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HAPPY, HAPPY DAY...

It's a party, and you're invited!

Help Dr. Carol Surles celebrate a special day -- her 50th birthday! -- on Tues., October 8, from 4 to 5 p.m. on the Hubbard Hall oval.

Stop by with a wish, wave "hi!" with a smile and share some cake (courtesy of Marriott Food Services) -- all faculty, staff and students are welcome.

See you there!!!

TWU WELCOMES AOTA REPRESENTATIVE

Shirley Wells, a representative of the American Occupational Therapy Association, will visit TWU's Denton and Dallas campuses on Oct. 8 and 9 to promote diversity within the OT profession. Wells, a registered OT, is responsible for development and management of the multicultural affairs program for AOTA. She has been active in the recruitment and retention of students, practitioners and educators from diverse backgrounds in the profession; the promotion and integration of diversity, multiculturalism and inclusion throughout the association and profession; the development of programs and materials for consumers from ethnic populations; and facilitation of development among diverse members of AOTA.

Wells will visit TWU's Presbyterian site on Tuesday, beginning with Leonard Trujillo (Occupational Therapy) at 11:30 a.m.; OT students and faculty from noon to 1 p.m.; OT faculty in a roundtable discussion from 1 to 3 p.m.; and a class for her presentation on "Culture and the Clinical Reasoning Process" from 4 to 6 p.m. On Wed., Oct. 9, Wells will continue with a visit to Denton. She will meet with Lee Sewell (Occupational Therapy) at 11:30 a.m., followed by a faculty and student government open forum discussion from noon to 1 p.m. and concluding with her presentation on "Cultural Issues in Health Care" in SC 207-208 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call Trujillo at 8-3-2350.

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SECC STRIVES TO MEET GOAL

The State Employee Charitable Campaign at TWU kicked off on Oct. 1, 1996, as the university seeks to meet its goal of \$20,000 this year. All TWU employees have received a letter and their campaign brochures and forms. Each department and office on campus has a designated "Torchbearer" who can answer questions or help them fill out the forms, which should be returned by Oct. 31. (See the Sept. 30, 1996, issue of *TWU Update* for a listing.)

SECC, continued

"Thank you for your generous support of our SECC campaign," said Judy Hildebrandt (Student Center), who co-chairs the effort with Dr. Joyce Williams (sociology and social work). "We are making steady progress toward our goal of \$20,000. If you have returned your forms, thank you. If you still are considering which agency or agencies to support, there is time to make your contribution and send it to me through campus mail.

"Contributing to the SECC campaign is easy, and the following information will help us process pledge forms: fill out the pledge form completely and return the white and yellow portions to room 002 in the Student Center office by Oct. 31," said Hildebrandt. "Keep the pink copy for your files. Please return all pledge forms and contributions in envelopes marked 'confidential."

Employees may choose to contribute through payroll deduction, cash or checks. Those who choose payroll deductions should know that the effective dates are Dec. 1, 1996, through Nov. 30, 1997. Anyone who has questions can call Hildebrandt at ext. 3640. "A variety of state and local agencies depend on this campaign to continue their services," she added. "Your gifts make these services possible, and every gift is important."

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LIBRARY PRESENTS LECTURE

The TWU Blagg-Huey Library and the Woman's Collection will present a lecture titled "Claire, Molly and Me: Biography, Fiction and Autobiography" on Tues., Oct. 15, at 3:30 p.m. The program, scheduled in library lecture hall 101, will feature Miriam Kalman Harris; the program is free and open to the public. For more information, call ext. 2665.

Harris was selected by the American Association of University Women as a 1996-97 American Fellow. She served four years as the National Women's Studies Association communications chair and editor of their newsletter, *NWS Action*. A doctoral candidate at the University of Texas at Dallas, Harris currently is researching and writing her dissertation, a biography of Claire Myers Owens, at the Woman's Collection archives at TWU. Her edition of Owens' 1935 novel, *The Unpredictable Adventure*, was published in 1993 by Syracuse University Press. She recently completed her first novel, *Molly Bloom: A Diary*. Formerly the director of a crisis program for battered women, Harris has edited a collection of autobiographical narratives by women survivors of violence and contributed articles and editorials to the *Dallas Morning News*.

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SURLES ADDRESSES FACULTY

During an open forum for faculty on Oct. 3, Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) brought the audience up-to-date on a number of areas, including strategic planning, upcoming legislative matters, renovations on campus, the proposed Highway 380 expansion, faculty governance and other areas. Surles again referred to two key goals for TWU that she identified and shared at the fall assembly: to increase statewide service and to expand and enhance teaching methodologies. She also talked about the university's caring and personalized instruction for the student body (especially for women), the need for a broad liberal arts core, cultivation of leadership, and research program efforts that are designed to improve lives, especially those of women.

FORUM, continued

Surles discussed strategic planning and what will occur over the next six months, including a final document that will incorporate the "many creative initiatives" of the university community. "I want to compile a document that's reflective of all academic and non-academic programs that all faculty and staff persons can look at, see where they fit in and know what role they play at TWU."

She also talked about the Legislative Budget Board's visit to TWU (and how enrollment -- which TWU is "sustaining" -- affects appropriations); special items (including an "exceptional" item for the next biennium to provide funds for the Center for Research on Women's Health); post-tenure review (a "hot" issue with legislators right now); systems and university governance (a "fairly inert" issue right now); and merit pay and the need for a plan with all necessary steps in place so that TWU can move forward in this area (or stop such a practice until such a plan has been approved and is in place). "We are a university with a history of annual faculty evaluation, and I believe we will move forward (with this effort)," said Surles.

The president also addressed a matter that "...distracts me more than it should have to..." -- the proposed expansion of Highway 380 on TWU's northern boundary by the Texas Department of Transportation. "This proposal affects faculty, staff, students, alumni and the Denton community, including business owners along Highway 380 and those who are not. It is a threat primarily to our viability, and I am very much concerned."

She continued, "The expansion would impair fundamental access to the residence halls and affect the safety of our students." She cited increased congestion and traffic delays, a loss of about 30 feet of depth to University House (and loss of hospitality area that TWU uses as well), loss of about 190 parking spaces, loss of trees, increased noise and emissions pollution in "...an essentially highly populated area" and other problems as well.

Surles said, "Our two top priorities are safe access to the residence halls and the preservation of University House and the golf course." The proposed expansion would add two more lanes of traffic on University Drive between Locust and Ruddell streets, plus a concrete median. The president added that she did not know at what point TWU was notified of the proposed expansion and that she has appointed a "serious" study committee to look at the proposal. The TWU board of regents have been notified, received a report from a TxDOT representative and took a tour of the area that would be affected by such an expansion.

An open forum for all campus community members -- staff, students and faculty -- has been scheduled on Fri., Oct. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m., CFO 204 to discuss the proposed expansion with Surles.

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WHO'S WHO NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Nominations for *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities* are needed from TWU faculty by **Fri., Nov. 15.** Dr. Sharon Bezner (Physical Therapy), chair of the *Who's Who* committee, is seeking only **undergraduate** nominations at this time because the national *Who's Who* organization changed its procedures last year. "Undergraduate nominations are handled separately from graduation nominations," said Bezner. "The graduate student nominations again will be handled by the Graduate School."

WHO'S WHO, continued

Who's Who annually honors outstanding campus leaders for their scholastic and community achievements. Eligible students must be either juniors or seniors (as determined by having at least 60 credit hours on their transcripts). Deans, assistant deans, program directors and department chairs have nomination forms and instructions. The student should complete the nomination form and attach a current transcript that shows course work completed through the summer of 1996. A TWU faculty member will nominate the student by filling out the last two lines of the form.

The deadline for Bezner to receive nominations is Nov. 15; no nominations will be accepted after this date. Send forms to Bezner in the School of Physical Therapy at Presbyterian. For more information, call her at 8-3-2300.

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TWU PRESENTS READING RECOVERY CONFERENCE

TWU's annual Reading Recovery conference will be held in Dallas on Fri. and Sat., Oct. 11 and 12, at the Dallas/Fort Worth Hyatt Regency Hotel (DFW Airport). Several thousand teachers, administrators, parents and persons interested in children and reading are expected to attend. A special pre-conference session is scheduled on Thurs., Oct. 10, at the same location.

"The conference is designed for all persons who are interested in early literacy and intervention programs for children who find the path to literacy difficult," said Dr. Billie Askew (reading and bilingual education), who brought the Reading Recovery program to TWU. Developed by New Zealand educator Dr. Marie M. Clay, Reading Recovery is a short-term intervention for children at risk of failing to learn to read in the first grade. Children meet daily in a one-to-one session with a specially trained teacher.

"The goal of the program is for children to develop effective reading and writing strategies that will enable them to make accelerated progress and to work successfully within an average classroom setting," said Askew. The key to the successful implementation of Reading Recovery is its multi-tiered training model. "Reading Recovery links universities like TWU and schools in a collaborative venture to help children while it provides a dynamic and unique staff development model," she added. A collaborative meeting on Reading Recovery in Spanish/Descubriendo La Lectura will be held on Wed., Oct. 9, from 2:30 to 9 p.m.

The conference keynote speaker will be Regie Routman, a language arts resource teacher in Shaker Heights, Ohio City School District. A public school teacher for more than 20 years, she has worked as a classroom teacher, learning disabilities tutor, reading specialist and a Reading Recovery teacher. Highlighted speakers will include: Joy Cowley, author of five adult novels, three junior novels, several children's picture books, more than 400 children's reading books and other works; Gay Su Pinnell, faculty member from Ohio State University, whose professional work focuses on the literacy education of young children and on ways to support teachers of reading, writing and language arts (Pinnell will present the pre-conference workshop); and author Irene Fountas, professor and director of the Center for Reading Recovery at Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass.

The conference includes more than 60 sessions, as well as exhibits, speakers and programs. The cost to attend varies; for details, call continuing education at ext. 3408.

NEWSBRIEFS

The proposed expansion of Highway 380 near TWU will be the topic of an open forum for all TWU faculty, staff and students on Fri., Oct. 11, from 2 to 3 p.m., CFO 204. Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) will discuss the university's stance. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Center for Research on Women's Health will present a teleconference brainstorming session for anyone at TWU who is interested in conducting research related to all aspects of women's health. The teleconference sites are MCL 811 in Denton, DED 230 at Parkland and Presbyterian room 109. Interested participants should bring a one-page summary of their research and/or interest in women's health. Discussion also will include plans for the "Pioneer Project" -- a proposed longitudinal women's health study.

The Photographic Artists Coalition -- a TWU student photography organization -- will display their works in the East Gallery of the Denton Center for Visual Arts (located at 207 S. Bell Ave.) through Fri., Oct. 25. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Reminder: Nominations for the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation's "Piper Professors of 1997" must be received by Dr. Gayle McNurlen (Occupational Therapy) with supporting documentation no later than noon on Thurs., Oct. 17. They can be mailed to McNurlen in the TWU School of Occupational Therapy, 8194 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas, Texas 75231 or faxed to her at 8-3-2380. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time instructors. Nominations must be submitted on two-part forms that are available from the faculty awards committee; call McNurlen at 8-3-2412 for copies of the form. "Part A" is an institutional form which should be completed by the nominee's department head. "Part B" should be completed by the nominee. No more than five letters of recommendation may be submitted with the forms.

A workshop for nontraditional students will be held at TWU on Mon., Oct. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., SC Underground. Prospective students will receive information on admissions, financial aid, student life and other areas. For more information, call the office of undergraduate admissions at ext. 3047. The program is free and open to all interested persons.

Reminder: In observance of Mental Illness Awareness Month, the Counseling Center will sponsor a National Depression Screening Day on Thurs., Oct. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in SC 207-208. The event is free and includes a screening interview with a mental health professional, a written self-test for depression and an educational presentation. Call ext. 3801.

The U.S. General Accounting Office, a Congressional agency that performs studies and audits of federal programs, recently prepared a report on partnerships among housing authorities and other federal, state and local entities. Information submitted for the report by the Denton Housing Authority included the partnership between DHA and TWU -- specifically the health center (TWU CARES) that serves Denton residents, particularly those in the Phoenix Apartments. The report, which includes information from approximately 30 housing authorities, will be shared with the U.S. Congress.

Reminder: Joe Egg, a dark comedy about 12 eventful hours in the lives of its main characters -- Brian and Sheila and their daughter Joe -- continues this week in Redbud Theatre. Joe Egg, written by Peter Nicholas, explores the struggle between what people say and what they long to say. Performances are: Fri. and Sat., Oct. 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.; and Sun., Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. For tickets, call Redbud Theatre at ext. 2020.

NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Following the alleged abduction and rape of a TWU student on Mon., Sept. 30, the TWU student chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will hold a "Take Back Our Campus" candlelight vigil and march around the campus perimeter on Tues., Oct. 8. Everyone is invited; participants should meet in the free speech area near the Student Center at 7 p.m., where the event will begin.

Please add Dr. Fritz Schwalm (biology) as a "Torchbearer" for the TWU State Employee Charitable Campaign. Anyone from the department of biology who has questions or comments regarding the campaign should contact him at ext. 2351.

Reminder: The TWU Pioneer Gymnastics team is sponsoring children's gymnastics classes on Saturdays beginning Oct. 26 through Nov. 23. Beginning to advanced instruction will include: floor exercise and dance; vaulting; uneven parallel bars; balance beam; and trampoline. Instruction will be given by Frank Kudlac (kinesiology) and members of the gymnastics team (who are safety certified gymnastics instructors by the U.S. Gymnastics Federation). The fee for all five lessons is \$38. Space is limited. To register, call ext. 2378 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. before Wed., Oct. 23.

Please note that a visual arts exhibition titled "The Book Re-Configured: Artist," curated by Susan kae Grant (visual arts), will be shown Oct. 28 through Nov. 28 in the Arts Building.

Reminder: The core curriculum review committee will meet on Fri., Oct. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. Faculty are asked to submit all proposals for core curriculum courses to Marilyn Elliot (academic affairs) by Wed., Oct. 16. Any questions about the preparation of materials should be addressed to Dr. Penny Hanstein (performing arts, dance), chair of the committee, at ext. 2087.

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, the office of intercultural services is sponsoring an exhibit on Tejano singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez titled "Selena: A Texas Woman with A Mission." The exhibition will be displayed on the first floor of the Blagg-Huey Library until Wed., Oct. 16. It features the performer's clothing designs, music awards and other memorabilia.

Reminder: Information and technology services recently changed its help desk number from ext. 3911 to ext. 3971 due to customer misdialing. At the present time, the help desk may still be reached through ext. 3911. Requests can be sent via e-mail to: helpdesk@twu.edu.

It's easy to recycle!!! Remember: any paper that tears and is not a food wrapper or garbage is fully recyclable, according to the TWU conservation and recycling committee and its chair, Dr. Harry Meeuwsen (kinesiology). Here's a partial list...junk mail, brown envelopes, neon colors, slick newspaper inserts, magazines, telephone books, envelopes with and without windows, sticky notes, catalogs, cardboard boxes and more. TWU custodians collect recycled paper every Monday. "Recycle your paper from home at TWU, too," said Meeuwsen. For more information, call him at ext. 2589.

Reminder: TOSS will hold its annual Bosses' Day luncheon on Wed., Oct. 16 in the southeast dining room of Hubbard Hall from noon until 1 p.m. The theme for this year's event is "Autumn in Italy." Live entertainment will be provided and Marriott Catering Services will offer a lunch menu of lasagna, green beans, bread sticks, tossed salad, red velvet cake, coffee, tea and water. Lunch is \$6 a plate and reservations must be made by Thurs., Oct. 10. Tickets are available from Dorothy Irelan (institutional advancement) at ext. 3870.

UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Ingrid Winther Scobie** (history and government) received the 1996-97 research support grant from the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Radcliffe College. The library is affiliated with the Harvard University Library. She spent six weeks at the library during the summer working on women in Congress in postwar American politics. Scobie also attended the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in April 1996. In May 1996, the *Journal of Women's History* published her review essay titled "American First Ladies and the Question of Identity."

Drs. **Linda Sluder** and **Jane Irons** (early childhood and special education) have written an article on "Investigating Certification for Early Childhood Teachers" that appears in the current *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*, a National Association of Early Childhood Teachers publication. Sluder also has completed work as senior author of the textbook *Foundations: A History and Philosophy of Early Childhood* for West Educational Publishing due for release in December 1997. She has received a book contract from Wadsworth Publishing to serve as senior author of *Foundations for American Public Education*.

Irons recently presented a workshop on cooperative teaching strategies titled "Effective Teaching Strategies for Undergraduate Teacher Education Classes" at the Association of Teacher Educators summer conference at Tarpon Springs, Fla., Aug. 4. She has been asked to serve as a member of the statewide special education assessment task force to help develop guidelines for best practices for assessment of personnel working with special education mandates.

Drs. **Frances Thompson** (mathematics and computer science), **Carlton Wendel** (chemistry) and **Don Whitmore** (reading and bilingual education) will travel to Pomona, Calif., for collaborative training sponsored by Project NOVA. The intensive three-day session in October will focus on science/mathematics sequences for pre-service teachers. The team then will be eligible to apply for up to \$30,000 to implement new interdisciplinary courses or course revisions. Project NOVA is a consortium associated with universities, NASA and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Its goal is to enhance scientific literacy for new teachers.

Several faculty and students from heath studies participated in the annual meeting of the Texas chapter of the Society for Public Health Education (TSOPHE) recently. Dr. **Bill Cissell**, president of TSOPHE, presided over the 1996 business meeting. During the awards luncheon, Cissell was honored as the 1996 National SOPHE Distinguished Fellow. This annual award recognizes a professional health educator for outstanding career performance. Dr. **Robin Rager** presented "Implementing Demand Management Programs at the Workplace." Also attending the meeting was Dr. **Mary Shaw**.

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) presented her research on Texas author Cormac McCarthy at the Ranching Heritage Symposium, a national conference sponsored by Texas Tech University, held in Lubbock on Sept. 7.

Dr. **Richard Rodean** (Arts and Sciences) presided at the annual conference of the Texas Council of Arts in Education held in Austin recently. Samuel Hope, executive director of the National Association of Arts Accreditation, was keynote speaker during the two-day conference. He discussed "Present Contextual Issues for the Arts in Higher Education." The TWU Faculty Trio was featured at the conference banquet.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCTOBER 7-13, 1996

Oct. 1-17 -Visual Arts exhibition: Tori Arpad-Solo exhibition, Visual Arts Building, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)

Mon.-Thurs., -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight.

-Learning assistance office "Brown Bag" seminar: "Does Positive Thinking Work?" CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)

Tues., Oct. 8

-Career Services: Co-op seminar, JH second floor, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
-50th birthday party for Dr. Carol Surles; all faculty, students, and staff are invited to attend; Hubbard Oval, 4-5 p.m. (Ext. 3863)

Wed., Oct. 9 -Health studies: Association for Work-Site Health Promotion, TWU chapter meeting, CFO 1006, noon-1 p.m. (Ext. 2863)

-Student development: "Diversity Daze" film series, SC 110, 4 p.m. -Career services: Co-op seminar, JH second floor, 6-7:30 p.m.

Thurs.-Sat. -Continuing education: 7th annual Reading Recovery Conference, DFW Oct. 10-12 Hyatt Regency, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; pre-conference, Oct. 10. (Ext. 3404)

Thurs., Oct. 10 -Counseling Center: National Depression Screening Day, SC 207-208, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3801)

-Career services: Co-op seminar, JH second floor, 2:30-4 p.m.

Fri.-Sun.
Oct. 11-13

-Theatre '96: "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg," Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m.;
Oct. 13, 2 p.m. (Ext. 2020)

Fri., Oct. 11 -Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

-Public safety: Adult CPR, SC 110, 8 a.m.-noon; Infant and Child CPR, SC 110, 1-5 p.m.; fee -- \$14. (Ext. 2924)

-Faculty Senate meeting, SC 207-208, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3393)

-Open forum with Dr. Carol Surles to discuss the proposed expansion for U.S. Highway 380 and its effect on TWU; all faculty, students, and staff are invited to attend; CFO 204, 2-3 p.m. (Ext. 3201)

-Biology seminar: "Alcohol Consumption and Adolescent Bone Development," Wayne Sampson, Texas A & M University, department of anatomy and neurobiology; CFO 205, 4-5 p.m. (Ext. 2351)

-University Club social hour: "Octoberfest," Fritz and Renata Schwalm's home, 5-7 p.m.

-Volleyball: TWU vs. Abilene Christian University, Denton, 7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 12 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed.

-Volleyball: TWU vs. Angelo State University, 3 p.m.

-Softball: TWU fall scrimmages, Denton -- TWU vs. Abilene Christian, 9:30 a.m.; TWU vs. University of Texas at Arlington, 3:30 p.m.; TWU vs. San Jacinto Junior College-North, 5 p.m. (Ext. 2378)

Sun., Oct. 13 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed.