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SECC KICKS OFF IN OCTOBER

The fourth annual State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC) will begin on Wed., Oct. 1. SECC is a combined workplace campaign that provides state employees with a convenient and efficient way to make voluntary, tax-deductible contributions to agencies that best address the employees' concerns. In 1996, TWU employees exceeded the university's \$20,000 goal; this year, SECC coordinators have set a \$24,000 goal. (TWU employees should have received their SECC brochures and pledge forms in campus mail.)

SECC provides state employees with an opportunity to contribute to a variety of local, state and national charities -- including the United Way -- through payroll deduction, cash or check. "All agencies participating in the SECC have met strict eligibility standards," said Dr. Joyce Williams (sociology and social work), campaign co-chair with Elizabeth Snapp (library). "You can be confident that your gift will be put to good use," added Snapp.

"The TWU family enjoys a long and proud history of charitable giving and community service," said Dr. Carol Surles (president's office). "Your contribution to your favorite agencies will enable the university to continue this tradition. Every gift is important, and I appreciate the many ways in which you reach out to serve the community and the state."

TWU administrators and SECC co-chairs gave the campaign a boost earlier in September when they signed pledge sheets and met one-fourth of the total goal. "Now our faculty and staff are asked to step forward, sign their forms and help TWU meet the remainder of our goal," said Williams. "We help each other through SECC, neighbor to neighbor and friend to friend. It's our turn to give back so that others may receive the help they must have in times of need."

Dr. James Galloway (library) has volunteered to donate a tree if TWU meets its \$24,000 goal, and the SECC steering committee will donate a plaque and a marker for the tree. "A tree planting ceremony will be announced after the campaign ends on Oct. 31 if we have met our TWU goal," said Snapp. For details, call Williams at 8-1-2052 or Snapp at 8-1-3748. A free agency fair will be held on Oct. 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., SC 2, in conjunction with SECC efforts.

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UPDATE GOES ONLINE NEXT WEEK

All TWU faculty, staff and students are reminded that *TWU Update* will convert to electronic distribution with the Mon., Oct. 6, 1997, issue. Readers can access the publication through TWU's home page at www.twu.edu. "We are pleased to present *TWU Update* to a wider audience through electronic distribution," said Ann Hatch (public information), editor. "We will save paper and duplicating costs, and off-campus audiences also will learn more about TWU by reading *Update* on the home page." The deadline to submit materials each week is Tuesday at 5 p.m. *TWU Update* will be posted each Monday during the regular academic year (except holidays). Send e-mail submissions to Hatch at s_hatch@twu.edu. For details, call ext. 3456.

OPEN FORUM ANNOUNCED

Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) will present an open forum for faculty and staff on Wed., Oct. 8, in MCL auditorium from 3:30 to 5 p.m. She will provide an update on TWU's strategic plan, *Pioneering Our Future*; refreshments will be served at 3 p.m. in the MCL lobby.

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MASTER'S PROGRAM ACCREDITED

The Council on Academic Accreditation for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association has accredited the master's degree program in speech-language pathology at TWU for an eight-year period, beginning Sept. 1, 1996, through Sept. 1, 2004. Dr. Nicholas Bankson, chair of the accreditation council, made the announcement this September and congratulated TWU "...on achieving this national distinction."

TWU's name will appear on all published lists of accredited programs during the eight-year period, including *The Guide to Graduate Education in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology* and in the journal *ASHA*, as well as periodic lists published separately. The master's degree program in speech-language pathology at TWU is offered by the department of communication sciences and disorders, chaired by Dr. Al White. For details, call White ext. 2025.

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ITS OFFERS SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS FOR FACULTY, STAFF

The office of information technology services at TWU offers a variety of specialized training programs and seminars for faculty and staff. Descriptions are provided below; for information or scheduling, see the contacts listed.

■ Colleague system -- Users will be introduced to the many modules available, including: class rosters and schedules; transcripts; on-line requisitions; on-line time sheets; and on-line travel. Training session content can be tailored for individual needs. Contact: Elaine Martin, 8-1-3293.

■ Computer-based training opportunities -- Individuals interested in self-paced, interactive computer applications training for PCs should investigate programs available from CBT Systems Inc. More than 350 training programs are accessible from desktop systems through the Internet. Program options include Microsoft Office Suite and Windows 95. Modules may be used in reference mode or instructional mode and include unit reviews and tests. Bookmarking allows users to stop and restart where they last worked. Faculty also may integrate these modules in academic courses to help students further develop their computing skills. Contact: Patricia Jackson, 8-1-3254, or visit the web page, www.cbt.twu.edu (log-in requires VENUS user name).

