

UPDATE

DENTON/DALLAS/HOUSTON

Issued by the Office of Public Information, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas 76204 940-698-3456

Volume 21, Number 12, November 10, 1997

CONGRATULATIONS -- SECC A SUCCESS!

The spirit of charitable giving definitely has taken root at TWU as the 1997 State Employee Charitable Campaign has drawn to a close. Not only did faculty and staff again meet their goal in 1997, but they also topped giving for last year's campaign as well. "We want to congratulate everyone who participated in the SECC effort this year," said Dr. Joyce Williams (sociology and social work) and Elizabeth Snapp (library), co-chairs for this year's campaign. "As of Friday (Oct. 31), our SECC had raised \$27,286." Last week, the amount rose to more than \$31,000.

"We are extremely pleased to have surpassed our goal of \$24,000 this year," said Williams, who added that faculty and staff had surpassed last year's contributions which totaled more than \$27,000. "Everyone should be proud of their efforts. The SECC signifies an important way in which we can give back to the communities in which we live. Helping others who have a variety of needs is critical to our communities, and TWU is proud to be an important part of that process."

A special tree planting ceremony celebrating TWU's successful campaign will be held on Mon., Nov. 24, at 2:30 p.m. between ASB and GRB. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) will attend, and members of the 1997 SECC steering committee are donating a plaque which will read: "TWU: A Caring, Planning and Giving Community -- SECC 1997." Members of the physical plant also are building a small stand for the plaque. Dr. James Galloway (library), a member of the steering committee, had pledged to donate a tree for the ceremony when TWU met its SECC goal this year. All members of the campus community are invited to attend.

*** **

VIVA LA DIVA!

Viva la Diva! Long live opera -- at least that's what members of the TWU Opera Ensemble want to convey during an upbeat performance on Sat., Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. All faculty, staff, students and members of the general public are invited to attend the event, titled "Viva la Diva! -- A Comic Exploration into Opera." Tickets -- available at the door that night -- are \$7 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens, students and children; and \$3 for TWU students with valid identification. For more information, call Joan Wall (performing arts, music) at ext. 2500.

Meet Diva Divine -- a muse who is the goddess of song -- an egocentric leading lady for the evening. "She is the voice of every singer, from pants roles to maids, from grand old patricians to prima donnas

and ingenues...and she will guide the audience through music both glorious and humorous," said Wall. The "diva dames" will deliver the best of opera in scenes from "Tosca," "Die Fledermaus," "La Clemenza di Tito," "Cosi fan tutte," "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Adriadne auf Nazos." So join the fun...and Viva la Diva!

*** **

[TWU Update](#) / [Next page](#) / [Previous page](#) / [TWU Homepage](#)

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The TWU National Alumnae Association is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Senior Award; *nominations must be submitted by Tues., Feb. 2*, for Denton, Dallas and Houston. Student nominations from Denton should be sent to the TWU NAA office; from Dallas to Dr. Michael Laman (associate vice president's office); and from Houston to Dr. Kathryn Stream (associate vice president's office). Awards will be presented during Honors Convocation in April.

Departments may submit two nominations. The selection committee, chaired by alumna Dr. Jill Shugart, will recommend one or more students of the senior class, based on the nominee's academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities and contributions to university life. Seniors whose graduation dates are December 1997, May 1998 or August 1998 are eligible. Students also may submit their own names to their department chairs for consideration.

To receive details about the nomination process or to obtain more information, contact the office of alumni relations or the TWU National Alumnae Association at ext. 2586, or visit their facilities on East University Drive at the north end of the Denton campus.

*** **

BOOK IT FOR FUN!

Television, video games, computers and the Internet provide a variety of entertainment and educational tools for children, but a good book opens the mind, takes young readers to foreign lands (or outer space) and introduces them to characters they might not otherwise meet. To celebrate books for children and Children's Book Week, the TWU School of Library and Information Studies -- through the Library Science Youth Library -- will host an exhibit of new and notable books for children and young adults on Wed., Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., SH 1st floor.

"Any time is book time, but our exhibit is the best time to see and talk about the best books in 1997 for children and young adults," said Dr. Viki Ash-Geisler (Library and Information Studies). "It's a fine time to browse through 125 new and noteworthy books for youngsters. We also will have reviews for each book, and faculty members will be on hand to talk about the books we all enjoy."

