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## **FEDERATION TAKES REINS OF DALLAS EDUCATION CENTER**

The Federation of North Texas Area Universities -- TWU, Texas A&M University-Commerce and the University of North Texas -- took the reins of responsibility in a management transition from the Alliance for Higher Education (effective Sept. 1, 1997) for the Dallas Education Center. As one of several institutions offering courses at the center, TWU has been involved in the DEC since its inception. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office), as current FNTAU chair, spoke during a press conference in Dallas on Aug. 12 when the announcement was made.

During the meeting, participants discussed new strategic initiatives for the center, beginning fall 1997. The new strategies, which were developed to further increase student enrollments and to more effectively serve downtown Dallas employees and residents seeking a college education, are:

- Assumption of daily operational management by FNTAU;
- Appointment of a new executive director for the DEC;
- An increase in marketing focus;
- Addition of non-credit, professional development courses to the curriculum; and
- Implementation of plans to seek approval for full-degree programs on site.

Participating DEC institutions include the Dallas County Community College District, TAMU-Commerce, TWU, the University of Texas at Dallas and UNT.

"When I attended my first meeting of the Alliance for Higher Education three years ago, I was delighted to discuss the potential of the center. It was immediately obvious to me that the DEC was a jewel-in-the-making," said Surles as she opened the press conference. "Over the past three years, our north Texas community of leaders in higher education, in private corporations and in other sectors have brought the center's concept and philosophy into clear focus....During the course of our many discussions, the members of AHE have shared a mutual goal: to educate and serve the people of this region; to enhance their lives; and to promote the public good."

She added, "The time has come now to move to another level of the center's development, and I am delighted that the Federation of North Texas Area Universities voted to assume the administration of the Dallas Education Center....TWU is pleased to have played a role in our significant achievements to this point and to be a part of this historic administrative change."

Participants also acknowledged the support of the business community for the DEC -- a point that was echoed by Tom Dunning, chair of the DEC council of trustees. "Businesses and foundations have backed the project from the start and firmly believe that the DEC is an asset for downtown, the educational and corporate communities, employees and residents," said Dunning.

Established in June 1994, the DEC was started primarily through the efforts of the Central Dallas Association, the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, AHE and the Dallas Citizens' Council. It is the state's first multi-institutional higher education facility. Dr. Edward Pauley will serve as the center's new executive director.

## **OFFICES SHOULD CHECK POSITIONS THAT MUST BE REAPPOINTED**

Employees who are working as a GRA, GA, GTA, on-call or in a temporary position -- including visiting faculty, adjuncts and all grant-funded positions during the 1997-98 fiscal year -- must be reappointed for any portion of the appointment that extends beyond Aug. 31, 1997, according to the department of human resources. "These employees and positions do not appear in the operating budget and must be processed by personnel transaction form (PTF)," said Carri Cronig (human resources). "Please complete a PTF to reappoint any employee(s) who will continue to work in those categories during the 1997-98 fiscal year."

Human resources will apply the appropriate benefit replacement pay (BRP) amounts for each individual. When the PTF is received in human resources, the appropriate BRP amount and applicable salary increase will be entered on the PTF. A copy of the PTF then will be returned to the department reflecting the additional information. PTFs should be submitted to human resources no later than Mon., Sept. 1, to ensure that these employees are included on the September payroll. For more information, call ext. 3555.

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## **MIDNIGHT THEATER PERFORMANCE SET**

Three additional performances of Alan Ayckbourn's play *Bedroom Farce*, produced for TWU's Summerfest '97 season, will be staged on Fri. and Sat., Aug. 29 and 30, in Redbud Theatre. An 8 p.m. show is scheduled on both dates; a midnight performance will be held on Friday. *Patrons who wear pajamas to the midnight performance will receive half off the admission price.* Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$4 for students, seniors, university staff and faculty; and \$3 for TWU students with valid identification. For reservations, call the box office at ext. 2020.

The comedy examines the lives of four hopelessly maladjusted couples who are endlessly and comically intertwined. "The turnout for the earlier shows was excellent. The play's cast and crew thought the midnight performance would be an interesting way to welcome returning students and introduce new students to the theater," said Stephanie Rauch (drama), publicist for the play.

