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## **COMMUNITY LEADERS VISIT CAMPUS**

Business and community leaders, as well as campus administrators, joined TWU President Carol Surles for breakfast and an update on TWU last Wednesday morning. Participants who attended the university's annual Community Leaders Breakfast greeted one another, sang "Happy Birthday" to Dentonite Margaret Smith and became part of a video slide program as part of the morning activities. More than 100 people heard Surles talk about the legislature, technology for the campus, enrollment, academic programs and facilities planning. They also watched a demonstration of some of equipment that is part of the new teleconferencing network.

Surles told the audience, "It's a privilege to represent this very special university as its new president. I am pleased to follow in the footsteps of such distinguished leaders as Shirley Chater -- who now heads the Social Security Administration -- and Mary Evelyn Huey, our president emerita, who remains very active in the Denton community." Surles then discussed the next legislative session, saying, "Despite the success of the Texas lottery and an unexpected surplus in those state funds, state officials continue to paint a grim budget picture." She said that TWU officials will work with legislators in Austin for the university's funding, share their concerns about mandated performance-based funding and make a strong case for special item funding.

Preceding the video equipment demonstration, Surles also said, "One of my priorities as president of TWU is to continue integrating technology into our classrooms and laboratories so that we can maximize the educational experience of our students. TWU must be prepared to deliver academic programs at the time and location students prefer. Across the nation, students are already choosing both when and where to earn a degree -- with limits of time and location now bridged by technology....One of my goals as president will be to enhance the university's technological capabilities and to develop a master plan for that area."

Surles noted that enrollment had reached "a significant benchmark" this fall -- more than 10,000 students are enrolled over the same period last year, according to preliminary figures. She mentioned several success stories for academic programs, including the doctoral program in occupational therapy, the master's degree program in exercise and sports nutrition and the anticipated reaffirmation by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of the doctoral program in nutrition -- historically significant because it is TWU's first doctoral program.

Information about new proposed construction on campus -- the Movement Sciences Complex -- and the phased renovation of Hubbard Hall was provided, as well as the installation of TWU's high-tech, interactive video conferencing system that links Denton, Dallas and Houston classrooms, faculty, students, staff and administrators. Surles then discussed faculty, student and alumni achievements, and she closed the program with a video slide show that was prepared by the office of academic computing and demonstrated by staff from the office of media services.

She concluded by saying, "This year will be a time of discovery for me -- discovery of the promise and traditions of TWU and of the people who make it the unique institution it is...and discovery of the care and support that comes to TWU from its friends in Denton, from alumni around the state, nation and world, and from business people and foundations who understand the importance of furthering the mission of Texas Woman's University and ensuring its future."

## **LITERACY IS KEY FOR YOUNG READERS**

After a five-year effort across the state of Texas, more than 3,000 first graders who couldn't read and couldn't keep up with their classmates were able to succeed, pass and grow with the help of a special program that began in New Zealand. From 1988-1993, the Reading Recovery program at TWU worked with more than 40 school districts in Texas, 563 teachers, 42 teacher leaders (who help others learn how to incorporate the program in their schools) and educators from 13 other states to ensure that young children could read, progress and graduate -- instead of dropping out.

Helping at-risk first graders learn to read has been the focus of Reading Recovery since its beginnings in New Zealand by founder Dr. Marie Clay, who is TWU Scholar-in-Residence. Clay, whose focus on literacy and reading comprises the foundation of her Reading Recovery program, will discuss "Constructing Independent Control over Literacy" during a her Distinguished Lecture in Education at TWU on Wed., Sept. 21.

The evening lecture, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the MCL auditorium. A reception will be held in the building's foyer following the presentation. The event is sponsored by the reading program in TWU's department of reading and bilingual education and by the College of Education and Human Ecology. For more information, call ext. 2040 or ext. 2226.

