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GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS PLANNING A TEAM EFFORT

Dozens of volunteers will have spent months planning to the smallest detail to ensure the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships run smoothly when 281 student-athletes compete April 17-19 at TWU.

"I can't commend the volunteers enough," said Chalese Connors, TWU athletics director. "Everyone has done a fantastic job these past few months — the Greater Denton Sports Commission, the city, Denton Community Hospital, numerous local businesses and my own Pioneer staff. We're an unbeatable team."

Event organizers expect about 5,000 people will attend the championships, which will draw 18 men's and women's gymnastic teams from across the country, as well as individual competitors. To make sure Denton makes a good impression with the student-athletes, their coaches, parents and fans attending the championships, the event's core committee has worked diligently. Housing, hospitality, transportation to and from the airport and to and from competition were all issues the committee addressed.

"Co-hosting the national championships is a wonderful opportunity to showcase TWU and the city of Denton," Connors said. "Many people have put in countless volunteer hours to prepare for this three-day event, which will be a lot of fun and a chance to show what our community can accomplish."

The championships get under way the afternoon of April 17 with the women's team semifinals. The team finals will be April 18 beginning at 1 p.m. for the men and 7 p.m. for the women. Individual competition, both men's and women's, starts at 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 19.

Women's teams competing include: Texas Woman's University, the United States Air Force Academy, Seattle Pacific University, Cornell University, University of California-Davis, Temple University, Centenary University and the University of Bridgeport. Men's teams include: the College of William and Mary, the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, Springfield College, Southern Connecticut State University, Arizona State University, University of California-Santa Barbara, University of Washington and the University of Vermont. Individual competitors will come from the University of Alaska, Winona State University, West Chester University, Texas A&M and San Diego State University, among others.

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Tickets are \$20 for an adult event pass and \$15 for a student (age 7-17) event pass. Day passes are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Children age 6 and younger are admitted free. For tickets, call 8-1-2373 or (888) 381-1818. Ticket information also is available at www.dentonsports.com/Gymnastics_Info.htm.

The 2003 championships are being co-hosted by TWU and the Greater Denton Sports Commission. Denton Community Hospital is the event's title sponsor.

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TWU TRYING TO LOCATE COUPLES MARRIED IN THE LITTLE CHAPEL

TWU wants to locate couples married in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods between 1980 and 2000.

Couples married in the chapel from 1939 and 1979 were recorded in a bride's book, and a new bride's book which will include weddings since Jan. 1, 2001 was unveiled during homecoming. However, records of many of the weddings that took place between 1980 and 2000 are missing.

The TWU library along with the university's Office of Conference Services is creating a virtual bride's book online and wants to include weddings that took place in the chapel during those "missing years." Portions of the virtual bride's book are already available for viewing at <http://www.twu.edu/library/bridalbook/bridalbook.htm>.

Persons married in the chapel between 1980 and 2000 can have their weddings recorded in the virtual bride's book by contacting the library at 8-1-2665 or the Office of Conference Services at 8-1-3644.

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TWU SCHEDULES APRIL MUSIC EVENTS

The TWU Department of Music will present a series of musical events during April. All events are free and open to the public.

- Dr. Nicki S. Cohen, associate professor of music, and Mr. Gabriel Bitá, adjunct faculty member, will present a joint faculty recital at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Cohen, a lyric soprano, will perform selected pieces by Leonard Bernstein, Helen Greenberg, Gioachino Rossini and Vincenzo Bellini. Bitá will perform the Piano Sonata Number 3 in B Minor by Frederic Chopin. A reception will follow the recital.

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