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## **REP APPLICATIONS SOUGHT**

During the first three years of their appointment, TWU faculty are eligible to submit a proposal to the Research Enhancement Program for funds that can be used either for research or creative activities. Application materials are available now from the office of research and grants administration in Denton at 8-1-3375 or from the office of research in Houston at 8-4-2482. Tenured or tenure-track full-time faculty are eligible to submit one proposal for the fall 1997 semester competition. Full-time faculty who are not on tenure track but who are instructors or clinical professors in the TWU Institute of Health Sciences *and* whose appointment began on or after Jan. 1, 1995, also are eligible to apply. Awards are limited to \$6,000.

"The primary purpose of the Research Enhancement Program is to provide seed money so that a faculty member will be able to compete more successfully for larger grants from outside sources so that she or he can continue a research project or creative activity," said Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants). Projects may begin in early January and must be completed by Aug. 31, 1998. The deadline for applications is Wed., Oct. 1, 1997.

## **LIS OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS**

The TWU School of Library and Information Studies is offering four master's degree fellowships under the Library Career Training Grant Program. Each fellowship, which is awarded to students who are studying to become children's or youth services librarians, includes full tuition and fees for 12 months and a stipend of up to \$14,000, depending on financial need. Recipients may begin their studies in the fall 1997 or spring 1998 semester.

Applicants must have received unconditional admission to the TWU School of Library and Information Studies and the Graduate School for the fall 1997 or spring 1998 semester. They also must be willing to commit to full-time study for one year.

Interested persons should submit an application for graduate admission, their official GRE scores, official transcripts from all universities they have attended and a \$25 application fee to the office of graduate admissions. They also must submit the School of Library and Information Studies' application for admission to graduate study, three letters of recommendation and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form to the school. For details, call Dr. Keith Swigger (Library and Information Studies) at ext. 2602 or send e-mail to: [slis@twu.edu](mailto:slis@twu.edu).

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## **STUDENT TRAVEL ALLOCATIONS AWARDED**

The student travel fund committee gathered July 31 to review applications that met the July 10 deadline to receive monies for the fourth funding period this year. Nine students received awards, according to Dr. Basil Hamilton (psychology and philosophy), the committee chair. An application deadline for the first funding period for the fall 1997 semester will be announced in September. Students may obtain application forms and guidelines from departmental offices or from the office of the vice president for student life, SC 2. For more information, call Hamilton at ext. 2303. The students and their awards are listed below:

■ *Patricia Bucher* (Occupational Therapy), to attend the Association of Hand Care Professionals annual convention in Denver, Colo.: "The Integrated Sensory Motor Peripheral Nerve Evaluation Scale";

■ *Lisa Kennon* (nutrition and food sciences), to attend the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences annual meeting and exposition in Washington, D.C.: "Improving Senior Health through Food Safety Education";

■ *Navin Maswood* (biology), to attend the Society for Neuroscience conference in New Orleans, La.: "Serotonin Receptor Interaction in the Modulation of Female Rat Sexual Behavior";

■ *Kari Hamrick* (nutrition and food sciences), to attend the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biologists summer research conference in Sactons River, Vt.: "Relationships between dietary vitamin K intake, biochemical markers of bone turnover, and bone mineral analysis in postmenopausal women";

■ *Karol Blaylock* (fashion and textiles), to attend the International Textile and Apparel Association's annual conference in Knoxville, Tenn.: "Kinesthetic Learning: A Sensory Exercise in 20th-Century Costume: Cultivating State Funds" and "Over 50 and Fabulous";

■ *Melinda Williams* (English, speech and foreign languages), to attend the Popular/American/Texas/Southwestern Culture Association conferences in San Antonio: "The Barrow Gang: Ralph Fults and His Years with Bonnie and Clyde";

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**STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS, *continued***

■ *Amanda McDaniel* (biology), to attend the Society for Neuroscience conference in New Orleans, La.: "Development of Dynorphin-Immunoreactivity in the Chick Cochlear Nucleus";

■ *Judith Carter* (English, speech and foreign languages), to attend the Popular/American/Texas/Southwestern Culture Association conferences in San Antonio: "The Sacco and Vanzetti Case and Its Influence on 20th-Century Thought"; and

■ *Katherine Scheib* (English, speech and foreign languages), to attend the South Central Writing Center Association's conference in Baton Rouge, La.: "Five Nontraditional Women Experience the Texas Woman's University Write Site."

