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SIMMONS WILL WALK THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Retirement means new adventures...

For Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life), the road less traveled has been one of growing flowers, playing with grandchildren and spending time at home. By the end of this week, however, she will take her first steps along that path when she retires after 36 years of teaching, service, leadership and dedication at TWU. "It hit me last week. I'm on two search committees and was looking at my schedule for meetings on February 11 and 19...something in the morning and something in the afternoon. I thought that I would just go to the office in between meetings - and then I realized that I won't have an office!" laughed Simmons. "It will be an adjustment, but the secret is staying busy."

All TWU faculty, staff, students, friends and members of the community are invited to a retirement reception for Simmons on Wed., Feb. 5, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Family members, special guests and members of the community will be present to celebrate, reminisce and cheer about their favorite vice president's time at TWU. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) and others will participate in a special presentation for Simmons at 5:15 p.m.

Looking back over the years, Simmons said that seeing what happens to students as they go through TWU's system has been the best part of her job. "Many of our students come here shy, scared and lacking self-confidence -- sometimes they are naive. They are emerging from a time of great dependence on their families," she said. "When they graduate, they walk across the stage with a sparkle in their eye and a firm handshake. They have learned how to accept responsibilities, take risks and improve on their performance. A real transformation occurs."

She added, "As I have walked through the Student Center and other places, I have been so excited to see our students working and studying together -- they look like a rainbow. Sometimes seeing students who have been acculturated in a very narrow perspective who become multiculturally aware is truly beautiful, and I hope it happens for all of our students."

Retirement will mean opportunities to travel and to share more time with family members. Simmons wanted to tell TWU faculty staff and students: "I have appreciated the opportunities I've had here and all of the relationships I've developed -- plus all of the satisfaction that those relationships have provided to my career. I can't imagine another career that could have given me the same level of satisfaction. There is something to be said for being part of a community for a long time. It certainly is a positive experience. I do anticipate that I will continue to be a member of the campus community, but I will experience it in a different way!"

Simmons, a TWU alumna, began her career here in 1961 as an instructor in the department of business and economics. She was promoted to assistant professor and served in that capacity until 1982, when she became dean of student life and then vice president for student life in 1983. She has been honored as an outstanding professor four times, as a Minnie Stevens Piper Award nominee twice and as a recipient of the Baptist Student Union Top Professor Award. The Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Award was established by TWU students in her honor.

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In addition, the TWU Delphi chapter of Mortar Board has established the Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons Scholarship Fund. The \$1,000 scholarship will be presented during the spring 1997 semester in recognition of Simmons' work as a member of the TWU faculty and as vice president for student life. (Simmons is an honorary member and has served as a Mortar Board advisor.) Persons who would like to make additional contributions to the scholarship honoring Simmons are invited to do so. Checks should be made payable to the Dr. Glenda Brock Simmons Scholarship Fund (*not* Texas Woman's University).

Interim appointments in student life announced...

Effective Mon., Feb. 10, Dr. Richard Nicholas (student life) will serve as acting vice president for student life and Dee Siscoe will fill in as acting assistant vice president for student life. Nicholas joined TWU in February 1996; he previously was dean of students at the University of Evansville (Ind.). He earned his bachelor's degree in geology at the University of Texas at Austin, his master's degree in higher education administration from Southern Illinois University and his doctorate in higher education administration from UT-Austin. Siscoe, a doctoral candidate in higher education administration at the University of North Texas, was director of student development activities at the University of New Orleans before she joined TWU in 1994 as assistant director of student activities. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Southwest Missouri State University and a master's degree in education from the University of Florida.

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TWU, AAUW EXPAND HORIZONS IN WORKSHOP

Big rigs, potato chips, computers and hand lotion are all important when 3-D software modeling, chemistry, mathematics and science are involved -- especially for girls, who traditionally have been told "...you can't do math or science." These myths and others can be broken, especially through programs like "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics," a career conference for young women scheduled on Sat., Feb. 8, at TWU. The program will be presented by the Denton and greater Lewisville branches of the American

Association of University Women, plus TWU's Science and Mathematics Center for Women and the Math/Science Network.

The fee to attend is \$5 per person (plus \$2 for those who wish to take a bus from Lewisville High School to TWU (seating is limited). The conference is geared toward girls in grades 7 and 8, but workshops also will be provided for adults. For information about registration, contact Lois Farnes at (972) 317-0436 or Cathy Banks at ext. 2769.

