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## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY DETAILS ANNOUNCED

All TWU faculty are invited to mark their calendars and make their plans to attend the 1997 TWU Faculty Development Day on Tues., Aug. 26. The event will include information and training sessions, a luncheon and a guest speaker, according to Dr. James Galloway (library), the event's coordinator. Session description materials and registration forms were sent to all regular TWU faculty in early July. *Please return completed registration forms to the office of the vice president for academic affairs no later than Aug. 18, 1997.* (Please note that one session titled the "Merrill Lynch Investment Team" is part of the day's activities and also is free and open to TWU staff or members of the general public who may be interested in the topic.)

The featured speaker will be Dr. Cathy A. Trower, a senior researcher with the project "New Pathways: Faculty Employment Arrangements for the 21st Century." Her presentation begins at 11 a.m. in MCL auditorium. Trower previously served as senior administrator for the business degree programs at Johns Hopkins University and as chair of the business division and faculty member in business and marketing at Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her recent publications include "Tenure Snapshot" (1996) and "News from the Tenure Front" (1997); she is co-author of *Where Tenure Does Not Reign: Campuses without Tenure Systems* (1997).

Trower, who earned a doctorate in higher education from the University of Maryland and bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from the University of Iowa, has consulted with colleges on employment policies and with corporations on high-performance teams, organizational culture and change, and strategic thinking. She has served as a consultant for the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science; Management Frontiers Ltd.; Kutztown University; the Minnesota board of regents; Washington College; Elon College; and Mercantile Bank.

Session topics will include: the "smart" classroom; Internet resources; separate hands-on training for Windows 95, Excel and PowerPoint; a Colleague update; a Merrill Lynch investments review; distance education instruction; online full-text resources; surfing Web sites; and a SITE lab update. Several sessions also will be offered using videoconferencing format for all TWU sites on: PowerPoint for instruction; the office of research and grants online electronic resources; creating a positive learning environment for students; and an update on library research support services, with a focus on Venus e-mail communications.

The Merrill Lynch team visiting TWU will provide interested persons -- faculty, staff and the general public -- with an overview of current personal financial planning ideas and related topics. The Merrill Lynch speakers will include Carol Turnage, financial consultant; Mickey Trusty, estate trusts; Chris Luce, financial planning specialist; Kyle Lauricella, mortgage credit and homeowners law; and Tina Springer, investment portfolio service specialist. The program will be presented from 9 to 11 a.m., ACT 301.

For registration or related Faculty Development Day matters, contact Galloway at 8-1-3707 or s\_galloway.

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## **COMMENCEMENT APPROACHING**

More than 540 degrees will be conferred during summer commencement exercises at TWU on Sat., Aug. 9, in Denton. Two ceremonies are scheduled -- 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. -- in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Students and family members with tickets are invited to attend.

A Texas higher education administrator and a Dallas businesswoman will help graduates and their families celebrate commencement. During Ceremony I, Dr. Fernando C. Gomez -- vice chancellor and general counsel for the board of regents, the Texas State University system -- will talk to candidates. During Ceremony II, Valerie Freeman -- owner of Imprimis Group Inc. -- will address students.

The number of diplomas earned during the summer 1997 semester includes approximately 290 undergraduate and 247 graduate degrees, according to Dr. Jim Stiles, registrar. (A total of about 385 students are expected to participate in their graduation ceremonies.) Times for commencement in Denton 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, College of Nursing, School of Physical Therapy and School of Library and Information Studies; and

■ 11:30 a.m. -- Ceremony II for graduates from the College of Education and Human Ecology, the College of Health Sciences and the School of Occupational Therapy.

A reception for graduates, their families and guests who attend either ceremony will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in the southwest dining room of Hubbard Hall. TWU President Carol Surles will preside at each ceremony, which includes an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

Gomez, who earned his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and his doctorate in American culture from UM as well, is a native of Gallup, N. Mex. As second-in-command to the chancellor of the Texas State University system, he serves as chief legal counsel to the board of regents, its executive officers, and the presidents and administration of a multi-university, nine-campus system. Freeman, who holds a master's degree in business education from the University of Houston, has received a long list of business and civic honors. Imprimis Group Inc. includes eight divisions that provide specialized temporary personnel and other staffing services, as well as bilingual and legal staffing; staffing using older workers; and other areas.

For more information, contact Stiles at ext. 3036.

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## **MENTORS NEEDED FOR COLORS PROGRAM**

The office of intercultural services again will sponsor the COLORS Mentors Program for TWU freshmen in 1997-98. COLORS (Creating Opportunities for Leadership and Obtaining Racial Support) addresses issues facing freshmen (protégés), especially minority freshmen, during their first two semesters of college. "Through interaction with faculty and staff, protégés are encouraged to excel academically, socially and culturally as they make a smooth transition to college life," said Patrick Vasquez (intercultural services).