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**NEWSBRIEFS**

***The open meeting for all faculty*** to begin the 1997-98 academic year will be held on Mon., Aug. 25, in Denton at 10 a.m. in MCL auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend, to greet current and new faculty and to learn more about the university, administration and strategic plans for the coming year. For details, call Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs) at ext. 3350.

***Reminder: All TWU faculty*** are invited to attend the 1997 TWU Faculty Development Day on Tues., Aug. 26. The event will include information and training sessions, a luncheon and a guest speaker, according to Dr. James Galloway (library), the event's coordinator. Session description materials and registration forms were sent to all regular TWU faculty in early July. *Completed registration forms were due Aug. 18, 1997.* (Please note that one session titled the "Merrill Lynch Investment Team" is part of the day's activities and also is free and open to TWU staff or members of the general public who may be interested in the topic.) For registration or related Faculty Development Day matters, contact Galloway at 8-1-3707 or s\_galloway.

***The deadline to complete forms for summer enrollment changes*** in the Employees Retirement System was Aug. 15; however, a grace period has been extended to Aug. 31, 1997, for employees who want to make insurance changes during summer enrollment. For details, call the department of human resources at 8-1-3555.

***Reminder: The office of intercultural services*** again will sponsor the COLORS Mentors Program for TWU freshmen in 1997-98. COLORS (Creating Opportunities for Leadership and Obtaining Racial Support) addresses issues facing freshmen (protégés), especially minority freshmen, during their first two semesters of college. "Through interaction with faculty and staff, protégés are encouraged to excel academically, socially and culturally as they make a smooth transition to college life," said Patrick Vasquez (intercultural services). Vasquez needs at least five faculty mentors from all colleges and departments to meet the program's demands. Applications have been sent to all departments on campus. Interested persons are asked to complete a form before Aug. 27 and send it to intercultural services, SC 102. For details, call ext. 3679.

***All offices, departments, colleges and schools*** should know that the minimum wage will increase to \$5.15 per hour, effective Sept. 1, 1997, according to the office of student employment.

***Reminder: An open forum with Dr. Carol Surles*** (president's office) will be held at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center on Thurs., Aug. 21, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., MGJ 206. For details, call 8-1-3206.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**Reminder:** *TWU distinguished alumna LaVerne Harrell Clark* will read parts of her recently published first book, *Keepers of the Earth*, on campus at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, Blagg-Huey Library lecture hall (room 101). The university community and the general public are invited to attend; a reception will be held following the reading. The July issue of *Texas Monthly* magazine listed *Keepers of the Earth* as one of three "Hot Book" selections for the fall. Copies of the novel, as well as one of her collections of short stories -- *The Deadly Swarm and Other Stories* -- will be available for purchase following the reading; sales of *The Deadly Swarm and Other Stories* will benefit the Friends of the TWU Libraries. Clark also will sign autographs during the reception. For more information, contact the TWU Blagg-Huey Library at ext. 2665.

**Reminder:** *HOOP-LA*, a nonprofit organization that raises money for several Denton Independent School District programs for at-risk students, will hold its annual basketball tournament at TWU on Sept. 6 and 7. The tournament, which will be held in the Blagg-Huey Library parking lot, features three-on-three basketball and a 3-point shoot-out. The entry fee is \$85, and the deadline to register is Aug. 23. Call Dr. Vic Ben-Ezra (kinesiology) at ext. 2597.

**The TWU Library would like some input** from faculty to help the library's staff choose between two online databases for the university's use. "The two research and grant online databases -- SPIN (Sponsored Programs Information Network) and IRIS (Illinois Researcher Information Service) -- have helped TWU faculty greatly to obtain funding information during the past two years," said William Wan (library). "With creeping inflation and a tightening library materials budget, it is time for faculty to make a choice between SPIN and IRIS because TWU no longer can afford to support two very similar products." Faculty are asked to send their responses to the library by e-mail to either Wan (wwan@twu.edu) or Dr. James Galloway (jgalloway@twu.edu) by Sept. 15.

