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## **TWU THEATRE TROUPE TO TOUT COLLEGE EDUCATION**

As part of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's *Closing the Gaps by 2015* plan, TWU students will use theater arts to motivate middle and high school students to attend college.

TWU is one of 10 colleges, universities or high schools to receive a \$7,000 award for Go Theatre, the coordinating board's motivational performance team project. Twenty-four university, college, high school and community theater groups from across the state submitted Go Theatre proposals to the coordinating board.

"This is a very prestigious award," said Sharon Bengé (drama). "We're the only North Texas recipient."

Go Theatre uses "cool" and "diverse" university and high school students who are versed in theater arts, and who also receive mentoring training, to motivate middle and high school students to stay in school and go on to higher education. The performers also are trained to assist students with planning and applying for college.

Each Go Theatre troupe will perform 10 times by August in schools, community centers and other locations designated by the coordinating board.

TWU will hold auditions open to all university students to build a company of 15 to 20 Go Theatre performers, Bengé said. The actual production will be developed using improvisational techniques and it will be entertaining as well as have an educational message, she added.

"There are two sides to this project," said Kim Tapp, a TWU drama program graduate student who helped prepare the university's proposal with undergraduate drama student Dennis Sloan. "One is for kids to see people who are first-generation college graduates and encourage them to go on to college. The other is developing an educational laboratory for theater."

Go Theatre falls under the coordinating board's College for Texans campaign, which has a slogan of "Education. Go Get It." The goal of *Closing the Gaps* is to enroll by 2015 an

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additional 300,000 people who, based on current enrollment trends would not pursue higher education, into Texas colleges and universities.

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**ZEPHYR WINDS TO PERFORM**

Zephyr Winds, a musical ensemble with a core membership from TWU, will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is free.

The ensemble is comprised of Dr. Richard Rodean, interim dean of the TWU College of Arts and Sciences, on bassoon; Dr. Pamela Youngblood, associate professor of music, on flute; and Dr. John Wheeler, adjunct faculty member, on clarinet. Guest pianist Mr. Richard Shuster, adjunct faculty member, will join the trio in presenting a program of 20<sup>th</sup> century music for woodwind quintet. Selections will include pieces by Muczynski, Ligeti and Poulenc.

Organized in 1995, Zephyr Winds is regularly featured throughout the state in concerts that focus upon rarely heard music for a variety of instrumental combinations.

For more information, call 8-1-2500.

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**TWU HOSTS BIOTERRORISM SYMPOSIUM**

TWU will host a symposium on bioterrorism on Feb. 21 from 2-5:15 p.m. in room 205 of CFO. The program is free and open to the public.

Symposium speakers will be:

- Col. Theodore Cieslak, M.D., chief of the department of pediatrics, San Antonio Pediatric Center, whose presentation is titled "Medical Management of Biological Casualties: The Ten Commandments;"
- Dr. Robert Shope, M.D., from the Center for Tropical Diseases, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, whose presentation is titled "Hemorrhagic Fever Viruses as Bioterrorist Weapons;" and

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- Dr. William Schneider, Ph.D., from the United States Department of Agriculture, Foreign Disease-Weed Science Research Division, Fort Detrick, Md., whose presentation is titled "Crop Bioterrorism."

For more information, contact the TWU department of biology at 8-1-2354 or Dr. Heather Conrad-Webb (biology) at 8-1-2449.

The symposium is sponsored by the Molecular Biology Program Committee of the Federation of North Texas Universities.

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**TWU THEATRE PRESENTS *THE DRESSER***

The TWU Theatre Department provides a backstage look at a traveling World War II Shakespearean troupe as it presents Ronald Harwood's *The Dresser*.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Feb. 21-22 and Feb. 26 through March 1, and at 2 p.m. Feb. 23. All performances will take place in the Redbud Theatre. Ticket prices range from \$5 to \$12. For reservations and other information, contact the TWU Theatre Box Office at 8-1-2020.

Dr. Mary Lou Hoyle, TWU professor of drama, will direct the play, which is set in 1941 as Hitler's bombs are falling on England. A traveling theatre troupe prepares to perform Shakespeare's *King Lear*, despite the fact that the war has taken all the able-bodied actors.

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**TWU WIND ENSEMBLE SLATES CONCERT DEBUT**

The newly formed TWU Wind Ensemble will debut in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is free.

John Wacker, adjunct professor of music at TWU, will direct the new ensemble, which consists of all wind instruments, from clarinets to trombones.

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Mr. Wacker said the 40-member ensemble differs from a tradition concert band. A concert band may consist of two or more instrumentalists playing the same part, whereas a wind ensemble “relies more on the strength of the individual player,” he said.

Mr. Wacker said he is looking forward to the ensemble’s premiere concert, which will include the works of Vaughan Williams, Margolis, Bizet, Root and Holsinger.

“It will be an important milestone in the development of this ensemble,” he said.

For more information, call 8-1-2500.

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**NURSING LECTURESHIP MARCH 7 AT TWU CENTER**

"The Women’s Health Initiative Hormone Clinical Trial: Implications for Women’s Health" will be the topic of the Parry Distinguished Lectureship Series, presented by the TWU College of Nursing-Houston Center and Sigma Theta Tau International, Beta Beta Houston.

The lecture will be March 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at 1130 John Freeman Blvd., located in the Texas Medical Center, room MGJ 724. Admission is free.

