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## **DISTANCE EDUCATION IS PART OF TWU'S TECHNOLOGY PLAN**

As TWU becomes interconnected -- literally -- by fiber optics, e-mail, the Internet and other technological advances, a number of committees have been formed to map the university's direction, to establish policies and to encourage dialogue and ideas about an area that already is critical to success in higher education. *TWU Update* will publish several articles about the work of these committees; the first story (below) begins to explore instructional technologies and distance education.

Several months ago, Dr. Carol Surlis (president's office) appointed Dr. Leslie Thompson (Graduate School/research) as special assistant to the president. His initial assignments include coordinating TWU's efforts in the areas of distance education, professional development for faculty and international education. "My primary responsibilities concerning distance education are to coordinate the development of policies and procedures, and to place programs and courses off campus," said Thompson. "I also have been asked to identify external resources and to provide general leadership to TWU in light of rapidly expanding opportunities in distance education."

Several initial efforts already have begun to enhance TWU's capability to support distance education activities:

- Development and expansion of a plan for training and for professional development for faculty -- This plan includes specific training on using the network, plus more broadly based training on developing appropriate strategies. In the beginning stages, training will be provided by TWU faculty members and, when appropriate, external trainers will be invited.

- Planning and input -- Faculty members will provide input concerning this planning process in a number of ways, including participation in focus groups, new task forces and standing committees. During the coming year, the university also will present a variety of forums, workshops and related activities to enhance professional development, specifically related to instructional technologies and distance education. Eventually, these training activities will become part of a comprehensive plan for the faculty's professional development.

- Development of policies -- TWU is developing new policies and procedures for student fees to enhance and support distance education activities. According to Thompson, all components on campus will receive materials to help them initiate a planning process for instructional technologies and distance education. The university also is in the first stages of developing a budget process for distance education.

- Task force on evolving instructional technologies -- This task force, chaired by Dr. Judy Baker (health studies), will have primary responsibility for telling TWU about emerging instructional technologies and for establishing a number of subcommittees that will develop and test various instructional technologies. One of this task force's first activities is a training project that involves the Dallas County Community College District's Internet class called "Ollie"; Elizabeth Snapp (library) is assisting with this project, and she also has established a subcommittee to deal with teaching on the Internet.

*Next week:* distance education activities, funding and support.

## SECC CAMPAIGN GROWS

The State Employee Charitable Campaign at TWU continues through Thurs., Oct. 31; to date, Denton faculty and staff have pledged \$12,670 toward the university's \$20,000 goal. "Our thanks go to everyone who has pledged to date -- your generosity is appreciated. For those of you who have yet to return your forms...there's still time. Every gift is welcomed, and participation is easy," said Judy Hildebrandt, SECC campaign co-chair. "Please fill out the pledge form, keep the pink copy for your records and send the yellow and white copies in an envelope marked 'confidential' to me in the Student Center office." Employee contributions can do many things:

- \$5 saves the lives of 50 babies suffering from life-threatening illnesses;
- \$10 delivers a nutritious lunch to 300 homebound elderly and disabled persons;
- \$20 provides the materials to build one room in a house for a homeless family;
- \$30 buys diapers for one child for one month.

SECC committee member Dr. Derrell Bulls (business and economics) reminds the campus community that the State Employee Charitable Campaign "...provides the opportunity for many organizations to make the difference between hope and despair. Individually we cannot make much of an impact, but collectively we can make a tremendous contribution to the needs of our society. Your generosity -- and the generosity of all members of the TWU family -- will help make this year the most successful for all of our supported agencies. We join together each year to lend our support to fellow workers, to friends and to community residents who need a helping hand. Please join us once again to support our communities in Denton, Dallas and Houston. It is not the size of the gift to SECC that matters. It is your commitment to give. So give until it feels good!"

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## FLUTE CONCERT SET

The TWU Flute Choir, under the direction of Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music), will present its third annual fall concert on Tues., Oct. 29, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Members of the Brookhaven Flute Choir will join 23 TWU flutists to perform on all instruments of the flute family, including alto, bass and E-flat flutes, plus piccolos. Selections will include a multimedia presentation, "Stained Glass Images"; Mendelssohn's "Fingal's Cave Overture"; and "Twelfth Street Rag." Featured guest performers will include Rachel Ratcliff (junior vocal performance major) as soprano soloist for Youngblood's transcription of "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter; and Dr. Richard Rodean (performing arts, music) as triangle soloist and Dr. Thomas Brown (performing arts, music) as tambourine soloist for "Procession of the Sardar" by Ippolitov-Ivanov. Call ext. 2500 for details.

