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LIBRARY WELCOMES SERIES OF AUTHORS THIS FALL

The TWU Blagg-Huey Library will be the site for visits by five women authors this fall. Four programs -- scheduled Sept. 18, Sept. 26, Oct. 1 and Oct. 22 -- will be presented, including book signings and opportunities to talk to the writers. All activities are free and open to the campus and Denton-area communities. Each session will be held in Blagg-Huey Library lecture hall (room 101). For details, call ext. 3748; the programs are listed below.

- TWU distinguished alumna LaVerne Harrell Clark, a native of Smithville, Texas, will read parts of her recently published book, *Keepers of the Earth*, on campus at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 18. The university community and the general public are invited to attend; a reception will be held following the reading. The July issue of *Texas Monthly* magazine listed *Keepers of the Earth* as one of three "Hot Book" selections for the fall. The book details the story of two families (one white, one black) and their wills to bond and reunite and to overcome recurring barriers of age, estrangement and entanglement. Copies of the novel, as well as one of her collections of short stories -- *The Deadly Swarm and Other Stories* -- will be available for purchase following the reading; sales of *The Deadly Swarm and Other Stories* will benefit the Friends of the TWU Libraries. Clark also will sign autographs during the reception. She is a past winner of the University of Chicago's Folklore Award, and the fourth edition of her book *They Sang for Horses* will be published next year by the University of Colorado Press.
- Another TWU distinguished alumna, Dr. Lou Halsell Rodenberger, has edited a book of essays, *Texas Women Writers: A Tradition of Their Own*, with Dr. Sylvia Ann Grider, associate professor of anthropology at Texas A&M University. Rodenberger, professor emerita from McMurry University, and Grider will participate in a book signing at TWU at 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. *Texas Women Writers*, published by Texas A&M University Press, covers more than 160 years of the literary tradition of women in Texas. The book includes biographical portraits of many of the writers, as well as the development of various genres in Texas and the careers of African-American and Tejana writers, such as J. California Cooper and Angela De Hoyos, among other topics. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the reception.
- African-American author Francis Ray will visit TWU on Oct. 1 for a book signing and reception at 3:30 p.m. 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.
- Former WASP Marion Stegeman Hodgson, author *of Winning My Wings: A Woman Airforce Service Pilot in World War II*, will participate in a book signing and reception on Oct. 22 at 3:30 p.m. Hodgson graduated from flight school in 1943 with the 318th Army Air Force's flying training detachment in Sweetwater, Texas. Her book tells the story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) of World War II and her personal experiences as a military pilot.

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FNTAU SETS FALL FORUM

The Federation of North Texas Area Universities -- which comprises TWU, the University of North Texas and Texas A&M University-Commerce -- will present its 20th annual fall seminar on Fri., Sept. 19, in the Student Union at UNT. The theme of this year's seminar is "The Future of Graduate Education." The plenary session will be held in the Silver Eagle Suite A from 10:30 to 11:50 a.m. The featured speaker, Dr. Carol Twigg, will discuss "Meeting Tomorrow's Learning Needs." Interested faculty and staff are encouraged to attend; for more information, contact Dr. Les Thompson (Graduate School) at ext. 3400.

Twigg currently serves as vice president of EDUCOM, a nonprofit consortium of colleges, universities and other organizations dedicated to the transformation of higher education through the application of information technology. EDUCOM's membership includes every major research university in the U.S., four-year private and public institutions, as well as a number of two-year colleges, overseas campuses, foundations, consortia and research laboratories. More than 600 educational institutions and almost 1,200 corporations participate in the organization.

Before she joined EDUCOM, Twigg was associate vice chancellor for learning technologies at the State University of New York and director of the Center for Learning and Technology whose mission is to develop innovative applications for instructional technologies. She also has served in a number of capacities at Empire State College and SUNY-Buffalo. She earned her undergraduate degree at the College of William and Mary and her doctorate in English literature from SUNY-Buffalo.

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DANCE PRESENTS FUN AND LAUGHTER WITH CLAIRE PORTER

The TWU programs in dance will present a special performance by comic monologue and dance artist Claire Porter in "Portables," an evening of humor and movement. Described as "an innerspace ride through a gallery of themes," Porter's program will make audience members laugh when they attend her only performance 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 for details. "An actress, writer, dancer and humorist, Porter confronts the world of the normal and takes it careening into the absurd," said Dr. Janice LaPointe-Crump (performing arts, dance). "She makes the complex simple and joyful." Her work, writes Wilma Salisbury of the *Plain Dealer*, is "carefully crafted from everyday gestures that reveal human foibles."

Opening with "Green Dress Circle," Porter depicts a theater director/cosmic consultant who transports her audiences from their seats to the stars -- by way of the green in her earrings and the circle of her dress. In "Garden Variety," her frumpy horticulturalist turns into a flowering beauty as she brings mulch to a new fashion height. A long day in the office turns into a sprint for the door as encroaching plants move in on Porter as a weary worker in "Home Stretch." Consumed by today's volatile atmospheric conditions, the featured performer's harried weather forecaster becomes her predictions in "Slipping into Weather." Other segments include "Dining Out" (in which a misplaced diner loses it to drink after waiting for something -- anything -- to happen); "Piano" (involving Porter as the consummate pianist who is waiting to perform on a piano that has not yet arrived); and "Fitness Digest" (an aerobic workout of the audience's digestive systems).

PORTER, continued

Porter's work has been produced in New York City by Dance Theater Workshop, the Warren Street Performance Loft, the New Theater of Brooklyn, Gowanus Arts Exchange, BACA Downtown and PS-122, as well as locations in the Netherlands, Germany, Korea, and college theater and dance programs across the United States. Porter is a native of New Britain, Conn.; she holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in dance from Ohio State University. She is the recipient of several awards and commissions, including the National Endowment for the Arts Choreography Fellowships.

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ARTS EVENTS ANNOUNCED

The TWU department of performing arts music program will present a free concert on Thurs., Sept. 18, featuring internationally acclaimed bass baritone Bruce Abel. The program, which is scheduled at 1:30 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall, will feature an hour-long program of German Lieder by Abel; Dr. David Yeomans (performing arts, music) will accompany the bass baritone on piano. Abel is professor of voice at the Hoschschule fur Musik in Stuttgart, Germany, a position he has held since 1974. American-born, the guest performer earned his master's degree from the Juilliard School of Music and was a Fulbright scholar in Stuttgart. Acclaimed as a performer of German art song and opera, Abel has released more than 20 LP and CD recordings throughout his career. He is a regular guest soloist at the Berea Bach Festival in the U.S., in addition to his recital and concert work across Europe and North America. He has won numerous vocal competitions in Munich, Geneva, Leipzig and Vienna. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. Call ext. 25000 for more information.

The department of visual arts is featuring an exhibit of photographic work by Marilyn Waligore, associate professor in the School of Arts and Humanities at the University of Texas at Dallas, now through Sept. 27 in the fine arts gallery. The display comprises computer-generated and altered color photographs, and Waligore will discuss her work during a gallery talk on Sept. 17 from 1 to 2 p.m. The artist, who received the Arts Midwest National Endowment for the Arts award in photography in 1989, explores the history of the visual representation of women. She has chosen still-life photography as a mechanism to investigate representation of the human form as a catalyst for her work. Waligore also selects objects that refer back to the human body, such as clothing, hand tools or the human skull in her contemporary still-lifes. She says, "There is a curious correspondence between the reminders of mortality traditionally associated with objects of the vanitas and the female body. My images represent an investigation of stereotypes, a closer look at cultural assumptions, with the intention of undermining their supposed universality." The free exhibit can be seen weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; call ext. 2530 for details.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

The TWU department of intercollegiate athletics will hold its third annual Pioneer Golf Tournament on Sat., Sept. 20, at the TWU golf course, beginning at 8 a.m. Registration is \$75 and includes fees, half the cost of a cart and lunch. The cost is \$50 for TWU student with valid IDs; proceeds will benefit the TWU Athletic Scholarship Fund. Participants are asked to report to the golf course 30 minutes before the scheduled start.

GOLF, continued

Golfers who register as individuals will be placed on teams using average scores. Players may participate in three flights: men, women and co-educational. Prizes for first and second place in each flight, as well as door prizes, will be awarded. Contests for closest to the pin, putting and the longest drive also will be held, and tickets for Mulligans and special holes may be purchased. Each participant also will receive gift coupons, tees, golf balls and TWU souvenirs.

The golf tournament is an important fundraising event for TWU student-athletes. "The state of Texas does not allow allocated funds to be used for athletic scholarships," said Judy Southard (intercollegiate athletics). "Consequently, all athletics scholarships must be funded with private dollars earned through outright gifts or through special events such as this tournament." The event also is an opportunity to interact with scholarship recipients. "The student-athletes actually are working the event. The participants -- many of whom come back each year to play -- get to know our young women and can see where we spend our scholarship dollars," added Southard. (If the event is rained out on Saturday, the tournament will be held on Sun., Sept. 21.) For more information, call Southard at ext. 2378.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Reminder: Dr. Carol Surles will host the annual president's picnic for all new freshmen and transfer students on Tues., Sept. 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the university gardens; this year's theme is "Taste of Texas." Marriott Food Services will serve barbecue beef, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, rolls and cookies. The *Trail Dust Band* will perform from 5 to 8 p.m., and the event also will include line dancing lessons, hayrides, door prizes, a bonfire with TWU traditions and an official welcome from Surles. Faculty and staff are encouraged to join the fun; for ticket details, call ext. 3615. (Students get 2 free tickets; \$5 for each additional ticket purchased.) Other activities scheduled this week are:

- Sept. 8 -- House of Representatives meeting, noon, SC 105; Houston Center SGA meeting, 12:15 p.m., lounge; Houston Hispanic heritage movie night, 7 p.m., rec room.
- Sept. 9 -- Taste of Texas: Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) welcomes new and transfer students with a barbecue, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., university gardens (tickets needed).
- Sept. 10 -- Organizations fair, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., SC 2.; SGA meeting, 5 p.m., SC 006-007; Houston Center La Pinata, noon, courtyard.
- Sept. 11-13 -- Sorority rush, Stark commons.
- Sept. 15 -- House of Representatives executive staff only, noon, SC 105.
- Sept. 16 -- Houston: Fiesta, noon, courtyard.
- Sept. 17 -- SGA meeting, 5 p.m., SC 006-007; Houston: Bocados, noon, courtyard.

The TWU Faculty Senate will meet on Fri., Sept. 12, at 10 a.m., ACT 16. Please allow three hours for this meeting; all Senate meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

Reminder: Pioneer Days, sponsored by the division of student life, includes programs and activities from Sept. 1 through TWU Family Days in October. This week's activities are:

- Sept. 8 -- Meet your SGA leaders, 12:15 to 1 p.m., Garden Room (SC).
- Sept. 10 -- Golf to the closest pin, 2 to 5 p.m., Lowry Woods.
- Sept. 13 -- Pioneer volleyball game, 3 p.m., gym; trip to Six Flags Over Texas (sign up in the office of student development).

NEWSBRIEFS, continued

All bookstore accounts must have a positive balance before an office or department can charge merchandise to the store, according to Ken Struthers (bookstore). "Also, we no longer can overrride a transaction that creates a negative balance. As a result, no office or department will be allowed to make a purchase until we receive another blanket purchase order." For details, call Struthers at ext. 3103.

Smoke testing in city sewer lines will begin Mon., Sept. 8, and continues through November as the city of Denton searches for leaks in the wastewater system. Contractor ADS Environmental Services Inc. will inject the harmless smoke into the sewer lines; if a leak is present, the smoke will exit from breaks in the line and from vent pipes. "The smoke is non-toxic and will create no residue and no fire hazards," said Richard Foster, spokesperson for the city of Denton. The testing is being conducted in the Pecan Creek basin, an area which includes TWU.

Reminder: The office of intercultural services also has scheduled a number of events for the fall semester. This week's activities are listed below.

- Sept. 10 -- Chicano! -- Enjoy part one of this four-part video series to kick off Hispanic Heritage Month. Sponsored by HOLA, the TWU department of sociology and the Hispanic Heritage celebration team; 3 p.m., CFO 304.
- Sept. 15 -- Hispanic heritage celebration -- begins now through Oct. 16, 1997; Unity quilt -- TWU organizations are invited to provide a quilted patch decorated in a manner that portrays that group. The pieces will be sewn and completed in a quilt before Oct. 16. Sponsored by Sigma Lambda Alpha, Hispanic Heritage celebration team, SC 102.

An audiotape of the keynote presentation by Dr. Cathy Trower from Faculty Development Day now is on reserve in the Blagg-Huey Library at the media distribution desk. The tape may be played at the media center or circulated for office, home or car use. Dallas and Houston faculty may request copies of Trower's address by e-mailing Bill Megee at s_megee. The copy will be mailed to the person requesting the tape at her or his address. Other related materials also are on reserve in the library (see the Sept. 1 issue of *TWU Update*); for more information, call Dr. James Galloway (library) at ext. 3707 or contact him at s_galloway.

Reminder: The TWU Library would like some input from faculty to help the library's staff choose between two online databases for the university's use -- SPIN and IRIS -- which have helped TWU faculty greatly to obtain funding information during the past two years, says William Wan (library). Faculty are asked to send their responses to the library by e-mail to either Wan (wwan@twu.edu) or Dr. James Galloway (jgalloway@twu.edu) by Sept. 15.

Advisers for registered student organizations are invited to attend a luncheon on Wed., Sept. 24, at noon, southeast dining room, HH. Presidents of the student groups (or their designees) and the advisers should RSVP by Sept. 19 to the office of student development at ext. 3626. (Please note that all TWU organizations must register their groups with student development by Sept. 19.)

Reminder: Quality Technical Service is offering service agreements for FY 98 to offices with electronic typewriters (excluding IBM Selectrics). The service agreement will cover any brand of electronic typewriter for \$54 a year. Each department must prepare a purchase order for this service; the vendor's address is Quality Technical Service, P.O. Box 88, Addison TX 75001. Call Ken Graves there at (214) 369-9636 or contact Krista Hodge (purchasing) at ext. 8-1-3585.

NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Please note: Dr. Peggy Kjelgaard did not join the College of Education and Human Ecology as a new faculty member this fall. Also...Dr. Vivian May's title was not listed on the new faculty roster; she joined the department of sociology and social work in September.

Reminder: The critical theory discussion group in the department of English, speech and foreign languages will hold its next meeting on Sept. 12 at 1 p.m., HDB 202. Their subject will be "Feminist theory and canon formation"; readings for discussion will be taken from the "Canon" section of Robyn Warhol's Feminisms: An Anthology of Literary Theory and Criticism. The materials are on reserve in the library under the call number Sou-Eng-B11; all members of the campus community are welcome. For details, call Dr. Stephen Souris at ext. 2343.

Faculty, staff and students are reminded that they can place advertising in the *Lasso* for prices as low as \$3.25 per column inch. For details, call the *Lasso* advertising office at ext. 2183.

A demonstration titled "How to Significantly Increase Your Reading Speed" through conservative methods will be offered on Thurs., Sept. 11, from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. in ASB 303. Although the demonstration is intended primarily for students in the presenter's classes, all interested members of the TWU and Denton communities are welcome. For details, call Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at ext. 2343.

Three new assistant coaches have been appointed by Judy Southard (intercollegiate athletics): Vic Briggs, assistant volleyball coach; Trey McKinley, assistant basketball coach; and Jami Simmons, assistant softball coach.

TWU Wellness Center members who pay on a tri-annual membership basis are reminded that their \$35 fee is due now for the September through December period. For details, call ext. 2900.

The outdoor pool at TWU is scheduled to remain open Sept. 8 to 28 in order to serve students and community members as construction is finished on the university's new Pioneer Hall. Lap swimming will be offered at the outdoor pool, Monday through Friday, from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. during those dates. Recreational swimming will be scheduled on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. "We have not scheduled any afternoon recreational swimming because our classes at TWU, as well as members of area swimming teams, are scheduled to use the outdoor pool during that time," added King. For details, call ext. 2900.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Drs. **Betty Carter** and **Joy McGregor** (Library and Information Studies) published chapters in a 1997 reference work titled *Writers for Young Adults*, edited by Ted Hipple and published by Charles Scribner's Sons. Carter's chapter dealt with British author Peter Dickinson, and McGregor's chapter discussed U.S. author Ann Rinaldi.

Dr. **Francine Lancaster** (biology) has been elected secretary for the Texas Society on Alcoholism (TRSA) for a two-year term and was reappointed to the TRSA Scientific Advisory Board. She also will serve as editor of the TRSA newsletter, *News and Views*.

TWU PEOPLE, continued

Lancaster, undergraduate student **Virginia Martinez** (biology) and graduate student **Sam Wren** (biology) presented a poster on "Early Stress and Alcohol Intake" at the annual scientific meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism in San Francisco, July 19-24. The research was supported by an enhancement program grant and by TWU's Minority Biomedical Research Support grant. She was a co-organizer of a symposium on "The Influence of Gender on Alcohol Drinking Behaviors and Alcohol Dependence: What Can We Learn from Animal Models?" that presented current data from her laboratory, as well as an introductory overview on "Gender Issues in Alcohol Research: A Comparison of Findings from Human and Animal Models."

Mark Harris (public information, publications) has work included in the 5th annual Dallas Society of Illustrators Portrait Show in Dallas through Sept. 12. The opening reception will be held on Sept. 9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Dr. **Ruth Ann Ragland** (mass communications) was one of 20 participants selected for the Freedom Forum's week-long Leadership Institute for Journalism Education Administrators in San Francisco this summer.

A warm welcome to the following people employed by TWU during August: Child Development Center -- Shannon King, resource room manager; Jackie Leath, assistant teacher; Kimber Lucas, assistant director...conference services-- Christi Rucsh, clerical specialist II, part-time...Counseling Center -- Leslie Strategier, interim staff psychologist...disability support services-- JoAnn Nunnelly, coordinator...financial aid -- Connie Fickenscher, financial aid assistant I...housing -- Glenn Jensen, residence director...information technology services -- Jada Cook, support specialist I.

Also, library -- Eduardo Akins, media services technician II...maintenance, Dallas-Tim Adams, custodial/maintenance supervisor...Minority Biomedical Research Support program
-- Martha Hotema, lab technician II...performing arts -- Marc Garcia, facility manager/
technician/director...physical plant -- Nathan Bryan and Marty Looper, groundskeeper I...
public safety -- Vincent Oldag, police officer...student activities -- Connie Bond, secretary III;
Sara Hoefle, interim assistant director...visual arts -- Mina Field, secretary II...and Wellness
Center -- Kathleen Mitchell, fitness facility supervisor.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: SEPTEMBER 8 - 14, 1997

Sept. 1-26	-Visual arts exhibit: "Marilyn Waligore: Recent Work," Art Gallery, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)
Sept. 1-30	-Blagg-Huey Library exhibit: "Quilts from Momma's Cedar Chest," 2nd & 3rd floors, rotunda, library hours. (Ext. 3751)
MonThurs., Sept. 8-11	-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.mmidnight; bookstore open 7:30 a.m6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m10 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 8	-SGA meeting, Houston, lounge, 12:15 p.m. (8-4-2158) -Hispanic heritage movie night-Houston, recreation room, 7 p.mHouse of Representatives meeting, SC 105, noon. (Ext. 3626) continued
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CALENDAR, continued

Mon., Sept. 8	-Pioneer Days: Meet your senators, SC Garden Room, 12:15 - 1 p.mITS voice mail training, 1 p.m.; call Corin Ecker, ext. 8-1-3278.			
Tues., Sept. 9	-ITS workshop: Netscape/e-mail, SH 206, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3252) -Pioneer Days: "Taste of Texas" picnic, TWU gardens, 5:30 p.m.			
Wed., Sept. 10	-Pioneer Days: Organization fair, SC 2 lobby, 11:30 a.m2 p.mStudent activities, Houston: La Pinata, courtyard, noonITS workshop: Venus homepage, SH 205, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252) -Pioneer Days: Golf Closet to the Pin, Lowry Woods, 2-5 p.mPioneer Days: <i>Chicano!</i> Video Series Part I, CFO 204, 3 p.mITS voice mail training, 3 p.m.; call Corin Ecker. (8-1-3278) -SGA meeting, SC 006/007, 5-7 p.m. (Ext. 3650) -Personnel changes for Oct. 1 payroll due, human resources, 5 p.mITS workshop: Netscape-basics, SH 206, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3252)			
Sept. 11-13	-Pioneer Days: Sorority Rush, Stark commons. (Ext. 3626)			
Thurs., Sept. 11	-ITS workshop: Eudora e-mail, SH 206, 11 a.mnoon. (Ext. 3252) -ITS workshop: Netscape e-mail, SH 206, 1-2 p.m. (Ext. 3252) -Tennis: TWU vs. North Central Texas College, Denton, 2-3 p.mStudent life: forum on parking issues, SC 207-208, noon-1 p.mCollege of Education: Teacher education program enrollment meeting, MCL auditorium, 5:30-8 p.m. (Ext. 2202) -ITS workshop: Venus e-mail, SH 205, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3252)			
Fri. and Sat., Sept. 12-13	-Continuing education: Advanced Manual Orthopedic Full Spine High Velocity Low Amplitude Technique Grade V Manipulation, Dallas Presbyterian, 8 a.m5 p.m. (Ext. 3404)			
Fri., Sept. 12 Sat. Sept. 13	-Blagg-Huey library open 7:30 a.m9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m10 p.mAdult CPR course, SC 110, 8 a.mnoon; First Aid, 1-3 p.m., \$15Continuing education: Dental Hygiene Treatment Planning: New Challenges, Scottish Rite Hospital-Dallas, 8 a.m5 p.m. (Ext. 3409) -ITS workshop: Videoconferencing basics, SH 308, 9-10 a.mFaculty Senate meeting, ACT 16, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3393) -College of Education: Early field experience final fall enrollment #1, MCL auditorium, 10-11:30 a.m. (Ext. 2206) -Biology seminar, CFO 205, 3-4 p.m. (Ext. 2351) -Volleyball: TWU vs. Central Oklahoma, Denton, 7 p.mBlagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m6 p.m.; bookstore open 8:30 a.m1 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m6 p.mSoftball: TWU Fall Classic, teams include TWU, UT-Arlington, San Jacinto JC and Texas Wesleyan; softball complex, times TBAVolleyball: TWU vs. Cameron, Denton, 3 p.m.			
Sun., Sept. 14	-Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.mmidnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.			