

GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW REGENT

Texas Gov. George W. Bush has appointed a new member to the TWU board of regents -- Sharon Wilkes of Austin. She will fill the unexpired term of Douglas Bert Myers of Plano, who resigned earlier this year.

Wilkes, who earned her undergraduate degree in American studies from the University of Texas at Austin, is president of Swiftex Manufacturing Corp. of Bastrop, Texas, near the capitol city. The regional company's market is concentrated in the Southwest, but it distributes nationally as well. Wilkes has been president for 10 years. "My father started the company in the mid-1950s. When he died unexpectedly, I decided to enter the family business. I'm very proud of the fact that we have been in business for so long -- since 1955 -- and the fact that I'm a native Austinite."

The new regent is a member of the board of directors for the Home Furnishings International Association, and she has served as past president of the board of directors for the Home Furnishing Manufacturers Association. She also has been involved in a number of community activities, including fundraising for "Safe Place" (a center in Austin for battered women), as well as her church and political activities. Wilkes recently finished her term on the Texas Judicial Council, to which she also was appointed by Bush; the group advises and makes recommendations to the governor's office and the state legislature about different aspects of making the judiciary better.

Wilkes added, "I am thrilled and honored to be appointed to the Texas Woman's University board of regents. I plan on making a contribution to TWU, and I'm excited about what's going on at the university. I am going to roll up my sleeves and get to work." The next meeting of the TWU board of regents will be held in Denton on Dec. 9 and 10.

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TWU STUDENTS CELEBRATE PRAXIS ANNIVERSARY

TWU students long have "learned to do by doing," and Praxis is one more avenue to help them reach that goal. PRAXIS is a service learning opportunity for students at both TWU and the University of North Texas -- a way to reach out and help members of the community as students learn about service and even earn class credit as they interact. PRAXIS (a partnership project between the United Campus Ministry of Denton, TWU and UNT that involves faculty, students, community service agencies and the Praxis coordinator) will celebrate its 15th anniversary on Wed. and Thurs., Oct. 20 and 21, at UNT and TWU, respectively.

Both programs will feature guest speaker Betsy Alden, coordinator of the Kent Ethics Program at Duke University and creator of the PRAXIS Project. Two open house receptions are scheduled: Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in the UNT Environmental Sciences Building, and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. on ACT 2; Rev. Carolyn Bullard-Zerweck is PRAXIS' coordinator.

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More than 3,600 students from TWU and UNT have been involved in PRAXIS, working more than 70,000 service hours for 120 agencies in the metroplex area. (More than 550 students from TWU have completed the program since spring 1996, for example.) PRAXIS student volunteers are required to give 16 hours in service during the semester at the site they select from a listing of community service

agencies. (A limited number of those organizations and faculty require more than 16 hours.) PRAXIS volunteers also must: attend an orientation session at the placement site; schedule regular work hours with the assigned agencies and document those hours at each visit; satisfy the instructor's requirements for reporting the volunteer experience; participate in two reflection group sessions; keep a daily log of activities and write a five- to seven-page paper; and complete an evaluation on their experience.

Faculty members schedule class time for the UCMD minister to visit and share information about PRAXIS opportunities. They also clarify specific academic expectations for their students who participate in PRAXIS, and they receive agency documentation for their students' volunteer hours and can provide feedback and evaluation on the program as well. For more information, call (940) 566-5101. Both campus communities and the general public are invited to the celebrations.

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STAFF COUNCIL OFFICERS ELECTED

Members of the Staff Council met on Sept. 29, 1999, to elect officers for the organization; Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office) and Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs) also attended. Berry was appointed to serve as administrative liaison for the council.

The council comprises 26 elected representatives. Those representatives elected the following members of the executive council: president -- Jean Mankoff (ITS); co-president -- Susan Phillips (Science Learning Resource Center); first vice president -- Sherri Williams (career and employment services); second vice president -- Vernie Wilson (mass communication); recording secretary -- Kathleen Duffy (Library and Information Studies); corresponding secretary -- Ethel Bowman (Nursing, Dallas); treasurer -- Patricia McIntyre (controller's office); and parliamentarian -- Jane Erwin (institutional advancement). The Staff Council will meet on the first Tuesday of each month, beginning on Nov. 2, at 1 p.m.

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BE HEALTHY -- AND TWU CAN HELP!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and TWU continues to promote breast health among women. Throughout the month of October, student health services at TWU is providing free breast health information, as well as free breast self-examination shower hangers and awareness ribbons to aid in the prevention and early detection of breast cancer; call 8-1-3833.

Speaking of health -- TWU CARES Health Center has begun a new outreach program in Lewisville, offering services for the Texas Health Department's Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program at the Christian Community Action Adult Health Clinic every first and third Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon. Interested participants must be pre-screened through the clinic; call CCA in Lewisville at (972) 221-1224 for more information.

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COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE

The 1999-2000 university curriculum committee work schedule is provided below; call Mary Ann McDuff (academic affairs) at 8-1-3310 for more information. Copies and proposals should be sent to McDuff by the dates provided. A description of the meeting, deadlines to submit proposals for committee distribution and deadlines to submit proposals for the signature of the associate vice president for academic and cultural affairs are listed.

- Oct. 15, 9 to 10:30 a.m., BHL 101; introductory meeting; no proposals considered
- Nov. 18, 2 to 5 p.m., BHL 101; Wed., Nov. 10, 1999; Fri., Nov. 5, 1999.
- Dec. 8, 2 to 5 p.m., BHL 101; Wed., Nov. 24, 1999; Fri., Nov. 19, 1999.

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NEW CENTER OPENS, INVITES GUESTS

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.

"The center's first priority is to help with advising," said Dr. Michael Wiebe (Education and Human Ecology). "The center will fully support our students, from their application to the ExCET test to teacher certification. We also are in the process of selecting a student advisory board." The mission of the center is to enhance the students' academic experiences and to help them navigate their road to success, according to Cramer.

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 (identifying which office and which person a student needs to see for information or services); 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. For details, call Cramer at 8-1-2828.

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1999-2000 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE PROVIDED

The TWU holiday schedule for 1999-2000 includes: Mon., Sept. 6, 1999 -- Labor Day; Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 25 and 26, 1999 -- Thanksgiving; Fri., Dec. 24, and Mon. through Fri., Dec. 27 to 31, 1999 -- December seasonal holiday; Mon., Jan. 17, 2000 -- Martin Luther King Day; Fri., March 17, 2000 -- spring break holiday; and Tues., July 4, 2000 -- Independence Day. Some substitutions may be made for the following observances: Sat., Sept. 11, 1999 -- Rosh Hashanah; Mon., Sept. 20, 1999 -- Yom Kippur; and Fri., April 20, 2000 -- Good Friday.

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STATE ELECTION INCLUDES HIGHER ED PROPOSITIONS

In November 1999, Texas residents will have an opportunity to vote on two amendments to the Texas Constitution that will improve higher education in Texas. Proposition 13 authorizes the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$400 million in general obligation bonds to continue the state-operated Hinson-Hazelwood Student Loan Program -- a program that provides more than 16,000 Texas students with low-interest loans annually. The program is completely self-supporting; applies to students who have financial need at both public and private universities; and requires no tax dollars to administer or repay loans.

Proposition 17 proposes to modernize the administration of the Permanent University Fund and allow asset managers to improve fund performance. This amendment also will increase the availability of funds for scholarships, libraries and new facility construction.

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

For the second consecutive year, the TWU basketball team has been distinguished for its outstanding academic achievement by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. The WBCA Academic Top 25 Team Honor Roll ranks the 1998-99 Pioneers 13th in the United States among NCAA Division II

institutions. The team grade point average of 3.40 reflects the academic commitment of TWU's student-athletes and their coach, Beth Palmer (kinesiology).

"I encourage them to be studious," said Palmer. "I always want to know that they are taking care of their studies. We are fortunate to have such fine student-athletes." The 1999-2000 Pioneer squad is relatively new; Leslee Zachry, Angi Traplena and Jennifer Ragland are the only three returning starters from last year's team. Palmer added, "There is a tradition established at TWU -- new athletes are compelled to do well." The 1997-98 Pioneers earned a team GPA of 3.353 and also were ranked 13th in the nation.

In other news: Kim Koenig, TWU's most decorated gymnast who competed for the Pioneers from 1995-1999, was selected as a Honda Award nominee last year because she finished as the top NCAA Division II gymnast. American Honda Motor Company, Inc., has recognized her accomplishment by donating \$1,000 in Koenig's name to the Pioneer Scholarship Campaign. This donation marked one of the first gifts made for the 1999-2000 annual fundraising drive.

"Kim Koenig has brought great distinction to TWU athletics, and it is such an honor to have her nominated for the Honda Award," said Judy Southard (intercollegiate athletics). "We are proud of Kim and graciously accept this \$1,000 donation from Honda. This contribution is a wonderful way to start this year's drive for athletic scholarships."

The Honda Award nominees in 11 sports are candidates for the Honda-Broderick Cup, which recognizes the outstanding Collegiate Woman of the Year. Koenig represented Division II gymnastics on the May 1999 ballot; the recipient, announced in June, was Melinda Almazan, a volleyball student-athlete from Regis University.

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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.

Reminder: 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. 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.

Hazardous chemical waste will be accepted for disposal from departments and offices on campus from Oct. 25 to 28, **by appointment only**, at the chemical storage building (adjacent to Evers Barn, west of the golf course) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact the safety office at 8-1-2924 for an appointment. Vicki Byrd (safety office) also recently distributed a memorandum on campus that detailed the procedures to follow for chemical hazardous waste disposal. Please contact her if you need a copy or to secure the required chemical waste disposal tags.

Canceled: A teleconference titled "Maximizing Your Retirement," a training and development workshop for faculty and staff originally scheduled on Wed., Oct. 20, has been canceled.

Reminder: 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. She will discuss "Informatics and the Education of Health Professions: Form and Substance" at 11:30 a.m. in the BHL lecture hall 101. Both lectures will be followed by receptions for the guest speakers and members of the audience.

Campus telephone directories, produced by the Student Center office, should arrive this week. SC staff will deliver 10 directories to each department. Anyone who needs additional directories should call the SC office at 8-1-3641.

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Reminder: 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 Institute for Clinical Services and Applied Research will present an interdisciplinary clinical staffing workshop on Wed., Oct. 27, ACT 601, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the program will be repeated that evening from 5 to 6:30 p.m., same location. (No taping -- either audio or video -- will be permitted.) All faculty, staff and students are invited; for details, call 8-1-2285.

Reminder: It's that time of year again -- for tricks, treats, ghosts, goblins and flute choirs. 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. For more information, call Youngblood at 8-1-2500.

A free writing program featuring Dr. Hugh Burns (English, speech and foreign languages) will be presented by members of Alpha Gamma Delta on Tues., Oct. 26, SC 006-007, at 7 p.m. Burns will discuss "You Are What You Write -- Or Not." The featured speaker will focus on tips for effective communication through writing, and he will share his insights into proper etiquette for writing resumes, composing professional letters and building portfolios. The event is open to all students who wish to further develop their own professional writing style.

Reminder: 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. For more information, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

Travel update: The state of Texas travel management division has issued two notices related to contract

airfare. First: Airline tickets must be purchased through state travel agencies and not on the Internet to maintain state contract airfare privileges. Second: The state encourages state travel management participants to use ticketless airline travel to reduce costs and therefore to maintain lower state contract airfare rates. Questions? Call the controller's office at 8-1-3525.

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 are asked to 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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Reminder: 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.

The TWU faculty handbook is posted online at www.twu.edu/facultyhandbook/. Hard copies of the text are located in the following offices: president, provost and vice provost, vice presidents, associate and assistant vice presidents, general counsel, deans, associate deans, department chairs, human resources, public information, internal audits, the Faculty Senate office, Blagg-Huey Library and office of community relations and diversity. For more information, call Debbie Burgess (president's office) at 8-1-3223.

Reminder: 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 Nunnally (disability support services) at 8-1-3835. More information will be published in a future issue of *TWU Update*.

Class schedules for the spring 2000 semester have been posted online; for the listings, go to www.twu.edu.

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.

The office of information technology services has scheduled several free faculty/staff training sessions from Oct. 18 to 24 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. 19, 20 -- "COLLEAGUE for Academic Advising," 9 to 9:45 a.m. or 1 to 1:45 p.m.
- Oct 21 -- "Tracking Requisitions," 9 to 11 a.m.

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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 Dr. **Joyce Palmer** (English), **Rachel Palmer** and family members following the death of **James E. Cornette**, Dr. Palmer's father, on Oct. 10. Services were held last week in Kentucky.

Lizabeth Elkins (institutional research and statistics) has announced that **Pam Mason**, formerly with academic facilities, joined that office as an institutional research analyst in October.

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Condolences are offered to the family of Dr. **Brian Campbell** (psychology and philosophy), who died on Sat., Oct. 16. Campbell was an assistant professor who taught at TWU for two years and lived in Lewisville. A sympathy "card" from the university community will be placed on CFO 7 throughout the week for signatures; the card will be given to the family after Friday. A memorial service for Campbell has been scheduled on Mon., Oct. 25, at 1 p.m. in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. The campus

community is invited to attend and to sign the sympathy card as well.

Dr. **Jack Sibley** (psychology and philosophy) has received the \$10,000 John Templeton Foundation 1999 Science and Religion Course Award.

Judith Anders (Nursing, Dallas) has written an article titled "Doing More with Less" that was published in the September 1999 issue of the *American Journal of Nursing*.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCTOBER 18 - 24, 1999

Oct. 18-21

- 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. 18

- USA Senate meeting, 5-7 p.m., ACT 3.

Tues., Oct. 19

- HR: "Internal Controls for Colleges/Universities," ACT 301, 10-11 a.m.
- Collegiate Leadership Denton session, UNT.
- ITS: "COLLEAGUE for Academic Advising," SH 218, 9-9:45 a.m., 1-1:45 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 20

- Flu shot clinic, student health services, \$10 for campus, 4-6 p.m.
- Lillian Bradshaw lecture: free, with Leonard Marcus, ACT 301, 2 p.m.
- ITS: "COLLEAGUE for Academic Advising," SH 218, 9-9:45 a.m., 1-1:45 p.m.
- Volleyball: Faculty/Staff Night, TWU vs. TAMU-Commerce, PH, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 21

- HR: "Stress Management," Houston, MGJ 928, 1-4 p.m.
- Faculty voice recital: Dr. Nicki Cohen (music), free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- ITS: "Tracking Requisitions," SH 218, 9-11 a.m.
- PRAXIS 15th anniversary celebration, ACT 2, 2-4 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 22

- 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.
- HR: "Coaching Skills," Denton, ACT 501, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Eastern N. Mex., West Texas A&M, away.

Sat., Oct. 23

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- TWcommUnity Cleanup: at Pioneer Woman statue, 10 a.m.-noon.
- TWU Open House, admissions program, ADM 1st floor.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. St. Mary's, away.

Sun., Oct. 24

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

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