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## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE (DAY) IN DENTON**

On Oct. 28, 1995, thousands of people in Denton made history -- including TWU faculty, staff and students: 4,842 volunteers stepped forward, looked around, lent a hand and helped others during the city's first Make A Difference Day celebration. This year, the university community and area residents can make a difference again to someone they know -- or even a stranger in need -- on Sat., Oct. 26, during Denton's second annual Make A Difference Day. Thousands of people helped thousands more last year...friend to friend, neighbor to neighbor, person to person...an extraordinary example of this city's residents and their dedication to making our community a better place to live.

More than 7,000 communities participated in the 1995 Make A Difference Day, which is sponsored annually by *USA Weekend*, the Points of Light Foundation, Newman's Own and Campbell's Soups. Locally, Leadership Denton Alumni sponsors the event. Denton's first adventure with Make A Difference Day was a success locally and at the national level: Denton's great success received national honors from the event's sponsoring organization plus a \$2,000 grant to support the 1996 day.

TWU students, staff and faculty helped an elderly Denton woman last year who needed her house repainted; others helped with landscaping and painting. This year, two groups from housing's new NET program will participate, and other TWU students -- in conjunction with the Denton Police Department's COPS program and the Denton Housing Authority -- will help with landscaping and a beautification project at the Phoenix Apartments. They also will offer games and crafts for youngsters who live in the complex.

Call the event hotline at 369-7200 to volunteer or to leave a request for assistance. Come up with a project, help someone else or try one of these ideas: participate in a blood drive at Wal-Mart; drop off canned goods/nonperishables for a food drive at city recreation centers; or stop by the Civic Center on Oct. 26 for an idea or an assignment. The Civic Center will be open all day, and LDA members will point the way. Then join the special celebration event at the Civic Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Make a difference this year!

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## **A BIRTHDAY THANK YOU**

Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) accepted many birthday wishes last week and would like to convey the following message: "The campuswide birthday celebration on Tuesday warmed my heart. I am so very fortunate to be a part of our university community. I extend my heartiest appreciation to each of you -- friends and colleagues -- for sharing in the celebration of a significant passage of my life. Thank you for making my 50th birthday a delightful and memorable day!"

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**Editor's note:** Next week, *TWU Update* will begin a series on instructional technologies, distance learning and information technology.

## **SECC PRESENTS AGENCY FAIR**

Brochures and pledge forms for TWU's annual State Employee Charitable Campaign have been distributed to all faculty and staff in their academic components and departments. Everyone is encouraged to fill out their forms and support whichever organization(s) they choose. Many organizations are listed in the brochure and, in order to provide more information about different groups for TWU employees, the SECC committee has scheduled an "Agency Fair" on Thurs., Oct. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., SC 2nd floor.

The following organizations will be represented: Ann's Haven Hospice, ARC of Denton County, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Boy Scouts of America (Longhorn Council), Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Child Study Center, Chisholm Trail RSVP, Denton County Cooperative Ministries, Denton Christian Preschool, Denton County Friends of the Family, Denton City-County Day Nursery, Easter Seal Society, Fred Moore Child Care, Girls Scouts (Cross Timbers Council), Hope Inc., North Texas Taping and Radio for the Blind, the Salvation Army, Services Program for Aging Needs (SPAN), Sickle Cell Disease Association America (Texas chapter) Inc., AIDS Services of Denton County, Southwestern Diabetic Foundation, TWU CARES Health Center, Communities in Schools/Denton, Denton State School Volunteer Council, Lake Forest Good Samaritan Village, America's Charities, Another Way Texas Shares, Earth Share/Texas, Environmental Fund for Texas, ICA-Sharing the American Way, International Service Agencies, National Voluntary Health Agencies/Texas and Black United Fund of Texas.

