

CHILDREN'S LITERACY IS TOP CONCERN

Helping pre-schoolers and first graders learn to read -- and want to read -- creates a positive environment for young children. Educators and parents must encourage students to read and also to provide the knowledge and skills that will make their efforts successful and rewarding.

Children's literacy is the focus of a special conference at TWU on Sat., Oct. 21, featuring Dr. Lea McGee from the University of Alabama. McGee will discuss "The Enlightened Eye: Seeing the Big Picture in Literacy Development" during TWU's 35th annual Rose F. Spicola Forum in Reading. (The annual event is named in honor of Spicola, who started the forum more than 30 years ago.)

Teachers, administrators, parents and other persons interested in children's literacy may attend. The cost is \$35 for educators, administrators and the general public; \$15 for students from area universities; and an additional \$7 per person for a boxed lunch. TWU students who are enrolled in fall 2000 reading courses may attend free. The program, sponsored by the TWU department of reading, will be held in the university's Multipurpose Classroom Laboratory Building from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

McGee, a nationally recognized expert in early literacy development, will conduct a morning session on the literacy needs of pre-school through first-grade students. That afternoon she will address the needs of students beyond first grade.

In addition to McGee's keynote sessions, a number of area educators will lead breakout sessions related to: running records; the connection between music and reading; the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS); and other pertinent literary topics.

For more information, contact Dr. Margaret Compton-Hall (reading) at 8-1-2230 or the TWU department of reading at 8-1-2227.

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CZECH ORGANIST WILL PRESENT SPECIAL CONCERT

Czech organist Michal Novenko, a professor at the Prague Conservatoire and organist for St. Clement's Church in Prague, will perform in concert at TWU on Mon., Oct. 23. The event, which is part of TWU's Performing Arts Series, will be held in Margo Jones Performance Hall at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend; tickets are \$5 each. Novenko also will discuss and demonstrate organ improvisation on Wed., Oct. 25, at 3 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall; there is no charge for this program.

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The guest artist has performed concerts throughout Europe, and he has participated as lecturer and judge at major festivals such as Sion in Switzerland, Arrezzo in Italy, Freiberg in Germany and Warwick in England. He also has toured the United States and Israel.

Novenko studied at the Prague Conservatoire and the Academy of Music and Art in Prague; he also has studied with Jean Gillou in Paris, Helmut Rilling in Stuttgart and Franco Donatoni in Siena. He is known as an organist, successful improviser, conductor, composer, music critic and theorist. His many recordings on CD, radio and television already feature more than 90 organs (most of them historic). Those recordings include early music, music by 18th- and 19th-century Czech masters, plus music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Liszt and Franck, as well as his own improvisations

For information, call the TWU department of performing arts at (940) 898-2500.

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SERVE UP SOME FUN AT SECC VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION!

Helping hands also can be nimble fingers -- especially during TWU's second annual State Employee Charitable Campaign Charity Ball (volleyball, that is) -- on Oct. 26 in Pioneer Hall's Magee Arena. Last year, amidst cheers and rallying cries, the department of biology served and scored to win the championship title. Who will it be this year?

Teams are forming now, so ask a co-worker or colleague to spike a ball and rally for a cause this month. The \$5 entry fee per team member benefits SECC, and each participant will receive a T-shirt as part of

registration. Lunches will be sold at concession stands that day, and TWU staff and faculty who don't play are encouraged to come and cheer for the teams.

Winners are determined by the team's total score for the day, plus the total number of players officially entered on the roster. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded, along with the departmental trophy. A medal ceremony will be held at 12:50 p.m. The "gamettes" will last approximately 12 to 15 minutes each, and teams accumulate points from each match. A team may have as many people on the roster as they wish, and six players will be on the court at any given time. Substitutions may be made at the end of each rally or point.

TWU's SECC campaign continues through Oct. 21, and all faculty and staff are asked to lend a hand to others in need -- friends and strangers alike. "The ultimate success of the campaign rests in your hands," said Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office).

The goal established for TWU's Denton campus is a participation rate of 40 percent and a pledge goal of \$36,000. A single donation of any size increases both the participation rate and the amount of the total contribution. This year's SECC co-chairs are Dr. Evelyn Curry (Library and Information Studies) and Lizabeth Elkins (institutional data). Each employee should fill out a pledge form and send the confidential contribution directly to Colleen Sallee (payroll). The TWU Dallas and Houston centers will conduct separate campaigns; Dallas employees have won awards for their participation for several years, under the direction of Dr. Michael Laman (associate vice president's office).

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TWU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bring your children, grandchildren, young neighbors and friends to TWU's Make A Difference Day for Kids, which will be held on Sat., Oct. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Hubbard Oval. The afternoon of free activities will provide fun and an opportunity to learn more about the environment, recycling and volunteering to help others.

"We invite children ages four to 10 (and up to 12) for an afternoon of fun and a chance to learn more about how they can make a difference in their schools, community and neighborhoods," said Kate Bologna (student development). "We want children from throughout Denton to spend the afternoon at TWU, have fun and make a difference."

Some of the booths scheduled are: mural painting; reading (to learn more about people's differences), presented by the TWU COLORS mentoring program; health foods, presented by the TWU Student Dietetic Association; kids' voter registration and election, presented by TWU USA Senate; recycling; caring for the environment, presented by TWU Residence Hall Association; history of women (age appropriate materials), presented by TWU student chapter of NOW; crafts/gift for a neighbor; and card making for the elderly. Prepackaged food and drinks will be provided by the TWU United Student Association. Other student organizations involved in the effort include Psi Chi and Pride.

The Make A Difference Day for Kids program at TWU is presented by Helping Hands. Several other groups helped plan the activities and will participate as well: Golden Key, Beta Beta Beta, Zeta Phi Beta, the Campus Activities Board, Alpha Theta Omega and Sigma Lambda Alpha.

Participate in TWU's project, or the city clean-up or decide on a project of your own. Some project ideas might include: a clothing drive, a blood drive, raking leaves for a neighbor, reading to a small child, taking an elderly friend to the mall, picking up trash and similar efforts -- all which make a difference to someone in the community. For more information, call the Denton Make A Difference Day hotline at (940) 369-7200 or Moore at (940) 566-1800 or Ann Hatch at 8-1-3452. The USA WEEKEND national hotline number is 1-800-416-3824.

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MONSTROUS FUN IS IN STORE

It's that time of year again -- for tricks, treats, ghosts, goblins and flute choirs.

Uhhh -- flute choirs??? The TWU Flute Choir will make its seventh annual, free pre-Halloween appearance on Tues., Oct. 24, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Directed and founded by Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music), the Monster Flute Choir is a 28-member ensemble comprising flute students from TWU and Brookhaven College. All instruments in the flute family -- piccolo, C flute, alto and bass flute -- will be heard during the program.

This year, the group will perform everything from the monumental *Sonata for flute choir* by British composer Andrew Downs to Doug Borwick's newly-published *Bad Girls*, in which each of the five movements pays tribute to legendary female performers like Billie Holliday, Mahalia Jackson, Cass Elliott and Janis Joplin. In keeping with the ghostly holiday season, the Monster Flute Choir also will present Saint-Saens' *Danse Macabre*. For details, call 8-1-2500.

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FINANCIAL AID TRAINING SET

The office of financial aid will present a workshop titled "Financial aid training for faculty and academic advisors" on Tues., Oct. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. in SC 207-208. Participants will learn how the following factors in a student's academic life can affect financial aid eligibility: dropping classes; failing classes; enrolling less than full time or less than half time; non-degree status; excessive attempted hours; and general or undecided majors. The program will be presented by financial aid administrators Governor Jackson, Raedean Bolton and Janine Gann. For more information, call 8-1-3056.

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ART IN ITALY IS FOCUS OF CLASS, ADVENTURE

If classroom lectures, slides and films are not enough for art lovers, then a class next spring at TWU which includes those settings -- plus an extensive tour of Italy -- should attract students from far and wide. "The Art of Italy: Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque," taught by Dr. John Calabrese (visual arts), offers workshop lectures that set the tone and then includes a number of tours throughout Italy to complete the course.

"From May 14 to 25, we begin the class on campus with workshop lectures that will explore the artistic development of the four historical periods of Italian art through the art forms of architecture, painting, sculpture and mosaics," said Calabrese. (The classroom section will be held weekdays from 5 to 9 p.m.) "Then we will fly overseas from June 7 to 24 for a number of tours in Italy, including major monuments, museums, churches, palaces and ruins in locations like Milan, Venice, Padova, Ravenna, Florence, Assisi, Rome and Pompei."

Enrollment for this study-abroad course is limited. The cost of the trip is \$2,900 per person; this cost does not include course fees, remaining meals and insurance. The first deposit is due soon, so contact Calabrese at 8-1-2535 for more detailed information on payment schedules and the specific itinerary for the trip.

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OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. This year, more than 180,000 women in America will learn for the first time that they have breast cancer, and more than 43,000 women will lose their lives. However, breast cancer does not occur only in women; each year, approximately 1,600 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed and about 400 deaths will result

among men afflicted with the disease.

Kay Creighton (student health services), who strives to educate faculty, staff and students at TWU about health issues, says, "There is no proven way to prevent breast cancer among women or men. However, early detection and prompt treatment can significantly reduce the severity of the consequences caused by this disease."

She added, "While the most common signs of breast cancer include breast lumps, nipple inversion, nipple discharge, pain or a pulling sensation, or swelling under the arms, these symptoms are not always present in breast cancer cases."

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Creighton advises that women under 40 should conduct a breast self-examination once a month and have a baseline mammogram done by the age of 40, or as medically instructed to do so. Women over age 40 should have a mammogram done once a year -- or more frequently, if instructed by a medical professional -- and also do a breast self-exam each month. Men and women should become familiar with their own chest appearance and composition, and they should watch for any abnormalities.

In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, TWU student health services, as well as other organizations on campus, will conduct breast cancer awareness activities in October. We would like to encourage your participation and ask for your support," said Creighton, who suggests the following ideas or projects:

- Wear a breast cancer awareness sticker.
- Give extra credit to students who obtain additional breast cancer prevention and treatment information, or assign a related activity.
- Make breast cancer awareness announcements in class (use provided information).
- Read a poem for yourself or to someone else, written by someone whose life was affected by breast cancer.
- Help a friend get a mammogram.

For more information, contact Creighton at 8-1-3833.

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

TWU Update is published weekly (and posted online) for faculty, staff and other audiences. The deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week.

Reminder: *Looking at nursing* and the hi-tech world of information is the theme for the Shell Oil Distinguished Lectureship that will be presented by the College of Nursing at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center on Thurs., Oct. 26. The program, titled "Bringing Nursing Online: How Nurses Are Taking Advantage of the Informatics Explosion," is free and open to the Texas Medical Center community and the general public; a reception will follow the presentation and question-and-answer session. CNE credit also will be offered at no cost. The event is scheduled from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on the 7th floor of TWU's Mary Gibbs Jones Hall. The featured speaker will be Dr. Patricia Flatley Brennan, president of the American Medical Informatics Association and professor in the School of Nursing and College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Registration begins at 2 p. m., followed by the 2:30 p.m. presentation, a 3 p.m. question-and-answer session and a 4 p.m. reception. Call 8-4-2100 for more information.

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Colleague training sessions will be held this week in Stoddard Hall; call Elaine Martin (ITS) at 8-1-3293 for details. The programs are: Mon., Oct. 16 -- daylong training at TWU Dallas Center, Parkland; Tues., Oct. 17 -- "Colleague Student System: Frequently Asked Questions," 1 to 2 p.m.; and Wed., Oct. 18 -- "Selecting and Tracking Requisitions," 9 to 10 a.m.

Reminder: *Colours* kicks off the 2000-2001 theatrical season at TWU in October. The show continues on Oct. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. Ticket prices are: \$12 for adults; \$9 for TWU faculty and staff, senior citizens and non-TWU students; and \$7 for TWU students and children under age 12. This original revue, which students helped to create, is TWU's entry for the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival competition. The show travels to the first KC/ACTF event on Oct. 28 at Collin

County Community College. *Colours* also will be entered in the regional competition for "Best Original Script." (Note: *Colours* contains some adult themes.)

Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music) will teach a new multicultural music course, "Music and World Culture," during the spring 2001 semester on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:50 a.m., MU 213; it will satisfy both the multicultural and fine arts course requirements. Content will include the elements and functions of music, with an emphasis on multicultural awareness and a description and comparison of contemporary music, indigenous to both non-Western cultures and American popular cultures. Call Cohen at 8-1-2523 for details.

