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TWU, TEXAS A&M SIGN COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Thanks to a new dual degree program between the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas Woman's University and the Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M University, students preparing for a career in engineering will have a stronger, more diverse education. The program, which was announced at a reception on Thurs., May 9, at the Zachry Engineering Center in College Station, allows students to earn two degrees -- one in mathematics and the other in engineering -- simultaneously. The memorandum of agreement was signed by Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) and Dr. Roland Haden, vice chancellor and dean of engineering at Texas A&M. Under the joint program, students who complete the TWU and A&M curricula will receive the appropriate bachelor of science degree in mathematics from TWU and in engineering from Texas A&M.

Students will attend TWU for three years as a mathematics major, taking a broad range of courses in mathematics, computer science, humanities, social and natural sciences and the basic introductory courses needed to enter studies in engineering. They will continue their education at Texas A&M's Look College of Engineering for approximately two years. Participants must maintain a minimum 2.25 grade point average during the first three years at TWU before transfer admission to TAMU will be considered. Students also may earn academic credit and income while gaining on-the-job experience through TWU's cooperative education program. The dual degree program will be monitored by both institutions and may be revised at any time by either school.

"This agreement will help us recruit students at TWU," said Byers-Pevitts during an afternoon reception. "We are doing this because of our commitment to our students and our efforts with Texas A&M." Both institutions are encouraging students to consider careers in engineering, and such an agreement with TWU will bring more women into the field -- an area in which they traditionally have been underrepresented. For details, call Dr. Turner Hogan (mathematics and computer science) at ext. 2166.

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REVISED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 1996-97 ANNOUNCED

The department of human resources has distributed the following *revised* holiday schedule (a total of 15 days) for the 1996-97 academic year:

- Wed.-Fri., Nov. 27-29, 1996 -- Thanksgiving
- Mon.-Fri., Dec. 23-27, 1996; and Mon.-Tues., Dec. 30-31, 1996 -- Christmas
- Wed., Jan. 1, 1997 -- New Year's
- Mon., Jan. 20, 1997 -- Martin Luther King
- Mon.-Tues., March 17-18, 1997 -- Spring break (holiday time)
- Wed.-Fri., March 19-21, 1997 -- Spring break (vacation/comp time)
- Fri., July 4, 1997 -- Independence Day

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HOLIDAYS, *continued*

Staff members may observe the following holidays by substituting vacation or compensatory time or another holiday (if possible) for one of the holidays shown: Fri., Sept. 13, 1996 -- Rosh Hashanah; Sun., Sept. 22, 1996 -- Yom Kippur; or Fri., March 28, 1997 -- Good Friday. Supervisors must be notified in advance. Anyone who has questions about the number of vacation and/or compensatory hours available to her or him should see a supervisor or check with the payroll office. For details, call the department of human resources at ext. 3555.

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"ON MY OWN TIME" WINNERS WILL COMPETE IN CITY SHOW

TWU faculty and staff members who entered their artistic works in the fifth annual "On My Own Time" arts and crafts exhibition were honored for their efforts on May during a reception on ACT 2, where the show was displayed April 29 through May 10. Twelve participants who received awards as part of the exhibition will display their original works at a city-wide show at the Center for the Visual Arts in June and July, coordinated by the Greater Denton Arts Council. The winners included:

- Mark Harris (public information), who won "Best of Show" and the "People's Choice" Award from his colleagues, for his work in the category of painting titled "10:15 A.M.";
- Aleece Coleman (Occupational Therapy) in the category of color photography for the photograph of St. Andrews Cathedral;
- Mary M. De Moss (fashion and textiles) in the category of crafts/textiles for a quilt titled "Little Red School House";
- James Galloway (library) in the category of crafts/textiles for "Daisy Vest";
- Katy Holland (registrar) in the category of color photography for "Day Is Done";
- Dr. June Impson (family sciences) in the painting category for "Rio Grande Cactus IV";
- Dr. Elinor Johansen (sociology/social work) in the category of painting for "Kristin";
- Kenn Kotara (public information) in the category of painting for "Last Light The Silo";
- Dr. Brenda Phillips (sociology/social work) in the category of black-and-white photography for "Alberta Falls";
- Don Smith (human resources) in the category of color photography for "Life...The Greatest Gift of All";
- Sally Stevenson (academic computing) in the category of sculpture for "Spirit"; and
- Catherine Swearingen (visual arts) in the category of sculpture for "Mother Nature."

