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HONORS CONVOCATION ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED

Presidential presence will be an integral part of Honors Convocation at TWU on Thurs., April 18, when former president Dr. Mary Evelyn Blagg-Huey -- as keynote speaker -- will share the stage in Margo Jones Performance Hall with current president Dr. Carol Surles. The entire university community -- Denton, Dallas and Houston -- is invited and encouraged to attend the 10:30 a.m. program, which honors outstanding faculty, staff and student accomplishments for the 1995-96 academic year. The general public also is invited to attend, and the TWU National Alumnae Association will host a picnic for everyone on the Pioneer Woman Circle after the event.

Special awards that will be presented include: the Cornaro Award, for a distinguished senior faculty member, and the Mary Mason Lyon Award, to three junior faculty members (who have fewer than 10 years of university teaching) -- all honoring excellence in teaching, research and service; the TWU Excellence Award and Outstanding Achievement Awards, recognizing the dedication of TWU staff members; and Outstanding Senior and Graduate Student Awards. In addition, several student leaders and the 1996 Distinguished Alumnae will be introduced.

Faculty and academic administrators are encouraged to march in the procession and to wear academic regalia. Student members of honorary organizations are welcome to join the procession and to sit in the center section of the hall, directly behind the faculty. Members of the TWU board of regents also have been invited to participate.

The line of march for the academic procession will form at 10:20 a.m. on the circular drive immediately in front of the Music Building and will move into MJPH promptly at 10:30 a.m. Program participants, honorees and others who will be seated on stage will precede the academic procession into the hall. For more information, call the office of the associate vice president for cultural and academic affairs at ext. 3350.

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CELEBRATE DIVERSITY THROUGH SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The TWU committee for campus climate and community will present a free film series during the spring semester for faculty, staff and students in Denton. The scheduled includes:

- "Hispanic Americans: The New Front" and "Their Differences: Myth or Fact?" -- Mon., April 8, and Mon., April 29, from noon to 1 p.m., shown by Dr. Ketty Rodriguez (Library and Information Studies), location to be announced;
- "The Joy Luck Club" -- Wed., April 17, from 2:30 to 6 p.m., ASB 300, shown by Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages), followed by a discussion; and
- "Black Achievements in American History" -- Mon., April 22, noon, location TBA.

In addition, an upcoming program titled "Developing a Healthy Fear of Litigation," featuring Carri Stephens (human resources), will be held on Fri., April 26, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., SC 207-208. For more information on the films or presentation, call ext. 3601.

HOMECOMING 1996: MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS...

Homecoming is a look back and a look ahead -- fond memories of the past as well as dreams for the future. Homecoming 1996 will be all of these things as the office of alumni relations and the TWU National Alumnae Association prepare to welcome former students in Denton April 18-21 with a variety of activities, social events and departmental programs.

Each day of activities follows a theme -- a poignant line from "To the Texas Woman's University" (by Jane Ward Pool, class of '46) -- which highlights a day of memories:

■ Thurs., April 18 -- "*To the Texas Woman's University*" -- Honors Convocation, 10:30 a.m., MJPH; All-University Picnic, 11:45 a.m., Pioneer Woman Circle; and Redbud Awards, 5 p.m., southeast dining room, Hubbard Hall.

■ Fri., April 19 -- "*For everything it stands for*" -- Senior breakfast (honoring graduating seniors of 1995-96), 8:30 to 10 a.m.; Meet and Greet box lunches, noon, various locations; NAA Past Presidents luncheon, noon, HH; tours (1, 2 and 3 p.m.); class pictures; President's reception, 5 to 6 p.m., south foyer, HH; Golden Girls dinner (class of '46), 6 p.m., southeast dining room, HH; It's An Illusion (magic show), 7 to 8:30 p.m., SC Underground; Lantern Parade, 8:45 p.m., starts on the Guinn Hall commons; "Remember when..." at 9 p.m. by reliving favorite moments on campus through song, activity and humor (Guinn Hall commons).

■ Sat., April 20 -- "*The friends we've made...will last our whole lives through*" -- coffee and chocolate rolls, 8:30 a.m., Blagg-Huey Library lecture hall; NAA annual business meeting, 9 to 11:15 a.m., library lecture hall; Distinguished Alumnae Awards luncheon, 11:30 a.m., HH; "Tea and Talk: Estate Planning for Women," offices of alumni relations and the NAA; tours, 3 and 4 p.m.; class pictures, 3 to 6 p.m.; class reunion dinner, 6:30 p.m., including honor classes of '46 and '71, HH (seating begins at 6 p.m.).