■ Computer applications training seminars -- In addition to workshops offered by ITS, faculty and staff also may participate in vendor-provided seminars. Sessions require advance registration and are available for both MAC and PC platforms. Basic computer applications seminars are available at no cost to the registrant. For general inquiries on all vendor-provided training (including needs assessment and customized sessions), contact Jackson. Dallas and Houston faculty and staff should contact their administrative offices (Dr. Michael Laman and Dr. Kathryn Stream, respectively) for details on scheduling, availability and registration.

■ Faculty seminar series -- All sessions are limited to 24 participants and provide opportunities for hands-on practice, as well as demonstrations or discussion. Contact: Jackson.

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■ Distance learning and videoconferences -- Teaching in multiple locations, scheduling meetings among campuses or hearing guest speakers at other locations can be done with the use of videoconferencing technology available at TWU in one of six conference rooms. For training, use and overviews of the technology, contact: Gordon Saltee, 8-1-3436.

■ Voice mail -- Find out how the TWU telephone system can be used to send and receive messages; program messages for future delivery; receive faxed documents; create distribution lists; access messages from home; and more. Contact: Corin Ecker, 8-1-3278.

■ Partnership opportunities -- ITS is interested in exploring partnerships with faculty and staff to develop project plans, workshops, internships and other opportunities to promote the use of technology in work, teaching and learning. Contact: Tom Graf (ITS) at 8-1-3972 or Jackson.

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IS THERE INTELLIGENT LIFE HERE?

The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the University (yes...it's here somewhere), written by Jane Wagner, will be the season opener for TWU Theatre '97. Described as a "cosmic carpet ride" that examines the foibles, fads and follies of the 1980s (yes...you remember them!), the play looks at controversial political and sociological issues of the "Me" generation. The play will be staged Oct. 8, 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and Sun., Oct. 12, at 2 p.m. in the TWU Student Center "Underground." In the cabaret spirit of the Underground, beverage food service will be available before the performance and during intermission. **Please note: *Search for Signs* contains mature themes and humor.**

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$7 for students, senior citizens, children, and TWU faculty and staff; and \$5 for TWU students. Ticket sales begin Wed., Oct. 1; for information or reservations, call the box office at ext. 2020. The TWU Theatre '97 production of *Search for Signs* will feature an ensemble cast of 14 actors portraying the characters in the play. Directed by Charles Harrill (performing arts, drama), *Search for Signs* uses a more contemporary cinematic form. Individual characters are revealed to the audience in short scenes that are loosely connected with threads that weave ties among more than a dozen quirky characters. Wagner wrote the play as a performance vehicle for the renowned comedienne and actress Lily Tomlin. Tomlin, Wagner's personal friend, took Broadway by storm in 1985 and played to sold-out houses for 12 months before the show moved to Los Angeles for another eight months. A national tour and featured film version of the play directed by John Bailey in 1988 followed.

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OPTIONS '97 FEATURES EXPO FOR WOMEN

Options '97, an annual exposition for women, again will be presented at TWU on Sat., Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., HH. The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature speakers, demonstrations, seminars and entertainment for women and men seeking information about careers, family and living needs, and other areas. Primary sponsors include TWU, Columbia Medical Center of Denton, Marcus Cable, James Wood Auto Park and the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. Free parking also is available, as well as a children's activity area, football on big-screen television, the Susan G. Komen mammogram van (appointments required in advance), and an adopt-a-pet opportunity with the Denton County Humane Society.

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OPTIONS '97, continued

The event also includes a job fair, presented by the Denton Human Resources Association and TWU SHRM and SIFE students, and a discussion by A.G. Edwards representative David Gilmore on "Women and Investing." Demonstrations will include a lecture on antiques and collectibles, antique linens, crafts (hourly programs by MJ Designs), tile painting, silk flower arranging and cake decorating. Performances will feature the Denton Dance Conservatory dance group, the Strickland Middle School choir, and eukelele and singing for young children by Denton resident Hal Williams. Participants also have an opportunity to win tickets to the Dallas Theatre's production of *A Christmas Carol*. For more information, contact Sherrie Taylor (business and economics) at ext. 2903 or 2111.

