

TWU HOUSTON CENTER RECEIVES LARGE GRANT

A team of educators from the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center will use distance learning to provide courses for health professionals in the LaGrange, Texas, area. The \$409,000 grant from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, titled "Interdisciplinary Health Care Education Using Distance Technology in Rural Texas," was awarded from the state's tobacco settlement fund, which is administered by the Coordinating Board. TWU faculty from physical therapy, occupational therapy, health care administration, nursing, and nutrition and food sciences will work in collaboration with personnel at Fayette Memorial Hospital in LaGrange to recruit and train health professionals from that area.

TWU faculty members involved in the grant are Dr. Ann Walker (Physical Therapy) and Dr. Diana Garza (health care administration), who will coordinate a team of TWU educators from nutrition, nursing and occupational therapy. They, in turn, will offer interdisciplinary courses on-line and through teleconferencing. Fayette Memorial Hospital administrators who will work with the TWU team include CEO Kelley Oliphint and Jennifer Hofmann, director and project liaison.

"Through this grant, we will develop and maintain a long-term partnership between academic programs at TWU and rural professionals, and we will establish practicum sites for interdisciplinary teams of students who are interested in rural health," said Walker. "Another goal we have identified is to collaborate with rural health professionals and to identify ways in which we can increase the number of health care students from rural counties who are enrolled in graduate programs."

Other goals include:

- Providing on-line and on-site interdisciplinary training in team dynamics and group process so that students and health care professionals can practice an interdisciplinary health care delivery model for individuals who are living in medically underserved areas;
- Enabling teams of interdisciplinary health care students to describe rural, social, cultural and residential population characteristics that have an impact on health care needs and delivery; and

to relate policy and financial issues to health care services; and to identify health challenges of rural communities; and

- Designing collaborative interdisciplinary research that is focused on health care issues.

Additional TWU faculty members who were part of the original TWU team include Dr. Doris Wright and Dr. Rose Bush (nutrition and food sciences); Dr. Rebecca Krepper and Cheryl Juneau (Nursing); Dr. Jaclyn Low and Harriett Davidson (Occupational Therapy); and Dr. Julie Sakowski (health care administration).

For details, call Walker at 8-4-2070 or Garza at 8-4-2213; send e-mail inquiries to hcteams@twu.edu.

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PURCHASING DEADLINES DRAW NEAR

Staff members in the controller's office remind all departments, colleges and schools that several important purchasing and accounts payable deadlines will occur within the next few weeks. A list of those deadlines is provided below; anyone who has questions should call 8-1-3525.

Purchasing

- \$0 to \$2,000 -- Orders for \$2,000 or less must have an approved requisition in RHEA and related documents submitted to purchasing by Aug. 4, 2000.
- \$2,001 to \$10,000 -- Orders for \$2,001 to \$10,000 must have an approved requisition in RHEA and related documents submitted to purchasing by July 28, 2000.
- The deadline for processing orders of more than \$10,000 has passed; therefore, any purchase amounts in that category must be processed for FY 2001.

Accounts Payable

- For expensed items (those coded as "81" in M&O) that will be paid with FY 2000 funds, invoices must be dated no later than Aug. 31, 2000, and they must be in the accounts payable office by Fri., Aug. 8, 2000. In addition, items must be received both physically and on-line by Aug. 31, 2000. (Note: Capital items, or those coded as "83," may be received after Aug. 31.)
- FY 2000 open purchase orders coded as "81" in M&O or "82" in travel that are related to a fund 10, 12 or 14 account will be closed if an invoice and/or goods are not received by Sept. 8.
- Purchasing card charges prior to Aug. 15, 2000, will be paid from FY 2000 funds; card charges

after Aug. 15 will be paid with FY 2001 funds.

- All travel documents related to FY 2000 purchase orders must be in the accounts payable office by Fri., Sept. 8, 2000, for payment.

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HOUSING STAFF RECRUITS CAMPUS VOLUNTEERS (REMINDER)

The TWU department of university housing wants *you* -- TWU faculty and staff -- to be a part of students' experiences on campus when they arrive for the first time -- especially when they check into the residence halls. With that goal in mind, housing staff members are asking faculty and staff to volunteer a few hours of their time in August to help students and family members make the move to campus life.

"TWU has a reputation of providing a strong academic experience, within a supportive environment, for its students. A critical component in achieving this outcome is the contact that students have with faculty, plus other university staff and administrators," said Nancy Murphy-Chadwick (housing). "The residence life program would like to provide you with an opportunity to make a difference in our students' lives by participating in our annual 'Welcome to Campus' program." A memorandum and a volunteer form were distributed in late May and early June.

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Participating faculty, staff and administrators will be available in the residence halls between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 23, to help new students and their parents move in belongings; to greet them as they check in ; and to serve refreshments. Other volunteers are needed that evening from 7 to 9 p.m. during a room decorating program to walk the floors, greet students and hand out supplies for the decoration project. All volunteers will receive a special T-shirt. Interested persons should fill out the housing volunteer form for the "Welcome to Campus" program and return it by July 10; volunteers are asked to sign up for a two-hour time slot. For forms or more information, call housing at 8-1-3676.

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RESEARCH ABSTRACTS ARE SOUGHT

Research abstracts are being accepted now for the fourth annual Houston International Community Health Summit, scheduled on Sept. 21 and 22, at the Crowne Plaza Houston Medical Center. This year, TWU is an HICHS sponsor, according to Dr. Kathryn Peek (Institute for Women's Health), and several faculty members will speak.

"HICHS is an annual two-day event that links health professionals from around the world," explained Peek. "Participants gain new perspectives, learn new techniques and developing longlasting bonds that can lead to new solutions to common health problems." The 2000 summit will focus on the topics of cultural competence and spirituality; substance abuse and mental health; community health and outcomes; and special issues facing vulnerable populations. Approximately 200 health professionals, government officials and community members are expected to attend.

TWU's scheduled speakers include Peek, Dr. Lynn Wieck (Nursing, Houston) and Dr. Diana Garza (nutrition and food sciences, Houston). Other confirmed speakers will include Dr. Thomas Chapman, executive director of "Opening Doors," based in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Ann Robinson -- a TWU distinguished alumna, octogenarian and humorist -- and author of *What's New About Aging?*; Dr. S. Pinones-Martinez, president of Universidad Autonoma de Tamaulipas in Tampico, Mexico; Dr. Carla Cooper, executive director of St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities; Dr. Peggy Nosek, director of the Baylor College of Medicine Center for Research on Women with Disabilities; and Dr. Andy Achenbaum, dean of the College of Humanities, Fine Arts and Community at the University of Houston and chair of the National Council on Aging.

A limited number of sites is available to display relevant research posters that have been presented at recent professional meetings. To request poster space, fax the following information to Margaret Equopi Bate at (281) 564-9674*51: a one-page abstract; contact information (your name, title, mailing address, phone, fax and e-mail address); and a one-page biographical sketch or curriculum vita. This information must be received by July 31, 2000.

For more information, contact Peek by phone at 8-1-2482 or by e-mail at kpeek@twu.edu.

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New logos, letterhead and designs featuring TWU's Centennial and "Simply the Best" logos now are available through printing services. The new designs were created by publications staff members in the office of public information. New templates for departmental fact brochures also are offered through printing services.

"These new logos and designs have been approved by Dr. Ann Stuart (president's office) for immediate use," said Susan Sponsler (public information). "Among the printed items are the new letterhead, business cards and envelopes using the Centennial logo and the 'Simply the Best' logo. These will replace our current university letterheads, business cards and envelopes throughout the Centennial, beginning immediately."

