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## **FACULTY, STAFF INVITED TO LOWRY WOODS OPEN HOUSE AUG. 11**

TWU faculty and staff are invited to attend an open house for the Lowry Woods Community on Thurs., Aug. 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The open house begins in the Lowry Woods Community Center and offers tours of the complex and apartments. Light refreshments will be served.

The seven-building, three-story complex marks TWU's first new student housing in more than 35 years and the university's first apartment-style residence hall. It will open its doors to its first residents, family housing students moving from Mary Hufford Hall, on Sat., Aug. 13.

Lowry Woods consists of 168 apartments and will accommodate 314 residents on northwest corner of the Denton campus. Student apartments are furnished and will accommodate two or three students, each of whom will have their own bedroom and will share living, dining and kitchen space.

Family housing apartments are two- and three-bedroom unfurnished units. According to Nancy Murphy-Chadwick, director of university housing, Lowry Woods nearly doubles TWU's capacity to house student families.

The complex offers apartment-style amenities to students, including a spacious room layout with separate vanity areas in shared bathrooms, a complete kitchen with a garbage disposal and dishwasher, thermostat control, free cable and internet and outside storage space. Lowry Woods also has a community center that houses a student lounge, computer lab and The Clubhouse, TWU's after-school and summer day camp for children living in family housing.

In addition to meeting student demands for apartment-style amenities and student family needs for extra space and childcare, Lowry Woods also satisfies the aesthetic standards of TWU's historic Denton campus.

According to TWU facilities project manager Donald Strickland, Lowry Woods incorporates the masonry color and style of many TWU buildings. It also contains stone bases similar to those seen at the Old Main building and the renowned Little Chapel-in-the-Woods.

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Strickland added that plants and trees from all over campus were incorporated to provide an environment that fit the character of all other landscaped areas on campus. He said the Denton/TWU jogging trail was repositioned so that residents and the local community can still enjoy the benefits of exercise in a natural environment. Strickland added that Dal-Tile imported from Mexico was used in the Community Center, enhancing the aesthetic quality of the facility.

Carlton Construction built the \$13.9 million complex, which was designed by Rees Associates Inc. of Dallas. Construction on Lowry Woods began in August 2004.

According to "Marking a Trail, A History of the Texas Woman's University," the last new residence hall built on campus was Guinn Hall, a 24-story high rise residence hall named after former TWU president John Guinn that opened in 1969.

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**2005 SUMMER ORIENTATION SESSIONS ATTRACT RECORD NUMBERS**

After two well-attended sessions earlier this summer, Texas Woman's University welcomed a record number of students to its final freshmen orientation session Aug. 4 - 5.

"This was our largest summer orientation ever," said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life. "We have already had nearly 800 students register during orientation."

During the two-day summer orientation sessions, TWU provided a wide range of services and information for new students, including individual advising and class registration for their first semester of class, which is done entirely online through their TWU web portal account.

"We also helped students learn about campus resources, academic expectations and student clubs and organizations," said Heather Speed, director of TWU's Center for Student Development. "Orientation gives the students a chance to make friends and meet other students, faculty and staff."

Speed said that most of orientation attendees are from Texas, though students from Delaware, Georgia, Florida, Illinois and Oregon registered for the August orientation.

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According to Speed, one of the most popular and informative sessions during orientation was the academic advising session led by Lana Woods, director of TWU's Academic Advising Center.

"This session is attended by all students and their parents," Speed said. "Important information is given about the advising process and the reality of how academic performance impacts academic planning."

Speed said another popular session was the organization fair, which offered students the opportunity to visit with more than 100 student organizations and resources on campus.

"Students and their parents really seem to enjoy the opportunity to learn more about what goes on at the campus," Speed said.

According to Dr. Nicholas, nearly all students bring at least one parent as their guest to orientation. Parents of new students attended orientation sessions specifically designed for them. Some of the topics covered include health, safety and financial aid.

Dr. Nicholas led a session for parents called "Letting Go Without Letting Go," which addressed the changing relationship between students and parents when students go to college.

"We discussed how parents and TWU can work together to make each student successful," Dr. Nicholas said.

After orientation, freshmen and new TWU students are automatically registered for TWU's Pioneer Camp, a four-day introduction to TWU that consists of recreational activities, volunteer opportunities, informational sessions, and social gatherings. Pioneer Camp is scheduled Aug. 24 - Aug 28.

TWU's fall 2005 semester begins on Monday, Aug. 29. Official TWU enrollment numbers, including the number of freshmen and transfer students, will be available after the twelfth class day in mid September.

For fall 2004, TWU experienced an all-time enrollment record of 10,737 students, the fifth consecutive semester of double-digit enrollment growth at TWU.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

*Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 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.*

Career services announces that it will host nine career days during the 2005-2006 school year. The schedule and locations of 2005-2006 Career Days are:

- Thurs. Sept. 29, Fall Career Day at TWU-Denton's Hubbard Hall, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 3, Nursing Career Day at TWU-Houston campus, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Mon. Oct. 17, Nursing Career Day TWU-Parkland, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Fri. Nov. 4, Teacher Career Day (Joint with UNT) TWU-Denton's Hubbard Hall, 9 a.m. –1 p.m.
- Mon. Feb. 6, Health Professionals Career Day at TWU-Houston campus, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Wed. Feb. 15, Spring Career Day at TWU-Denton's Hubbard Hall, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Mon. March 6, Nursing Career Day TWU-Parkland, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thurs. March 30, Teacher Career Day (Joint with UNT) UNT Coliseum, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Tues. April 11, Health Professionals Career Day at TWU-Presbyterian campus, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Prior to each event, a list of participants will be available on the Career Services website at [www.twu.edu/o-cs](http://www.twu.edu/o-cs). For more information, call 8-1-2950.

The Fall 2005 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) booklet is now available online. The FAQ booklet is designed to answer the typical questions that faculty, staff and students have at the beginning of the semester. The booklet also lists various departments' extended hours and assistance tools available during the week before school and the first week of school. Hard copies of the FAQ booklet will be available from your department chair. For more information, visit [www.twu.edu](http://www.twu.edu) and click on "FAQ Booklet - Fall 2005."

Human Resources reminds faculty and staff that Summer Enrollment will last until Aug. 19. This is your only opportunity to make changes to your benefit elections without a "Family Status Change." For more information, visit [www.twu.edu/humanresources/](http://www.twu.edu/humanresources/) or call 8-1-3554.

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An orientation for new distance learning faculty, including adjuncts, will be held on **Thurs., Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in ACT 601**. The orientation is designed for any instructor who will be teaching at least 50 percent of his/her courses online for the first time during the fall 2005 or spring 2006 semesters. Current online faculty are also welcome to attend. A special session for chairs and deans of distance learning programs will be offered at 2 p.m. on ACT 16. Participants can pick up their agendas and packets beginning at 8:30 a.m. on ACT 2 and lunch will be provided. For more information, call 8-1-3408.

The 2005-06 faculty and staff parking decals are now available. Decals may be purchased through the mail or at the Denton DPS office. Vehicle registration and payroll deduction forms are available at <http://www.twu.edu/dps>

Marketing and Communication announces that banner and marquee request forms are now available online at [www.twu.edu/twunews/ban\\_mar\\_forms/forms.htm](http://www.twu.edu/twunews/ban_mar_forms/forms.htm). Faculty and staff should review the policy, then download and fax the banner request or marquee request form to 8-1-3463. For more information, call 8-1-3456.

Denton campus faculty and staff volunteers are still needed for the annual Pioneer Welcome Day on Wednesday, Aug. 24. To participate, or for more information, call Kenny Mauk at 8-1-3676 or email [kmauk@mail.twu.edu](mailto:kmauk@mail.twu.edu).

**UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

*Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).*

TWU welcomes **Dr. Victoria McGillan** (associate provost), **Dr. Ann Staton**, (dean, College of Arts and Sciences) and **Dr. Jimmy Ishee** (dean, College of Health Sciences), who began their duties on August 1, 2005.

**Joseph Pinson** (School of the Arts) has just released a new CD titled "Retrospective" - a compilation of pieces written over the last several years. It contains several works that were premiered at TWU. For more information, email [jpinson@twu.edu](mailto:jpinson@twu.edu).

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUGUST 8-21, 2005**

Mon., Aug. 8	-Library open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 9	-Library open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 10	-Library open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 11	-Library open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. - Lowry Woods Open House 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 12	-Library open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 13	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 14	-Library open 2 p.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 15	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center closed for cleaning.
Tues., Aug. 16	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center closed for cleaning.
Wed., Aug. 17	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center closed for cleaning.
Thur., Aug. 18	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 19	-Library open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 20	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 21	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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