Successful Campaign Funds Redbud Lane Legacy

A successful campaign to add more redbud trees to TWU’s Denton campus marks the beginning of an ongoing effort to continue the tradition of Redbud Lane, considered a treasure in the heart of the city.

TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart spearheaded the drive to renew a plan begun in 1938 by Texas State College for Women (now TWU) President L.H. Hubbard to add hundreds of redbud trees to the campus landscape.

“The overwhelming generosity of donors will allow us to rekindle President Hubbard’s dream and implement a legacy plan that will ensure a sustained Redbud Lane,” Chancellor Stuart said.

The Redbud Revitalization Campaign raised $54,500, which will be used to purchase 438 trees.

Approximately 225 to 250 trees will be planted this fall, with 100 more to be planted in fall 2008 and the remainder in fall 2009. Afterward, TWU will continue to purchase a number of trees in subsequent years for planting throughout the Denton campus.

Denton residents who gave generously to the campaign cited history and beauty among their reasons for donating.

“Redbuds have been such a part of TWU history,” said Patsy Patterson, who, with her husband, Fred, was among the Denton donors. “I think it’s a wonderful idea to give something that will help enhance an already lovely campus.”

Joe and Betty Alford said the trees will add to the beauty of the campus well into the future. “It’s something the students will enjoy for years to come,” Mrs. Alford said.

The new institute will combine TWU’s Parkland and Presbyterian sites into a dynamic campus-in-one-building at the Parkland location, which will have important benefits for students and the patients they will one day encounter.

The move will allow TWU – already the state’s leading provider of new nurses and healthcare professionals – to increase enrollment. Incorporating industry-standard technology into classrooms and laboratories will enhance students’ education and career preparation. Bringing together TWU’s College of Nursing, nationally recognized Stroke Center and nationally ranked programs in occupational and physical therapy will facilitate the new model of educating together the disciplines needed for a team approach to patient care.

TWU Chancellor Ann Stuart is leading a $55.5 million campaign for the project.

“Every one of us is affected by the quality of health care,” Chancellor Stuart said. “TWU has a reputation for educating the best in the field. The new institute will provide students with an exceptional environment in which to learn, and will allow TWU to continue...”

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ENROLLMENT TOPS 12,000 FOR FIRST TIME

The 2.9 percent increase for TWU's state funding.

Expanded programs, enhanced admissions outreach and targeted marketing have helped increase TWU's enrollment by 40 percent since 2002.

Innovative Programs

TWU continues to introduce programs that prepare students to succeed in the 21st century. Programs that have contributed to the enrollment growth at TWU include the online Executive MBA and bachelor of general studies programs. The EMBA program, designed for working men and women, recorded an enrollment of 602 students this fall, an almost 40 percent increase over 2006.

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TWU Welcomes Three New Regents

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TWU’s Overall Enrollment

At Texas Woman's University climbed above 12,000 for the first time in university history, with a record 12,173 students enrolled for fall 2007. “This milestone in TWU's history could not have been achieved without the diligent efforts of faculty and staff as they implement the university’s strategic enrollment plan,” said TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart. “This is no small accomplishment.”

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Project ACCELERATE
Texas Woman’s University and the Forth Worth Independent School District are using a $1.3 million federal grant to improve the academic achievement of English language learners in the Fort Worth ISD. “State achievement test scores show that students who know English perform significantly better than those with limited English proficiency,” said Dr. Claudia Sanchez, assistant professor of teacher education and co-director of the project. “Our goal is to improve the education offered to students in the Fort Worth ISD, and we can do this through the preparation of in-service teachers.” Project ACCELERATE is a five-year program designed to advance English language learners’ knowledge in reading, math, science and social studies. A total of 66 content-area teachers in Fort Worth ISD secondary schools will participate in coursework leading to nine graduate credit hours that can be applied to a master’s degree at TWU. Those 66 teachers then will provide professional development to other Fort Worth ISD content-area teachers who also teach English language learners.

PELSC Project
The Texas Woman’s University School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) has received $691,323 grant from the Texas State Library and Archive Commission, more than three-quarters of the public libraries in Texas serve communities with populations of fewer than 25,000. Few of these libraries are managed by a professional librarian.