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## OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENTS SOUGHT

The TWU National Alumnae Association is seeking nominations from faculty, staff and administrators for outstanding master's and doctoral students; these awards will be presented during Honors Convocation in April 1997. *The deadline to receive nominations from faculty, staff and administrators is Fri., Nov. 15; the deadline for nominees to submit their applications materials is 5 p.m. on Feb. 25, 1997.* The purpose of the awards is to honor at least one TWU master's student and one doctoral student for excellence in scholarship and service.

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## **GRADUATE STUDENTS, *continued***

To be eligible, students must be projected to graduate in December, May or August of the 1996-97 academic year, and they must have an overall minimum grade point average of 3.50. At the master's level, a nominee must document an approved thesis prospectus, a professional paper topic or, in the performing arts, a projected required graduate professional presentation. At the doctoral level, a nominee must document an approved dissertation prospectus or, in the performing arts, a projected required graduate professional presentation.

Criteria considered for the award selection include: graduate GPA; three letters of reference that address professional accomplishment and potential; statement of professional goals; professional presentations, performances or exhibits; publication in professional journals; professional societies, university committees or student associations; volunteer or other work experience; and other service to profession, school or community.

Sent letters of nomination to Dr. Rose Nieswiadomy, TWU National Alumnae Association, by Nov. 15. For more information, call Donna Ryan (alumni relations) at ext. 2586 or visit the offices of alumni relations and the National Alumnae Association at 330 E. University Drive in Denton. Graduate students also may nominate themselves or their peers. Once letters of nomination are received, nominees, in turn, will receive forms to complete, based on the above criteria.

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## **FOOD FAIR AND AUCTION INVOLVE FACULTY AND STAFF**

SOAP and the International Student Association will present their annual International food Fair and Folkdance Festival on Fri., Nov. 1, at 5:30 p.m. in SC 207-208. The campus is invited to participate, and the festivities also will include a fashion show. Volunteers are needed either to provide food, to help serve food items or to model in the fashion show. Anyone who wishes to provide food can secure ingredients one of three ways: buy ingredients, submit the receipt to student activities, SC 136, and receive reimbursement (up to \$20); provide a list of groceries to Cloris Barrera in student activities by Fri., Nov. 25, at 6 p.m., and she will purchase the items; or donate the food. All students, faculty and staff who provide a dish for the event do not have to pay the admission fee. Visit the office of student activities in the Student Center to sign up for cooking in the food fair or modeling in the fashion show; call Dee Siscoe at ext. 3611 for details.

The Delphi chapter of Mortar Board at TWU, which is celebrating 25 years of service to the university, will hold its "1996 Great Auction" on Mon., Nov. 4, SC 2nd floor (Garden Room), from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will be used for student scholarships and community service projects. TWU students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni and community leaders have donated a number of items for the auction, which include: an Apple laptop computer and printer; admission passes to Walt Disney World and Six Flags Over Texas; game tickets to the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Stars and the Houston Rockets; memberships to Gold's Gym; Lenox china; meals at popular restaurants; time share and hotel packages; a last will and testament drawn up by the university's attorney; nutritional analysis; massages; original art works; autographed books; and miscellaneous gift items in every price range. Dr. Derrell Bulls (business and economics) will be principal auctioneer.

Admission to the auction is free and open to the public. For information, call auction chair Beth Venable at ext. 3020 or Bonnie Curtiss, president of TWU Mortar Board, at (214) 625-1004 (or contact other members of the organization).

## **STUDIES NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Several studies sponsored through the TWU Center for Research on Women's Health need participants. Dr. Sydney Bonnicks (CRWH) is seeking volunteers -- healthy women ages 20 to 29 -- for a research study to establish normal values for bone density in the forearm. Bonnicks is conducting the study using the Norland pDEXA bone densitometer, which is a low-radiation X-ray device designed to measure bone density in the forearm. The procedure will last approximately 35 minutes, and participants will receive a copy of their bone density study, plus an informational card about osteoporosis. Interested persons should call Bonnicks or Lori Lewis at ext. 3153 or Beez Schell at ext. 2792.

Volunteers for two other studies are still needed. 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. 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.

Dr. John Duncan (CRWH) will begin a new study to evaluate how some blood pressure medications may affect the use of diet and exercise to control high blood pressure and reduce body weight. He needs approximately 70 more volunteers, who may receive the following potential benefits: free medications; a free medical examination; a free cardiovascular treadmill test; use of the TWU Wellness Center during the study; free nutritional counseling; improved cardiovascular conditioning; an improved body weight and percent body fat; and an improved cholesterol profile. Persons interested in participating must be 18 to 50 years of age; have a history of high blood pressure, but must be otherwise healthy with no other health problems; be overweight (a waist size of 38 inches or more); and be sedentary. Call Duncan at ext. 2794.