A variety of workshops for students and adults will be held in MCL from 8:15 a.m. to 12:30. Students may attend three workshops. Some of the topics include: construction without power tools (learn about architecture); BYTEing your way to success (computer technology); teen-age heart throb (the sounds of your heart); and others. Three workshops for parents are scheduled: financing your child's education (9 a.m.), high school course opportunities (10 a.m.) and summer opportunities in mathematics and science (11 a.m.).

Contributors for the program include the Denton County Women's Education Network, First State Bank of Texas, Frito-Lay Inc., IBM Corporation-Dallas, Kroger Food Stores, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Mobil Land Development Corporation, Morrison Milling Company, the National Honor Society, Region XI Education Service Center, Texas Instruments and Wyatt's Cafeteria.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXPRESSES DIVERSITY

The TWU offices of intercultural services and student activities will present a number of activities commemorating Black History Month; events are free unless otherwise noted. Students, faculty, staff and the community are invited to participate. For more information, call Patrick Vasquez (intercultural services) at ext. 2769 or Dee Siscoe (student activities) at ext. 3611.

■ *Diversity Daze film series* -- Feb. 4 -- "United and Involvement in the African American Community," a keynote speech by Dr. Michael Dyson that he delivered during the 1996 Southwestern Black Student Leadership Conference, 4 p.m., SC Underground, free;

■ *Black History Month Performance Day* -- Feb. 11 -- Students, faculty and staff are invited to read poetry, sing, tell stories or engage in other activities that celebrate Black history (register in the office of intercultural services, ext. 3769), noon, SC Underground (co-sponsored by the Black History Month planning team), free;

■ *Diversity Awareness series* -- Feb. 12 -- Rev. George Edwards will talk about Bessie Head, a Black South African writer exiled from her country, and her influences in South African and the United States, 7 p.m., SC 207-208, free;

■ *African-American storyteller* -- Feb. 19 -- Storyteller and author Peaches Smith tells stories about African-American history, African tales, drug and alcohol prevention (her stories promote education and self-esteem), 3 p.m., SC 006-007, free;

■ *Field trip* -- Feb. 21 -- Students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in this trip to the Museum of African Life and Culture (register in student activities), depart at 9 a.m., \$3;

■ *Soul food dinner* -- Feb. 24 -- Students, faculty and staff are invited to sample great Soul food and to help by cooking their favorite entrees, 6 to 9 p.m., SC Underground, free;

■ *Osun Art and Cultural Group* -- Feb. 25 -- Performances by this cultural group from Nigeria will include an art display and a drumming workshop as part of the organization's goal to expose U.S. audiences to African culture, 11 a.m. to noon or noon to 2 p.m., SC 207-208, free.

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FEBRUARY MEAN REALLY FINE ARTS

The TWU departments of performing arts and visual arts would like to involve the campus community and the general public to participate in several programs in February.

■ *The American Music Gala* -- A variety of performers from area schools and community organizations will perform at 3 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The concert will feature the TWU University Chorus, the Denton Community Chorus, choruses from the Denton Independent School District and the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra. (See the Jan. 27 issue of *TWU Update* for program details.) Tickets are \$5 per person Call ext. 2500 for details.

■ *Concert* -- Feb. 18 -- TWU music therapy major and flutist Tammy Johnston will perform at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Her repertoire includes "For Fancies," during which she will play four musical instruments. Soprano and TWU vocal student Rachel Ratcliff will join Johnston for two selections. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

■ *"Scannograms"* -- Feb. 24 -- The TWU department of visual arts will host an exhibition by Darryl Curran from Feb. 24 through March 14, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Arts Building (east gallery). The show, titled *Allusion/Illusions: Scannograms -- 1993-96*, will feature computer-generated "scannograms" by the California-based artist and educator. Call ext. 2530.

■ *Objects in the Mirror* -- Feb. 14 -- The TWU drama program in the department of performing arts will present *Objects in the Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear* Feb. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.
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HUMAN SUBJECTS REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL MEET

The 1996-97 human subjects review committee for the Denton campus will meet to review applications during the spring semester will meet monthly through May. "In order for an application to be reviewed at a meeting, the office of research and grants must receive the paperwork on the Wednesday of the week prior to that meeting," said Dr. Jo Ann Engelbrecht (family sciences), committee chair. She added, "The most current application form has a revision date of July 1996. Each department should have a copy of the form, or one can be obtained by call the HSRC office at ext. 3377 or use e-mail: HSRC@TWU.EDU.

Deadline to receive HSRC applications

Meeting date

Feb. 5, 1997
Feb. 26, 1997
March 26, 1997
April 23, 1997

Feb. 14, 1997
March 7, 1997
April 4, 1997
May 2, 1999

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RETIREES' NAMES SOUGHT

The TWU office of human resources is requesting the names of all faculty and staff members who are retiring from TWU during the current school year, September 1996 to August 1997. The 1997 TWU retirees will be honored during a dinner on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall for Denton retirees. This year's retirement recognition programs in Dallas and Houston will be held in conjunction with the service award program -- in Houston on March 12 and in Dallas on Feb. 27. Please submit the names of retirees from all departments by Fri., Feb. 14. "This information will assist us with planning for the dinner and will ensure that retirees are included on the list of honorees," said Carri Stephens (human resources). "However, please continue to submit names as you become aware of an employee's intention to retire. Also...if you know of someone who retired last year but who was not recognized at the 1996 dinner, please call use so that they may be included next year." For more information, call ext. 3555.

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

Softball hits the mound at TWU after almost two decades without the sport on campus, and the department of intercollegiate athletics asks all TWU faculty, staff, students and community members to help kick off an historic season on Feb. 7. The regular season starts at 1:30 p.m. with a doubleheader against Concordia University at Austin on the new softball field.

Speaking of a good start...the season heats up on Feb. 13 with two special games against Mississippi State University -- coached by none other than TWU 1979 national softball champion-ship team member Kathy Arendsen. This softball doubleheader will be an Alumni Appreciation event, and many members of the TWU 1979 championship team are coming to Denton and will be introduced between the two games. A banner recognizing the 1979 national title team will be presented and later hung in the outfield. Everyone is invited to a special reception in the SC Underground from 5 to 7 p.m. following the doubleheader. The first games begins at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free with a valid TWU ID; all other adults are \$3, students are \$2 and children ages 12 and under are free. Call ext. 2378 for details.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Reminder: Founders' Day activities are scheduled on Fri., Feb. 21. A reception, which includes a special Founders' Day exhibit, will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Blagg-Huey Library, followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the southeast room of Hubbard Hall. The featured speaker will be Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs), and the Daughters of the Pioneer will perform. The cost to attend both the reception and dinner is \$10 per person. Reservations are requested by Tues., Feb. 18; for details or to reserve a place, call the TWU National Alumnae Association at ext. 2586.

The TWU Delphi chapter of Mortar Board has received a \$150 grant to assist with its efforts on child literacy issues. The grant is one of only 10 in the United States awarded by the organization's national office. Members of the chapter also are pleased that Sylvia Cavillo, vice president, has been chosen to serve on a national committee for Mortar Board.

Reminder: MCARES, a mobile nursing unit that will be launched in Dallas this spring by TWU and the Mattel Foundation, will be open for tours in Denton on Founders' Day (Fri., Feb. 21). Dr. Joannette McGadney (Nursing, Dallas) will conduct the tours throughout the day and into the evening as one of the day's activities. Everyone is welcome; call McGadney at 8-2-6513.

"Skin Deep," part 1 of a diversity training workshop presented by the TWU committee for campus climate and community, will be held on Tues., Feb. 11, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., SC 207-208. Patrick Vasquez (intercultural services) will facilitate; the campus community is invited to attend. For more information, call the TWU office of student life at ext. 3601.

Reminder: The TWU office of financial aid will offer "financial aid curb service" and help sessions beginning in January and continuing through April 1. "Curb service" is scheduled this week (Jan. 27-31, 1997). Specific dates and locations include: Mon., Jan. 27 -- Student Center, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tues., Jan. 28 -- MCL, ASB, SH and Guinn Hall, 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.; Wed., Jan. 29 -- MCL, ASB and SH, 9:45 to 11:45 a.m.; Wed., Jan. 29 -- MCL, ASB, SH and Stark Hall, 5:30 to 7:45 p.m.; and Thurs., Jan. 30 -- MCL, ASB and SH, 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. "Help sessions" on financial aid will be offered on Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning Feb. 4 through April 1. A campus-wide financial aid workshop for faculty and staff will be held on Wed., Feb. 5, from 11 a.m. to noon, ACT 3. Call ext. 3055 for details.

Attention, all TWU faculty and staff: all local funds checks will be run nightly in information technology services beginning Mon., Feb. 10, 1997. "This change will significantly reduce the drain on the university's computer processing during the day and will eliminate considerable manual handling of these checks," said Marsha Pettit (controller's office). To implement this process, all paperwork for check requests must be in the controller's office by 3 p.m. so that the check can be run that evening. Checks will be available by 11 a.m. on the following day. *No exceptions will be made in order to ensure maximum efficiency.* "Your cooperation in implementing this new process will be appreciated," said Pettit. For details, call ext. 8-1-3525.

Time change: The Center for Research on Women's Health will conduct the "Brainstormin' Teleconference Part II" on Fri., Feb. 21, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the following locations: Denton -- MCL 811; Dallas-Parkland -- DED 230; Dallas-Presbyterian -- room 109; and Houston -- ED 83. Persons who wish to share their research interests with the TWU

communication regarding women's health issues should plan to attend. For information, call ext. 2792.

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NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

Reminder: Public relations and advertising executive Liz Oliphant will be the featured speaker for the Jackie Greer Executive-in-Residence Lecture Series on Wed., Feb. 19, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., SC 207-208. The program is free and open to the public. Oliphant is the owner of Liz Oliphant and Associates, Inc. For details, call business and economics at ext. 2111.

The TWU master's degree program in school psychology has been granted full approval from the National Association of School Psychologists through Dec. 31, 1999, according to Dr. Daniel Miller (psychology and philosophy).

The next meeting of the core curriculum review committee will be held on Fri., Feb. 14, at 3 p.m., ACT 10; the deadline for proposals that will be discussed during that meeting must be submitted to Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs) by Fri., Feb. 7. Call ext. 3350 for details.

The TWU curriculum committee will meet on Fri., Feb. 21; the deadline for proposals, which must be submitted to Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs), is Tues., Feb. 4. Call Berry's office at ext. 3350 for additional information, including time and location.

The date for the Elaine Cudd (Nursing) retirement dinner has been changed from Feb. 13 to Thurs., Feb. 20. Times and locations remain the same: reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. in the south foyer of Hubbard Hall. For details, call ext. 2401.

The Institute for Clinical Services and Applied Research will present an interdisciplinary clinical staffing workshop on Thurs., Feb. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., ACT 3, and repeated that evening from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the same location. No taping -- audio or video -- will be permitted during the staffing workshop. For more information, call ext. 2288.

The TWU CARES Health Center has been listed in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's directory titled *University-Community Partnerships: Current Practices Volume II*. The program was included in the last year's volume as well. The publication highlights 328 creative partnerships that 225 institutions of higher education have formed with their communities to mobilize collective resources that benefit both segments.

The TWU Wellness Center has a variety of opportunities planned for fitness and fun in February! Several are listed below; call ext. 2900 for more information:

■ How to Give Massage -- Just in time for Valentine's Day, massage therapist Martha Jacobsen will teach this hands-on class on Tues., Feb. 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. about the basics of massage. The cost is \$10 for one person or \$15 for two.

■ Weightlifting -- The center also will offer classes on how individuals can build their own weightlifting workouts on free weights or weight machines. The cost is \$10 per class, which each will last about one and one-half hours. "Weight Machines" will be offered on Sat., Feb. 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and "Free Weights" will be taught on Sat., Feb. 22, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

■ The TWU nutrition clinic will offer a nutrition talk titled "How Does Your Diet Rate?" on Thurs., Feb. 13, from 12:15 to 1 p.m., JH 201. The cost is \$5 per person for the class, which will be taught by registered dietitian Johnna Hinton. Participants will look at what is missing from their diets and how to make necessary changes.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Gayle McNurlen** (Occupational Therapy, Dallas), Dr. **Grace Gilkison** (professor and dean emeritus) and OT master's student **Christopher Drake** wrote an article titled "Computer-Assisted Instruction in Occupational Therapy Education" that was published in the November/December 1996 issue of the *Journal of Occupational Therapy*.

Dr. **Janette Schkade** (Occupational Therapy) and **Catherine Orr's** (Occupational Therapy, Dallas) article on "The Impact of the Classroom Environment in Defining unction in School-Based Practice" was published in the January issue of the *Journal of Occupational Therapy*.

Dr. **Denise Lucer-Miller** (Counseling Center) is co-author of a chapter titled "Beyond Political Corrections" in an upcoming book called *Teaching About Culture, Ethnicity, and Diversity: Exercises and Planned Activities*.

Last week staff members in the TWU housing office hosted members representing the Association of College and University Housing Officers International (Jan. 29 to Feb. 2) for their Chief Housing Officer National Training Institute. Directors of university housing and residence life programs from 27 states and Mexico visited TWU. The institute's faculty are known nationally for their expertise in leadership, strategic planning, higher education politics and funding for higher education. **Nancy Murphy-Chadwick** (housing) recently co-authored a white paper titled "Creating a Sense of Community within a Diverse Population" published through ACUHO-I.

Murphy-Chadwick was one of four faculty who presented a two-day workshop titled "Residential Life Program Innovations, Renovation of Residences, Design and New Construction"; the workshop was sponsored by the Association of College Administration Professionals. She presented sessions on innovations in programs and community development,

academic initiatives and renovation of student rooms to apartments. **Bambi Harris** will present a program in February titled "They Shop Until They Drop -- Meeting the Needs of the 'Mall Generation'" at the National Association for College and University Food Service regional conference in Fayetteville, Ark.

Sympathy is extended to **Chandra Schorg** (business and economics) following the death of her mother on Jan. 27; services were held in New York.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: FEBRUARY 3-9, 1997

- Jan. 13-Feb. 14 -Visual arts exhibit: "Breaking Into the Main Stream: Texas African
American Artists, Art Building, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Ext. 2530)
- Mon.-Thurs., -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight.
Feb. 3-6 -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
 -Learning assistance center brown bag seminar: "Why Can't I Get
Motivated?" CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)
- Feb. 3-7 -Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

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CALENDAR, continued

- Tues., Feb. 4 -Student development leadership program: "Communication," SC 108,
12:15 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
 -Arts and Sciences candidate public presentation. Dr. Jeffrey Smitten,
Utah State University, ACT 3, 1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3378)
 -Financial aid help session, financial aid office, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Ext. 3050)
 -Gymnastics: TWU vs. Oklahoma, DGL Building, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2378)
- Wed., Feb. 5 -Retirement reception honoring Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life), south-
east room, HH, 4:30-6 p.m.; presentation at 5:15 p.m. (Ext. 3201)
 -SGA meeting, SC 006-007, 5-7 p.m. (Ext. 3626)
- Thurs., Feb. 6 -Arts and Sciences candidate public presentation with Dr. Wayne Powell,
Oklahoma State University, ACT 3, 1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3378)
- Fri., Feb. 7 -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
 -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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- Continuing education workshop: "Ways to be (Un)ethical," check-in on ACT 2, workshop on ACT 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 3411)
- College of Education and Human Ecology: teacher education program meeting #1 for undergraduate students who have not already attended enrollment meetings; MCL auditorium, 9:30 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 3585)
- TOSS executive board meeting, ADM 128, noon. (Ext. 3585)
- Softball: TWU vs. Concordia University at Austin, TWU Softball complex, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. (Ext. 2378)
- Biology seminar: "Tropical Biology in Costa Rica," Michael Dixon, Texas Wesleyan University, CFO 205, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2351)
- University Club social hour: Barbara and Ike Orloff's home, 5-7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 8

- Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed.
- Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Performing arts, dance: graduate Dance auditions, DGL Studio, all day.
- Science and Mathematics Center for Women: "Expanding Your Horizons," MCL building, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. (Ext. 2769)
- Admissions Saturday Visit program, CFO second floor, 9 a.m.-noon.

Sun., Feb. 9

- Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed.
- Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- Softball: TWU vs. Texas Tech, TWU Softball Complex, noon and 2 p.m.
- American Music Gala, MJPH, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2500)

OTHER EVENTS

Feb. 3-4

- Education Service Center, Region XI, southeast room, Hubbard Hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 3644)

Feb. 7-14

- American Red Cross conference, SC 207-208, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 3644)

Feb. 8

- Cinderella Scholarship Pageant, banquet room, HH, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.