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HISTORY CHANNEL USES TWU ARCHIVE FOR DOCUMENTARY

Archives at TWU were invaluable to History Channel producers preparing a documentary on women military pilots. *Women Combat Pilots: The Right Stuff* airs March 9 at 7 p.m. central time on the History Channel.

The program's producers spent a week at TWU last year going through the university's Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) archives filming photographs, letters and other memorabilia for use in the documentary. Between 1942 and 1944, more than 1,000 women served as WASP pilots, freeing male pilots for combat duty.

WASP pilots ferried aircraft from the factory to embarkation points, worked as military flight instructors, conducted flight testing and flew radio-controlled planes and anti-aircraft training tow targets for the military during World War II.

The WASPs celebrate their 60th anniversary in August. The organization was created on Aug. 5, 1943 when the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron and the Women's Flying Training Detachment were merged.

The WASP archive at TWU is online at www.twu.edu/wasp.

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TEXAS WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME OPENING SET

Texas First Lady Anita Perry will dedicate the Texas Women's Hall of Fame's permanent exhibit, located on the Denton campus of TWU, March 27 in an invitation-only ceremony.

The Texas Women's Hall of Fame was created in 1984 to honor the state's most outstanding women, including former first ladies, teachers, athletes and astronauts. Texas residents submit nominations and an independent panel of judges selects award recipients.

The permanent exhibit at TWU, a first for the Hall of Fame, will feature biographies and photographs of the 114 inductees.

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TWU HOLDS FIFTH ANNUAL EDIBLE CAR CONTEST MARCH 7

Culinary arts and automotive design combine March 7 at the Fifth Annual Edible Car Contest at TWU. More than a dozen teams from Dallas-Fort Worth area schools and TWU will see who can serve up the most attractive and fastest car — made entirely of food edible to humans.

Teams participating in this year's competition are from:

- Rowlett High School (Rowlett);
- The Education Center (Little Elm);
- The Education Center (The Colony);
- Chisholm Trail Middle School (Northwest Independent School District);
- Sunset High School (Dallas);
- Lincoln High School (Dallas);
- Maypearl High School (Maypearl); and
- Tolar High School (Tolar).

TWU also will have at least five student teams in the competition.

In previous years, cars have been made from cucumbers, hot dogs, ice cream cones and even a loaf of bread. Wheels have been made pinwheel pasta, cookies and Moon Pies.

Each team must consist of four members, two of whom must be female students. Each team may enter one car, and each student may be on one team only. Entries must look like cars and not exceed design specifications outlined in the registration packet. All cars must be able to roll down an eight-to 10-foot ramp on a 20-degree incline. And the total cost of materials should be less than \$10.

Cars will be judged by Metroplex area engineers. The judging criteria include engineering design, such as correct size, totally edible, durability and variety of materials; creativity, such as use of accessories and overall attractiveness; and speed.

The contest is sponsored by the TWU Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

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INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH TO CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

A luncheon to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Institute for Women's Health at TWU will be April 11 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Dr. Sydney Bonnick, M.D., F.A.C.P. and medical director for the institute, will be the guest speaker.

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The cost is \$20 and the deadline for reservations is April 4. For reservations, call 8-1-2588.

The Institute for Women's Health develops and supports research projects that investigate the causes and prevention of conditions and diseases that affect women. The institute's projects include:

- The Pioneer Project — a one-of-a-kind study investigating the long-term interplay of physical, behavioral and social factors that affect the health of women ages 18-60;
- The Pauline Berry Mack Study — an osteoporosis study that spans 40 years investigating bone density and fracture risk;
- The Healthy Bones Project — a study funded by the National Institutes of Health that is examining the effects of calcium and exercise on grown bones; and
- The Houston Women's Health Agenda — a series of reports about the status of women's and girls' health in the greater Houston area.

More information on the Institute for Women's Health can be found at www.twu.edu/iwh.

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TWU Library Launches Wireless Network

Students and faculty at TWU now can use their laptop computers anywhere in the library to access library resources and search the Internet. TWU received a \$150,504 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant last year to build the library's wireless network, which was activated last month, and purchase 30 laptop computers.

To connect to the network, users must have a wireless card that is 802.11b compliant and a Pioneer Portal account. Patrons should ask at the information desk for setting information.

The library also is looking for volunteers to help develop user instructions for the various versions of Windows and types of wireless networking cards. For information, contact the library at 8-1-3701.

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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. 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.

Alexandria's Ragtime Band will pay tribute to jazz legend Leon "Bix" Beiderbeck in a free concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. **Ron Fink** (adjunct faculty) organized the concert in honor of the musician's 100th birthday (March 10, 1903). Jeff Barnes of the Grammy Award-winning Brave Combo will be a guest performer for the concert. For information, call 8-1-2500.

Nominations are being accepted for the Outstanding Achievement Award and the TWU Award of Excellence, to be presented to staff. To qualify for the Outstanding Achievement Award, an employee must be a full-time member of the staff below the level of director and have been employed at TWU for two years. Award of Excellence nominees must have a minimum of five years of continuous service to TWU. Nominations must be submitted to human resources by March 7. For more information, call 8-1-3555

Author Sarah Rickman will be the featured speaker for the **Research in the Archives** lecture series hosted by the **Woman's Collection** at Texas Woman's University. The presentation will be March 6 at noon in the lecture hall of the Blagg-Huey Library. A book signing will follow. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, call 8-1-2665.

The next Professor's Corner will be March 12 at 7 p.m. at the South Branch of the Denton Public Library, 3228 Teasley. Admission is free. Dr. Carl Smeller, Texas Wesleyan University, will discuss "The Painterly Poetics of William Carlos Williams: Tradition and Innovation." The purpose of Professor's Corner is to provide area English professors the opportunity to share their special interests with the general public through informal presentations. For more information, contact Dr. **Stephen Souris** (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2343.

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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.).

Janice LaPointe-Crump (dance) has been named the National Dance Association Scholar/Artist for 2003. She will present the NDA Scholar/Artist Lecture at the AAHPERD (American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance) national convention, scheduled April 1-5 in Philadelphia. Dr. LaPointe-Crump's contemporary ballet and jazz choreography has been staged at colleges, universities and at arts magnet high schools in Texas and in other states. She also has been involved in the Denton Community Theatre and the Dallas Dance Council, and is coordinating a national conference on dance pedagogy in January 2004. Dr. LaPointe-Crump is the third TWU faculty member to receive the NDA Scholar/Artist award.

Michelle Barberee has been appointed the Pioneers' eighth head volleyball coach. She comes to TWU after spending the past six years as the head volleyball coach at Hill College in Hillsboro. Barberee earned her M.E. and her B.S. from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Dr. **Stanley Ivie** (educational administration) recently published a book with Caddo Gap Press. *On the Wings of Metaphor* is a study of learning theory from the foundations of educational history, philosophy and psychology.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: March 3-16, 2003

March 3-6	-Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri., March 7	-Library open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. -Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Univ. of Oklahoma, 7 p.m., away
Sat., March 8	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sun., March 9	-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
March 10-13	-Library open 8 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

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- Fri., March 14 -Library open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Air Force, 7 p.m., home
- Sat., March 15 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness
Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., March 16 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness
Center open 1-6 p.m.
-Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Air Force, 2 p.m., home