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## **WELLNESS CENTER OFFERS "FRESH START"**

The TWU Wellness Center is offering its "Fresh Start" program at half price for Wellness Center members who are getting ready for the holidays or who just want to get in shape. "A 'Fresh Start' is exactly that -- a fresh start on your exercise program," said Dr. Linda King-Hill (Wellness Center). "It begins with a consultation with a Wellness Center personal trainer who helps you assess where you are and what goals you should have for your program. They will conduct a battery of fitness assessments, including blood pressure, cardiovascular, strength, flexibility and body composition.

"Results of the tests, along with your personal goals, are taken into consideration as the trainer writes an individual exercise prescription for you. A computer printout explains everything for you, and the staff member then takes you into the fitness room to show you exactly how to use the machines that are recommended for you. The entire process takes about one and one-half hours and costs \$40, but until Nov. 15 they are only \$20," said King-Hill. Anyone who would like to take advantage of the half-price Fresh Start offer but is not a member of the Wellness Center can go to any orientation held three times each week (Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. or Saturday at 11 a.m.). TWU employees, spouses and dependent children over age 16 may join for \$10 per month (per person). Denton community members may join for \$30 per month; for details, call the Wellness Center at ext. 2900.

## STATEMENT ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

As part of the TWU program for equal opportunity employment, Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) reaffirmed the university's policy statement on nondiscrimination in an October 1996 memorandum to all faculty and staff:

"In compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972; Equal Pay Act of 1963; Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the university does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, age, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, veteran's status or against qualified disabled persons."

The intent of the university's equal opportunity program is to meet the legal and moral responsibility of antidiscrimination legislation and to foster a rich educational climate of inclusiveness. TWU's policy applies, but is not limited, to: advertising, recruiting, interviewing, testing, selection, promotions, training, benefits, rates of pay, transfers, layoffs, terminations, use of facilities, education and other benefits.

Inquiries concerning the university's equal opportunity program should be directed to the appropriate officials listed below. (Students should contact the coordinator of disability support services at 8-1-3835.)

- Equal opportunity officer: Carri Stephens (human resources), 8-1-3555;
- Title VI and Title IX officer: Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life), 8-1-3601; and
- Americans With Disabilities Act coordinator: Linda Sloan (human resources), 8-1-3555.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

**Reminder: 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). 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.

**A new exhibit titled "The Book Re-Configured,"** curated by Susan kae Grant (visual arts), will be displayed in galleries of the Arts Building from Oct. 28 to Nov. 22 as part of the TWU department of visual arts 1996-97 artist lecture series. The exhibit features the work of 18 Texas women artists -- Sue Blevins, Belinda Casey, Nancy Chambers, Kaleta Doolin, Jane Dunnewold, Julie Waranch Fleschman, Emily Godbey, Leticia Venegas Huerta, Mary Ellen Matthews, Sherry Owens, Kathleen Packlick, Dianne L. Reeves, Leslie Reichel, Beata Szechy, Janet Tyson, Susan Voelpel, Victoria Von Koeppen and Beck Whitehead. An opening reception is scheduled on Mon., Oct. 28, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and includes a 1 p.m. lecture by Grant. Call ext. 2530 for details. The exhibition is produced by Women and Their Work, and both Bookstop and Barnes & Noble have provided major support.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**Reminder: Lend a hand this Saturday!** Make a Difference Day in Denton will be held on Sat., Oct. 26, throughout the city. All TWU faculty, staff, students and alums are asked to help someone in need on this special day to show community spirit. 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. Make a difference this year! For more information call Ann Hatch (public information) at ext. 3456.

**"Health Career Day 1997,"** presented by the TWU Health Professions Outreach Project, will be held on Sat., Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon, SC 207-208. Junior high, senior high and non-traditional students -- and their parents are guests -- are invited. They will learn more about health career opportunities and financial aid, tour the Denton campus and visit with health professionals about their careers. The program is free; the *registration deadline is Fri., Nov. 1*. Call ext. 2828.

**Reminder: 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.

**The international student office** will host immigration-certified attorney Craig Miley on Mon., Oct. 28, ACT 6, from 1 to 6 p.m. Craig will schedule 15-minute interviews with students and faculty who have questions related to immigration, work visas and permanent residency. Call Doris Key at 8-1-3048 to schedule an appointment.

**Reminder: 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, 214/369-9636; 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.

**TOSS (TWU Office Support Staff)** will award one \$150 scholarship for the spring 1997 semester to a permanent, full-time staff member at TWU who is enrolled in undergraduate or graduate classes at the university during that semester. Completed applications and recommendation forms must be submitted to Vernie Wilson (undergraduate admissions), chair of the TOSS scholarship committee, by 5 p.m. on Mon., Nov. 11. Any late or incomplete applications will not be considered. Eligible applicants do not have to be members of TOSS. For more information or to pick up an application, call Wilson at 8-1-3046 or drop by ADM 118.

