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TWU TO CELEBRATE HONORS CONVOCATION

TWU's annual Honors Convocation will be held in Denton at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 19 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall, followed by the University Picnic in Pioneer Oval.

Special awards will be presented to outstanding faculty, students, and staff. In addition, this year's Distinguished Alumni will be introduced. Faculty, students, and staff from all TWU sites are invited to attend. Faculty and academic administrators are encouraged to march in the procession and to wear academic regalia. Robing shall take place in the Green Room, adjacent to the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Student members of honorary organizations are welcome to join the procession and to sit in the center section of the Hall – directly behind the faculty.

The line of march for the academic procession will form at 9:45 a.m. on the circular drive immediately in front of the Music Building and will move into the Margo Jones Performance Hall promptly at 10 a.m. Program participants, honorees, and others who will be seated on the stage will precede the academic procession into the Hall.

Classes on the Denton campus will be dismissed from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Offices that can be closed during this period may post a notice indicating when they will reopen. Offices that cannot close should arrange for coverage during Convocation. It is expected that staff, whose offices are closed, will attend the Honors Convocation. In addition, it is expected that classes that meet in Denton on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. will attend Honors Convocation.

Faculty award recipients are:

- **Cornaro Award** — Dr. **William Cissell**, professor of health studies. The award is given to a senior faculty member in recognition of outstanding commitment to scholarship and the advancement of learning.
- **Mary Mason Lyon Award** — Dr. **Junehee Kwon**, associate professor of nutrition and food sciences, and Dr. **Toni Roddey**, associate professor of physical therapy, Houston. The award is presented to junior faculty with fewer than 10 years of university teaching.
- **Distinction in Scholarship** — Dr. **Ann Malecha**, associate professor of nursing, Houston.

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- **Distinction in Service** — Dr. **Anne Simpson**, associate professor of reading and director of TWU's Reading Recovery Center.
- **Distinction in E-Learning** — Dr. **Jody Oomen-Early**, assistant professor of health studies.
- **Innovation in Academia** — Dr. **Nora White**, associate professor of reading.
- **Humphries Award for Dedication to TWU** — Dr. **Sterling Smith**, professor of biology. The award is presented posthumously.

Recognition also will be given to Dr. **Ron French**, professor of kinesiology, TWU's nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Professor award; and Dr. **Glen Jennings**, professor of family sciences, TWU's nominee for the Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching. Winners of these awards will be announced later in the year.

Staff award recipients are:

- **TWU Award of Excellence** — **Stephany Compton**, librarian III. The award is the highest recognition given to a staff member who exhibits loyalty, dedication, initiative and reliability.
- **Outstanding Achievement Award** — **David Sweeten**, assistant director of operations, TWU Student Union; and **Linda Thornton**, custodian I, Dallas.

Student recognitions include:

- **Outstanding Senior Awards** — **Kelley Humphries**, a biology/pre-med major; **Tiffany Larsen**, a government/legal studies major; **Russell Mariott**, a business management major; and **Cydni Vandiver**, a history major.
- **Outstanding Graduate Student Awards** — **Samah Elhajibrahim**, a master's candidate in government; and **Luis Columna**, a doctoral candidate in adapted physical education.
- **Pauline Bishop Leman Award** — **Christie Nelson-Sala**, a dance major.

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TWU OPENS NEW THEATER WITH 'THE FANTASTICKS'

The Texas Woman's University drama program ends its 2006-07 season with a new beginning — the opening of the New Redbud Theater Complex in TWU's historic Hubbard Hall. The drama program celebrates the official opening of the new theater with a production of "The Fantasticks," the longest-running musical in history.

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Performances are scheduled at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 12; 8 p.m. Friday, April 13; and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 14-15. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$15 for adults. For reservations or more information, call the TWU Box Office at 81-2020. A Saturday evening performance is an invitation-only gala.

The New Redbud Theater Complex, a 110-seat proscenium theater with tiered seating, provides an intimate setting for "The Fantasticks," a classic coming-of-age story by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. The story begins with Matt and Luisa falling in love despite being separated by a wall their feuding fathers, Bellomy and Hucklebee, have built to keep them apart. Unbeknownst to the lovers, their fathers have faked the feud in order to manipulate the teens into falling in love.

With the help of the narrator and some down-on-their-luck actors, the fathers stage an abduction of Luisa and her rescue by Matt. The couple is united, but the romance begins to fade once the fathers' plot is revealed.

The cast includes TWU alumnus Tom Stratton in the role of El Gallo; Andy Gosnell, of Addison, as Matt; Haley Baldwin, of Arlington, as Luisa; Gerald Young, of Denton, as Bellomy; William Walker, of Houston, as Hucklebee; Sherrie Wollenhaupt, of Highland Village, as Henry; Jamie Hogue of Brownwood as Mortimer; and Joshua Hancock of Kilgore and Jill Laney of Fort Worth as the Mutes.

