

## **GRADUATES MARCH FORWARD AT COMMENCEMENT**

*Pomp and Circumstance* will replace holiday carols on two separate days as more than 800 TWU students receive their degrees during commencement exercises on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 16 and 17, in Denton and Houston, respectively. Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) will preside at all three ceremonies, which include an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

A Texas legislator and the chair of the TWU board of regents will be featured in Denton; both ceremonies will be held in Kitty Magee Arena in Pioneer Hall. Texas Rep. Harryette Ehrhardt, former educator and state representative for District 107 in Dallas, will discuss "Where Do We Go from Here?" She has served as a teacher, principal and member of the Dallas Independent School District board of education; she is a member of the urban affairs, rules and resolutions, and election committees in the House.

Kay Williams Goodman, chair of the TWU board of regents, will share her thoughts with graduates about "So Are We Making Any Memories Yet?" Goodman, a TWU alumna, formerly was an award-winning educator in the Plano area; she and her husband, Bob, are ranchers from Sanger, Texas.

The Houston ceremony begins at 2 p.m. in the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center of the Texas Medical Center on Sun., Dec. 17. The featured speaker will be Dr. Martin Basaldua, vice chair of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. He will talk about "The Future of Higher Education: Closing the Gaps." The title of Basaldua's speech refers to a recent study issued by the THECB about closing gaps in higher education between Texas and the nation's other most populous states.

The total number of diplomas earned during the fall 2000 semester includes 532 undergraduate and 299 graduate degrees, said Dr. Jim Stiles (registrar). More than 570 students are expected to participate in the Denton programs and 116 in Houston.

In Denton, Ceremony I -- which includes candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences (with the

School of Management), the College of Professional Education (with the School of Library and Information Studies) and the School of Physical Therapy -- will begin at 10 a.m. Ceremony II -- for graduates in the College of Nursing, the College of Health Sciences, and the School of Occupational Therapy -- begins at 2 p.m. A reception will be held in Hubbard Hall.

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## **BAD WEATHER REMINDER**

With wintry weather in this week's forecast, please follow the procedures listed below for campus weather closings.

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## **BAD WEATHER, *continued***

When bad weather hits the Dallas and Denton areas, TWU faculty, staff and students can learn as early as 6 a.m. whether the university will be closed. (The Houston Center follows a separate procedure for that location.) Area radio and television stations carry information about closures after they are notified by the university.

After receiving weather and road condition information from John Erwin (public safety), Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) and Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) determine whether a closure is necessary because of inclement weather. Floyd then notifies the news and information staff in the office of marketing and communication about the closure; they then call area news media to announce that the university will not be open due to bad weather. Faculty, staff and students should follow the procedures listed below when inclement weather is a threat.

- Listen to or watch the following mass media outlets for information about closings or delayed openings: Charter Communications in Denton (channel 25) or Dallas-area stations WFAA-TV (channel 8), KXAS-TV (channel 5), KTVT-TV (channel 11), KDFW-TV (channel 4) or KXII-TV (channel 12, Sherman/Dennison). They may tune to the following radio stations: WBAP (820 AM), KERA (90.1 AM or FM) or KVIL (1150 AM or 103.7 FM).

**Please note:** 1) KRLD Radio has been removed from the list. 2) Radio stations can put information on the air more quickly and to repeat it more frequently; television stations take

longer, based on the number of calls they receive, their technology and their capability to broadcast lists.

- Call the university's information line for weather closings. In Denton, call (940) 898-3430 after 5:30 a.m. **Direct lines in Dallas and Houston** for students, faculty and staff are available as well. In Dallas, call (214) 689-6631; in Houston, call (713) 794-2310.
- The office of information technology services will post the announcement on voice mail, which each faculty and staff member can access from her or his home telephone. Each school, college, department or office is encouraged to designate one person who can call in and change the departmental/college/school/office message to indicate a closing or delayed opening for that day *after she or he has verified the closing or delayed opening announced on TWU's weather line.*

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## **REMINDER: LOOKING FOR SANTA'S HELPERS**

Calling all helpers for the Silent Santa program -- interested TWU faculty, staff and students included! A Denton-area program is seeking help from volunteers who can help in one or more of three ways: first, by donating new, unwrapped gifts; next by making a tax-deductible contribution; and finally by helping with gift distribution. The TWU Staff Council is sponsoring the project on TWU's campus.

For those persons interested in donating a new, unwrapped gift, a collection box is located on ACT 1 near the mailroom. Items most needed and requested include: warm clothing -- such as sleepers, blankets, sweaters and jackets -- and diapers for infants to age two. Gifts for children ages 12 to 14 years also are needed, including suggestions such as hand-held video games, curling irons, hair dryers, sports balls/equipment, make-up sets, headset radios, skateboards and scooters.

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## **SANTA'S HELPERS, *continued***

Tax deductible donations can be made to Silent Santa/HelpNET and dropped off in TWU's donation box on ACT 1; send them through campus mail to Raedean Bolton (financial aid); or mail them to Silent Santa/HelpNET, P.O. Box 1607, Denton TX 76202. Call Bolton at 8-1-3052 for information or to request a collection box for a specific building.

Volunteers also are needed on Sat., Dec. 16, to distribute gifts to parents of recipients from 6:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Bolton or send an e-mail to her at [ebolton@twu.edu](mailto:ebolton@twu.edu) for more information or to volunteer. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed as well. Beneficiaries will include the Denton County Toy Store, the Owsley Christmas program, Denton County Housing Authority Christmas program, Denton Independent School District Christmas assistance, Sanger's Little Angel, the Ponder Christmas program, Shepherd's Storehouse and the Denton Police Association's "Shop with a Cop" program.

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## **TWU UPDATE GOES BIWEEKLY**

Beginning with the spring 2000 semester (Jan. 16, 2001), *TWU Update* will be posted biweekly throughout the year, replacing the regular weekly distribution schedule currently used. The scheduling change will enable news staff members in the office of marketing and communication to devote additional time to campus stories and external publicity.

Information for stories, news briefs and people items should be submitted at least two weeks before a scheduled event or activity -- sometimes three weeks, based on the faculty/staff newsletter's two-week posting schedule. Submissions may be sent to Ann Hatch (marketing and communication) by e-mail ([info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu)), fax (8-1-3463) or campus mail (ACT 2). Questions? Call Hatch at 8-1-3456.

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## **TWU FACULTY RECEIVE MORE GRANTS**

Several more TWU faculty members have received grants this fall from local, state and federal agencies for research or teaching, according to Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants). Recipients and their projects are described below.

- *Dr. Elizabeth Protas* (Physical Therapy, Houston) was awarded a \$44,904 grant in a subcontract from the VA Center of Excellence in Houston on a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, D.C., for the project "Supported Treadmill Ambulation after Spinal Cord Injury." The grant period began Oct. 1, 2000, and will end on Sept. 30, 2001.
- *Dr. Lynda Owen* (Center for Student Research Support) has received a \$16,402 grant in a subcontract from the Baylor College of Medicine on a grant from the National Science Foundation for the project "PGE/LCP: Testing Campus-Based Models of GRE Prep Courses," beginning Sept. 1, 2000, through Aug. 31, 2001.

