

TWU IS FOCUSING ON ADA

The visit of an off-campus consultant, plus participation in the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) Texas conference, will focus attention on and comments about TWU's involvement and compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act throughout next week. Independent consultant Dr. Carol DeSousa will spend three days in meetings and discussion with various groups at TWU from Nov. 8 to 10, following her participation in the AHEAD conference at TWU and the University of North Texas from Nov. 3 to 5.

DeSousa, currently acting executive vice president for AHEAD, also serves as ADA/504 compliance officer in the office of affirmative action at the University of Massachusetts in Boston (where she also has served in a number of other capacities since the 1980s). She has training experiences with AHEAD/TRIO training grants, national TRIO training and others. Her training experiences that are disability related include support services for physically handicapped students; support services for learning disabled students; retention of learning disabled students; veterans Upward Bound programming issues; linkages between TRIO programs and resource agencies; regulatory issues; and more.

DeSousa holds a bachelor's degree in English from the College of Mount Saint Vincent (Riverdale, N. Y.), a master's degree in curriculum development from Fordham University and a master's degree in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University. She has conducted in-service training at a number of colleges and schools.

An ADA task force was formed several weeks ago at TWU under the direction of Dr. Rudy Rodriguez (community relations and diversity), who also serves as ADA compliance officer at TWU for faculty and staff. The charge given to the task force included the following items: to assist the ADA compliance officer in designing the ADA compliance review plan; to identify the scope of services that will be provided by DeSousa; to help identify ADA compliance strengths and deficiencies; to formulate questions that will be addressed in the consultant's executive report to the president; and to assist with implementation of the consultant's recommendations.

The conference opens with a pre-conference workshop at the Radisson Hotel on Nov. 3. Sessions will be held at UNT on Nov. 4 and at TWU on Nov. 5. Registration is \$180 per person for members; \$165 for affiliates (conference only); \$75 for the pre-conference workshop (affiliates); and \$40 for full-time students. For more information, call Nunnelly at 8-1-3835 or contact by TDD at 8-1-3830.

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HIT THE ROAD TO LEARN ABOUT LIFE

When TWU graduate theater student Corey Ranson needed a little bit of insight on his latest directorial project, he went right to the source -- playwright Paula Vogel. "She was doing a playwriting workshop at Southern Methodist University, and I got there early enough to be able to sit down and talk with her a little about the play," said Ranson, who is directing Vogel's 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *How I Learned to Drive*.

How I Learned to Drive will be performed from Nov. 10 to 13 at 8 p.m. and on Sun., Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for the general public; \$7 for seniors, and TWU faculty and staff; and \$5 for TWU students. Call 8-1-2020 for ticket reservations. *How I Learned to Drive*, which is intended for mature audiences, is told through the eyes of Lil' Bit, a 35-year-old woman who is looking back on her youth and a troubling relationship with her uncle. As the title suggests, the rules of the road -- and of life -- are learned from behind the wheel.

Ranson said the playwright advised him to cast the role of Uncle Peck carefully. "She said that he should be played by the kind of person you would cast as Atticus (Gregory Peck's character) in *To Kill A Mockingbird*," he recalled.

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Ranson eventually chose local actor Kim Titus to play Peck, and TWU senior Lorina Lipscomb plays Lil' Bit. Something that Ranson added to the play was a neutral voice, which he accomplished by drawing on the Greek Chorus. "I have voices in the play that resemble the narrators you hear in old driver's ed movies," he said. "They say things like: 'you and third gear.'" The Male Chorus is voiced by

TWU graduate student Nathan Cole, while the Female and Teenage Greek Choruses are voiced -- respectively -- by graduate student Honey English and TWU undergraduate student Audrey Bedwell.

Ranson said the challenge of directing the play, which will serve as TWU's year 2000 American College Theatre Festival entry, is to gain compassion for the characters. "What I'm really looking for with the audience is to get them to really care about these two people, and I think they will," he said. For details, call the department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

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TEXAS BOOK FESTIVAL CALLS ON TWU PROFESSOR

Dr. Robert S. Martin (Library and Information Studies), who published *Maps of Texas and the Southwest, 1513-1900*, in May 1999, is one of 150 invited scholars who will be featured during the 1999 Texas Book Festival in Austin. The event, scheduled Nov. 5 to 7, is a four-year-old festival and the only such event that serves primarily as a public library fundraiser. Laura Bush, the First Lady of Texas, serves as honorary chair; since 1996, the festival has raised more than \$585,000 to benefit 230 Texas public libraries.

Martin, who joined the TWU faculty this fall, will present his program -- "Lay of the Land: Charting Historic Texas Maps" -- on Sun., Nov. 7, at 1:30 p.m. in the Capitol Extension (E2.010). Before he came to TWU, Martin was director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission in Austin. He has been active in the library and archives profession for more than 25 years, and he previously held positions at the University of Texas at Austin, UT-Arlington and Louisiana State University. At TWU, he teaches courses in the history of libraries and librarianship, information policy, library management, and libraries and culture. He co-authored *Maps of Texas* with James Martin, director of the San Jacinto Museum of History.

Other festival participants include Sandra Brown, author of *Fat Tuesday* and other bestsellers; romance novelist Judith McNaught; author/musician Michael Nesmith; biographer and former *Texas Monthly* editor Jan Jarboe Russell; and many more nationally-known writers. Sessions, award programs, a literary gala, an authors' party and more are scheduled; for details, visit www.austin360.com/texasbookfestival.

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COMPUTERS AND WRITING GO HAND IN HAND

Computers, keyboards and writing are both a necessity and an art form. The Computers and Writing 2000 Conference (CW2K), hosted by TWU from May 25 to 27 next year, will explore technology, education and their inter-relationships -- and writing -- at TWU. Participants and presenters from around the world will attend, and this year the conference is involving teachers and administrators, too.

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During the conference, the National Council of Teachers of English will sponsor the special "Teachers and Administrators Day" on Sat., May 27. "We expect more than 200 public K-12 teachers and administrators from the Dallas-Fort Worth area and beyond to attend the one-day series of presentations, workshops and special events," said Dr. Dene Grigar (English, speech and foreign languages), chair of the CW2K conference. NCTE's technology specialists Eric Crump and Traci Gardner will discuss teaching with technology and "Teach2000," NCTE's initiative to "support every new language arts teacher in the country through June 2000." Other noted scholars will lead and coordinate the activities, including Cynthia Selfe, Dickie Selfe, Ted Nellen, Gail Hawisher, Karla Kitalong and Michael Moore. For more information, call Grigar at 8-1-2324 or visit the "Teachers and Administrators Day" page on the conference website at www.eaze.net/~jfbbarber/cw2k/teacherday.html

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TWU IS PART OF GTE ANNOUNCEMENT AND PROGRAM

TWU's partnership with GTE was highlighted last week by Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office) during a special program in Irving, the 16th Annual State of Education program, presented by the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce. The focus of the evening was on literacy, and Byers-Pevitts discussed a TWU children's literacy program funded last year by GTE that is growing each year. She thanked GTE for its corporate support and its commitment to literacy; TWU's program is the largest one funded by GTE in the state of Texas.

The TWU program paved the way for GTE's national announcement: a new program called "Check for Literacy" that begins in November for all GTE customers. Simply stated, all GTE customers have the opportunity to check a new box on their monthly bill to contribute \$1 toward literacy programs in the U. S. -- the reason for the program's name, "Check for Literacy." All money donated by Texas GTE customers, for example, will go to literacy programs in the state. The company kicked off the campaign by donating \$1 million to get the ball rolling. GTE's corporate headquarters is in Irving, so GTE regional president Larry Atwell made the announcement locally before a national press conference was held in Washington, D.C..

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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 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.

TWU Update is a weekly publication (posted online). The deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Information is run on a space-available basis.

A blood drive is scheduled on Mon. and Tues., Nov. 1 and 2, in Hubbard Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Faculty, staff and students are urged to donate.

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Reminder: The 60th anniversary of the dedication of the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods will be held on Mon., Nov. 1, 1999. The campus community is invited to attend the ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m. in what is described as one of Texas' 20 "most architecturally significant buildings."

Reminder: First and foremost, they are artists. They just happen to be professors, too! The TWU department of performing arts presents its biennial exhibition, featuring original works by nine faculty members. The show, now on display in the East and West galleries of the Fine Arts Building, will be exhibited through Nov. 19. The galleries are open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the exhibit is free and open to the public and the campus community.

ASSET is hosting a professional development mini-seminar for staff on Fri., Nov. 5, in room 101 of the library. Titled "Driving Ideas to Action," adjunct TWU professor Dr. Connie Sitterly (business and economics) will outline practical ways to put good ideas to work; bring lunch and join the discussion! Tickets are \$5 -- bring your own lunch, but drinks and dessert are included in the ticket price. RSVPs are required by 5 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 2. Call Raquie Gasperson (public safety) at 8-1-2919 or Susan Phillips (Science Learning Resource Center) at 8-1-2568.

