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**UPDATE**

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## **TWU STUDENTS SET SIGHTS ON MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Make a difference! That's the rallying cry for students at TWU who have set their sights and energies on a community clean-up as their contribution to Make A Difference Day, a national observation sponsored by *USA Weekend* and the Points of Light Foundation. The event started in Denton several years ago with the help of Leadership Denton Alumni, and it continues on its own momentum, prompting people throughout the community to spend one day annually helping a friend, neighbor or stranger with something that will brighten their day.

TWU will hold a "TWcommUnity Clean-Up" on Sat., Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should meet at the Pioneer Woman statue on Oakland Avenue. All students, faculty, staff, friends and families of those groups are invited and urged to participate. The program is sponsored by TWU's student organization "Helping Hands" and the TWU Center for Student Development. Safety Kleen and the city of Denton's municipal utilities office are donating gloves and trash bags for the event.

Interested persons may sign up as individuals or bring a group to the event. Anyone who participates must sign a liability form before they start the clean-up; forms will be on site that morning to sign prior to the event. For more information, call the TWU Center for Student Development at 8-1-3626. Other organizations and schools in Denton also are planning their own event to celebrate Make A Difference Day, too.

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## **NEW STAFF COUNCIL TAKES ITS FIRST STEP**

After almost five years of discussing, planning and anticipating, TWU's newest representative body – the Staff Council – held its first election recently. The organization's constitution and bylaws previously were approved, and the advisory group now represents all staff members below the level of director. All staff members are part of the Staff Council; elected representatives may then be selected as members of the executive committee.

A steering committee chaired by Laurie Hammett (business and economics/retired) and Mary Ann McDuff (academic affairs) met for several years, discussing issues and functions as the group – comprising staff from areas throughout the university – wrote and forwarded the council's constitution and bylaws. Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs) served as a liaison between the steering committee and the university's administration; Amy Hall (human resources) assisted with the first election. New representatives from their job families or centers are listed below:

■ Building and mechanical maintenance – Alan Nelson and Walter Roberts (both facilities management);

■ Clerical and office management – Kathleen Duffy (Library and Information Studies), Marcella Ettinger (printing/mailing services), Elizabeth Floyd (academic affairs), Susan Phillips (Science Learning Resource Center) and Vernie Wilson (mass communications);

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- Custodial and grounds maintenance – Betty Coffey and Bobby Trevino (both facilities management);
- Data processing/information management – Jean Mankoff and Don Viator (both information technology services);
- Fiscal – Patricia McIntyre (controller's office);
- General services – Jane Erwin (institutional advancement) and Cynthia Maloney (printing/mailing services);
- Houston Center – Sharon Hopkins and Dee Scott (both vice provost's office);
- Human resources – Annette Johnson (human resources);
- Journalism and publications – Rachel Palmer (public information);
- Laboratory and project administration – Anne Downing (biology);
- Library and media services – Marilyn Green (Learning Resource Center);
- Parkland Center – Ethel Bowman (Nursing);
- Presbyterian Center – Lyle Tremmel (building maintenance);
- Safety and security – Tom Foree (public safety);
- Student services – Carmen Cruz (Counseling Center) and Sherri Williams (career and employment services); and
- Training/education – Colleen Ferguson (continuing education).

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**AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENT SYMPOSIUM SET**

As part of an ongoing effort to empower and unify minority students at TWU, the office of intercultural services will host an African-American student symposium on Fri., Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., HH (Pioneer room). The symposium is open only to TWU students, and the cost is \$3 per person, which includes lunch; students may pre-register in the office of intercultural services, SC 133. "We're going to talk about issues that exist on this campus for African Americans," explained Patrick Vasquez (intercultural services). "I hear some blanket statements from other students, but when asked about particular incidents, the students find it hard to put into words. As we did with the Latina student symposium last month, we are going to come up with a list of problems, which will give us something concrete to work with and to resolve. We'll also work on a list of the positives."