Faculty members have invited librarians and educators from throughout the area to visit the open house. "We hope that our faculty and students will attend, plus parents and other individuals from the community," added Dr. Betty Carter (Library and Information Studies). National Children's Book Week is Nov. 17-23, 1997; for more information about the exhibit and open house, call ext. 2602.

*** **

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The TWU National Alumnae Association is seeking nominations from faculty, staff and administrators for outstanding master's and doctoral students; the awards will be presented during Honors Convocation.

The *deadline to submit nominations is Mon., Dec. 15*; the deadline for nominees to submit their materials is 5 p.m. on Feb. 2, 1998.

continued

[TWU Update](#) / [Next page](#) / [Previous page](#) / [TWU Homepage](#)

GRADUATE NOMINATIONS, *continued*

"The purpose of the awards is to honor at least one TWU master's student and one doctoral student for excellence in scholarship and service," said Donna Ryan (alumni relations). To be eligible, students must be projected to graduate in December 1997, May 1998 or August 1998 (the 1997-98 academic year), and they must have an overall minimum grade point average of 3.50. At the master's level, a nominee must document an approved thesis prospectus, a professional paper topic or -- in the performing arts -- a projected required graduate professional presentation. At the doctoral level, a nominee must document an approved dissertation prospectus or -- in the performing arts -- a projected required graduate professional presentation.

Criteria considered for award selection include: graduate grade point average; three letters of reference that address professional accomplishments and potential; a statement of professional goals; professional presentations, performances or exhibits; publication in professional journals; professional societies, university committees or student associations; volunteer or other work experience; and other services to profession, school or community.

Send letters of nomination to Dr. Rose Nieswiadomy (Nursing, Dallas) in care of the TWU National Alumnae Association, by Dec. 15. Graduate students may nominate themselves or their peers. Once letters of nomination have been received, nominees will receive forms to complete, according to the criteria already mentioned. For more information, call Ryan at 8-1-2586.

*** **

CHEROKEE CULTURE IS FOCUS OF PROGRAM AT TWU

Serving as the only physical therapist for the Cherokee Nation, Walisi Bowen has experienced Native American culture through her patients -- and through her own family life. Bowen, herself Cherokee by birth, will speak at TWU on Thurs., Nov. 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., SC 207, as the university observes Native American Month. The program, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by TWU organization Native Pride, SOAP (Student Organization for Activities Programming) and the office of intercultural services. A reception will follow the event on SC 2.

"Walisi Bowen's presentation will include an informative look into the Native American culture, both past and present," said Juanita Duenez-Lazo (student activities). "Our speaker, who holds a master's degree, will address a number of topics during her visit at TWU." Those topics will include the changing roles of women in the traditional Cherokee culture; challenges Bowen faced as she became a physical therapist; the speaker's experiences as a physical therapist with the Cherokee Nation; traditional Native American regalia descriptions and explanations; some differences in Native American tribes; clans and family systems of traditional Cherokee society; and a description of balancing traditional Cherokee culture with Caucasian culture.

Bowen served as Miss Cherokee, a prestigious title for the Cherokee people and a title which she held while the tribe was under the administration of Chief Wilma Mankeller, the first woman chief of her tribe. The guest speaker has lectured and made a number of appearances to promote Native American culture,

and she continues to stay involved in her own culture through activities such as dancing at both Pow Wows and the spiritual stomp grounds of the Cherokee people. She also participates in a number of banquets and receptions held by dignitaries of the Cherokee Nation. For more information, call ext. 3611.

*** **

[TWU Update](#) / [Next page](#) / [Previous page](#) / [TWU Homepage](#)

NEWSBRIEFS

A new TWU Update will not be posted on the university's home page on Mon., Nov. 22, because of the Thanksgiving holiday week. Anyone who needs to submit information for that week or to provide an advance announcement for the week of Dec. 1 should submit materials by Wed., Nov. 12, to Ann Hatch (public information) in writing or by e-mail. (The deadline to submit materials each week usually is Tuesday at 5 p.m.; because of the holiday schedule, the deadline has been changed for this particular week.) Send e-mail submissions to Hatch at s_hatch@twu.edu. For details, call 8-1-3456.

Reminder: "Happy Birthday, Herr Schubert" is the focus of a faculty recital at TWU on Mon., Nov. 10, featuring Lanelle Blanton (performing arts, music) and pianist Harold Heibert, professor of music at the University of North Texas. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Blanton, a soprano, will sing 21 songs by Franz Schubert, who wrote more than 600 songs -- plus orchestral music, chamber music and pieces for piano and other instruments -- during his 31-year life. Call ext. 2500.

Faculty and staff who have disabilities may request accommodations by contacting the human resources office. Students must contact the student disability support services office to request assistance with accommodations. The TDD number for the office of student disability support services is 8-1-3830. For details, call human resources at 8-1-3555.

Reminder: Information and forms seeking graduate student nominees for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* were sent on Oct. 13 to all TWU deans, chairs and directors. Faculty are asked to nominate graduate students whose academic standing, participation in extracurricular activities and community service are notable. Nominating faculty members must sign the form; they are encouraged to make individual nominations through their offices or directly to the Graduate School *no later than Fri., Nov. 14*. For details, call 8-1-3400.

The Graduate School and office of financial aid will present a free afternoon program titled "Have You Seriously Considered Going to Graduate School" on Mon., Nov. 10, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., ACT 5, in Denton. The workshop, which is free and open to the public, invites prospective minority graduate students to attend the program, where they can meet faculty, administrators, current students and recent graduates who can answer their questions and provide practical information about postgraduate study. Topics will include the reasons for pursuing a graduate degree; the nature of graduate study; application procedures; eligibility criteria; and financial aid. All prospective graduate students are welcome; refreshments will be served after the program. For details, call ext. 2400.

Golden Key national honor society will induct new members on Thurs., Nov. 20, during a 6 p.m. ceremony in MCL auditorium. Members and inductees are invited to bring family members and friends; the keynote speaker will be Nelda Laney. For details, call Mary Steen at ext. 4874.

Reminder: Former TWU director of athletics and current faculty member Jo Kuhn (kinesiology) has announced her retirement after 30 years at the university, five years on the Ladies Professional Golf Tour and eight years of teaching in Delaware and Pennsylvania public schools. To celebrate her achievements, a reception and dinner are scheduled on Sat., Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. in the southeast dining room of Hubbard

Hall. Reservation forms (including an opportunity to donate to the Jo Kuhn Endowment Fund for Women's Athletics) have been distributed on campus; reservations were due by Nov. 7. For more information, call Betsy Tandy at (940) 387-8257.

continued

[TWU Update](#) / [Next page](#) / [Previous page](#) / [TWU Homepage](#)

NEWSBRIEFS, continued

TWU's Master of Arts degree with a major in library science and the Master of Library Science degree with a major in library science offered by instructional telecommunications (distance learning) at West Texas A&M University have received a three-year extension at the staff level from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Payroll notice: Persons who pick up their paychecks at the cashier's window should note for the Jan. 1, 1998, paychecks that the cashier's window will be open for three hours only on Fri., Jan. 2, 1998, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please make arrangements to pick up checks at that time or during regular operating hours beginning Mon., Jan. 5. Persons who wish to have their paychecks mailed must provide the cashier's office with a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope with their social security number written on the inside of the envelope flap. SASEs must be received by the cashier's office by Dec. 18, 1997, to ensure that checks are mailed by Jan. 2, 1998. Envelopes may be forwarded through campus mail to the cashier's office. For more information, call the cashier's office at 8-1-3570.

The office of disability support services has started a support group for students and staff who have fibromyalgia. They currently meet on Fridays from 2 to 3 p.m., CFO 105. Interested persons may contact the office at 8-1-3835. The office TDD number is 8-1-3830.

Reminder: ASSET (the Association of Support Service Employees of TWU) is sponsoring its 9th annual staff scholarship and is *seeking applications through 5 p.m. on Nov. 21*. One \$150 scholarship will be awarded for the spring 1998 semester to a permanent full-time or permanent part-time staff member at TWU who is enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses at the university during that semester. Applicants are not required to be members of ASSET to apply. Completed applications and recommendation forms must be received by the chair of ASSET's scholarship committee, Susan Phillips (Chemistry Science Learning Resource Center), no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 21, 1997. Applications received after that date or applications submitted by 5 p.m. on Nov. 21 that are incomplete will not be considered for the spring 1998 ASSET staff scholarship. For materials or details, call Phillips at 8-1-2568 or visit GRB 113 from 1 to 5 p.m.