“This program will result in a significant improvement in the management of libraries serving small communities,” said Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng, director of TWU’s School of Library and Information Studies and co-principal investigator of the project. “That means better library services for people living in small communities, and more effective use of public resources in those communities.”

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Students Take Their Physical Therapy Training Global

TWU physical therapy graduate students Sara Khanzadeh, Harmony Choi, Samantha Lehecka and Alison Gallup gained a new perspective on global health when they traveled to Da Nang, Vietnam to provide physical therapy services to the community.

The group, led by Dr. Toni Roddey, associate professor of physical therapy at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center, provided physical therapy services at a clinic in Da Nang and presented a one-day shoulder rehabilitation conference to area health-care providers.

“It was fulfilling for me to see the students learn and grow as they experienced health care in a third-world country,” Dr. Roddey said. “By sharing and practicing their knowledge, the students learned to be flexible and creative in their treatment, as well as to be sensitive to cultural differences.”

The students appreciated the opportunity to put their physical therapy skills into action. Ms. Khanzadeh had a special encounter with a patient who had a frozen shoulder. “He had been in the hospital for two months because of a spinal cord injury, and the first time he noticed improvements on his shoulder was after his session with us,” she said. “We taught the local physical therapists what we were doing so they could continue treatment with him.”

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Houston Center Wins Design Awards
The new TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center is winning accolades for its striking and innovative design. The building’s interior design recently won a Design Excellence award from the Texas/Oklahoma Chapter of the International Interior Design Association and a First Place award in the Commercial Higher Education Category from the Texas Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. The building also was chosen for inclusion in the 2007 American School and University Architectural Portfolio in the Outstanding Buildings: Post-Secondary category.

Librarians at work in the TWU Library. TWU will use $700,000 in grants to help librarians who manage small public libraries throughout Texas obtain master’s degrees in library science.

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TWU Rolls Out Mobile Go Center

Texas Woman’s University rolled out a world of information for prospective college students as it launched its Mobile Go Center at Guyer High School in Denton.

TWU will use its Mobile Go Center to visit middle and high schools in Dallas and Denton counties. TWU also operates 12 other Go Centers — physical spaces inside high schools — in four North Texas counties. These centers are staffed by TWU students — called G-Force members — who serve as mentors and provide assistance with admission and financial aid applications and other information.

TWU’s G-Force program received a $214,500 grant — the largest in the state — from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for 2007-08.

The grant allows G-Force members who qualify for the state’s work-study program to be paid for their work with the Go Centers.

TWU’s Mobile Go Center and others like it are funded by the College for All Texans Foundation. The innovative education resource centers bring college-related information, including how to apply and pay for college, to students and their families. The centers are part of the College for Texans Campaign to close the gaps in college participation and success, critical parts of the state’s higher education plan.

TWU’s Mobile Go Center is a 34-foot trailer equipped with laptop computers and high-speed Internet connections. Technology for the vehicle was funded by an $80,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation.

The College for All Texans Foundation says Texas must add at least 630,000 more college students and raise the annual number of graduates to more than 210,000 by 2015 for the state to keep pace economically with the rest of the nation and the world.

On hand to help launch the new TWU Mobile Go Center were, from left: Dewy Brooks, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board; Melanie Lewis, Denton Independent School District; David Parker, technology sponsor AT&T; Barbara Fischer, Guyer High School; Perry McNeill, mayor of Denton; Sharon Dahl, Office of State Representative Myra Crownover; and Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU. At left, students at Guyer High School try out some of the computer resources available in the Go Center.

Story by Karen Garcia
Exhibition Highlights Career of TWU Professor Susan kae Grant

A n exhibition chronicling her 30-year career proved to be a more moving experience than the artist had anticipated.

“Susan kae Grant: A Retrospective” ran from Sept. 15 through Oct. 12 in the main gallery of The McKinney Avenue Contemporary (The MAC) in Dallas. Grant, a professor of photography at Texas Woman’s University, said the selection of works for the exhibit brought on some unexpected emotions.

