the School of Occupational Therapy and the School of Physical Therapy; and
- 1:30 p.m. -- Ceremony II will feature graduates from the College of Education and Human Ecology and the College of Health Sciences.

A reception for graduates, their families and guests who attend ceremony I will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; those involved in ceremony II are invited to a reception from 3 to 4 p.m. Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office) will preside at both ceremonies, which include an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

Rep. Truitt, a native of northeast Tarrant County, has been working in the health care field for 26 years. She is president of "Physician Resource Network," a physician recruitment and health care consulting firm which she founded in 1984. She is a long-standing member of the Texas Hospital Association and has had a close affiliation with members of the Texas Medical Association for almost 15 years. A

legislator, grandmother, spouse and community activist, Truitt has been involved in the Keller Rotary Club Foundation and served as its president; is founder of the Northeast Emergency Pharmacy Fund (which raised private donations to provide pharmacy needs for local residents in financial crisis); is a member of the Northeast Leadership Forum; and other programs, too.

As a member of the Texas House of Representatives (her first session), she served on the committee for juvenile justice and family issues; the committee on human services; and the committee for rules and resolutions. During the 76th session, she also served on several legislative conference committees. Truitt is a member of the Republican caucus of the Texas House of Representatives, serves on its policy committee and is a member of the House rural caucus as well.

A noted speaker, trainer and consultant in human resources development, Robinson earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from TWU in 1936. She also holds a master's degree in

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journalism from the University of Texas at Austin. She has served as a keynote speaker for many regional and national conferences and, in 1988, she was one of two women speakers invited to the first International Conference on Brain Dominance, held in Munich, Germany.

Robinson, a resident of Austin, is the author of *Symphony for Simple Simon*, which has earned more than

\$75,000 for the Austin Symphony and others across the country. Her professional experience also includes writing for and performing on radio, television, film and stage. She also has been an advertising account executive, a copywriter, magazine editor and travel consultant. Robinson has won two national one-act play prizes, and she has been listed in *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who of the Southwest* and *Texas Women of Distinction*.

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## **SLP SETS GRADUATION RECORD**

A record number of graduate students (104!) in speech-language pathology will receive their master's degrees this Saturday in Denton. "To our knowledge, this will be the largest group of students ever to receive this particular master's degree within a single semester from any university," said Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office). "It represents one step in TWU's effort to reduce the critical need for more speech-language pathologists in the public schools of Texas."

TWU partnered with the Texas Education Agency and 14 Regional Educational Service Centers around the state to deliver the speech-language pathology program to more than 100 persons who are fully employed within various school districts served by the regional centers. All of the academic courses were taught through the Texas Education Telecommunication Network, a statewide videoconferencing system that connects all of the Regional Educational Service Centers across Texas. Additionally, the students were required to complete 375 clock hours of clinical instruction that was supervised by certified speech pathologists.

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## **PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE**

The TWU presidential search advisory committee met this week (Aug. 9 and 10), under the direction of Kay Williams Goodman, chair of the both the committee and the TWU board of regents. Committee members began the interview process that eventually will result in the release of the names of five to six finalists who will come to TWU's locations in Denton, Dallas and Houston to meet faculty, students and staff.

The committee will continue to accept applications and nominations from interested persons throughout the process; those persons who meet the requirements for the search will move through the process in the same manner as applicants who submitted dossiers earlier in the search.

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## **CALENDARS ARE IN**

Calendars, notepads and pens from the Denton Area Teachers Credit Union have arrived, and the office

of public information (ACT 2) once again will distribute them. Each office or department should send a representative to public information to pick up the supplies; that person should come prepared with the number of items needed and the name of the department. This process ensures that everyone has an opportunity to request some calendars, notepads and pens. These supplies are *not* distributed by campus mail (except Houston and Dallas). After the items have been provided to campus offices and departments, the remaining supplies will be given out on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Anyone with questions should call Johnna Sweet (public information) at 8-1-3456.

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## **TWU WELCOMES NEW PROGRAM CHAIR IN DRAMA**

Sharon Bengé is no stranger to Texas Woman's University, where she has taught before. She's no stranger, either to the north Texas fine arts scene, as founder and producing director of Fort Worth's Shakespeare in the Park. Soon she'll be no stranger, either, to the campus and the Denton-area community as the new director of TWU's program in drama in the department of performing arts.

The appointment signals a transition of talents from Charles Harrill, who will return to full-time teaching after serving as program chair for nine years, to Bengé. Dr. Richard Rodean (performing arts/Arts and Sciences) made the announcement and said, "To be able to have someone of Sharon's expertise with us is a real coup for the department. She is highly regarded throughout the area as one of the most innovative and pioneering women of the theater profession, and we are excited that she will bring the benefits of her extensive professional background to our students."

He added, "I just feel very fortunate that we were able to get Sharon to join us. She is a wonderful spokesperson for the profession. And she is someone who will continue the level of productions and excellence that Charles Harrill has established here. It's like being able to take the entire package we have here at TWU to the next step."

Bengé, who resides in Fort Worth, produced 19 Shakespearean plays in nine years for Shakespeare in the Park. Prior to that time, she served as executive director of Casa Manana Playhouse, also in Fort Worth, where she managed a theater school and produced 140 plays in 16 years. She has taught at TWU, Texas Christian University and Texas Wesleyan University, and she has directed plays throughout Texas, as well as serving on organizational committees for a number of art events across the state.

Currently, Bengé co-hosts *Art Matters* on WRR-FM and serves as entertainment coordinator for the

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## UPDATE ON PIONEER ATHLETICS

For the first time in its 15-year history, the TWU Pioneer Athletics Scholarship Campaign brought in more than \$80,000 in gifts and pledges from the 1998-99 year. The previous record total was \$71,743 in 1994.

The current campaign -- slated from Sept. 1, 1998, to Aug. 31, 1999 -- has been chaired by Gregory Sawko, a Denton attorney with the law firm of Sawko and Burroughs. "The campaign's success is due to the concerted efforts of the advisory committee, steering committee, advanced gift committee and approximately 100 volunteers," said Judy Southard (intercollegiate athletics). Sawko is completing his two-year appointment as chair and will be succeeded by Ken and Cene Ingram of Denton.

"Greg Sawko and all of the committees did a wonderful job of surpassing our goal," said Ken Ingram, who is senior vice president at First State Bank in Denton. "TWU is committed to quality academics and athletics, which is something that every contributor should expect."

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He added, "The university provides an opportunity for female athletes to continue their playing careers while receiving a valuable education. Every mom and dad who has a daughter playing high school sports should support this program in some way."

All athletics scholarships at TWU are funded with private dollars earned through events or outright gifts. (The state of Texas does not allow allocated funds to be used for athletic scholarships, and the university does not use student service fee dollars for that purpose either.) In March 1984, former athletics director Jo Kuhn and former faculty member and alumna Kitty Magee organized the Pioneer Club for the sole purpose of obtaining scholarship funding. The annual scholarship campaign changed names, but its purpose remains the same: to serve as the primary source of scholarships for student-athletes at TWU.

In other news....Southard announced the appointment of Debbie Vanderslice Wren as head tennis coach,

effective Sept. 1, 1999. Wren replaces Amy Ables, who has begun full-time studies at TWU for her doctoral degree.

Wren has served as a tennis instructor at Texas A&M camps, the Four Seasons Resort and Club in Las Colinas, United States Tennis Association grassroots programs and the Goldfield Tennis Center in Denton. She served as head coach at MacArthur High School in Irving from 1991 to 1993 and as assistant tennis coach at Texas High School in Texarkana from 1993 to 1994.

Wren, a Texarkana, Ark., native, was a scholarship student-athlete at Southern Methodist University from 1986 to 1990; she played No. 6 singles her first three years and No. 3 singles her second year. She posted a collegiate career record of 46-34 and was a member of the SMU team in 1987 that went to the NCAA semifinals and won the Southwest Conference Championship in 1988. The summer before her senior year at SMU, Wren was the 1989 USTA amateur doubles champion and singles semi-finalist. She was ranked No. 3 doubles amateur and No. 8 singles amateur in the country from 1989 to 1990. She graduated from SMU in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in history.

Wren, who won a number of tennis honors during her high school years, lives in Denton with her husband, Steve, who has been a high school football and golf coach for 17 years. He is returning to teach full time at Southridge Elementary School in Lewisville, Texas; they have a three-year-old daughter, Hannah.

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## **GRADUATE ASSISTANTS ORIENTATION SET**

TWU's annual orientation for graduate assistants will be held on Fri., Aug. 27, in CFO 205 from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. The program is presented primarily for all new graduate teaching and research assistants, but returning assistants may attend if they would like to. Departments that are hiring new assistants are asked to forward those students' names and addresses to Adele Petty in the Graduate School.

The program will include presentations from a number of components on campus, including academic advising and support programs, student life, the library, information technology services, safety, insurance and other areas. For details, call Petty at 8-1-3415.

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## **COMMUNITY DANCE CENTER IS ON ITS TOES**

The TWU community dance program is ready to tap its toes, dance a jig, spin a reel and try a little hip hop this fall with classes that are open to community members of all ages. Enrollment for classes begins Aug. 30, and sessions are \$35 per person. Lessons for children, teens and adults are offered in creative dance, tap, physical conditioning (based on the work of Joseph Pilates), special population, hip hop jazz, swing dance, ballet, country-and-western and Irish step dance. Fall classes will be held from Sept. 7 to Nov. 15, 1999. For a detailed class schedule, visit TWU's website at [www.twu.edu/as/pa/dance](http://www.twu.edu/as/pa/dance) or call the center at 8-1-2086.

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## STUDENT TRAVEL FUNDS FOR SUMMER LISTED

The student travel fund committee met on July 30 to review applications that met the fourth funding period deadline date of July 9. Students who received travel awards are listed below. Awards were announced by Dr. Basil Hamilton (psychology/philosophy).

- *Amy Schubert, Zarmin Lalani and Julie Keith* (dental hygiene) -- 76th annual session, American Dental Hygienists' Association, San Diego, Calif.: poster presentation on "Tools of the Trade";
- *Jeff Edmunds* (nutrition and food sciences) -- Experimental Biology 1999, Washington, D.C. -- "Creatine and Glutamine Supplementation Increase Kidney Disease Progression in Young Han: SPRD-cy Rats";
- *Mariah Heatherton* (English) -- Conference of the Southwest/Texas PCA/ACA -- paper presentation titled "Women's Empowerment: Reality or Crisis?";
- *John Aldridge* (Occupational Therapy) -- ASCOTA delegate conference and AOTA national conference, Indianapolis, Ind. -- attended delegate conference as a representative for SOTA, TWU Houston Center;
- *Lea Ann "Beez" Schell* (kinesiology) -- National Women's Studies Association 20th annual conference, Albuquerque, N. Mex.: presented paper during session titled "The Transgressive Subtexts of Disability and Femininity: Re/Presentations of Women with Disabilities in Literature, Film and Media"; paper titled "Media Images of Elite Female Athletes with Disabilities: The 1996 Paralympics Game";
- *Diane Rollins* (nutrition and food sciences) -- 32nd annual meeting of the Society for Nutrition Education, Baltimore, Md.: poster presentation titled "Weekday Holiday Food Advertisements on Prime Time TV Commercials";
- *Melinda Williams* (English/rhetoric) -- 100th annual conference of the American Literature Association, Baltimore, Md.: paper presentation titled "The Rhetorical Use of Memory and Knowing in Katherine Anne Porter's *The Grave*";
- *Catherine Coghlan* (sociology) -- 94th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Ill.: paper presentation titled "Gender Stratification in American Sociology: 1890-1930";
- *Debra Vickers* (Occupational Therapy) -- ADHA annual session, San Diego, Calif.: table clinic on oral piercing titled "Help! There's a UFO in My Patient's Mouth!"

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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 AHatch@twu.edu or s\_hatch@twu.edu. The biweekly summer 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.**

*TWU Update* will begin weekly publication (and posting online) once again with the start of the new academic year on Mon., Aug. 23. The deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week.

**Reminder: TWUMOO**, a homegrown, cyberspace environment, now can offer special-interest electronic mailing lists that can be used by special interest groups at TWU. Any group of students, staff, faculty or administrators with a special interest and a desire for an e-mail list to discuss group issues synchronously (by e-mail) may request establishing a list for the group. Before anyone can subscribe to a TWUMOO list, they must have membership status, which is free. Send requests for the special interest mailing lists to Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at [ssouris@iglobal.net](mailto:ssouris@iglobal.net).

**Reminder: Applications** for the 1999-2000 Research Enhancement Program for new faculty now are available from the office of research and grants administration in Denton and at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center. The program awards up to \$6,000 in support for the research or creative activity of full-time faculty during the first three years of their appointment at TWU. Grant awards will be announced in early December for projects that begin Jan. 1, 2000, and end on Aug. 31, 2000. The application deadlines are: Oct. 18, 1999, for second- and third-year faculty; and Nov. 1, 1999, for first-year faculty. A briefing about the program has been scheduled on Fri., Sept. 10, at 1:30 p.m. in the TWU videoconference facilities in Denton and Houston. For details, call Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants administration) at 8-1-3376.

**TWU Faculty Development Day** will be held on Tues., Aug. 24, all day, beginning with registration and refreshments on ACT 2. The general agenda includes: registration and refreshments, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; breakout sessions, 9:30 a.m.; general session, 11 a.m.; lunch, 12:30 p.m., breakout sessions -- 1:45, 3 and 4:15 p.m.

**The general faculty meeting** for the fall semester and TWU's 1999-2000 academic year will be held on Mon., Aug. 23, at 10:30 a.m., MCL auditorium., followed by a faculty luncheon.

***For TWU faculty and staff in Dallas:*** the State Employee Charitable Campaign kickoff rally will be held on Sat., Aug. 28, at Dallas Fair Park. A \$10 ticket buys admission to a 6:30 p.m. pre-game rally at Old Mill Restaurant and a soccer game (the Dallas Burn vs. LA Galaxy) at 8 p.m.

***The procedure for departmental charges*** at the TWU bookstore will change, effective Sept. 1, 1999. The bookstore will track sales by purchase order numbers instead of account numbers. "Please alert staff about this change," said Peggy Gann (bookstore). "When a purchase is made to a charge account, the customer will be required to tell us which purchase order to charge." Anyone who has questions should call Gann at 8-1-3104.

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***For TWU faculty and staff in Houston:*** The new class schedule at the TMC library is available. Almost 40 classes have been posted for September through December 1999. Standard classes in PubMed (MEDLINE), CINAHL, PowerPoint 97, Reference Manager 9.0, EndNote 3.0, Internet and HTML all are returning. New classes will include "Navigating Full Text Journals"; "Introduction to Microsoft Access"; and "Creating Tables and Graphs," to name a few. For a complete listing, check out <http://www.library.tmc.edu/classchd.html>. Fee-based classes are free to TMC students and cost only \$25 for faculty, staff, residents and post-docs. Space is limited, and early registration is recommended. For details, call Thomas Gegeny at (713) 799-7803 or e-mail him at [thomasg@library.tmc.edu](mailto:thomasg@library.tmc.edu).

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## **UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

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

Sympathy is extended to Dr. **Glenda Brock Simmons** (student life, retired) and family members, following the death of her mother, Allie Brock, on Aug. 2. Funeral arrangements were handled by Moore Funeral Home in Arlington. Donations may be made in Allie Brock's memory to the Simmons endowment at TWU.

**Lilia Bynum** (institutional advancement) has been selected to participate in the 1999-2000 Leadership Denton program. The 10-month program involves attending a series of workshops and programs, as well as a class project, that introduces class members to the city, county, community agencies and other components to learn more about how they work. Graduates of the program usually become involved in a number of community programs and projects.

Faculty from Obediah Knight Elementary School in the Dallas Public Schools system held a two-day teacher in-service workshop on TWU's campus, Aug. 6 and 7. Training during the session was hosted by Dr. **Lloyd Kinnison** (special education), and programs were presented by Dr. **June Azua** (reading and bilingual education) and Dr. **Ron Fritsch** (special education). The 50 Obediah Knight faculty members stayed in campus housing that Friday.

**Rachel Palmer** (public information) has been awarded a 1999-2000 Virginia Carter Smith Scholarship by the Council of Advancement and Support (CASE), based in Washington, D.C. As a newcomer to the profession of institutional relations, Palmer will receive a scholarship voucher to attend one newcomer's conference of her choice, which will provide an opportunity for professional development and networking. She plans to attend the conference titled "Attracting National Media Attention to Your Campus," scheduled April 17 and 18, in Washington, D.C.

**Ann Hatch** (public information) attended the CASE District IV annual summer mini-conference in South Padre, Texas, Aug. 6-8. She co-presented two sessions with Patty Scogin, assistant director of college relations at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi. The first session involved a presentation of awarding-winning entries (including TWU's projects) in the district's annual competition. The second program explored the teamwork necessary between writers and news staffs, with publications and design staffs.

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Dr. **Leslie M. Thompson** (Graduate School/research) has written an article titled "Dealing with Uncertainty in the Art of Medical Practice" that was published in the fall 1998 issue of *REAL: The Journal of Liberal Arts*.

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUGUST 9 - 22, 1999**

**Aug. 9-11**

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

## **Tues., Aug. 10**

- Personnel changes for Sept. 1 payroll due in human resources, 5 p.m.

## **Aug. 12-13**

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

## **Sat., Aug. 14**

- Commencement: Ceremony I, 9:30 a.m., Pioneer Hall -- College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Nursing, the School of Library and Information Studies, the School of Occupational Therapy and the School of Physical Therapy
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

## **Sun., Aug. 15**

- Library open 2-10 p.m.; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

## **Aug. 16-20**

- Library open noon-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

## **Tues., Aug. 17**

- Finalize timesheets on web for hourly employees by 5 p.m.

## **Wed., Aug. 18**

- Safety training: "Back Safety/Safe Lifting," \$15, library 101, 1-2 p.m.

- Approve hourly timesheets on RHEA.

### **Sat., Aug. 21**

- Library closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Sun., Aug. 22**

- Library closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

### **Upcoming events**

#### **Mon., Aug. 23**

- Fall faculty assembly, MCL auditorium, 10:30 a.m.
- Faculty luncheon, Hubbard Hall, noon.

#### **Tues., Aug. 24**

- Faculty Development Day, ACT 2.

#### **Mon., Aug. 30**

- Classes for fall 1999 semester

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