A change in date: A presentation by TWU faculty member Dr. Lynn Westbrook (Library and Information Studies) has been changed to Thurs., Nov. 20, at 4 p.m., HDB 202. Her discussion is titled "Making Connections: Information Seeking in Women's Studies." The event is free and open to the campus community.

Reminder: The TWU Blagg-Huey Library's fall series featuring women authors will continue and will focus next on the 7th annual Joyce Thompson Lectureship in American Literature and Culture with Dr. Emily Toth on Thurs., Nov. 13, at 2:30 p.m., ACT 301. Toth, professor of English and women's studies in the department of English at Louisiana State University, will present "The Gossip about Kate Chopin." The program, which is free and open to the public, will include a reception after the event. For details, call Elizabeth Snapp (library) at ext. 3748.

The women's studies colloquium will continue its discussion on feminist pedagogy with a program on Thurs., Dec. 4, at 4 p.m., HDB 202. The conversation will focus on the first seven chapters of the book

Teaching to Transgress by Bell Hooks, and members of the critical theory discussion group also will participate. *Teaching to Transgress* has been placed on reserve at the circulation desk in the library; the call number is sou-eng-B11. For details, call Jodi Edgar (women's studies) ext. 2119.

continued

[TWU Update](#) / [Next page](#) / [Previous page](#) / [TWU Homepage](#)

NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: Undergraduate student nominations for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* are needed from TWU faculty and staff *no later than Wed., Nov. 19*. Applications and information are available in the office of student life, SC 206; no nominations will be accepted after the deadline. Nominees must be either juniors or seniors with at least 60 credit hours on their transcripts. Students must complete all information on the forms, and the nominating faculty member must complete the last two lines. The student's transcript showing course work completed through summer 1997 *must* be attached to the application; the copy does not have to be "official," but it must be computer-generated. Call 8-1-3615 for details.

TWU's Instructional Technology Excellence in Teaching series for fall 1997 will continue with a seminar titled "Computer Conferencing: The Professor in Cyberspace" on Fri., Nov. 14, CFO 104 (the Beverly Washington- Wedgeworth mathematics laboratory), from 9 a.m. to noon. The program is free and open to the campus community, but seating is limited. Call ext. 3249 for more information. The program is presented by information technology services and the department of mathematics and computer science. The interactive seminar will give participants an opportunity to experience and understand the benefits of computer conferencing; they will learn to use Microsoft NetMeeting as a tool for organizing and conducting a computer conference. Hands-on opportunities will include participation in a simulated conference, and both asynchronous and synchronous modes will be presented.

Reminder: All commuter students are invited to attend a commuter breakfast on Tues., Nov. 11, at 7 a.m., HH banquet room. A panel of guests will be present to answer questions and comments about commuters' concerns: Larry Harrison (physical plant); Patricia Jackson (information technology services); Dr. Leslie Thompson (Graduate School); and Beth Lewis (food services). For more information, call the office of student development at ext. 3626.

The TWU/UNT chapter of Phi Delta Kappa will install new members during a Nov. 19 meeting in the Silver Eagle Suites B&C at the University of North Texas Student Union. The 6:30 p.m. ceremony will be followed by dinner at 7 p.m. The featured speaker will be Dr. Jean Keller, new dean of education at UNT. Tickets are \$15 for dinner, and reservations must be made by Nov. 12; call 8-1-2241.

*** **

UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Bill Cissell** (health studies) recently received awards from two separate professional associations. On Sept. 20, the Texas chapter of the Society for Public Health Education presented him with the Dorothy Huskey Career Service Award. The Eta Sigma Gamma national health science honorary society also presented him with the Distinguished Service Award during its annual convention in Daytona, Fla., on Oct. 24.

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) was elected chair of the Southwestern American Literature section and secretary of the Folklore section at the South Central Modern Language Association conference in Dallas, Oct. 30 to Nov. 1. Bridges will chair the Folklore section during the

1999 meeting in Memphis, Tenn.