Sharon Benge, director of TWU's drama program, directs this production of "The Fantasticks." Musical direction is provided by Helen Dewey Reikofski, and choreography is by Michelle Contrino. Bonnie McCrea of New Orleans serves as stage manager and is assisted by Kami Rogers of San Angelo. The set and lights are designed by Wendy Robbins, TWU assistant professor of drama, and TWU technical director Judith B. Drouin. Costume design is by Diane Simmons, producer and designer of Fort Worth's Hip Pocket Theatre.

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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.

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TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart will host an Open House celebrating the new Redbud Theater Complex. The event will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10. Those attending should use the east entrance of Hubbard Hall.

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 extended to **Janel Sprayberry** (controller's office) on the death of her sister, Andrea Jane Poppe Thomas, who died March 15, 2007. The funeral was held in New Braunfels, and a memorial service was held March 31 in Denton. Memorials may be made to the First Bank Andrea J. Thomas Account, P.O. Box 311536, New Braunfels, TX 78130 or directed to hospice.

Mary Dukes joined the TWU Houston Center as financial aid advisor on March 26. She holds a bachelor's degree from San Diego State University.

Several psychologists from the TWU Counseling Center presented at the 32nd Annual Association for Women in Psychology Conference in San Francisco in March. Dr. **Cindy Bruns** presented a session titled, "Is this your mother? Power issues in May-December lesbian relationships." She also presented with Dr. **Denise Lucero-Miller** on female therapists' risk for compassion fatigue in the face of repeated natural disasters. Dr. **Carmen Cruz** facilitated three workshops, including "Beyond the Gender Binary: Clinical Skills and Therapeutic Understandings for Empowering Transgender Clients," "Being a Feminist Gatekeeper: Oxymoron or not?" and "Multicultural Spiritualities and Dualities We Share: Transforming Academia, Communities, Feminist Therapy and Political Activism."

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: APRIL 9-22, 2007

Mon., April 9 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Alexandria's Ragtime Band Spring Concert, 7 p.m., Student
Union Underground; \$6.95 plus tax for dinner, \$3 (tax included)
for dessert only. Folk dancing, visual arts exhibit. 81-2500.

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- Tues., April 10 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Women's Studies lecture, "Transforming Education: Enhancing Learning Through Feminist and Liberatory Pedagogies," 1 p.m., ASB 205. Free. Presented by Sally Sayles-Hannon, M.A. student in women's studies.
-Pioneers Softball vs. Texas Wesleyan, 5 & 7 p.m., home.
- Wed., April 11 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Professor's Corner: "Hero Myths and Harry Potter," 7 p.m., Denton South Branch Library. Free. 81-2343 or ssouris@twu.edu.
- Thur., April 12 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Distance Education Faculty Training, noon, MCL 501 Denton, 229 Parkland, 109 Presby, 3322 Houston.
-TWU Drama presents "The Fantasticks," 4 p.m., New Redbud Theater Complex, \$10 students, \$15 adults. For reservations, call 81-2020.
- Fri., April 13 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents "The Fantasticks," 8 p.m., New Redbud Theater Complex. \$10 students, \$15 adults. For reservations, call 81-2020.
- Sat., April 14 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to noon.
-TWU Drama presents "The Fantasticks," 2 p.m., New Redbud Theater Complex. \$10 students, \$15 adults. For reservations, call 81-2020.
-Pioneers Gymnastics at NCAA South Central Regionals, Tucson, Ariz., TBD.
- Sun., April 15 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 4-8 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents "The Fantasticks," 8 p.m., New Redbud Theater Complex. \$10 students, \$15 adults. For reservations, call 81-2020.

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- Mon., April 16 -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.
- Tues., April 17 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-10th Annual Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium, 8
a.m.-5 p.m., ACT 2. See schedule at
www.twu.edu/research/symposium_schedule.html
- Wed., April 18 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-TWU Homecoming 2007. See schedule at
www.twu.edu/alum/events/homecoming/index.html
- Thur., April 19 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Honors Convocation, 10 a.m., MJPH.
-TWU Homecoming 2007. See schedule at
www.twu.edu/alum/events/homecoming/index.html
-Guitar Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Little Chapel. Free. 81-
2500.
- Fri., April 20 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
-Mary Campbell Event in Library, 3:30 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Janice
LaPointe-Crump regarding longtime dance accompanist. Free.
-Faculty Recognition Reception, 10:30 a.m., BHL. Exhibit and
reception honoring faculty research and scholarship. Dr. Carolyn
Gunning is the speaker. Free.
- Sat., April 21 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
-Distinguished Alumni Awards Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Southeast
Ballroom, Hubbard Hall. \$25.
-Celebrate Families: Marriage and Family Expo, 10 a.m., Denton
Square. Sponsored by the Student Association for Marriage and
Family Therapy. Free. 81-2600.
- Sun., April 22 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 4-8 p.m.