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## GRANTS, *continued*

- Dr. Carlton Wendel (chemistry and physics) has received a private grant of \$75,000 from the Welch Foundation for the "Welch Chemistry Departmental Research Grant" from June 1, 2001, through May 31, 2004. The grant brings funds that will support the basic research activities of chemistry faculty members Dr. James Hardcastle, Dr. James Johnson, Dr. Nancy Meagher and Dr. Michael Merchant. These faculty members will investigate weak acid chemistry, the chemistry of carbon-nitrogen double bond, the ability of natural products to extract copper from wastewater, and protein structure and function. "The funds will be used to provide summer support for faculty, as well as graduate and undergraduate students, so that they can purchase equipment and supplies. The money also will cover travel and publication costs," said Wendel.
- *Dr. Lora Ann Neill* (family sciences) received \$62,500 in a subcontract from Texas Tech University on a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a project titled "Increasing the Supply of Family and Consumer Sciences Educators: A Distance Education Initiative," beginning Sept. 1, 2000, and ending Aug. 31, 2003. "TWU is joining other institutions of higher education in our state -- Texas Tech and Stephen F. Austin University -- in proposing the development of distance education materials for family and consumer sciences educators in Texas," explained Neill. "This collaborative model offers great potential for addressing not only a problem identified in our state but also in other states that cannot meet the demand for qualified family and consumer sciences teachers and extension educators."

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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 AHatch@twu.edu or ahatch@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is every other 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.**

*TWU Update* will be offered biweekly (and posted online) for faculty, staff and other audiences. The deadline to submit information is every other Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. This issue of *TWU Update* is the last edition for the fall 2000 semester.

**Reminder: Finish your commitment to healthy holiday habits** -- eating and exercise -- by completing the 12 Days of Wellness from Mon., Dec. 4, through Fri., Dec. 15. The program, sponsored annually by TWU wellness services, involves picking one activity each day from the "wellness list" and then doing it. Examples include taking a walk for 15 minutes, reading for enjoyment or eating three servings of fruit. Wellness services tracks each participant's progress.

**Reminder: BFA and MFA exhibits conclude this week** in the East and West galleries of the TWU Fine Arts Building from Dec. 11 to 15, featuring MFA paintings by Merry Fuhrer and Joseph Melancon. The galleries are open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; all shows are free and open to the public. Call 8-1-2530.

**A farewell reception for Tom Graf** (information services) will be held on Thurs., Dec. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to noon on ACT 2. The campus community is invited to attend.

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### **NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**Kick off the Centennial celebration** on Jan. 22, 2001 -- you're invited! All faculty, staff and students can enjoy a special birthday party at 12:30 p.m., ACT 2, to mark the beginning of TWU's 100th year in higher education. Join the campus community -- hear the mayor's proclamation from the city of Denton, share some birthday cake and start the Centennial celebration right!

**Reminder: The next gathering** of the "Professor's Corner" will held on Wed., Dec. 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Denton public library's south branch, 3228 Teasley Lane. The purpose of the monthly series is to give area English professors and doctoral students an opportunity to share their special interests with the general public through informal presentations that encourage discussion. Dr. Theresa Flowers from the department of English at the University of North Texas is the featured speaker for December; she will discuss "Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *The Yellow Wallpaper*." The program is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2343 or at [ssouris@iglobal.net](mailto:ssouris@iglobal.net).

**Reminder: The Alamo Travel office at TWU officially will close**, effective Dec. 15, 2000, following the retirement of travel consultant Shirley Dane. *A coffee honoring Dane will be held on Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Student Center lobby area by the Alamo Travel office (SC lower level); the campus community is invited to attend.* Alamo Travel will continue to serve TWU from its San Antonio office with two Alamo representatives -- Rose Gonzalez and Deborah Munoz. Gonzalez will be in Denton on Dec. 11 and 12, and she will stop by campus offices to visit. Beginning Dec. 11, 2000, the new phone number for Alamo

Travel will be 1-800-692-5266. When reservations are made, the Alamo office representative will fax a copy of the electronic ticket itinerary to the TWU office placing the travel reservation. Hard-copy tickets will be issued only for international travel. Anyone who has questions about the new travel reservation process should contact Floyd or Robert Tuggle (finance and administration) at 8-1-3505.

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

Dr. **Michael Gottlieb** (psychology and philosophy) has been elected to serve on the ethics committee of the American Psychological Association.

Dr. **Susan Chaney** (Nursing, Dallas) published "Child Abuse: Clinical Findings and Management" in the November 2000 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*.

**Jo Ann Nunnely** and **Katy Holland** (disability support services) recently attend the AHEAD in Texas 2000 conference from Nov. 15 to 17 in College Station, Texas. The conference theme was "Bring Down the Walls -- Focusing on Interagency Relationships." AHEAD in Texas is a state organization of disability support providers in higher education. Nunnely currently serves as treasurer for the organization and has been re-elected to serve a second term.

Congratulations to **Cindy Howell** (lifelong learning) following the birth of her daughter, **Taylor**, on Nov. 15! Taylor weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

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## **TWU PEOPLE**, *continued*

Dr. **Mohamed Sabbahi** (Physical Therapy, Houston) recently presented two papers at the second international conference on Disability and Rehabilitation Research in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He also chaired a session during the conference. While he was in Saudi Arabia, Sabbahi presented his research on EMG evaluation and treatment of patients with radiculopathy at King Faisal Specialty Hospital.

Dr. **Julie Sakowski** (health care administration, Houston) is the recipient of the 2000 March of Dimes

Annual Volunteer Recognition Award, which is presented to an individual and/or corporation to recognize dedication to ensuring the health of babies through their regular involvement with March of Dimes fundraising, community service, communications, programs and special events.

Congratulations to grandmother **Betty Hodge** (Management), following the birth of her new grandson, **Jesse Garrett Hodge**, on Dec. 8 (3 weeks early)! Jesse weighed in at 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 17 inches long. His parents are **Scott** and **Krista Hodge**.

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## **THE NEXT MONTH AT TWU: DECEMBER 11, 2000-JANUARY 15, 2001**

### **Nov. 27-Dec. 15**

- Visual arts: *BFA and MFA Exhibits*, East and West galleries, Fine Arts Building; weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

### **Dec. 11-13**

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

### **Mon., Dec. 11**

- Midnight breakfast, 10 p.m.

### **Tues., Dec. 12**

- Retirement coffee for Shirley Dane (Alamo Travel), SC 1, 10 a.m.

### **Wed., Dec. 13**

- Professor's Corner, Denton Public Library (Teasley Lane), free, 7 p.m.

### **Thurs., Dec. 14**

- Farewell reception for Tom Graf (ITS), ACT 2, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

### **Dec. 14-15**

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

m.

**Fri., Dec. 15**

- Finalize web hours for hourly employees.

**Sat., Dec. 16**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Commencement: Ceremony I (College of Arts and Sciences, College of Professional Education, School of Library and Information Studies, School of Management and School of Physical Therapy), 10 a.m.; Ceremony II (College of Health Sciences, College of Nursing, School of Occupational Therapy) 2 p.m.; Pioneer Hall.
- Residence halls close 10 a.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Cent. Arkansas (Texas Wesleyan Classic), away.

**Sun., Dec. 17**

- Library closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. East Central (Texas Wesleyan Classic), away.

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**CALENDAR, continued**

**Dec. 18-22**

- Library open noon to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. (Wellness center will close at 6 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 22.)

**Mon., Dec. 18**

- Approve hourly timesheets.

**Dec. 23-31**

- University closed for holiday break.

### **Sat., Dec. 30**

- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Colorado School of Mines, Magee Arena, 3 p.m.

### **Mon., Jan. 1**

- University closed for New Year's Day.

### **Jan. 2-5**

- Library open noon to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

### **Jan. 6-7**

- Library closed; bookstore closed.

### **Sat., Jan. 6**

- Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Midwestern State, Magee Arena, 3 p.m.

### **Sun., Jan. 7**

- Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

### **Jan. 8-12**

- Library open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

### **Thurs., Jan. 11**

- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Northeastern State (Okla.), away.

### **Fri., Jan. 12**

- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. Oklahoma, Magee Arena, 7 p.m.

### **Sat., Jan. 13**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Central Oklahoma, away.

**Sun., Jan. 14**

- Library closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

**Mon., Jan. 15**

- University closed for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!!**

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**HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2001!!!**

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