

CAMPUS INVITED TO TALK TO REGENTS ABOUT SYSTEM IDEA

The TWU board of regents will meet on Tues., March 30, at 7 a.m., ACT 16, to discuss and seek input about the idea of requesting a local bill in the Texas Legislature that would designate TWU as a system, as well as the possibility of designating the TWU Institute of Health Sciences as a health-related institution. The campus community and the general public are invited to attend and to share their ideas. (A similar meeting will be held in Dallas and videoconferenced to Houston later this week.) No action will be taken during this meeting.

Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office) will seek similar input from faculty and staff who are invited to attend an open forum on Wed., March 31, when she also will provide them with a legislative update. The open forum will be held at 3 p.m. on ACT 301. On Mon., April 5, the regents will meet and consider taking action on the idea, after they have received input from the campus community during the previous week. The meeting will be held at 7 a.m. on ACT 16; the campus community and the general public are invited to attend.

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REGENTS MEET IN AUSTIN, APPROVE FEES AND OTHER BUSINESS

The TWU board of regents met in Austin on March 25-26 for their regular quarterly meeting. The university's newest regents -- Jerry Brownlee of Cleburne, Dr. Carlos Hamilton of Houston and Delia Reyes of Dallas -- were sworn on Thursday afternoon by Denton County Judge Jeff Moseley, who was in Austin on business. The regents also decided to schedule several meetings for discussion about the idea of filing a local bill that would designate TWU as a system (see story above). Matters discussed and passed are reviewed below by area.

Finance and audit

Regents discussed and approved personnel additions and changes; gifts and grants; contracts and

agreements; allocations of federal funds; renewal and extension of insurance; a new food service contract to Aramark; approval of a change in the university's investment policy to include guaranteed investment contracts for bond proceeds and to authorize the university to use guaranteed contracts as an investment vehicle for \$8.5 million of the TWU board of regents' combined revenue fee bonds, series 1999. They also approved a contract for renovation of the Human Development Building and for the Stark Hall mechanical and plumbing systems renovation project (the latter due to start in July after the Guinn Hall renovation is completed). They also received the quarterly internal audit report and heard a report from Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) about activities in her division, including a budget update and investments report from Dr. Dana Gibson (controller's office).

Regents were reminded that they had approved the demolition of Smith-Carroll Hall several years ago and then agreed to halt the process as new uses for the building were explored. Floyd reported that no viable alternatives have been identified and that the project would proceed.

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Academic affairs

Regents approved a new Master of Arts in Teaching degree, pending approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The current master's degree program in elementary education would be phased out, allowing students to pursue master's degrees in several areas (including secondary education) as they strive to earn teacher certification. Dr. Michael Wiebe (Education and Human Ecology) explained the new degree to the board and added that TWU would be ready to offer the new program beginning fall 2000. Board members also approved the addition of a track in nursing/health systems management within the existing Master of Science in Nursing degree, subject to the approval of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Using current faculty in nursing and health care administration, the College of Nursing would begin offering this track in fall 1999 in Houston with an estimated 35 students, adding approximately 6 students per semester. The board received the small class report for spring 1999 from Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs) and a report from David Peat (enrollment management).

Institutional advancement

Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement) spoke to regents about progress toward a campaign feasibility study. She advised regents that TWU should wait until leadership is in place (a new president is named) before proceeding with the larger study; however, she suggested that the office of institutional

advancement should proceed during the interim period to identify alumni and others who also will contribute to the campaign in a leadership role. She reported on activities in the offices of alumni relations, development and public information, providing some history about each for the benefit of new regents. Gigl also updated the board on activities related to the Centennial Commission and integrated marketing.

Student life

Board members approved several fee increases proposed by the division of student life. Dr. Richard Nicholas informed regents that students had been involved in discussions for each proposal, which they supported. Effective fall 1999, the following fees will increase: student health fee (from \$20 to \$30 per semester); student service fee (from \$13.40 to \$14.47 per semester credit hour, maximum 9 hours); Student Center fee (subject to legislative approval); and meal plans and board rates (specifically a new option among meal plans for a 12-meal plan with \$125 optional dollars at a cost of \$900). The cost of TWU's existing four meal plans will not change; the fifth plan was added by the new food service vendor, Aramark.

