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SOLONS SPEAKING AT COMMENCEMENT

More than 860 degrees will be conferred during spring commencement exercises at TWU on Sat., May 11. Three ceremonies are scheduled -- 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. -- in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Students and family members with tickets are invited to attend.

The number of diplomas earned during the spring 1996 semester includes 639 undergraduate and 229 graduate degrees, according to Dr. Jim Stiles, registrar. (Approximately 650 students are expected to participate in their graduation ceremonies.) Times for commencement reflect candidate assignments, based on specific schools and colleges participating in the ceremonies listed below:

- 9 a.m. -- Ceremony I for candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences;
- 11:30 a.m. -- Ceremony II for graduates from the College of Education and Human Ecology, the School of Library and Information Studies, the School of Occupational Therapy and the School of Physical Therapy;
- 2 p.m. -- Ceremony III for the College of Nursing and the College of Health Sciences.

Three members of the Texas Legislature will speak during commencement exercises: Rep. Burt Solomons, Ceremony I; Rep. Mary Denny, Ceremony II; and Sen. Florence Shapiro, Ceremony III.

A reception for graduates, their families and guests who attend Ceremony I or II will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in the southwest dining room of Hubbard Hall. Graduates and their guests participating in Ceremony II or III are invited to a second reception in the same location from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. TWU President Carol Surles will preside at each ceremony, which includes an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

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GROUP INSURANCE NEWS ANNOUNCED

Good news for TWU employees who participate in the Texas Employees Uniform Group Insurance Program -- rates will not increase during FY 1997 (the 1996-97 academic year) for HealthSelect, dental indemnity, term life, disability, and voluntary accidental death and dismemberment. Participating rates will decrease approximately 15 percent for the dental maintenance plan following the selection of Prudential Dental Maintenance Organization as the plan's new administrator. Participating HMO rates also will decrease an average of 1.8 percent.

The Employees Retirement Systems of Texas board also approved a new HealthSelect option -- HealthSelect Plus -- that will be available to employees and retirees in several areas, effective Sept. 1, 1996. HealthSelect Plus premiums will be almost 15 percent less than those for HealthSelect, yet they will offer enhanced benefits, low co-payments and low out-of-pocket costs. Enrollment will not require evidence of insurability, and pre-existing conditions will be covered.

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HealthSelect networks and HMO service areas will continue to expand into additional areas. Currently more than 105,000 state employees and retirees who are enrolled in HealthSelect have in-area network coverage; approximately 6,500 more will become "in-area" on Sept. 1, 1996. Fifteen of 16 currently approved HMOs were approved to continue in UGIP in FY 1997.

Summer enrollment for these plans (plus TexFlex enrollment and re-enrollment) is held annually during July; changes in coverage should be made during that time as well. For more information about new options, changes or enrollment, call the department of human resources at ext. 3555. Information about new programs will be available from that office by July 1.

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 1996-97 DISTRIBUTED

The department of human resources has distributed the following holiday schedule (a total of 15 days) for the 1996-97 academic year:

- Wed.-Fri., Nov. 17-19, 1996 -- Thanksgiving
- Mon.-Fri., Dec. 23-27, 1996 -- Christmas
- Wed., Jan. 1, 1997 -- New Year's
- Mon., Jan. 20, 1997 -- Martin Luther King
- Mon.-Thurs., March 17-20, 1997 -- Spring break (holiday time)
- Fri., March 21, 1997 -- Spring break (vacation/comp time)
- Fri., July 4, 1997 -- Independence Day

Staff members may observe the following holidays by substituting vacation or compensatory time or another holiday (if possible) for one of the holidays shown: Fri., Sept. 13, 1996 -- Rosh Hashanah; Sun., Sept. 22, 1996 -- Yom Kippur; or Fri., March 28, 1997 -- Good Friday. Supervisors must be notified in advance. "This schedule is based on a five-day work week and allows the university to suspend operations (except for essential functions) for one week at the end of December and one week during spring break," said Carri Stephens (human

resources). "Maintaining essential functions only for extended periods of time reduces our utility usage and continues necessary cost-saving measures." For details, call ext. 3555.

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CHEMICAL WASTE DISPOSAL SET

The TWU department of public safety will dispose of chemicals from various offices and departments on campus during the week of May 20, 1996, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. **by appointment only** at the chemical storage building next to the physical plant, according to Vicki Byrd, TWU's environmental safety and health officer. The following guidelines must be followed: Call public safety at ext. 2924 to obtain chemical waste disposal tags. Complete the information on the tag and attach it to the product that will be removed. A complete list, using proper chemical names and absolute amounts, must be compiled before disposal and given to the safety officer. Items labeled as organic waste will **not** be accepted unless identification of **all** chemicals in the waste is listed on the disposal tag. Also remember to call ext. 2924 and make an appointment for the chemical waste removal.

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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY SCHEDULED

Faculty Development Day for the 1996-97 academic year will be held on Tues., Aug. 20 - mark your calendar, says Dr. Carolyn Bednar (nutrition and food sciences), chair of the event. Sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Denton, and several segments will be transmitted to Dallas and Houston in a videoconference. A faculty luncheon and guest speaker is planned.

Confirmed presentations will include: "Time Management (First Things First)," Mike Duggins, Christian Leadership Ministries; "How to Write a Research Grant," Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants) and Dr. Sarah McIntire (biology); "Academic Advising Tips," Lana Woods (Academic Advising Center); "Library Information Retrieval," James Galloway (library); "E-Mail Access," Joe Natale (library); "Intradisciplinary Courses," a panel by Dr. Lybeth Hodges (history and government); "How to Develop a Home Page," Jim Wheat, Apple Software; "Colleague System," Elaine Martin (computing services); "Annual Faculty Development," a panel by Dr. Clay King (nutrition and food sciences); "The Retirement Process," Amy Hall (human resources); and "Power Point for Classroom Presentations," academic computing staff.

Sessions for the day are organized by the faculty evaluation and development committee, plus Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs). A registration form will be sent in June. For more information, call Bednar at ext. 2658.

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TWU PROGRAM RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM APA

The doctoral program in counseling psychology at TWU recently was awarded accreditation by the American Psychological Association's committee on accreditation; the next site visit will be done in 1998. From now until that year, TWU's program will be listed annually among accredited programs of professional psychology in the *American Psychologist*.

The committee's decision was based on its review of the program's application self-study report, the report of the site visit team and the program's response to the site visit report, according to Dr. Paul Nelson, director of program consultation and accreditation for APA. "The program demonstrates substantial compliance with the APA 'Criteria for Accreditation,' implemented in a manner consistent with its publicly stated goals and objectives," said Nelson. "The program enjoys strong support from central administration and is in the process of developing a comprehensive plan for the recruitment of a culturally diverse faculty and student body. In addition, theory and practice are well integrated throughout the program. Well articulated, the training model is unique in the counseling program."

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NEWSBRIEFS

TWU Update will begin its biweekly summer publication scheduled with the Mon., May 13, issue. Publication dates will be May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, and August 5 and 19. All materials should be submitted by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to each publication date. Student news is not published unless information is submitted in conjunction a faculty member who participated with them in an activity or academic conference. Items submitted for use should include the name of the person who sent the information and a telephone number.

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A reception honoring participants in TWU's "On My Own Time" employee arts and crafts exhibit will be held on Wed., May 8, at 9 a.m., ACT 2. Dr. Carol Surles invites the entire campus community to attend! Don't forget to vote for your favorite piece (the People's Choice Award) by Tues., May 7, at 5 p.m. For details, call Patrice Benfield (institutional advancement) at ext. 3867.

Reminder: Shrinking budgets and growing enrollments are creating dual challenges for universities and colleges across the United States. These institutions must find innovative and cost-efficient ways to teach children of the nation's "baby boomers" as well as the growing number of adult learners who need to develop new skills. The TWU Blagg-Huey Library will present a free videoconference for faculty, staff and students on Thurs., May 9, titled "Mapping the Future: New Routes to Learning Productivity." The program will be presented in the library lecture hall (room 101) from noon to 1:30 p.m. For details, call Elizabeth Snapp (library) at ext. 2665.

The TWU gymnastics team needs donations of good quality aerobic equipment for use in their practice facility -- exercise bikes, treadmills and stair steppers, specifically. Anyone who has such equipment and would like to make a donation should call Frank Kudlac at ext. 2378.

Reminder: Donations are being accepted in honor of Hunner Jake Yzaguirre, son of Teresa Sparlin-Yzaguirre (Student Center), to help the family pay medical expenses. Please send them to the Hunner Jake Yzaguirre Fund, in care of First National Bank, P.O. Box 457, Olney, Texas 76374. For details, contact Judy Hildebrandt (Student Center) at ext. 3640 or 3641.

The mailroom now has new hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. All mail should be dropped off no later than 4:30 p.m. so that it can be metered and mailed that day; all overnights should be left by 3 p.m. The pre-sort deadline is noon each day. Courier services to both sites for the Dallas Center is Monday, Wednesday and Friday; mail for those locations must be dropped off in the mailroom by 8 a.m. each day that the courier runs. A drop box for mail is available at the mailroom after 5 p.m., but anything left after the mail run to the main post office will not be sent until the next business day. For details, call Betty Hood at ext. 3199.

Reminder: Additional candidates for the position of vice president for finance and administration will visit TWU for interviews in May. The search committee will bring an additional candidate -- Dr. Brenda Floyd, dean of financial and administrative services at North Virginia Community College -- to Denton on May 9 (ACT 501, 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.) and to Dallas and Houston on May 8. For information about times and places in Dallas and Houston, call Connie Dixon (president's office) at 8-1-3201.

TWU faculty and staff are invited to become part of the University Chorus next fall. The chorus meets from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday during the fall and spring semesters. "University Chorus has enjoyed having faculty and/or staff members join them every semester since its inception in 1994, and we would like to encourage others to join us," said Dr. Janice Killian (performing arts, music), who directs the group. University Chorus is a non-auditioned group that performs a variety of music styles. For details, call Killian at ext. 2505.

A reception honoring Audrey Godi (public safety), who will retire May 31, will be held on Tues., May 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Underground. All friends, family members and colleagues are invited to join the department of public safety as they wish her well in her retirement.

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Reminder: National Employee Health and Fitness Day will be observed by the TWU Wellness Center on Wed., May 15, with a one-mile walk around the campus. All interested faculty and staff are invited to check in at 11:50 a.m. at the Wellness Center -- and bring a friend! This year's theme is "BINGO!" and participants will receive a bingo card at two of the four stations

along the way. Join everyone for a healthy lunch (Dutch treat!) in the Garden Room of the Student Center, and use your card to play bingo and win prizes. For details, call ext. 2900.

The Denton Community Chorus will deliver its premiere performance at the Campus Theatre on Fri., May 10, at 8 p.m.; Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music) is musical director. Selections will include choral pieces by Henry Purcell, Johannes Brahms, William Schumann, Aaron Copland and Lloyd Pfautsch, as well as "lighter fare," such as a medley of songs from the 1940s titled "A Sentimental Journey" and a South African folk song, "Siyahamba," accompanied by the Agbadza percussion ensemble. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and senior citizens; for reservations, call the Campus Theatre box office at (817) 382-1915.

Reminder: The TWU chapter of Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology, is participating in a national service project called "New Eyes for the Needy." Old, unused eyeglasses are needed for millions of children and adults from the United States. Collection boxes have been placed by Psi Chi on the 7th and 11th floors of CFO (psychology) or donors can call Karen Jackson, the club's president-elect, at ext. 2317 to have glasses picked up in departmental offices on campus. Or...you can drop them off at Jackson's office, CFO 1106, or send them through campus mail. The deadline for collections is May 18.

Reminder: On Mon., May 6, TWU will hold the second of two public hearings (a video teleconference) for students, faculty and staff to discuss a proposed increase in the general use (or building use) fee...an increase of \$7 per semester credit hour, changing the current fee from \$12 per semester credit hour to \$19 per semester credit hour, effective fall 1996. Presented by Dr. Carol Surles (president's office), the hearing will be held from noon to 1 p.m. and will originate at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center (Parkland, DED 230). It will be transmitted to the Presbyterian site (room 109) and to the Houston center (Nursing Building, room E-83).

The Human Development Building will be re-keyed during the week of May 20-24, 1996, according to John Erwin (public safety). Each person who is authorized to have a key in the building may pick up a new key beginning Wed., May 1, at the department of public safety from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. All HDB department chairs are asked to encourage their faculty to pick up new keys by May 20. Faculty and staff who have a current key, covered by a key request and deposit, may obtain a new key without additional paperwork or deposit. Faculty and staff members who need a new key or who do not have a key deposit on file must have a signed key request form and must make a \$5 deposit to obtain a key. During the transition period (May 20-24), staff can keep both their current key and new key. After the locks are changed, they must return old keys to public safety.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Charlotte Keefe** (early childhood and special education) is co-author of *Turning Points in Middle Schools: Strategic Transitions for Educators*, published by Carwin Press.

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Dr. **Bill Cissell** (health studies), president of the Texas chapter of the Society for Public Health Education, recently presided at their board and business meetings held during the organization's spring 1996 conference in Richardson and Plano March 29-31. He also served as a "reactor" to presentations made by Dr. Karen Heuvenkveld from the University of Texas at Arlington (titled "The Effect of Managed Care on Voluntary Health Organizations") and by Dr. Marco Montoya, assistant commissioner in the division of health affairs at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (titled "The Effect of Managed Care on Professional Preparation").

Several TWU students attended: **Teresa Busby**, a senior majoring in community health; **Ginny Lindsay**, a doctoral student in health education; **Pat VanMaanen**, a graduate student working on her master's degree in health studies; **James Raymer**, a doctoral student in health education; and **Margo Blythe**, a graduate student pursuing her master's degree in health. Several TWU alums participated as well: Dr. **Donna Stauber**; a member of TSOPHE's board of directors and editor of the organization's newsletter, *Lone Star Roundup*; and **Claudia Coggin**, TSOPHE's secretary.

On April 20, the TWU department of chemistry and physics hosted the Dallas/Fort Worth section of the American Chemical Society's annual "Meeting-in-Miniature." This meeting provides under-graduate and graduate chemistry majors with an opportunity to present the results of their research to both their peers and professional chemists. Fifty students from 10 colleges and universities competed for cash prizes in the graduate and undergraduate categories; TWU students **Debra Dolliver** and **Rachal Vermillion-Salsbury** won second and third prizes, respectively, in the graduate division, and **Nora Morales** placed third in the undergraduate division.

USA Today recently recognized the national winners of the 1995 "Make A Difference Day" entries; Denton's entry received honors and a \$2,000 award to fund next year's activities. **Ann Hatch** (public information) served as publicity chair for the effort.

Faculty and students from the School of Occupational Therapy made presentations at the annual American Occupational Therapy Association conference held in Chicago April 19-23: Dr. **Sally Schultz** (Denton); Drs. **Regina Michael Campbell**, **Gayle McNurlen**, **Catherine Orr**, (Dallas); and Drs. **Kathlyn Reed**, **O. Jayne Bowman**, **Gayle Hersch**, **Virginia White**, **Jean Spencer**, **Harriett Davidson** and **Frances Baxter** (Houston). Students who made presentations included **Samantha Bordner Lister**, **Teresa Norris**, **Sara Brayman**, **Eileen Garza**, **Verna Eschenfelder**, and **Teresa Pfeifer**.

Campbell was named a Fellow of the American Occupational Therapy Association at the conference. This high honor is based on service and contribution to the association and the profession of occupational therapy.

Drs. **Jane Irons** and **Linda Sluder** (early childhood and special education) presented their research titled "An Investigation of the Maternal Relationships of Incarcerated Teenage Mothers" to the Texas Education Agency and Texas Juvenile Probation Commission in Galveston April 17. Irons also presented a workshop that focused on the successful curriculum on self-discipline skills for at-risk youth and adults in correctional settings.

An article titled "The Use of Play in Family Therapy" by Drs. **Ruth Anderson** and **JoLynne Reynolds** (family sciences) appeared in the spring issue of the *TCA Journal*.

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Dr. **Francine Lancaster** (biology) wrote a paper titled "Sex Differences in Alcohol Preference and Drinking Patterns Emerge During the Early Postpubertal Period of Sprague-Dawley Rats" that has been accepted for publication in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*. The paper was co-authored by students **Tamera Brown**, **Kim Coker**, **Judi Elliott** and **Sam Wren**. Brown and Elliott's participation was supported by the TWU Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) grant.

Faculty and students in the department of dental hygiene have participated in two major events recently. Faculty **Pat Fallon** and **Carolyn Ray** attended and presented poster sessions during the annual session of the American Association of Dental Schools in San Francisco, Calif. Their poster sessions were based on research findings in the department. Fallon presented "A comparison on the effectiveness of two wooden interdental cleaners," based on an article and abstract which she co-authored with faculty member **Chris French Beatty**, who was not able to attend the conference. Ray's poster presentation, "Chart evaluation as a student preparation for treatment of a periodontal patient," was based on research she co-wrote with Beatty. Beatty and Ray also co-authored an article and abstract titled "The effects of repeated experiences with problem-based learning," which was displayed as a poster presentation as well.

The department hosted the Texas Student American Dental Hygienists' Association annual session, in cooperation with the Texas Dental Hygienists' Association in Dallas April 12 and 13. More than 300 students and faculty, who represented all 15 dental hygiene programs, attended. Several persons from TWU presented a workshop on diversity titled "Country A to Country Z": **Annise Wycoff** (housing), **Lee Sewell** (Occupational Therapy), Dr. **Evelyn Curry** (Library and Information Studies), Joyce Parmentier (Academic Advising Center), Dr. **Sinah Goode** (kinesiology), **Jean Yale** (career services), **Gail Williams** (student life, Dallas), **Debbie Wegmann** (Nursing, Dallas), **Dorothy Irelan** (institutional advancement), **Linda Robinson** (library), Dr. **Glenda Simmons** (student life), Dr. **Barbara Cramer** (health studies) and Dr. **Susan Ward** (health studies). Dr. **Eva Doyle** (health studies) coordinated the workshop, facilitated a small group and spoke at lunch after the workshop concluded.

During the program's second day, dental hygiene faculty members from TWU -- Fall, Beatty, Ray, **Bettee Andrews**, **Dr. Nancy Glick**, **Jan Schoen** and **Leslie Shaw** -- served as

facilitators at a Dental Hygiene Course Fair for other faculty who attended the conference. The course fair comprised round table discussions related to courses that are common to all Texas dental hygiene programs. Participants received information on teaching strategies, laboratory and clinical experiences, and evaluation methods.

Dr. **Carol Surles** (president's office) has agreed to serve as a member of the state affairs committee for the Council of Public University Presidents and Chancellors. The committee, chaired by Dr. Glenn Goerke, president of the University of Houston, attempts to identify issues that can be addressed best through collective efforts during legislative sessions, working with suggestions from various support organizations in higher education.

Dr. **Frank Longoria** (English, speech and foreign languages) was notified by TWU alumna **Mary Mills** that several of her poems are being published this year: "Amor By Any Other Name" in *Path Not Taken*, National Library of Poetry; "Flux" in *Poetic Voices of America* (spring 1996) from the Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum at Sistersville, W. Va.; and "Purchasing Justice -- The Ultimate High," also in *Poetic Voices of America*.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: MAY 6-12, 1996

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| May 1-10 | - "On My Own Time" employee arts and crafts exhibition, ACT 2 |
| May 1-31 | - Exhibit: "Citizens at Last: The Woman Suffrage Movement in Texas," Blagg-Huey Library 2nd floor, Woman's Collection; all day. (Ext. 3751) |
| May 1-31 | - Exhibit: "Rosalie Fulton: American Realism Artist," Blagg-Huey Library 2nd floor, Woman's Collection; all day (Ext. 3751) |
| Mon.-Wed.,
May 6-9 | - Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-midnight.
- Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Mon., May 6 | - Public hearing to discuss proposed increase in the general use fee, Dallas-Parkland, DED 230, noon-1 p.m.; hearing will be transmitted by video teleconference to Dallas-Presbyterian and Houston Center. (Ext. 3505)
- Question-and-answer session for vice president for finance and administration candidate, ACT 501, 3:30-4:15 p.m. (Ext. 3201)
- Midnight Breakfast, Hubbard Hall, north line, 10:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. |
| Wed., May 8 | - "On My Own Time" reception, ACT 2, 9 a.m. (Ext. 3863) |
| May 9-10 | - Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Thurs., May 9 | - Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Student meal plan ends for spring 1996; lunch is last meal. (Ext. 3676) |

-Blagg-Huey Library video conference: "Mapping the Future: New Routes to Learning Productivity," library lecture room 101, 1:30 p.m. (Ext. 2665)
-EFE fall 1996 typed applications due, MCL 408C, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2206)
-EFE spring original log due to professor, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2206)
-Question-and-answer session for vice president for finance and administration candidate, ACT 501, 3:30-4:15 p.m. (Ext. 3201)

Fri., May 10 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
-Faculty Senate meeting, SC 207-208, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3393)

Sat., May 11 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
-Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
-Spring commencement, Denton, MJPH; Ceremony I, College of Arts and Sciences, 9 a.m.; Ceremony II, College of Education and Human Ecology, School of Library and Information Studies, School of Occupational Therapy, School of Physical Therapy, 11:30 a.m.; Ceremony III, College of Health Sciences, College of Nursing, 2 p.m.; reception for Ceremony I or II, southwest room, Hubbard Hall, 10-11 a.m.; reception for Ceremony II or III, southwest room, Hubbard Hall, 12:30-1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3030)
-Residence halls close, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3676)

Sun., May 12 -Blagg-Huey Library closed.
-Bookstore closed.