Reminder: The TWU annual Fall Forum in Reading, named for retired faculty member Rose Spicola,

will celebrate its 34th year in education by exploring the topic "Stories That Can Change the Way We Educate" on Sat., Nov. 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in various rooms of MCL. The forum -- which targets teachers, administrators, parents and others who are interested in promoting reading among children -- will feature speaker Dr. Patricia Edwards. The cost to attend is \$45 per person or \$25 for students who are not enrolled in a TWU reading course. Registration is limited and will *not* be done on site that day; for more information, contact the TWU department of reading and bilingual education at 8-1-2224.

Mortar Board Honor Society will hold its annual "Great Auction" on Wed., Nov. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hubbard Hall banquet room. All faculty, staff and students are invited to bid on items such as books, sports autographs, gift certificates and more! For details, contact Jennifer Willingham at 8-1-3350.

Reminder: The TWU International Festival and Food Fair will be held on Fri., Nov. 5, from 5 to 9 p. m., HH southeast dining room. An evening of diversity and international culinary delight awaits -- so stop by! Colorful, lively numbers by members of the TWU International Folk Dance Company will please young and older audience members alike, especially dances from Ireland, Mexico, Israel and Russia. The audience also will be asked to do a bit of Salsa dancing with the troupe that night, followed by an international dress parade, featuring native costumes of the students involved. Admission to the dance performances and parade is free; the international food buffet is \$5 per person.

Dostoevsky at TWU: Dostoevsky translator and scholar Ignat Avsey will present a lecture titled "Character Making in Dostoevsky's Fiction" on Thurs., Nov. 11. The program, which is free and open to the general public and campus community, begins at 9:30 a.m. on ACT 3. Avsey will be accompanied by Roger Heathcott, an English actor and translator; audience participation will be encouraged. For details, call Dr. Joe Barnhard at the University of North Texas, 387-3290, or Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2343.

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Reminder: The TWU Graduate School and office of financial aid will present a free program titled "Let's Talk Graduate School" on Mon., Nov. 15, ACT 5, 2:30 to 4 p.m. The event -- for prospective graduate students -- will feature faculty members, administrators, current graduate students and recent graduates, who will answer questions and provide practical information about postgraduate study. Topics will include reasons for pursuing a graduate degree, the nature of graduate study, the applications procedure, eligibility criteria and financial aid. Call 8-1-3415.

The TWU Staff Council will meet on Tues., Nov. 2, at 1 p.m., ACT 16. Discussion will focus on committee appointments and organization; each council representative must serve on at least one committee from among the following group: professional development, human resources issues, communications, service and elections. Council representatives previously were asked to submit their preferences, in order, by Oct. 29. Call Jean Mankoff (ITS) at 8-1-3427 or Susan Phillips (Science Learning Resource Center) at 8-1-2568 for details.

Reminder: The TWU College of Education and Human Ecology has opened the doors of its new Student Support Center and will hold an open house on Tues., Nov. 2, for the campus community to visit the facility and learn more about its mission. Dr. Barbara Cramer (Education and Human Ecology) will direct the center, which is located in MCL 420. All students are invited to attend the open house from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hours for the center are Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Services will include referrals; problem solving; distribution of degree plan forms, catalogs, TASP information, class schedules, post-baccalaureate deficiency plans and advising forms; and advising in a number of program areas, including undergraduate and graduate levels.

The office of information technology services has scheduled several free faculty/staff training sessions from Nov. 1 to 7 in Denton. The programs will be held in SH 218; for information, call Elaine Martin (ITS) at 8-1-6693. They are listed below.

- Nov. 2 -- "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," 9 to 10:30 a.m.; "Travel Requisitions," 10:30 to 11 a.m.;
- Nov. 3 -- "Requisitions Entry and Maintenance," 2 to 3:30 p.m.; "Travel Requisitions," 3:30 to 4 p.m.;
- Nov. 4 -- "COLLEAGUE for Academic Advising," 9 to 9:45 a.m. or 1 to 1:45 p.m.

Reminder: Meet and greet! A breakfast reception will be hosted by the members of Alpha Gamma Delta on Wed., Nov. 3, ACT 2 lobby, from 7 to 9 a.m. All faculty and staff are invited to stop by for a quick breakfast and to mingle with students, and meet others from TWU.

The TWU libraries will present a free faculty workshop titled "Library Database Overview: Full-Text and Full-Image Articles" on Tues., Nov. 2, from noon to 1 p.m. or Wed., Nov. 10, from noon to 1 p.m.; both sessions will be held in room 101 of the library. During the demonstration, participants will learn how to access more than 80 databases from work and home, searching tips and tricks, TWU's new online catalog (Web Voyage) and thousands of full-text journals. For details, call Jimmie Lyn Harris (library) at 8-1-3740.

Please note the following schedule change: The TWU training and development program titled "Grant Management" originally set for Thurs., Dec. 2, has been rescheduled. It will be presented on Mon., Nov. 15, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., BHL room 101.

