

OPEN FORUMS OFFER INPUT ON PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Last week, TWU faculty, staff, students and community members in Dallas, Houston and Denton shared with members of the presidential search advisory committee what characteristics and experience they would like the 10th president of TWU to possess. The committee first brought each group up-to-date about its work and asked participants to nominate persons for the position or to ask others to apply. The input from the meetings will be used by the committee to write the draft for a position description that will accompany a letter seeking nominations for the position.

Among those characteristics and experiences mentioned were: integrity; community involvement in the Denton, Dallas and Houston communities; ability to "put a face on TWU" in the legislature, in the state and across the United States; high visibility on campus; an advocate for diversity; knowledgeable and/or supportive of shared governance as it is understood in the realm of higher education; a role model for women; a visionary (not a micro-manager); energetic; collaborative (believes in a team approach); accessible; supportive of the needs of persons with disabilities; an advocate for higher education; someone with a sense of humor; and more.

Several process questions were asked, and Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement), a member of the committee, stated that the group hopes to have a new president in place by fall 1999. However, the application process remains open throughout the search. Ads in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and

other publications should appear beginning April 23. Anyone with comments or suggestions may send them to the committee chair, Kay Williams Goodman, in care of the president's office in Denton.

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DISABILITY ISSUES FOR WOMEN IS FOCUS OF HOUSTON EVENT

Did you know that 20 percent of American women live with significant disabling conditions, such as back disorders, arthritis, heart disease and orthopedic impairment? That women with physical disabilities encounter serious barriers to receiving general and reproductive health care? That abuse is a serious problem for women with disabilities because they have even fewer options for escaping or resolving the abuse than women in general?

These concerns and more will be topics for discussion during a symposium on "Health Issues for Women with Disabilities: An Interdisciplinary Approach." The program, TWU's 6th annual Research Day, will be held in Houston on Fri., April 23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, MGJ 7th floor. Several nationally known experts will join TWU researchers to discuss topics such as orthopedic impairment, multiple sclerosis, back pain and frailty among the elderly, specifically women. Scientific data, combined with personal experience, will provide a multi-dimensional overview of health problems that are affecting an ever-growing number of women in the U.S.

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"In spite of the well-recognized fact that the human female is the major consumer of anti-anxiety and anti-depressant drugs -- and while gender differences in vulnerability to substance abuse are known -- most scientists continue to use male subjects in their research studies," said Dr. Lynda Uphouse (biology), the conference's organizer. "The symposium will bring together several respected scientists whose research examines three key areas:

- gender differences in relation to vulnerability to the onset of anxiety, depression and substance abuse;
- the mechanisms responsible for gender differences in vulnerability; and
- gender differences in the response to pharmacological (drug) treatment regimens."

The symposium has four key objectives:

- to increase awareness on campus and among other interested groups about current research in women's health -- especially in the areas of anxiety, depression and substance abuse;
- to enhance the visibility of TWU researchers within the larger community of scientists;
- to expand undergraduate and graduate education for TWU students to include up-to-date information about a health area of special concern to women;
- to provide an opportunity for the participating researchers to engage in a "think tank" environment which will enable them to increase collaborative interaction and to generate new and testable hypotheses.

"TWU's mission is to educate students -- primarily women -- and hosting this symposium is one way to support that mission," added Uphouse. "Many of our programs are health-oriented and, as a result, women's health is an important issue on our campus. We want women to lead healthier lives. By sharing information and research, we can meet that goal."

Speakers and topics include: Dr. Louis D. Van de Kar, Loyola University, on "Regulation of Serotonin 1A Receptor Signaling by Estrogen and Selective Serotonin Re-Uptake Inhibitors"; Dr. Sharmin Maswood, TWU, on "Gender and Estrus Cycle Differences in Regulation of Extracellular Serotonin in the Mediobasal Hypothalamus"; Dr. Victoria Luine, Hunter College, on "Gender Differences in Stress-Induced Behavior and Neurochemical Changes"; Uphouse on "Differential Effects of Hormones on Serotonin Receptor Subtypes"; Dr. Robert Meisel, Purdue University, on "The Mesolimbic Dopamine System and Its Relevance to Reproduction"; Dr. George Battaglia, Loyola University, on "Gender Differences in Offspring Serotonin Systems in Response to Prenatal Drug Exposure"; Dr. Francine Lancaster (biology), TWU, on "Gender Differences in Alcohol Intake and the Consequences of Alcohol Use"; Dr. Meredith Mason Garcia, Tulane University, on "Neural Circuitry of Opiate Abuse"; and Dr. Richard Harlan, Tulane University, on "Gender Differences in Opiate Abuse." For details, call Uphouse at 8-1-2530.