**Reminder: 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. 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. 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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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**Reminder: 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: MASTERCARD ACTS** (American College Talent Search), a national talent search created by MasterCard International Inc. and coordinated by the National Association for Campus Activities, will visit the Denton campus this month. 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.

**Reminder: 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.

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**UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

Dr. **Carlton Wendel** (chemistry and physics) has accepted an appointment to serve on an advisory committee to the State Board of Education Certification concerning passing standards for the Middle School Science ExCET. The middle school science certificate is a new certificate focusing on grades 6, 7 and 8 in science.

Dr. **Brenda Phillips** (sociology and social work) presented "The Elderly as a Source for Sustainable Development in Disaster Situations" at the Hemispheric Conference on Disaster Reduction and Sustainable Development in Miami, Fla., Oct. 1. She also co-authored a section of the *Miami Declaration on Disaster Reduction and Sustainable Development* pertaining to socially and economically vulnerable populations.

**Gladys Keeton** (performing arts, dance) presented a folk dance workshop for students at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth Oct. 9. On Oct. 17, she presented a workshop on "Social Dance for the Physically Challenged" for students at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. Keeton and members of the TWU International Folk Dance Company performed for "Universidad de la Familia" at TWU on Oct. 12 and again at the state fair in Dallas Oct. 18.

Dr. **Winifred Mallam** (mathematics) has been selected for inclusion in the fourth edition of *Who's Who Among American Teachers, 1996*. This honor comes from the recommendation of a successful former student who nominated her because "Dr. Mallam made a difference in his or her life." Only high school and college students who have been cited for academic excellence themselves in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List* are invited to nominate one teacher from their entire academic experience.

Dr. **Don Rosen** (Counseling Center) co-presented a program titled "The New APA Pre-Doctoral Internship Accreditation Process: Making Sense Out of the Confusion" at the annual conference of the Association of University and College Counseling Center Directors. Rosen also was elected to a two-year term on the governing board of AUCCCD.

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**Sherrie Taylor** (business and economics), advisor for the university's chapter of Society of Human Resources Management, announced that seven TWU students will attend the Human Resources Southwest Conference in Fort Worth Oct. 23-25: V. **Michelle Gray, Shelley Dobmeier, Kristi Crutchfield, Claudia Cortes, Jo Cohn, Kim Stevenson** and **Keesha Snowden**. Each student received a \$100 sponsorship from either the Dallas or Denton Human Resource Associations. Chapter members will participate in the conference and also will hear several highlighted speakers -- Gen. Colin Powell (retired), former Texas Gov. Ann Richards and Capt. Scott O'Grady.

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**THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCTOBER 21-27, 1996**

- Mon.-Thurs., -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Oct. 21-25 -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight.  
-Learning assistance office brown bag seminar: "If Only I Could Be Motivated," CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)
- Mon., Oct. 21 -CCCC program: "Country A - Country Z: An Experience in Cultural Diversity," Dallas-Parkland, DED 2nd floor, 9-11 a.m. (Ext. 3601)  
-Admissions non-traditional workshop, SC Underground, 6-8 p.m.
- Tues., Oct. 22 -Faculty open forum with Dr. Carol Surles (president's office), Houston, MGJ 718, 3:30-5 p.m.; refreshments/mixer at 3:30 p.m., forum at 4 p.m.
- Wed.-Thurs., -Performing arts costume sale, Redbud Theatre, 1:30-5:30 p.m. (Ext. 2518)  
Oct. 23-24
- Wed., Oct. 23 -Student activities, Houston: "Octoberfest," courtyard, noon. (8-4-2157)  
-Student health services 3rd annual Flu Shot clinic; faculty, students and staff welcome; cost, \$10; SHS clinic, 4-6:30 p.m. (Ext. 3826)
- Fri.-Sat., -Volleyball: TWU Invitational, Denton -- TWU vs. Mississippi Univ. for  
Oct. 25-26 Women, 11 a.m.; TWU vs. Univ. of Denver, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 26, TWU vs. Henderson State, 1:30 p.m.; TWU vs. Lutheran Univ., 5:30 p.m.
- Fri., Oct. 25 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
-Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
-Performing arts, dance: undergraduate dance auditions, DGL studio, 9 a.m.-noon. (Ext. 2088)  
-Core curriculum review committee meeting, ACT 10, 1-3 p.m. (Ext. 2087)  
-University Club social hour: Sarah McIntire's home, 5-7 p.m.
- Sat., Oct. 26 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Bookstore closed.  
-Admissions: Saturday Visit program, CFO 2, 9-11:30 a.m. (Ext. 3024)
- Sun., Oct. 27 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight.  
-Bookstore closed.