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PRESIDENT DISCUSSES GOVERNANCE, TECHNOLOGY

During an open forum on June 4, Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) told a large audience of faculty, staff and students about her recent interaction with and testimony before both the Texas Senate and House Education committees in Austin. Legislators have discussed governance issues -- specifically whether independent governing boards (like the TWU board of regents) should become part of a system structure.

Discussions began in December 1995 among state solons regarding governance for Texas colleges and universities. Surles and legislative liaison Dr. Jim Alexander (history and government) -- who have worked with Kathleen Gigl (institutional relations) on governmental issues -- testified before both education committees in May. "With help from Sen. Jane Nelson, the measure to place independent governing boards into existing systems was defeated in the Senate committee. The House committee has not voted yet," said Surles, whose testimony provided her with an opportunity to share her experience related to systems in which she has served. "There are no cost savings to be realized with a system. A system often proliferates staffs (at the system level), while local staffs often are cut and funds are diverted from the local level as well," she told legislators. The four institutions in Texas with independent governing boards are TWU, Texas Southern, Midwestern State and Stephen F. Austin.

Surles added, "Legislators are very supportive of special initiatives at TWU. They know about our distinctive mission, and TWU is a source of great pride in Texas and across the United States." Alexander said, "We have made a number of trips to Austin during the last few months, and we are looking at appropriations to make sure that there is enough money for the next two years. Governance is the other issue that has surfaced." Alexander stressed the need for TWU to recognize the university's entire community (Denton, Dallas and Houston). "Each site is a wonderful source of strength for us as a community," he said.

Surles also discussed technology at TWU and introduced Tom Graf, new director of technology services. She said, "We need to answer (the questions) what is the knowledge and what are the abilities (we have) at TWU (in the area of technology). We have the framework for a plan based on the technology committee's recommendations this year. If we will take the journey into cyberspace, we need to call on others for help....And we need an infra-structure to permit us to do the things we need to do." The president added that Dr. Les Thompson (research/Graduate School) will serve as assistant to the president to help with distance education.

Technology services (which previously included telecommunications, academic computing and administrative computing) have been reorganized into four main areas reporting to Graf:

- *instructional services* -- team director: Patricia Jackson (formerly in the library); includes training and seminars, instructional development, instructional labs and distance learning support;
- *operations management* -- team director: Bill Adams (formerly with administrative computing); includes computing operations, network operations, PBX (telephone) operations and security and audit procedures;

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■ *field support services* -- team director: Tom Newell; includes field service scheduling, field service support, equipment inventory and software inventory;

■ *programming and systems* -- team director: Grace Chalon (formerly administrative computing services); includes systems development, Web development and design, database support, integration planning and database administration.

Graf said that he and the technology systems teams will collaborate with working groups and meet regularly to deal with issues of reporting, plus policies and procedures. "We also will complete networking of all campuses by Dec. 31, 1996," said Graf. "We will have a 'live' person on the help desk who will know how to direct calls." The new number for assistance is 898-3911.

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SUMMERFEST FEATURES TWO PLAYS

Habeas Corpus and *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)* will make the hot summer months more bearable when they open in June and July at TWU. *Habeas Corpus*, which begins on Fri., June 21, at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theater, is a British comedy about a lecherous 53-year-old physician, his family and friends, and how their determination to put sex and the satisfaction of their bodies above everything else rules their lives. Other performances are scheduled Fri. and Sat., June 28 and 29, at 8 p.m. and Sun., June 30, at 2 p.m.

Habeas Corpus, written by Alan Bennett, is set during the tumultuous and sexually permissive society of the 1960s. The main character -- Dr. Arthur Wicksteed -- (played by TWU senior George Morgan) is experiencing a mid-life crisis. The tight-lipped Mrs. Muriel Wicksteed is portrayed by graduate student Rebecca Mobley from Keller, and incoming TWU freshman Chris Shelton will portray Dennis Wicksteed, the doctor's paranoid hypochondriac son. The play is directed by Dr. Charles Harrill (performing arts, drama).

