

TWU LOOKS TOWARD HOMECOMING

TWU will observe the first homecoming of the new century by simultaneously celebrating the past and pioneering the future. Ninety-nine years of growth and success will be recognized and honored as TWU alums come together to commemorate TWU Homecoming 2000, scheduled April 13-16 in Denton. "Celebrate the Past . . . Pioneer the Future" is the theme for this year's event, which will shed light on the contributions that the university's students, graduates, faculty and staff have made toward TWU's continuing success as an institution primarily for women.

Marjorie Wilson Ford (alumni relations) said, "I think this year's homecoming celebration is all about forging a connection between the current students and the university; helping them to gain an understanding of our history; and then celebrating that history when alumni come back to the campus to share a vision for our future. We're on the threshold of a new century, so the opportunities are really vast -- we're celebrating a new administration and a new president who has a dynamic vision for our future, and I think the main mission for alumni relations is to connect these different generations of students."

Registration is due by April 10; costs vary, based on activities chosen by each participant. For a detailed schedule and registration form, call the TWU office of alumni relations at 8-1-2586. Highlights by date are listed below:

- *Thurs., April 13* -- Honors Convocation, 10 a.m., Margo Jones Performance Hall; all-university picnic, 11:45 a.m., Pioneer Woman Circle; Redbud Awards, 5 p.m., Hubbard Hall.
- *Fri., April 14* -- Senior breakfast, 8 a.m., Hubbard Hall; inaugural symposium, 10 a.m., MCL auditorium; inauguration of President and Chancellor Ann Stuart, 2 p.m., Margo Jones Performance Hall; Golden Girls dinner, 6 p.m., Hubbard Hall; lantern parade, 8 p.m., Hubbard Oval to Guinn Hall; Pioneer reunion mixer, 8:30 p.m., Hubbard Hall.
- *Sat., April 15* -- NAA annual business meeting, 8:30 a.m., Blagg-Huey Library; silent auction and boutique, 10 a.m. (bids end at 1:30 p.m.), Hubbard Hall; Distinguished Alumni awards luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Hubbard Hall; mix 'n mingle reception, 6 p.m., Hubbard Hall; class reunion dinner, 7 p.m., Hubbard Hall.
- *Sun., April 16* -- chapel service, 9 a.m., Little Chapel-in-the-Woods; farewell coffee hosted by

TWU President and Chancellor Ann Stuart, immediately following service, greenhouse.

Several academic areas will offer programs during homecoming -- including the departments of business and economics; English, speech and foreign languages; history and government; performing arts programs in dance; sociology and social work; visual arts; and the program in mass communications. Details will be provided in the next issue of *TWU Update*. See you at homecoming!

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HONORS CONVOCATION SET

Outstanding faculty, students and staff will be recognized during Honors Convocation, which is scheduled at 10 a.m. on Thurs., April 13, in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Dr. Ann Stuart (president's office) will welcome and present the university's highest honors to members of the campus community. The university community and the general public are invited to attend the 10 a.m. program, which gives TWU faculty, students and staff an opportunity to receive special awards for their accomplishments during the 1999-2000 year. Classes on the Denton campus are dismissed from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. so that the TWU community may attend.

Dr. Beverly Mitchell-Brooks, a TWU distinguished alumna, will serve as featured speaker for the event. Mitchell-Brooks' life has been full of firsts. After completing her undergraduate work in biology at TWU in 1971, she earned a master of science degree in genetics from TWU in 1971, making her the first African-American to receive a master's degree in pure science from TWU.

In 1980, she earned a doctoral degree in molecular biology/biochemistry from TWU. Then, after serving in a variety of positions -- including environmental specialist for the Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Dallas, director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center, faculty member at Northlake Community College and director of public affairs for DART -- Mitchell-Brooks became the first woman to lead the 30-year-old Dallas Urban League. Currently president and CEO of the Dallas Urban League, Mitchell-Brooks finds time to serve as an adjunct professor in anatomy and physiology at El Centro College in Dallas. Honors she has received include: a "She Knows Where She's Going" national award from Girls Club; an "Outstanding Black Educator" award; a NAACP service award, a Dorothy Farabee science award; a "Mother of the Year" award; and a Jubilee community service award.

The Cornaro Award will be presented to a distinguished senior faculty member, while the Mary Mason Lyon Award will be presented to junior faculty who have fewer than 10 years of university teaching experience. Several student awards will be conferred, and exemplary staff members will honored with

the TWU Excellence Award and two Outstanding Achievement awards. Several student leaders and this year's distinguished alumni also will be introduced.

Faculty, students and staff from all TWU sites are invited to attend the event. Faculty and academic administrators are encouraged to wear academic regalia and to march in the procession, a line for which will form at 9:45 a.m. on the circular drive immediately in front of the Music Building. Student members of honorary organizations are also welcome to join the procession and are asked to sit in the center section of the hall, directly behind the faculty. Offices that can be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. may post a notice, indicating when they will re-open; offices that cannot close should arrange for coverage during the ceremony.

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STORYTELLERS UNITE WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS

The art of telling tales and sharing stories continues as a tradition thanks to the help of the TWU School of Library and Information Studies, which is one of several sponsors presenting the Texas Storytelling Festival 2000, scheduled March 23-26 in Denton's Civic Center Park. The three-day event draws an audience from across the United States and around the globe.

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STORYTELLING, *continued*

This year's theme is "Looking Forward . . . Looking Back," and the event features both performances and workshops covering everything from ghost stories to folktales to myths to legends to music to puppets. Featured tellers include such internationally-acclaimed artists as Linda Befeld, Dan Keding, Donald Davis and Dovie Thomason. Dr. Mary Evelyn Blagg-Huey, retired TWU president, also will make a speaking appearance at the festival. Ticket prices vary, based on the activities chosen. For details, go on-line at www.tejasstorytelling.com.

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HOUSTON EMPLOYEES TO BE RECOGNIZED

Current and retiring TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center employees will be honored during their service and retirement recognition program, scheduled at 1:30 p.m. on Wed., April 28, in the Residence Hall recreation room. Retiring employees and those who have dedicated five, 10, 15, 20, 25 or 30 years of service to the university will be recognized during the ceremony, which will be followed immediately by a reception. TWU retirees, faculty, spouses, students and guests are invited to attend.

The honorees are:

- *Retiring* -- Josephine Sereni (facilities management)
- *30 years* -- Betty Henderson (Nursing)
- *25 years* -- Sandra Cashaw (Nursing); Dr. William Hanten (Physical Therapy); Dr. Margaret Hawkins (Nursing); Dr. Joan Killen (Nursing); and Dr. Ann Walker (Physical Therapy)
- *20 years* -- Rose Bush (nutrition and food sciences)
- *15 years* -- Opal Flowers (Physical Therapy)
- *10 years* -- Sandra Compton (vice provost's office); Dr. Rebecca Krepper (Nursing); Hilda Morales (facilities management); Lori Nelson (vice provost's office; president's office); and Dr. Kathryn Stream (vice provost's office)
- *5 years* -- Dr. Lawrence Alford (counseling services); Maria Goroztieta (facilities management); Dr. Gayle Hersch (Occupational Therapy); and Inez Shelton (health care administration)

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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The office of the president has distributed information to vice presidents, associate vice presidents, deans and departments heads, encouraging interested staff members to serve on university committees for the 1999-2000 academic year. For details, call Debbie Burgess (president's office) at 8-1-3223; *please return forms by March 27.*

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The committees include: ADA; alcohol and drug education; animal care and use; BIONIC; Black History Month; campus climate/community; career/employment services; Child Development Center advisory; code of conduct review; Counseling Center advisory; Dallas SECC campaign; Denton SECC campaign; faculty/student newspaper; Family Days; food advisory board; health fair; Hispanic Heritage Month; HIV education coalition; Houston commencement; Houston SECC campaign; human subjects review; intercultural services advisory; Lemman Award; Native American History Month; orientation; Redbud; scholarship/emergency loan; Student Center advisory; student health services advisory; student life advisory board; student services fee; student travel fund; teacher education council; TWU conservation/recycling; TWU general scholarship; TWU safety; TWU traffic; university benefits; Wellness Coalition; wellness services liaison; and *Who's Who*.

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PIONEERS FOR DIVERSITY NOMINATIONS SOUGHT (Reminder)

Nominations are need for the initial presentation of TWU's new Pioneers for Diversity Award, which recognizes "extraordinary leadership and inspiration in furthering the goal of achieving ethnic diversity within the TWU community," said Dr. Rudy Rodriguez (reading and bilingual education). The winner of the award will be selected from one of the following categories: faculty, administrator and staff. A fourth category is "group" effort.

"Our success in diversity depends greatly on team effort and on our departmental/academic unit faculties and staff employees achieving results together," added Rodriguez. All nominees must demonstrate leadership in the development and implementation of programs or activities that:

- Promote and advance mutual respect, understanding and appreciation for the cultural and ethnic diversity within our campus community;
- Promote and advance the recruitment, hiring and admission of underrepresented ethnic groups in our campus community;
- Promote and advance the retention and career mentoring of underrepresented ethnic groups in our campus community;
- Assist in ensuring an equal opportunity for career advancement for underrepresented ethnic groups in our campus community; and/or
- Encourage the participation of traditionally underrepresented groups in campus committees, activities and events.

NOTE: Greater consideration will be given to those nominees who work above and beyond their normal job duties.

NOMINATION PROCEDURE: Nominations must include a nominating letter and no more than three (3) supporting letters. Nominators must be a TWU faculty member, administrator and staff employee. The letters should detail the qualifications for nomination described in the selection criteria. Submit all nomination material in a packet by campus or U.S. mail to: Dr. Rudy Rodríguez, chair, Pioneers for

Diversity Award committee, TWU department of reading and bilingual education. Materials may be sent by fax to 8-1-2048 from the Dallas and Houston campuses. ***The deadline to submit nominations and materials is Mon., March 27, at 5 p.m.*** Questions? Call Rodriguez at 8-1-2243.

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SIREN SYSTEM SOUNDS THIS WEEK

The city of Denton has installed a new siren system that will provide advance warning in case of tornadoes or other catastrophic emergencies. Start-up testing will be conducted March 22 to 24 from 8 a. m. to 3 p.m. and March 29 to 31 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (In the event of severe weather, the sirens will not be tested.) Beginning in April, regular monthly testing for the system will be held the first Wednesday of each month at noon. For details, visit the TWU safety office website at www.twu.edu/o-fm/ehs for more information or call 8-1-3130 for a brochure.

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EVENT HONORS FORMER WELLNESS CENTER MENTOR

Robert Benfield balanced the responsibilities of his job as vice president for fiscal affairs at Texas Woman's University with a healthy lifestyle. He believed in the value of exercise and expressed that belief by supporting the establishment and expansion of the TWU Wellness Center during his years of service at TWU.

Felled by a heart attack several years ago, Benfield left a legacy of fitness and health for students, faculty, staff and members of the Denton community through the Wellness Center. TWU Wellness Center staff members, as well as university administrators and friends, will honor Benfield's service and dedication to the facility during a brief ceremony on Tues., March 21, at 3 p.m. in the Wellness Center. The university community and members of the general public are invited to attend the event in Jones Hall.

Dr. Ann Stuart (president's office) will welcome guests, and Dr. Linda King (wellness services) will provide information about the Wellness Center's history and development. Dr. Frank Vitro (psychology and philosophy) will talk about Benfield and his legacy, followed by Patrice Benfield Frisby (institutional advancement), who will unveil photograph with inscription in Benfield's memory. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

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JOIN THE RALLY TO GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

Texas Rep. Ronny Crownover of Denton and other cancer patients need your help, so roll up your sleeves and rally 'round -- volunteer to be a bone marrow or stem cell donor.

- When? -- Sat., March 25, 2000
- Where? -- Denton: First State Bank of Texas on the Square
- Where? -- Lewisville: Columbia Medical Center of Lewisville Education Center (Classroom 3), 543 Elm St.
- Time? -- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Questions? -- Call 800-4-BAYLOR

Be a friend for life -- give the gift of life. For more information about bone marrow or stem cell donation to help others in need visit www.rcrownover.org.

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TWU FEATURED IN NATIONAL TELECONFERENCE

TWU -- specifically the family/single parent housing program provided in Mary Hufford Hall -- will be one of a select number of stories featured during a national, three-day teleconference hosted at the University of Minnesota. Titled "Women's Lives, Voices, Solutions: Shaping a National Agenda for Women in Higher Education," the national conversation will be offered March 27 to 29 across the country. The program is an event that will involve students, faculty, staff and administrators -- both women and men -- who will discuss issues concerning women in higher education. The TWU housing department has arranged to receive the teleconference in Denton; for times and locations, call 8-1-3676.

A camera crew from the University of Minnesota visited TWU's Denton campus last fall and interviewed three students from Hufford Hall, as well as university administrators. Jennifer Longnion, one of the program's producers, notified TWU last week that the housing segment probably will be relayed on Wed., March 29, as one of the conference's "best picks." Congratulations to the TWU students, housing staff members and administrators for a successful program and for their help bringing national visibility to the university!

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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. The weekly deadline to receive information is 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conduction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.

TWU Update is posted weekly online; the deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Questions? Call Ann Hatch (public information) at 8-1-3456.

Reminder: Women's history month represents struggles, victories and challenges that women have faced throughout history. TWU looks at a specific group of women during March, focusing on black feminists who are sharing their ideas, research and works this month and into April. Titled "Black Feminist Theorizing Across the Disciplines: A Distinguished Lecture Series," the program brings each speaker to TWU's Denton campus for a free public lecture, book signings, receptions and, for graduate students enrolled in the seminar, a two-hour lecture. The public lectures will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in either the auditorium of the Multipurpose Classroom Laboratory Building or in Redbud Theatre. The next program is:

- **March 23 (Redbud)** -- "Wandering Journalist: The Role of Autobiography and Personal Reflection in Black Feminist Scholarship"; Kristal Brent Zook, assistant professor of Pan-African studies, California State University-Northridge.

