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TWU LAUNCHES STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Texas Woman's University launched its first full semester study abroad program in January. TWU is now one of 12 universities in the United States to send undergraduate students to Harlaxton College in Grantham, England.

Though TWU students have studied overseas before, their courses were never more than a few weeks. The program with Harlaxton College now allows students to immerse themselves in a European culture for four months.

Andrea Wensowitch, 20, of Ennis, is TWU's first student at Harlaxton. During her stay, which began Jan. 3, Wensowitch will take courses in British Studies, British Politics and International Economics. She will be one of approximately 165 United States college students attending Harlaxton, which is approximately 110 miles north of London.

TWU's association with Harlaxton College fits into Dr. Ann Stuart's (chancellor's office) vision of providing greater opportunities to the university's students.

"Harlaxton offers a strong blend of high quality academic programs and cultural opportunities to TWU students in an incredibly beautiful setting," Dr. Stuart said. "The college is one of the top study abroad campuses for American students, and we wanted simply the best for TWU students."

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SYSTEM PROVIDES 24-HOUR ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Conference Services and the Office of Lifelong Learning have a new tool for providing information to the TWU community and to the public.

Both offices recently took advantage of a phone service made available by TWU's voicemail system. The system enables the offices to provide 24-hour information about the programs and services they offer.

Information about the Office of Lifelong Learning is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by calling 8-1-3469. Mike Simmons, director, said the office had received numerous messages left by people at night or on the weekends. He said the information line will be helpful to those who can't call during regular work hours.

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Those who call the information line are given the option of choosing continuing education, distance education, or remaining on the line for assistance in directing their call. The continuing education option provides information about workshops, conferences and non-credit courses. The distance education option not only provides information about those programs, but also instructs callers how to contact members of the Distance Education Support Team in the event they are experiencing technical difficulties.

Callers also may use the information lines to have materials sent to them via mail or fax-on-demand. Donna Atkinson (conference services) said the fax feature will enable callers to receive information or facility booking forms quickly.

"It's another way we can be more customer-friendly," Atkinson said.

Other departments interested in setting up the system may contact Corin Walker at 8-1-3278, or e-mail her at voicemail@twu.edu

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ATHLETES TO JOIN INTERCOLLEGIATE HALL OF FAME

The TWU Athletics Department will induct three new members into its Intercollegiate Hall of Fame during a ceremony Sat., Jan. 19.

Those being honored are Audrey Reid German, an outstanding track athlete in the 1970s who participated in three Olympics and won the high jump at the AIAW National Championships for three years; Stephanie Ball Moreno, who lettered four years as a setter for the Pioneer volleyball team and was an NCAA All-Region selection; and Tammi Julch Williams, who finished her basketball career as TWU's second-leading scorer with 1,644 points and was named Division II NCAA Woman of the year for the state of Texas in 1994.

The ceremony will start with a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the south foyer of Hubbard Hall, followed by a dinner and the awards ceremony in the Southeast Dining Room.

Tickets for the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony are \$20 per person and can be purchased through TWU Intercollegiate Athletics, Room 220B in Pioneer Hall. The ticket price for all TWU students is \$15 each. All tickets must be purchased by Wed., Jan. 16, as there will be no sales at the door. For more information, call 8-1-2378.

The induction ceremony will highlight the Hall of Fame Weekend, which includes a Pioneer basketball game vs. Eastern New Mexico at 3 p.m. and a TWU gymnastics meet with the University of Maryland on Sun., Jan. 20, at 2p.m. Both events will take place at Pioneer Hall in Kitty Magee Arena.

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KUHN NAMED TO CONFERENCE HALL OF HONOR

Jo Kuhn, a former athletic director and softball coach at TWU, is among the newest inductees into the Lone Star Conference Hall-of-Honor.

After playing on the LPGA tour for three years, Kuhn was appointed to the kinesiology faculty at TWU as a part-time instructor in 1967. She coached the golf, basketball and softball teams to numerous TIAAW state titles.

Kuhn became TWU's director of athletics in 1982 at a time when the program had been reduced to a marginal, non-scholarship program with virtually no financial or university support. In 10 years, she moved the program to a nationally recognized contender. Kuhn succeeded in lobbying for and gaining admission for TWU to the Lone Star Conference, an NCAA Division II conference for institutions with programs in both men's and women's sports. TWU was admitted by a unanimous vote in 1988, making it the only women's institution in the country in a co-ed athletic conference.

