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## **COMMENCEMENTS SET IN DENTON AND HOUSTON**

More than 750 degrees will be conferred during fall commencement exercises on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 17 and 18, in Denton and Houston, respectively. Three Denton ceremonies are scheduled -- 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. -- in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Students and family members with tickets are invited to attend. The 2 p.m. Houston ceremony on Sunday will be held at the First Presbyterian Church. The number of diplomas earned during the fall 1994 semester includes 469 undergraduate and 296 graduate degrees, according to Dr. Jim Stiles (registrar).

Times for commencement in Denton reflect candidate assignments, based on specific schools and colleges participating in the ceremonies listed below:

- 9 a.m. -- Ceremony I for candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences;
- 11:30 a.m. -- Ceremony II for graduates from the College of Nursing and the School of Occupational Therapy;
- 2 p.m. -- Ceremony III for candidates from the College of Education and Human Ecology, the School of Library and Information Studies, the School of Physical Therapy and the College of Health Sciences.

A reception for graduates, their families and guests who attend Ceremony I or II will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in the southwest dining room of Hubbard Hall. Graduates and their guests participating in Ceremony II or III are invited to a second reception in the same location from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) will preside at each ceremony, which includes an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

During Ceremony I, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Francine Lancaster (biology), who will discuss "Gender Differences in Health." The featured speaker for Ceremony II will be Dr.

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Wilda K. Arnold (Nursing), who will talk to candidates about the "What Means the Dream." Dr. Ruth M. Caswell (reading and bilingual education) will address graduates participating in Ceremony III; she will discuss "Seizing Opportunities."

In Houston, TWU alumna Sylvia Garcia will deliver the commencement address, titled "Challenges Going into the 21st Century." Garcia, a Houston city judge and distinguished alumna of TWU, earned her degree in social work and government from TWU in 1972. She attended the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University and graduated with her doctorate in juris prudence. The former attorney began her judicial career in 1986 with an appointment as municipal court judge and night court coordinator. In 1987, she was appointed director and presiding judge of the Houston Municipal Court System and became the youngest person, the first Hispanic and the first woman ever named to that post.

Undergraduate degrees that will be conferred include: BA -- 26, BBA -- 29, BFA -- 4, BS -- 394 and BSW -- 16. The number of graduate degrees includes: MA -- 17, MBA -- 8, MED -- 25, MFA -- 4, MLS -- 15, MS -- 144, MSSE -- 1, MOT -- 44, EDD -- 2 and PHD -- 36.

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**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION SEEKS OUTSTANDING GRAD STUDENTS**

The TWU National Alumnae Association is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Master's Student and the Outstanding Doctoral Student Awards for the 1995 calendar year. Nominations must be submitted to Donna Ryan (TWU National Alumnae Association) by 5 p.m. on Feb. 6, 1995. Nominees then will be sent application materials that they must complete no later than March 2, 1995. Letters of nomination will be accepted from faculty, administrators or staff. Graduate students may nominate their peers or themselves.

To be eligible for the Outstanding Master's Student Award, a nominee must document an approved thesis prospectus, a professional paper topic or, in performing arts, a projected required graduate professional presentation during the 1995 calendar year and a minimum overall grade point average of 3.50.

To qualify for the doctoral student award, a nominee must document an approved dissertation prospectus or, in performing arts, a projected required graduate professional presentation and a minimum overall GPA of 3.50.

The selection committee also will consider other criteria: three letters of reference; a statement of professional goals; professional presentations, performances, or exhibits; publications in professional journals; scholarships and honors; memberships or offices held in honor societies, professional organizations, university committees or student groups; volunteer or other work experience; and other service to profession, school or community. For more information, call ext. 2586.

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## HEALTH CHECK '95 SET

Health Check '95, the university's annual health fair, has been scheduled for Wed. and Thurs., March 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., SC 207. The fair will include information booths and screening stations that will address a wide variety of physical and mental health concerns for students, faculty and staff. "Faculty members are encouraged to incorporate Health Fair '95 into their course syllabi, either as a classroom activity or extra credit experience," said Dr. Don Rosen (Counseling Center). For more information, call Shawn Fauver (student health services) at ext. 3826 or Rosen at ext. 3801.

The health fair also will observe National Collegiate Drug Awareness Month. Members of the university's alcohol and drug education committee will provide information to health fair participants from the campus community. Rosen suggested that faculty may wish to consider showing a videotape about drug and alcohol abuse or to have a speaker from the committee address their classes during that week.

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## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Nominations of TWU students for the Outstanding Senior Award are being sought by the TWU National Alumnae Association. These nominations must be submitted by Thurs., March 2, for the Denton campus and the Institute of Health Sciences Dallas and Houston Centers. Student nominations from Denton should be sent to the alumni office; from Dallas to Dr. Michael Laman; and from Houston to Dr. Kathryn Stream. The awards will be presented during Honors Convocation on April 20, 1995.

Departments may submit two nominations. The selection committee, chaired by alumna Beth Doyle, will recommend one or more members of the senior class, based on the nominee's academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities and contributions to university life. Seniors whose graduation dates are May, August or December 1995 are eligible. Students also may submit their own names to their department head for consideration.

Details regarding the nomination process and necessary information may be obtained from the alumni office. Faculty and staff are encouraged to seriously consider former students who may qualify for this important honor. For more information, call Donna Ryan at ext. 2586.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

*Holiday poinsettias will be sold* to interested university employees on Wed., Dec. 21, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the southeast room of Hubbard Hall. The poinsettias are being offered at a discount following their use during the Celebration of the Season coffee and reception, plus commencement.

*The TWU Wellness Center* offers unique and easy gifts for those who are looking for holiday giving ideas! Staff members can suggest a variety of services for the thoughtful giver: membership for a month, semester or year; massage; nutrition counseling; a personal trainer; or a Wellness Center shirt. Just call ext. 2900 or stop by the Wellness Center desk area in Jones Hall.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

Also...The Wellness Center will continue to operate on a regular schedule through Dec. 22. The fitness room will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 1 and will re-open on Jan. 2 at 6 a.m. The indoor pool will offer regular hours until Dec. 19. The indoor pool will be open Dec. 19 and 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. only; it will re-open Jan. 2 with a Monday/Wednesday/Friday schedule of 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. only and Monday/Thursday hours from 7 to 8:30 p.m. until school starts for the spring semester.

***Congratulations to the cast and crew of Chicago!*** TWU Theatre '94 presented the play during the fall semester and entered the production in the American College Theatre Festival's area competition. The musical has been chosen to advance to the regional level (a five-state competition hosted by the University of Arkansas) Feb. 15-19 in Fayetteville, Ark. Only six regional shows will advance to the national finals, which are staged at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The show, cast and crew won a long list of honors after the area competition. Good luck!

***The Fine Arts Guild*** will hold its annual Christmas sale on Mon. and Tues., Dec. 12 and 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Garden Room.

***TWU Update goes on vacation***, beginning with this holiday issue; the next edition will be distributed on Tues., Jan. 17. The deadline for submissions is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. prior to each Monday publication date. *Happy, happy holidays from the office of public information!*

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**UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE**

Dr. **Nancy DiMarco** (nutrition and food sciences) and **Dr. Nancy Glick** (dental hygiene) co-authored an article titled "Candy -- Monster or Friend?" that was published in a recent issue of *The North Texas Parent*.

Dr. **Michael Boyeson** (biology) recently has joined a TWU research team that is focusing on pharmacologic modulation of recovery from aphasia, usually associated with stroke. He will work with Dr. **Delaina Walker-Batson** (communication sciences and disorders) in this field, which contributes to ongoing work with clients who visit the TWU Aphasia Center in Dallas. He was appointed a visiting professor by Dr. **Fritz Schwalm** (biology).

Dr. **Derrell Bulls** (business and economics) received the first Denton County "Good Scout" Award from the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This recognition is presented to individuals who exemplify in their daily lives the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as expressed in the Scout oath and laws.

Dr. **Nicki Cohen** (performing arts, music) presented a workshop on "HIV-AIDS: Ethical and Legal Issues in Treatment" and also presented a research poster titled "The Effect of Vocal Instruction and Visi-Pitch Feedback on the Speech of Persons with Neurogenic Communication Disorders: Two Case Studies" at the annual conference of the National Association for Music Therapy in Orlando, Fla., recently.

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**PEOPLE, continued**

On Dec. 13, the Denton Community Chorus will perform its fall concert at the First Christian Church at 7:30 p.m. under Cohen's direction. The program, which is free and open to the public, will offer seasonal and serious fare, including pieces by William Byrd, William Billings, Felix Mendelssohn, and Randall Thompson; selections from the *Ceremony of Carols* by Benjamin Britten; the *Alfred Burt Christmas Carols*; a premier performance of "The Gift of Light" by Joseph Pinson; and a mixed choral piece with volunteers from the Pride Choir of Newton-Rayzor Elementary School called "Oh, Shepherds, Ain't You Happy?"

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) presented a research paper titled "Cormac McCarthy's Bildungsroman" at the South Central Modern Language Association meeting in New Orleans Nov. 12. Bridges also was elected secretary for 1995 and chair for 1996 of the Folklore Section of the organization.

Dr. **Jane Irons** (early childhood and special education) presented "Educational Modifications for Juvenile Delinquents Under Section 504" at the 18th annual conference on Severe Behavior Disorders of Children and Youth in Tempe, Az., Nov. 19. The presentation focused on classroom accommodations for behaviorally disordered children and youth who may not qualify for special education services.

Irons and **Paula Haggarty** (early childhood and special education) presented a workshop for 90 diagnosticians from the Region VII Educational Service Center in Longview Dec. 2. The workshop focused on current research and practices in the identification of strengths and weaknesses and in interpretation of results of two important tests: The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, III and the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test.

Several faculty members from kinesiology attended the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention in Austin. Dr. **Charlotte (Barney) Sanborn** presented "What We Know from Anthropometric and Motor Behavior Measurements of Older Adults." Dr. **Ron French** chaired the adapted physical education section. Dr. **Jean Pyfer** was chosen vice-president-elect of the college division.

Graduate student **Lori Heaton** (Occupational Therapy, Houston) was co-author of a poster and an abstract presented recently at the 1994 Society for Neuroscience annual meeting in Florida.

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**THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS AT TWU: DEC. 12, 1994 - JAN. 16, 1995**

Dec. 5-17 -Visual Arts: MFA Exhibits, both galleries, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
(Ext. 2530)

Mon.-Wed., -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-midnight.  
Dec. 12-14

Wed., Dec. 14 -Exit interviews with loan recipients, Denton, ADM 129, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3067)  
-Holiday Extravaganza featuring Dr. Frank Vitro, MCL Auditorium,  
1:30 p.m.

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**CALENDAR, continued**

- Sat., Jan. 7 -Basketball: TWU vs. Texas Lutheran, Denton, 2 p.m. (Ext. 2378)
- Mon.-Wed.,  
Jan. 9-11 -Blagg-Huey Library open noon-7 p.m.
- Wed., Jan. 11 -Residence halls open, Denton, Dallas and Houston, 1:30 p.m. (Ext. 3676)
- Thurs.-Fri.,  
Jan. 12-13 -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
-MBA Job Fair, for Dec. 1994, May 1995 and Aug. 1995 graduates, Dallas Infomart; students must be registered with and turn in a resume to Career Services no later than Dec. 16. (Ext. 2950)
- Thurs.-Sat.,  
Jan. 12-14 -Payment settlement for Spring 1995.
- Thurs., Jan. 12 -Mini-orientation: graduate students, SC 207, 9-10 a.m.; new students, Houston Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; new students, Denton, SC 207, 10 a.m.-noon; new students, Dallas Center, 1-3 p.m.  
-Academic advising for returning students continues, departmental offices, 1-5 p.m.  
-New student testing: English, ASB 301, 1-5 p.m.; Math/Science, GRB 214, 1-5 p.m.
- Fri., Jan. 13 -New student testing: English, ASB 301, 9 a.m.-noon; Math/Science, GRB 214, 9 a.m.-noon.  
-Payment settlement, Denton and Dallas-Parkland, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Payment settlement, Houston Center, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 14 -Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Payment settlement, Denton, Dallas-Parkland and Houston, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
-Last day to withdraw from the university and receive a full refund minus the matriculation fee, 1 p.m.  
-Basketball: TWU vs. Angelo State, Denton, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2378)
- Sun., Jan. 15 -Blagg-Huey Library closed.
- Mon., Jan. 16 -Martin Luther King Jr. holiday: no classes; university offices closed.  
-Blagg-Huey Library closed.  
-Basketball: TWU vs. Abilene Christian, Denton, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2378)

**COMING EVENTS**

- Jan. 17 -First day of classes for spring 1995.
- Jan. 19 -Dedication of the newly renovated nursing labs at Dallas-Parkland, Nursing Skills Lab, 11 a.m. (Ext. 3866)
- Jan. 20 -Faculty Senate meeting, SC 10 a.m. (Ext. 3393)
- Jan. 25 -Financial Aid Fair, SC 207-208, 10 a.m. (Ext. 3050)

**HAPPY, HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!**