

NURSING AND RESEARCH IS FOCUS OF PARRY LECTURE

As the health care industry continues to change...minute by minute, at times...members of one of the key components of the health care team -- nurses -- are being urged to document their effectiveness through research. That effort will be the focus of TWU's annual Parry Distinguished Lecture Series on Fri., March 26, presented by the TWU College of Nursing at the university's Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center. The free lecture, presented in collaboration with Sigma Theta Tau/Beta Beta International Nursing Honor Society Research Day, will feature Dr. Judy A. Beal -- an expert in strategies for nursing research in the clinical practice setting.

Beal, professor of nursing and director of research at Simmons College Graduate School for Health Studies in Boston, will discuss "Nursing Research in the Clinical Practice Setting." She has served for several years as a research consultant to clinical agencies across the United States in that field. "During her presentation, Dr. Beal will emphasize specific strategies for facilitating research in the clinical arena, as well as the many ways that nurses can become involved in practice-based nursing research," said Dr. Judith McFarlane (Nursing, Houston).

The presentation will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, MGJ 724; the seminar's planners have applied for 3.0 continuing education units (CEUs) from the Texas Nurses Association for registered nurses who attend the program. Registration and the CEUs both are provided courtesy of the TWU College of Nursing; to confirm reservations, call 8-4-2100. The following administrators and faculty in the college can provide additional information: Dr. Lucille Travis, Dr. Robin Britt, Dr. Brenda Haile, Dr. Peggy Landrum and McFarlane.

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IF YOU MISSED IT LAST WEEK....

An announcement concerning the selection of a national firm to assist with TWU's presidential search was added to last week's issue of *Update*. The text is repeated below for anyone who read *TWU Update*

on Monday or Tuesday and who may have missed the information that was inserted later.

Sheila Whitaker-Kellagher, chair of the TWU board of regents, announced on Tues., Feb. 9, that the firm of Spencer-Stuart has been selected to conduct the national search for the 10th president of the university. The search will be conducted to replace Dr. Carol Surles, who resigned as CEO at TWU to become president of Eastern Illinois University. Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) currently is serving as TWU's interim president.

"We are excited about working with Spencer-Stuart," said Whitaker-Kellagher. "We were very impressed with their national focus, as well as their understanding of Texas and how the political and educational systems in the state function. They also have much strength in the area of corporate searches -- as well as educational placements -- which we feel will serve us well as we seek a diverse candidate pool.

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"They are committed to seeking out a president who will 'fit' TWU well, based on a candidate profile that the board of regents will provide for them. They are committed to search nationally for that person," added the chair. "We believe we are on schedule and, with the help of Spencer-Stuart, we will stay on our schedule as we conduct a successful and timely search." Two representatives from the Dallas office of Spencer-Stuart, Ron Zera and Matrice Kirk, will work with TWU throughout the search process. They plan to spend several days visiting the university and then will provide information to members of the board of regents. In turn, the board will use that information during a Feb. 23 retreat in Austin to develop the profile of the preferred candidate. A search committee then will be named.

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STUDY NEEDS PARTICIPANTS

Calling all non-smoking males between ages 30 to 50 who exercise less than two times a week! Dr. Kathy Jankowski (kinesiology) and TWU graduate student Donna Gammill are conducting a study that will examine the effects of low-intensity exercise on insulin concentrations in men. Eligible participants should meet the requirements listed above (non-smoking; ages 30 to 50; exercise less than twice a week); men both with Type 2 diabetes and men without diabetes will be included in the study. A \$50 incentive will be paid to each person who completes the study. For details, call Jankowski at 8-1-2596.

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LIS SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR AWARD

The TWU School of Library and Information Studies is seeking nominations for the "Ann Barnett Service Award," established by friends to "recognize her outstanding contributions to TWU, to generations of faculty and students and, through them, to librarianship and professional education." Barnett, who retired after many years of service to TWU, continues to serve on committees and to offer her time to the university.