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CYBERSPACE LENDS ITSELF TO PERSUASION

The ages-old art of persuasion -- rhetoric -- will meet the cutting edge of technology and journey into cyberspace during a week-long trek at TWU, beginning April 30.

Starting with its feet on the ground (literally), the symposium -- titled "Emerging Rhetorics" -- opens with a more traditional approach, presenting three "conventional" sessions on specific subject areas that

then will extend as discussions in cyberspace for a week, featuring presentations (organized in panels) that were submitted earlier this spring by scholars and TWU graduate students.

"We're going beyond the traditional classroom and into cyberspace to explore rhetoric in a number of areas," said Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages), who is chairing the symposium. "The symposium will be refereed, and Caxton's Modern Art Press will publish a CD of the conference proceedings titled *Emerging Rhetorics*. We're excited to present this opportunity to students and scholars and to be able to showcase rhetorics. TWU has an excellent and longstanding program in the field, and a symposium like this one enhances learning for both students and faculty at TWU, as well as other colleagues and universities."

The conventional program on April 30 includes three keynote speakers, plus selected scholars who will present papers. The keynote speakers will be: Cynthia L. Selfe from Michigan Technological University, who will discuss "Rhetoric and Technology"; Kermit E. Campbell from the University of Texas at Austin on "Multicultural Rhetoric"; and Susan Stanford Friedman from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who will talk about "Feminist Rhetoric."

The cyberspace continuation of the symposium then occurs until May 7. During that time, the presentations will be available to registered participants, and moderators will guide discussions on panel-specific listservs. The on-line event will end with a plenary session moderated by Dr. Hugh Burns (English, speech and foreign languages) and hosted by TWU's MOO site.

TWU is a member of the Federation of North Texas Area Universities -- which also includes the University of North Texas and Texas A&M University-Commerce -- and students enrolled in FNTAU rhetoric programs previously submitted and competed for one presentation slot; one faculty member from each of the three universities also will present a paper on April 30 in each of the three sessions, with the keynote speakers.

To register, visit <http://www.twu.edu/federation/rhetoric/default.html>. More information is available at the website, or interested persons may call Souris at 8-1-2343 or e-mail him at ssouris@iglobal.net (e-mail is preferred; put "FRS" on the subject line). The symposium is sponsored by the TWU College of Arts and Sciences, FNTAU, TWU MOO and the TWU department of English, speech and foreign languages

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LEARN HOW TO MEDIATE FAMILY VIOLENCE

Families in crisis sometimes are families dealing with domestic violence as well. Psychologists, counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists can learn how to decide whether they should mediate when family disputes involve domestic violence and abuse during a one-day program at TWU on Sat., May 1. They also will learn when, where and how to mediate -- the techniques, in particular -- from mediators who have experience in such cases.

"Mediating Family Violence Cases" will be offered this Saturday by the TWU office of continuing education from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Universities Center at Dallas, 1901 Main St. in downtown Dallas. The cost to attend is \$245 per person, which includes breaks, instruction and materials. For details, call 8-1-3408. The workshop has been approved for eight clock hours of continuing education which will be accepted by several state boards.

Participants will: develop advanced mediation skills that can be used in cases where domestic violence is present; learn to discern when not to mediate for ethical, safety or other reasons; receive a protocol for screening for domestic violence when helping families resolve disputes; and understand more fully the nature and causes of family violence. Instructors for the course will be attorneys Kay Elkins-Elliott, Gay Cox and Suzanne Mann Duvall. Sessions during the day will include "Violence: Facts and Myths"; "Divorce Mediation: Ethical, Safety and Power Issues"; "Mediation: Whether, Where, When and How"; "Advanced Skills Training: Crisis Intervention"; "Skills Training: Managing the Dynamics"; plus a simulated case for mediation and discussion, and role playing.

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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 or AHatch@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.

Don't forget -- Send changes in dates and information for events, programs and other activities to the office of public information so that *TWU Update* and master calendar information will reflect the correct details.

Look up what's new at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center by accessing their new online newsletter at <http://www4.twu.edu/houston/> -- thanks to Dr. Kathy Rosa!

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Reminder: The Women's Studies Vision Award will be presented during the program's annual meeting on May 6, from 4 to 5 p.m., library 101. The deadline to submit nominations was last Friday. The purpose of the award is to recognize courage, vision and leadership of persons who have made a long-term commitment to the women's studies program. Those eligible to receive the award are faculty, staff and administrators who have demonstrated eight to 10 years of substantial and sustained commitment to the development of women's studies at TWU. For details, call 8-1-2117.

Summer help is wanted at the TWU outdoor pool, specifically lifeguards (\$7.50 per hour), swimming instructors (\$8 per hour), swimming instructor assistants (\$6.35 per hour) and clerical assistants at the front desk (\$5.15 per hour). Full-time and part-time positions are available on all shifts. Apply at the department of human resources on Oakland Avenue weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m.; for details, call 8-1-3555.

Reminder: The TWU Concert Choir and TWU University Choir will perform together at 8 p.m. on Tues., April 27, in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. The program, which features both choirs performing together on stage, will include musical selections by women from Medieval-period composer Hildegard Von Bingham to Clara Schumann to contemporary composers such as Libby Larsen, Dede Duson and Gwyneth Walker. Choreography for the work was written by Linda Caldwell, a doctoral student in the TWU programs in dance. For details, call Stuart Younse (performing arts, dance) at 8-1-2091.

The Baha'i Friendship Club continues to seek favorite recipes from faculty, students and staff for a cookbook that celebrates the university's diverse heritage. Please send recipes to the group, in care of student life, by Fri., April 30. The club asks each person who submits a recipe to include a name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, a description of her or his "personal diversity," a general description of what the dish makes, information on how the dish was shared with that person, ingredients and directions.

Reminder: The TWU office of community relations and diversity has announced a competition for professional development awards among faculty that will promote in-class and campus diversity. A \$1,000 award is available for an individual to participate in the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, scheduled June 3-7, 1999, in Memphis, Tenn. A \$1,500 award is offered to study language and culture at the Center for Bilingual-Multicultural Studies in Cuernavaca, Moreles, Mexico, from June 15 to July 10. Course credit is optional; the participant can learn about the process of implementing a similar course in her or his department. Eligible applicants must have an appointment for 1999-2000 as a full-time (continuing) faculty member at TWU with instructional responsibilities in the classroom. Applications must be submitted to Rodriguez' office by Wed., April 28.

For more information or an application, call Rodriguez at 8-1-3991 or send e-mail to rrodriguez@twu.edu.

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Please note: Following the March 1999 meeting of the TWU board of regents in Austin, effective immediately, all contracts of \$25,000 or more must be approved by the board or by the chair of the finance and audit committee prior to signing the contract. If the good or service was a bid, a tabulation showing all bids also must be submitted. All contracts for more than \$25,000 and bid tabulations must be forwarded immediately upon receipt to Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration). Please call 8-1-3505 for more information or questions.

Reminder: TWU retirees, faculty, staff, spouses, students and guests are invited to attend the university's annual retirement dinner on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$9.79 each and may be purchased by sending reservation forms and checks to the department of human resources. The deadline to RSVP is Fri., April 23. For details, call 8-1-3555.

Remember to change departmental and office voice mail greetings before a university holiday! Before the holiday, please forward phones to holiday greetings, which should include hours of operation (or a personal schedule for individual phones) and date of return/schedule. The next holiday requiring a change in message will be Memorial Day. Anyone who has questions should call Corin Ecker (information technology services) at 8-1-3278.

Winners of the 1999 Redbud Awards were: Dr. James Johnson (chemistry), faculty adviser of the year; Sgt. Derinda Hinton (public safety), staff adviser of the year; Campus Activities Board, new organization of the year; Alpha Theta Omega, organization of the year; Jenee Pugh and LaShonda Malrey, emerging leaders of the year; Tracey Erickson (Houston), Kathy Bass (Dallas), Chre Davis, CeCeSieling and Ashley Griffin -- outstanding campus leaders; and Pam Solis (individual) and the Student Dietetic Association (organization), the Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Award.

Reminder: Want to learn more about garment restoration? TWU faculty, staff or as students who know how to sew and who are willing to make a major commitment of their time can help restore a gown from the university's DAR collection. To schedule an informational appointment, call Dr. Sharon Underwood (fashion and textiles) at 8-1-2669.

The distinguished rhetoricians lecture series, presented by the TWU department of English, speech and foreign languages, will feature a return visit by Winifred Bryan Horner on Tues., April 27, at 7:30 p.m., ACT 601. Se will discuss "Rhetoric in the Modern World." The event is free and open to all.

Reminder: *TWU Wellness Services* is offering "Fresh Starts" at half price -- \$20 instead of \$40 -- during April only. Get ready for summer -- call 8-1-2900 for an appointment.

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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 or AHatch@twu.edu! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Congratulations to **Patrick Vasquez** (intercultural services) and his wife, **Marissa Cabrales**, following the birth of their first child, **Jose Aristeo Cabrales Vasquez**, on Jan. 31.

Governor Jackson (financial aid) served as a panelist at the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan annual state conference in Austin, held April 7-9. The panel's topic was "Admission Practices and Financial Aid Policies as They Relate to Enrollment and Retention."

Lynda Murphy (Graduate School), Dr. **Dene Grigar** (English, speech and foreign languages), **Pat Nolan** (information technology services) and library science graduate student **Mary Cissell** delivered a presentation titled "Evaluating Distance Education: A Template for Action" as part of the third annual Texas Distance Learning Association conference held in Waco on April 7 and 8. The conference theme was "Connected Texas -- Celebrating Our Progress," and the TWU group discussed the university's distance education program evaluation advisory committee and efforts to develop and maintain an evaluation template of the TWU program. Grigar and Nolan also introduced a new concept in virtual education, "TWU MOO: A Virtual Space for Research, Teaching and Service." Three current TWU projects also were discussed that have been designed to enhance learning initiatives and to supplement classroom instruction: teaching deaf children to read using virtual "bots"; hosting online degree programs; and creating an electronic library collection for women.

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) presented a research paper titled "La Quinceanera: Hispanic Folk Custom" during the Texas Folklore Society's annual meeting in Midland, Texas, on April 3. The paper will be printed in the conference's 1999 proceedings; it also has been selected as a book chapter for the next collection of essays about folklore, which will be published in

winter 2000 by the Texas Folklore Society. Bridges also has been invited to send the paper and its supporting documents to the archives of the Institute of Texas Culture in San Antonio. Much of the work also will be included in an exhibit at the institute this summer and fall.

Raedean Bolton (financial aid) and her daughter, TWU graduate student **Aaron Bolton-Clabiorne** (chemistry), would like to extend their thanks to the university community for "all the kind forms of sympathy" expressed at the loss of Raedean's father in April.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: APRIL 26 -p; MAY 2, 1999

April 26-29

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

April 26-May 14

- Visual arts: BFA and MFA shows, East and West galleries, free, Fine Arts Building, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mon., April 26

- USA Senate meeting, SC 007, 5-7 p.m.

Tues., April 27

- Last Seneca Falls program (performing arts, music): TWU Concert Choir and TWU University Chorus joint concert, free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Flag football tournament, free, behind the library, 4 p.m.
- HR: "Maximizing Your Benefits in Higher Education," Denton, Dallas and Houston videoconference rooms, 10-11:30 a.m.
- De-Stress Fest, Student Center Underground, free to students.

Wed., April 28

- Student life: Emerging leaders program, SC 208, 4 p.m.
- Houston service recognition program, recreation room, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 29

- Open forum/information meeting on Bell Avenue construction, MCL auditorium, 3 p.m.
- HR: "Assertiveness Skills," Houston, MGJ 928, 9-11 a.m.
- HR: "Coaching Skills for Managers," Denton, ACT 501, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Last day to drop a class or to withdraw from the university.
- Last day to pay tuition and fees and receive any credit for the semester.
- Annual retirement dinner, Hubbard Hall, tickets required, 6:30-8 p.m.

April 30-May 1

- Softball: Pioneers at Lone Star Conference Tournament

Fri., April 30

- 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.
- Biology: "Therapeutic Advances in Women's Health" symposium in neurosciences, nine featured speakers from across the U.S.; all day (8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.), free, CFO 204.
- COLORS banquet, 7 p.m.

Sat., May 1

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., May 2

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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