After they identify issues on campus, members of the group will discuss leadership issues, organizations and university committees to encourage greater minority student participation. Some faculty and staff members will be on hand to facilitate the discussions. Students also will determine solutions for their problems and will brainstorm some ideas about developing the TWU community. "We'll figure out how to improve the African-American students' interaction with Anglo, Hispanic and other students on campus," added Vasquez. "After last month's symposium, a great sense of empowerment grew among the students who attended because they finally had a platform to address the issues facing them. It was very cathartic."

Vasquez has developed a comprehensive two-year plan designed to break down the barriers between different racial groups on campus. During the first year of the plan, students meet in separate groups – Latino, African American, Asian American and Native American – to discuss issues and concerns specific to an individual group. Year two involves joint projects among the groups. For details, call Vasquez at 8-1-3673.

## TWU FACULTY MEMBER HONORED AS "EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR"

HR Southwest has recognized TWU faculty member Sherrie Taylor (business and economics) as the organization's 1999 Educator of the Year. Taylor will be honored for her achievement during the HR Southwest Human Resources Conference and Exposition on Thurs., Oct. 14, at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Colleagues will present Taylor with a commemorative award and a \$1,000 grant from the conference, and they will view a video highlighting her accomplishments and her work at TWU.

Taylor, who directs TWU's Small Business Institute, is involved with the Denton Human Resource Association and mentors students in the TWU Student Human Resource Management chapter at the university. A crew from Michael Brown Productions visited TWU's campus last month and taped an interview with Taylor. They also followed her throughout the day as she met with classes, students and colleagues in Denton.

"I'm so pleased and honored to accept this award," said Taylor, as she blushed and smiled recently. "My students have been so excited, and they have made this entire process absolutely wonderful for me."

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## HAVE A MONSTER-OUS TIME!

It's that time of year again -- for tricks, treats, ghosts, goblins and flute choirs. Uhhh -- flute choirs??? The TWU Monster Flute Choir will make its sixth annual free pre-Halloween appearance on Tues., Oct. 26, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Directed and founded by Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music), the Monster Flute Choir is a 20-member ensemble comprising flute students from TWU and Brookhaven College in Dallas.

This year, the group will perform everything from *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5* by Heitor Villa-Lobos to *The Wasps* by Ralph Vaughan Williams to *Night and Day* by Cole Porter. Youngblood said it isn't any accident that the ensemble's repertoire tends to be so wide-ranging. "I always try to have a broad variety of music at these concerts," she explained. "That way, there's something for everyone. And it gives the ensemble a lot of different challenges." For more information, call Youngblood at 8-1-2500.

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## PLAYING MORE MUSIC FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

Before the echoes of ghosts and goblins dance their way through TWU's Monster Flute concert this month, TWU faculty member Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music) will present a free voice recital on Thurs., Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The campus community and the general public are invited to attend.

Guest artists will include Evelyn Barthold on piano, Polly Maynard on guitar and Cynthia Schockley on harp. The program will feature pieces for voice and strings, such as *A Birthday Hansel* for high voice and harp, Op. 92, by Benjamin Britten, based on the poetry of Robert Burns and written to celebrate the Queen Mother's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday; four songs from *Sei Ariette* for voice and classical guitar, Op. 95, by Mauro Giuliani; and songs by Henry Purcell and Francis Poulenc. For more information, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

## **SECC REMINDER: HAVE A BALL AND LEND A HAND**

Deep in the heart of Texas – deep in the hearts of TWU, that is! Those words reflect the caring, giving spirit on campus in Denton, Dallas and Houston for the State Employee Charitable Campaign. It's time to pick out one or more organizations, lend your support and provide a helping hand for friends, neighbors, co-workers and strangers whose difficult times can be eased by SECC agencies. From United Way to TWU CARES Health Center and beyond, hundreds of organizations need help to reach others and meet their needs in times of crisis or daily strife.

SECC organizers at TWU recently distributed brochures, pledge forms and envelopes to representatives of all units and on all campuses of the university. This year's campaign theme, "Deep in the Heart of Texas," describes the hearts of faculty and staff members who have supported SECC in recent years. Last year, TWU raised more than \$47,000 in Denton, Dallas and Houston; this year's goal is \$30,000 in Denton; \$11,000 in Dallas; and \$4,000 in Houston. Faculty and staff may participate through payroll deduction, cash or check. "All agencies have met strict eligibility standards, and you can be confident that your gift will be put to good use," said Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office). "Every gift is important."