The featured speaker, a psychologist and educator, is professor emerita at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. She has been teaching throughout the year at TWU in classes and through several special programs, including the Reading Recovery conference, which will be held Oct. 14-15 in Fort Worth at the Tarrant County Convention Center and the Radisson Plaza Hotel. Clay's books -- *Observing Young Readers*, *Writing Begins at Home*, *Reading Begins at Home* and others -- can be ordered through the TWU Bookstore. (Books will not be available at the Sept. 21 reception.)

TWU completed its sixth year of training teacher leaders for Reading Recovery during the 1993-94 academic year and will continue its efforts to combat high school dropout through this innovative and effective program.

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## **FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES SHANNON AWARD**

Dr. Delaina Walker-Batson (communication sciences and disorders) has been notified by the Public Health Service of the National Institutes of Health that she will receive a Shannon Award in the amount of \$100,000 over a two-year period for her research in the treatment of aphasia. She was notified of the award in August by Dr. James B. Snow Jr., director of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

The purpose of the Shannon Award is to provide support for activities within the scope of an application in order to strengthen the competitiveness of subsequent applications. Activities that are appropriate for this type of support might include testing the feasibility of innovative approaches; developing further tests and refining research procedures; performing secondary analyses of available data and sets; and conducting discrete projects that can demonstrate research capabilities or lend additional weight to an already meritorious application.

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Walker-Batson, a professor of communication sciences and disorders, has served as director of the TWU Aphasia Center, located at the Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center-Parkland for several years. At the center, faculty and students in communications sciences and disorders, music therapy and other academic areas have been working with clients who suffer from aphasia, usually following strokes. Aphasia is the total or partial loss of the ability to communicate due to damage to the brain. Problems in speaking may range from difficulties finding words to the inability to speak at all.

The research for which Walker-Batson received the Shannon Award focuses on pharmacologic modulation in the treatment of aphasia.

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**TWU RECEIVES FEDERAL GRANTS**

Three TWU faculty members have received federal grants in the areas of library science, biology and physical therapy, according to Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants). The awards are listed below.

■ Dr. Keith Swigger, (Library and Information Studies) has been awarded a \$144,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for his instruction project titled "New Faculty Development for Library and Information Studies (Doctoral Fellowships)." The grant period begins Nov. 1, 1994, and ends Oct. 31, 1995.

"This grant program will educate persons who are fully prepared to join the ranks of faculties of programs in library and information studies by enabling two Fellows from previous awards to continue their studies and by recruiting six Fellows to begin doctoral studies," explained Swigger, the school's dean. "New doctoral students will include mid-career librarians who are seeking the doctoral degree so that they can move into the professoriate. Recent recipients of master's degrees in librarianship will also be among the new doctoral students as they seek longer careers in library education."

■ Dr. Sarah McIntire (biology) received a \$101,914 award from the National Institutes of Health for her research project, "*Helicobacter pylori* Plasmid DNA Analysis." The grant period began July 15, 1994, and ends July 14, 1997.

"*Helicobacter pylori* is a recently recognized, Gram-negative bacillus that adheres to the human gastric surface mucous cells. The consensus of many clinical studies is that a high frequency of association exists between both chronic type B gastritis and duodenal ulcers and colonization by *H. pylori*," said McIntire, an associate professor. "This study will investigate regions of homology and also will construct a means to begin genetic analysis of *H. pylori*."

■ Dr. Ann Walker (physical therapy, TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center) has received a continuation grant from the U.S. Department of Education Region VI--RSA, for her instruction project, "Physical Therapy Master's Level Long-Term Training Program in Rehabilitation." The \$90,520 federal grant began its funding period on Sept. 1, 1994, and will end on Aug. 31, 1995.

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"This grant funds a special rehabilitation training program that emphasizes services to adults with severe disabilities for physical therapy students who are enrolled at the first professional level master's program in physical therapy at TWU," said Walker, professor of physical therapy. "The purpose is to increase the number of physical therapists employed in state or federal rehabilitation agencies or in nonprofit rehabilitation or related agencies that are providing services to individuals with disabilities under an agreement with a state agency." The outcome of this project will be an increase in the number of new therapists trained with the most current information in rehabilitation.

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**COLLEAGUE TRAINING OFFERED TO FACULTY**

The office of administrative computing services will hold several training sessions this fall for faculty members who want to learn how to use the student components of the Colleague system. Each session will last approximately one and one-half hours; training is scheduled for the from either 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 27, Sept. 28, Oct. 3 or Oct. 6.

Because the number of terminals available in the training room is limited, interested faculty are asked to make reservations no later than Sept. 23; call Joyce Stewart at ext. 3270 by the deadline to reserve a place.

The goal of these sessions is to enable participants to obtain data relevant to their goals directly from the Colleague on-line system. Various student information screens and transcript and roster information will be viewed. Some of the information that will be discussed includes indentifying graduate, undergradate and international students; locating test scores; verifying majors; interpreting applicant status; and locating and interpreting holds.

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**CPR COURSES SCHEDULED**

In response to several requests from the campus community to continue CPR courses taught by personnel in the TWU department of public safety, several adult, infant and child CPR courses have been scheduled for the fall 1994 semester. Interested persons have the option of taking one or both courses on the scheduled day; each course will be limited to 10 students. A course fee of \$13 is due at the beginning of the session and can be paid using one of three methods: cash (change will not be available); check (made payable to Texas Woman's University); or interdepartmental transfer. Dates available for classes include:

- Sept. 23, SC 110 -- adult CPR, 8 a.m. to noon; infant and child CPR, 1 to 5 p.m.;
- Oct. 28, SC 006-007 -- adult CPR, 8 a.m. to noon; infant and child CPR, 1 to 5 p.m.;
- Nov. 11, SC 110 -- adult CPR, 8 a.m. to noon; infant and child CPR, 1 to 5 p.m.

To register for courses, call Vicki Byrd at ext. 2924. The final day to register for a given course will be the Friday prior to the date of that class.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

**Reminder:** *TWU gymnastics* will sponsor children's gymnastics classes -- five sessions -- on consecutive Saturdays this fall: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Class times are 9 to 9:45 a.m. for co-ed pre-schoolers, ages 3 to 6; and 10 to 11 a.m. for girls, ages 7 to 17. Students will be tested and grouped according to their ability. Instruction will be offered from beginner to advanced on: floor exercise and dance, vaulting, uneven parallel bars and balance beam. Staff will comprise Frank Kudlac (athletics), Pioneer gymnastics head coach (who is a safety certified gymnastics instructor by the U.S. Gymnastics Federation) and members of the TWU gymnastics varsity team. The fee for all five lessons is \$38, and registration is limited. For pre-registration, call the TWU department of athletics at ext. 2378 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *before Sept. 28.*

**A September special "All You Can Eat Buffet"** currently is offered for faculty, staff and students who wish to dine in the Pioneer Room. The \$2.99 special -- available Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- features soup, drinks, salad bar, desserts, hot entrees, fresh rolls and vegetables. For information, call ext. 3668.

**Calendar adjustment:** The 4th annual Joyce Thompson Lecture: "Faulkner and Mississippi" listed for Oct. 1 on the university calendar (attached to the Sept. 6th issue of Update) is actually scheduled on Nov. 1.

**Dr. Kent Chapman**, an assistant professor from the University of North Texas, will be the featured speaker during TWU's weekly biology seminar on Fri., Sept. 23, at 3 p.m. in SC 303. His topic will be "Biosynthesis of N-acylphosphotidyl-ethanolamine in Plants."

**Reminder: Fall Career Day** will be held in the southwest room of Hubbard Hall on Thurs., Sept. 29, for students interested in visiting with a number of employers who participate each year. The event, which is sponsored by the TWU office of career services, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call ext. 2950. (Additional career days include: "Nursing Career Day" on Oct. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Dallas-Parkland; and "Teacher Interview Day" on Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hubbard Hall.)