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Dive into the next millennium with a free introduction to scuba presented by Scuba International of Carrollton on Tues., Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Pioneer Hall pool. Sign up with Robbie in the kinesiology office; call 8-1-2575. The department of kinesiology also will offer a scuba class in the spring for academic credit (participants for the regular class will need a mask, snorkel, fins and booties); the course will be \$95.

Reminder: TWU is one of several sponsors for the 3rd North Texas United Nations Conference on Women, scheduled at the University of Texas at Dallas on Nov. 6 and 7 in Richardson. The conference theme is "Advancing Women and Youth in the Next Millennium," and it is presented by the UTD School of Social Sciences and the UN Association Dallas chapter. Conference costs run from \$40 to \$60; for details or to register, call the UTD conference coordinator's office at (972) 883-2949. The conference will feature a wide variety of topics, particularly related to women.

Reminder: A satellite training program titled "Academic Advising: Campus Collaboration to Foster Retention" will be presented at TWU on Thurs., Nov. 4, from noon to 2 p.m., BHL lecture room 101. The program is presented by the Academic Advising Center, in cooperation with the National Academic Advising Association and the Public Broadcasting System. Interested faculty and staff should call the center at 8-1-3850 to reserve a spot, and box lunches will be provided for the first 30 participants who sign up. **Reservations are requested by Mon., Nov. 1.**

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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.).

Sympathy is extended to the family of retired faculty member Dr. **Elizabeth J. Scone** (English, speech and foreign languages). Scone, who taught Spanish at TWU from 1960 to 1988, died on Wed., Oct. 20, in Olympia Fields, Ill. Services were held on Sat., Oct. 30, in Rockford, Ill.

Condolences are extended to **Bill Benson** (printing services) and family members following the death of his mother, Marilyn Benson, on Thurs., Oct. 28, in Azle, Texas. Funeral services were held on Sun., Oct.

31, in Lake Worth, Texas. Mrs. Benson was the grandmother of Brandon Benson (ITS).

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: NOVEMBER 1 - 7, 1999

Oct. 27-Nov. 19

- Visual arts: Biannual TWU Art Faculty Exhibit, East/West galleries, free, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nov. 1-4

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

Nov. 1-2

- Blood drive, Hubbard Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Mon., Nov. 1

- 60th anniversary dedication celebration, Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, campus community is invited, 2 p.m.
- USA Senate meeting, ACT 3, 5-7 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 2

- College of Education and Human Ecology Student Support Center open house, MCL 420, all students and campus community members invited, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Faculty workshop: "Library Database Overview -p; Full-Text and Full-Image Articles," BHL 101, noon-1 p.m.
- ITS: "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," SH 218, 9-10:30 a.m.; "Travel Requisitions," SH 218,

10:30-11 a.m.

- Staff Council meeting, ACT 16, 2 p.m.

Nov. 3-5

- Association for Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) conference at TWU and UNT.

Wed., Nov. 3

- Morning breakfast reception for all faculty and staff, courtesy of members of Alpha Gamma Delta, ACT 2 lobby, 7-9 a.m.
- HR: "Sexual Harassment," Denton, ACT 501, 10-11:30 a.m.
- HR: "Coaching/Counseling Employees," Houston, MGJ 928, 1-4 p.m.
- ITS: "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," SH 218, 2-3:30 p.m.; "Travel Requisitions," SH 218, 3:30-4 p.m.
- Volleyball: Senior Night, Pioneers vs. Dallas Baptist, PH, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 4

- Satellite training program: "Academic Advising: Campus Collaboration to Foster Retention" (RSVP by Nov. 1), BHL 101, noon to 2 p.m.
- HR: "Conflict Resolution," Denton, ACT 501, 1-4 p.m.
- ITS: "COLLEAGUE for Academic Advising," SH 218, 9-9:45 a.m. and 1-1:45 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 5

- 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.
- International Food Fair and Folk Dance Festival, HH, \$5 for food, free admission to international dance program and costume parade, 5-9 p.m.
- HR: "Sexual Harassment," Dallas/Parkland, DED faculty conference room, 2nd floor, 10-11:30 a.m.
- ASSET program: "Driving Ideas to Action," mini-seminar on professional development for staff, \$5, RSVPs by Nov. 2, BHL 101, noon-1 p.m.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Harding, away.

Sat., Nov. 6

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Rose Spicola 34th annual Fall Forum in Reading, topic: "Stories That Can Change the Way We Educate," with Dr. Patricia Edwards of Michigan State University, MCL, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Undergraduate admissions: open house for prospective students (with extra focus on the College

of Arts and Sciences), ACT 2, 9 a.m.-noon.

- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Ouachita Baptist, away.

Sun., Nov. 7

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

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