The new designs must be used for all requests to print or reprint departmental letterheads, business cards or envelopes. If departments need to print letterheads or envelopes to match existing supplies in the current design, they should print only enough to meet their existing supply.

The new departmental fact brochure templates, also approved by Stuart for immediate use, offer several options -- different covers and inside layout choices -- for three-panel brochures, but they can be adjusted to four panels when needed. The new designs must be used for all requests to print or reprint departmental brochures -- both undergraduate and graduate. All departmental brochures must be approved by the office of public information for content and final layout before they are printed.

Questions? Contact Sponsler at 8-1-3456.

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

TWU softball star Cathy Jacobson has received two outstanding honors recently: the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and GTE Academic All-America recognition (for the second consecutive year). Jacobson, a native of Fridley, Minn., is a senior majoring in kinesiology; she has a 3.68 overall grade point average.

The TWU student-athlete, who played softball from 1996 to 2000, will receive \$5,000 from the NCAA for postgraduate study at the university or professional school of her choice. The NCAA announced that 107 student-athletes nationwide who competed in sports other than football or basketball will receive this scholarship. Jacobson is one of 27 recipients in the category of "Women's Other Sports, Divisions II and III," and she is the only representative from the Lone Star Conference. She is the fourth Pioneer student-athlete to earn this prestigious scholarship since 1993; the other recipients were Sylvia Bennett (gymnastics, 1993), Tammi Julch (basketball, 1994) and Monique Taylor (gymnastics, 1996).

Jacobson also was named to the 2000 GTE Academic All-America Softball Team (college division) third team -- a national team chosen from district first-team selections in NCAA Divisions I, II and III. Earlier this year, she was selected Second Team All-South Central Region and was the top vote-getter

for all positions in the GTE Academic All-District IV balloting; she has been named Academic All-Conference all four years at TWU.

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Of the 33 softball student-athletes honored by members of the College of Sports Information Directors of America, Jacobson is the only Lone Star Conference representative and one of two District IV selections. (District IV includes member institutions in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.) Three former TWU student-athletes also have received this award: Julch, Taylor and Angi Traplena (basketball, 1999-2000).

Jacobson will graduate in December 2000 with a degree in kinesiology. "Cathy has devoted herself to her education and to softball," said Judy Southard (athletics). "Receiving the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship is a testimony to her hard work. She has been a tremendous ambassador for TWU and is truly deserving of this honor. We are extremely proud of her."

In other news:

- Chalese Connors (athletics) is leaving the position of director of sports information and assistant director of athletics at TWU to work for the Southland Conference as assistant director of media relations. Connors, who joined TWU in 1995, will be responsible for handling media relations for all women's athletics in the 11-member Southland Conference, as well as providing support for men's sports and the Southland Football League. "Chalese has been an invaluable member of our team for the past five years," said Southard. "Our staff, as well as all of our student-athletes, will miss her. Her contributions to our program have been immeasurable, and we are happy for the opportunity she has to pursue this most exciting and challenging career move."

Connors came to TWU after serving as the Dallas venue press officer for World Cup USA 1994. Her media relations experience also includes a stint as director of media relations for the Dallas Sidekicks, as well as work with the Women's Sports Foundation, the NCAA Midwest Regional Basketball Tournament, the Cotton Bowl Classic, Major League Soccer, the Dallas Burn, the U. S. Cup and others. During her stay at TWU, she also was able to serve as the assistant venue media operations officer for the Chicago venue of the 1999 Women's World Cup and as press information manager at the 1996 Centennial Olympics games for football (soccer).

"I'm very excited about the challenges that await me at the Southland Conference," said Connors,. "This is a wonderful opportunity for me professionally, and I'm looking forward to working in an NCAA Division I conference office. At the same time, this is a bittersweet moment as I leave TWU and my friends and colleagues. Judy Southard has been an incredible mentor, and I want to thank her for her guidance and leadership. I've spent the last five years learning from one of the best." Connors is a native of San Antonio; she earned her bachelor's degree in radio/television from SMU, where she is pursuing her master's degree. She and her husband, Sean, will continue to live in Denton.

- TWU head basketball coach Devin Gabbard (athletics) recently announced that Shona Rucker has transferred to TWU from the University of Florida. Rucker has one year of eligibility left after playing for the Lady Gators and Kilgore College. "Shona's the type of player who elevates your team's level of play just with her presence on the court," said Gabbard. "She makes her teammates look good. Shone definitely will make an impact on this team and in the conference immediately." Rucker is a left-handed point guard from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; she is a 1997 graduate of Wolfson High School and will major in psychology at TWU.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu. The weekly deadline to receive information is 5 p.m. for the following week. 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.

TWU Update is posted biweekly online during the summer months; the deadline to submit items is every other Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Questions? Call Ann Hatch at 8-1-3456.

TWU student health services is offering free HIV/AIDS testing on Wed., July 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p. m. in their Hubbard Hall location. Testing is confidential and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Just drop by and ask for the free test. The effort is cosponsored by student health services, the Denton County Health Department and Exhale Services; call 8-1-3826.

Reminder: Several TASP-related activities are scheduled this summer. The TASP test will be administered on Sat., July 22, in Denton; consult the TASP registration bulletin for details. The Quick TASP test will be administered at TWU on Thurs., Aug. 24, at 8 a.m., CFO 202. Interested students can

register to pay at the door (\$29) by calling 8-1-3950, the office of academic support services at TWU.

A campus safety class titled "Workplace Violence" will be offered on Fri., July 21, at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center at both locations. Instruction at the Parkland site will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the faculty conference room; the course will be offered at the Presbyterian location in the lunchroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information or registration, call 8-1-3130 or send e-mail to cwilliams@twu.edu.

Reminder: Please note -- As work progresses on the construction of an external fire escape on the Classroom Faculty Office Building, a safety fence has been erected on the west side of the building near Redbud Lane. The fence extends south, beyond Old Main. Persons who have classes and business in Old Main should use the south and east entrances; access to CFO is open on the building's east side, facing Bell Avenue.

TWU's Alamo Travel representative, Shirley Dane, will be out of the office from Aug. 19 to Sept. 4 for vacation. Any department, office or school representative who needs to make travel arrangements should do so before Aug. 19 -- as soon as possible; call 8-1-3496.

Reminder: All benefits-eligible staff and faculty are advised that annual group insurance and TexFlex program information has been sent through campus mail by the department of human resources. Faculty and staff are asked to review their benefits during the annual summer enrollment period for group insurance and TexFlex programs. **The deadline to make changes is Aug. 11, 2000.** Anyone who has questions should call the department of human resources at 8-1-3554, 8-1-3518 or 8-1-3552 in Denton; 8-2-6600 in Dallas; and 8-4-2331 in Houston.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to Ann Hatch in public information by campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Gary Washmon (visual arts) has announced that TWU alumna **Maria Teresa Garcia-Pedroche** has accepted a position at the Dallas Museum of Art at the head of family programs and community outreach. She previously was associate curator for the Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University.

Ann Hatch (public information) has been asked to serve as chair of media relations for Make a Difference Day 2000 activities in Denton, which will be managed by a staff of community volunteers and coordinated by the Volunteer Center at the University of North Texas

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JULY 17-30, 2000

July 10-27

- College for Kids.

July 17-20

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

Wed., July 19

- Free HIV/AIDS testing, student health services, HH, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fri., July 21

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Safety course: "Workplace Violence," Dallas-Parkland, faculty conference room, 8:30- 10 a.m.; Dallas-Presbyterian, lunchroom, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sat., July 22

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- TASP test, TWU.

Sun., July 23

- Library open 2-10 p.m.; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

July 24-27

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

Fri., July 28

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

Sat., July 29

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., July 30

- Library open 2-10 p.m.; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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