TWU has two state agencies that are eligible for SECC contributions: the Aphasia Center in Dallas and TWU CARES Health Center in Denton; both support instruction and learning in the university's graduate program offerings, as well as critical health services to the general public. Anyone who has questions should contact their unit representative, or call the campaign coordinators: Dr. Betty Adams (Nursing) at 8-1-2411 or Lizabeth Elkins (institutional research and statistics) at 8-1-3201.

And don't forget to come to the "Charity Ball" on Thurs., Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Kitty Magee Arena. Be on a team (or root for the players) and help raise funds for SECC! A first-time SECC event, the 1999 SECC Charity Ball is "fun ball" (kinder-ball) on a volleyball court – no experience necessary! Form a team (a minimum of four members) with students, faculty, staff and administrators and come to Pioneer Hall from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., ready to play. The entry fee is \$5 per player, which includes a free T-shirt and awards for winners. (*Mon., Oct. 11, is the deadline to register a team.*) If you just want to watch, bring \$2. Prizes will be given, too! For a roster/ registration form, contact Raedean Bolton (financial aid) at 8-1-3052.

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## **LIS BRINGS SPEAKERS TO CAMPUS**

The TWU School of Library and Information Studies will present two free programs in October – the Lillian Bradshaw lecture on Wed., Oct. 20, and the Samuel Lazerow lecture on Thurs., Oct. 28. The campus community and the general public are invited to attend.

The Bradshaw lecture, which will be held at 2 p.m. in ACT 301, will feature guest speaker Leonard Marcus – author, critic, historian and lecturer in children's literature. He has been *Parenting* magazine's children's book reviewer since 1987 and a contributing editor since 1988. The Lazerow lecture will feature Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan, Moelman Bascom Professor in the School of Nursing and College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Brennan, also a registered nurse, is president-elect of the American Medical Informatics Association. She will discuss "Informatics and the Education of Health Professions: Form and Substance" at 11:30 a.m. in the Blagg-Huey Library lecture hall, room 101. Both lectures will be followed by receptions for the guest speakers and members of the audience.

## **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 smoking cessation program will be offered*** on campus beginning this month. The program, presented by TWU health education services (a part of student health services), will provide participants with the latest research-based knowledge, skills and tools needed to become smoke-free; it addresses psychological, environmental, physiological and behavioral influences on smoking actions. The program requires a commitment of nine sessions, each one and one-half hours long (noon to 1:30 p.m.) within a five-week period, plus a "quit date." Services are available to all TWU students, faculty, staff and community members; fees range from \$10 to \$50, depending on classification. All participants will receive a personal "quit smoking" packet; for details, call Kay Creighton (health educator) at 8-1-3833

***The new state contract for credit cards*** will change from American Express to MasterCard within the next 90 days. American Express is not issuing any new cards, and TWU currently does not have the new forms for MasterCard. Information on the new credit cards will be distributed as soon as it arrives; in the interim, employees may continue to use the American Express card.

***Reminder: Get ex-CITE-d.*** All faculty are invited to the Center for Innovation and Teaching Excellence, CITE Connections, on Tues., Oct. 12, for a teaching roundtable. The program, titled "Teaching Controversial Topics," will be held from 7:30 to 9 a.m., CFO 13. Come for all or part of the session; a light breakfast will be provided. Call Dr. John D'Angelo (Library and Information Studies) at 8-1-2617 for more information.

***The office of intercultural services*** and the Counseling Center are co-sponsoring a new group on campus for those students who are interested in diversity issues and training. The "Intercultural Alliance" is a group of undergraduate and graduate students who will obtain and learn to provide peer diversity training and education. Anyone who is interested or who would like to refer students should contact Patrick Vasquez (intercultural services) at 8-1-3673 or Dr. Carmen Cruz (Counseling Center) at 8-1-3801.

***Reminder: Twentieth-century music*** will be the focus of a flute concert by Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music) on Tues., Oct. 12, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The solo recital is free and open to the public; the campus community is invited to attend.

***Reminder: Nominations for graduate students*** in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* are due Oct. 15; send them to Dr. Veva Vonler (Graduate School). Faculty are encouraged to nominate graduate students whose academic standing, extra-curricular activities and community service are decidedly above average. Nomination forms have been sent to deans and department chairs; they also are available on ACT 13.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

***A special Bosses' Day luncheon*** will be held on Fri., Oct. 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the northeast dining room of Hubbard Hall. Reservations for the event, sponsored by ASSET, are due by Wed., Oct. 15; call Racquie Gasperson (public safety) at 8-1-2919, Vernie Wilson (mass communications) at 8-1-2181 or Susan Phillips (Science Learning Resource Center) at 8-1-2568. The cost is \$8 per person, and the menu will feature a "South of the Border" selection of chicken enchiladas and cheese enchiladas, borracho beans, Spanish rice, chips, salsa, cinnamon crisps and iced tea. TWU's Daughters of the Pioneer will perform, and reservations are required.

***For Houston Center faculty and staff:*** The Texas Medical Center library will offer a two-hour workshop on Tues., Oct. 12, from 9 to 11 a.m. on HTML and creating web pages. The class will show participants how to create an HTML source page using Windows Notepad, and many basic HTML commands will be reviewed. The web page that attendees will create will contain text, images and hypertext links, and an Internet browser (Netscape) will be used to view the page. The class is free to all students (ID required) and is \$25 per person for any TMC faculty, staff, residents or postdocs. For information, call Thomas Gogeny at (713) 799-7803.

***Disability support services*** is recruiting volunteers to assist with reading (on to a cassette tape) for individuals who are blind or dyslexic. Although TWU orders many tapes through Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic, many texts and periodicals have not been recorded. Interested volunteers should call the DSS office at 8-1-3835.

***Reminder: National Coming Out Day*** will be observed at TWU on Mon., Oct. 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the free speech area near the Student Center. The event will be co-sponsored by the TWU Counseling Center, office of intercultural services and office of community relations and diversity. The program will include student testimonials, a video, tables with free information and discussion by members of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. For details, call 8-1-3801.

***Mark your calendar!*** The Texas AHEAD conference (Association on Higher Education and Disability) will be held in Denton at both the University of North Texas and TWU on Nov. 4 and 5, respectively. Learn more about accommodating students with disabilities on a university campus. For details, call JoAnn Nunnely (disability support services) at 8-1-3835. More information will be published in a future issue of *TWU Update*.

***Reminder: An orientation and Pioneer Camp evaluation*** and planning meeting hosted by the division of student life will be held on Thurs., Oct. 14, at 2:30 p.m., SC 006-007; all members of the campus community are invited to attend and share their feedback about programs – and their suggestions for next year. For details, call 8-1-3601.

***A new organization*** for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students and advocates is forming on campus; the group's first scheduled meeting will be held on Thurs., Oct. 14, at 6 p.m. in SC 006-007 in the Underground. Call Dr. Carmen Cruz (Counseling Center) at 8-1-3801.

***Reminder: Don't be "bugged!"*** TWU student health services will offer its annual flu shot clinic for TWU faculty, staff and students every Wednesday in October from 4 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$10, and a valid faculty/staff or student ID is required. Be prepared to stay 20 minutes following the injection. For more information, call student health services at 8-1-3826.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

*The office of information technology services* has scheduled several free faculty/staff training sessions from Oct. 11 to 17 in Denton. The programs will be held in SH 218; for information, call Elaine Martin (ITS) at 8-1-6693. They are listed below.

■ *Oct. 12* -- "Online Timesheets for Non-Exempt Employees," 9 to 9:45 a.m.; "Online Timesheets for Exempt Employees," 10 to 10:45 a.m.

■ *Oct 14* -- "COLLEAGUE: Student System Inquiry," 9 to 10:30 a.m.; "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," 2 to 3:30 p.m.; and "Travel Requisitions," 3:30 to 4 p.m.

**Reminder: Faculty members are asked to remind students** that they may be eligible to become members of Golden Key National Honor Society, which is conducting its annual membership drive. The honorary recognizes all outstanding juniors and seniors of all majors who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 and higher; the deadline to join is Oct. 20. Questions? Call the chapter advisor, Dr. Joy McGregor (Library and Information Studies) at 8-1-2612.