The second play, *Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)*, takes center stage July 5-6 and 12-13 at 8 p.m. and on Sun., July 14, at 2 p.m. Written by Canadian playwright Ann-Marie MacDonald, the production features lead character Constance Ledbelly, who is a doctoral candidate at Queen's University in Kingston, United Kingdom. After she deciphers a coded manuscript that she believes is lost source material from *Othello* and *Romeo and Juliet*, Ledbelly mysteriously is hurled into the worlds of both plays. Using information from the coded text that she believes was suppressed by William Shakespeare, Constance befriends Desdemona and Juliet and tries to alter the outcome of the plays from tragedy to comedy.

Connie Sanchez, director of theater arts at Haltom High School in Fort Worth, portrays Constance Ledbelly. TWU students Renee Ackerman of Fort Worth and Rebecca Mobley of Keller will play Juliet and Desdemona, respectively. Dr. Kenn Stilson, head of the acting and directing program at Texas Wesleyan University, will direct the play. Adrienne Fisk (performing arts, dance) is choreographing both summer comedies.

Tickets for each play is \$10 for general admission; \$7 for students, senior citizens and TWU faculty and staff; and \$5 for TWU students. Discounts for tickets to both plays are available when they are purchased at the same time. The box office will open on Mon., June 17, for reservations; call ext. 2020 Monday through Saturday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION SETS SANTA FE TRIP

The TWU National Alumnae Association is sponsoring a trip to Santa Fe from Aug. 11-15. The cost is \$825 per person for a double accommodation or \$1,050 for a single from Dallas. A \$200 deposit is due now. For reservations, call ext. 2587.

Travelers will stay at Homewood Suites in Santa Fe. The schedule includes visits to a dinner theater at Old Santa Fe Music Hall, the Wheelright and International Folk Art museums, a performance of "Madame Butterfly" at an outdoor amphitheater, the Santa Fe Garden Club's tour "Behind Adobe Walls," a daytime excursion to Taos and the mission at Chimayo, shopping and other stops. The fully-escorted tour includes round trip air fare on Southwest Airlines, lodging, some meals, all tours and attractions, transfers, baggage handling, tax and gratuities.

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PURCHASING REMINDER

The purchasing department reminds all offices and departments on campus of the following deadlines for purchase orders:

- All purchase orders involving STATE OPEN (orders totaling \$15,000 or more) must be received in the purchasing office **on or before June 15, 1996**;
- All purchase orders for STATE CONTRACT items to be purchased with funds budgeted for the 1995-96 fiscal year must be received in purchasing **on or before Aug. 8, 1996**;
- All other purchase orders for direct purchases from vendors using 1995-96 funds (less than \$1,000) must be in the purchasing office **no later than Aug. 15, 1996**.

For information, call Cynthia Polson at ext. 3585.

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FINANCING FACTS ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN TEXAS

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has released some Texas higher education financing facts related to general academic institutions in the state. They are provided below.

- Changes in per-student appropriations over the past six biennia (1984-85 to 1996-97):
 - * General revenue appropriations have increased from \$4,043 to \$4,905 (up 21.32 percent in actual dollars). Support from all funds -- including estimates of other educational and general income -- has increased from \$4,331 to \$6,313 (up 45.76 percent).
 - * In constant 1983 dollars, general revenue appropriations have decreased from \$4,043 to \$3,224 (down 20.26 percent). Support from all funds -- including estimates of other educational and general income -- has decreased from \$4,331 to \$4,149 (down 4.2 percent).
- According to the most recent (1995) edition of *State Higher Education Financing Profiles*, published by Research Associates of Washington, D.C., (in dollars per student SSI -- or System Support Index -- adjusted):

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- * Texas ranks 21st (of the 50 states and the District of Columbia) in per-student educational appropriations provided to general academic institutions.
- * Texas ranks 26th in total per-student state support, which includes tuition and fees.
- * Texas ranks lower than 6 of the other 10 most populous states in total support per student.

■ According to a faculty salary survey conducted by Maryse Eymonerie Associates (which is the source for data published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*), the 1995-96 average salary for full-time faculty -- all ranks -- in Texas general academic institutions is \$48,490...7.5 percent below the national average and below the average in all of the other 10 most populous states.