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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Since the last meeting of the presidential search advisory committee on March 18, chair Kay Williams Goodman announced that open forums in Denton, Dallas and Houston have been scheduled for faculty, staff and students. The schedule of forums includes: Denton -- April 15, ACT 301, 2 p.m.; Dallas-Parkland -- April 12, 9 a.m. for faculty and noon for students and guests in Faye Pannell Hall; Dallas-Presbyterian -- April 13, noon, auditorium; Houston -- April 13, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Mary Gibbs Jones Hall. The forums will give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to share their ideas about the search process.

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HOMEcomings SAYS GOODBYE AND HELLO....

It's the last homecoming at TWU in this century -- a farewell to the past and a look to the future. But TWU alums will renew their friendships and look to a new millennium together as they share memories,

dreams and accomplishments during TWU Homecoming 1999, scheduled April 16-18 in Denton. The event's theme, "Pioneering a New Century," reflects the spirit that the university's students, graduates, faculty and staff have exemplified in almost a century of growth and success. With a centennial celebration just around the corner, the university community and its friends have even more excitement in store.

Lisa Kealer-Carver (alumni relations) said, "During the 20th century, TWU graduates have pioneered the way for women in many fields. Today, TWU continues its proud tradition of nurturing leaders -- both women and men. On behalf of the university, as well as the TWU National Alumnae Association, I would like to invite our alums and the TWU family to join us as we celebrate TWU's pioneering spirit and prepare for even greater advances in the 21st century."

Registration is due by April 12; costs vary, based on activities chosen by each participant. For a detailed schedule and registration form, call the TWU office of alumni relations at 8-1-2586. Highlights by date are listed below:

- *Fri., April 16* - Senior breakfast, 8 a.m., HH; Honors Convocation, 10 a.m., Margo Jones Performance Hall; all-university picnic, 11:45 a.m., Pioneer Oval; silent auction, 5:30 p.m., HH; Pioneer reunion mixer, 6 p.m., HH; Golden Girl dinner and reunion dinners, 6 p.m., HH.
- *Sat., April 17* -- NAA annual business meeting, 8:30 a.m., library 101; Distinguished Alumni awards luncheon, 11:30 a.m., HH; silent auction, 1 p.m. (bids end at 3:30 p.m.), HH; program on estate and charitable gift planning for women, ACT 301, 2:30 p.m.; class reunion dinner, 7 p.m., HH.
- *Sun., April 18* -- chapel service, Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, 9 a.m.; farewell coffee hosted by Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office), greenhouse, after chapel service.

Several academic areas -- including the department of business and economics; the department of English, speech and foreign languages; the School of Library and Information Studies; the program in mass communications; the department of visual arts; and the department of performing arts programs in dance -- will host several activities as well. Details will be provided in the next issue of *TWU Update*. See you at homecoming!

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STUDENT RESEARCH/CREATIVE ARTS SYMPOSIUM SET

Following last year's success, TWU will present its second annual Student Research and Creative Arts Symposium on Thurs. and Fri., April 8 and 9. The event, sponsored by the TWU Center for Student Research Support, is an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to present their studies in anything from Shakespeare to dance to biochemistry. "It's going to be a wonderful program," said Dr. Michael Droge (CSRS/biology). "We want to be able to cross disciplines, and I think that's why we have

been so successful. It's not just a science thing -- we have drama, English literature...everything."

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At least 14 different academic disciplines will be represented in this year's symposium, and 130 students are presenting 79 projects in poster and platform sessions. The students also are involved heavily with running the conference by serving on the planning board (along with TWU faculty and alumni), introducing keynote speakers and chairing project panels.

