

HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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On behalf of the executive staff and the administration of Texas Woman's University, may I extend heart-felt greetings for a holiday season and a happy new year. I deeply appreciate your efforts to reaffirm our mission -- to educate women primarily -- to support our students (and one another, as faculty, staff and friends) as we seek to grow together.

I hope, as a university family, that we will continue to share our ideas, hopes and dreams; in a very special way, these relationships have cultivated a strong, close bond among us. 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 in 1997, I hope you will have a peace-filled, merry Yule season!

-- President Carol Surles

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BAD WEATHER COMES EARLY

Last week (Nov. 25), inclement weather struck early in the Dallas and Denton areas. In response, TWU and other schools, businesses and agencies notified area news media about a closure or a delay in the opening of the university. This information was relayed to news outlets between 5:30 and 6 a.m.; however, posting such information once it was relayed then occurred at the media's discretion. Usually TWU faculty, staff and students can learn as early as 6 or 6:30 a.m. whether the university will be closed. (The Houston Center follows a separate procedure.)

In such situations, Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) determines whether a closure is necessary because of inclement weather after she receives weather and road condition information from John Erwin (public safety). Surles notifies the news staff in the office of public information about the closure; they then call area news media to announce that the university will not be open due to bad weather. Faculty, staff and students should watch Marcus Cable in Denton (channel 25; formerly Sammons Communications) or Dallas-area stations WFAA-TV (channel 8), KXAS-TV (channel 5), KTVT-TV (channel 11) or KDFW-TV (channel 4). They may tune to the following radio stations: WBAP (820 AM), KRLD (1080 AM) or KVIL (1150 AM or 103.7 FM).

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An on-campus weather closure information line also provides closure/delay of opening information (for that day only) for faculty and staff in particular to call: (817) 898-3430. When the university closes due to bad weather, a message will be recorded on that line by 6 a.m. to notify callers. If the line's regular message plays (which discusses the university's days and hours of operation), then TWU has not been closed because of weather. This information is separate from the system established for tornado notification and "was created in order to alleviate the flood of calls our dispatchers receive in public safety," said Erwin.

The office of information technologies also will post the announcement on voice mail, which each faculty and staff member can access from her or his home telephone. "This notification process is one more way in which TWU faculty and staff can seek information about inclement weather closings or delays in opening," said Corin Ecker (ITS). For more information, call the office of public information at ext. 3456.

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COUNSELING CENTER OFFERS HELP FOR STUDENTS

The TWU Counseling Center -- which offers help in Denton, Dallas and Houston -- serves all currently-enrolled TWU students by providing counseling services that include individual counseling, group counseling and crisis counseling. Faculty, staff and students often ask about the role of the Counseling Center at TWU; the facility's director, Dr. Don Rosen, recently talked about its function. "Students who would like to use Counseling Center services may simply call or stop by to schedule an initial intake appointment. Intake serves the purpose of triage: we see students as quickly as we can to determine their needs, their status and their suitability for the center's services," said Rosen. "Because the center provides short-term counseling, some students are referred to the appropriate community resources after we have seen them."

According to Rosen, once a student has been seen through the intake process and she or he can receive services, each individual is assigned to a counselor for weekly appointments; some-times a waiting list is used when available counseling hours are filled. Center staff work to match counseling appointments with students' schedules. "Students who have fewer available hours for counseling may find that it takes longer to be assigned to a counselor because they are less likely to be available at the open counseling hour," explained Rosen. "We monitor waiting list clients who may be in crisis by contacting them periodically and assessing their level of functioning."

Students in crisis may be seen at any time the Counseling Center is open; they must tell the receptionist that they need to see a counselor immediately. "In most cases, we let the student

define what is a crisis to her. However, this option is not a way in which students can sidestep the normal process," said Rosen. "Crisis counseling is available after hours by calling the TWU department of public safety at 8-1-2911 in Denton, 8-2-6666 in Dallas and 8-4-2222 in Houston."

He added, "Faculty and staff who refer students to the Counseling Center are valuable members of our community team. We encourage you to refer students as you feel it is appropriate, either for an intake appointment or for crisis intervention. Please also remember that we provide workshops and programs for your classes and student organizations." Anyone who has questions can call the Counseling Center in Denton at 8-1-3801, in Dallas at 8-2-6655 and in Houston at 8-4-2059. Information on frequently asked questions about the TWU Counseling Center will be discussed in a future issue of *TWU Update*.
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"SOAP-ed" FOR THE HOLIDAYS: JOIN THE FUN!

