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HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the executive staff, may I extend heartiest wishes for a joyous holiday season and a happy new year. I deeply appreciate your support and efforts to reaffirm our mission: to educate women primarily.

As a university family, we have come together often to share our perspectives, hopes and dreams; in a very special way this sharing has strengthened the university. May I encourage every person to believe in this university -- its mission, its people, its future. As we look toward a happy and productive year, I hope you will have a peace-filled, merry Yule season!

-- President Carol Surles

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COMMENCEMENT SET FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

More than 740 degrees will be conferred during fall commencement exercises at TWU on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 15 and 16, in Denton and Houston, respectively. Three Denton ceremonies are scheduled -- 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. -- in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Students and family members with tickets are invited to attend. The 2 p.m. Houston ceremony on Sunday will be held at the First Presbyterian Church.

The number of diplomas earned during the fall 1995 semester includes 515 undergraduate and 299 graduate degrees, according to Dr. Jim Stiles, registrar. (A total of approximately 555 students in Denton and 104 graduates in Houston are expected to participate in their graduation ceremonies.) Times for commencement in Denton reflect candidate assignments, based on specific schools and colleges participating in the ceremonies listed below:

- 9 a.m. -- Ceremony I for candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences;
- 11:30 a.m. -- Ceremony II for graduates from the College of Education and Human Ecology and the College of Health Sciences;
- 2 p.m. -- Ceremony III for the School of Library and Information Studies, the College of Nursing, the School of Occupational Therapy and the School of Physical Therapy.

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COMMENCEMENT, *continued*

A reception for graduates, their families and guests who attend Ceremony I or II will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in the southwest dining room of Hubbard Hall. Graduates and their guests participating in Ceremony II or III are invited to a second reception in the same location from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. TWU President Carol Surles will preside at each ceremony, which includes an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

During Ceremonies I and II, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Keith Swigger, dean of the TWU School of Library and Information Studies, who will discuss "Managing the Extended Life." The featured speaker for Ceremony III will be Texas state Sen. Jane Nelson. In Houston, TWU Regent Sheila Whitaker-Kellagher will speak to the graduates. Whitaker-Kellagher, who graduated cum laude from TWU in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in physical therapy, founded Trucare Health Systems in 1987. She sold 80 percent of Trucare, a \$10 million company, to Epic Health Care Corp. in 1992.

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ASSISTANT VP CANDIDATES VISITING CAMPUSES

Four candidates for the position of assistant vice president for student life will visit TWU in Denton, Dallas and Houston between Dec. 11 and 19 to interview and to make presentations. All faculty, staff and students interested in hearing these presentations are invited to attend. A list of the four finalists and their schedules is listed below:

■ *Dr. Darrelene Rachavong, director of student life, University of Texas at Dallas* -- Mon., Dec. 11, Denton, 1 p.m., SC 207; Dallas-Parkland, 3 p.m., 2nd floor conference room; Tues., Dec. 12, Houston, noon, 1st floor, residence hall.

■ *Dr. Richard Nicholas, dean of students, University of Evansville (Ind.)* -- Tues., Dec. 12, Denton, 1 p.m., SC 207; Dallas-Parkland, 3 p.m., 2nd floor conference room; Wed., Dec. 13, Houston, noon, 1st floor, residence hall.

■ *Barbara Bush, dean of students, Scripps College (Claremont, Calif.)* -- Thurs., Dec. 14, Denton, 1 p.m., SC 207; Dallas-Parkland, 3 p.m., 2nd floor conference room; Fri., Dec. 15, Houston, noon, 1st floor, residence hall.

■ *Dr. Renee Romano, director of union and student activities, University of Northern Iowa-Cedar Falls* -- Mon., Dec. 18, Denton, 1 p.m., SC 207; Dallas-Parkland, 3 p.m., 2nd floor conference room; Tues., Dec. 19, Houston, noon, 1st floor, residence hall.

For more information, call Dr. Betty Adams (Nursing) at ext. 2411; Adams is chair of the search committee.

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CENTER SEEKS PARTICIPANTS FOR STUDY

Dr. John Duncan (Center for Research on Women's Health) is conducting a research study to evaluate the effectiveness of different dietary and exercise interventions for weight and body fat loss. His weight loss study for overweight women will provide participants with nutritional counseling, supplements and exercise prescription, free of charge.

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PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR STUDY

Interested persons must: be age 18 to 50 years; be apparently healthy; have a body weight of 140 to 240 pounds (approximate); and be sedentary (not presently engaged in dietary programs, or aerobic or weight training).

Only 125 volunteers will be used for this study, and Duncan anticipates that the study will reach capacity rapidly. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this clinical weight loss project should call Robbie at ext. 2575 in the TWU Center for Research on Women's Health.

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WELLNESS CENTER OFFERS NUTRITION, WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAMS

If TWU faculty, staff or students' New Year's resolutions include getting into shape in 1996, then the Wellness Center can help! Staff in the center can design an individualized exercise and toning program, and two Weight Loss Challenge programs will begin after the spring semester starts. Program dates are Jan. 16 to 20 on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. and Jan. 22 to Feb. 26 on Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Each program is six weeks long and will cover topics such as exercise, menu planning, dining out, label reading, motivations for eating and favorite foods. Reservations are required for the Weight Loss Challenge programs; call ext. 2900.

The nutrition clinic within the Wellness Center also will offer a series of programs through April 1996. Descriptions are listed below, and classes are held at the center in Jones Hall; call ext. 2900 for more information.

- Eating on the go -- Sat., Jan. 27, noon to 1 p.m.;
- High-energy nutrition -- Sat., March 9, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.;
- Light-style cooking -- Sat., March 30, 1:30 to 3 p.m.;
- Quick nutrition -- Thurs., April 4, 6 to 7:30 p.m.;
- High-energy nutrition -- Thurs., April 18, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

The TWU Pioneers volleyball team, which finished with an overall record of 25-10 and fourth place in the Lone Star Conference, has earned several post-season awards. Outside hitter Misty Brever was named one of six members of the 1995 GTE Academic All-America District VI College Division Volleyball Team. Brever, a senior, has earned a 3.82 grade point average, will graduate in May 1996 with a bachelor's degree in advertising design and previously was named to this academic team in 1993.

Three TWU student-athletes were named to the 1995 All-Lone Star Conference Academic Team: Brever and junior setter Sarah Steinmetz were named to the first team, and sophomore outside hitter Michelle Murray received an honorable mention. Steinmetz maintains a 3.31 GPA, and Murray has a 3.08 GPA; both are kinesiology majors. The 1995 Lone Star Conference Team, announced at the end of the regular season, included Steinmetz and Murray on the first team. Brever and sophomore middle blocker Chantelle Clegg earned All-Conference Honorable Mention.

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ATHLETICS, *continued*

In other news:

■ Steinmetz was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II All-Region Team -- South Central.

■ Several new players have signed national letters of intent: Mary Lou Correa, basketball (post position), from Newman Smith (Carrollton, Texas) High School; Rebekah Nancarrow, basketball (post position), from Naaman Forest (Garland, Texas) High School; Tricia Lamb, gymnastics (all-arounder), from Hazelwood (Florissant, Mo.) High School; Kelly Cox, softball (third base), from Plano East (Texas) High School; and Jennifer Short, softball (pitcher), from Blinn (Brenham, Texas) Junior College.

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TWU REGENTS MEET, APPROVE ITEMS

The TWU board of regents held its quarterly meeting on Dec. 7 and 8 in Denton. Following four committee meetings last Thursday, the board met and approved the following items on Friday:

■ Request for approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to establish a special reduced tuition rate for students from Oklahoma (\$744 for undergraduate Oklahoma students carrying 12 hours; and \$984 for graduate Oklahoma students also carrying 12 hours);

■ A nurse practitioner clinic in Houston (as soon as insurance for this clinic and others operated by TWU is purchased and in place);

■ A resolution from the board in memory of Robert Benfield, former vice president for fiscal affairs;

■ Personnel additions and changes; acceptance of gifts and grants; contracts and agreements (with the exception of one item for later consideration); allocation of federal funds; renewal, extension and acquisition of insurance; a change order for construction at the Dallas-Parkland Center; installation of sprinkler systems in Stark and Guinn Halls (approximately \$1.2 million from 1995 Combined Fee Revenue Bond Funds); resubmission of a request to the Coordinating Board for the renovation of Hubbard Hall; and the implementation of a new investment policy for the university.

During the two-day session, the four regents' committees (academic affairs, institutional advancement, finance and audit, and student affairs) also heard reports and plans from vice presidents, staff and students. Representatives from both the Faculty Senate and the Staff Council attended committee meetings and the general meeting. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) presented a report to the full board on Friday as well.

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NEWSBRIEFS

The last issue of TWU Update for 1995 is dated today; the next edition will be distributed as the spring 1996 semester begins on Tues., Jan. 16, 1996. The deadline for submissions is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. during the regular academic year. People and news items are published on a space-available basis. Happy holidays!

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: The TWU student activities center needs recommendations from faculty and staff for Student Orientation Leaders (SOLs) for Orientation '96. SOLs should be good role models academically, and they also should possess strong communications, decision making and leadership skills. Interested students can pick up applications in SC 202; the application deadline is Jan. 30, 1996. For more information, call ext. 3611.

A one-day interdisciplinary faculty development workshop will be held on Thurs., Jan. 11, 1996, at TWU Dallas-Presbyterian from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. "The purpose of the workshop is to allow health care faculty to explore alternative teaching and learning models and to discuss ways to promote improvement in ways that enable students to continue to meet the demands of an ever-changing health care environment," said Regina Campbell (Occupational Therapy, Dallas). Guest faculty will include Dr. Mary Jackel, director of education, San Antonio; Dr. John Schell, department of occupational studies, University of Georgia; and Dr. Patty Solomon, School of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy, McMaster University. For details, call 8-2-2409.

Reminder: Pianist Pamela O'Briant (performing arts, music) and Tracy Crone will present a concert of Christmas music titled "Christmas by Candlelight" on Thurs., Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. O'Briant and Crone, who are both TWU alums, invite everyone to attend and enjoy the gift of music. For details, call O'Briant at ext. 2493.

TWU's Simply Jazz and Alexandria's Ragtime Band are selling "The Denton Card" to raise funds for their spring tour. The card, which provides discounts at 16 Denton businesses, can be purchased from ensemble members for \$10. For more information, call Pamela O'Briant at ext. 2493 or Dr. John Flohr at ext. 2511.

TWU CAN is a campuswide effort during this holiday season to collect non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to stock the TWU food pantry. The office of student development is challenging every organization, office and department on campus to pool their efforts and collect these items; anyone with donations should drop them off in SC 206 through Dec. 15. A special Christmas Can Tree will be displayed, and stars with the names of donating organizations, offices or departments will be hung on the tree. Stars will be color-coded, based on the number of items donated: 10 items -- pink star; 20 items -- blue star; 30 items -- green star; 40 items -- red star; and 50 or more items -- gold star. For more information, call ext. 3626.

Food Services by Marriott will present a midnight breakfast for students on Mon., Dec. 11, beginning at 10 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Interested faculty and staff who would like to serve are invited to participate. For details, call ext. 3663.

Applications are being accepted for the 7th annual TOSS scholarship for spring 1996. The \$150 scholarship will be awarded to a permanent, full-time or part-time staff member at TWU. Interested persons can obtain applications from Dorothy Irelan (institutional advancement) on ACT 2 or call her at ext. 3870.

A sale of all poinsettias used on campus for decorations in December will be held on Tues., Dec. 19, in the southeast room of Hubbard Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Prices will vary with the size of the poinsettia. First come, first served (or sold)...so arrive early! Advance reservations **will not** be accepted. For information, call Bobby Trevino (grounds maintenance) at ext. 3130.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

A production by the College of Arts and Sciences -- "A Holiday Extravaganza!" -- will be held on Thurs., Dec. 14, 1995, from noon to 1:30 p.m., MCL auditorium. The annual holiday event will feature Frank "Elvis" Vitro...yes, the King is back!...Santa and Mrs. Claus, ZZ Top ("four sharply dressed men"), the Daughters of the Pioneers and Patsy Cline. The campus community is invited to attend -- call in special requests for Elvis and others by voice mail: 2080*/1050!

Reminder: The office of student activities is sponsoring a winter break ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo., Jan. 9-14, 1996. The cost is \$499 per person, which includes roundtrip air fare from Dallas, roundtrip transfers from the airport to condominium lodgings (five nights) at Promontory, a four-day lift ticket, all taxes and gratuities, plus an on-location staff to assist skiers. Initial deposits will continue to be accepted throughout December. For more information, call Stan Weatherred or Jimmie Lankford in recreational sports at ext. 3612 or drop by SC 202.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Sympathy is extended to the family of TWU alumna Dr. **Irene Rodriguez**, who passed away on Nov. 28. Rodriguez, who earned her bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from TWU, was a close friend of reading and bilingual education faculty members Drs. Rudy Rodriguez, Rose Spicola and Margaret Griffin. Services were held in Brownsville, Texas, on Dec. 2 for the Texas A&M University International at Laredo professor; Dr. Rudy Rodriguez attended.

A work titled "Haunted Texas: Six Bizarre Phenomena" by **Mark Harris** (public information, publications) is part of a show titled "Texas Legends," presented by the Dallas Society of Illustrators this month. The exhibit is displayed at D-Art Gallery in Dallas, and an opening reception will be held on Tues., Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.

Dr. **Jack Sibley** (psychology and philosophy) has published an article titled "Christ in Scripture," or "The Kaleidoscopic Christ of the New Testament Church," in the December issue of *The Disciple*. Sibley reports that nearly 250 students took courses in philosophy and religion during the fall semester -- the most ever.

Drs. **Linda Sluder** and **Jane Irons** (early childhood and special education) have been invited to review articles for the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* and *National Dropout Prevention Network* for the *Journal of At-Risk Issues*.

Norma Davidson (performing arts, music) has returned from New York, where she performed in Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. She now also has completed a 40-episode series for public television designed to acquaint young people, ages 8 to 11, with classical literature, such as *A Tale of Two Cities*, *Tom Sawyer* and *Romeo and Juliet*. The series, titled "Wishbone," currently is seen in the United States and countries around the world. "Wishbone" is broadcast in the Dallas area on KERA-TV (channel 13).

Lizabeth Elkins (institutional research and statistics) was elected Southwest regional representative to the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) Board of Directors. The organization includes Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Oklahoma and Mexico. Effective July 1996, a
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realignment from nine to seven regions will change the area's name to the Midcontinent Region, which will expand to include Alberta, Saskatchewan, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and Colorado. Elkins will begin her duties as regional representative at the July 1996 conference.

Drs. **Gladys Hildreth**, **Michelle Richards** and **Nancy Kingsbury** (family sciences), plus doctoral students **Lori Carraway**, **Diane Pascoe** and **Joan Couch**, attended the annual meeting of the National Council on Family Relations in Portland, Ore., Nov. 13-20.

Hildreth, a national award winner, delivered the Marie Peters lecture at the conference. The lecture, "Utilizing Family Life Education to Enhance Courage, Strength and Responsibility in Minority Families," was videotaped and will be available for sale from the national office. The tape also will be available in the TWU library and the department of family sciences. Kingsbury was a session co-presenter on "International Sabbatical and Research Leaves." Richards presented a round table session on "Eliciting Affective Responses in Teaching Multicultural Therapy."

Dr. **John Flohr** (performing arts, music) will present a research paper on "Young Children's Ability to Perform Steady Beats" at the Early Childhood Music Society of Research in Music Education in Kansas City in April 1996. Flohr's research is based on several studies with children ages 3 to 11 and is being done at the TWU Child Development Center.

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THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AT TWU: DEC. 11, 1995 - JANUARY 15, 1996

- Nov. 1-Feb. 28 -Blagg-Huey Library Exhibit: "The Ribbon," all day. (Ext. 2665)
- Dec. 11-13 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-midnight.
- Dec. 11-14 -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 11 -Midnight Breakfast, Hubbard Hall, 10:01 p.m. (Ext. 3663)
- Wed., Dec. 13 -EFE fall original log due to professor(s), MCL 408, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2206)
- Dec. 14-15 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Thurs., Dec. 14 -Final exams completed for fall 1995.
 -Holiday Extravaganza by College of Arts and Sciences, admission is free;
 MCL Auditorium, noon-1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3326)
 -Concert: "Christmas by Candlelight," presented by Pamela O'Briant and
 Tracy Crone; free; Little Chapel in-the-Woods, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2493)
- Fri., Dec. 15 -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 -Last day for deans to file degree plans for seniors completing degree
 requirements December 1996.
 -TOSS general meeting (holiday party), SC 207-208, noon. (Ext. 3415)
 -Education internship applications/fees due, MCL 408 (ext. 2203)

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CALENDAR, *continued*

- Sat., Dec. 16 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 -Fall commencement, Denton, MJPH; Ceremony I, 9 a.m.; Ceremony II:
 11:30 a.m.; Ceremony III: 2 p.m.; receptions in Hubbard Hall for
 Ceremony I or II, 10-11 a.m. and Ceremony II or III, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
 -Residence halls close for semester break, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3676)
 -Basketball: TWU vs. Midwestern State, Denton, 2 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 17 -Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed.
 -Fall commencement, Houston, First Presbyterian Church, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 18-19 -Bookstore open for limited hours; call store for hours. (Ext. 3103)
- Dec. 18-21 -Blagg-Huey Library open noon-7 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 18 - Basketball: TWU vs. Central Oklahoma, Denton, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 20-21 -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Dec. 20-Jan. 2 -Academic Advising Center closed. (Ext. 3286)
- Fri., Dec. 22 -Blagg-Huey Library open noon-5 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-noon.
- Dec. 25-Jan. 1 -University closed for holidays.
- Tues., Jan. 2 -University offices re-open, 8 a.m.
- Jan. 2-5 -Blagg-Huey Library open noon-7 p.m.
- Fri.-Sat., -Mizuno Softball Coaching Clinic, HPER gym; Jan. 4, 1-5 p.m. and 6:30
Jan. 5-6 8:30 p.m.; Jan. 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 2378)
- Jan. 6-7 -Blagg-Huey Library closed.
- Jan. 8-10 -Blagg-Huey Library open noon-7 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 8 -Basketball: TWU vs. Texas A & M Kingsville, Denton, 7 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 10 - Residence hall open for the spring 1996 semester, 1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3676)
- Jan. 11-12 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Thurs., Jan. 11 -Basketball: TWU vs. Abilene Christian, Denton, 7 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 13 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
 -Basketball: TWU vs. Angelo State, Denton, 2 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 14 -Blagg-Huey Library closed.
- Mon., Jan. 15 -Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; university offices and library closed.