**Reminder: TWU's chamber music ensemble** will make its debut with a program of original contemporary works for a variety of chamber music settings on Tues., Sept. 20. Faculty, staff, students and the general public are invited to attend this free event, which will begin at 8 p.m. in MJPH. Pamela Youngblood, Jesse Youngblood, Lanelle Stevenson and Dr. Richard Rodean (performing arts-music) will present the program. For information, call ext. 2500.

**The authors of TWU's most recent report** on "Gender Differences in Career Attitudes for Female Dominated Professions: The Case of Physical Therapy" were interviewed for Dallas public television's program "The McCuiston Show" in late August which has again been rescheduled for broadcast -- Dr. Mona Hersh-Cochran (business and economics), Dr. Carolyn Rozier (physical therapy) and graduate student Audrey Whitright (business and economics) "Women in Business: Historically Underutilized," featuring TWU representatives, will air Sun., Sept. 25, on KERA-TV (channel 13) at 1 p.m. and on KDTN-TV (channel 2) at 11 p.m..

**Reminder: The "Healthy People 2000"** conference at TWU this week will focus on health care plans, immunization programs, maternal and child care, women's health, patients' rights and health insurance. This regional conference, scheduled Thurs. and Fri., Sept. 22 and 23, is co-sponsored by the TWU department of health studies and department of family sciences, as well as

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**NEWSBRIEFS, *continued***

the Texas Society for Public Health Education, the Texas Institute for Research and Education on Aging and the Consortium for Health Research and Policy. Coordinated by the TWU office of continuing education, the conference will be held in buildings throughout the campus. A special program on Sat., Sept. 24, has been designated as "Faculty/Student Day -- Eta Sigma Gamma."

The cost to attend is \$109 for the conference; students who wish to register for only the Saturday program will pay \$5. Conference fees include refreshment breaks and conference materials; lunch is extra -- \$8 per day. For registration or information, contact the TWU office of continuing education at ext. 3408.

*The Federation of North Texas Area Universities* will present Dr. Robert Zemsky, director of the Institute for Research in Higher Education at the University of Pennsylvania, who is "A Witness to Reform." He will discuss his ideas during the federation's 17th annual fall seminar on Fri., Sept. 30, at TWU. The symposium, titled "Restructuring the University," begins with a plenary session at 10:30 a.m. in the MCL auditorium. Interested faculty, staff, students and members of the community are invited. For information, call the Graduate School at ext. 3400.

*TWU Student Health Services* will host their annual open house for the campus community on Thurs., Sept. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. The staff invites everyone to attend, tour the facility, ask questions and enjoy refreshments. For more information, call ext. 3826.

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**UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

Sympathy is extended to Dr. **Joanette McGadney** (Nursing, Dallas Center) and her family on the death of her father, Benjamin Pete. Services were held in Marianna, Fla., on Sept. 15.

Dr. **Nancy Glick** (dental hygiene) participated in a panel discussion at a recent Dallas Dental Hygiene Society meeting on Sept. 8. The panel included Glick, department chair at TWU; Glenna Johns, a former dental hygiene member of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners; and Rita Perry, president-elect of the Texas Dental Hygiene Association. During their presentation, the panel discussed the effect that the sunset of the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (effective Aug. 31, 1994) will have on dental hygiene students and practitioners. The group also discussed pending legislation that will be introduced during the 74th Legislature to re-activate the board.

Dr. **Joy McGregor** (Library and Information Studies) presented results of her research on cognitive processes and the use of information at the Canadian Library Association conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, during the summer. Her presentation, titled "One Think Leads to Another," was the result of an award that McGregor received in 1993: the Grolier Award for Research in School Librarianship in Canada.

Two TWU faculty members -- Dr. **Ninfa Nik** (English, speech and foreign languages) and Dr. **Barbara Presnall** (history and government) -- presented a paper about the interfacing of gender and culture in Texas politics at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in New on Sept. 1. During the conference, Presnall was elected secretary and membership chair of APSA's women's caucus.