Two events during the last week of classes will strike a holiday chord with TWU faculty, staff and students when SOAP presents "Take a Faculty Member to Lunch" on Tues., Dec. 3, and a winter social on Fri., Dec. 5. Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) will discuss "The Importance of Student-Faculty Interactions Outside the Classroom" during the luncheon event for faculty, scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Tickets for the program are \$1 per person and can be purchased in the office of student activities; *space is limited*. The winter social will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight in the SC Underground. This free event will feature a deejay, dance, food and fun, sponsored by SOAP and the Residence Hall Association.

The office of student activities also is accepting applications for the 1997 SOAP executive board; SOAP is the primary programming board at TWU in Denton and is responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating social, educational and recreational events on campus. "Involvement in SOAP helps students gain experience in leadership, time management, organizational development, parliamentary procedures, diverse populations, budget management and other skills," said Dee Siscoe (student activities). SOAP positions include executive chair, secretary/treasurer, concerts chair, leadership chair, multicultural chair, recreation and leisure chair, special events chair, talks and topics chair, and trips and travel chair. Each executive position requires a minimum of six hours per week and comes with a stipend. Applications are available in the office of student activities, SC 1st floor, or call ext. 3611.

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THE HOLIDAYS: SURVIVING A "WEIGHTY" EXPERIENCE

To celebrate the holiday season and get that holiday spirit, the TWU Wellness Center again will sponsor "The Twelve Days of Christmas" -- 12 days of physical activity to help balance exercise and those holiday foods! The cost to participate is \$10 per person (which includes a long-sleeved gray T-shirt that says "I survived the 12 days of Christmas at the TWU Wellness Center"); participants do not have to be members of the center to sign up. The "12 Days" begin on Wed., Dec. 4, and end on Thurs., Dec. 19; participants will receive their T-shirts

after they have completed one activity for each of the 12 days. (A list of activities for each day is available at the Wellness Center; call ext. 2900 for a copy.) On the 12th day (Dec. 19), the group will meet in the lobby of the Wellness Center at noon for a walk/jog around the campus, followed by cider and healthy snacks. Happy holidays!

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the TWU Pioneers volleyball team, who qualified for the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Tournament -- the first time that a TWU volleyball team ever has qualified for an NCAA postseason event. They played against number one seed University of North Alabama and made a gallant attempt against the top team. "My biggest concern is what are we going to do next year?" laughed head coach Patty Dowdell (kinesiology). "We didn't plan on setting all the school records." In other news:

■ Two TWU volleyball team members -- Sarah Steinmetz and Jessica Bryant -- were named to the All-Lone Star Conference volleyball team. Steinmetz was named "Most Valuable Player" in the conference, and Bryant shared honors with Texas A&M-Kingsville's Kenisha Reaux as "Co-Freshmen of the Year."

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NEWSBRIEFS

Reminder: Two holiday events -- a coffee and an afternoon reception -- will be held for the campus community. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) would like to invite all faculty, staff and students, plus the Denton community, to holiday gatherings that celebrate the season of friendship and giving. The holiday coffee will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. on Wed., Dec. 4, in the southeast room of Hubbard Hall. The next day, on Thurs., Dec. 5, Surles will host an afternoon reception from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the same location. Both receptions will include holiday music, a sing-a-long and a visit from Santa Claus. "I hope that all of our faculty, staff and students -- as well as interested community members -- can attend one or the other holiday event," said Surles. "We will celebrate the season in this way among the campus community, sharing the spirit of TWU."

TWU's Simply Jazz will present their fall concert on Thurs., Dec. 5, at 7 p.m., MCL auditorium. The event is free and open to the campus community and the general public. This female vocal jazz ensemble, directed by Pamela O'Briant (performing arts, music), will present some favorite tunes -- "Bei Mir Bist Du Shon," "Java Jive," "I Can Cook, Too," "Air Mail Special," "It's Only a Paper Moon" and other numbers. For details, call ext. 2500 or 2493.

Reminder: World AIDS Day will be observed at TWU and in Denton this week. TWU's HIV/AIDS education coalition is involved in several programs. For more information, call Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music) at ext. 2523 or Andy Tucker (library) at ext. 3709.

■ *Sun., Dec. 1* -- 2 p.m., Courthouse-on-the-Square lawn -- World AIDS Day observance, co-sponsored by AIDS Services of North Texas and AIDS Interfaith of Tarrant County; plus a 6 p.m. nondenominational memorial service at the First United Methodist Church on Main Street in Lewisville.

■ *Mon., Dec. 2* -- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., TWU Student Center, 2nd floor -- TWU HIV/AIDS education coalition selling ribbon pins, HIV/AIDS awareness buttons; free educational materials.

■ *Tues., Dec. 3* -- noon to 1 p.m., ACT 601 -- The TWU HIV/AIDS education coalition will host a World AIDS Day presentation titled "One World, One Hope," featuring guest speaker Abigail Tilton, executive director of AIDS Services of North Texas. All TWU faculty, staff and students are invited to bring lunch and attend; beverages and dessert will be provided. Free.

Breakfast in the Student Center took a giant leap (downstairs, that is) to the Underground on Mon., Nov. 25. A variety of menu items -- omelets made to order, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, hot cereal and more -- will be served Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 11 a.m. It's all you can eat for \$3! (Lunch in the Underground -- weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. now features a la carte gourmet sandwiches, sizzling salads and pizza "your way"...items not available in the Garden Room.)

Reminder: The last issue of TWU Update for this year will be distributed on Mon., Dec. 9 (deadline to submit information is Tues., Dec. 3, at 5 p.m.); publication will resume Mon., Jan. 13, 1997. For details, call ext. 3456.

The department of early childhood and special education will host a "get acquainted" gathering for its doctoral students on Thurs., Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m., MCL 908. "We are working to promote collegiality among the student body, and this gathering is designed to help," said Dr. Hsuying Ward. TWU and UNT doctoral students from both early childhood and special education are invited. For details, call ext. 2272.

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Native Pride, the student organization at TWU established to promote an awareness of Native American culture, recently reported on the success of "Unity through Diversity," an inter-tribal benefit dance pow wow held in November. Faculty advisor Marsha Campbell (history and government) and staff advisor Raedean Bolton (financial aid) described the event as a "great success." The pow wow culminated a week-long celebration that also included a Native American storyteller and an exhibition dancer who dressed in dramatic regalia. Proceeds were used to help establish the Native Pride Scholarship for a TWU student. For details, call Campbell at ext. 2132.

Reminder: The learning assistance office is opening a study hall for all students, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in CFO 106. For details, call Edith Hays at ext. 2046.

The Denton Community Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music), will present its winter concert featuring the Ariel Recorder Consort and the First Christian Church Carillon Handbell Ensemble on Tues., Dec. 10, at 8 p.m. at the Campus Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for senior citizens and \$3 for students and children. Call (817) 382-1915 for more information or ticket reservations.

Recreational sports will sponsor the first 20 individuals who sign up to participate in the Jingle Bell Fun Run this year, scheduled Dec. 20 at 6 p.m. TWU also will provide transportation to and from the race site. For details, call ext. 3612 or stop by student activities, SC 1st floor.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **James Galloway** (library) reviewed *Looking High and Low: Art and Cultural Identity* by Brenda Jo Bright and Liza Bakewell for the *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*. He also continues to serve on the journal's editorial board.

Dr. **Charles Riggs** (fashion and textiles) served as secretary at the RA-43 Drycleaning Test Methods meeting of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists in Raleigh, N.C., Nov. 18-20.

Norma Davidson (performing arts, music) recently received a congratulatory certificate celebrating 25 years of inclusion in *Who's Who in America*.

Dr. **Charlotte (Barney) Sanborn** (Center for Research on Women's Health) presented "Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes in Mexican American Women," a project co-written by Dr. **Cathy Jankowski** (kinesiology) at the 6th annual Scientific Advisory meeting in Washington D.C., Nov. 13. The meeting was sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research and focused on genetics and women's health.

Sanborn said that TWU doctoral student **Lea Ann "Beez" Schell** (Center for Research on Women's Health) presented a paper titled "Jan Felshin: Pioneering the Efforts to Recognize Women in Sport" at the Wilma E. Grote Symposium for the Advancement of Women at Morehead State University, Ky., Nov. 7-9. On Nov. 14-16, she presented her project "Frontstage/Back-stage: An Analysis of Work and Leisure Roles of Women Recreation Softball Players" at the 17th annual meeting of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport in Birmingham, Ala.

