

# UPDATE

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## **AUTHOR FROM "DOWN UNDER" IS "ON TOP" FOR KIDS**

From "down under" to literally "on top," Australian children's author Mem Fox has conquered the hearts of children in the United States, Australia, England and the world with books that reach out to youngsters eager to journey to distant lands. Known in children's literary circles throughout the world for her books, Fox will visit TWU on Sat., Nov. 8, for the university's 32nd annual "Fall Forum in Reading." Sponsored by the department of reading and bilingual education and the College of Education and Human Ecology, the program is expected to be a "sell-out" -- no registrations will be accepted on site that day.

"We've received calls from teachers, parents and fans of Mem Fox from across Texas and throughout the country about her visit," said Dr. Rose Spicola (reading and bilingual education). "They just can't believe that Mem Fox is coming here to visit! We are so pleased and excited to welcome her to TWU and to share her thoughts about literature for children."

Fox will speak twice during the one-day program -- first on "The Role of Passion in the Development of Literacy" during the 8:30 a.m. general session and then on "Learning from Learning" during the 12:30 p.m. general session. Several breakout sessions with other experts in children's literacy will be held, as well as an autograph session and evaluation with Fox at 3:15 p.m. (limit two books per person). The cost is \$48 per person for registration and lunch; \$41 for registration only; and a \$10 late fee after Nov. 1. Call continuing education at 8-1-3408.

In the U.S., Fox's book *Night Noises* was named one of the 10 best picture books of 1989 by *Redbook* magazine, a "Notable Children's Book in Language Arts" and a 1990 *Horn Book* "Fanfare" selection. But *Possum Magic*, written in 1983, took Australia (and then others) by storm, becoming that country's all-time best-selling children's book. It was also named a "Highly Commended Book" by the Children's Book Council of Australia and the "Best Children's Book" in the 1984 New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards. Other children's books by Fox include *Guess What?*; *Koala Lou*; *Time for Bed*; and *Whoever You Are*, plus two books for adults.

Fox, a senior lecturer in education at Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia, and her husband, Malcolm, have one daughter in college. The Australian author -- who spent time with her parents as missionaries in Africa and later studied drama in England -- studied children's literature as a nontraditional university student. She said, "*Possum Magic* (her first book) was rejected nine times over five years, but went on to become (and continues to be) the best-selling children's book in Australia. I still find it hard to believe that I happen to be the writer of this famous book." She adds, "Writing is my second love. My first is teaching, to which I admit an addiction so powerful that I'm already dreading my retirement on March 5, 2011!"

Others participating in the program include: Katie Button, Texas Tech University, on "Reading Excitement Leads to Writing"; Cheryl Dunlop, Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, on "Guided Reading"; Dianne Frasier, Harris County Department of Education, on "Shared Reading"; Jean Greenlaw, University of North Texas, on "A Passion for Poetry"; Happy Carrico and Marcia Kellum, Tomas Rivera Elementary (Denton), on "Webbing with Mem Fox"; and Dianna Stouffer, Signey Lanier Expressive Arts Vanguard (Dallas), on "Let's Get Cooking with Di."

## **TAKE A MOMENT, MAKE A PLEDGE**

The State Employee Charitable Campaign at TWU closes this Fri., Oct. 31, and all faculty and staff are urged to take a moment and make their pledge to assist others who might need a helping hand. "We are in the final week of the SECC and are at approximately 90 percent of our \$24,000 goal," said co-chair Dr. Joyce Williams (sociology and social work). "If you have not yet returned your pledge -- cash, check or payroll deduction -- please send it to Colleen Sallee in payroll. Your contribution may make the difference in whether we meet our campaign goal."

Williams and campaign co-chair Elizabeth Snapp (library) are optimistic that the \$24,000 will be met and exceeded. Actually, they are so confident that faculty and staff will step forward and help others in the community that Williams and Snapp have scheduled a tree planting ceremony on Nov. 24 at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate giving and the spirit of charity at TWU. Dr. James Galloway (library), a member of the SECC steering committee, has donated a redbud tree for planting, and the entire steering committee has donated a plaque to commemorate the 1997 campaign. Anyone who has questions should contact Williams, Snapp or their departmental or office SECC representative; the deadline to submit pledges is Oct. 31 -- no tricks...just treats (for others)!

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## **SCHOLARSHIP FOR STAFF OFFERED**

ASSET (the Association of Support Service Employees of TWU) is sponsoring its 9th annual staff scholarship and is seeking applications through 5 p.m. on Nov. 21. One \$150 scholarship will be awarded for the spring 1998 semester to a permanent full-time or permanent part-time staff member at TWU who is enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses at the university during that semester. Applicants are not required to be members of ASSET to apply. Completed applications and recommendation forms must be received by the chair of ASSET's scholarship committee, Susan Phillips (Chemistry Science Learning Resource Center), no later than 5 p.m. on Nov. 21, 1997. Applications received after that date or applications submitted by 5 p.m. on Nov. 21 that are incomplete will not be considered for the spring 1998 ASSET staff scholarship. For materials or details, call Phillips at 8-1-2568 or visit GRB 113 from 1 to 5 p.m.

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## **TWU WANTS BLEEDING ARMS (FOR BLOOD DRIVE)!**

TWU faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in a campuswide blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tues. and Wed., Nov. 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., SC 207-208. Those who donate will receive refreshments afterward, as well as a T-shirt that recognizes their contribution. "Walk-ins are welcome. However, for those who want to make an appointment and receive priority, a registration table will be set up in the Student Center each day this week (of Oct. 27) during the noon hour," said Dr. Don Rosen (Counseling Center), who is organizing the effort. "I want to remind anyone who chooses to donate that bringing a friend who will donate with you is both fun and rewarding. And we encourage students to invite faculty members and staff."

Last spring, TWU set a record for the amount of usable units collected (140) during a 2-day drive in Denton County. "Doubling that amount this fall would be a great community service," added Rosen. "Those who donated in the spring and summer are reminded that it's not too soon to donate again." For details, call Rosen at ext. 3801.

## **"BRIGHT DAY" LOOKS AT THE PAST**

The crushing effect of Adolf Hitler's fascist regime on the lives of five friends in 1930s Germany -- all filmmakers and actors -- is the dramatic focus of *A Bright Room Called Day*, presented by TWU Theatre '97. The production will be staged at 8 p.m. on Oct. 31, Nov. 1, and Nov. 7 and 8, and at 2 p.m. on Sun., Nov. 9, in Redbud Theatre. Ticket prices are \$10 for general admission; \$7 for TWU faculty and staff, senior citizens and other students; and \$5 for TWU students and children. For information or ticket reservations, call the TWU theatre box office at ext. 2020.

Written by Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Tony Kushner, *A Bright Room Called Day* retells the story of a group of friends living in Germany in the 1930s at the end of the Weimar Republic and the beginning of Hitler's rise to power. The drama is relived through a woman who is a screenwriter living in a Berlin apartment that once belonged to Agnes Eggling, a film actress whose warm hospitality made her home the favorite meeting place for her friends. The powerful drama reveals how the lives and relationships of the artists were affected by political turmoil that accompanied the rise of the Third Reich. Audiences will learn about courage and difficult choices as they watch the characters deal with hope, love, frustration, humor, despair and conflict, and try to cope with events they cannot influence.

*A Bright Room Called Day* -- TWU's entry in the American College Theatre Festival's annual competition -- is directed by TWU graduate student Bradley Campbell. Senior Susan Bryson designed the scenery, and sophomore Jonathan Starr designed costumes. Marc Garcia, technical director for TWU Theatre '97, created lighting for the production, as well as media coordination. For more information, contact Charles Harrill (performing arts, drama) at 8-1-2500.

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## **SERIES OF WOMEN AUTHORS INCLUDES THOMPSON LECTURESHIP**

The TWU Blagg-Huey Library's fall series featuring women authors will continue and will focus next on the 7th annual Joyce Thompson Lecture in American Literature and Culture with Dr. Emily Toth on Thurs., Nov. 13, at 2:30 p.m., ACT 301. Toth, professor of English and women's studies in the department of English at Louisiana State University, will present "The Gossip about Kate Chopin." The program, which is free and open to the public, will include a reception after the event. For more information, call Elizabeth Snapp (library) at ext. 3748.

Presented by the Friends of the TWU Libraries, this annual lectureship is funded by an endowment established by friends of Dr. Joyce Thompson in 1991 and the Friends of the TWU Libraries. Thompson was a professor of English at TWU from 1977 to 1992. She held a bachelor's degree in mathematics and master's and doctoral degrees in English from Texas Tech University. Thompson's areas of academic specialization included American literature and women's studies, and she wrote *Marking A Trail: A History of the Texas Woman's University*, *Ladies' Firsts: A Miscellany* and more than 30 published articles.

The former TWU professor, who delivered many papers during scholarly and professional meetings, was a patient and inspiring teacher who enabled students to gain insights into literature and their own humanity. Thompson suggested the quotation from Edith Hamilton that was inscribed on the bronze dedication plaque for the TWU Blagg-Huey Library, which reads: "To be able to be caught up in the world of thought -- that is to be educated."

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### **THOMPSON LECTURESHIP, continued**

The featured speaker for this year's lectureship is the author of *Kate Chopin*, a biography, and editor of *A Vocation and a Voice: Stories by Kate Chopin*. She currently is completing *Kate Chopin's Private Papers*, which will be published next spring by the University of Indiana Press. Her book *Ms. Mentor's Impeccable Advice for Women in Academia* was printed earlier this year by the University of Pennsylvania. She also is well known for *The Curse: A Cultural History of Menstruation* with Janice Delaney and Mary Jane Lupton -- a work of literary and social criticism -- and for a novel titled *Daughters of New Orleans*.

Toth served as LSU's first director of women's studies from 1988 to 1990, where she currently is a faculty member. She has published a number of articles in journals and magazines, including *Belles Lettres*, *Southern Studies*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Johns Hopkins Magazine*, *Louisiana Literature* and *Ms. Magazine*. She has received many awards for her teaching, publications and association work. Her biography of Kate Chopin was nominated for both the 1990 Pulitzer Prize and the 1991 John Hope Franklin Prize. Toth has served as a film consultant on several projects, including "Kate Chopin: A Re-Awakening," produced for the Louisiana Public Broadcasting Service.

Aside from the annual lectureship, Thompson also is honored at TWU by the Endowment for the Joyce Thompson Scholarship in English, which was established under the leadership of Dr. Frank Longoria (English, speech and foreign languages). The scholarship is awarded annually to an English major.

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### **WELCOME TO "PLANET OF THE DIVAS!"**

Welcome to their world...the "Planet of the Divas." Haven't been there yet? Well, take a trip with members of the TWU Opera Ensemble for a special performance on Sat., Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. All faculty, staff, students and members of the general public are invited to attend the event, titled "Planet of the Divas: A Comic Exploration into Opera." Tickets -- available at the door that night -- are \$7 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens, students and children; and \$3 for TWU students with valid identification. For more information, call Joan Wall (performing arts, music) at ext. 2500.

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### **UNDERGRAD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR "WHO'S WHO"**

Undergraduate student nominations for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* are needed from TWU faculty and staff *no later than Wed., Nov. 19*. "Now in its 64th year, this program annually has bestowed honors on outstanding campus leaders for their scholastic and community achievements," said Dee Siscoe (student life). Applications and information are available in the office of student life, SC 206; no nominations will be accepted after the deadline. (Nominations for graduate students will be sought by the TWU Graduate School at a later date.) Nominees must be either juniors or seniors with at least 60 credit hours on their transcripts. Students must complete all information on the nomination forms, and the nominating faculty member must complete the last two lines. The student's transcript showing course work completed through summer 1997 *must* be attached to the application; the copy does not have to be "official," but it must be computer-generated. For more information, call Siscoe at 8-1-3615.

## NEWSBRIEFS

**The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board** has approved a request from TWU at the staff level for a 3-year extension to offer instructional telecommunications for the Master of Arts degree with a major in library science and for the Master of Library Science with a major in library science at West Texas A&M University through Dec. 31, 2000.

**Reminder: Flutes, flutes and more flutes** will be the order of the evening during the "Monster Flute Concert" at TWU on Tues., Oct. 28! The award-winning TWU Flute Choir, under the direction of Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music), will share the stage with members of the Brookhaven Flute Choir at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The event, actually titled the "Magic and Mystery" concert, is free and open to the public.

**Please note the following corrections** in the *Faculty/Staff Telephone Listing by Department 1997-1998* (a publication that was distributed last week on campus):

- **Academic affairs** -- please note corrected numbers for Beverley Byers-Pevitts, 898-3301; Elizabeth Floyd, 898-3304; Pam Mason, 898-3309; and Kathy Roberts, 898-3301.
- **Fashion and textiles** -- add Deborah Young, 898-2674; note that Sherri Dragoo is on leave.
- **Physical therapy (Presbyterian)** -- please note corrections/changes for Dr. Sue Schafer (now associate dean), 706-2300; Carol Dionne (who replaced Nancy Volk as competency lab coordinator), 706-2463; and Paulette Murrell (who should be listed under the "faculty" heading), 706-2462.

**Reminder: The TWU Faculty Handbook** has converted to electronic distribution for fall 1997; watch for announcement when the text becomes available online and the instructions on how to access it. Hard copies of the handbook will be maintained in the offices of the president, vice presidents, associate and assistant vice presidents, deans, associate deans, department chairs, the Faculty Senate office, the TWU Blagg-Huey Library, human resources, public information and internal audits. Copies of the 1997/98 edition of the *Faculty Handbook* have been mailed to those offices. For more information, contact Debbie Burgess (president's office) at ext. 3223.

**Departments that use temporary services** should follow the procedure listed below. Anyone who has questions should call the controller's office at 8-1-3525.

- Enter a purchase order online for the estimated amount to Express Personnel Services (vendor number 0075802).
- Call to arrange for the temporary worker and provide the purchase order number to Express Personnel Services.
- After the temporary worker has finished her/his work, receive the purchase order online (PORC), and in the description area enter the hours worked.
- If you receive the invoice, mark the purchase order number on the invoice and send it to the controller's office.

**Reminder: All commuter students are invited** to attend a commuter breakfast on Tues., Nov. 11, at 7 a.m., HH banquet room. A panel of guests will be present to answer questions and comments about commuters' concerns: Larry Harrison (physical plant); Patricia Jackson (information technology services); Dr. Leslie Thompson (Graduate School); and Beth Lewis (food services). For more information, call the office of student development at ext. 3626.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**The alcohol and drug education committee** will meet on Thurs., Nov. 6, at 3 p.m., SC 108. Anyone who is interested in reviewing the TWU drug and alcohol policy or is interested in planning alcohol awareness/education programs is invited to attend; call ext. 3615 for details.

**Reminder: TWU student health services** will offer a flu shot clinic on Wednesday evenings during October from 4 to 6 p.m. for students, faculty and staff. The cost is \$10 per person; clients should be prepared to remain for 20 minutes after they are vaccinated. For details, call 8-1-3826.

**The Delphi chapter of Mortar Board** will host its 1997 "Great Auction" on Wed., Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., SC Garden Room. Admission is free, and everyone is invited to join the fun! The event will include both a "silent auction" and a "live" auction. Items include: Dallas Cowboys tickets, a football autographed by Troy Aikman, a fishing trip, paintings and much more. The auction also provides an early shopping opportunity for the holidays. Proceeds will fund scholarships for TWU students as well as community service projects.

**An HIV/education coalition meeting** is scheduled on Thurs., Nov. 6, at 12:15 p.m., SC 108. Anyone interested in participated is invited; for details, call ext. 3615.

**All faculty, staff and students who drive state vehicles** must have their driving history checked before they can receive authorization from the TWU environmental and safety office. "If someone in a department or organization needs to be authorized to drive a state vehicle, they should call me at 8-1-2924 with each person's name, date of birth and driver's license number. You can leave a voice mail message if I'm not in when you call," said Vicki Byrd. "I must send this information to the Texas Department of Public Safety for confirmation on the driver's history. This process takes two weeks, and we cannot speed up this process."

Byrd will submit names for the driver's history confirmation every Wednesday. As a result, anyone who misses the Wednesday deadline must wait until the next Wednesday, keeping in mind that the 2-week process applies from the date the name is submitted. For more information, call Byrd's office.

**The CARL Uncover system** on Venus and the World Wide Web can provide users with lists of journals by subject. Research journals indexed in the CARL system are arranged in at least 40 subject lists; simply click on any displayed subject term -- such as biology or education -- to look at the list of journal titles.

"You may, from the TWU home page, in sequence, click on the Library, TWU library resources and then CARL Uncover. Then click on Web access to see the 'Uncover Title and Subject Lists.' Click on any subject term displayed under 'Subject Classification Lists' to look at a specific journal. If you use CARL through the Venus main menu, select 'LI,' then 'CA,' and then make your subject list selections," said Dr. James Galloway (library). These journal subject lists may be useful to TWU faculty who use the CARL Reveal service -- for example, to automatically receive tables of contents e-mails, as they are issued, to see which titles on specific subjects are available for tables-of-contents alerts. For details, call Galloway at 8-1-3707.

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## UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) presented her research titled "A Southern Writer Looks West: Beth Henley" during the national Western Literature of America conference in Albuquerque, N. Mex., on Oct. 17. TWU distinguished alumna Lou Rodenberger also participated.

Dr. **James Galloway** (library) recently reviewed *Plunkett's Financial Services Industry Almanac* by authors Jack W. Plunkett, Karen Barbier and Robin Mia in the September 1997 issue of *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*.

Dr. **Reginald Rezac** (business and economics) has co-authored an update of the 1998 *Prentice Hall Federal Tax Course*. The update was made necessary when Congress passed the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

**Ann Hatch** (public information) received a certificate of appreciation for her participation in Make A Difference Day activities during an awards banquet sponsored by Leadership Denton Alumni on Thurs., Oct. 16, in Denton.

Dr. **John Flohr** (performing arts, music) contributed to a presentation titled "Strategies for Teaching: Guide for Music Methods Classes" during the recent Music Educators national conference in Reston, Va.

Dr. **Grace Gilkeson**, dean emerita (Occupational Therapy), released a book this summer titled *Occupational Therapy Leadership: Marketing Yourself, Your Profession and Your Organization*. "The book focuses on leadership in the allied health professions, how it differs from management and how essential it is for all health professions students to learn how to develop leadership and marketing attitudes and skills," said Gilkeson. "It is directed at students and is planned for use by faculty who are responsible for the preparation of entry-level therapists who are ready to launch careers in the volatile health care system today." The author added that the book is the first of its kind that focuses on occupational therapy leadership.

Dr. **Judith McFarlane** (Nursing, Houston) was invited by the office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, office on women's health, to present nursing research on "Policy and Programs to Prevent Abuse to Women" at the National Nursing Summit on Violence Against Women on Mon., Oct. 20. A total of 75 presidents, deans, representatives and experts from schools of nursing, clinical nursing, government agencies and offices, nursing organizations and domestic violence experts were convened to develop coordination among nursing organizations and DHHS agencies and offices. Participants discussed how to improve the quality of education, prevention and intervention strategies, university screening and workplace initiatives regarding violence against women. The goals of the summit were to reach consensus about violence against women; priorities for the nursing profession; and the development of new strategies to improve education, prevention and intervention.

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## THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2, 1997

Oct. 27-30                      -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

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**CALENDAR, continued**

- Mon., Oct. 27      -USA House of Representatives meeting (executive staff only), noon, SC 105 (Ext. 3626)  
-Student recital by Melinda Imthurn, MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2500)
- Tues., Oct. 28      -Monster Flute Choir concert, free MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2500)  
-USA meeting, SC 006-007, 5-7 p.m. (Ext. 3650)  
-SOAP: leadership session with Tom Ryan, SC 207, 12:15 p.m.  
-Cool Tuesday: Making Halloween masks, SC 207, 5-6:30 p.m.  
-ITS: Eudora/e-mail, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 3252)  
-HR: University travel/accounts payable, Denton, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3555)
- Wed., Oct. 29      -Annual flu shot clinic, Student Health Services, \$10, 4-6 p.m.  
-COLORS meeting, SC 106, 4 p.m. (Ext. 3679)  
-Halloween 5K Run, Hubbard Oval, 4 p.m. (Ext. 3612)  
-SOAP lecture: "Overkill -- Serial Murders Exposed," MCL aud., 7 p.m.  
-HR: Budgeting, Denton, 2:30-4 p.m. (Ext. 3555)  
-ITS: Eudora/e-mail, SH 206, 11 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 3252)  
-ITS: Netscape/e-mail, SH 206, 1-2 p.m. (Ext. 3252)  
-Spooky treats, Houston, courtyard, noon. (8-4-2158)
- Thurs., Oct. 30      -Open forum on tenure review, ACT 3, 4 p.m. (Ext. 3350)  
-SOAP: "Day of the Dead" celebration, SC Underground, 6 p.m.  
-ITS: Netscape/e-mail, SH 206, 5-6 p.m. (Ext. 3252)  
-HR: Managing multiple projects, Denton, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 31      -Undergraduate dance auditions, DGL studios, 9 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 2850)  
-Administrative Council meeting, ACT 601, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3201)  
-A Bright Room Called Day, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2020)  
-Volleyball: TWU vs. Ouachita Baptist, gym, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2378)  
-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.  
-Open forum on tenure review, ACT 3, 3 p.m. (Ext. 3350)  
-SOAP: trip to a haunted house (sign up by Oct. 30), \$2 transportation fee and \$10 admission; meet SC, 4:30 p.m. (Ext. 3611)  
-HR: Accounting, operating statements workshop, Parkland, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Sat., Nov. 1      -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-A Bright Room Called Day, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2020)  
-Volleyball: TWU vs. Harding University, gym, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2378)
- Sun., Nov. 2      -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.