**Reminder:** *An exhibit focusing on abolitionist Sojourner Truth* is on display in the TWU Blagg-Huey Library in response to worldwide interest in her life. The roaming rover vehicle on the Mars Pathfinder mission was named for the Civil War era abolitionist (1799-1883). Items from the Women's Collection comprise the exhibit, including a copy of the 1875 book *Narrative of Sojourner Truth*, which was obtained from the library's rare books vault. The exhibit also includes a more modern edition of the book, other biographies and a current copy of the magazine *Sojourner: The Women's Forum*. For details, call ext. 2665.

**Reminder:** *Quality Technical Service* is offering service agreements for FY 98 to offices with electronic typewriters (excluding IBM Selectrics). The service agreement will cover any brand of electronic typewriter for \$54 a year. Each department must prepare a purchase order for this service; the vendor's address is Quality Technical Service, P.O. Box 88, Addison TX 75001. Call Ken Graves there at (214) 369-9636 or contact Krista Hodge (purchasing) at ext. 8-1-3585.

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**UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

Dr. **Janette Schkade** (Occupational Therapy) and TWU alumna **Jacquelyn Ward Gibson** have co-authored an article titled "Occupational Adaptation Intervention with Patients with Cerebrovascular Accident: A Clinical Study," published in the July/August 1997 issue of the *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*.

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**Monica Mendez-Grant** and **Kim Lahart** (student development) attended the National Association of Campus Activities' Student Government Workshop East in Ithaca, N.Y., in July. Mendez-Grant served as a workshop coordinator and Lahart presented a leadership session. Mendez-Grant also announced: **Chris Gonzalez**, president of the local "Best Buddies" program, represented TWU at the National Best Buddies program and conference in Miami, Fla., Aug. 1-4; **Trish Van Duser** attended the Women Leading Women conference in Washington, D.C., in July for TWU; and the TWU chapter of Golden Key was selected to host the 1998 regional conference in Denton.

Dr. **Robert Littlefield** (psychology and philosophy) and Mark Littlefield from the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico, collaborated on a paper titled "Tendencias en la terapia del sexo y el uso de la teoria de Bowen en el tratamiento de parejas con disfuncion sexual" ("Trends in Sex Therapy and the Use of Bowen Theory in the Treatment of Couples with Dysfunction"). They presented the paper at the InterAmerican Congress of Psychologists in Mexico City on Aug. 1. TWU adjunct faculty member Dr. **Michael Gottlieb** (psychology and philosophy), Dr. Sylvia Shellenberger with the Mercer University School of Medicine and Dr. Eugenia Solls from the University of California at Berkeley delivered accompanying presentations comprising a symposium titled "Trends in Family Psychology in the United States."

Drs. **Lloyd Kinnison**, **Jane Irons** and **Ron Fritsch** (early childhood and special education) participated in and provided in-service training for Rosemont Middle School in Fort Worth, which is part of TWU's CCPDC field-based teacher education program. Irons also has been appointed as an adviser to the board of the Juvenile Diversionary Services of Denton Inc., the governing body for the city juvenile violence reduction prevention/intervention activities.

A photograph by **Susan Sponsler** (public information, publications) will be published in a book titled *Our Grandmothers*. Works by only 74 photographers, including Sponsler, were selected by a jury that included Lena Tabori, president and publisher of Stewart, Tabori and Chang; Wendy Burton, associate publisher at STC; Kathy Ryan, photo editor for the *New York Times*; Michelle Stevenson, photo editor for *Time Magazine*; Michele McNally, photo editor for *Fortune Magazine*; and Elaine Laffont, president of Sygma News Inc.

Dr. **Sarah McIntire** (biology) has been reappointed to serve a three-year term on the committee of divisions for the American Society for Microbiology. The committee monitors the divisional structure of ASM and encourages communication among its various divisions.

A number of faculty members from the School of Occupational Therapy attended the annual Texas Occupational Therapy Association's Mountain Central Conference in Austin, held July 17-20: **Cynthia Reid** from Denton; Dr. **Kitty Reed**, Dr. **Gayle Hersch** and Dr. **Jaelyn Low** from Houston; and Dr. **Gayle McNurlen** and **Joanna Lipoma** from Dallas. During the conference, Low was named "Academic Educator of the Year," and Dr. **Nancy Griffin**, professor emerita, was named by TOTA to the "Roster of Merit" for her long years of service to occupational therapy education and to the association.