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Dr. **Ann Uhlir** (Health Sciences, retired) presented the keynote address titled "Advice of the Caterpillar" at the Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

(KAHPERD) convention in Louisville, Ky., Nov. 8. She also presented a paper on "Leadership: Lessons of Experience." The theme of the convention was "Building on the Past, Moving to the Future." Uhler served as president of KAHPERD in 1973.

Dr. **Ketty Rodriguez** (Library and Information Studies) presented a paper titled "Teaching Online Searching through Interactive TV at Texas Woman's University: An Experience" at the annual conference of the International Federation of Documentation in Graz, Austria, Oct. 21-24.

Drs. **JoAnn Engelbrecht**, **Lillian Chenoweth** and **Jennifer Martin** (family sciences) presented "Effective Parent Education: Strategies for Empowering Parents through Active Involvement in Parenting Programs" at the National Association for the Education for Young Children annual conference in Dallas, Nov. 20-23.

Drs. **Gladys Hildreth** and **June Impson** (family sciences), with doctoral candidates **Adair Bowen** and **Jacque Ramsey**, presented a panel on "Where Will Older People Live: Choices, Options and Recommendations" at the Louisiana Aging Network Association annual conference in Lafayette, La., Nov. 19-21.

Dr. **Robert Littlefield** (psychology and philosophy) recently was honored for his work with families by the Lewisville/Flower Mound Youth and Family Counseling Center at an annual awards banquet held at the Radisson Hotel in Denton. He received this year's "Wings" award, which is given to individuals who have contributed to the work of the center. Littlefield also attended the annual convention of the Texas Psychological Association in Dallas, where he conducted a panel presentation on "The Future of Professional Psychology: Mental Health in the Marketplace." Also, the student division of the TPA presented Littlefield with the professor of the year award "in honor of his guidance of students and his devotion to teaching psychology."

Drs. **Charlotte Keefe** and **Ruth Davis** (early childhood and special education) recently presented "Analysis of Writing Strategies of Children with Disabilities" at the fifth international conference on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. Keefe presented "Literature Circles: Including Less Able Readers" at the fifth annual literacy conference on South Padre Island. She was notified that her article titled "Literature Circles: Reducing Reading Stress" will be published in *Reading*, a journal for the United Kingdom Reading Association.

Dr. **Linda Sluder** (early childhood and special education) will serve on the international council for the Republic of South Africa Institute on Early Childhood, Republic of South Africa.

Dr. **E. Jane Irons** (early childhood and special education) co-authored an article titled "Reasoning to Learn: The Development of Cognitive Skills as a Prerequisite for Acquiring Prosocial Behavior in Youth at Risk," published in the summer/fall 1996 issue of *The Journal of At-Risk Issues*.

Dr. **Leslie Thompson** (Graduate School) recently served as a member of an opening plenary panel for the 1996 midcontinent regional conference of the Society for College and University Planning. He presented "The Streets of Philadelphia Are Safe." Other panelists were Dr. Bill Wenrich, chancellor for the Dallas Community College District, and Rep. Kent Grusendorf.

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Elizabeth Snapp (library) attended the first annual Texas Book Festival in Austin, Nov. 15-17. The First Edition Gala was opened by Texas First Lady Laura Bush, honorary chairwoman. The 100 Texas authors featured in a variety of three days of presentations in and around the Capitol included Sandra Cisneros, *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*; Mary Karr, *The Liars Club*; and Larry McMurtry, *Lonesome Dove*.

Dr. **Mahmoud Sadri** (sociology and social work) received an invitation from the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Chicago to speak as part of the school's "Middle East History and Theory" workshop series. The title of his Nov. 7 presentation was "Youth Gangs and Graffiti Wars: Discourse of Legitimation and Dissent in Today's Iran."

Two faculty members in the department of dental hygiene presented two continuing education programs for the Dallas Dental Hygiene Society this fall: "New Instruments in Periodontics" on Oct. 10 by **Carolyn Ray**; and "Selective Polishing" on Nov. 14 by Dr. **Nancy Glick**. The society's members who attend these meetings receive professional continuing education credits.

Dr. **Becky Code** (biology) presented research titled "Dynorphin-like immunoreactivity in the chick auditory brainstem" at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, D.C., Nov. 17-21.

Dr. **Nicki Cohen** (performing arts, music) recently participated in two presentations at the National Association for Music Therapy Conference in Nashville, Tenn. She was a panel member for the workshop "A Document in Process: Music Therapy Professional Competencies" and moderated a roundtable titled "The Future of Graduate Music Therapy." At that same conference, graduate students **Kamille O'Donnell** and **Trey Teel** participated in the research poster session; O'Donnell's poster was titled "Application of Music in a Play Therapy Setting," and Teel's was "Music Therapy: A Tool in Geriatric Music Ministry."

Faculty and students from TWU represented the university's Minority Biomedical Research Support program (MBRS) at the 1996 National Minority Research Symposium in Miami, Fla., Nov. 13-17. Faculty included Dr. **Lynda Uphouse** (biology/MBRS director), Dr. **James Johnson** (chemistry and physics) and undergraduate students **Nora Morales** (chemistry) and **Deidra Reed** (biology). MBRS graduate students **Judi Elliott** (biology), **Martha Hotema** (chemistry and physics) and **Amy Wolf** (biology) presented research results to faculty and students from across the country who participate in the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences' division of minority opportunities in research, which includes TWU's MBRS program.

Poster presentations included: "Vasopressinergic Neurons in the PVN of Adolescent Female Long Evans Rats after Chronic Stress" by Elliott; "Rearrangement Reactions of Aziridinybenzaldoximes" by Hotema; and "Lordosis Behavior after Co-Infusions of Ketanserin

and DOI into the VMN” by Wolf. **Astra Jackson** (biology), a former MBRS student and current TWU graduate student-recipient of an NIH minority supplement, also attended the symposium and presented a poster titled “Estrogen Modulates 5-HT1A Receptors.”

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: DECEMBER 2-8, 1996

- Dec. 2-13 -Visual arts exhibition: MFA/BFA student exhibitions, Art Building, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)
- Mon.-Thurs.,
Dec. 2-5 - Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight.
 -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 2
awareness -University opens, classes resume, 8 a.m.
 -TWU HIV/AIDS education coalition ribbon pins and HIV/AIDS buttons sale, SC second floor, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Ext. 2523)
 -SGA meeting, SC 006-007, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3652)
- Tues., Dec. 3 -Exit interviews for loan recipients, ACT 501, 9 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3067)
 -Student Health Services annual Christmas open house, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
 -SOAP: “Take a Faculty Member to Lunch,” Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts, (academic affairs); tickets: \$1; available in student activities, Hubbard Hall, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
 -World AIDS Day presentation: “One World, One Hope,” sponsored by TWU HIV/AIDS education coalition; ACT 601, noon-1 p.m. (Ext. 2523)
- Wed., Dec. 4 -Holiday coffee for all students, faculty, and staff, southeast room, Hubbard Hall, 8-10 a.m. (Ext. 3201)
 -SGA meeting, SC 006-007, noon-1 p.m. (Ext. 3652)
 -Student activities, Houston: Holiday Fun Day, MGJ lobby, noon.
- Dec. 5-6 -TWU Board of Regents meeting, ACT (various floors). (Ext. 3201)
- Thurs., Dec. 5 -Last day of classes for fall 1996.
 -Holiday reception for all students, faculty, and staff, southeast room, Hubbard Hall, 3:30-5:30 p.m. (Ext. 3201)
 -Performing arts, dance: Fall Dance Showcase, DGL Studio, 4 p.m. (Ext. 2085)
 -Early childhood and special education: “Get Acquainted” gathering for doctora students, MCL 908, 6:30 p.m. (Ext. 2272)

-Performing arts, music: TWU Simply Jazz fall concert, MCL audi., 7 p.m.
-SOAP: "Winter Special," co-sponsored by RHA; DJ, dancing, food and fun,
SC Underground, 8 p.m.-midnight. (Ext. 3611)

Fri., Dec. 6

-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
-TWU bookstore textbook buy-back, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
-Public safety: Defensive Driving course, ACT 601, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. fee \$20.
-Gymnastics: Intra-squad, Denton, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2378)

Sat., Dec. 7

-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
-TWU bookstore textbook buy-back, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
-Final exams begin for fall 1996.

Sun., Dec. 8

-Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed.