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HOUSTON CENTER GOES HIGH-TECH TO TRAIN NURSING STUDENTS

They blink, breathe, moan and talk, but they are not alive. The new human patient simulators used to teach nursing students at Texas Woman's University's Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center also have a pulse, blood pressure and can even "die."

"By using these patient simulators, nursing students can experience real world patient scenarios without real world consequences," said Dr. Jan Foster, TWU assistant nursing professor. "Students are able to learn necessary skills such as assessing a patient, installing an IV and administering medicine.

"Each computerized mannequin can be programmed to simulate a particular health event, as the nursing teaching curriculum requires," she said.

The Cullen Trust for Health Care, Houston Endowment Inc., the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the TWU College of Nursing all contributed funds to purchase the eight adult, one child and one infant human patient simulators. The patient simulators are developed by Medical Education Technologies Inc. of Sarasota, Fla., and cost \$40,000 to \$50,000 each.

Although TWU's Houston Center has used versions of patient simulators in the past, the widespread use of these new, high-tech mannequins for Houston nursing students coincides with the opening of TWU's newly constructed Institute of Health Sciences-Houston Center in the Texas Medical Center in August. Nursing students at TWU's Dallas-Parkland Center have been using patient simulators since 2003, and the mannequins also are in use at such institutions as NASA, the Center for Domestic Preparedness, the Cleveland Clinic and medical schools at Harvard, UCLA, Stanford and the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, among others.

"Through our experience in Dallas and our observations of other institutions who train with patient simulators, we know just how significant they are as teaching tools," said Dr. Marcia Hern, dean of the TWU College of Nursing. "Providing our students with the necessary skills to become better nurses has been part of our core values as the state's leading provider of nurses for more than 50 years."

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BARBOUR RECEIVES TWU'S UHLIR FELLOWSHIP

Dr. JoAnn Danelo Barbour, professor of educational leadership at Texas Woman's University, is the recipient of TWU's 2007 Dr. G. Ann Uhlir Endowed Fellowship for Higher Education Administration.

"Early in my academic career, I had the privilege of working with Dr. Uhlir, watching and learning about university leadership," Dr. Barbour said. "It is an honor to receive the fellowship, because I believe the wheel has come full circle. I not only have an opportunity to learn, but to continue what Dr. Uhlir modeled."

Dr. Barbour will use the \$1,200 award to assist in developing TWU faculty leadership and to develop global leadership understanding in TWU faculty and graduate students. Her plans include inviting an expert in leadership development to speak on campus, and developing a university faculty learning community whose focus is to develop global leadership-learning opportunities for other faculty members and graduate students.

The Dr. G. Ann Uhlir Endowed Fellowship for Higher Education Administration is designed to take beginning administrators, faculty or students interested in administration and help them develop the leadership, management and interpersonal skills needed to be a highly qualified and successful academic administrator. Dr. Ann Uhlir, founding dean of the TWU College of Health Sciences, provided initial funding for the fellowship in 1996.

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TREE PLANTING TO HONOR DR. STERLING SMITH

A large red oak tree will be planted on TWU's Denton campus in memory of biology professor Dr. Sterling Smith, who died Aug. 19, 2006, in a mountain-climbing accident in Colorado.

The ceremony will take place at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, between the Science Building and the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Funds for the purchase of the tree were raised by the TWU Faculty Senate, which sought donations from current and former senators. The senators raised more than the \$200 required to purchase the tree and gave the additional donations to the biology department's scholarship fund established in Dr. Smith's name.

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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 Texas Woman’s University School of Management is participating in the Global Text Project, an effort to create a free library of 1,000 electronic textbooks for students in developing/underdeveloped countries. Dr. Mahesh S. Raisinghani, associate professor in the School of Management, serves as an author and editor of the “Technical Foundations of Information Systems” section of the project. The Global Text Project, initiated earlier this year, is managed by the Center for Information Systems Leadership, Terry College of Business, The University of Georgia.

TWU Athletics will host a ring ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 24, for the 2006 TWU Gymnastics team, winner of the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship. The ceremony will take place in the Kitty Magee Arena between the second and third games of the Pioneer volleyball match against Midwestern State. The ceremony is expected to begin at approximately 7:45 p.m. For more information, call 8-1-2373.

It’s the time of year for goblins, ghouls and a monster of a concert at Texas Woman’s University. The 13th Annual Monster Flute Choir Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is free. For more information, call (940) 898-2500. The 27 flutists of the combined TWU and Brookhaven College flute choirs will present original compositions by Lawrence Ink, Ricky Lombardo and Ian Clarke, as well as new arrangements of old favorites by Percy Grainger, Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel and Manuel de Falla.

