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**TWU COLLEGE OF NURSING CELEBRATES 50 YEARS**

The TWU College of Nursing will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a conference and banquet on April 16 during TWU's homecoming.

The conference, titled "Nursing Values, Patient Needs and Political Realities: Contradictions & Confluence," will take place on the Denton campus from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for participants to consider how nursing values continue to offer a foundation upon which to approach present and future issues and challenges.

Presenters include Dr. Patsy Keyser, TWU professor emerita; Dr. Cheryl Taylor, director of the office of

nursing, Southern University and A&M College School of Nursing; and Dr. Lynn Wieck, president, Texas Nurses Association.

Registration is \$50 before April 5 by calling the Office of Lifelong Learning at 8-1-3408. After April 5, the conference cost is \$60. A boxed lunch is available for \$10.

Immediately following the conference, an anniversary reception that is open to the public will take place in Hubbard Hall. At 6 p.m. the banquet will begin in Hubbard.

Dr. Carolyn Gunning, interim provost and former dean of the College of Nursing, will be the banquet's featured speaker. Banquet tickets are \$30 per person and are available by calling Lifelong Learning by April 5.

The Texas State College for Women, now TWU, established a baccalaureate nursing degree program that replaced the Parkland Hospital School of Nursing in 1954. In 1960, at the request of the Texas Medical Center, the program was expanded to Houston. Today, Texas Woman's University has the largest nursing program in the state of Texas, offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

Anniversary celebrations will take place on the Dallas and Houston campuses in October and November, respectively.

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## **TWU TO HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GERTRUDE GIBSON**

TWU will say farewell to longtime friend Gertrude Gibson with a public memorial service on Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Ms. Gibson, a TWU benefactor and retired employee, died Feb. 22.

Ms. Gibson began her career at TWU in 1934 and retired in 1987. During her time at TWU, she served as director of development, worked in the Dean of Women (now Student Life), admissions and registrar's offices, as well as traveled throughout Texas and adjoining states promoting TWU. She was a graduate of McKinney High School, Baylor University and TWU.

She was involved in and honored by numerous civic organizations. Her organization memberships included the Denton County Historical Society, Denton County 4-H Club Committee, National Home Fashions League, Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, Texas Farm Bureau, Beautify Texas Council and Wild Basin Institute for Environmental Studies.

In 1983, she received the Friend of 4-H Award from Denton County 4-H. She received the TWU President's Award in 1985 for her part in establishing the first Texas Wildflower Day. In 1987, she helped found the Denton Beautification Committee, which evolved into Keep Denton Beautiful.

Memorials can be made to the Gertrude Gibson Endowment Fund at TWU, P.O. Box 425618, Denton,

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## TWU TO HOST BOOK LECTURE/SIGNING

TWU distinguished alumna Dr. Lou Rodenberger will discuss *Let's Hear It: Stories by Texas Women Writers* at 3:30 p.m. March 24 in the Blagg-Huey Library. A reception and book signing will follow.

*Let's Hear It: Stories by Texas Women Writers*, edited by Rodenberger and Sylvia Ann Grider, includes stories by 22 Texas women writers. Among the authors are Joyce Gibson Roach, Beverly Lowry, Carolyn Osborn, Annette Sanford, Denise Chavez, Katherine Anne Porter and Judy Alter.

Rodenberger and Grider introduce each story and place them in historical and literary context to weave a story of their own — the story of women's writing in Texas from 1865 to the present.

The book is published by Texas A&M University Press as part of the Tarleton State University Southwestern Studies in the Humanities Series.

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## GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Dr. **Jo Ann Engelbrecht** (research and sponsored programs) announced several TWU faculty have received research and training grants.

Dr. **Young-Hoo Kwon** (kinesiology) received \$122,297 as a subcontract from Martinus Van Breemes Inc. on an award from the National Institutes of Health for a project titled "Walk Pole Study – Phase II." The purpose of the study is to investigate the long-term biomechanical effects of pole walking exercises with telescope-style walking poles on key gait parameters in physically frail elderly subjects.

Dr. **Kelley Moseley** (health care administration-Houston) received \$6,000 as a subcontract from the Baylor College of Medicine on an award from the Health Resources & Services Administration for a project titled "Gero-Ethics Educational Programs in Health Care Administration." The project is designed to conduct gero-ethics training for master's level students and geriatric practitioners. The project also seeks to inform minority and disadvantaged middle and high school students about careers in health care administration.

Dr. **John Radcliffe** (nutrition and food sciences) received \$6,000 from the Almond Board of California for a project titled "Determination of the Vitamin E Content of Products Containing Almonds."

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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 Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum will sponsor a lecture, "**The WASP Collection at Texas Woman's University**," by **Tracey MacGowan** (library) March 12 at 12:15 p.m. in the Blagg-Huey Library's second floor reading room.

The **Artist In The Workplace** program is on hold for a year, according to the Greater Denton Arts Council. However, TWU artists can participate in the Denton Convention & Visitor Bureau's "**Our Town**" **Photo Contest**. The top 13 winning photos will be featured in a 2005 calendar. Winners and honorable mentions also will be included in an exhibition at the Denton Center for Visual Arts in June. For information, visit [www.discoverdenton.com](http://www.discoverdenton.com).

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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.)*

Dr. **T.R. Young**, professor emeritus of sociology at Colorado State University and a frequent visiting professor in the TWU Department of Sociology and Social Work, died on Feb. 15 following a lengthy illness.

An article by Dr. **Judith McFarlane** (nursing-Houston) and colleagues, based on a study aimed at stopping violence against women, is featured in the March issue of the *American Journal of Nursing*.

Dr. **AnaLouise Keating** (women's studies) presented a research paper titled "Transforming the Divides: Nepantla Perspectives on Ethnic/Women's Studies" at the Modern Languages Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, Calif. Dr. Keating was also the keynote speaker for the Sixth Annual Symposium on Race, Gender, Class, Sexuality at Miami University of Ohio in February. In January she had an article, "'Making New Connections': Transformational Multiculturalism in the Classroom," published in *Pedagogy*.

TWU Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) project staff, including **Rosena Clarke-**

**Turner**, senior research associate, **Michael Springer**, project director/grant coordinator, **Tameka Odom**, program coordinator, and Dr. **Bill Cissell** (health studies) provided logistical and scientific support during the February 19-21 meetings of the SCSN Steering Committee and its work groups in Dallas. The SCSN project grant has generated more than \$1.5 million in funds over the past seven years for health studies faculty, students and staff to support the Steering Committee and its work groups in developing and updating plans that guide and support Ryan White Care Act grantees in conducting needs assessments of persons living with HIV and AIDS.

A manuscript titled "A Quantitative Examination of Multiple Methods for Standardizing a Dilute Hydrochloric Acid Solution in an Undergraduate Chemistry Laboratory" by Dr. **Nancy E. Meagher** (chemistry and physics), **Dana B. Bowens** and **B. Shawn Clark** has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Chemical Education.

A manuscript titled "Function of Conserved Residues of Human Glutathione Synthetase: Implications for the ATP-grasp Enzymes," authored by Dr. **Mary E. Anderson** (chemistry and physics), Dr. Thomas R. Cundari (UNT chemistry faculty), Adriana Dinescu (UNT chemistry student), Vikas Bhansali (UNT biology student) and Jia-Li Luo (Hisun Pharmaceuticals, China), has been accepted for publication in Journal of Biological Chemistry.

Dr. **B. Mark Britt** (chemistry and physics) has had two manuscripts accepted for publication in the Journal of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. They are titled "Substrate Ground State Binding Energy Concentration is Manifest as Transition State Stabilization in Physiological Enzyme Catalysis" and "Understanding Enzyme Structure and Function in Terms of the Shifting Specificity Model."

Several faculty from the College of Nursing-Houston made presentations at the Southern Nursing Research Society conference in Louisville, Ky., on Feb. 19-21, 2004. Dr. **Lucille Travis**, presented a paper titled "Gender Differences in Treatment Patterns for Acute Decompensated Heart Failure." Dr. **Brenda Haile**, Dr. **Peggy A. Landrum** and Dr. Joseph Kotarba, Department of Sociology-University of Houston, presented a paper titled "Barriers to Healthcare for Transsexual Individuals." Dr. **Sandra Cesario** presented a paper titled "Re-Evaluation of Friedman's Labor Graph: A Pilot Study." Dr. **Teresa Walsh**, Dr. **Jeffrey Huber** (library science-Houston) and Beatriz Varman, Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center, presented a poster titled "Camp for All Connections."

Dr. **Claire L. Sahlin** (women's studies) presented a lecture "Bride and Channel: Birgitta of Sweden and the Voice of Prophecy," as part of a faculty lecture series titled "Women and the Word: Gender and Literacy in Medieval and Renaissance Europe" at DePaul University in Chicago, Ill., on Feb. 11. Her course description and syllabus for "Ecofeminism: Women's Studies and Environmental Ethics" was recently published in the *GALE Newsletter: Newsletter of the Gender Awareness in Language Education Special Interest Group of the Japan Association for Language Teaching*, edited by Jane Joritz-Nakagawa, Winter 2003.

**Melissa Carr**, Center for Student Development graphics designer, was named 2003 Student Center

Employee of the Year on Feb. 11.

**Cathy Crowley** (library-Houston) will be a featured storyteller at the Texas Storytelling Festival, March 25-28 at Denton's Civic Center Park. **Janet Bickel-Burton** (library-Parkland) is the resource tent director for the event and helps assemble one of the largest sets of storytelling resources available in one location.

Dr. **Roberta Nutt** (psychology) announced that four counseling psychology doctoral students have received internships. **Whitney Hall** received the Wichita Collaborative Psychology Internship (Prairie View Inc.) in Wichita, Kan.; **Elizabeth Mathew**, University of Florida Counseling Center, Gainesville, Fla.; **Brandi Ragsdale**, Wichita Collaborative Psychology Internship (Comcare), Wichita, Kan.; and **Dana Shafir**, Rose Street Mental Health Care, Wichita Falls.

Dr. **Kyle Biggerstaff** (kinesiology) was named president-elect of the Texas Affiliate of the College of Sports Medicine during its annual meeting. He will serve as president-elect in 2004-05, as president in 2005-06 and as past-president 2006-07. His primary responsibility will be planning and hosting the 2006 Annual Meeting in February or March at TWU. **Scott Clark** placed third in the doctoral student category for his poster presentation at the meeting. **Josh Wooten** placed first in the doctoral student category for his poster presentation and won a \$500 doctoral student research development grant.

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March 8-11

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

Tue., March 9

- Pioneer Softball vs. Texas Wesleyan, 5 p.m., home

Fri., March 12

- Library open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Missouri, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, 7 p.m., home
- Pioneer Softball at Alamo Invitational, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., away

Sat. March 13

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Pioneer Softball vs. Incarnate Word, 11:30 a.m., away

Sun., March 14

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

March 15-19

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

Wed., March 17

- Pioneer Softball vs. Benedictine College, 1 p.m., home

Fri., March 19

- Pioneer Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5 p.m., home.

Sat., March 20

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Pioneer Gymnastics at Midwest Independent Championships, 2 p.m., away
- Pioneer Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 1 p.m., home

Sun., March 21

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

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