Dr. **Pamela Youngblood** (performing arts, music) presented a workshop on flute manufacture and design at the recent Texas Flute Society's annual flute festival. During the event, the TWU Flute Choir was chosen the outstanding undergraduate ensemble, and TWU senior **Tammy Johnston** was recognized as outstanding undergraduate performer. TWU junior **Stormy Jones** received an honor award for her solo performance as well.

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**Gary Washmon** (visual arts) has three artworks that are included in the U.S. State Department's "Art in the Embassies" program; the works will be displayed at the U.S. Embassy in Riga, Latvia.

The baccalaureate program approval committee of the Society for Public Health Education-American Association for Health Education announced recently that it has awarded full approval to the health education program at TWU, effective 1997-2002. Dr. **Bill Cissell** (health studies) received notification from SOPHE-AAHE, and the committee made a special note to recognize efforts of Dr. **Eva Doyle**, who chaired the self-study committee. "We also note the contributions of Dr. William Cissell, a member of the SABPAC committee, for the work he does in advocating for the profession and his willingness to carry out committee assignments," said Mary E. Hawkins, SABPAC chair. The approval period is granted for five years.

**Ann Hatch** and **Carolyn Barnes** (public information) attended the CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) District IV mini-conference at South Padre, Texas, Aug. 7-9. Hatch moderated a roundtable session titled "The Unwritten Rules about Dealing with the Media." Participants from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana attended the program.

A warm welcome is extended to new employees who joined TWU in July. Their departments and names are: mathematics and computer science -- **Teresa Kubis**, secretary I; physical plant -- **Serapio Fuentes**, custodian I; **Charlotte Shoemake**, custodian I; **Mary Spradley**, custodian I; **Benjamin Salazar**, groundskeeper I; **Nathan Bryan**, groundskeeper I; and **Patricia Gloria**, custodian I; College of Education and Human Ecology -- **Angela Wallace**, project coordinator; bookstore -- **Melonee Lee**, sales clerk (part time); Minority Biomedical Research Support Program -- **Alisa Good**, secretary III; public safety -- **Russell Birkner**, police officer I; controller's office -- **Pam Wilson**, assistant controller.

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**THIS WEEK AT TWU: AUGUST 18 - 24, 1997**

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| June 1-Aug. 31  | -Blagg-Huey Library exhibit: Homecoming -- Class of '47, 1st floor, library hours.   |
| Aug. 18-22      | -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  |
| Mon., Aug. 18   | -Hourly timesheets due in payroll office. (Ext. 3561)  |
| Aug. 21-22      | -TWU board of regents meeting, Houston, MGJ 928; committees: 1-4 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m.-noon on Friday; public meeting: 1 p.m. on Friday. (Ext. 3250) |
| Thurs., Aug. 21 | -Open forum in Houston with Dr. Carol Surles (president's office), MGJ 206, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (Ext. 3206)   |
| Aug. 22-24      | -Continuing education: "24-Hour Advanced Family Mediation," Dallas, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 3411)  |

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- Aug. 23-24            -Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1-6 p.m. on Sunday.
- Sun., Aug. 24        -Residence halls open for fall 1997, Denton, 1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3676)

**COMING NEXT WEEK (selected items)**

- Mon., Aug. 25        -Open meeting for faculty, MCL auditorium, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3550)  
-Orientation for fall 1997 new graduate students, Denton, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Tues., Aug. 26       -Faculty Development Day, various locations; keynote speaker -- Dr. Cathy  
A. Trower, 11 a.m., MCL auditorium; RSVPs required. (Ext. 3707)  
-Orientation for fall 1997 new nontraditional students, Denton, 9 a.m.-  
4 p.m.
- Wed., Aug. 27       -Orientation for fall 1997 new transfer students, Denton, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
-New faculty orientation. (Ext. 3550)
- Aug. 28-30           -Payment settlement.
- Thurs., Aug. 28      -Orientation for fall 1997 new students, Houston, HMJ 724, 9-11 a.m.  
-Orientation for fall 1997 new international students, Denton, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Fri., Aug. 29        -Graduate assistant orientation, CFO 205, 8:30 a.m.  
-Summerfest '97: *Bedroom Farce*, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m. and midnight.  
(Ext. 2020)
- Sat., Aug. 30        -Summerfest '97: *Bedroom Farce*, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2020)
- Mon., Sept. 1        -Classes begin for fall 1997 semester.

**WELCOME BACK!**