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TECHNOLOGY EFFORTS MOVING FORWARD

Dr. Carol Surles (president) recently announced that Dr. Les Thompson (research/Graduate School) has agreed to coordinate the university's planning for distance education and a broad range of special projects. In this role, Thompson will report directly to the president and will work closely with the academic units.

Tom Graf, formerly manager of telecommunications for TWU, has been reassigned by Surles as director of technology services. Graf has been asked by the president to expedite the development of TWU's technology infrastructure. He will report directly to Surles until the university completes a search for a chief information officer.

STUDENTS RECEIVE TRAVEL AWARDS

The student travel fund committee met April 26 to review applications that met the April 5 funding period deadline; they awarded the following funds:

- *Gretchen Wuerch* (kinesiology) -- Third Paralympic Congress for the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Ga.; "Sports and Empowerment: Perspective of Women Wheelchair Road Racers";
- *Amy Smith* (kinesiology) -- Third Paralympic Congress for the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Ga.; "Wheelchair Tennis Classification System: An EMG Analysis";
- *Alex Spitzer* (dance) -- National Dance Association Convention, Workshop for Wheelchair Dancers, Atlanta, Ga.; to attend the choreography workshop for Handicapped Awareness Week; also an invited performer and presenter on "Dance for the Differently Abled";
- *Cynthia Piletic* (kinesiology) -- Third Paralympic Congress for the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Ga.; "Defining the Future of Sports Opportunities for People with Disabilities";
- *Lori Church* (English, speech and foreign languages) -- Medieval and Early Modern Conference at the University of California-Berkeley; "Medieval Versus Renaissance Marriage: A Showdown Between Chaucer's 'Wife of Bath's Tale' and Milton's *Paradise Lost*";
- *Chantelle Aaron* (Physical Therapy) -- American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention in Atlanta, Ga.; "Electromyographic and Biomechanical Analysis of the Bench Press";
- *Terolyn Butler* (biology) -- Texas Genetics Society Annual Meeting, Austin, Texas; "A Switch in the Synthesis of rRNA in *Sacchromyces cerevisiae*";
- *Kimberly Floyd* (Occupational Therapy) -- American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference and Exposition, Chicago, Ill.; Roundtable RT26, "Motor Control, Motor Learning and Sensory Integration";
- *Judith Carter* (English, speech and foreign languages) -- South Central Society for 18th Century Studies, New Orleans, La.; "Re-examining Jefferson's Writing on Race Difference and French Species Degeneration Theories in Notes on the State of Virginia";
- *Melinda Williams* (English, speech and foreign languages) -- South Central Society for 18th Century Studies, New Orleans, La.; "I Did Not Tell Them Who Wrote It Down Half of What It Was: Elements of Native-American Folklore in *A Narrative of the Life of Mrs. Mary Jemison*";
- *Cheryl Childers* (sociology) -- 75th Annual Southwestern Social Science Association meeting: The Social Sciences and the 21st Century, Houston; will chair the Gender and Education panel and present "Humor and Gender Stratification: A Content Analysis of Comic Strips";
- *Shazia Ahmed* (biology) -- Texas Genetics Society, Austin, Texas; "A Switch in the Synthesis of rRNA in *Sacchromyces cerevisiae*";
- The following individuals are students in the program in dance who will perform at the National Dance Association Gala Concert in Atlanta, Ga.: Karen Olson, Lisa Brown, Darla Danvers, Andrea Bueno, Claudia Mejia, Kathleen Dominiak, Darcy Fowers, V. Lynn Nolan, Krisen Wagner, Kelly Ford, Tiffanee McPhee and Veronica Erickson.

The next deadline for student travel fund applications is July 11. Students may obtain application forms and guidelines from their departmental offices or from the office of the vice president for student life. For more information, call Dr. Basil Hamilton (psychology and philosophy), who chairs student travel fund committee, at ext. 2303.

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

Several TWU student-athletes were honored at the annual awards luncheon in Hubbard Hall on April 26 for their athletic and academic accomplishments. Brandi Bosley, a four-year letter winner in basketball, team captain, honor student and recipient of TWU's Outstanding Senior Award was named recipient of this year's President's Award. She and three other student-athletes - seniors Misty Brever (volleyball) and Monique Taylor (gymnastics) -- were selected to their respective GTE Academic All-American District VI teams.

The Kitty Magee Award, which recognizes the most dedicated student-athlete, was given to fifth-year senior gymnast J.J Shanks. The Jo Kuhn Award, which honors outstanding leadership, was given to sophomore volleyball player Chantelle Clegg. Freshman softball player Catherine Jacobson was selected by TWU's athletic trainers for the Golden Cast Award, given to the athlete who is the most conscientious about the treatment and rehabilitation of her injuries. She currently is rehabilitating from shoulder surgery. One individual in each of the athletics programs received an award for outstanding student-athlete. They were sophomore Shaughnessy Bland (tennis), Shanks (gymnastics), senior Kerri Sheppard (athletic training), junior Sarah Steinmetz (volleyball) and junior Rhonda Wilson (basketball).

Two individuals from the Denton community were inducted into the Order of the Redcoats, an honor that recognizes individuals inside and outside of the university community who support and demonstrate outstanding service to the Pioneer athletics program. The recipients were Lori Golden, former TWU basketball player, who has served as the official statistician for volleyball and basketball programs for several seasons; and Jimmie Lankford, a TWU graduate student who volunteered as an assistant volleyball coach for the past two years and also served as a bus driver for all road trips. In other news:

■ Five softball players recently signed national letters of intent with TWU: Blaire Beaty from Newman Smith High School in Carrollton, Texas; Brandi Chane from Weatherford (Texas) High School; Nicolette Engelbrecht from Alberton, South Africa; Michelle Rogers from Georgetown (Texas) High School; and Shannon Ward from Elisk High School in Houston. Two students from Stephen F. Austin State University -- Chessa Cassels and Karen Lundstedt -- have indicated they intend to transfer to TWU.

■ Two high school seniors, Shanda Urban from Trinity High School in Bedford, Texas, and Leslee Zachry from Cooper (Texas) High School also recently signed national letters of intent to join TWU's basketball program. Laura Kolenovsky, who played one year for the University of Texas at Arlington, has signed an institutional letter of intent and will transfer to TWU.

■ Gymnasts Amy McFadden from Hempstead High School in Dubque, Iowa, and Melissa Peed from Union High School in Tulsa, Okla., also signed national letters of intent with TWU and will join the four-time USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Champions.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Correction: The TWU courier from Denton to Dallas this summer will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For information, call the mailroom at ext. 3199.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: The TWU department of public safety will dispose of chemicals from various offices and departments on campus during the week of May 20, 1996, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only at the chemical storage building next to the physical plant, according to Vicki Byrd, TWU's environmental safety and health officer. For guidelines and details, call ext. 2924.

The TWU gymnastics team needs donations of good quality aerobic equipment for use in their practice facility -- exercise bikes, treadmills and stair steppers, specifically. Anyone who has such equipment and would like to make a donation should call Frank Kudlac at ext. 2378.

Reminder: TWU Update begins its biweekly summer publication scheduled with this issue. Publication dates will be May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, and August 5 and 19. All materials should be submitted by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to each publication date. Student news is not published unless information is submitted in conjunction a faculty member who participated with them in an activity or academic conference. Items submitted for use should include the name of the person who sent the information and a telephone number.

A reception honoring Audrey Godi (public safety), who will retire May 31, will be held on Tues., May 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Underground. All friends, family members and colleagues are invited to join the department of public safety as they wish her well in her retirement.

Reminder: National Employee Health and Fitness Day will be observed by the TWU Wellness Center on Wed., May 15, with a one-mile walk around the campus. All interested faculty and staff are invited to check in at 11:50 a.m. at the Wellness Center -- and bring a friend! This year's theme is "BINGO!" and participants will receive a bingo card at two of the four stations along the way. Join everyone for a healthy lunch (Dutch treat!) in the Garden Room of the Student Center, and use your card to play bingo and win prizes. For details, call ext. 2900.

TWU faculty and staff are invited to become part of the University Chorus next fall. The chorus meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday during the fall and spring semesters. "University Chorus has enjoyed having faculty and/or staff members join them every semester since its inception in 1994, and we would like to encourage others to join us," said Dr. Janice Killian (performing arts, music), who directs the group. University Chorus is a non-auditioned group that performs a variety of music styles. For details, call Killian at ext. 2505.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Representatives from the department of performing arts program in music attended the Music Educators National Conference in Kansas City April 17-20. Dr. **Janice Killian** presented a research paper titled "A Comparison of Listener Response to Audio-Visual vs. Audio vs. Visual Musical Stimuli." Killian, also a member of the review board for the *Journal of Research in Music Education*, met with that group during the conference. TWU alumna **Melanie Moore** presented her research paper, "The Adolescent Male Changing Voice: A Study of Age and Attitudinal Comparisons," and Dr. **John Flohr** discussed his research paper, "The Mozart Effect: Changes in Spatial Processing Ability Following Music Listening and Music Vibration."

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TWU PEOPLE, *continued*

Dr. **Rudy Rodriguez** (reading and bilingual education) shared the news that one of the department's students, **Rose Goodwin**, recently was named "Beginning Teacher of the Year" at Barron Elementary School in the Plano Independent School District, where she is student teaching.

Sympathy is expressed to Dr. **Linda Sluder** (early childhood and special education) and her family on the death of her husband, Randy, on May 2. Services were held in Gainesville May 4.

Dr. **Richard Rodean** (performing arts, music) has announced that students **Kasye Rose** and **Andrea Knaack** -- both junior music therapy majors -- were honored as the 1996-1997 Presser Scholars in Music. Rose has maintained a 3.57 grade point average and is a member of the Flute Ensemble, Concert Choir and Sigma Alpha Iota. Knaack has maintained a 3.79 GPA; she is a pianist and woodwind specialist, as well as a member of TWU's Jazz Lab Ensemble.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MAY 13-26, 1996

- May 1-31 -Exhibit: "Citizens at Last: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Texas," Blagg-Huey Library 2nd floor, Woman's Collection; all day. (Ext. 3751)
- May 1-31 -Exhibit: "Rosalie Fulton: American Realism Artist," Blagg-Huey Library 2nd floor, Woman's Collection; all day. (Ext. 3751)
- May 13-17 -Blagg-Huey Library open noon-7 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Wed., May 15 -National Employee Health and Fitness Day: one-mile walk around campus; check in at Wellness Center, 11:50 a.m. (Ext. 2900)
- Thurs., May 16 -TOSS general meeting, SC 207-208, noon. (Ext. 3415)
- Fri., May 17 -Public safety training: "First Aid," SC 110, 1 p.m. (Ext. 2924)
- May 18-19 -Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed.
- Sat., May 18 -Public Safety training: "Adult CPR," SC 110, 9:30 a.m.-noon; cost \$14 per person. (Ext. 2924)
- May 20-24 -Blagg-Huey Library open noon-7 p.m.
- Mon., May 20 -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- May 21-23 -Bookstore closed for inventory.
- Tues., May 21 -Retirement reception honoring Audrey Godi, parking division, public safety, SC Underground, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. (Ext. 2924)
- Fri., May 24 -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- May 25-26 -Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed.