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## **BELL AVENUE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS JULY 12**

Following the approval of an interlocal agreement by the TWU board of regents and the Denton City Council, construction to improve safety along Bell Avenue will begin on July 12 -- the first day of the second summer session. *In conjunction with that project, parking along Bell Avenue between University Drive and Withers Street will be permanently discontinued (and no parking thus enforced) beginning July 11.* Construction on a parking lot north of Pioneer Hall will start at the same time and should be finished by the beginning of the fall 1999 semester.

"The city of Denton starts work on Bell Avenue on July 12 and plans to finish the project by July 30, weather permitting," said Larry Harrison (facilities management). "As previously announced on campus, the project includes constructing a median along the Bell Avenue route and moving several of the traffic lights and pedestrian crossings -- specifically to Bell and Chapel Drive and to Bell and College Street. As soon as the lights go in and the median is finished, we will proceed to Administration Drive to work on parking spaces along that street. Eventually, Administration Drive will be one way, west, from Bell Avenue to Oakland Avenue, instead of two-way, as it is now."

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## **CONDOLENCES, FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS ANNOUNCED**

Condolences are extended to the family of **Janie Martinez** (registrar's office), who died Monday evening (June 28) in Fort Worth from medical complications. Martinez had served TWU for many years as Veterans Affairs coordinator. Her funeral will be held on Fri., July 2, at 2 p.m. at O'Bannon's Funeral Home, 210 Laurel Ave., in Luling, Texas. (Flowers for the funeral should be sent to this address.) Cards, flowers, condolences and other expressions of concern may be sent directly to Janie's mother, **Elsie Martinez**, at Route 2, Box 426, Luling TX 78648.

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## **FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY MEASURES MANDATED**

During a special meeting of the Administrative Council last week, Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office) spoke with directors, deans, department chairs and other supervisors about the state fire marshal's most recent visit and orders for the Denton and Houston campuses.

Citing the need to maintain health and safety, Byers-Pevitts explained the reasons why the state fire marshal's office is inspecting college and university campuses (three high-rise housing fires at other schools, to be exact) and told administrators that TWU is facing a number of deadlines by which the

school must comply on specific fire and life safety measures or either close a building or face fines -- at the university and individual levels.

"Official orders have been added to our last inspection report," said Byers-Pevitts, "and we will be re-inspected in August. We will be re-inspected every 120 days until all violations are closed or completed." She added, "We must complete all of these orders by Aug. 31, 2001." Although TWU and other schools asked legislators for state appropriations to meet the state-mandated requirements, no money is coming -- and the university must comply with the orders before the next legislature can pass any bills that would help.

Byers-Pevitts added, "The life safety of our students, faculty and staff is our top priority. We already have taken pro-active measures in the amount of \$20 million dollars in the areas of fire and life safety -- especially in Stark and Guinn halls. Many of our buildings are old, and some measures are major and costly; others require your cooperation. We must meet daily compliance, and I am counting on every administrator's support. If we do not cooperate, the state fire marshal can close a building; that office also can fine individual administrators for noncompliance."

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**FIRE SAFETY, *continued***

She said, "Some persons may not be aware of the ramifications, and it's our job as administrators to educate others. I expect each administrator to comply and to enforce these fire and life safety measures." Vicki Byrd (safety officer) and Larry Harrison answered several fire code questions and added that any office or administrator who would like an inspection and explanation of the life and fire safety codes should contact Byrd at 8-1-3130. Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs), who accompanied the fire marshal during his last visit, reiterated Byers-Pevitts' remarks.

The state fire marshal's orders include the following items for Denton and Houston:

- Sprinkler systems must be installed in all high-rise buildings and Jones Hall by Aug. 31, 2001;
- An additional stairwell must be installed in CFO by Aug. 31, 2001;
- Fire detection systems, stairwell exit requirements and emergency lighting systems must be operational by Aug. 31, 1999, in ACT, CFO and the Dental Hygiene Clinic in MCL.
- Temporary actions that must be taken until those orders meet compliance are:

1. Daily inspections of ACT, CFO, MCL, Jones Hall, Houston Center residence halls and Mary Gibbs Jones Hall must be made by the staff person accountable for compliance to assure that the exits and exit access corridors and stairs are usable, that lighting is maintained and that nothing is stacked in or blocks the exit ways.
2. Monthly inspections must be conducted by university safety staff to note any changes in conditions. Corrective actions must be taken.
3. All cooking, except in microwave ovens, will be banned in ACT, CFO, MCL, Jones Hall, Houston Center residence halls and Mary Gibbs Jones Hall. (Coffee makers will be allowed.)
4. All stoves and ranges will be disconnected in Houston Center residence halls.
5. A ban will be placed on candles, burning incense and other open-flame devices in residence halls and in all offices.
6. Fire drills are required in ACT, MCL, CFO, Jones Hall, Houston Center residence halls and Mary Gibbs Jones Hall twice during the first month of each semester and once per month after that.
7. A report must be sent to the state fire marshal's office every 60 days to report progress and compliance.

The fire marshal's report, which applies to all colleges, schools, departments and offices at TWU, states the following:

- The chemical hygiene plan must be implemented immediately.
- Doors into fire exit way corridors must remain closed.
- Door closures must be installed and intact on all fire exit way corridor doors. They cannot be disengaged after they are installed.
- Fire alarm systems must be installed and operational.
- Exit ways and emergency lighting must be installed and operational.
- Maximum occupancy for specified classrooms and laboratories must be determined and subsequently enforced, or TWU must provide additional exit ways.
- All specified hallways must be kept clear of blockage and anything which could impede movement to fire exits (at least 44 inches of clearance must be available).

- All stairwells must be kept clear.
- Exit distance criteria must be met in Old Main and the library.

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## **TWU EXPLORES HISPANIC HERITAGE**

By remembering the past, we can explore the future....That's the idea behind a summer cultural camp designed by Dr. Lisa Garza (sociology). By educating at-risk Mexican American 7th-grade girls about their heritage, she hopes to influence their lives. "The camp is something I've always had in the back of my mind," said Garza, who teaches race relations at TWU. "The Freedom schools of the 1960s had such an impact on young black people, and they sparked my interest in setting up a similar program."

The camp will be held from June 27 to 30, and 16 students from the Denton Independent School District will participate. Graduate teaching assistant Rosalva Resendiz will assist Garza with the program, which was approved by principals from Strickland and Calhoun middle schools and was financed by the TWU College of Arts and Sciences.

"According to Heriberto Godina, teaching middle school youths about their indigenous Mexican culture can have a positive impact on their interest in reading," Garza explained. "Furthermore, Manzo has proposed that once Hispanic youths are taught who they are, empowerment and achievement will follow."

These ideas become even more important when they are compared with population and education statistics. By the year 2010, predictions indicate that the Hispanic population will be the largest ethnic group in the United States, comprising 13.5 percent of the total population, growing to 22.5 percent by the year 2050. According to the Texas Transportation Institute, Hispanics will make up 40 percent of the state's population by 2000. However, while the Hispanic population is increasing rapidly, its rate of educational attainment is lower than other groups. The national high school drop-out rate for Hispanic women is 35 percent, and Hispanics comprise only 4.5 percent of women who earned bachelor's degrees in 1994.

To combat the negative educational trend, Garza will immerse students in history, heritage and culture by exposing them to an impressive group of speakers and performers in diverse areas, including Latinas in politics, Meshica dancing, Latino art and activism. "Students will learn about their indigenous roots, about Spanish colonization, about their fight for independence and their struggle for equality," Garza said. "They also will be introduced to role models and cultural heroes and heroines, particularly Mexican American women who have made significant contributions to our society."

Once a summer for the next six years, students from the camp will be invited back to TWU to interact with their peers and also with successful Mexican Americans from the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Garza also will follow the girls' educational development to determine the effects of the cultural immersion experience. "We'll judge the impact of the camp and, hopefully, implement it every summer," she added. "Eventually, I'd love to branch out to include students in Fort Worth and Dallas because the dropout rates are so incredibly high in those areas."

Some of the guest speakers will include: Mercedes Olivera, columnist, *Dallas Morning News*; Maria Velasco, public affairs specialist, Food and Drug Administration; Maria Teresa Garcia Pedroche, associate curator, Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University; Adelfa Callejo, Dallas attorney and activist; Dr. Barbara Presnall, TWU department of history and government; and Carmen Rivera-Worley, chief of the civil division for the Denton County criminal district attorney's office. For

more information, call Garza at 8-1-2058.

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## **PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE**

Members of the TWU presidential search advisory committee met on June 23 in Denton, with representatives by telephone from Dallas and Houston, to move forward with the national search. The committee received a draft of the candidate evaluation form, and Dr. Michael Wiebe (Education and Human Ecology), as chair of that subcommittee, will submit the final form in July. The group will meet again on July 8, ACT 16, to review prospective candidates.

To date, according to a report made to the search committee, 71 applications or nominations for the position of president have been received; of that number, 30 dossiers are in hand, and the committee anticipates receiving others as the process moves forward. Following the next meeting, approximately 10 to 12 candidates will be interviewed at a convenient location in the Dallas/Fort Worth area (most likely DFW Airport); from that number, possibly five to six persons will be identified by the committee as finalists. Those names will be announced, visits to TWU's various locations will be arranged and, eventually, more extensive interviews will be conducted with those finalists. Kay Williams Goodman, chair of the TWU board of regents, continues to serve as chair of the presidential search advisory committee.

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## **TENURE/PROMOTION/EMERITA LIST ANNOUNCED**

Members of the TWU board of regents approved the following persons for tenure and promotion during the group's most recent board meeting, held June 10 and 11 in Denton:

- *Tenure* -- Dr. Paul Travis (history and government); Dr. Linda Rubin (psychology and philosophy); Dr. James Williams (sociology and social work); Dr. Joy McGregor (Library and Information Studies); Dr. Joannette McGadney (Nursing, Dallas); Marsha Neville-Smith (Occupational Therapy); Catherine Orr (Occupational Therapy); and Dr. William Bartlett (Physical Therapy).
- *Promotion* -- Dr. Paul Travis, to professor (history and government); Dr. Linda Rubin, to associate professor (psychology and philosophy); Dr. James Williams, to associate professor (sociology and social work); Patricia Driscoll, to associate professor (health care administration, Dallas); Dr. Joy McGregor, to associate professor (Library and Information Studies); Dr. Joannette McGadney, to professor (Nursing, Dallas); Donna Walls, to assistant clinical professor (Nursing, Dallas); JoAnn Newman, to assistant clinical instructor (Occupational Therapy); Elizabeth Olivier, to assistant professor (Occupational Therapy); Eleanor Raffin, to assistant clinical professor; and Dr. William Bartlett, to professor (Physical Therapy).
- *Emerita/Emeritus status* -- Dr. William Tanner (English, speech and foreign languages); Dr. Suzanne Webb (English, speech and foreign languages); Dr. Ruth Anderson (family sciences); Dr. William Anderson (family sciences); Dr. Margaret Griffin (reading and bilingual education); and Dr. Mary Sparks (mass communications).

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**REMINDER: KEEP UP WITH SUMMER NEWS**

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## **TWU OFFERS KIDS SOME SUMMER FUN**

This summer, scores of children will head off to college -- TWU, of course! From July 12 to 29, TWU will host College for Kids, a summer enrichment program that allows kids to explore a variety of subjects -- ranging from chemistry and self-defense to video production and computer-aided design -- through imaginative, hands-on classes. "We saw the need to give children something to do during the summer," said Terri Franklin (continuing education), who coordinates the program, now in its fourth year. "The best part is that the kids are not sitting in front of a television all afternoon; the program also gives them the chance to be on a university campus."

Eligible students must be in grades 3 through 6 in the spring of 1999. Classes meet Monday through Thursday at TWU. For \$139, students may take four classes of their choice; a \$5 fee is required for some courses to cover supplies. For details, call Franklin at 8-1-3408.

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## **NEW TWU NURSING TRACK IN HOUSTON SEEKS STUDENTS**

As health care management and administration become increasingly important, so are the professionals who enable those systems to operate. Nurses, in particular, are stepping forward to take a leadership role in health care delivery. A new track offered by the TWU College of Nursing will give interested nurses an opportunity to earn a graduate degree with a major in nursing/health systems management and a minor in health care administration. "The nurse manager of today must be clinically knowledgeable, and she or he also must possess business and administrative skills to ensure that resources are used effectively and efficiently," said Dr. Rebecca Krepper (Nursing, Houston). "This new program is structured to provide students with both business and nursing administration skills that are essential for them to succeed in their role as managers."

An information session will be presented to all interested persons on Wed., July 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., ED 60; the session is free, and reservations should be phone to Linda Pearson (Nursing, Houston) at 8-4-2100. For details about the new track, call Dr. Chris Hawkins (Nursing, Houston), master's program coordinator, at 8-4-2108. Full- and part-time options are available; students may apply now for fall 1999 admission. The new graduate track will comprise several essential components. "Nursing core courses of practice-oriented nursing theory, research and health promotion will provide a solid foundation for TWU's three nursing administration practicums," said Krepper. "Business courses will include economics, accounting, finance, legal and ethical issues, and marketing. Additionally, clinical practicum placements will be tailored to meet the specific career goals of individual students."

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## **ALUM WILL HEAD NRC**

Last week, President Bill Clinton announced his intention to appoint TWU alumna Greta Joy Dicus as chair of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Dicus, a 1961 graduate, holds a bachelor's degree from TWU in biological science and a master's degree in radiation biology from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. She has served as a commissioner for the NRC since 1996. From 1994 to

1995, she was a member of the board of directors for U.S. Enrichment Corporation, and she also served as chair of the board's subcommittee on nuclear regulatory affairs, among other previous responsibilities and jobs.

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## **TEACHERS: LEARN MORE ABOUT MYTHS AND THE ANCIENT WORLD!**

TWU will co-sponsor a special five-day workshop with the Texas Council for the Humanities (the state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities) from July 19 to 23 to explore the fascinating world of "Mythology and the Ancient World" -- and how to make that journey more exciting in the classroom. Approximately 20 spots are open for the program -- to teachers offering classes in the humanities in grades kindergarten through 12. "We're recruiting teachers right now to participate in this program, which also will provide them with a number of additional benefits," said Dr. William Tanner (English, speech and foreign languages), who is coordinating the program. A special exhibit related to mythology also will be shown at TWU in conjunction with the five-day event.

Tanner's tentative deadline for applications is July 5; interested teachers should submit their name, telephone number, address, highest degree earned, school where they will teach in the fall and grade(s) they will teach. The information can be faxed to Tanner at 8-1-2297 or mailed to him; call 8-1-2324 for detailed instructions.

Benefits include: a \$20-per-day stipend (\$100 total) upon completion of the course; a certificate for 30 CEUs of advanced training, awarded by TWU; course materials; publications related to the THRC exhibit at TWU; five days of guided training on the Internet; a free CD-ROM version of online use for the teacher's use in school; access to library resources; and more.

"This seminar will examine many facets of mythology and the ancient world within cultural, comparative, historical and contemporary frameworks," explained Tanner. "We will give special attention to incorporating resources that are especially useful to teachers who are developing practical aspects of their teaching plans. Teachers also will gain experience in using electronic resources in their classrooms -- in particular, the Internet and CD-ROMs." Special presentations also are scheduled by Texas folklorist Dr. Fred Tarpley of Texas A&M University-Commerce.

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## **STUDY PARTICIPANTS NEEDED**

The TWU Center for Research on Women's Health is seeking participants for a study on systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), which was discovered by a French dermatologist in 1828. The systemic form of lupus is considered the most severe and complex. The Lupus Foundation of America currently estimates that between 1.4 million and 2 million people have been diagnosed with lupus, and thousands of these individuals die each year from lupus-related complications such as renal failure, fatal infections, pulmonary hypertension and cardiovascular disease. It also can affect bone mineral density and often is diagnosed among women in their 30s.

The study will offer participants a \$20 stipend, a free bone mineral density scan, a free dietary analysis and information on preventing osteoporosis. The criteria require that each participant be female, aged 18 to 45, be on a regular menstrual cycle, be a nonsmoker and be diagnosed with systemic lupus erythematosus. Interested persons should contact the center at 8-1-2792, or they can call Lynn Antisell at (940) 390-1544 after 5 p.m.

SLE is defined as a slowly progressive systemic disease of unknown origin that is marked by degenerative changes of collagenous tissue with skin lesions, arthritic changes, lesions of internal organs and wasting, as well as by fever, leukemia and other afflictions.

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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.**

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*Lisa Kealer-Carver* (alumni relations/TWU NAA) has resigned as director of alumni relations, effective July 12, to accept a position with the city of Carrollton, where she will return to the field of training and development, in which she already has an established track record. "We regret to lose Lisa after her brief tenure at Texas Woman's University," said Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement), "but we wish her well. As an alumna of TWU, Lisa represents the university professional manner, and we hope that she will continue her relationship with us." Gigl added that the office of alumni relations will "provide all necessary and essential support services in the interim" until she and TWU National Alumnae Association President Ann Williams complete their responsibilities with the current university presidential search. (They both are members of that presidential search advisory committee.)

***Reminder: Audiences will be rolling in the aisles*** during TWU's Summerfest '99, scheduled June 25 through July 18, when they see feature performances of two comedies, *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* and *Mama Drama*, both in Redbud Theater. *The Last Night of Ballyhoo* will be staged at 8 p.m. on July 2 and 3; a 2 p.m. matinee will be offered on Sun., July 4. *Mama Drama* will be presented at 8 p.m. on July 9, 10, 16 and 17, and at 2 p.m. on Sun., July 18. Ticket prices are the same for either performance: \$10 for general admission; \$7 for TWU faculty and staff; and \$5 for TWU students. Patrons may purchase tickets to both shows at a reduced rate of \$17 for general admission, \$12 for seniors, students and TWU faculty and staff; and \$8 for TWU students. For more information, call 8-1-2500. **(Please note: *Mama Drama* is meant for mature audiences.)**

***Reminder: The new web-based student concerns bulletin board*** now is available for postings by/from students, who can post to this electronic, centralized bulletin board by sending an e-mail message from their Venus e-mail accounts to [StuConcerns@twu.edu](mailto:StuConcerns@twu.edu). Although only students may post messages, anyone may read the comments by going to TWU's Intranet front page and selecting "WBB." For details, contact Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2343 or Sue Cook (career services) at 8-1-2950.

***Reminder: Employee benefits information*** will be distributed in June by the department of human resources; additions and changes in coverage can be made July 1-31. Anyone who is "gone" for the summer should make arrangements with her or his academic department or office to send that information on. Questions? Call 8-1-3555.

## 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! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).**

Sympathies are extended to Dr. **Sarah McIntire** (biology) after the death of her mother, Marlan McIntire of Springfield, Ohio, on June 8; services were held June 12 in South Charleston, Ohio.

**Elizabeth Snapp** (library) has been elected chair of the board of trustees for Amigos Library Services. Amigos Library Services, a nonprofit organization, is **one of the nation's largest library resource-sharing networks** and a leader in providing information technology to libraries.

Dr. **Lisa Garza** (sociology) was a panelist/expert in a WFAA-TV "Family First" program in Dallas on Thurs., June 25, on the well-being, safety and image of women and their daughters.

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## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JUNE 28 - JULY 11, 1999

### June 27-30

- Heritage Camp (for Hispanic 7th-grade girls), SH, all day.

### June 28 - July 1

- 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., July 29

- Last day to drop a class or withdraw from the university.
- College for Kids: parents' orientation, MCL auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

### July 2-3

- Performing arts, drama: *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, Redbud, 8 p.m.

### Fri., July 2

- 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.

### **Sat., July 3**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center (JH) open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

### **Sun., July 4**

- Independence Day -- Happy 4th!
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center closed.
- Performing arts, drama: *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, Redbud, 2 p.m.

### **July 5-7**

- Academic advising resumes for summer II returning students.

### **July 5-8**

- 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.

### **July 9-10**

- Performing arts, drama: *Mama Drama*, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m.

### **Fri., July 9**

- 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.

### **Sat., July 10**

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

### **Sun., July 11**

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

**Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!!!**

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