The award recognizes exemplary service to the principles and purposes of librarianship and professional education as demonstrated by sensitivity and responsiveness to people's needs. The recipient will receive a \$100 check to use at that person's discretion, plus a certificate that will be presented during the annual alumni dinner held in conjunction with the annual conference of the Texas Library Association -- scheduled April 22 in Dallas. A committee comprising faculty, officers of the Library Science Alumni academic chapter and the dean of the school will review nominations, which must be received by March 22, 1999. For a nomination form or more information, contact Dr. Keith Swigger (Library and Information Studies) at 8-1-2602. (Nominations may be faxed to 8-1-2611 or e-mailed to a_swigger@twu.edu.)

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CHECK IT OUT...

A master campus calendar now is online for the TWU community (and beyond) at www.twu.edu/calendar/ -- send submissions, changes and additions to JSweet@twu.edu. The calendar will focus on activities, lectures and events in Denton, Dallas and Houston.

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STAFF SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

ASSET (Association of Support Service Employees) is offering its 10th annual staff scholarship for the spring 1999 semester to a permanent full- or part-time staff member at TWU who is enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses during this semester. Applicants do not have to be members of

ASSET to be eligible for the \$200 scholarship. Completed applications and recommendation forms must be received by the chair of ASSET's scholarship committee by 5 p.m. on March 1, 1999. Paperwork received after that date and time will not be considered for this year's spring ASSET staff scholarship.

Application materials may be obtained from Kathleen Duffy (Library and Information Studies), chair of the scholarship committee; call her at 8-1-2603 or stop by her office, SH 404.

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BUSY, BUSY, BUSY...SIGNALS!

Why all the busy signals? Most faculty and staff recently have noticed problems completing off-campus calls. So what's the problem? "While isolated problems occur in our own system, the larger problem remains -- off-campus calling has increased well beyond the capacity of our outbound lines," said Tom Graf (information technology services).

He explained: "During the hours of 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 2:30 to 4 and 10:30 to 11:30 p.m., callers likely will receive busy signals when they are trying to call off campus. More lines are on order from TEXAN and local phone companies, but provisioning problems within the telephone companies themselves have meant delays in acquiring the additional services."

Graf added, "Additional TEXAN lines are scheduled for completion by Feb. 19. Mandatory 10-digit dialing now is in place in Dallas and Houston, and that also has meant reprogramming a large part of the call routing tables. We apologize for the inconvenience this causes. Upgrading all of our telephone switches -- combined with a proliferation of new area codes, 10-digit dialing and increased usage -- is taking its toll on our ability to provide the timely and reliable service everyone expects and deserves." Dial on!

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DANCE ON!

Want to move your feet? Dance a little? It's not too late to register for spring dance classes offered by the TWU Community Dance Center! Classes are offered for adults in swing/Latin dance and Irish step dancing. Children can learn creative dance, tap, hip hop, jazz and ballet, too. Adult classes are taught in six-week sessions for \$24, and youngsters' classes are \$30 for 10 lessons. "The center offers dance classes for all ages," said Gladys Keeton (performing arts, dance). "Lessons are offered in a variety of dance idioms and are designed for individuals who wish to expand their knowledge of dance, to improve their skills and simply to enjoy rhythmic movement. We have no recitals; however, parents and friends are invited to informal presentations on the last class day." The spring schedule begins Feb. 15 and ends May 7; for more information, call Keeton at 8-1-2088.

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NEW ALUMNI DIRECTOR JOINS TWU

For the first time in almost two decades, a TWU graduate now serves as the director of alumni relations. Lisa Kealer-Carver, who earned a master's degree from TWU in government, began serving as the university's liaison with the TWU National Alumnae Association in January. She succeeds Donna Ryan, who retired in December after 18 years at TWU.

Kealer-Carver brings more than 10 years of experience working with employees and volunteers, with an emphasis on training and development. As director of alumni relations, she reports to Kathleen Gigl in the office of institutional advancement. "We welcome Lisa to Texas Woman's University and to her role with the National Alumnae Association," said Gigl. "We all will continue to work together to serve our alumni and the university. I am pleased to have Lisa on our advancement team and am certain that she already is an asset to this institution."

