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### ***FLOYD ISSUES MAIL SCREENING CHECKLIST***

In light of recent anthrax-related incidents and scares around the country, Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) has provided the TWU community with the following mail screening checklist:

Individuals responsible for processing incoming mail should be aware of the possibility of anthrax threat letters, even though the threat to the university is very remote. This checklist outlines common features of suspicious letters.

- No return address
- Excessive postage
- Hand written or poorly typed addresses
- Misspelling of common words
- Restrictive markings such as "Confidential," "Personal," etc.
- Excessive weight and/or leaking of a powdery substance
- Shows a city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address

If you receive a letter or note threatening anthrax contamination, remain calm. Although any threatened use of a biological agent must be treated as though it is real, experience has demonstrated that these are likely to be a hoax. If the suspected biological agent is reported as anthrax, be assured that it is NOT contagious, from person to person, and that treatment is readily available when administered before the onset of symptoms.

## **What Should You Do**

If it is a letter that you have opened, set it down gently at the location where you first read it, then move to an area that will minimize your exposure to others. Avoid contact with others when possible, and remain in the area. Public Safety and EMS responders will come to you.

- If it is a note that you happen to find, LEAVE IT ALONE. Call the TWU DPS office immediately.
- Do not allow others into the area. If anyone enters, they should stay until instructed to leave by Public Safety or EMS responders.

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***MAIL SCREENING, continued***

- Remain calm. Exposure does not mean that you will become sick. EMS responders will provide specific information and instructions about the symptoms and effective treatment to prevent illness.

**What Should You Not Do**

- Do not pass the letter or note to others to look at.
- Do not disturb any contents in the letter or note. Handling the letter may only spread the substance inside and increase the chances of it getting into the air.
- Do not ignore the threat. It must be treated as real until properly evaluated.

**If You Receive A Threat By Telephone**

**What Should You Do**

- Call the TWU DPS immediately.
- Remain calm. Similar threats have all proven false, and this is likely to be a hoax as well.

**What You Should Not Do**

- Do not ignore the threat. It must be treated as real until properly evaluated.
- Do not argue with/or antagonize the caller.
- Listen carefully to the caller so you can recall the details later. Listen for background noises.

**Denton Campus DPS ext. 2911**

**Parkland Campus DPS ext. 6666**

**Presbyterian Campus DPS ext. 2333**

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## BOOK MARKS 100 YEARS OF TWU HISTORY

A book chronicling the first 100 years of Texas Woman's University in photos and essays will be released Nov. 1 during the *Celebrating A Texas Treasure* symposium on the Denton campus.

*Marking A Trail: The Quest Continues* by TWU English Professor Phyllis Bridges will sell for \$25. Along with being available at the symposium, the book may be purchased through the TWU Office of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 425785, Denton, TX 76204-5785; (940) 898-2586.

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"The celebration of the Centennial of TWU seemed an ideal time to reflect on our century of service and to assess our contributions and plan for our future endeavors," Dr. Bridges said. TWU was established in 1901 by the Texas Legislature.

There have been several histories of TWU written over the years. The major comprehensive history of the first 75 years of TWU was authored by the late Dr. Joyce Thompson, professor of English, and published in 1982. That work - *Marking A Trail* - has been a valuable resource for all of TWU for the past 20 years.

"The Centennial history draws upon the earlier works about TWU and brings us up to date. The title for the Centennial history - *Marking A Trail: The Quest Continues* - was chosen to honor the work of the past and to affirm that TWU perseveres in the goal to provide outstanding educational opportunities in the same spirit as the founders described a century ago," Dr. Bridges said.

Dr. Bridges has been a member of the TWU faculty for 30 years and was named an honorary alumna and was awarded a medallion for meritorious service to the university. She has served on many TWU committees, and currently serves on the TWU Alumnae Board and as chair of scholarships for the Alumnae Association. She is a member of the Faculty Senate representing arts and sciences, and is chair of the board for campus publications. She also helped secure funding for TWU's new library in the 1980s.

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**CELEBRATION TO CENTER ON CHAPEL, GARDENS**

The *Celebrating A Texas Treasure* symposium will be Nov. 1-2 at TWU's Denton campus. Among the activities to be held at the two-day event include a lecture about Little Chapel-in-the-Woods architect O'Neil Ford by *Dallas Morning News* architecture critic David Dillon, a discussion about the

renovation of historic homes, a celebration of the Little Chapel's restoration, discussions on xerioscaping by accomplished gardener Neil Sperry, and a lecture about former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt was involved in the dedication of the Little Chapel in 1939. Blanche Wiesen Cook, professor of history and women's studies at John Jay College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York and biographer of Mrs. Roosevelt, will discuss the life of the former first lady. Her lecture is underwritten by the Joyce Thompson Endowed Memorial Lecture in American Literature and Culture.

As part of the University's Centennial Project, TWU also is celebrating the beauty of the gardens. In 1930, TWU faculty began the transformation of a seven-acre "weed patch" into what is now the Botanical Garden area. A self-guided walking trail, which focuses on the identification of trees and shrubs, will be marked during the two-day symposium.

For a complete schedule of symposium events, registration costs, or more information, contact the TWU Office of Alumni Relations at (940) 898-2586, [alumni@twu.edu](mailto:alumni@twu.edu), or at Office of Alumni Relations, PO Box 425785, Denton, TX 76204-5785.

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## SECC CAMPAIGN NEARS END

A progress report on TWU's State Employee Charitable Campaign shows the Denton campus is more than halfway toward its \$50,000 goal. The campaign ends Oct. 31.

Dr. Evelyn Curry (library science) and Dr. Lynda Murphy (graduate school) report that \$30,416 had been donated as of Oct. 18, reaching 61 percent of the goal thus far. The participation rate stood at about 25 percent, with 212 out of 858 employees participating.

The SECC 2001 theme is  $50 + 50 = 100$  in honor of the university's Centennial year. The goals for the campaign are \$50,000 in donations and a 50 percent participation rate. The campaign ends Oct. 31.

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### ***BIKE RALLY TO RAISE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS***

Bicycle riders will take to the streets Saturday, Nov. 3 to raise funds for a TWU scholarship endowment and youth at-risk scholarships for city of Denton Parks and Recreation programs, as well as to welcome Jim Damico, who is pedaling 8,500 miles to benefit the TWU endowment fund.

The Show Me America Bike Rally will include a 25-mile rally course and a 10-mile family fun ride through Denton. Rally and fun ride participants will receive T-shirts and can participate in post-ride activities on the TWU campus. Activities will include live musical entertainment, face painting and refreshments.

Early registration for either ride is \$25 per person by Oct. 26. Families of four or more can register for \$15 per person. Registration will take place at the Denton Civic Center, 321 East McKinney St. through Nov. 2. For registration information, call (940) 349-8125. Registration also will be available the day of the event beginning at 7 a.m. on Bell Avenue near Pioneer Hall on the TWU campus.

A portion of the proceeds from the Show Me America Bike Rally will benefit the Nancy Johnson Coyle Endowment Fund, established at Texas Woman's University for master of arts degree Women's Studies scholarships. Proceeds also will benefit youth at-risk scholarships for Denton Parks and Recreation programs.

Nancy Johnson Coyle died in 1998 at the age of 41 after a long illness. She lived in Denton since 1968, was married at the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods on the TWU campus in 1990, and was in the process of earning a degree at TWU when she died. Mrs. Johnson-Coyle's family established the Nancy Johnson Coyle Endowment Fund in her memory, and to date two scholarships have been awarded.

To help keep Nancy's memory alive and raise additional funds for the endowment, her cousin, Jim Damico, is making an 8,500-mile bicycle ride across the United States. Jim is scheduled to complete the ride, which will end at the TWU campus in Denton, on Nov 3. He will join rally participants and complete his trek with them.



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The Oct. 11 Silent Auction netted \$2,055 in donations. Curry and Murphy credited the success of the auction to the efforts of Kathy Webb (controller's office) Adele Petty (graduate school), Anne King (marketing and communication), Vernie Wilson (student life) and Kristina Randolph (facilities management). A second major fund-raising event, the Charity Ball, is scheduled from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Pioneer Hall. There is no cost to attend, but tickets for door prizes may be purchased. Entry fees, concessions and other donations go to the SECC fund.

Contributions to SECC will be accepted through Oct. 31. A single donation of any size will increase TWU's participation rate and move the university closer to the Centennial goals. Those who need additional forms, or who need help completing the forms, may contact Curry at 2614 or Murphy at 3405.

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**PROPOSAL DEADLINE SET FOR RHETORIC SYMPOSIUM**

The proposal deadline for the annual rhetoric symposium has been set for Dec. 15. The event, sponsored by the Rhetoric Committee of the Federation of North Texas Area Universities, will take place on Friday, Feb. 8, 2002 on ACT 3 on the TWU Denton campus.

Keynote speaker Dr. Don Bialostosky of Penn State University will speak about Mikhail Bakhtin and rhetoric. Graduate students of the Federation universities will be given an opportunity (both as a group and individually) to meet with Dr. Bialostosky to discuss research opportunities in the field of rhetoric. An evening reception with Dr. Bialostosky will conclude the day.

Papers related to the keynote address or the symposium theme of rhetoric in a changing world are especially welcome, but papers on all aspects of rhetoric are invited. Proposals for entire panels are encouraged. Proposals of at least 250 words are due by Saturday, Dec. 15, and should be sent via e-mail to conference chair Dr. Stephen Souris (English, Speech and Foreign Language) at [Ssouris@ATT.net](mailto:Ssouris@ATT.net). All proposals must include "FRS2002" in the subject line, along with a subject phrase. No attachments will be accepted.

The best paper submitted by a Federation graduate student will be awarded a prize. To be considered, the paper must be received in hard copy (no e-mailed or faxed papers) by Tues., Jan. 15, 2002, and addressed to Dr. Stephen Souris, Associate Professor of English, Department of English, Speech and Foreign Languages, TWU, P.O. Box 425481, Denton, TX 76204-5481.

The event is free for all Federation students and faculty. Non-Federation students will be charged \$10; all others: \$20

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor for this event is encouraged to contact Dr. Souris.

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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, by fax to 8-1-3463 or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). The deadline to receive information is every other Tuesday 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.***

Dr. Georgia Caraway, executive director of the Denton County Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum, will present a lecture titled, "CIA/TSCW Pottery" from 12:15 until 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, in the Commissioners Courtroom, located on the second floor of the Courthouse-on-the-Square. An exhibit titled, "From their own Hands: CIA/TSCW Student Made Pottery," will be featured at the museum through December.

The Center for Student Research Support and the Office of Lifelong Learning are offering weekend refresher courses for GRE. The courses will offer tips and tricks to save time on the test as well as how to use study time more efficiently. Practice tests will be administered. Anyone who needs to "brush up" on either the math or verbal section may call the Office of Lifelong Learning at 8-1-3408 for registration information.

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## **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.).***

**Dr. Phyllis Bridges** (English, Speech and Foreign Languages) presented "Equal to the Demands of the Day: Women on the American Frontier" Sept. 8 at the national Ranching Heritage Symposium,

sponsored by Texas Tech University.

Dr. Peter Rollins of Oklahoma State University and Dr. Michael Schoenecke of Texas Tech University have announced the establishment of an award by the American Culture Association/Popular Culture Association of the Southwest in honor of **Dr. Phyllis Bridges**, professor of English at TWU. The Phyllis Bridges Award will be presented annually at the conference to a person who presents the best paper in biography, autobiography, memoir or personal narrative. A panel will determine the winner from all papers submitted. A cash award provided by the organization accompanies the honor. Dr. Bridges served as president of the ACA/PAC of the Southwest from 1997-99 and has chaired the session in biography for the conference for 15 years. The next meeting of the ACA/PCA will be Feb. 13-17 in Albuquerque, N.M.

**Patty Dowdell**, head volleyball coach, invites all faculty and staff to attend the Pioneers' match against Centenary at 7 p.m. Wed., Oct. 31 in Pioneer Hall. Each student athlete has invited one of her professors to be recognized during introductions. All faculty and staff attending the match also will be recognized. Attending the match also increases the chance of winning a "C-Ya" service ace T-shirt. Faculty and staff are also invited to participate in the half time serving contest.

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***THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: OCTOBER 22-NOVEMBER 4, 2001***

Oct. 22-25

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 23

- Colleague training: "Selecting and Tracking Requisitions," 9-10 a.m. Call 8-1-3292 or 8-1-6693 to register.

Wed., Oct. 24

- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Midwestern State, away. Lone Star Conference Match.
- Colleague training: "Inquiring into the Student System," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call 8-1-3293 or 8-1-6693 to register.
- Colleague training: "Intro and Overview of Colleague," 9-10 a.m. Call 8-1-3293 or 8-1-6693 to register.

Thurs., Oct. 25

- Colleague training: "Online Time Sheet Entry - Non-Exempt Employees," 9-9:45 a.m. Call 8-1-3293 or 8-1-6693 to register.
- Colleague training: "Online Time Sheet Entry - Exempt Employees," 10-10:45 a.m. Call 8-1-3293 or 8-1-6693 to register.

Fri., Oct. 26

- 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.

- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Southeastern Oklahoma, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall. Lone Star Conference Match.
- ASSET General Meeting, noon-1 p.m., SC 207. Lunch will be provided.
- University Club of Denton social hour, 5-7 p.m. at the home of Chris and Richard Beatty, 2217 Burning Tree Lane.

Sat., Oct. 27

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Texas A&M Commerce, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall, "High School Appreciation/Pack the Gym Night." Lone Star Conference Match.

Sun., Oct. 28

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

Oct. 29-Nov. 1

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 31

- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Centenary, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall. "Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night."
- Colleague training: "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," 9-10:30 a.m. Call 8-1-3293 or 8-1-6693 to register.
- Colleague training: "Online Travel Requisitions," 10:30-11 a.m. Call 8-1-3293 or 8-1-6693 to register.

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***CALENDAR, continued***

Thurs., Nov. 1

- Celebrating A Texas Treasure Symposium. Call 8-1-2586 for details.

Fri., Nov. 2

- 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.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. St. Edward's, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall. "Alumni Night."
- University Club of Denton social hour, 5-7 p.m. at the home of John and Marion Knesek, 211 Bob Goodson.
- Celebrating A Texas Treasure Symposium. Call 8-1-2586 for details.

Sat., Nov. 3

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Incarnate Word, 2 p.m., Pioneer Hall. "Senior Appreciation Day."

Sun., Nov. 4

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

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