Kuhn resigned as AD in August 1992 so she could return to teaching. In December 1992, TWU Athletics established the Jo Kuhn Leadership Award to be presented each spring to the student-athlete who has demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities. In September 1997, she was inducted into the TWU Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame. Kuhn remains actively involved in the Pioneer Scholarship Campaign and can be found at almost all TWU Athletics events.

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CHANCELLOR SLATES SECC VICTORY CELEBRATION

Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) will host a celebration of TWU's successful State Employee Charitable Campaign from 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. Tues., Jan. 15 on ACT 2.

The 2001 campaign co-chairs - Evelyn Curry (library science) and Lynda Murphy (distance education) - approached Dr. Stuart midway through the campaign and asked if she would host a celebration for participants if TWU met its goals of \$50,000 and 50 percent participation.

"I am happy to do so and delighted that the university did meet its goals," Dr. Stuart wrote in a campuswide e-mail. "The TWU community enjoys a long and proud history of charitable giving and community service. The donations to your favorite agencies enable the university to continue this tradition."

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WEATHER INFORMATION PROCEDURES PROVIDED

When bad weather hits the Denton and Dallas 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.

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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. Dr. 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/Denison). They also may tune to the following radio stations: WBAP (820 AM), KERA (90.1 AM), KRLD (1080 AM), KVIL (1150 AM) or KNTU (88.1 FM).

Please note: Radio stations can put information on the air more quickly and repeat it more frequently. Television stations take longer, based on the number of calls they receive.

Call the university's information line for weather closings. In Denton, call (940) 898-3430 after 5:30 a.m. 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 his or her 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 he or she has verified the closing or delayed opening announced on TWU's weather line.*

COMMUNITY DANCE CENTER OFFERS SPRING CLASSES

Registration for spring classes from the Community Dance Center at TWU is scheduled from Tues., Jan. 22 through Friday, Jan. 25. Classes begin Mon., Jan. 28.

The dance center offers affordable dance classes for all ages and abilities. The classes are designed for individuals who want to expand their knowledge of dance, improve their skills, or simply to have fun moving.

Classes are offered in six/ten week sessions in creative dance, ballet, tap, jazz, social (swing Latin, etc.), and pilates/physical conditioning. The classes are taught at the level of the students enrolled. Special classes/birthday party activities are available on request. For more information contact Gladys Keeton, director, TWU Community Dance Center, 8-1-2088.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the office of marketing and communication through campus mail, by fax to 8-1-3463 or by e-mail to info@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.

The Graduate School is completing its move into offices located on ACT 2. The move places the school with its complementary components of Research and Grants and Lifelong Learning. As a result of the move, the internal auditors are now located on CFO 13.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the office of marketing and communication by campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Dr. Philip Yang (sociology and social work) received a \$57,013 federal grant from the National Science Foundation for a project titled, "The Educational Attainment of Asian Americans: A Generational Approach. The grant period began Jan. 1 and ends Dec. 31, 2003. The project seeks to fill in the gap in knowledge about the generational differences of Asian Americans in educational attainment across generations, and to produce two papers for presentations at national conferences, followed by refereed articles.

Dr. Sharon Underwood (fashion and textiles) will retire effective Jan. 31. Underwood is a TWU graduate, and began teaching here in 1986. She has served for many years as TWU's liaison to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Museum: Texas First Ladies' Inaugural Gowns Collection located on ACT 2.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JANUARY 14-27, 2002

Jan. 14-17

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

Mon., Jan. 14

- First day of spring classes.

Tues., Jan. 15

- SECC victory celebration, 1:30-2:30 p.m., ACT 2.

Thurs., Jan. 17

- Basketball: Pioneers vs. West Texas A&M, Lone Star Conference South Division game, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall.

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Fri., Jan. 18

- 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.

Sat., Jan. 19

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Eastern New Mexico, Lone Star Conference South Division game, 3 p.m., Pioneer Hall.
- TWU Athletics Hall of Fame induction, Hubbard Hall. Reception at 5:30 p.m.; ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
- Open House for prospective students, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Hubbard Hall.

Sun., Jan. 20

- Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. University of Maryland, 2 p.m., Pioneer Hall.

Mon., Jan. 21

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday; university closed; no classes. Wellness Center hours: Jones Hall open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Pioneer Hall closed.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Tarleton State, Lone Star Conference South Division game, 7 p.m., Stephenville.

Jan. 22-24

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

Thurs., Jan. 24

- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, Lone Star Conference South Division game, 6 p.m., Kingsville.

Fri., Jan 25

- 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.

Sat., Jan 26

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Texas A&M-Commerce, Lone Star Conference South Division game, 2 p.m., Commerce.
- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. University of Oklahoma and Southern Utah, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall.

Sun., Jan. 27

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

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