"Last fall, the Denton campus failed to meet its campaign goal and, as a result, our percentage of giving decreased 16 percent," said Judy Hildebrandt (Student Center), campaign co-chair. "Last year, the average contribution from each employee was \$122. Our campaign goal this year is \$20,000; we would like to increase our participation rate from 19 percent to 25 percent. Please remember that this campaign isn't about money -- it's about human needs. Each contribution is important, and the lives of thousands of people will be affected by our generosity."

Contributions may be made through payroll deduction or by cash or check. "Payroll deduction is an efficient way to contribute to more than 200 local, state and national charities," added Hildebrandt. "To qualify for payroll deduction, the minimum contribution per month is \$2. If you participated in payroll deduction last year, you will need to fill out another form if you wish to do so again this year." Employees keep the pink copies of their pledge forms; all other copies should be returned in an envelope marked "confidential" to Judy Hildebrandt in the Student Center office by Thurs., Oct. 31. Call Hildebrandt at ext. 3640 for details.

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## **COMPUTER FAILURES CAUSE PROBLEM**

On Fri., Oct. 4, at approximately 3:20 p.m., "...TWU's CPUs blew that drive the university's mainframe," according to Tom Graf (information technology). "Staff persons in digital equipment were called immediately to work on repairs. They installed new parts, which also blew, indicating a problem with the power that was coming into the system." Staff worked Saturday and Sunday as well. New parts arrived on Sunday; repairs began again that day and were completed on Monday, which also corrected the power problem. The computer and power problems affected faculty and staff who work on Colleague in particular. "On Monday (Oct. 7), we rebooted at noon so that all of our campus users could get back into the original computing system," added Graf. "Until then, we ran on a small back-up system."

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STUDY ON FALLING**

Student and faculty researchers at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center -- specifically in the Schools of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy -- are collaborating on a study to explore the prevalence of falling and the fear of falling among older women. They need volunteers for the study who are women, age 65 or older, and who are living independently in the community. Participants will receive a blood pressure check, two balance assessments, vision screening, a home safety checklist and information about home safety. They also will rate themselves on self-care and their concerns about falling. Follow-ups with subjects will be done monthly by telephone for six months to obtain information about any falls that occur during that period and to check for changes in the subjects' health status.

Faculty members leading the study are Dr. Mary E. Thompson and Ann Medley (both from Physical Therapy) and Marsha Neville-Smith (Occupational Therapy). For more information, call Angela Ince in Denton at (817) 243-5473, Jackie Cohen in Dallas at (972) 964-1941 or Mary Kate Neely, also in Dallas, at (214) 343-8316.

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## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMS DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The deadline to nominate graduates of TWU for the 1997 Distinguished Alumna Awards has been extended to Mon., Oct. 21, according to Donna Ryan (alumni relations). "These awards are conferred annually upon alums who have brought honor to themselves and to TWU through their outstanding accomplishments," said Ryan. "Anyone -- faculty and staff included -- can nominate a candidate, and all TWU graduates are eligible."

Persons who submit a nomination need to send a letter of nomination, a resume for the nominee, a black-and-white photograph and a nomination form.

The following information should be included in the nominee's resume: nominee's name and title, class year, address, home phone and work phone numbers, field of special achievement, educational degrees (college/university degree, major and dates for each), voluntary services (cultural, philanthropic, civic, educational), business or educational or professional careers (include published works and memberships in professional organizations) and recognition of achievements (include past honors and awards).

"Please include enough information to show that the nominee is truly distinguished," added Ryan. "The nominating committee needs the name, address and telephone number of each person who nominates someone for the award, too."

Nominees who are not selected for the 1997 award will remain in nomination for the following year. A person who has nominated an alumna in a previous year may update information at any time. Send nominations and/or updated information to: Mary Monroe Lappe, Chairman, Distinguished Alumna Awards Committee, TWU National Alumnae Association, P.O. Box 425795, Denton TX 76204-5795. Call Ryan at ext. 2586 for further information.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

***A campuswide coffee*** to welcome Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) to TWU will be held on Thurs., Oct. 31, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the south foyer of Hubbard Hall. All TWU faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

***Reminder: The Center for Research on Women's Health*** will present a teleconference brainstorming session on Fri., Oct. 18, 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.