*** **

[TWU Update](#) / [Next page](#) / [Previous page](#) / [TWU Homepage](#)

THIS WEEK AT TWU: NOVEMBER 10 - 16, 1997

Nov. 3-25

-Visual Arts: TWU Art Faculty Exhibition, Fine Arts Gallery, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)

Nov. 9-13

-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Nov. 10

-House of Representatives, executive staff only, noon, SC 105. (Ext. 3626)

-Cultural arts day-Houston, noon, rec room. (Ext. 8-4-2158)

-Lanelle Blanton faculty recital, "Happy Birthday, Herr Schubert," MJPH, 8 p.m., free. (Ext. 2500)

-Personnel changes for Dec. 1 payroll due in human resources, 5 p.m.

-Graduate School and office of financial aid workshop for prospective minority graduate students (and all prospective graduate students), ACT 5, 2:30-4 p.m. (Ext. 3400)

Nov. 11

-"Start Your Engines" with a commuter student breakfast/forum, 7 a.m., Hubbard Hall banquet room. (Ext. 3626)

-Lone Star Conference volleyball tournament. (Ext. 2373)

-ITS: Netscape/e-mail, SH 206, 1-2 p.m. (Ext. 3252)

-ITS: Creating/editing documents-ClarisWorks 4.0, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon.

-Cool Tuesday: "Take a Faculty Member to Lunch," 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hubbard Hall. (Ext. 3611)

-HR: "Understanding What TRS Means to You -- Now and in the Future," Denton, Dallas and Houston, 9-11 a.m.

Nov. 12

- ITS: Voice mail overview, residence hall students only, SC 008, 2 p.m.
- United Students Association meeting, SC 006/007, 5-7 p.m., (Ext. 3650)
- ITS: Enhancing appearance of a workbook-Excel '97, SH 206, 1-2 p.m.
- ITS: Enhancing appearance of a workbook-Excel 5, SH 206, 1-2 p.m.
- ITS: Venus/homepage, SH 206, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
- ITS: Venus/e-mail, SH 206, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
- International food festival -- Houston, noon, courtyard. (Ext. 8-4-2158)
- Warm and Fuzzy Wednesdays: "Making Dream Catchers," SC 006, 12:15-1:15 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
- COLORS meeting, SC 006-007, 5 p.m. (Ext. 3679)

Nov. 13

- Joyce Thompson Lecture Series, ACT 301, 2:30 p.m. (Ext. 3748)
- ITS: Mail Merge Documents-Word '97, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon.
- Lone Star Conference Volleyball tournament. (Ext. 2373)
- Forum on Food Service Issues, SC 207/208, noon-1 p.m. (Ext. 3650)
- ITS: Mail Merge Documents-Word 6.0, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon.
- ITS: Venus/e-mail, SH 206, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
- ITS: Netscape/e-mail, SH 206, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
- HR: "Developing, Communicating Goals/Objectives," Denton, 2-4 p.m.

Nov. 14

- Council of Chairs meeting, SH 308, 8-9 a.m. (Ext. 2351)

CALENDAR, *continued*

Nov. 14

-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

-Adult CPR, SC 110, 8 a.m.-noon, \$15. (Ext. 2924)

-First aid, SC 110, 1-3 p.m., \$15. (Ext. 2924)

-Biology departmental seminar, CFO 205, 4-5 p.m., (Ext. 2354)

-Basketball: TWU vs. Concordia University-Austin, gym, 7 p.m.

-Continuing Education: "Medical Malpractice: Nightmare vs. Reality," Scottish Rite Hospital-Dallas, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

-HR: "Communicating for Results," Houston, 1:30-3:30 p.m. (8-1-3555)

-Instructional Technology Excellence in Teaching series: "Computer Conferencing: The Professor in Cyberspace," free (limited seating), CFO 104 (Beverly Washington-Wedgeworth mathematics laboratory), 9 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 3249)

Nov. 15

-Lone Star Conference volleyball tournament. (Ext. 2373)

-TWU Opera Ensemble: "Viva la Diva!" in Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m.

-Basketball: TWU vs. Texas Lutheran, gym, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2373)

-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Nov. 16

-Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

-ITS: Videoconferencing, SH 308, 9-10 a.m. (Ext. 3252)

continued

[TWU Update](#) / [Next page](#) / [Previous page](#) / [TWU Homepage](#)