"Once the symposium starts, students are presenting their work, and students are running the show," said Droge. "The focus always is on our students." Faculty members are involved, too -- 42 serve as mentors for student projects.

Several new features have been added to the event as well, said Droge, such as mini-workshops in a variety of areas "...to help students with different aspects of technology and research" and a brown bag session to give students a chance to speak with TWU alumni who have careers in research and creative arts. All events will be held on CFO 2; the symposium is free and open to the campus community. For details, call Droge at 8-1-2457.

Four keynote speakers will address attendees as well:

- Dr. Timothy Hoye (history and government) will discuss "Of Floating Worlds and Hidden Ponds";
- Dr. John Brock, laboratory chief -- PCBs, pesticides and plasticizers -- National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control, will present "Environmental Pollution and Breast Cancer: What Do We Know?";
- Dr. Lynda Uphouse (biology) will talk about "Serotonin and Female Reproduction"; and
- Dr. James Rimmer, a TWU alumnus and associate professor/project director for the University of Illinois at Chicago's Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities, will discuss "The Trials and Tribulations of Conducting Health Promotion Research on Persons with Disabilities."

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IT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

The Southwest premiere of *Dakota Sky: A Musical Diary* will be held at TWU April 9, 10, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre and on Sun., April 11, at 2 p.m. Both Kathleen Cahill and Deborah Wicks LaPuma, the author and composer, will attend the opening performance. (They were at TWU earlier this spring during auditions as their work was evolving and changing -- which it has continued to do since then.) Tickets are \$10 for general admission; \$7 for senior citizens, students, TWU faculty and staff; and \$5 for TWU students. Call the TWU theatre box office at 8-1-2020 for reservations.

The story is set in 1907 when land grants were decided by lotteries. The five women in the story have come to the Dakotas to try to secure their own homesteads. The original title of the musical was *The Fifth Year*; several other aspects of the show also were changed in the workshop with its creators, directors and cast. TWU faculty members Charles Harrill, Stuart Younse and J Hammons are director, music director and choreographer, respectively.

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ENJOY MEXICAN MUSIC....

TWU will be alive with the sound of music on Wed., April 8, when the Music Festival from Mexico pays a visit. Singers and guitarists from both Mexico and the United States will come together to perform the music of colonial Mexico at 8 p.m. in MCL auditorium. Admission is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students.

Nestor Lopez, a tenor from the National Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico City, plus the guitar and choral ensembles from the Music Conservatory of Celaya, Guanajuato and Ciudad Guzman, Jalisco, will perform. Also scheduled are Denton guitarist Leslie Enlow and Carlo Pezzimenti (performing arts, music). Enlow and Pezzimenti will preview material from their new CD, *Manuel M. Ponce: Chamber Music*.

Featuring more than 70 singers, guitarists, dancers and puppeteers from three states in Mexico, the Music Festival from Mexico will be held April 6-9 at TWU and the University of North Texas, as well as sites in Fort Worth and Dallas. The event was organized by the Zapotlan Project, a UNT-based nonprofit organization with a mission to foster international cooperation, understanding and acceptance, as well as to create cultural immersion opportunities.

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DIVERSITY DAYS ANNOUNCED

TWU will acknowledge cultural diversity in everything from the media to the workplace to the Internet during the school's annual celebration of Diversity Days on April 5 to 9 in Denton. Coordinated by the TWU office of intercultural services, Diversity Days will feature a wide range of guest speakers, activities and entertainment, as well as discussions, contests and displays of traditional arts and crafts.

Two guest speakers who will participate in the event are: Dr. Steve Murdock, chief demographer for the state of Texas and head of the department of rural sociology at Texas A&M University; and Shirley Logan, associate professor of English at the University of Maryland. The author of 10 books and more than 100 articles on demographic, socio-economic and natural resource change, Murdock will discuss "The Faces of Higher Education in the New Millennium" at 2:30 p.m. on Tues., April 6, SC 207-208.