Kealer-Carver, who also has experience with strategic planning and research, holds a bachelor's degree in speech communication from the University of Central Arkansas. She attended the University of North Texas before she transferred to TWU and finished her graduate degree. The new alumni director grew up in Arkansas. She previously served as training manager for the city of Plano; as a human resources trainer for the city of Carrollton and as an operations analyst and special events coordinator for the city of Denton.

She is a member of the American Society for Training and Development, the Association for Quality and Participation, the American Creativity Society, the executive board of the Plano International Preschool, the community board for Plano Young Life, the board of directors for Plano Youth Leadership and Piano Altrusa. Kealer-Carver also is a graduate of the Leadership Plano program. She is certified to teach courses in a number of areas, including stress management, creative thinking, teambuilding and others. She can be reached at 8-1-2586.

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FACULTY SENATE HEARS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The TWU Faculty Senate met on Fri., Feb. 12, and heard a number of reports, including information from Dr. Beverly Byers-Pevitts (president's office) on recent activities in Austin during this legislative

session.

Members learned:

- The Faculty Senate will be represented on the presidential search committee; the national search firm appointed to work on that task is Spencer-Stuart, with Dallas-based representatives Ron Zera and Matrice Kirk.
- *Texas Woman's University: A Report to the Legislature* has been published and distributed by executive staff members to state legislators in Austin. The report details TWU's budget requests -- including "special" and "exceptional" items -- for the next biennium.
- TWU has met with state legislators on obtaining money for health education from the state's tobacco settlement; on fire safety issues; on doubling the amount of funds requested for both Reading Recovery and the Center for Research on Women's Health; and on other issues.
- TWU co-hosted a breakfast with the Women's Caucus on Feb. 9; attendees heard Dr. Charlotte Sanborn (CRWH) discuss women's health issues and needs.
- TWU representatives will testify on Mon. and Tues., Feb. 15 and 16, before the Senate Finance Committee and the House Higher Education Committee, respectively.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to s_hatch@twu.edu. The weekly deadline to receive information is Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

The deadline to submit projects for the second annual Student Research and Creative Arts Symposium at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center is Mon., Feb. 22. The symposium provides students with an opportunity to present their scholarly activities and to learn about the scholarship of others. Presenters of either research or creative arts will describe the creative process they used and the significance of their work in a poster or oral presentation format. College or university undergraduate or graduate students of any academic discipline are invited to submit projects. All applications must include a faculty sponsor's signature.

Reminder: In celebration of Black History Month, TWU will host a number of activities throughout

February. Events open to the public include:

- *Fantabulous Night of Jazz* -- Free music on Thurs., Feb. 18, 7 to 9 p.m., SC 207/208.
- *Soul Food Night* -- Thurs., Feb. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m., SC Underground. Tickets: \$5.
- *Students only* -- The second student-only event scheduled is a trip to the African-American Museum at Fair Park on Fri., Feb. 19.

A limited number of directories -- TWU's *Faculty/Staff Telephone Listing by Department, 1998-1999* -- is available in the office of public information, ACT 2. Call Johnna Sweet at 8-1-3456 to request additional copies.

Reminder: It's that time again...when enquiring minds want to know, mechanical minds want to build and curious onlookers want to cheer them on -- "they" are racers in TWU's annual edible car contest during Engineering Week! The contest, scheduled Fri., March 5, pits mind over matter, angle with engineering and determination with imagination. The event, sponsored by Raytheon and the TWU department of mathematics and computer science, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SC 207-208, including an awards luncheon; all car entries must be submitted to the judges by team members between 9 and 9:30 a.m. at that location. The registration deadline for a team to submit paperwork is Wed., Feb. 24; forms must be delivered to CFO 809 by 5 p.m. on that date or faxed to mathematics and computer science at 8-1-2179. (Cancellations by March 2, if necessary; no registration fee.) For details, call Dr. Frances Thompson at 8-1-2157 or 8-1-2166.

