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TWU STUDENTS VOTE IN FAVOR OF NEW FITNESS & RECREATION FEE

Texas Woman's University students recently voted in favor of a new fitness and recreation fee to build, operate, maintain and program fitness and recreation facilities at all TWU campuses in Denton, Dallas and Houston. Online voting via the TWU Pioneer Portal took place Feb. 27 – March 2 and the results were 881 votes in favor of the new fee, with 508 votes against.

The new fee will cost no more than \$75 per semester for a fall, spring or 12-week summer session. It will cost no more than \$37.50 for semesters that are less than 12 weeks in length. Once approved by the TWU Board of Regents and the Texas Legislature, the fitness and recreation fee is scheduled to begin in fall 2007.

“Our fitness and recreation staff and student government leaders campaigned hard for this referendum,” said Dr. Richard Nicholas, TWU vice president for student life. “They held numerous information sessions for student organizations and classes to answer questions and address concerns. They also maintained a website and posted information on all campuses to get the word out about the vote. Every possible effort was made to inform the students of what the fee would mean to them in terms of improved and expanded facilities to enhance the Fitness and Recreation program.”

Currently, Fitness and Recreation is funded by a portion of the TWU student service fee. The student service fee is an umbrella fee, which means that many services and programs are funded from it, such as athletics, the counseling center, student government, *The Lasso*, etc. In 2004-2005 students paid approximately \$22 per semester toward Fitness and Recreation services.

Dr. Nicholas says that with the passing of the new fitness and recreation fee, students will not be double charged. The Student Service Fee Committee now has the option to subtract the fitness and recreation fee from the student services fee.

The new TWU fitness and recreation fee will pay for:

- A new or expanded Fitness and Recreation Center in Denton
- Maintaining the Fitness and Recreation facilities on all TWU campuses
- Equipping Fitness and Recreation facilities on all TWU campuses
- Staffing Fitness and Recreation facilities on all TWU campuses
- Fitness and Recreation services and programs on all TWU campuses

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NEW FITNESS & RECREATION FEE, *continued*

“Our current facility at Jones Hall on the Denton campus is more than 20 years old and cramped, with students often having to wait for access to a machine or arriving to find there is not enough space for them in a group exercise class,” said John Cissik, director of TWU Fitness and Recreation. “Our goal is to build a state-of-the-art fitness center that includes cardio-vascular exercise equipment, strength training machines, free weights and group exercise rooms.”

The proposed expansion could also include a climbing wall; gymnasiums for basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, and badminton; and an outdoor adventure program for the renting of camping equipment, safe and inexpensive trips, leadership development and the teaching of lifetime skills.

The target date for opening new facilities on the Denton campus is fall 2009.

In addition to a new fitness and recreation facilities in Denton, the fee also impacts campuses in Dallas and Houston.

The fee will be used to pay for and maintain the equipment in the fitness center in the proposed new Parkland campus. It also will be used to provide services such as group exercise classes and intramurals to students in Dallas and to improve upon the existing facilities and services as needed.

In Houston, the fee will help equip, staff and maintain the new fitness center included in the TWU Houston Institute of Health Sciences opening in fall 2006.

More information about the new TWU Fitness and Recreation center and future plans can be found at <http://www.twu.edu/o-sl/wellness/>.

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TWU TO SHOWCASE ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN HOUSTON

Texas Woman’s University will showcase 10 online degree programs — including the new RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree — during an Open House from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 25 on the TWU Houston campus.

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. Breakout sessions on TWU’s 10 online degree programs also will be offered at the event.

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HOUSTON ONLINE DEGREE OPEN HOUSE, *continued*

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in the foyer of TWU's Institute of Health Sciences - Houston located in the Texas Medical Center at 1130 John Freeman Blvd. Information sessions are scheduled until noon and limited free on-campus parking is available at lot F, located on Bertner Avenue at Moursund Street. Paid parking also is available at the John P. McGovern Texas Medical Center Commons (Garage 15), located just across from TWU at the corner of Bertner Avenue and Moursund Street.

For more information or to register, visit www.twu.edu and click on the "Online Degrees" icon, email TWU at admissions@twu.edu or call 1-866-809-6130 or 8-1-3014.

TWU offers the following degrees primarily online: Bachelor of General Studies, Bachelor of Science in Health Studies, Executive MBA, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Science in Family Studies, Master of Library Science, Master of Science in Health Studies, a Post-Professional Master's in Occupational Therapy and a Professional Level Master's in Occupational Therapy to Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants and the new online RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

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KERA TO AIR DOCUMENTARY FEATURING TWU ALUM MARGO JONES

The Dallas public television station KERA, Channel 13 will portray the dramatic story of American theater pioneer and Texas Woman's University alum Margo Jones when it presents "Sweet Tornado: Margo Jones and the American Theater" on Monday, March 27 at 8 p.m.