Logan, who directs UM's professional writing program, teaches courses in 19th-century rhetoric and African-American literature. She is the author of several articles on black women's discourse, as well as the editor of *With Pen and Voice: A Critical Anthology of Nineteenth Century African-American Women*. Her book *We Are Coming: The Discourse of Nineteenth Century Black Women* will be published by Southern Illinois University Press in May. Her presentation, also part of the TWU distinguished rhetorician's lecture series, will be held on Tues., April 6, at 7:30 p.m., ACT 601.

Other events include a video series from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., HDB 112, on Thursday; a concert of Latin American music featuring Sergio Gonzalez from noon to 1 p.m. in Stoddard Hall on Tuesday; and a block party on Wednesday featuring food, music and games from 7 to 10 p.m. in the south parking lot behind Stark Hall. For a complete schedule, call Patrick Vasquez (intercultural services) at 8-1-3679.

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TWU SPONSORING MUSCULOSKELETAL PROGRAM

A symposium on musculoskeletal research will be presented at TWU for the university's researchers who are interested in musculoskeletal health. The two-day program will be held Thurs. and Fri., May 13-14; space is limited, and *reservations are needed by April 9*. Grant funds will pay for consultants and facilitators, food and hotel accommodations for participants, and travel expenses. Contact Nancy Candelaria in the TWU Center for Research on Women's Health to RSVP by the April deadline at 8-1-2792 or send e-mail to ncandelaria@twu.edu. When the final attendance roster is compiled, participants will receive registration information.

The preliminary program includes plenary meetings to provide updated information; strategic planning sessions to identify areas of common interest; and breakout sessions to foster collaborative teams.

Working groups likely will address areas such as clinical practice, elder health, education/prevention and biological/basic research. A coordinator will facilitate follow-up communications and support for projects that are a result of the meeting.

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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. 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.

The access and equity 2000 committee and the campus climate and community committee will hold a workshop on Tues., April 6, to address issues concerning student access and to formulate recommendations for broadening student and workforce diversity within legal parameters established by the *Hopwood* decision. The meeting will be held from 2:30 to 4 p.m., SC 207-208, and keynote speaker Dr. Steve Murdock from Texas A&M University will talk to participants. "Dr. Murdock's report on shifting demographics of Texas and resulting economic implications has influenced significantly much of the state's legislation affecting education," said Dr. Rudy Rodriguez (community relations). The workshop is free and open to all faculty, staff, students and administrators; David Peat (enrollment management) and Dr. Veva Vonler (Graduate School) will provide additional support. For details, call Rodriguez at 8-1-3991.

Reminder: *The Harlan Miller Math Series*, featuring Walt Disney's 1995 Teacher of the Year Cindy Boyd, will be held Mon., March 29, with three programs (all free) and a banquet (paid ticket required). For details, call the department of mathematics and computer science at 8-1-2166.

An exhibit about *Mary Baker Eddy*, who founded the *Christian Science Monitor*, continues in the TWU Blagg-Huey through Tues., March 30. Brought to campus by Dr. Janice LaPointe-Crump (performing arts, dance) for Women's History Month and TWU's Seneca Falls observance, the exhibit explores Eddy's life and her contributions to the women's rights movement, theology and other fields.

Reminder: *The TWU Institute* of Health Sciences Dallas Center will hold its annual service and retirement program on Wed., April 7, FPH 277.

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Houston faculty and staff are invited to attend a free lecture titled "Presenting Medical Information through the Popular Media" on Wed., April 21, in Sammons Auditorium, located on the 3rd floor of the Jesse H. Jones Library Building. The featured speaker, Dr. Barbara Gastel, will provide guidance to health professionals and biomedical researchers on how to convey health information through mainstream media. Gastel is an associate professor of journalism and medical humanities, plus coordinator of the master's degree program in science and technology journalism at Texas A&M University. For registration, go to library.tmc.edu/gastel.

Reminder: A workshop dealing with enhancing graduate student recruitment will be held on Wed., April 7, in Houston from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., MGJ 718, for deans, chairs, faculty and others. Call Juanita Duenez-Lazo (enrollment management) for details at 8-1-3024.