Preliminary 12th class day figures for the spring 1999 semester indicate an increase of 37 students (up 0.42 percent over the same time last year) -- a halt in enrollment decline that has occurred for the past several years at TWU. Overall enrollment in Denton dropped by 37 students; Houston and the Dallas-Presbyterian locations showed an increase in students. Overall, the largest increase occurred among part-time graduate students and a small increase in the number of freshmen attending TWU. Minority enrollment is 27.9 percent for the spring 1999 semester: 13.08 percent African American; 8.7 percent Hispanic; 4.9 percent Asian; .07 percent Native American (international students are not included in these totals). All numbers remain preliminary until they are certified by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board later this spring.

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Reminder: An alternative spring break proposed by TWU Helping Hands and the Center for Student Development will provide an opportunity for students to visit the Texas Hill Country and learn about

volunteer and community service. The trip is scheduled March 12 to 18 and the cost is \$70 per person, which helps pay for transportation, groceries purchased for group meals, plus expenses associated with an incentive activity on the last day of the trip. A *deposit of \$25* (check or money order) is required by 5 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 19; no refunds on deposits will be made after that date. TWU staff and faculty -- or students, faculty and staff from other institutions -- may participate on a space-available basis. Contact Howard Green (student development) prior to the Feb. 19 deadline with inquiries at 8-1-3593 or e-mail him at Hgreen@twu.edu.

The TWU School of Occupational Therapy will hold its sixth annual Fanny B. Vanderkooi lecture on Sat., Feb. 27, at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center-Presbyterian from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The topic, "Holistic Neurorehabilitation: The Quadraphonic Approach," will be presented by Dr. Beatriz C. Abreu; TWU students may register through the office of continuing education by calling (940) 898-3408 or by contacting the School of OT at (214) 706-2350.

Reminder: A workshop for faculty and staff in Houston will be offered by the Texas Medical Center on Wed., March 3, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Sammons Auditorium in the Jesse H. Jones Library Building. The seminar, "Organizing Your Results: When and How to Use Tables and Figures," will be taught by Dr. Lorraine M. Cherry, president and founder of "Communicate" -- a Houston company that specializes in biomedical communication. Registration for the guest workshop is \$35 for faculty, staff, residents and post-doctoral students; TMC-affiliated student registration is only \$10. Fees may be charged to departmental or grant accounts, and registration forms are available online at www.library.tmc.edu/workform.html or in the library.

Input on the subject "Deep Learning and Change through Discomfort?" is sought by a group from the TWU College of Arts and Sciences, whose members will present a panel at an AAHE conference in March. "How does one promote true learning and critical thinking in required undergraduate classes with resistant students? Can deep learning and change occur in spite of -- or perhaps even due to -- resistance and comfort? These are the types of questions we wish to consider," said Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages), who is a member of the group. "Is there any similarity between these classroom dynamics and the dynamics involving faculty who are faced with discomfoting issues such as peer review, post-tenure review and curriculum revision?" Group members Souris, Dr. Suzann Buckley (Arts and Sciences), Dr. Dene Grigar (English, speech and foreign languages) and Dr. Vivian May (women's studies) invite feedback, including strategies and anecdotes, on these issues; use the subscriptions-only Arts and Sciences listserv TM-Talk (tm-talk@twu.edu) or personal e-mail by March 1.

Reminder: A series of leadership panels sponsored by the Center for Student Development will be held throughout the spring semester for interested students, faculty and staff. Presented by members of the Executive Women of Dallas, the program panels are free and open to the campus community. For details, call the center at 8-1-3626. The schedule includes:

- Feb. 17 -- "What Do People Look for in a Resume," SC 105, 5 p.m.
- March 10 -- "What's It Like in the Real World," SC 105, 3 p.m.
- March 22 -- "How I Used My Education to be Successful," SC 105, 4 p.m.

- April 7 -- "Entrepreneurship," SC 105, 12:15 p.m.

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Reminder: "Honors at TWU" is the topic of study for a new focus group established by Dr. Suzann Buckley (Arts and Sciences). The group is discussing all aspects of the subject -- from encouraging individual instructors to offer honors certificates to students who do extra work in regular courses to developing more honors courses and programs. The focus group invites public comment on all aspects of this subject in a special electronic forum by the same title. Select "forums" from the TWU intranet's front page. For details, call Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2324.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to Ann Hatch in public information by campus mail or by e-mail to s_hatch@twu.edu! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Congratulations to **Robin Marquez** (Physical Therapy, Houston), mother to new twins **Conner** and **Kyle**.

Gladys Keeton (performing arts, dance) was inducted into the Texas Dance and Drill Team Educators Association Hall of Fame during the organization's state convention in Houston on Jan. 8. She was honored for the "years of dedication and innovativeness she has given to the world of dance/drill team and her inspiration that has touched the hearts of many by making their dreams a reality." Keeton recently presented two programs -- "Moving to the Theme" and "Tapping into the Promise of Fitness for Today's Children" -- during the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance 75th annual convention in Houston. She also will present a program titled "Before Riverdance: An Introduction to Irish Dancing" at the southern district American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention in Greensboro, N.C., on Feb. 19.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 1999

Feb. 15-21

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

Jan. 28-Feb. 19

- Visual arts exhibits (free): "Eighteen," by Martin Brief; "Questions of Faith," by Dean Kessman; Fine Arts Building; weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mon., Feb. 15

- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, Magee Arena, 7 p.m.
- Wellness services: "Weight Loss Challenge," JH, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Brown bag seminar: "Rating Your Learning and Study Skills," CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- USA House of Representatives meeting, SC 006/007, 12:15-1 p.m.
- USA Senate meeting, SC 006, 5-7 p.m.
- Valentine breakfasts, Dallas Parkland and Presbyterian centers.

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Tues., Feb. 16

- Wellness services: "Ask the Personal Trainer," JH, 5-6 p.m.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. Centenary College, PF, 2 p.m.
- Brown bag seminar: "Rating Your Learning and Study Skills," CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- HR: "Funny Money -- How to Keep from Getting Stuck," Houston, MGJ 928, 10-11 a.m.
- Payroll: deadline to finalize hours on web for hourly employees, 5 p.m.
- Mardi gras celebration: Dallas Parkland and Presbyterian centers, noon.
- Distinguished rhetoricians series: "Medieval Rhetorics," Dr. Martin Camargo, free, ACT 6, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 17

- Brown bag seminar: "Why Can't I Get Motivated," Denton, CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- HR: "Budgeting," ACT 501, 1-2:30 p.m.
- Payroll: approve hourly timesheets on RHEA.
- Leadership seminar: "What Do People Really Look for in a Resume," free, SC 105, 5 p.m.
- SHS: "Enjoying Life in a World Obsessed with Food and Weight" by Dr. Kathryn Luscri, free, SC 207/208, 12:15-12:55 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 18

- Spring Career Day, Hubbard Hall, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tuition and fees installment due; meals installment due.
- Brown bag seminar: "Why Can't I Get Motivated," Denton, CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- HR: "Printing and Mailing Services -- What We Can Do for You," OMB 1st floor, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. Texas Wesleyan, Fort Worth, 2 p.m.
- Black History Month: "A Fantabulous Night of Jazz," free, SC 207/208, 7-9 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 19

- 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.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. Trinity, PF, 2 p.m.
- HR: "Personnel Transaction Forms," Houston, MGJ 928, 1-3 p.m.
- Biology seminar: "Mutational Analysis in Neuropeptide Function," presented by Dr. U. Hochgeschwender from the University of Oklahoma Medical Center; free, CFO 205, 3-4 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Eastern New Mexico, away.
- Black History Month: trip to the African-American Museum of Art (for students only), 11 a.m.-8 p.m. (Sign-up deadline on Thurs., Feb. 18.)
- Sign-up deadline for alternative spring break trip to the Hill Country.

Sat., Feb. 20

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Program: "Expanding Your Horizons," MCL, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Tennis: Pioneers vs. Northeastern Oklahoma, tennis courts, 2 p.m.
- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. Centenary College, away.

Sun., Feb. 21

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. West Texas A&M, away.

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