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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.).*

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) presented her research titled "Henry James as an Ironist in *The Death of the Lion*" during the American Culture of the South Conference in Roanoke, Va. She presented her research during the session "American Masters: Mark Twain and Henry James," held Oct. 8. Bridges also chaired a session at the conference about Utopian literature.

Sympathy is extended to the family of former TWU regent **John Freeman**, who died last month.

Dr. **Jack Sibley** (psychology and philosophy) presented a session titled "The Absence of Ethics in Western Religions: A Basis for the Lack of Significant Values" at the Third World Studies conference in Omaha, Neb., Oct. 8 and 9.

Condolences are offered to **Ken Adams** (public safety) following the death of his father, Eldon "Red" Adams, on Oct. 1. A memorial service was held in Gainesville, Texas, on Oct. 4.

Dr. **Nancy Glick** (dental hygiene) has been appointed to the American Dental Association's dental hygiene component B text construction committee, representing the area of dental hygiene curriculum. This committee develops the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination, which is required for licensure as a dental hygienist.

**Chris French Beatty** (dental hygiene) has been appointed to serve as a consultant to the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. As a consultant, she will participate in site visits for accreditation review of new and existing dental hygiene programs.

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**THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCTOBER 11 - 17, 1999**

- Oct. 11-18            -Visual arts: "Beauty as a Relative Concept," west gallery, Arts Bldg.; and "How the Mind Works – Recent Works on Paper," east gallery, Arts Bldg., both shows free and open weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Oct. 11-17            -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.
- Mon., Oct. 11        -USA Senate meeting, 5-7 p.m., ACT 3.  
-USA House of Representatives meeting, ACT 3, 12:15 p.m.  
-National Coming Out Day, free speech area, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tues., Oct. 12        -HR: "Human Resources Forum," Denton, ACT 301, 9-11 a.m.  
-Flute concert: Dr. Pamela Youngblood, free, MJPH, 8 p.m.  
-CITE program: "Teaching Controversial Topics," CFO 13, 7:30-9 a.m.  
-ITS: "Online Timesheets for Non-Exempt Employees," SH 218, 9:45 a.m.; "Online Timesheets for Exempt Employees," SH 218, 10-10:45 a.m.
- Wed., Oct. 13        -Flu shot clinic, student health services, \$10 for campus, 4-6 p.m.  
-HR: "Equal Opportunity Employment," Houston, MGJ 928, 9-11 a.m.  
-Safety class: "Forklift Safety," BHL 101, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
-Safety class: "Office Safety," BHL 101, 1-2 p.m.  
-Healthy Nooners: "Domestic Violence: How You Can Help," free, SH 402, 12:20 to 12:55 p.m.
- Thurs., Oct. 14        -SECC "Charity Ball," Magee Arena (PH), 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
-HR: "Business Grammar and Usage," Denton, ACT 501, 9 a.m.-noon.  
-Midnight Madness: meet TWU Pioneers basketball team; free pizza and hoops contests with prizes, PH Magee Arena, 11:30 p.m.  
-Orientation and Pioneer Camp evaluation meeting, SC 006-007, 2:30 p.m.  
-ITS: "COLLEAGUE -- Student System Inquiry," SH 218, 9-10:30 a.m.; "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," SH 218, 2-3:30 p.m.; "Travel Requisitions," SH 218, 3:30-4 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 15        -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.  
-Bosses' Day luncheon, \$8, HH, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
-HR: "Equal Employment Opportunity," Parkland, DED 2, 10 a.m.-noon.  
-Safety class: "Adult CPR," BHL 101, 8 a.m.-noon.  
-Safety class: "Infant and Child CPR," BHL 101, 1-3 p.m.  
-Symposium for African-American students, \$3, HH, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
-Volleyball: "Pack the Gym Night," Pioneers vs. Cameron U., PH, 7 p.m.  
-Child Development Center Festival, free, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 16        -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Volleyball: "Girl Scout Day," Pioneers vs. Central Okla., PH, 2 p.m.
- Sun., Oct. 17        -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.