■ Sun., April 21 -- "*We pledge ourselves anew.*" -- Chapel service, Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, 9 a.m., followed by a coffee hosted by TWU President Carol Surles at University House (shuttle service provided).

A boutique, silent auction and other activities also will add to the fun. Advance reservations -- *no later than Mon., April 15* -- are required for all activities, and tickets will not be sold at the door. Prices vary with each activity; for a registration form and ticket information, call the TWU office of alumni relations or the NAA at ext. 2586. (A list of programs planned for presentation by academic areas will be published in the April 15 issue of *TWU Update*.)

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OPERA AND DANCE TAKE CENTER STAGE

The TWU department of performing arts programs in dance and music will present two special events in Margo Jones Performance Hall in April; both are open to the public.

The TWU Opera Ensemble will perform a fully-staged musical titled "Putting It Together" on Tues., April 16, at 8 p.m. The production will feature scenes from noted operas, such as: *La Boheme*, *La Sonnambula* and *Trouble in Tahiti*; and from several well-known musicals, including *Les Miserables*, *Purlie* and *Miss Saigon*. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$5 for children, seniors and students with identification; and \$3 for TWU students with identification. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Call ext. 2500 for more information.

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OPERA AND DANCE, *continued*

TWU's programs in dance will present the Spring Festival of Dance on Fri. and Sat., April 12 and 13, at 8 p.m.; ticket prices range from \$2 to \$7 and will be available at the door. More than 10 dances by Master of Fine Arts choreographers will be featured, including: "Walls of Freedom," which looks at the walls that individuals build around themselves and how each yearns to be free; "In Boxes," which explores stereotypes and the struggle to break free of them; and "Waterlude," which explores the quest of making dreams come true. Call ext. 2085 for details.

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TWU WELCOMES NOTED AUTHOR

The TWU School of Library and Information Studies will welcome noted children's author Martin Waddell for a special program on Fri., April 19, at 9:30 a.m., ACT 301. Waddell, an award-winning writer, uses memorable characters and simple narration to reach children -- complemented by illustrations by a variety of artists. A reception, book sale and book signing will follow his presentation. For information, call Dr. Betty Carter (library science) at ext. 2616.

The guest speaker's list of children's books includes such tantalizing titles as *The Big Big Sea*; *Can't You Sleep, Little Bear* (1992 Parents' Choice Award winner); *The Happy Hedgehog Band*; *John Joe and the Big Hen*; *Let's Go Home, Little Bear*; *Little Mo*; and others. For *Farmer Duck*, Waddell received the 1992 American Library Association's Notable Book Award; the 1992 Parents Choice Honor Award; the 1992 Reading-Magic Award, Top 10 Best Books, *Parenting Magazine*; American Bookseller "Pick of the List"; 1993 Notable Children's Book in the Language Arts, National Council of Teachers of English; Booklist Editors' Choice, "Books for Youth"; and *School Library Journal* "Best Books." (*Farmer Duck* deals with the concept of justice -- an issue important to both children and adults, according to Waddell.)

A native of Ireland, Waddell, has written more than 80 books in about 30 years. He once dreamed of playing professional soccer but instead began writing thrillers at age 21. He writes for children, using his experiences as a stay-at-home dad and believes that a picture-book story is "a script for performance to a very personally involved audience that wants to stop, ask questions, look and point things out." *Can't You Sleep, Little Bear?* already is considered a classic bedtime story with more than 400,000 copies in print in the U.S. and more than 1 million copies in print worldwide. It also has received international acclaim by winning the Smarties Grand Prize and the Kate Greenaway Medal (United Kingdom), plus Le Priz des Critiques de Livres pour Enfants (Belgium). The author currently lives with his family and pets in County Down, Northern Ireland.

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LASSO, CAMPUS REPORT TAKE STATEWIDE HONORS

The Lasso and the "Campus Report," TWU's student newspaper and cable television news program, captured 26 awards at the annual conference of the Southwestern Journalism Congress and the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association at Abilene Christian University March 30 and 31. "We are pleased that our students are so competitive with universities in the region and in Texas," said Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland (mass communications). "We faced formidable competition from some large schools, such as the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Oklahoma."

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JOURNALISM, continued

SJC, which includes universities from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, honored *The Lasso* staff with its prestigious Public Service Award for coverage of issues related to TWU's change in admission policy in December 1994. "The newspaper was instrumental in helping people see the issue beyond the issue -- the right of the public to observe and participate in public decisions," said the judges. The "Campus Report" won three second-place awards in non-feature, feature and videography/editing. TWU journalists took four awards in the Texas Inter-collegiate Press Association on-site contests in which students competed under deadline pressure. They also were recognized in 11 TIPA categories for work published or broadcast in 1995.

Members of TIPA include 68 colleges and universities from throughout Texas, and approximately 450 students attended the conference in Abilene. Ragland advises *The Lasso* and Charlie Orbison (mass communications) is broadcast coordinator.

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BRIEFING ON PARKING FEES INCREASE SET

Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) has scheduled a briefing for the campus community on Wed., April 10, from 2 to 3 p.m., ACT 501, "to clarify the facts and circumstances that led to the decision to equalize parking fees university-wide." In an April 8 memorandum to faculty and staff, Surles said she has received several requests for more information concerning the parking fee increase announced two weeks ago. "I look forward to meeting with those who would like to hear our rationale firsthand," she said.

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

The TWU Pioneers gymnastics team finished first in the USA Gymnastics regular season rankings and has qualified for the national championship for the sixth straight year. The Pioneers, winner of the national title the past three years, closed out the season with a national qualifying score (NQS) of 190.430, the first time the squad ever has finished with 190 points or better. Last year, TWU went into the national championships with an NQS of 188.920. The championship comprises eight National Collegiate Athletics Association Division I, II and III teams that give six or fewer scholarships and eight all-around competitors and two specialists per event (eight total).

The 1996 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships will be held at Seattle Pacific University from April 18 to 20. In a change from the previous 12 years, all eight teams will compete in the women's collegiate team preliminaries on Thurs., April 18, in a one session run in a "Capitol Cup" format (four teams compete on one event while the other four teams warm up in a separate gym). In other news:

■ Three TWU basketball players will not return to the team in 1996-97, according to head coach Lynn Brian (kinesiology). Sophomore guard Kim Woolridge, sophomore post Krystal Sarchet and junior post Melissa Crawford cited personal reasons for their decisions.

■ The volleyball team will host a spring tournament on Sat., April 13, in HPER, featuring Central Oklahoma, Tarleton State, North Texas, Abilene Christian and Lee College (Baytown).

NEWSBRIEFS

The TWU Child Development Center will display "masterpiece" artwork of the school's "budding young artists" on Tues., April 23, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the facility, located at 1900 Cherrywood Drive off campus. The CDC also will sponsor a book fair in conjunction with the show, and appropriate materials for readers from infancy through adolescence will be sold. The campus community is invited to attend; for details, call ext. 2321.

Reminder: Dr. Brooke Sheldon, former dean of the TWU School of Library and Information Studies, will present the 10th annual Lillian Bradshaw lecture on Thurs., April 18, at 8 p.m. Sheldon, who currently is dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science for the University of Texas at Austin, will discuss "Leadership and Power in Libraries." The lecture, scheduled in ACT 301, is free and open to the public and the campus community. Call ext. 2602.

The TWU Wellness Center will present "10 Ways to BOOST Your Energy" and maintain a high energy level throughout the day with a special class on Thurs., April 18, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for Wellness Center members and TWU students; and \$7 for non-Center members. For reservations to attend, call ext. 2900.

Reminder: The TWU HIV/Education Coalition, in collaboration with AIDS Services of Denton County, will host a red ribbon panel to discuss HIV/AIDS issues specifically related to a university setting. The panel will be held on Wed., April 10, from noon to 1 p.m., SC 207-208. All TWU students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community, are invited to bring lunch and attend; beverages and desserts will be available. Admission is free. A question-and-answer period will follow the panel discussion. For details, call Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music) at ext. 2523.

Two celebrations honoring Dr. Ann Uhler (Health Sciences) before her retirement this year have been scheduled. On Tues., April 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Mexican buffet will be held on ACT 16. A special program titled "This Is Your Life -- Ann Uhler Gala" will be presented on Sat., May 4, at 6 p.m., Guinn Hall commons. For more information, call Dr. Delaina Walker-Batson at ext. 2029.

Reminder: The office of admissions will host "Transfer Day" in Denton on Sat., April 27, for prospective students who have attended other colleges or universities and who would like to complete their studies at TWU. Students and their families will have an opportunity to question faculty members, talk with TWU students, receive financial aid information and tour the campus. For registration, call Natalie Winston-Brown at ext. 3016 or 3047. Participants should bring official copies of their transcripts so that they can receive accurate information.

Reminder: A candlelight vigil and the "Clothesline Project" are two events focusing on sexual assault as students, faculty and staff at TWU observe Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Students at the University of North Texas will join TWU in the vigil -- the "Take Back the Night" march and rally -- on Thurs., April 11. For details, call student development at ext. 3626 or student activities at ext. 3611. TWU's march begins at 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Woman statue (bring candles). At TWU, the "Clothesline Project" will be shown April 2-5 from 8 a.m. to midnight in the Blagg-Huey Library, and April 10 and 11 all day, SC 2nd floor. In conjunction with the vigil, Diana Philip, legal advocate for Denton County Friends of the Family, will discuss the event's history on Wed., April 10, from 12:15 to 1 p.m., SC 110.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Quick nutrition tips, one-minute meal recipes and other ideas will be offered during a Wellness Center program on Sat., April 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 for Wellness Center members and TWU students; and \$7 for non-Center members. Call ext. 2900 for details.

Food services by Marriott will celebrate Secretaries' Day on Wed., April 24, will a special luncheon featuring food, music and flowers. The event will be held from noon to 2 p.m. in the southeast dining room of Hubbard Hall, and the menu includes the following items: fresh fruit and vegetables, spinach salad with pinenuts and mandarin oranges, shrimp and asparagus salad, honey mustard and raspberry vinaigrette dressings, carved tenderloin with Bernaise, sesame ginger chicken, oven-roasted potatoes, sugar snap peas with red bell pepper and a dessert station. The cost per person is \$9.50, and reservations are requested by Wed., April 17; tables may be reserved for large groups of six to eight persons. Call ext. 3663.

Reminder: TWU faculty and staff are invited to participate in the university's fifth annual "On My Own Time" employee arts and crafts exhibition, which will be displayed April 29 through May 10, 1996. The deadline for entries is 4 p.m. on Fri., April 12.

TWU's first Spring Zing bed races will be held on Fri., April 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Pioneer Circle. Representatives from eight registered campus organizations will vie for top prizes. Everyone is invited to show their school spirit and enjoy the show! For details, call ext. 3626.

An exhibit titled "Rosalie Fulton: American Realism Artist" is on display in the Catherine Jane Merchant Reading Room of the Woman's Collection in the TWU Blagg-Huey Library through May 31. The western paintings, by the 1942 TWU alum, can be seen Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fulton, who majored in art in advertising, is well known for her western art featured in *Western Horseman Magazine* and *Art West Magazine*. Her work has been accepted for many juried art shows, and several galleries have solicited her work.

Reminder: A faculty voice recital featuring Dr. Nicki Cohen and Lanelle Stevenson (both performing arts, music) will be held Thurs., April 25, at 8 p.m., MJPH. The free recital will feature the duet "Ardo e scoprir" by Claudio Monteverdi; a selection of Schumann songs sung by Cohen; a selection of Poulenc songs sung by Stevenson; and "Gloria," a vocal duet composed by Ned Rorem. The public is invited; a reception will be held after the performance. Call ext. 2500.

Financial aid staff members in Denton, Dallas and Houston have concluded another record year in their office: they received and evaluated a total of 7,746 applications, and 5,294 students received an overall total of \$29,254,778 in assistance to date. Additionally, an average of 168 students visited TWU's financial aid offices daily, and staff received and responded to an average of 114 phone calls each day as well.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) presented a research paper on contemporary dramatist Beth Henley in the theater section at the national American Culture Association meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., March 25. Bridges also has been invited to serve as a reviewer for grants for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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TWU PEOPLE, *continued*

The Journal of Women's History recently published a review article by Dr. **Ingrid Scobie** (history and government) titled "American First Ladies and the Question of Identity."

Dee Siscoe (student activities) was appointed educational services coordinator for the National Association for Campus Activities, south central region. As coordinator, Siscoe will supervise three regional conferences: the leadership academy, professional development workshop and the advanced leaders workshop. Additionally, she will coordinate educational sessions at regional conferences; conduct needs assessments on programming and leadership; and develop educational resources for the region. The two-year position is part of NACA's regional steering committee.

A presentation by Dr. **Andie Hsueh** (nutrition and food sciences) was selected by the American Institute of Nutrition's public information committee for inclusion in materials that will be given to news reporters during the annual meeting of Experimental Biology '96. The meeting will be held in Washington, D.C., April 14-16. The American Institute of Nutrition is a member society of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology. Hsueh's work is titled "Reduction of Chemically-Induced Mammary Tumorigenesis with Soy Diet, 20 Percent Fewer Calories."

Carri Stephens (human resources) participated in a panel presentation titled "Tokenism: How Many Is Enough" during a March 15 program at the University of North Texas, "Beyond Affirmative Action: A Conversation Between Men and Women about Race, Gender and the Future."

Dr. **John Flohr** (performing arts, music) has been selected to present research at the conference of the International Society for Music Educators World Congress in Amsterdam July 22-27. This honor is extended to only three or four American early childhood music researchers. The research, co-authored by Dr. **Daniel C. Miller** (psychology and philosophy), also will be presented at a seminar in Winchester, England, July 15-19.

Dr. **Carol Surles** (president's office) was nominated by Dr. Henry Ponder, president of Fisk University -- Surles' alma mater, to receive a Distinguished Alumnus citation from the National Association for Equal Opportunity. Ceremonies will be held in Washington, D.C., April 18; Surles, however, will preside at Honors Convocation that day and will receive her citation by mail.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Irene G. Robertson**, former assistant professor in the School of Occupational Therapy (Houston Center), who died on March 22. Before she came to TWU, Robertson was chief of OT at TIRR and chief of OT at Hermann Hospital. She taught at TWU from September 1963 until her retirement in August 1985.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: APRIL 8-14, 1996

April 1- May 31	-Exhibit: "Citizens at Last: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Texas," Blagg-Huey Library second floor, Woman's Collection; all day. (Ext. 3751)
April 1-30	-Exhibit: "Homecoming '96," Blagg-Huey Library, 1st floor, all day. (Ext. 3748)
April 3-20	-Voertman's student art competition exhibit, Fine Arts Gallery, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.
Mon.-Thurs., April 8-11	-Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-midnight. -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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CALENDAR, *continued*

- April 8-11 -Learning Assistance brown bag seminar: "Rating Your Learning and Study Skills," CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)
- Mon., Apr. 8 -Telephone registration begins for summer and fall 1996 semester. (TWU-CRIS)
-Blagg-Huey Library training: "Research Tools 122.01 Internet: Sociology," SH, 2:30 p.m.(Ext. 3702)
-Question-and-answer session with candidate for vice president of finance and administration, ACT 301, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- Tues., Apr. 9 -Career Services: "Teacher Interview Day," Hubbard Hall, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Wed., Apr. 10 -Academic Computing Center training: Internet 101.05, SH 313, 10-11:30 a.m.
-TWU/HIV Education Coalition/AIDS Services of Denton County red ribbon panel discussion, SC 207-208, noon-1 p.m. (Ext. 2523)
-Student development program: Diana Philip, legal advocate, Denton County Friends of the Family, will discuss the history of the "Take Back the Night" vigil, SC 110, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 3626)
-Blagg-Huey Library training: "Research Tools 102.0 You're First with FirstSearch," SH, 2:30 p.m. (Ext. 3702)
-Parking fees briefing, ACT 501, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3201)
- Thur., Apr. 11 -Exit interviews for loan recipients, Denton, ADM 129, 3 p.m. (Ext. 3067)
-Sexual Assault Awareness Month: candlelight vigil -- "Take Back the Night" march and rally begins at the Pioneer Woman statue, 6 p.m. (Ext. 3626)
- Apr. 12-13 -Performing arts, dance: "Spring Festival of Dance," MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2085)
- Fri., Apr. 12 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
-Last day to files theses, dissertations and professional papers by students completing degree requirements for May 1996.
-Deadline for entries for "On My Own Time" arts and craft exhibition, 4 p.m.
-Faculty Senate meeting, SC 207-208, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3393)
-EFE enrollment meeting #2, MCL auditorium, 10 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 2206)
-FNTAU Molecular Biology Symposium, CFO, 9 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 2351)
-Tennis: TWU vs. Texas Wesleyan, Denton, 2 p.m. (Ext. 2378)
-Blagg-Huey Library training: "Research Tools 116.01 Internet: Kinesiology," SH, 2:30 p.m. (Ext. 3702)
-Exit interviews for loan recipients, Denton campus, ADM 129, 3 p.m. (Ext. 3067)
-University Club social hour, 5-7 p.m.
- Sat., Apr. 13 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore closed.
-GRE testing, MCL auditorium, 8 a.m. (Ext. 3801)
- Sun., Apr. 14 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Bookstore closed.

COMING EVENTS

- April 18-21 -Homecoming activities. (Ext. 3586)
April 18 -Honors Convocation, MJPH, 10:30 a.m. (Ext. 3350)