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TEXAS WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME FINDS HOME AT TWU

Women's History Month may be coming to a close, but it's the opening of a new chapter for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame. On March 27, Texas First Lady Anita Perry dedicated the Hall of Fame's first exhibit, located at TWU.

Established in 1984, the Hall of Fame had been without exhibit space until Texas Woman's University volunteered space.

"After 19 years, the Texas Women's Hall of Fame has finally found a home," said Keely Appleton, commissioner, Governor's Commission for Women. "Now, future generations can learn about the accomplishments of these notable Texas women. We are grateful to TWU and the sponsors who have made this exhibit become a reality."

The Texas Women's Hall of Fame exhibit is housed in Hubbard Hall. Admission is free. The Hall of Fame is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except during university holidays. Special arrangements for groups wishing to visit the exhibit on other days and times can be made through TWU's Office of Conference Services at 8-1-3644.

"I am thrilled that the Texas Women's Hall of Fame exhibit will be housed on the campus of Texas Woman's University. What an honor! One of the highlights of my career was being inducted into the Hall of Fame," said Ann Williams, a member of the TWU Board of Regents who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002.

Other inductees include women such as astronaut Sally Ride, Dallas real estate broker Ebby Halliday and former White House insiders Liz Carpenter and Karen Hughes.

TWU was selected for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame exhibit because it was a "natural fit," according to officials with the Governor's Commission for Women. TWU has archived commission records for years, and the two entities have had a long-standing relationship.

The Texas Women's Hall of Fame was created 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. Currently, 114 women have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

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Information about the Texas Women's Hall of Fame can be found on the TWU web site at www.twu.edu/twhf.

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TWU CONVOCATION APRIL 10

Three TWU faculty, three staff and eight students will be recognized during Honors Convocation ceremonies April 10 at 10 a.m. in the Margo Jones Performance Hall.

Dr. **Kyle Biggerstaff** (kinesiology) will receive the Mary Mason Lyon Award, presented to outstanding junior faculty members who have fewer than 10 years of university teaching experience. **Betty MacNeill** (physical therapy) will receive the Humphries Award for dedication to TWU. Dr. **Valentine Belfiglio** (history and government) will receive the Cornaro Award, presented to a distinguished senior faculty member.

Martha Wall (biology) will receive the Award of Excellence. **Marilyn Elliott** (office of the associate provost) and **Janine Gann** (financial aid) will receive the Outstanding Achievement Award.

Award of Excellence recipients must be full-time employees who have a minimum of five years of continuous service with TWU. Recipients of the Outstanding Achievement Awards must be full-time TWU employees who have a minimum of two years of continuous service to the university.

Deb Martin (English) will receive the Outstanding Doctoral Student award. **Ngaryea Yayu Khoe-Yuen** (music), Jacquelyn R. King (occupational therapy) and **Chandris Christina Soles-Hinkson** (health care administration) will receive the Outstanding Master's Student award. Outstanding Senior awards will go to **Kimberly Gay** (mass communication), **Heidi Gilroy** (nursing) and Brandi Smith (kinesiology). The Leman Award, for outstanding artistic contribution to TWU, will go to **Echo Norris** (dance).

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TWU DIVERSITY DAYS, MARCH 30- APRIL 5

The TWU Office of Intercultural Services is sponsoring Diversity Days, March 30 - April 5, a weeklong celebration of cultural differences and how those differences affect the social and political dynamics of society.

Some of the scheduled programs include:

- PRIDE Fest, an outdoor music festival celebrating gay rights, March 30 from noon until 4 p.m. at the TWU Amphitheater, located at the northwest corner of Bell Avenue and Administration Drive. Admission is free.
- The Latina Film Festival, March 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Multipurpose Classroom and Laboratory Building, located off Bell Avenue. A reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. in room 207/208 of the Student Center. The event is comprised of films, exhibits, storytelling and live presentations representative of the Latina culture. This event also is free and open to the public.
- An Affirmative Action Rally at 4:30 p.m. on April 1 at the TWU Amphitheater. Students will be facilitating discussion about the pros and cons of affirmative action.

For more information about Diversity Days, contact the Office of Intercultural Services at 8-1-3634 or email Kim Tapp at ktapp@twu.edu.

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TWU TO HOST NATIONAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosting the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships is more than just another sporting event for the Denton community, it also is an economic opportunity. TWU, in conjunction with the Greater Denton Sports Commission, is hosting the championships April 17-19 in the Kitty Magee Arena.

Event organizers anticipate about 5,000 people will attend the championships, which will draw 16 men's and women's gymnastic teams from across the country. In 1995, the last time TWU hosted the championships, event attendance was about 5,000 people.

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"There are tremendous economic impacts that are generated from such events — full hotels and increased restaurant and retail sales — and we're very excited about that," said Linda Ratliff, economic development director of the city of Denton.

The economic impact of the championships on the Denton community is estimated at more than $380,000, according to event organizers. Competitors, parents who come to Denton to watch their college-aged children compete and fans should have a significant impact on hotel room rentals, car rentals, and sales in local restaurants and shops, according to Greater Denton Sports Commission data.

Aside from the economic gains the championships are likely to generate, the event also will raise Denton's profile in the region and nationally.

"Events such as the USA Gymnastics championships bring the kind of positive national exposure to a community that is worth much, much more than the exposure we might get from placing an ad in a trade magazine," Ratliff said. "In the bigger scheme of things, the impact created for TWU in showcasing the campus and for the community in having so many eyes from outside Denton to be able to see what a great place this is — that's just priceless."

TWU Athletics Director Chalese Connors concurs. "It's an honor to showcase not only the fine gymnastics program and athletics program we have at the university, but the wonderful facilities at TWU and the city of Denton," she said. "I am very happy to welcome student athletes, family members and friends from all over the country to Denton."

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

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.

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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.

A lecture by **Lesley Mandel Morrow** scheduled for 6 p.m. April 3 on the Denton campus of Texas Woman's University has been canceled. The lecture, part of the Verizon Eminent Scholar Series, will be rescheduled for the fall semester.

Dr. **Ruth Morrow**, chair of the music department at Midwestern State University, will perform a piano recital Thursday, April 3, at TWU. The event is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is free. For more information on the concert, call 8-1-2500.

Works by students and guest artists will be featured as the TWU Department of Dance presents **DanceMakers 2003**. Performances are scheduled at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 10 and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 11-12 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets, which may be purchased at the door, are $5 for all students with ID and $7 for general admission. Artistic directors for DanceMakers 2003 are TWU Department of Dance faculty members **Mary Williford-Shade** and **Sarah Gamblin**. For more information, call 8-1-2085.

The **Latina Dance Project**, a performance group focused on the contemporary artistic expression of Latina experience and culture, will conduct two public presentations during the group's weeklong residence at TWU. A lecture/demonstration scheduled Wednesday, April 16, will combine information about the unique perspectives of the Latina artist/scholar with performances of original choreography by members of the group. The event will take place from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Studio 210 of the DGL Building, located at the northeast corner of Bell Avenue and Administration Drive. The lecture/demonstration will be followed from 4 to 6 p.m. by a studio performance of Embodying Borders, featuring four solo dances created by the group's members, in Studio 328 of Pioneer Hall, located on Bell Avenue. Both events are free and open to the public.

Dr. **Pauline Newton** (Southern Methodist University) will discuss Puerto Rican American author Judith Ortiz Cofer in a presentation titled "Cross-Culturality and Islandness," during the next installment of Professor's Corner, Wednesday, April 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the South Branch of the Denton Public Library, 3228 Teasley. Admission

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is free and the program is open to the public. The purpose of Professor's Corner is to provide area English professors and doctoral students an opportunity to share their special interests with the general public through informal presentations and discussions. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at 8-1-2343 or the Denton Public Library at 940-349-8251.

TWU and The University of North Texas will host a joint spring **Teacher Career Day** on April 11 at the UNT Coliseum. Participants will be able to meet with school districts from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Interviews will be conducted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. A list of participating school districts and disciplines needed can be found at www.twu.edu/o-cs. The Career Day is open to all disciplines such as speech therapy, audiology, psychology, OT/PT, etc.

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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. **Ann Malecha** (nursing-Houston) is the recipient of the 2003 American Association of Occupational Health Nurses Foundation Research Grant. One nurse researcher receives the $10,000 grant each year. Dr. Malecha's research study is titled "Effectiveness of Screening for Intimate Partner Violence in the Workplace: A Study with Occupational Health Nurses." During the study, a group of occupational health nurses will be trained to screen for intimate partner violence at their work site and measure outcomes. A control group of nurses also will be included in the study. Dr. Malecha worked on her grant proposal as a protégé through TWU's Chancellor's Research Fellows Program. Her mentor in the program was Dr. **Judith McFarlane** (nursing-Houston).

Dr. **AnaLouise Keating** (women's studies) spoke about her new book, *this bridge we call home: radical visions for transformation*, on March 4 at the Women's Center at Texas A&M University.

Dr. **Claire Sahlin** (women's studies) was awarded a summer stipend for 2003 from the National Endowment for the Humanities in support of research on a project titled "Female Prophecy, Birgitta of Sweeden, and the Late-Medieval Discourses on the Discernment of Spirits."

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Five TWU faculty members authored chapters in a new textbook for teacher education, *Becoming an EC-4 Teacher in Texas: A Course of Study for the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities*. Writing chapters were: Dr. **Jennifer Martin** (graduate school), Dr. **Jo Ann Engelbrecht** (graduate school), Dr. **Lillian Chenoweth** (family studies), Dr. **Donna Cunningham** (teacher education) and Dr. **Lin Moore** (early childhood development).

Dr. **Carmen Cruz** (counseling center) presented "Moving from Staff Psychologist to Managing Others: Feminist Challenges" at the 28th Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference, March 7 in Jersey City, N.J.

John Cissik (wellness services) had an article titled "University Fitness Center or Commercial Gym?" published in the February edition of *Recreational Sports & Fitness*.

Anyah Martinez (Student Center) had an article titled "TWU Survivor" published in the March edition of *The Bulletin*.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: March 31-April 13, 2003

March 31-April 3

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

Fri., April 4

- 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.

Sat., April 5

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pioneer Gymnastics, NCAA South Central Region Championships, away

Sun., April 6

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

April 7-10

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

Thur., April 10

- English, Speech and Foreign Languages honors and awards celebration, 2:30 p.m., ACT 3; English, Speech and Foreign Languages scholarship winners celebration, 7:15 p.m., Hubbard Hall, $15

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Fri., April 11

- 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.
- 10th Anniversary-Institute for Women's Health, 11:30 a.m., Hubbard Hall, $20
- Kinesiology 100th Anniversary Celebration, 8 p.m., Pioneer Hall

Sat., April 12

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., April 13

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