The one-hour documentary stars Judith Ivey as Margo Jones and Richard Thomas as Tennessee Williams, whose early career she championed. Produced in high-definition format, the documentary is narrated by Marcia Gay Harden. For more information on the documentary, visit www.margojones.org.

Fifty years ago, Margo Jones was famous in the American theater world as "The Texas Tornado." She fought for success as a woman in a man's world, lived too fast and died too young. The more-than-450 nonprofit resident theaters that now stretch across the country are all offspring of Ms. Jones' beliefs and commitment.

Ms. Jones graduated from the College of Industrial Arts (now TWU) in 1932 and again in 1933, receiving a bachelor of arts degree in speech and a master of arts in psychology and education. The Margo Jones Performance Hall on TWU's Denton campus is named in honor of her long history of championing theater.

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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.

TWU's Spring Break is March 13 to March 17. The university will be closed March 16 and 17 for the holiday. On Thursday, March 16 Information Technology Services (ITS) will be performing maintenance and technical services such as email, Phoenix and the Portal will be unavailable from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day.

The 2nd Annual Putting Fore Pioneers Tournament benefiting TWU Athletics and the Pioneer Athletic Campaign for scholarships is scheduled for Thursday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Union. The entry fee is \$5 and pre-registration is not required. Prizes will be awarded to the faculty/staff and students with the lowest scores. Raffle tickets will be available for \$1 starting March 22 in the Student Union. Some of the great prizes including two DVD players, gift certificates to Outback Steakhouse, four Texas Rangers tickets, TWU apparel, Cinemark movie passes, Hampton Inn gift certificates and more. For questions regarding the event, please call 8-1 3639.

TWU Athletics welcomes all Pioneer fans to a special fundraiser on Wednesday, March 22, at Rudy's Country Store and Bar-B-Q from 5 to 9 p.m. TWU needs 100 or more fans to participate in this fundraiser by identifying themselves as Pioneer supporters to the restaurant hostess and wait staff. Rudy's will then donate 10 percent of the net sales from those meals to the Pioneer Athletics Fund Drive. For more information, call 8-1-2378.

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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. **Susan E. Ward** (health studies) and Dr. **Bill Cissel** (health studies), participated in the "Third National Congress for Institutions Preparing Health Educators: Linking Program Assessment, Accountability and Improvement," February 23-25, 2006. Dr. Cissel served as a panelist for two sessions – "SABPAC 101" and "Getting Your Program SABPAC Approved."

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Mr. **Faisal Aboul-Enein** (nursing-Houston), was appointed as a reviewer for *The Internet Journal of Advanced Nursing Practice* - a global journal communicating advances in practice to nurses in advanced roles. This free publication is available for practitioners globally via the internet. The journal was recognized with the Sigma Theta Tau International 1999 Information Technology Award for Knowledge Advancement.

Dr. Roberta Nutt's (psychology) chapter entitled "Adam and the Pain of Divorce" has just been published by the American Psychological Association in the book "In the Room with Men: A Casebook of Therapeutic Change."

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 13-26, 2006

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| Mon., March 13 | - Spring Break; no classes.
-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Tues., March 14 | - Spring Break; no classes.
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Wed., March 15 | - Spring Break; no classes.
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Thur., March 16 | -Spring Break; university closed. |
| Fri., March 17 | -Spring Break; university closed.
-Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 5 & 7 p.m., Pioneer Field. |
| Sat., March 18 | -Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation closed.
-Pioneers Gymnastics vs. BYU and Arizona, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall.
-Pioneers Softball vs. Texas A&M Kingsville, 1 & 3 p.m., Pioneer Field. |
| Sun., March 19 | -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 2-10 p.m. |

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CALENDAR, *continued*

- Mon., March 20 -Classes resume following Spring Break.
-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., March 21 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Zephyr Winds Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.
- Wed., March 22 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-TWU Athletics Special Fundraiser, Rudy's Country Store and
Bar-B-Q, 5-9 p.m. For information, call 8-1-2378.
- Thur., March 23 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- "Negotiation," presented by Office of Lifelong Learning. Denton
campus. Time varies. Cost: \$699. 8-1-3408.
-Faculty Spotlight. Faculty who teach online share their
experiences. Noon-1 p.m., MCL 501, Parkland 229, Presby 109,
Houston E83. Free. 8-1-3409.
- Fri., March 24 -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.
- Sat., March 25 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
-Online Degrees Information Session, 9 a.m.-noon, Mary Gibbs
Jones Hall, Houston campus. Free. 8-1-3014.
- Sun., March 26 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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