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ALUMS TRAVEL TO MEXICO

TWU alumni and friends are invited to participate in an 8-day experience through Copper Canyon, Mexico, from Oct. 12-19, 1996. The trip includes round trip transportation from El Paso to Chihuahua; deluxe class train tickets from Divisadero, Los Mochis, Creel and return to Chihuahua; depot/airport transfers; all hotels (including taxes); 11 meals (including gratuities and taxes); and luggage handling (one bag).

Prices per person from El Paso are \$1,296 for double, \$1,226 for triple or \$1,625 for single accommodations. Insurance is available; a \$150 deposit is due by July 15, and final payment must be made by Aug. 8 (check only). For details, call ext. 2586.

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FIELD STUDIES IN MEXICO SET

The TWU department of psychology and philosophy will present "Family Psychology, Language and Culture II: Psychology Field Studies in Mexico" from July 8-31, 1996, at the Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies in Cuernavaca, Mexico. During the 2-week stay, students will observe and experience firsthand family life, social interaction, cultural norms and the roots of historical influences on the lives of Mexicans and Mexican Americans. A special emphasis will be placed on language and cultural norms, which can guide mental health workers in their efforts to assist Hispanic individuals and families in the Southwest.

Dr. Robert Littlefield (psychology and philosophy) will coordinate the program. Qualified graduate students may register for 3 hours of graduate credit in psychology at TWU; students who use this option must pay appropriate TWU graduate tuition and fees, in addition to the cost of the trip. The office of continuing education also is offering 6.5 CEUs. The fee for the trip is \$1,425 per person and includes round trip air fare; transfer to Cuernavaca and back; two weeks of instruction at the Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies; a private room in the home of an upper-middle class Mexican family; three meals per day; and one full-day excursion to Museo Antropologia and Basilica Guadalupe in Mexico City. Students should bring about \$20 extra for books and materials, as well as spending money for dining out (occasionally), presents or personal expenses. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere. To register, call Littlefield at ext. 2303 or 2305.

UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

Former TWU pitcher Kathy Arendsen, who led the Pioneers softball team to the AIAW-ASA Women's College World Series national title in 1979, was one of seven persons inducted in May into the American Softball Association's National Hall of Fame; she was the only woman to receive that honor and also became the youngest inductee among the 134 members. Arendsen, a native of Michigan, recently accepted the head coaching position at Mississippi State University. The school will begin its first season of fast pitch softball in 1996-97. In other news:

■ Head volleyball coach Patty Dowdell was a torchbearer in the Olympic Torch Relay, which passed through her home town of Houston on May 22. Dowdell, a 1980 Olympian and former U.S. national team champion, received the flame from Olympic track and field legend Carl Lewis at 9:22 a.m.. Two other Olympians shared Dowdell's leg on the relay: gymnast Kim Zmeskal and figure skater Kitty Carruthers.

■ Summer camps have begun: volleyball instructional camp (June 7-11, for girls ages 10-17); volleyball specialty camp (June 12-15, for girls ages 12-17); basketball camp (June 16-20, for girls ages 12-17); and softball camp (June 12-22 and June 26-29, for girls ages 10 to 18). The cost to attend camp is \$175 for commuters and \$250 for resident campers (except softball: \$240).

■ TWU's volleyball team has been picked to finish third in the annual Lone Star Conference annual pre-season poll, conducted by the University of Central Oklahoma sports information office. Pioneer senior Sarah Steinmetz, a kinesiology major, was chosen as the LSC pre-season player of the year -- a first for the university.

■ Andrea Bailey, a junior at the University of Central Oklahoma, has signed an institutional letter of intent to play tennis and transfer to TWU. She will major in elementary education.

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NEWSBRIEFS

The TWU Wellness Center again has expanded its hours, which now are Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. A new exercise class has been added on Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 8 a.m. for the over-30 age group and for those who have never taken an aerobics class. Call ext. 2900 for details.

Reminder: Open forums are scheduled to discuss reports from the task forces on community service, enrollment management, institutional effectiveness and mission preservation. Interested persons can review copies of the reports in the various components of academic affairs, fiscal affairs, institutional advancement, student life and the offices of the associate vice presidents for the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas and Houston Centers. Copies also will be placed in each TWU library and the Faculty Senate office (ACT 10). The forums schedule is: Denton -- June 10, 4 p.m., ACT 301; Houston -- June 11, 2 p.m., HED 60; Dallas (Parkland) -- June 18, 11:30 a.m., faculty conference room, 2nd floor; and Dallas (Presbyterian) -- June 20, 11:30 a.m., faculty conference room, 1st floor. For details, call ext. 3350.

Reminder: The TWU chapter of SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) will continue a video series for small businesses provided by Microsoft titled "America At Work." The third installment in the series, "Virtual Offices and Alternative Workplaces" will be held on Wed., June 25, from noon to 1:15 p.m. on ACT 3. Snacks will be provided. The cost to attend is \$5 per person, and the general public is invited. TWU students may attend free with valid ID; call ext. 2903.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

A workshop for non-traditional students interested in enrolling at TWU will be presented by the office of admissions on Mon., June 10, in the SC Underground. Registration begins at 6 p.m., and participation is free. For information, call Laura Barnett at ext. 3047.

Reminder: Daily campus visits offered by the office of admissions shifted to a summer schedule on June 3. Tours will be provided Monday through Thursday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For details or to schedule a tour, call ext. 3047.

The graduate office has extended its deadline for graduate students who will finish in August 1996; paperwork now must be submitted by 6 p.m. on Fri., July 12. The graduate office also will remain open until 6 p.m. during the week of July 8-12, and it also will be staffed on Sat., July 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that students can submit their paperwork for graduation. For more information, call Doris Laing at ext. 3403.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Sheri Drago** (fashion and textiles) was selected as a Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation faculty Fellow for summer 1996 in Cary, N.C. She is one of five clothing and textile faculty in the U.S. participating in a 5-week training and educational program designed to provide a learning experience for a variety of industry and academic groups. Topics for the management development program will include manufacturing technology, activity-based cost management, business process re-engineering, ergonomics and others.

William Wan (library) has published an article titled "Collection Development: Shifting Paradigms in Children's Services -- Report of the Program Sponsored by PLA Service to Children Committee, American Library Association Conference"; it was published in a recent issue of *Library Acquisitions: Practice and Theory*.

Juliette Rizzo (disability support services) kicked off the 1996 "Ready, Set, Read!" Olympic summer reading program on May 31 for the Emily Fowler Central Library in Denton. The event was held in Civic Center Park, and Rizzo's torch and Olympic uniform from the Olympic Torch Relay will be displayed in the library throughout the summer. She also has been appointed to the REACH (Rehabilitation, Education and Advocacy for Citizens with Handicaps) of Denton consumer advisory committee and to the Denton Affordable Housing Inc. consumer advisory committee. Rizzo recently was featured in a two-part series on KXAS-TV (channel 5) about handicapped parking issues in the metroplex.

Dr. **Billie Askew** and **Dianne Frasier** (reading and bilingual education) presented a research paper titled "The Relationship Between Classroom Teachers' Perceptions of Children's Literacy Performance and Children's Performance on Literacy Tasks" at the American Educational Research Association meeting in New York in April. During that meeting, Askew also presented an invited paper, "Reading Recovery in the Context of Schooling: Researchable Issues," which was part of an invited symposium on Reading Recovery. During their New York visit, Askew and doctoral student **Carol Wickstrom** presented a research paper, "An Exploration of the Literacy Behaviors of Children Following an Early Intervention Reading Program"; they were assisted in the reading by two other doctoral students, **Layne Waxley** and **Kelly Outson**.

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Dr. **Carol Surles** (president's office) will be listed in the 1997-98 edition of *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, published by Marquis *Who's Who*.