***"Solution Talk: An Advanced Course in Solution-Oriented Therapy"*** will be presented by the TWU office of continuing education on Tues., Oct. 15, ACT 3. The one-day workshop, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., is presented for an audience comprising psychologists, psychiatrists, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors, social workers, nurses and mental health professionals. Participants will learn how to conduct therapy sessions in a solution-oriented manner: to focus on the future, rather than the past; to be playful; and, above all, to instill hope in situations that may seem lost. The featured speaker will be Dr. Ben Furman, an internationally known psychiatrist and therapist from Helsinki, Finland. The cost to attend is \$64 per person (plus \$5 for CEU registration) or \$10 for students. Call ext. 3408 for more information.

***Service contracts*** for the following equipment have been secured by the office of purchasing for FY 1996-97 (vendors and telephone numbers are listed as well): IBM Selectric typewriter repair (Denton and Dallas) -- Quality Technical Service, 214/369-9639; Panasonic electronic typewriter repair (Denton and Dallas) -- Office Equipment Center, 817/566-1961; microcomputer maintenance (Denton) -- TWU information technology services, 8-1-3971; temporary labor services (Denton) -- Express Temporary Services, 817/383-2323; temporary labor services (Dallas) -- Western Staff Services, 214/831-8833; and temporary labor services (Houston) -- A-1 Personnel of Houston Inc., 713/773-2900. Call purchasing at 8-1-3585 for details.

***Reminder: 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.

***Workshops for nontraditional and high school students*** interested in attending TWU will be presented by the office of undergraduate admissions in October. The first program, 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. Call ext. 3047 for details.

The second presentation, a Saturday Visit for students who will be high school juniors and seniors during fall 1998, is scheduled on Sat., Oct. 26, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., CFO 2nd floor. This informal program is designed to give junior and senior high school students information about preparing for college and selecting a major. A continental breakfast will be available for participants. For more information, call the office of undergraduate admissions at ext. 3024. The program is free and open to all interested persons.

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**Reminder: 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. *The deadline 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 details, call her at 8-3-2300.

**The committee for campus climate and community** continues its fall series of programs on Mon., Oct. 21, at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center, Parkland site, with "Country A - Country Z: An Experience in Cultural Diversity." The program will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. in the DED 2nd floor faculty conference room. Presenters will be Deborah Wegmann (Nursing, Dallas) and Gail Williams (student life, Dallas). For information, call ext. 3601.

**SOAP invites the campus community** to attend the following events: leadership program featuring Tomasa Garcia, Oct. 15, 12:15 p.m., SC 110; free showing of *The Nutty Professor*, Oct. 16, 7 p.m., SC 207-208; trip to Six Flags Over Texas "Fright Fest," Oct. 19, noon departure (discount tickets available in student activities); and MASTERCARD ACTS, Oct. 14-30, talent sign-up in student activities.

MASTERCARD ACTS (American College Talent Search) is a national talent search created by MasterCard International Inc. and coordinated by the National Association for Campus Activities. TWU is one of 100 campuses across the country selected to host a local competition; one winning act will advance from each local event to the semi-final level. The TWU MASTERCARD ACTS event will be held on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., MJPH. Sign-ups are Oct. 14-30, and auditions will be held Oct. 16, 23 and 30. Call ext. 3611 for more information

**In honor of Physical Therapy Month**, TWU students, faculty, staff and the general public are invited to an open house at the university's Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center, Presbyterian site, on Thurs., Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Participants will tour the facilities and learn more about what a physical therapist does. For details, call 8-1-2460.

**Reminder: 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.

**Alexandria's Ragtime Band** and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform at the State Fair of Texas on Thurs., Oct. 17, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Creative Arts Building.

**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.

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***Losing energy in the afternoon (the 3 p.m. blahs)?***...The TWU Wellness Center will present a one-hour "High Energy Nutrition Class" on Wed., Oct. 16, from noon to 1 p.m., JH 201. Participants will learn how to boost their energy levels throughout the day from Johnna Hinton (Wellness Center). For details, call ext. 2900.

***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.

***A commuter break***, hosted by the division of student life, will be held on Mon., Oct. 28, from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., ASB. Free popcorn will be served, and information about student life will be available. All faculty and students are invited to attend. Call ext. 3626 for more information.

***Reminder: 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" on the first floor of the Blagg-Huey Library until Wed., Oct. 16. It features the performer's clothing designs, music industry awards and other memorabilia.

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**UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

**Michelle Biffle** (kinesiology) has been named interim head basketball coach at TWU, effective immediately. The announcement was made on Oct. 8 by Judy Southard (athletics). Biffle, who graduated from TWU in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, previously was an English teacher, head softball coach and assistant cross country coach at Denton High School. She played collegiate basketball at TWU from 1991-92 and served as a student assistant coach in 1992-93 and as an administrative assistant from 1993-94. The search for a permanent head coach will continue, and the review of applications is scheduled to begin on March 10, 1997, according to Southard.

**Dr. Frank Longoria** (English, speech and foreign languages) has been appointed to the committee on distance education technology and international education for the Texas International Education Consortium.

**Dr. Carol Surles** (president) assumed the role of vice president and president-elect for the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities (ATCU) at their Oct. 6 and 7 meeting in Austin. Surles also serves on the formula advisory committee for ATCU.

**Drs. Charlotte (Barney) Sanborn, Sydney Bonnick and David Nichols** (Center for Research on Women's Health), plus **Dr. Nancy DiMarco** (nutrition and food sciences), attended the annual meeting of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research in Seattle, Wash., Sept. 7 to 10. Sanborn, Bonnick and Nichols displayed a poster titled "The Effects of Resistance Training on Bone Mineral Density in Adolescent Females."

Congratulations to **Stan Weatherred** (student activities) and his wife, TWU alumna **Leigh Ann**, on the Sept. 25 birth of their son, **William Caleb**, who weighed in at 7 lbs., 1 oz.

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**Juliette Rizzo** (disability support services) presented a keynote address to graduates of the International Business School the last weekend in September.

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) has announced that the TWU chapter of Mortar Board -- a national honor society for seniors who have demonstrated exceptional records of achievement in scholarship, leadership and service -- has been honored. A special certificate was presented to the chapter at Mortar Board's national conference. "Congratulations to Mortar Board students whose positive accomplishments have brought high honors to the campus," said Bridges. TWU's chapter is celebrating 25 years of service to the university.

Dr. **Betty Copeland** (visual arts) recently announced that two TWU students -- **Belinda Compotaro** and **Taweesak Molsawat** -- recently were part of the "Materials Hard and Soft" exhibit at the Center for Visual Arts in Denton. (The show, displayed in the Meadows Gallery, is a national juried exhibit of practicing professionals.) Molsawat received an award in photography from the Greater Denton Arts Council.

Sympathy is expressed to Dr. **Beverley Byers-Pevitts** (academic affairs) and her family on the death of her mother, Vera Byers, on Oct. 5. Services were held in Beavers Dam, Ky., Oct. 8.

Drs. **Daniel Miller** (psychology and philosophy) and **John Flohr** (performing arts, music) presented a paper titled "The Mozart Effect: Children's Electrophysiological Responses to Music" at the International Society for Music in Medicine symposium in San Antonio on Oct. 10. Flohr also will present papers in Great Britain Oct. 17-22. He will attend a conference on "Gender and Issues in Music Education" at the Institute of Education, University of London, and will serve as a guest lecturer at the University of Keele.

**Jane Erwin** (development, institutional advancement) attended the 9th annual National Conference on Planned Giving in Chicago Oct. 9-12.

Sympathy is expressed to Dr. **Stanley Ivie** (educational leadership) whose mother, Norma, passed away on Sept. 28. Services were held in Richfield, Utah, several days later.

Dr. **Roberta Nutt** (psychology and philosophy) was named Fellow of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards at the annual meeting of the delegates in Victoria, British Columbia, Oct. 2 to 4. ASPPB Fellow is given "in recognition of significant and enduring contributions... to the licensing, certification and regulation of psychologists... and professional dedication to the welfare of consumers and providers of psychological services."

A research study titled "Definitions of 'Knowing': Comparison of Verbal Report Versus Performance of Children's Songs" by Dr. **Janice Killian** (performing arts, music) appears in the fall 1996 issue of the *Journal of Research in Music Education*.

**Susan kae Grant** (visual arts) has works included in a exhibition titled "Photoview Invitational" at the Longview Art Museum, in Longview, Texas (curated by Ron Fluckinger), through Oct. 28. She also received an award from the curator for her artist's book, *Vestiges*.

**THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCTOBER 14-20, 1996**

- Oct. 1-17 -Visual Arts exhibition: Tori Arpad-Solo show, Visual Arts Building,  
Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2530)
- Mon.-Thurs., -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight.  
Oct. 14-17 -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Learning Assistance office brown bag seminar: "Does Positive Thinking  
Work?"; CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)
- Mon., Oct. 14 -Career services: Co-op seminar, JH second floor, 2:30-4 p.m. (Ext. 2950)
- Tues., Oct. 15 -Continuing education: "Advanced Solution Oriented Therapy," Denton,  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 3411)  
-Blagg-Huey Library and the Woman's Collection lecture: "Claire, Molly  
and Me: Biography, Fiction and Autobiography," library lecture hall 101,  
3:30 p.m. (Ext. 2665)  
-Tennis: TWU vs. Tarleton State University, Denton, 3 p.m.  
-Career services: Co-op seminar, JH second floor, 6-7:30 p.m. (Ext. 2950)  
-Student development leadership series presents the video "Skin Deep,"  
SC 006, 6-8 p.m. (Ext. 3626)
- Wed., Oct. 16 -Career services: Co-op seminar, JH second floor, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
-TOSS annual Bosses' Day luncheon, southeast room, Hubbard Hall,  
noon-1 p.m.; tickets are \$6; reservations were due by Oct. 10. (Ext. 3870)  
-Student Health Services presents the 3rd annual Flu Shot clinic; all faculty,  
students and staff welcome; cost: \$10; student health services clinic, 4-  
6:30 p.m. (Ext. 3826)
- Thurs.-Sun., -Continuing education: 40-Hour Divorce Mediation, Dallas, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Oct. 17-20 (Ext. 3411)
- Thurs., Oct. 17 -SECC Agency Fair, SC 2nd floor, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3640)
- Fri., Oct. 18 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
-Public safety: defensive driving course, ACT 601, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., fee:  
\$20. (Ext. 2924)  
-Center for Research on Women's Health teleconference/brainstorming  
session, Denton, MCL 811; Dallas-Parkland, DED 230; Dallas-  
Presbyterian, Room 109, 9-11 a.m. (Ext. 2769)  
-Tennis: TWU vs. Texas Wesleyan University, Denton, 3 p.m.  
-Biology seminar: "Pharmacological and Hormonal Regulation of Serotonin  
Systems," CFO 205, 4-5 p.m. (Ext. 2351)  
-University Club social hour: Sarah McIntire's home, 5-7 p.m.  
-International Folk Dance Company performance, State Fair of Texas,  
Dallas, 5 p.m. (Ext. 2088)
- Sat., Oct. 19 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed.
- Sun., Oct. 20 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed.