Texas Woman's University has announced plans to build a new 210,000-square-foot Institute of Health Sciences – Dallas Center located at TWU’s Parkland campus. Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart is leading a $52 million fundraising campaign for the project.

TEXAS Woman’s University will meet the state’s increasing demand for highly qualified healthcare professionals well into the future with plans for a new Institute of Health Sciences – Dallas Center. Located at TWU’s Parkland campus in Dallas’ prestigious Southwestern Medical District, this new, state-of-the-art urban campus will prepare the state’s next generation of nurses, occupational and physical therapists, healthcare administrators and other professionals to meet the evolving health needs of Texas.

“For more than 50 years TWU has provided quality nursing and healthcare education in Dallas,” said TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart. “The new institute will allow us to continue that tradition of excellence in healthcare education by giving students an exceptional facility in which to learn and become highly trained healthcare providers for the citizens of Texas.”

Funding for this project will be a public/private venture modeled after TWU’s success in building the new Institute of Health Sciences – Houston Center, scheduled to open in 2006. TWU’s Board of Regents recently approved a $10 million commitment from the university for the new Dallas institute and gave its support for TWU to embark on a $52 million campaign to raise funds for the project. The university also will seek federal funding for the new building.

“Both the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Texas Legislature have complimented TWU on our entrepreneurial approach to funding new educational facilities,” Dr. Stuart said.

The proposed $52 million Institute of Health Sciences – Dallas Center will be a nine-story, 210,000-square-foot “campus in one building,” which would open in 2010 or 2011. The new facility would be built where the vacant TWU Parkland

Lowry Woods Opens

by Karen Garcia

anticipated moving into Texas Woman’s University’s newest residence hall.

The complex features housing for both married and single students.

Cydni Vandiver, president of the TWU Residence Hall Association, was so excited about moving in that she camped out overnight in Guinn Hall last March to be first in line for placement in the new units.

“They’re gorgeous,” she said. “I am so excited about living here.”

Vandiver was among the students, faculty, staff and guests who toured the complex prior to its grand opening. Many guests recalled their college days and said they wished the universities they’d attended had offered amenities like those in the Lowry Woods.

Those amenities, as well as much of the design and color scheme, resulted from input by a student advisory committee.

“We wanted our new residence hall to be on target with students’ expectations,” said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life.

Lowry Woods offers students their own bedroom, separate vanity areas in shared bathrooms, a complete kitchen with a garbage disposal and dishwasher, thermostat control, free cable and Internet service and more.

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Edwards Receives Excellence Award

Joan Edwards receives her Excellence in Nursing Award from Good Samaritan Foundation Board Chair Mal Glasscock.

Her commitment to educating tomorrow’s nurses and her focus on healthcare needs around the world are among the many reasons TWU nursing faculty Joan Edwards received a 2005 Nursing Excellence Award from the Good Samaritan Foundation in Houston.

Edwards has been a nursing instructor and a practicing nurse practitioner for more than 35 years. Since 1999, she has traveled to Ethiopia, Bulgaria, Mexico and Zambia to provide medical treatment and to teach basic health care.

In April, she and one of her TWU students traveled to Zambia to present a class on HIV/AIDS education to a large group of student nurses and staff at a local children’s hospital. Edwards also spent a month in Bandia Aceh, Sumatra this summer, running two health clinics, six days a week in tsunami-devastated areas.

She also recently assisted in setting up perinatal clinics in the Tigrai area of Ethiopia, a model that is now being implemented throughout the country.

“It’s a very humbling experience to be honored for nursing excellence when I personally know so many colleagues who are just as deserving,” Edwards said.

TWU Responds to Katrina

TWU welcomed new leadership to the campus this summer with the arrival of three academic administrators. Shown are, from left: Dr. Victoria McGillin, associate provost; Dr. Jimmie Ishee, dean of the College of Health Sciences; and Dr. Ann Staton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

When Hurricane Katrina devastated the coastal areas of Louisiana and Mississippi, the Texas Woman’s University community joined the rest of the country in helping the storm’s victims, many of whom found shelter in Houston and in North Texas.

So many wanted to help that a committee comprised of faculty, staff and students was formed to coordinate volunteer efforts. Dr. Trisha VanDuser, assistant director of the TWU Center for Student Development and chair of the committee, said the response was overwhelming.

“So many faculty, staff and students volunteered on their own time and helped with relief efforts,” she said. “It really brought the TWU community together.”

A link on TWU’s home page provided information about ongoing efforts in the wake of Katrina — from canned food and blood drives, to collecting school supplies and teddy bears for displaced children.

On the Denton campus, the TWU Pioneers raised $2,232 for the American Red Cross by collecting money from drivers and pedestrians on Bell Avenue and by donating all proceeds from the Sept. 10 volleyball game.

Camp Copass, a Baptist church camp on Lake Lewisville, hosted nearly 350 evacuees from New Orleans. While volunteering there, TWU Student Union director Kyle Voyles was asked to help evacuees fulfill a wish to prepare an authentic New Orleans meal to thank those who had helped them. Voyles sent an email to the TWU community asking for donations, and the community responded by giving more than $2,300.

“The generosity of the TWU community to respond in such a large manner in a short time frame was overwhelming,” Voyles said.

“Students without much money who dropped off a dollar or some change, that was the most touching for me. They gave out of the need to respond and a desire to be involved.”

Faculty and students at TWU’s Dallas Center volunteered at shelters set up in the Dallas Convention Center, Reunion Arena, Potter’s House Ministries and at clinics providing primary health care and medical services for evacuees.

Several Houston nursing faculty volunteered at the George R. Brown Convention Center and at the Astrodome, first stops for many New Orleans evacuees. Dr. Beth Mastel-Smith volunteered for five days in the triage area at the convention center.

TWU student athletes collected money for the American Red Cross during each hour on Bell Avenue in Denton. A blood drive sponsored by Student Health Services and TWU’s Health Occupations Students of America attracted many donors, including TWU Regents Harry Campbarker.

TWU Awarded $900,000

A $905,030 federal grant awarded to the Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies will support a collaborative effort to improve library services for an increasingly diverse student population in the Dallas Independent School District (DISD).

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded more than $21 million in grants to 37 universities, libraries and library organizations across the country to recruit and educate a new generation of librarians.

TWU’s grant was the largest awarded to any university or public library in Texas.

The institute’s “Librarians for the 21st Century” grant will support the A-PLUS project, which will add 45 new librarians to the DISD over the course of the three-year grant.

The project is a partnership between TWU, the DISD and the Universities Center at Dallas.

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Hispanic Nurse Program Federal Grant Will Fund

Texas Woman’s University’s College of Nursing will use an $800,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to partner with the DFW Area Health Education Center to address the Hispanic nursing shortage in Texas.

EXCELLENCE THROUGH Diversity

The grant will be distributed over a three-year period to recruit and retain Hispanic nurses through the “Pioneering Nursing’s Future: Excellence Through Diversity” program. TWU will use the funds to offer stipends, monthly workshops and seminars to 20 Hispanic, pre-nursing sophomores at the Denton campus.

Participants who successfully complete the sophomore activities and will meet GPA requirements will then be guaranteed admission to the College of Nursing at TWU’s Dallas-Parkland campus. Students will continue to receive scholarships and will participate in monthly mentoring programs during their junior and senior years.

In addition to the scholarships, Dr. Caryl Mobley, associate dean of nursing at TWU’s Dallas–Parkland Campus, said project funds will be used to generate interest in nursing among Hispanics in middle and high school.

“The students also will give back to the community by participating in programs that educate Hispanic youth about nursing careers,” Dr. Mobley said.

Dr. Lori Millner with the DFW Area Health Education Center will serve as the program director and Dr. Mobley will serve as a co-director.

Dr. Elizabeth Esparza Fuentes will serve as the program’s coordinator.

Less than $1 million to go! The new Institute of Health Sciences – Houston Center opens in summer 2006. Log onto our building website, www.twu.edu/houstontcampus, to see real-time construction photos and find information about how you can help us reach our fundraising goal. Or, make a contribution using the coupon below.

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Endowed Chair in Library Science at Texas Woman’s University this summer, he became the second endowed chairholder at the university. More will follow, as Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart leads the initiative to increase the number within the next five years.

“An endowed chair is the highest honor a university can bestow on a faculty member in recognition of excellence in a particular field of study,” Dr. Stuart said. “Increasing the number of endowed chairs at TWU not only will enhance our teaching and research, but also will attract faculty of distinction.”

Dr. Martin was professor and interim director of TWU’s School of Library and Information Studies when President George W. Bush nominated him to be director of the national Institute of Museum and Library Services in 2001. Dr. Martin was the first librarian to serve as director of the IMLS, a federal grant-making agency dedicated to helping the nation’s 15,000 museums and 122,000 libraries serve their communities. The U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed his nomination.

Dr. Martin’s term with the IMLS ended July 12, and he returned to TWU this fall. He said that knowing Mrs. Bradshaw personally adds something special to his new position.

“It’s a great honor to sit in this chair, as it were,” Dr. Martin said. The Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair in Library Science is named in honor of Mrs. Lillian Bradshaw, director of the Dallas Public Library from 1962-1984. Dr. Judith McFarlane, professor of nursing on TWU’s Houston campus, currently holds TWU’s other endowed chair, the Parry Nursing Chair in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention.
TWU’s family housing capacity has nearly doubled with the opening of Lowry Woods, which includes a playground and The Clubhouse after-school program. L owery Woods resident Crystal Six and her son unpack their kitchen.

The Texas Woman’s University Concert Choir made its Carnegie Hall debut in May during the National Women’s Festival Chorus. The TUW choir opened the festival and was the only choir invited to appear alone. The choir performed several selections, including “Seasons of Love,” a work by Eleanor Daley that TUW commissioned in 2003.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center – Dallas was established at the Parkland campus. The center partners TUW faculty with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center to provide cutting-edge treatment and training in neurological rehabilitation for stroke patients.

The Stroke Center at Parkland, which is designed to offer high quality healthcare professionals, “This is particularly important to us as we continue to see the growing state and national demand for high quality healthcare professionals,” TUW Provost Dr. Carolyn Gunning said. TUW’s presence in Dallas began in 1954 through an agreement with Parkland Memorial Hospital that called for TUW nursing students to obtain their clinical training at Parkland. This model prevailed until 1966, when a $2 million, two-story educational building and a seven-story dormitory for nursing students opened at Parkland. Ten years later, TUW increased its capacity to educate even more healthcare professionals in Dallas with the opening of its campus at Presbyterian Hospital in 1977.

In 1992, The Stroke Center of Dallas was established at the Parkland campus. The center partners TUW faculty with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center to provide cutting-edge treatment and training in neurological rehabilitation for stroke patients.

TWU is one of the top 100 colleges for Hispanic graduate students according to Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education magazine.
...honored State Representative Myra Crownover for her outstanding service on TWU’s behalf during the 79th Texas Legislative Session at the North Texas Society for Human Resource Management’s Annual Conference. Crownover was a keynote speaker during the conference held at TWU.

...discussed plans for TWU’s new Dallas campus with U.S. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, left, at her Dallas office. Shown with Dr. Stuart and the Congresswoman is TWU government major Elsie Osvaldo, who spent the summer as an intern in Johnson’s office.

DR. ANN STUART...

TWU’s “Chancellor On the Move”

...hosted a breakfast for the Federation of North Texas Area Universities. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Dr. Narval Pohl, president of the University of North Texas; Dr. David Payne, executive director of the Educational Testing Service; Dr. James “Kall” Kallison, acting deputy assistant commissioner for the Division of Academic Affairs and Research for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; and Dr. Keith MeFerland, president of Texas A&M University-Commerce.

...welcomed representatives from The Women’s Museum in Dallas to the Denton campus for a luncheon and a tour. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Dr. Barbara Lerner, TWU coordinator for P-16 initiatives; Dr. Carolyn Gunning, TWU interim provost; Fran Lobpries, director of development for The Women’s Museum; Tara Kirk, registrar for The Women’s Museum; Wanda Brice, director of The Women’s Museum; and Dr. Herbert Holl, TWU coordinator for the arts.

...hosted a luncheon at the Gertrude Gibson Guest House to thank Mrs. Orien Woolf, TWU alumna and patron of the Bertha and Morris Levy Endowed Scholarship for graduate students in sociology and social work. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: scholarship recipient Lynne Barga, Mrs. Orien Woolf and Karen Hale, another scholarship recipient.

...attended a reception honoring Marnie and Dr. Kern Wildenthal as the 2006 recipients of the Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award. Shown are, from left: Marnie and Dr. Wildenthal, Chancellor Stuart, Virginia and Roland Dykes, and Gretchen Mynyard and J.L. “Sonny” Williams, 2005 recipients and hosts of the reception.

...chose the interior designs for the new Houston building. Shown with Dr. Stuart and Interim Provost Dr. Carolyn Gunning are, back row from left: Harold D. Johnson, associate vice president of facilities management and construction; Wes Good, executive vice president of Kirksey Architecture; Darren James, vice president and general manager of KAI Texas and consultant to TWU; and Julie Gauthier, interior designer for Kirksey.