Reminder: The TWU College of Nursing, in collaboration with the TWU Institute for Women's Health, will present a series of workshops on how to conduct research in adolescent health; sessions are set in October and November. The purpose of the series of workshops is to learn about and use major adolescent health electronic databases. Join the brown-bag lunchtime series from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursdays -- Oct. 19 and 26, and Nov. 1, 9, 16 and 30. All programs will be held in ACT 217 (except Oct. 19 in SH 402). Call 8-1-2401 for details.

A session on student employment training for supervisors will be presented by the office of career services on Fri., Oct. 20, from 9 to 10 a.m., ACT 601. Necessary forms, policies and procedures will be discussed. Call 8-1-2951 for details.

Reminder: The TWU department of visual arts will present two concurrent shows, *A Quiet Dance: The Figure in Clay* and *The Big Mess Inside My Head*, from Oct. 14 to Nov 17 in the TWU Arts Building. The two ceramic exhibits complement another show in Denton, *Ceramics USA*, a national exhibit at the University of North Texas -- also scheduled for those same dates. Both TWU exhibits are free and open to the general public; gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Reminder: Some people were born to dance. That's what kraig patterson believes and that's what he lives. The founder of his own dance company, *bopi's black sheep*, patterson began "dancing at birth." (The cutting-edge dancer's name -- and his company's -- both are presented lower-case intentionally.) patterson and his company will perform at TWU on Sat., Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$7 for TWU faculty and staff, seniors and students; and \$5 for TWU students. For tickets, call the TWU department of performing arts programs in dance at 8-1-2086 or the department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

The biology department continues its regular series of free seminars on Fri., Oct. 20. The lecture begins at 3 p.m. in CFO 205. Talks also are scheduled on Oct. 27 and in November. For more information, contact Dr. Fritz Schwalm (biology) at 8-1-2354.

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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. **Janice LaPointe-Crump** (performing arts, dance) and **Susan Myatt** conducted a five-day residency at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Mo., from Sept. 20-25. Their program was titled "The Art of the Courtier, Dance and Lifestyle of the 18th Century."

Dr. **Michael Droge** (Graduate School) has announced the appointment of **Stephanie Rodriguez** as the new director and principal investigator for the TWU McNair Scholars Program; she has served as the program's coordinator since October 1999.

Monica Mendez-Grant (student development) is serving as secretary for the executive committee and board of directors for the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators (TACUSPA).

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCTOBER 16-22, 2000

Sept. 1-Oct. 29

- Ansel Adams exhibit, presented by TWU and GDAC, Ctr. for Visual Arts; open Tuesday through Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Oct. 14-Nov. 17

- Visual arts: *A Quiet Dance: The Figure in Clay* and *The Big Mess Inside My Head*, Fine Arts Building, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., 1-4 p.m.

Oct.16-19

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

Oct. 16-21

- Performing arts, dance: kraig patterson/bopi's black sheep residency.

Oct. 16-17

- Performing arts, drama: *Colours*, \$12/\$9/\$7, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 16

- Learning assistance office: brown bag lunch on "Power with Words," CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- House of Representatives meeting, SC 207/208, 12:15-1 p.m.
- ITS: all-day training session, TWU Dallas Center-Parkland.

Tues., Oct. 17

- Learning assistance office: brown bag lunch on "Power with Words," CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- ITS: "Colleague Student System -- Frequently Asked Questions," SH, 1-2 p.m.
- Financial aid training for faculty/academic advisors, SC 207-208, 204 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 18

- LEAD workshop on leadership skills, SC 106, 3:30-5 p.m.
- ITS: "Selecting and Tracking Requisitions," SH, 9-10 a.m.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Dallas Baptist, away.

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Thurs., Oct. 19

- Nursing: adolescent health research workshop, SH 402, noon-1 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 20

- 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.

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- Biology lecture: free, CFO 205, 3 p.m.
- Career services: TWU student employment training for supervisors, ACT 601, 9-10 a.m.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Texas Wesleyan, Magee Arena, 7 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 21

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. St. Edwards, Magee Arena, 2 p.m.
- Rose Spicola Fall Reading Forum, MCL, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 22

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

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