Jennifer Hays, Ph.D., and Ronald Young, M.D., Baylor College of Medicine, will discuss the findings and clinical implications of the Women’s Health Initiative hormone clinical trial of estrogen plus progestin, which was ended in July 2002 due to evidence of an increased overall harm to users. The outcomes of the study and clinical implications will be presented.

On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by the presentation, a mid-morning reception and networking session and a questions and dialogue session. Research poster presentations will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Three Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Type 1 contact hours have been requested from the Texas Nurses Association.

Parking fees will be the responsibility of participants. For more information or to pre-register by Feb. 28, call 8-4-2100.

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## **TWU HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Author Camika Spencer will be the keynote speaker at the Second Annual African American Women's Student Leadership Conference, hosted by the TWU Office of Intercultural Services, April 5 on the Denton campus.

The conference will take place from 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and includes lunch, dinner and evening entertainment. Conference objectives include challenging African American women to take initiative and form productive and long-lasting support systems, nurture leadership skills through education, recognize and critically assess the advantages and challenges associated with being an African American woman and to educate those outside the African American female population about the unique and varied experiences that impact African American women. The conference is open to all high school seniors, college undergraduate and graduate students and university faculty and staff regardless of age, race and gender.

Registration is \$25 for high school students, \$30 for college students and \$35 for non-students. The registration deadline is March 15. For information or to register, call 8-1-3634, e-mail [intercultural@twu.edu](mailto:intercultural@twu.edu) or visit [www.aawswlc.org](http://www.aawswlc.org).

Spencer self-published *When All Hell Breaks Loose* in 1998 and the novel spent four consecutive weeks on the *Essence* best seller list. Random House/Striver's Row published her second commercial novel, *Cubicles*, in 2002.

Spencer serves as the development director for the Soul Rep Theatre Company in Dallas, is editor for [dallasblack.com](http://dallasblack.com) and teaches writing in the summers for the Dallas Black Academy of Arts and Letters. She also has been a feature writer for *Eclipse* magazine and a book reviewer for *Mosaic* magazine.

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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 at 8-1-3463 or by e-mail to [info@twu.edu](mailto:info@twu.edu). The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. for the following publication. 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 **Sixth Annual Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium** is April 8-10 and the deadline for submitting an abstract application is Feb. 26. Late submissions will be

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considered on a case-by-case basis through March 14. For more information, contact the Center for Student Research Support at 8-1-2459 or [csrs@twu.edu](mailto:csrs@twu.edu).

Now is the time to nominate TWU students, chartered and university-sanctioned organizations and their advisers for the **2003 Redbud Awards**. Categories are: Outstanding Campus Leader, Emerging Student Leader, Outstanding Student Organization, Outstanding New Student Organization, Outstanding Faculty/Staff Adviser For A Student Organization, Glenda Brock Simmons Community Service Award. Nomination forms are available at the Center for Student Development, and the deadline for nominations is Feb. 28. For more information, call 8-1-3626.

The Career Services Department will host its **Spring Career Day** on Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Approximately 50 employers are expected to attend and a list can be found at [www.twu.edu/o-cs](http://www.twu.edu/o-cs). Please inform students of this opportunity to network with potential employers and obtain information regarding employment opportunities.

The Office of Institutional Research has a new name, the **Office of Institutional Research and Planning**. The new name reflects the broadened scope of the office and responds to one of the recommendations of the SACS visiting team. Dr. **Judith Bean**, assistant vice president for academic affairs, will assume added responsibility as director of institutional research and planning.

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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](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).*

Funeral services for Dr. **Clarice Helvenston Garrett** (fashion and textiles, retired) were held Feb. 15 at the First Christian Church of Tatum. She was 88. Dr. Garrett joined the TWU faculty in 1960 and retired in 1989. In 1983, she received the Cornaro Award. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Northeast Texas, 3613 S. Broadway, Suite 401, Tyler, TX 75701; First Christian Church of Tatum, P.O. Box 1081, Tatum, TX 75691; or to the Tatum Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 1081, Tatum, TX 75691.

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**Heather Speed**, director of the Center for Student Development, was selected as the 2002 Student Center Employee of the Year. Other nominees were: **Doris Garner** (custodial services), **Michael Koleber** (ARAMARK), **Erin Lansmon** (Center for Student Development), **Stephanie Thomas-Garcia** (International Education), **Amanda Eldredge** (Center for Student Development), **Anyah Martinez** (Student Center), **Willie Baty** (ARAMARK), **Jennifer Garrett** (Center for Student Development) and **Austin Tutts** (post office).

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**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: Feb. 17-March 2, 2003**

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| Feb. 17-20     | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.   |
| Thur., Feb. 20 | -Pioneer Basketball vs. Texas A&M Commerce, 7 p.m. home   |
| Fri., Feb. 21  | -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., Feb. 22  | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.<br>-Pioneer Gymnastics vs. U of Maryland, 7p.m., away<br>-Pioneer Basketball vs. Texas A&M Kingsville, 7 p.m., home |
| Sun., Feb. 23  | -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.  |
| Feb. 24-27     | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.   |
| Thur., Feb. 27 | -Pioneer Basketball vs. Abilene Christian, 7 p.m., away   |

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| Fri., Feb. 28 | -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., March 1 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed;<br>Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.<br>-Pioneer Basketball vs. Angelo State, 7 p.m., away |
| Sun., March 2 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed;<br>Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.<br>-Pioneer Gymnastics, Corvette Cup, 2 p.m., away    |