Reminder: You're invited to an open house in Student Health Services on Wed., March 22, from 1 to 3 p.m. Members of the campus community and the general public are welcome to visit the new office location -- better, bigger and able to serve more students! The facilities are located on Administration Drive on the lower level of Hubbard Hall. See you there!

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A roundtable for student organization advisors will be held on April 4, SC 108, to discuss "The Healthy Student Leader" from 1 to 2 p.m.

ASSET will meet on Fri., March 24, from noon to 1 p.m., ACT 11. The program will comprise a dual presentation featuring faculty member Dr. Claire Sahlin, who will discuss the TWU women's studies

program, and staff member Dawn Letson, who oversees the Women's Collection in the TWU library and who will discuss women's history. For more information, call Burlyce Logan at 8-1-2119 or Barbara Meriwether at 8-1-2071.

Reminder: Alpha Sigma Lambda Foundation, a philanthropic companion organization to the honor society which has its Sigma Ro chapter at TWU, is offering seven \$1,000 scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. Eligible TWU undergraduate students are urged to apply, according to Dr. Veva Vonler (Graduate School), who serves as ASL's national counciler. Application forms and additional information is available in the graduate office, ACT 13; call 8-1-3415 for details. *The deadline to apply for one of these scholarships is Fri., March 31, 2000.*

A program on back safety awareness will be held on Wed., March 22, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in BHL 210. Registration in advance is requested; call 8-1-3130 or send e-mail to cwilliams@twu.edu. Presenters will discuss the TWU back injury prevention plan, and they will demonstrate proper lifting techniques and other safety measures.

A fundraiser to help staff member Marvin Miller of Houston, who lost his home in a fire in December, will be sponsored by the TWU Staff Council. The group has scheduled a bake sale on Mon., March 27, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the MCL lobby. All proceeds will go directly to Miller; cash or check donations (make payable to "Marvin Miller") also will be accepted. To donate baked goods or food items, please contact Cindy Maloney at 8-1-3129 and bring your baked goods to MCL between 8:30 and 10 a.m. on March 27.

Reminder: The TWU Student Dietetic Association will host the fifth annual Pioneer Race 5K Walk/Run on Sat., March 25, at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Participants should report to race organizers at the Pioneer Woman statue on Oakland Avenue; entry forms and waivers are due by March 20; those forms that are mailed should be postmarked March 17. Entry fees are \$12 for adults, \$10 for persons age 65 and over, and \$10 for children under age 10. Runners and walkers will receive a T-shirt with their entry fees; all proceeds will benefit the Denton County Autism Society. For details, contact the TWU department of nutrition and food sciences at 8-1-2636.

Reminder: Members of the TWU Photographic Artists Coalition will display their works Mon. through Fri., March 20 to 24. Admission is free, and the exhibit will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in the East Gallery of the Fine Arts Building; the campus community and the general public are invited. For details, call Susan kae Grant (visual arts) at 8-1-2537.

A purchasing card program orientation will be held on Wed., March 29, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., ACT 501. Any person who would be authorized to use a purchasing card *must attend a mandatory orientation*; this session will be the last program offered for group participation until fall 2000. Register by calling Kathy Turnipseed (finance and administration) at 8-1-3511.

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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. **Linda Marshall** (sociology and social work) has been named "Social Worker of the Year" by the Denton unit of the National Association of Social Workers as part of observances for Social Work Month in Texas (March). Other area honorees include Adela Nunez as "Public Citizen of the Year" and Ashlie Cole as "Social Work Student of the Year." Congratulations!

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: MARCH 20 - 26, 2000

March 20-24

- PAC visual arts exhibit, east gallery, free, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 20-23

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

Tues., March 21

- Wellness Center ceremony honoring Bob Benfield, JH 1, 3 p.m.

Wed., March 22

- Softball (Community Appreciation Night): Pioneers vs. Fort Hays State, PF, 5 p.m.
- Student health services open house, HH lower level, 1-3 p.m.
- HR: "Back Safety Awareness," BHL 210, 1-2:30 p.m.

March 23-24

- Regents meeting, Houston.

Thurs., March 23

- Black Feminists lecture series: "Wandering Journalist: The Role of Autobiography and Personal Reflection in Black Feminist Scholarship"; Kristal Brent Zook, assistant professor of Pan-African studies, California State University-Northridge; free, Redbud Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Fri., March 24

- 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.
- ASSET meeting, ACT 11, noon-1 p.m.
- Softball (Pack the Stands): Pioneers vs. Abilene Christian, PF, 5:30 p.m.

Sat., March 25

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Softball (Free Hot Dog Day/Softball Appreciation and Camper Day): Pioneers vs. Abilene Christian, PF, 1 p.m.
- Pioneer Race 5K Walk/Run, sponsored by TWU Student Dietetic Association, \$12 and \$10, start at Pioneer Woman oval, 8:30 a.m.

Sun., March 26

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

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