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FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

TWU student health services will offer a flu shot clinic on Wednesday evenings during October from 4 to 6 p.m. for students, faculty and staff. The cost is \$10 per person; clients should be prepared to remain for 20 minutes after they are vaccinated. "The flu is nothing to sneeze about, and a flu shot is your best protection," said Amy Berliner (student health services). "Even if you received a flu shot last year, you still need to receive another this year to be protected. Flu strains change from year to year, and your own body also slowly loses its immunity to the flu."

Berliner added, "The most common side effect patients see after a flu shot is soreness in the arm at the injection site. Persons with allergies to eggs or sensitivity to thimerosal (a derivative of mercury) should not receive the flu vaccine. As with any vaccine, a shot may not protect all susceptible individuals." For more information, call 8-1-3826.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Several performing groups from TWU will entertain audiences at the State Fair of Texas on Fri., Oct. 3, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Creative Arts Building. Alexandria's Ragtime Band is scheduled from 1 to 2:30 p.m. with the TWU Choraliers. The TWU International Folk Dance Company and the Rainbow Connection also will participate at 3 and 4 p.m., respectively. The creative arts theatre at the fair is sponsoring "Texas Woman's University Day" and is hosting TWU groups in the performance hall for the afternoon. For details, call ext. 2500.

Reminder: Wellfest '97 will be held on Thurs., Oct. 2, from 6 to 9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m., at the Wellness Center and JH 1st floor. All faculty, staff, students and members of the community are invited. A variety of services will be offered; costs vary: mammography screening by St. Paul's, \$60, appointment required; flu immunization, \$10; pneumonia immunization, \$20; master chemical blood work (including cholesterol, glucose, triglycerides, etc.), \$18; thyroid profile, \$20; prostate cancer screening, \$25; anemia screening, \$7; and chair massage (15 minutes), \$12. Free services also will be provided during the event. For details, call ext. 2900.

A community agency information fair will be held on Thurs., Oct. 16, 1997, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., SC 2nd floor lobby; the fair is scheduled in conjunction with the annual State Employee Charitable Campaign. All TWU faculty, staff and students are invited.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Please note: All check request forms must be signed by the president, vice president, associate vice president or dean to be processed. Any form received in the controller's office without one of those signatures will be returned to the department. Additionally, any check request that should have been handled through purchasing procedures will be sent to the vice president for finance and administration for approval. The only exception to this procedure is a refund through the bursar's office. For more information, call Dr. Dana Gibson (controller's office) at 8-1-3531.

Reminder: African-American author Francis Ray will visit TWU on Oct. 1 for a book signing and reception at 3:30 p.m., Blagg-Huey Library 101. Ray, who authored 16 short stories before she became a romance novelist, launched an Arabesque line of romance novels about African Americans with her book *Forever Yours*. Her other titles include *Only Hers* and *Undeniable*. She is a frequent speaker at writing workshops and is a member of Women Writers of Color and Romance Writers of America. Copies of Ray's books will be sold at the reception. The event is free and open to the public; for more information, call ext. 3748.

Reminder: TWU's annual Pioneer Family Days will be held Fri. through Sun., Oct. 3-5, and will include a variety of activities for students, families, faculty and staff. The university community is encouraged to participate in the activities scheduled -- including the Gold Rush carnival on Sat., Oct. 4, from 4 to 9 p.m. in the library parking lot. The carnival will feature food and game booths, a "panning for gold" station, a cake walk, an auction at the end of the evening and a main stage with musical entertainment. A VIP president's reception will kick off activities on Saturday morning; all TWU administrators, faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend. The reception is free; for information, call ext. 3611.

Anyone who would like to attend a special topics class presented by Dr. Stanley Ivie (educational leadership) is invited to a session titled "Teaching Critical Thinking Skills" at Wilmer-Hutchins School District. The program, part of TWU's commitment to assist area school districts, will feature a visual model developed by Ivie; anyone who would like a copy of the model or details about the time and date for the presentation can call Ivie at ext. 2241.

Reminder: The TWU Child Development Center is asking the campus community to participate in the Campbell's Labels for Education program. The program, sponsored by the Campbell Soup Company, honors labels from more than 1,000 Campbell-made products. The CDC's goal is to collect more than 5,000 labels this year. For a complete list of products, contact the center at ext. 2321. Major company labels include Campbell's, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Prego, Marie's, V8, Pace, Open Pit, Milwaukee Pickles and Vlastic.