Anyone interested in training programs through information and technology services for Frontview and Colleague (release 16) should contact Elaine Martin (ITS) for scheduling. Call her at 8-1-6693 or send e-mail to Colleague@twu.edu. For web-based help, go to TWU's Intranet page and select Datatel or Colleague, or go directly to either www.twu.edu/datatel/ or www.twu.edu/colleague/colleague/

Transfer Day will be offered by the TWU office of enrollment management on April 10 for prospective students who wish to transfer to the university from another institution. Activities will include campus tours; an information fair featuring admissions, financial aid, academic components, student organizations and student services. Transcript evaluators will be present to ask questions, and the program will address concerns specific to transfer students.

Reminder: The fifth annual American Heart Association's Women and Heart Health luncheon will be held on April 21 at 11:30 a.m., HH; cost is \$20 per person; call (940) 566-4900 for details.

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

Several campus and community members were recognized as outstanding women during the TWU Women Student's Leadership Conference last week. Awardees were: students -- **Kenya Williams** (communication sciences and disorders), **Raedean Bolton** (sociology and social work), **Colleen Theis** (dental hygiene); faculty -- **Lana Woods** (Physical Therapy) and Dr. **Barbara Presnall** (history and government); and community -- **Teri Rhealt** and **Joanie Housewright**. The Pioneer Award -- given to an individual who epitomizes the true definition of a pioneer, according to conference director Jessica

Ball -- was given to **Kay Williams Goodman**, alumna and current vice chair of the TWU board of regents; and to Dr. **Glenda Brock Simmons**, vice president for student life emerita. The ceremony kicked off the two-day conference of programs and workshops.

Mike Elias (financial aid) would like to thank members of the campus community for their expressions of sympathy following the recent death of his father.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: MARCH 29 - APRIL 4 , 1999

March 29-April 1

- 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.

March 29-30

- Blagg-Huey Library exhibit: Mary Baker Eddy, rotunda, library hours.

Mon., March 29

- Harlan Miller Math lectures: Walt Disney 1995 Teacher of the Year Cindy Boyd as featured speaker; 9:30 a.m. -- "Skit-So-Phrenia," ACT 301; 1 p.m. -- "I Feel A Song Coming On," ACT 301; "Skit-So-Phrenia: How It's Used in the Classroom," 7 p.m., HH. (Banquet with paid admission.)
- USA House meeting, SC 006-07, 12:15-1 p.m.
- USA Senate meeting, SC 006, 5-7 p.m.

Tues., March 30

- Board of regents meeting to seek discussion about designating TWU as a system ACT 16, 7 a.m., open to the public and campus community.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. Texas Wesleyan, PF, 3 p.m.

- Tennis: Pioneers vs. Central Oklahoma, away.
- English: distinguished rhetoricians lecture, ACT 601, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., March 31

- Open forum with Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office): legislative update and discussion about designating TWU as a system, ACT 301, 3 p.m. Faculty and staff invited.
- HR: "Accounting Operating Statements," Houston, MJG 928, 10-11:30 a.m.; "Purchasing -- Buying It Right," MJG 928, 1-3 p.m.
- Wellness services: sign-up deadline for softball.

Thurs., April 1

- History and government: banquet, \$10, HH, 6:30 p.m.
- Financial aid priority deadline for fall 1999 semester.
- Academic advising for summer and fall 1999 registration begins.
- Tennis: Pioneers vs. East Central, tennis courts, 2:30 p.m.
- HR: "Purchasing: Buying It Right," Dallas-Parkland, 1-3 p.m.

April 2-3

- Softball: Pioneers vs. Abilene Christian, away.

Fri., April 2

- 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.
- Biology seminar: "FAS Mediated Apoptosis in Rat Sperm" by Xueqing Zhang, free, CFO 205, 3-4 p.m.

Sat., April 3

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

Sun., April 4

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

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