“When (the curator) was choosing the works, it was a bit unsettling,” she said. “These were pieces of my life.”

Grant said she could see shifts in her work throughout the years.

“My work as an artist has been very autobiographical,” she said. “I’ve used art as a tool to communicate about issues that maybe were difficult to talk about.”

There’s more conflict in her earlier work, she said, often arising out of the search for one’s place in the world. The technical form for her “shadow work” grew from watching her mother move in and out of consciousness in the last days of her life.

“It was changing events that changed the work,” Grant said.

Her work took on more color in 1981 — literally. “I’d never done color before moving to Texas in 1981,” she said. “Probably, coming from Detroit to Texas, everything seemed more wide open and colorful.”

One of the pieces in the collection that stands out to Grant is a photograph of girls sitting in chairs in the middle of a field. It was one of the first works she did after moving to Texas and, to her, reflects being in “a brand new place.”

Another is the installation from her Night Journey Series, a body of work based on Grant’s research into dreams, memory and the unconscious. The series involves photographic images on 48-foot panels of sheer chiffon fabric. These are hung from the ceiling throughout the exhibition space, allowing patrons to wander through as if in a dream.

“Susan’s reputation as an exceptional fine arts photographer is significant,” said John Weinkein, chair of the visual arts department at TWU. “As a result, she has built an especially strong photography program here. It is truly a pleasure working with such a gifted artist and dedicated teacher. Her ongoing and substantial contributions to our department through teaching, creative activity and service are invaluable.”

Graduate Receives National Fellowship

Recent TWU graduate Emily Vardell is serving as one of only seven associate fellows at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, MD. The one-year postgraduate fellowship, which includes a $46,000 stipend, prepares librarians for leadership roles in health sciences libraries and research. Applicants are selected from a nationwide pool. Ms. Vardell graduated with a master’s degree in library science in August 2007.

Dallas Center Donors List

The TWU Board of Regents has approved $15 million in university bonds for the project. In addition to the T. Boone Pickens Foundation, other generous donors include:

- The Simmons Family Foundation
- Sid W. Richardson Foundation
- Hillcrest Foundation
- Texas Woman’s University Foundation
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- Pollock Foundation
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…attended a reception honoring T. Boone Pickens as the recipient of the Sixth Annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Roland Dykes, Barry and Lana Andrews, Madeleine and Boone Pickens, and Virginia Chandler Dykes.

…launched TWU’s 2007 State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) at a tropical-themed luncheon. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Lilia Chávez Bynum, president and CEO of United Way of Denton County; Sheri Dreggo and Tracy Lindsey, TWU SECC co-chairs; Jack Brocket, chair of the Denton County SECC Local Employee Committee; and Judi Ramon, SECC Local Campaign manager.

…welcomed students from the Irma Rangel Young Women’s Leadership School to the “Fit to Lead” summer camp held at TWU and sponsored by the Foundation for the Education of Young Women.

…watched the installation of two large metal art pieces outside the entrance to the new Redbud Theater Complex. The pieces, which flank the entrance, repeat the movement of the undulating wall that is the theater’s signature element. Shown with Chancellor Stuart is Lauren Nitschke of 3-DG Environmental Graphics, the company that designed and fabricated the pieces.

…hosted a board meeting of the Houston High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Friends at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center. Attending were, from left: Agilia Perez McGowan, Steve McNamara, Mary Martha Lappe, Chancellor Stuart, Herbert Karpicke and Susan Elmore.

DR. ANN STUART...

TWU’s “Chancellor On the Move”

…worked on behalf of the Denton Benefit League at a garage sale benefitting the Denton Humane Society. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Cathy Wenger and Krisanne Key.

…met with students in the Southern Methodist University executive leadership class. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Chuck Reehrig, John Baskin, Rick Boudreau and Luis Quiroga.

…spoke to members of the Denton Kiwanis Club. Shown with Chancellor Stuart are, from left: Ray Baines, president, and Fred Funk, president-elect.

…held a Chat with the Chancellor for students on the Denton campus. Topics for the question and answer session included working with your supervisor and how to find and make the most of an internship.