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READING RECOVERY INSTITUTE NAMED FOR ASKEW

The Reading Recovery/Early Literacy Institute, a TWU conference that annually draws thousands of reading and literacy specialists, educators and parents, has been renamed in honor of the educator who founded and led the TWU institute for 14 years.

TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart announced during the Nov. 17 conference opening in Dallas that the institute now will be known as the Texas Woman's University Billie J. Askew Reading Recovery/Early Literacy Institute.

Dr. Askew, a professor emerita at TWU, served as a reading faculty member and a Reading Recovery trainer prior to her retirement in August 2004. She continues to study early literacy and early intervention.

TWU professor emerita Dr. Margaret Griffin, who worked closely with Askew in bringing Reading Recovery to Texas, said naming the institute in honor of Askew is a fitting tribute.

"Billie gave not only me, but the (reading) program and TWU itself a shot in the arm with Reading Recovery," Griffin said. "It is her conference and her program."

Griffin said Askew, who had earned her doctorate in reading from TWU in 1982, knew of the university's interest in early literacy and approached her about bringing the program to the university. Griffin, who was the director of TWU's teacher education program at the time, worked as a liaison in establishing Reading Recovery at the university.

The first conference drew about 300 participants. It now draws more than 3,000 people annually.

Reading Recovery, developed by Dr. Marie M. Clay of New Zealand, is designed to help children who have difficulty reading and writing improve their skills. Most students who complete a full Reading Recovery program can learn in a regular classroom and don't need additional remedial services.

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TWU is one of 23 Reading Recovery university training centers in the United States and one of only two universities in the U.S. providing training for Descubriendo La Lectura, the Spanish language version of Reading Recovery.

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TWU PROFESSOR OFFERS SEMINAR ON GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays can be tough on those who have lost a loved one. A traditional time of celebration may become a time to “get through” or avoid altogether.

Dr. Susan Adams, an assistant professor of counseling and development at TWU, will present a seminar on dealing with grief during the holidays Monday, Dec. 6 in the MCL auditorium. The presentation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. and is free and open to the public. For more information, call 8-1-2685.

Adams said that while the seminar is offered during the Christmas season, any holiday can be difficult for those who have suffered a loss. The purpose of the seminar is to give survivors the tools to cope with the loss, she said.

The seminar will include activities that invite audience members to remember loved ones who have died. Those attending may place their loved one’s name on a tapestry, place an ornament on a tree or simply choose to reflect during a special part of the presentation. Participation is voluntary.

Adams said she will present ways in which people can remember their loved ones in their family celebrations.

“I find in working with people who are grieving that they have a tendency to want to keep things the way they were. In doing that, they end up corrupting the memory,” she said. For example, if Grandpa always read the Christmas story, other family members may resent the person chosen to take on that role after Grandpa is gone.

“Many times, people feel that if they let go of their sadness, they will lose the memory,” Adams said. “They often get stuck in their grief.”

Others, however, may try to avoid the holidays altogether. Adams cautions against trying to run from the pain, saying one of her goals in this seminar is to “help people understand that we have to deal with our pain. The further away we try to push it, the more it may become our focal point.

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“I want to help people find appropriate ways to remember their loved ones and appropriate ways to continue living without becoming stuck in their grief.”

Adams and students from counseling and development will be available after the seminar for those who want to talk.

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TWU PROFESSOR DESIGNS GOWN FOR BREAST CANCER PATIENTS

Women who undergo a mastectomy experience a great deal of anxiety following the surgery. Dr. Ho Soon Michelle Cho, associate professor of nursing at TWU's Parkland Center, is easing some of their concerns with a hospital gown she designed specifically for post-mastectomy patients.

“After surgery, breast cancer patients experience many physiological and psychological issues,” said Dr. Cho. “Some of their apprehension immediately after the surgery comes from the drainage tubes inserted into their chest and the way those drains are attached to their hospital gowns.

“The standard hospital gown doesn't address all the needs of patients following a mastectomy; its basic function is to facilitate physical exams and bathing. The Papilla Gown is designed with the patient in mind.”

The Papilla Gown features pockets and tucks that securely and discreetly hold the drainage tubes and pouch that breast cancer patients wear immediately following a mastectomy. Typically, post-mastectomy patients use safety pins to attach the tubes to traditional hospital gowns. Patients say the Papilla Gown is much more comfortable than the traditional gown and relieves them of the fear that the safety pins will pop open, which could cause the tubes to become dislodged or tug on the surgical wound.

Dr. Cho also is studying whether the gown's larger open arm openings reduce the incidence of lymphedema, a swelling condition that affects 10 percent to 40 percent of those who undergo breast cancer surgery and radiation therapy. Dr. Gail C. Davis, professor of nursing at TWU, is a co-investigator in the study.

Aiding Dr. Cho in the gown's development was Dr. Jae Un Pack., with Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. Methodist Dallas Medical Center currently is testing the gown, which is patent-pending, with mastectomy patients.

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According to the American Cancer Society, 215,000 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004, with approximately half requiring surgery.

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TWU OFFERS LITTLE CHAPEL WEDDING PACKAGE

Couples looking for a picturesque setting for their wedding can take advantage of an all-inclusive wedding package at TWU with a ceremony in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods and a catered reception.

TWU's Office of Conference Services, ARAMARK Food Services, the university's food service provider, and Candy Haven bakery have partnered to offer the Pioneer Wedding Package. The package costs \$2,000 for a 50-person wedding and \$2,800 for 80 people.

The ceremony part of the package includes use of the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, plus an attendant, for three hours and use of the Chapel's two candelabras and unity candle, plus 33 dripless candles.

The reception part of the package includes a two-hour reception in Hubbard Hall, an attendant, plus ficus trees and ferns for decoration. ARAMARK will cater the reception which will include a champagne or sparkling grape juice toast, cheese and crudite platters, fruit tray and dip, hors d'oeuvres, mints and nuts, coffee, punch, tables and tablecloths, cups, saucers, glassware, chairs and linen napkins.

Candy Haven will prepare a two-tier wedding cake — decorated with live ivory flowers — and a chocolate groom's cake with chocolate-dipped strawberries.

Couples who want to take advantage of the package must hold their wedding before Sept. 1, 2005. For more information, contact Conference Services at 8-1-3644.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the office of marketing and communication through campus mail, by fax at 8-1-3463 or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following publication. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

Dr. JoAnn Danelo Barbour (educational administration and leadership) presented two papers for the International Leadership Association at their sixth annual conference in Washington, D.C. The titles of the papers are: "Factors Important to Developing Leaders of Teams: Findings of a Study Utilizing Problem-Based Learning in the University Classroom" and "Developing Leaders Who Understand the Link Between Theory and Practice: Grounding Leadership Practice with Theoretical Knowledge Through Film."

The Abilene Christian Library named **Dr. Joyce Cornette Palmer** (English) a Friend of the Year and honored her at a special homecoming reception on Oct. 22.

Dr. Bill Cissell (health studies) participated in several events that occurred during the 132nd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA), Nov. 6-10. Among these were representing the School Health Education Services (SHES) Section in the Intersectional Council Meeting, serving as SHES Section/APHA delegate to the National Coalition of Health Education Organizations Delegates Meeting, and presiding over the Parent/Family Involvement in School Health session.

John Weinkein (school of the arts) presented his research paper "Art Making as Storytelling" at the School of Visual Arts 18th Annual National Conference on Liberal Arts and the Education of Artists, held in New York City on Oct. 20.

Dr. Nancy Meagher (chemistry and physics) was invited to present a paper titled "Combustion Modeling and Hydrazine Chemistry" at Lamar University on Oct. 27.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: Nov. 22-Dec. 5, 2004

Mon., Nov. 22	-Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
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Tue., Nov. 23	-Library open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. -Pioneer Basketball vs. Tarleton State, 7 p.m., home
Nov. 24-27	-Library closed for Thanksgiving holiday; bookstore closed; Wellness Center closed
Sun., Nov. 28	-Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center closed
Nov. 29-Dec. 2	-Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Tue., Nov. 30	-Pioneer Basketball vs. St. Edward's, 7 p.m., home
Thur., Dec. 2	-Pioneer Basketball vs. East Central, 7p.m., home
Fri., Dec. 3	-Library open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 4	-Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. -Pioneer Basketball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma, 3 p.m., home
Sun., Dec. 5	-Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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