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Dr. **Leslie M. Thompson** (Graduate School) recently published an article titled "The Future of Death: Death in the Hands of Science" in the July/August 1994 issue of *Nursing Outlook*.

Dr. **Robert Littlefield** (psychology and philosophy) recently returned from two weeks of study at the Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies in Cuernavaca, Mexico, where he participated in a program of "total immersion" instruction in the Spanish language, along with course work in family life, mental health and Mexican culture.

Littlefield also has been named a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Psychology, along with four other psychologists from the Southwest. Members of the academy successfully have completed requirements for national certification by the American Board of Professional Psychology. He was also invited to present the monthly forum for the Dallas Group Psychotherapy Society. His topic was "Bowenian Perspectives on Group Psychotherapy: A Curse on Your House!"

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**SHARE THE VISION FOR DENTON IN OCTOBER**

All TWU faculty, staff, students -- as well as members of the community -- are urged to attend several meetings in October that will update the city on its "Vision for Denton" project, which began last year. Six impact groups, comprising volunteers from across Denton, will present public updates next month at Denton High School -- Ryan Campus, located at 5101 E. McKinney; each meeting is scheduled at 8 p.m. TWU is one of seven major entities sponsoring the project.

Meeting dates and presentations include: Oct. 6 -- Business City and Transportation City impact groups; Oct. 13 -- Functional City and Education City impact groups; and Oct. 20 -- Hospitable City and Cultural City impact groups. The purpose of each update is to let the public know what has been accomplished during the past year and to obtain some feedback through questions and answers from the audience. Anyone interested in seeing related exhibits and plans can visit the Vision Room, which is located at 601 E. Hickory St.

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**THIS WEEK AT TWU: SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1994**

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| Mon.-Thurs.,<br>Sept. 19-22 | -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-midnight.<br>-Learning Assistance Center: Critical Thinking, CFO 206, 12:15-1 p.m.<br>(Ext. 2046)   |
| Tues., Sept. 20             | -History and government: Majors Day, CFO 13. (Ext. 2133)<br>-Leaders' Council meeting, SC 207-208, 12:15 p.m. (Ext. 3611)<br>-Leadership Development Series: Team Building, SC 006-007, 6-7:30 p.m.<br>(Ext. 3611)<br>-Volleyball: TWU vs. Central Oklahoma, Denton, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2378)<br>-Chamber music recital, MJPH, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2500) |

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**CALENDAR**, *continued*

- Wed., Sept. 21      -Last day to withdraw from the university, dropping all classes, and receive at least 25 percent of refundable tuition and fees, 4 p.m.  
-Lecture by Dr. Marie Clay, MCL auditorium, 6 p.m. (Ext. 2226)  
-Student activities: Self defense workshop, SC 006-007, 2:30-4 p.m. (Ext. 3611)  
-History and government: Majors Day, CFO 13. (Ext. 2133)  
-SGA meeting, SC 006-007, 6:30 p.m. (Ext. 3652)
- Thurs.-Fri.,  
Sept. 22-23      -Continuing Education: "Healthy People 2000." (Ext. 3408)
- Fri., Sept. 23      -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
-University Club social hour: home of Bill and Mary Cissell, 5-7 p.m.  
-Biology seminar: Dr. Kent Chapman, UNT, SC 303, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2350)
- Sat., Sept. 24      -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 25      -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight.

**COMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 27      -SOAP outdoor concert, Hubbard Oval, 8-10 p.m.  
-Colleague training, 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m., Stoddard. (Ext. 3270)
- Sept. 28      -Career Day, Hubbard Hall, 9 a.m.-noon (Ext. 2950)  
-Colleague training, 9:30-11 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m., Stoddard. (Ext. 3270)
- Sept. 30      -Parent and Family Weekend (through Oct. 2). (Ext. 3611)  
-FNATAU Fall Seminar, MCL auditorium, 10:30 a.m. (Ext. 3400)