The deadline to submit applications for student travel is Oct. 10; students can obtain forms from their academic departments or from the office of student life, SC 206, which administers the program; Dr. Basil Hamilton (psychology and philosophy) chairs the committee.

Reminder: The TWU department of nutrition and food sciences will present a free videoconference for soup kitchen and food bank volunteers on Tues., Oct. 7. The program, titled "Safe Food for the Hungry '97 -- A Focus on Diversity," will be presented from 1 to 3 p.m., Blagg-Huey Library room 101; the public is invited, as well as persons who handle food for food banks, soup kitchens and similar efforts; extension specialists and educators; county and state health department officials; and other interested groups or individuals. For specifics, call Martha Rew (nutrition and food sciences) at ext. 2657.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

The office of student activities -- SOAP, specifically -- is offering free transportation to two events for interested students: a lecture by author Larry McMurtry at the University of North Texas on Tues., Sept. 30, and a trip to the state fair in Dallas on Fri., Oct. 3. McMurtry's free public lecture, "Writing for Fiction and Writing for Film," will be held at 8 p.m., followed by a 9:30 p.m. reception in the Silver Eagle Suite of the UNT Union. TWU vans will leave the Student Center at 7 p.m. Faculty, staff and students may take a trip to the state fair to see TWU performances in the Creative Arts Building from 1 to 5 p.m. on Oct. 3. Vans will leave from the Student Center at 11 a.m. and will return at 7 p.m. For more information, call ext. 3611 about either event.

Reminder: All members of the TWU family are invited to celebrate Jo Kuhn's retirement as teacher, coach and athletic director for more than 30 years at TWU. A special reception and dinner are scheduled on Nov. 15, 1997, in Hubbard Hall. The reception will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner in HH southeast dining room. The program will take a humorous look at Jo's life -- a "This Was Your Life" theme. Tickets are \$15 per person; call Dr. Bettye Myers (kinesiology) for details at ext. 2575.

Fall Career Information Day will be held on Wed., Oct. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the southeast and southwest dining rooms of Hubbard Hall. Sponsored by the office of career and employment services, the event is free and open to TWU students, faculty, staff and alumni. TWU faculty are asked to remind their students about the event, to dress appropriately and to bring resumes. A wide variety of employers will participate from business and industry, all levels of government and non-profit organizations. For details, call Sue Cook (career services) at ext. 2972. The current list of employers can be found on the office's home page: www.twu.edu/o-cs.

Reminder: Nominations for the 1998 Distinguished Alumna Awards are requested; the deadline to submit names for this honor is Oct. 10, 1997. The awards, which will be presented during Homecoming on April 25, 1998, are conferred annually on graduates who have brought honor to both themselves and TWU through outstanding accomplishments. Send nominations to the Distinguished Alumna Award Selection Committee, TWU National Alumnae Association, P.O. Box 425795, Denton TX 76204-5795. Call Donna Ryan (alumni relations) at 8-1-2586.

The TWU Wellness Center is offering a weight loss challenge program this fall. The program, scheduled for four weeks (Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.), beginning Oct. 6, will be held in JH 201. The cost is \$25 for Wellness Center members and TWU students, or \$35 for non-members. A registered dietitian and an exercise specialist will conduct the program, and topics will include dining out (restaurants and fast food), exercise, eating favorite foods, reading labels, motivation and eating, and others. Call ext. 2900 for details or registration.

Reminder: The TWU/UNT chapter of Phi Delta Kappa will hold its fall meeting on Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. at Wyatt's Cafeteria. The featured speaker will be Cindy Boyd, Disney/ McDonald's Teacher of the Year. Please RSVP to Laura Bro at (817) 430-0036, ext. 2108.

Reminder: "Feminist Theory" will be the topic for the next meeting of the critical theory discussion group on Fri., Oct. 24, at 1 p.m. in HDB 202. Readings for the discussion are from the "Body" section of Warhol and Herndl's anthology titled *Feminisms* (revised edition). The material is on reserve in the library under the call name Sou-Eng-B11. All members of the university community are invited; for details, contact Drs. Russell Greer, Judith Bean or Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at ext. 2324.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: The TWU women's studies program invites the campus community to attend an office-warming celebration on Mon., Sept. 29, HDB 202. Food will be served from 3 to 5 p.m., followed by a program (including music, poetry and dance) and special guests from 4 to 5 p.m. For details, call ext. 2119; those who aren't able to come are asked to send office-warming wishes for the program's reception book.

Reminder: The TWU programs in dance will present a special performance by comic monologue and dance artist Claire Porter in "Portables" at TWU on Wed., Oct. 1, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets are available through the programs in dance. Prices are \$10 for general admission; \$8 for TWU faculty, staff and senior citizens; \$6 for university and high school students; and \$3 for children and TWU students. Call ext. 2085.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Thomas Brown** (performing arts, music) organized and performed in a program for organ and instruments for the Fort Worth chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Sept. 15. Other TWU music faculty who joined Brown included Drs. **John Flohr** and **Pamela Youngblood**.

Dr. **Nicki Cohen** (performing arts, music), chair of the National Association for Music Therapy subcommittee on graduate music therapy education, hosted a retreat at TWU from Sept. 12-14.

Dr. **Brenda Phillips** (women's studies/sociology) was invited to present "Sheltering and Housing Issues in Recent U.S. Earthquakes" at the U.S.-Japan workshop on Emergency Information, Emergency Management Rapid Damage Assessment, held recently. Her paper also will be published in conference proceedings.

Dr. **Beth Ferri** (early childhood and special education) published an article on "Profiles of College Students Demonstrating Learning Disabilities With or Without Giftedness" in the current issue of the *Journal of Learning Disabilities*.

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) is the author of a chapter in *Essays on Teaching and Illustrating Folklore*, a new book published by the University of North Texas Press under an agreement with the Texas Folklore Society. The book was released in September.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. **Kemp Yarborough**, retired professor and chair of the TWU department of history and government. Yarborough died Sept. 19; services were held in Denton on Sept. 23. He served as department chair from 1969 to 1978 and retired in 1987.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5, 1997

Sept. 1-30	-Blagg-Huey Library exhibit: "Quilts from Momma's Cedar Chest," 2nd & 3rd floor rotunda, library hours. (Ext. 3751)
Oct. 6-25	-Visual arts exhibit: "Pieces, Parts and Passion: The Quilted Medium," Fine Arts Gallery, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)

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Mon.-Thurs., Sept. 29-Oct. 2	-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.
Mon., Sept. 29	-Student development: House of Representatives meeting, executive staff only, noon, SC 105. (Ext. 3626)
Tues., Sept. 30	-Volleyball: TWU vs. Tarleton State, Denton, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2373) -Performing arts, music: faculty recital, MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2500)
Wed., Oct. 1	-ITS workshop: Creating and editing a simple workbook-Excel '97, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 3252) -Student activities, Houston: Octoberfest, courtyard, noon. - ITS workshop: Netscape/Basics, SH 206, 1-2 p.m. (Ext. 3252) - ITS workshop: Venus/e-mail, SH 206, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252) -College of Education: Degree plan workshop for elementary students with early childhood specialization, MCL 412, 3-5 p.m. (Ext. 2202) -Blagg-Huey Library: Book signing and reception for Francis Ray, African-American author of <i>Forever Yours, Only Hers</i> ; library lecture hall 101, 3:30 p.m. (898-3748) -Student health services: Annual flu shot clinic, 4-6 p.m.; \$10 per shot. -SGA meeting, SC 006/007, 5-7 p.m. (Ext. 3650) -Performing arts, dance: Claire Porter, "Portables," MJPH, 8 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 2	-TWU Wellfest, Wellness Center, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (Ext. 2906) -ITS workshop: Eudora/e-mail, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 3252) -ITS workshop: Creating/editing a document-Word '97, SH 206, 1-2 p.m. -ITS workshop: Venus/homepage, SH 206, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252)
Oct. 3-5	-Pioneer Family Days activities. (Ext. 3611)
Fri., Oct. 3	-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. -ITS workshop: Beginning word processing, SH 206, 1-3 p.m. -Performing arts, dance: International Folk Dance Company performance, Dallas Creative Arts building, State Fair, Dallas; 4 p.m. (Ext. 2088) -Biology seminar: "Research Opportunities for Undergraduate Students at TWU," Dr. Michael Droge and Sophia Alvarez; CFO 205, 4-5 p.m. -Volleyball: TWU vs. Angelo State, Denton, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2373)
Sat. Oct. 4	-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. -SAT testing, MCL 101, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. (Ext. 3801) -Volleyball: TWU vs. Abilene Christian, Denton, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2373) -Pioneer Family Days: Gold Rush carnival, library parking lot, 4-9 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 5	-Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