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"The goal of the mentor program is to maintain a high level of interest among the participants about college, academics and Texas Woman's University," added Vasquez. "We believe that, if this goal is met, the participants will feel more inclined to remain enrolled at TWU. COLORS is open to all TWU freshmen."

Vasquez needs at least five faculty mentors from all colleges and departments to meet the demands of the program. "Last year, 60 protégés represented all academic disciplines, and we are sure that this fall semester will be the same. You can make a difference by enrolling as a COLORS mentor today," he said. Applications have been sent to all departments on campus. Interested persons are asked to complete a form before Aug. 27 and send it to intercultural services, SC 102. All 1996-97 COLORS mentors are asked to participate again. For details, call ext. 3679.

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**BOOK READING SET AT TWU**

TWU distinguished alumna LaVerne Harrell Clark will read parts of her recently published first book, *Keepers of the Earth*, on campus at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, Blagg-Huey Library lecture hall (room 101). The university community and the general public are invited to attend; a reception will be held following the reading. The July issue of *Texas Monthly* magazine listed *Keepers of the Earth* as one of three "Hot Book" selections for the fall. Copies of the novel, as well as one of her collections of short stories -- *The Deadly Swarm and Other Stories* -- will be available for purchase following the reading; sales of *The Deadly Swarm and Other Stories* will benefit the Friends of the TWU Libraries. Clark also will sign autographs during the reception. For more information, contact the TWU Blagg-Huey Library at ext. 2665.

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**NEWSBRIEFS**

***Faculty and staff with disabilities*** may request accommodations by contacting the office of human resources. Students must contact the office of student disability support services to request assistance with accommodations. The TDD for student disability support services is ext. 3606.

***A TWU rental property*** at 612 Grove St. in Denton (at \$600 per month) will be available on Sept. 1 to university faculty, staff and students. Interested persons may inspect the property from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wed., Aug. 13. All interested parties must submit a name and contact telephone number no later than noon on Aug. 15 to Ron Justiss, property manager, TWU physical plant, 1200 Frame St., (940) 898-3140. A selection process involving all interested parties will be conducted on Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. in the office of the property manager.

***Reminder: Employees who use a university pager*** are advised that the state contract for pager services expired on July 31, 1997. All pagers provided by vendors on this contract should have been returned to them by that date. A new contract with different vendors is in place, and departments using pager services must process new purchase orders for pager rental beginning Aug. 1, 1997. For details or more help, call Krista Hodge (purchasing) at 8-1-3585.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**The supply storeroom catalog** became "officially and solely available" on TWU's web page starting July 29. The address is [www.twu.edu/o-bookstore/supplystoreroom/home.html](http://www.twu.edu/o-bookstore/supplystoreroom/home.html). "When you download the catalog for the first time, add a bookmark. Then you will have it as a quick reference," said Jane Christiansen (supply storeroom). The catalog will be updated at least once a month to reflect current pricing. "Check the NEW ITEMS link to see what products are new," added Christiansen. "You have the opportunity to send e-mail about the catalog or the products you would like to buy through the supply storeroom." Call ext. 3110 for more information.

**An effort is under way to help Mark Fearing**, son of Dr. Joe Fearing (educational leadership), offset medical expenses and treatment following his battle with virulent meningitis; the virus claimed his arms, legs, hearing and memory. Mark, a former professor at the University of Houston, was living in New Zealand when he contracted the virus and became that country's only quadruple amputee. Medical care in New Zealand is socialized, so he incurred no medical expenses there. However, physical treatment was limited, and he was dismissed from the hospital with no further plans for care. Now in Houston, he is making tremendous progress, but the expenses are enormous. Fundraisers organized by friends, colleagues and former professors in Houston have been successful, but more help is needed. Anyone interested in assisting Mark with these expenses can donate to the Mark Fearing Medical Trust, P.O. Box 20793, Houston, TX 77225. Call Dr. Frances Thompson (mathematics and computer science) at 8-1-2166 for details.

**Reminder: HOOP-LA**, a nonprofit organization that raises money for several Denton Independent School District programs for at-risk students, will hold its annual basketball tournament at TWU on Sept. 6 and 7. The tournament, which will be held in the Blagg-Huey Library parking lot, features three-on-three basketball and a 3-point shoot-out. The entry fee is \$85, and the deadline to register is Aug. 23. Call Dr. Vic Ben-Ezra (kinesiology) at ext. 2597.

**Reminder: An open forum with Dr. Carol Surles** (president's office) will be held at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center on Thurs., Aug. 21, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., MGJ 206. For details, call 8-1-3206.

**Reminder: It's the final Cool Tuesday this summer!** Join the office of student activities as staff members present Cool Tuesday fun for all faculty, staff and students on campus. The last "Cool Tuesday" this summer is "E.T. Phone Home for 25 Cents" (continental U.S. only; time limit) on Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., SC 2. For details, call ext. 3611.

**An exhibit focusing on abolitionist Sojourner Truth** is on display in the TWU Blagg-Huey Library in response to worldwide interest in her life. The roaming rover vehicle on the Mars Pathfinder mission was named for the Civil War era abolitionist (1799-1883). Items from the Women's Collection comprise the exhibit, including a copy of the 1875 book *Narrative of Sojourner Truth*, which was obtained from the library's rare books vault. The exhibit also includes a more modern edition of the book, other biographies and a current copy of the magazine *Sojourner: The Women's Forum*. For details, call ext. 2665.

**Quality Technical Service** is offering service agreements for FY 98 to offices with electronic typewriters (excluding IBM Selectrics). The service agreement will cover any brand of electronic typewriter for \$54 a year. Each department must prepare a purchase order for this service; the vendor's address is Quality Technical Service, P.O. Box 88, Addison TX 75001. Call Ken Graves there at (214) 369-9636 or contact Krista Hodge (purchasing) at ext. 8-1-3585.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**The TWU Pioneers basketball team** will welcome three new Texas players who committed to play for the university in 1997-98: Traci Bosley from Lipan; Rochelle McKinley from Tomball; and Paula Pickett from Bowie. Bosley and Pickett are transfer students from Weatherford Junior College and Cisco Junior College, respectively; McKinley is transferring to TWU from Texas Christian University. The announcement was made by head basketball coach Beth Palmer.

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**UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

Sympathy is expressed to **James** (physical plant) and **Teresa Pierce** (bookstore), **Kathy Smith** (bookstore) and their families following the death of Teresa's mother (Kathy's grandmother), Annie Belle Sitton of Denton, on July 23.

**Dr. E. Jane Irons** (early childhood and special education) served on a university panel at the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education summer leadership conference July 16. Her presentation topic was professional standards for educators at both the national and state levels. Irons and **Dr. Linda Sluder Schertz** (early childhood and special education) participated in the "Cycle of Texas" School Initiative Training (TSII) in Austin from June 30 to July 2. TSII training prepares peer evaluators for participation in public school compliance visits.

**Dr. Carolyn Rozier** (Physical Therapy) announced that doctoral student **Carol Dionne** has been selected as a sponsored participant in a three-day "National Occupational Injury Symposium" given by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, which will be held in Morgantown, W. Va., in October.

Congratulations to **Cynthia Polson** (purchasing) following the birth of grandson **Christopher Carlton Polson**; the proud parents are **John David** and **Claire** Polson of Cleburne. Christopher was born July 24 and weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. He has three older brothers.

**Dr. Dene Grigar** (English, speech and foreign languages) has been appointed to serve as a member of the National Council of Teachers of English committee on instructional technology. The committee studies emerging technologies and ways to integrate them into English and language arts curricula and teacher education programs.

The department of reading and bilingual education welcomed **Dr. Mario Benitez** a guest lecturer during a summer II workshop in Denton on July 17-18. Benitez, current recipient of the Robert Foster Cheery Chair for Distinguished Teaching at the University of Texas at Austin, talked about "Teaching with Style" during a dinner on July 17 and spoke on "Putting Pizzazz into Your Teaching" the following day during a workshop.

**Dr. Betty Carter** and **Dr. Keith Swigger** (Library and Information Studies) are new co-editors of the quarterly *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries*. They also will co-chair the joint editorial advisory committee of the Association for Library Services to Children and the Young Adult Library Services Association.

**Dr. Carol Surles** (president's office) will address the National Conference for Association for the Improvement of Minorities, an IRS-related group, in Dallas Aug. 6 at the Wyndham Anatole.

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A book chapter titled "The Insects" by Dr. **Fritz Schwalm** (biology) was published in June in a textbook called *Embryology -- Construction of the Organism*, printed by Sinauer Associates.

**Judy Hildebrandt** (Student Center) recently was selected to attend the Mid-Managers' Institute at Texas A&M University scheduled June 23-29; 40 mid-management professionals from 10 states were chosen to participate and also finished their week with a case study presentation. The institute comprised nine faculty whose topics included "Legal Issues for Mid-Managers," "Leadership Development," "Professional Needs of Mid-Managers," "Needs of Today's College Students" and "Diversity Issues in the Workplace."

Sympathy is expressed to Dr. **Don Whitmore** (reading and bilingual education) following the death of his mother, Irene Whitmore, on July 22 in Denton. A service was held July 25 in Bryan.

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: AUG. 4-17, 1997**

June 1-Aug. 31	-Blagg-Huey Library exhibit: Homecoming -- Class of '47, 1st floor, library hours.
Aug. 4-6	-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Aug. 4-8	-Bookstore open 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 6	-Last day of classes for summer II.
Aug. 7-8	-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 7	-Final examinations for summer II.
Sat., Aug. 9	-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. -Summer commencement, MJPH. (Ext. 3030) -Residence halls close, Denton, Dallas, and Houston, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3676)
Sun., Aug. 10	-Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., Aug. 11-15	-Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 16	-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 17	-Blagg-Huey Library open 2-9 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.