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.).

Condolences are offered to Dr. **Victoria McGillin** (associate provost) on the death of her father, Col. Howard O. McGillin of St. Augustine, Fla., on Oct. 13, 2006. A memorial service was held Oct. 18.

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Sympathies are extended to Dr. **Lynda Uphouse** (biology) on the death of her mother, Mrs. Rex Uphouse, on Oct. 21, 2006. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the Cedarlawn Cemetery in Sherman. Memorials may be made to TWU Friends of MBRS or the Billy Graham Organization.

A celebration of the life of Dr. **Carol Huettig** will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 27, in the Kitty Magee Arena. Dr. Huettig, a former professor of kinesiology at TWU, died Oct. 9, 2006, in Wausau, Wisc.

Dr. **Ann Staton** (Arts & Sciences) has announced that, effective Jan. 1, 2007, Dr. **Penny Hanstein** will be the new director of the School of the Arts. **John Weinkein**, who became the first director of SOA in 2002, has asked to resume full-time duties as chair of the Department of Visual Arts.

Dr. **Marcia Hern** (nursing) served as a keynote speaker at the CHAT (Children's Hospital Association of Texas) Pediatric Conference on Oct. 13 in Dallas. She spoke on "Leading Beyond Your Comfort Zone."

Regina Michael Campbell (OT-Dallas) presented the 2006 Lillian Hoyle Parent Lecture titled "The Lost Art of Mentorship: Profiles-Principles & Practices" Oct. 13 on the campus of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Joanna Lipoma (OT-Dallas) will serve as a delegate at the Lance Armstrong Foundation's LIVESTRONG Summit Oct. 27-29 in Austin.

Jeff Bowerman has joined the TWU Athletics staff as sports information director. He previously served as vice president of communications for the Fort Worth Brahmas of the Central Hockey League.

Faisal Aboul-Enein (nursing-Houston) has published a manuscript titled, "How Language Barriers Impact Patient Care" in the *Journal of Cultural Diversity*, Vol. 13, No. 3, pg. 168-169.

Dr. **Gerald Goodman** (HCA-Houston) has been appointed to the Medical Group Management Association's (MGMA) Publications Advisory Panel. The panel works with the MGMA editorial staff to select and shape manuscripts for publication in *MGMA Connexion*, the medical practice management profession's leading magazine.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 5, 2006

- Mon., Oct. 23 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. -10 p.m.
- Tues., Oct. 24 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Monster Flute Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH, Free. 8-1-2500.
-Pioneers Volleyball vs. Midwestern State, 7 p.m., home.
Faculty/Staff Appreciation, Maroon Out Night and Pioneer Pride
& Pizza Night.
-Ring ceremony for TWU Gymnastics team, Kitty Magee Arena,
approx. 7:45 p.m. 8-1-2373.
- Wed., Oct. 25 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Reading Recovery/Early Literacy Institute 2006, 7:30 a.m.,
Adam's Mark Hotel, Dallas. Cost varies. 8-1-3408.
-SECC Charity Ball Volleyball Tournament, 11 a.m., Pioneer Hall.
- Thur., Oct. 26 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH, free. 8-1-2500.
-Pioneers Soccer at Lone Star Conference Tournament, Edmond,
Okla. Game times TBA.
-Pioneers Volleyball vs. UT-Tyler, 7 p.m., away.
- Fri., Oct. 27 -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.
-Pioneers Soccer at Lone Star Conference Tournament, Edmond,
Okla. Game times TBA.
- Sat., Oct. 28 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 8 a.m. to noon.
-Pioneers Volleyball vs. Southwestern Oklahoma, 2 p.m., home.
Senior Day.
- Sun., Oct. 29 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 4-8 p.m.

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- Mon., Oct. 30 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-CAS Faculty Spotlight Series: Somatic Practices & Dance
Technique, with Sara Gamblin, TWU Department of Dance. 12:15
p.m., CFO 1304. Free.
- Tues., Oct. 31 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-ASSET Bake Sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., SU 2.
- Wed., Nov. 1 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Pioneers Volleyball in Lone Star Conference Tournament through
Nov. 4. Times and locations TBA.
- Thur., Nov. 2 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 3 -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., Nov. 4 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
-Open House – Houston, 8:30 a.m.-noon, free. 8-1-3014.
- Sun., Nov. 5 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 4-8 p.m.

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