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FROM IRELAND TO TEXAS TO NEW YORK – TWU DRAMA TAKES ‘THE LONG MARCH’ TO OFF-BROADWAY MARCH 31 TO APRIL 1

A powerful original play about a tribe of social outcasts searching for a sense of belonging will mark the off-Broadway debut of Texas Woman’s University’s Drama Department when “The Long March” is performed at New York’s Greenwich Street Theater March 31 to April 1, 2006.

Thirty-two TWU students and five faculty and musicians will travel to New York City to present the original performance art piece written by Irish playwright Martin M. Maguire and directed by Patrick Sutton, artistic director of the Gaiety School of Acting in Ireland.

“It is very rare that university drama students have the opportunity to perform in a production off-Broadway,” said Sharon Benge, director of TWU’s Drama program. “This experience will serve as a wonderful showcase for our drama program and our exceptional student actors and production staff.”

“The Long March” is the product of an international collaboration between TWU and the Gaiety School of Acting in Dublin, Ireland. Sutton served as an artist-in-residence at TWU in October 2004, working with TWU drama students on improvisation and documenting their work. Sutton then returned to Dublin and gave the ideas and images to Maguire, who scripted the play using the students’ work as his inspiration.

TWU undergraduate and graduate drama students performed “The Long March” in January 2005 at the SS Michael and John Theatre in Temple Bar – the avant-garde theater district in Dublin. The play was hailed as “fresh and energetic” by *The Irish Times*, the Irish equivalent of *The New York Times*. The play also was performed on TWU’s Denton campus in February 2005.

Maguire and Sutton will travel to Denton for play rehearsals and then accompany the TWU cast and crew to New York. The three New York performances include two evening shows and a Sunday matinee. Ticket prices will range from \$15 to \$20.

More information about the production will be released soon.

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TWU'S HOUSTON CAMPUS TO HOST OPEN HOUSE FEBRUARY 4

Texas Woman's University will host an open house for prospective transfer and graduate students on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 8 a.m. to noon at TWU's Houston campus.

The open house is designed for upper-level nursing and health studies students; graduate students in healthcare administration, nursing, nutrition, library and information science, physical therapy and occupational therapy; and those interested in TWU's Executive MBA program.

Prospective students and their guests will have the opportunity to meet faculty and students, participate in a campus tour and attend sessions on admissions, financial aid, student life and more. The open house begins at 8 a.m. with information sessions scheduled until noon. A free continental breakfast will be served.

For more information or to register, visit www.twu.edu and click on "Houston Open House," email TWU at admissions@twu.edu or call 8-1-3014.

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REAL-LIFE INSPIRATION FOR FILM "GLORY ROAD" TO SPEAK AT TWU BLACK HISTORY LECTURE

Nevil Shed, a member of the basketball team featured in the Disney film "Glory Road," will speak at the Texas Woman's University's Black History Lecture "Up close and Personal" on Wednesday, Feb. 8 on TWU's Denton campus.

The lecture begins at 6 p.m. in room 207 of TWU's Student Union located at the corner of Administration Drive and Bell Avenue in Denton. The event is being presented by TWU's Office of Intercultural Services as part of the university's Black History Month celebrations and is open to the public. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/office-of-intercultural/ or call 8-1-3679.

Shed was a member of the Texas Western University (now the University of Texas at El Paso) 1966 NCAA Championship basketball team featured in the recently released Disney film "Glory Road." He is a former member of the Boston Celtics and served as assistant coach for the men's basketball team at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Shed now works as the coordinator of student activities at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He also coaches the San Antonio Spurs youth summer training camp.

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VIRGINIA CHANDLER DYKES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Texas Woman's University occupational therapy doctoral student Gail Poskey and nursing graduate student Patrice D. Caldwell are the two recipients of the 2006 Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award Scholarships. They will be recognized during the Fourth Annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award Luncheon honoring Marnie and Kern Wildenthal, M.D., Ph.D. on Feb. 2.

Recipients of the \$1,500 scholarships must be successful TWU graduates students in the designated fields of Occupational Therapy and Nursing, with strong potential to contribute to these professions and demonstrated commitments to their vocations.

Poskey, B.S., M.O.T., is a doctoral student in occupational therapy at TWU, focusing on pediatrics with a research emphasis on injury and violence prevention, specifically the prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Upon completion of her degree in 2007, she plans to become more involved in academia – teaching and/or conducting research. Poskey recently celebrated her 15th year anniversary of working at Baylor University Medical Center, where she is currently a senior occupational therapist in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Poskey received her bachelor of science degree in health care Administration from East Central Oklahoma State and her master's in occupational therapy from TWU.

Caldwell, BSN, is the first recipient of the Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award Scholarship for Nursing. She is a graduate student in the College of Nursing at TWU in the subject of nursing education with plans to complete her degree in fall 2006. Caldwell's chosen area of focus is pediatrics as well as community health. Presently she is a school nurse at Universal Academy, a charter school in Irving, Texas, where she cares for children, ages 3 to 17. In addition to her current studies at TWU, she is assisting Susan Sheriff, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor of nursing, in teaching practicum in simulation activities and community health classes for undergraduate nursing students. Caldwell currently maintains a 3.4 grade point average. Caldwell received her bachelor of science in nursing from Indiana University in 2000. She is a single mom with three children: Sylvester, 18, Ruth, 15, and Rochelle, 5.

Mrs. Dykes, for whom the scholarship is named, completed the graduate occupational therapy program at TWU in 1954 after earning her bachelor of arts in art and psychology from Southern Methodist University. She was the director of the Occupational and Recreational Therapy Department at Baylor University Medical Center for 27 years, and she has served on the board of directors for Baylor Health Care Systems Foundation. She also founded the Boomerang Club, the first support group for stroke patients and their families.

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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 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 week. 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 College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series presents “Developing Curricular Models for Online International Exchanges in the Performing Arts” presented by **Dr. Linda Caldwell** (dance) on Wednesday, February 1, from 12:25-12:55 in CFO 1304. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, this lunchtime series of presentations features ongoing research, scholarship, and creative efforts by faculty members in the college. The purpose of the series is to further promote those activities at TWU and to foster collegial and interdisciplinary relations among faculty members across the college and the university. For information about the series, email ssouris@twu.edu or call 8-1-2343.

Financial Aid Awareness Week 2006 is Feb. 20 – 24. TWU Financial Aid staff will be at several locations on the Denton, Dallas-Parkland and Houston campuses during the week of Feb. 20 - 24. They will be at Dallas-Presbyterian Feb. 13 – 16. Staff will distribute 2006-2007 academic scholarship and financial aid applications and answer general questions concerning the financial aid application process. For more information on time and locations, call 8-1-3064 or visit www.twu.edu/finaid/.

TWU Night at the American Airlines Center is Monday, Feb. 6 as the Dallas Stars take on the Nashville Predators. Game time is 7 p.m. Tickets for TWU staff, faculty, students and alumni are \$10 and are available in room 209 of the Student Union. (Tickets are in section 325, subject to availability.) For more information, call 8-1-3641.

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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. Roberta Nutt (psychology) has been appointed to the Joint Designation Appeals Committee of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards for a five-year term. The designation system identifies and certifies psychology doctoral programs in the U.S. and Canada.

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Dr. Glen Jennings (family sciences) was in New York City January 18-22 as part of a team charged with writing the Marriage and Family Therapy National Examination. The exam is used in 45 states and Canada for licensing marriage and family therapists. The committee that writes the exam is made up of two persons from Canada and four from the United States.

Dr. Ellina Grigorieva (math and computer science) presented a 40-minute talk, “Cooperative game between a manufacturer and a retailer” at the AMS-MAA National Conference in San Antonio Jan. 14. She also published two new papers in January — “On the Solution with the Chattering Control for a Boundary Value Problem for a Microeconomic Model” and “An Attainable Set of a Nonlinear Control Problem” in the book “Problems of Dynamic Control.”

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 12, 2006

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| Mon., Jan. 30 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. |
| Tues., Jan. 31 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight. |
| Wed., Feb. 1 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-7p.m. |
| Thur., Feb. 2 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
–“Curriculum Models for International Exchange” College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series, 12:25 - 12:55 p.m. CFO 1304. Free. |
| Fri., Feb. 3 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Sat., Feb. 4 | -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
–Houston Campus Open house 8 a.m. to noon. Free. 8-1-3104. |
| Sun., Feb. 5 | -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 2-10 p.m. |

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- Mon., Feb. 6 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., Feb. 7 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Wed., Feb. 8 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
–African American Faculty/Staff Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30
p.m., Hubbard Hall Banquet Room. Free with RSVP. Call 8-1-
3634.
–Nevil Shed Black History lecture, 6 p.m., SU 207. Free.
- Thur., Feb. 9 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
–Pioneer Basketball vs. West Texas A&M, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall.
- Fri., Feb. 10 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
–Pioneer Softball vs. Emporia State, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Pioneer
Field.
–8th Annual Vanderkooi Endowed Lectureship at Dallas-
Presbyterian. Runs through Sat. For more information call, (800)
250-7808
- Sat., Feb. 11 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
–Pioneer Basketball vs. Eastern New Mexico, 2 p.m., Pioneer Hall
- Sun., Feb. 12 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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