Susan Sponsler (public information, publications) has sold one of her artistic works, "Global Heritage," to Texas Instruments Inc. The grid of 12 black-and-white, sepia-toned photographs will become part of TI's corporate collection. (Visual arts faculty members Susan kae Grant and Laurie Weller also have sold works to this collection.) Sponsler also will display a sculptural artist's book titled "In Search of American Eyes" as part of a show in Dallas, "World Women." The exhibit, which celebrates diversity, is sponsored by the Dallas Women's Caucus for Art and the City of Dallas cultural arts program. The show is displayed June 10 through July 6 in the Trammell Crow Upper West Pavilion, 2001 Ross Ave., daily from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An opening reception will be held on Thurs., June 13, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Dr. **Sarah McIntire** (biology) and three graduate students -- **Kara Burnham, Lisa Cissell** and **Tammy Taylor** -- recently attended the 96th general meeting of the American Society for Microbiology held in New Orleans, La. Research presentations given included: "Hybridization and PCR Homologies Among *Helicobacter pylori* Plasmids" by Cissell, **J. Knesek** and McIntire; and "Unusual Structures of a *Helicobacter pylori* Plasmid" by Taylor, Knesek and McIntire.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JUNE 10-23, 1996

- June 10 -Admissions: Non-traditional student workshop, SC Underground, 6 p.m.
- June 10-14 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
- June 10 -Continuing education: ADD class, Denton, 9-4 p.m., to Aug. 2 (Ext. 3411)
-Strategic planning committee open forum to discuss issues from final task force reports; Denton, ACT 301, 4 p.m. (Ext. 3350)
- Tues., Jun 11 -Strategic planning committee open forum to discuss issues from final task force reports; Houston Center, HED 60, 2 p.m. (Ext. 3350)
- Wed., Jun 13 -TOSS installation of officers, HDB sun porch noon-1 p.m. (Ext. 3415)
-Public safety: defensive driving course, ACT 601, 8-5 p.m. (Ext. 2924)
- Thu., Jun 14 -Deadline for purchase orders involving State Open (orders totaling \$15,000 or more), purchasing office, ACT 8, 5 p.m. (Ext. 3585)
- Fri., Jun 15 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
-TASP Test, CFO, 8 a.m. (Ext. 3950)
-Admissions: Saturday Visit for Seniors, SC underground, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3014)
- Sat., Jun 16 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-9 p.m.
- Sun., Jun 17 -SOAP ice cream social, Hubbard Oval, noon-1 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
- June 17-21 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

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- Tues., Jun 18 -Strategic planning committee open forum to discuss issues from final task force reports; Dallas-Parkland, faculty conference room, second floor, 11:30 a.m.
- Thu., Jun 20 -Strategic planning committee open forum to discuss issues from final task force reports; Dallas-Presbyterian, faculty conference room, first floor, 11:30 a.m. (Ext. 3350)
- June 20-22 -Student orientation, pre-registration required. (Ext. 3611)
- June 21-22 -Summerfest 96 (summer theater) performance: "Habeas Corpus," Redbud Theater, 8 p.m. (Ext. 2020)
- Sat., Jun 22 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., Jun 23 -Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-9 p.m.

CAMPS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- June 2-14 -HPOP Health Careers Summer Institute, session I, Denton campus. (Ext. 2828)
- June 3-6 -Showtime International. (Ext. 3644)
- June 6-9 -National Cheerleaders Association. (Ext. 3644)
- June 7-11 -Athletics: girls' volleyball instructional camp. (Ext. 2378)
- June 9-14 -Dallas Teenage workshop. (Ext. 3642)
- June 11-14 -Marching Auxiliaries of America. (Ext. 3644)
- June 12-15 -Athletics: girls' volleyball specialty camp. (Ext. 2378)
- June 12-16 -Cinderella Scholarship Program. (Ext. 3644)
- June 16-20 -Athletics: girls' basketball camp. (Ext. 2378)
- June 16-21 -Athletics: girls' gymnastics camp. (Ext. 2378)
- June 16-28 -HPOP Health Careers Summer Institute, session II, Denton campus. (Ext. 2828)
- ACES Camp, Grades 8-11. (Ext. 2769)
- June 17-20 -Showtime International. (Ext. 3644)
- June 19-22 -Athletics: girls' softball camp. (Ext. 2378)