

OPEN FORUMS OFFER INPUT ON PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Last week, TWU faculty, staff, students and community members in Dallas, Houston and Denton shared with members of the presidential search advisory committee what characteristics and experience they would like the 10th president of TWU to possess. The committee first brought each group up-to-date about its work and asked participants to nominate persons for the position or to ask others to apply. The input from the meetings will be used by the committee to write the draft for a position description that will accompany a letter seeking nominations for the position.

Among those characteristics and experiences mentioned were: integrity; community involvement in the Denton, Dallas and Houston communities; ability to "put a face on TWU" in the legislature, in the state and across the United States; high visibility on campus; an advocate for diversity; knowledgeable and/or supportive of shared governance as it is understood in the realm of higher education; a role model for women; a visionary (not a micro-manager); energetic; collaborative (believes in a team approach); accessible; supportive of the needs of persons with disabilities; an advocate for higher education; someone with a sense of humor; and more.

Several process questions were asked, and Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement) -p; a member of the committee -p; stated that the group hopes to have a new president in place by fall 1999. However, the application process remains open throughout the search. Ads in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and other publications should appear beginning April 23. Anyone with comments or suggestions may send them to the committee chair, Kay Williams Goodman, in care of the president's office in Denton.

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DISABILITY ISSUES FOR WOMEN IS FOCUS OF HOUSTON EVENT

Did you know that 20 percent of American women live with significant disabling conditions, such as back disorders, arthritis, heart disease and orthopedic impairment? that women with physical disabilities encounter serious barriers to receiving general and reproductive health care? that abuse is a serious problem for women with disabilities because they have even fewer options for escaping or resolving the abuse than women in general?

These concerns and more will be topics for discussion during a symposium on "Health Issues for Women with Disabilities: An Interdisciplinary Approach." The program, TWU's 6th annual Research Day, will be held in Houston on Fri., April 23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, MGJ 7th floor. Several nationally known experts will join TWU researchers to discuss topics such as orthopedic impairment, multiple sclerosis, back pain and frailty among the elderly -p; specifically women. Scientific data, combined with personal experience, will provide a multi-dimensional overview of health problems that are affecting an ever-growing number of women in the U.S.

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The half-day program is presented by the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center offices of research and library resources, the TWU Center for Research on Women's Health and the TWU National Alumnae Association. The program is free and open to the public.

The purpose of the program is to provide information and insight about the scope of health issues for women with disabilities and to present interdisciplinary research models that address those issues. Health care professionals, researchers, educators, students and administrators who are interested in health care delivery and services for women with disabilities should attend.

The program schedule follows: 8:30 a.m. -- welcome by Ann Williams, president of the TWU National

Alumnae Association; 8:45 a.m. -p; "Overcoming the Odds: The Health of Women with Physical Disabilities in the U.S." with Dr. Margaret A. Nosek, director of the Center for Research on Women with Disabilities at the Baylor College of Medicine; 9:15 a.m.-"Personal Reflections: Surviving the Health Care Maze" with Mary Ann Board, social worker and independent practitioner; 9:45 a.m. -p; "Practical Applications: An Intervention Program for Women with Multiple Sclerosis" by Dr. Alexa Stuijbergen, associate professor of nursing at the University of Texas at Austin; 10:15 a.m. -p; break and poster displays; 11 a.m. -p; interdisciplinary research on either the RISE Project, led by Dr. Lynn Wieck (Nursing, Houston), or the Pain Group, led by Dr. Maureen Simmonds (Physical Therapy); 11:45 a.m. -p; closing remarks.

Nosek is an internationally recognized authority on women with disabilities and independent living for persons with disabilities. In 1992, she began a landmark four-year study funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control to investigate psychosocial behaviors of women with physical disabilities, with a sample of more than 1,000 women -p; about half with a variety of physical disabilities and half without. That same year, she founded the center which she currently directs. She also serves as a consultant in the field for state and federal policy making bodies. For more information, call Dr. Kathryn Peek (Center for Research on Women's Health, Houston) at 8-1-2480.

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HONORS CONVOCATION AWARD WINNERS RECOGNIZED

During last Friday's Honors Convocation ceremony, Dr. Beverly Byers-Pevitts (president's office) welcomed, students, faculty, staff, alumni and family members who visited Denton to celebrate the accomplishments of others. Regents Kay Goodman and Richard Hayes, as well as keynote speaker Dr. Dolores Hutto Carruth of Dallas, joined the campus community during the program. Byers-Pevitts said, "This is one of the most memorable events of the year...a time when we, as a university community, recognize the outstanding achievements of our students, faculty and staff in teaching, scholarship and service. This Honors Convocation marks the last celebration of our TWU community in this century. I believe that we can learn from the past while we look forward to the future. Honors Convocation reaffirms our commitment to work together in order to maintain the mission of Texas Woman's University." Honorees are listed below.

Student awards -- The Lemman Award, which is given to a graduating senior who has made an outstanding artistic contribution to the university, was presented to drama major Sonya Worden. The award was established in 1930 to honor Pauline Bishop Lemman, a graduate of TWU. Four students received the Outstanding Senior Award: May Kwan and Samantha Medlock of Denton; Kimberly Sakovick of Dallas; and Cathleen Cecille Amposta of Houston.

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Raedean Bolton of Denton received the outstanding master's graduate student award and Astra Jackson was given the outstanding doctoral graduate student award.

Staff Awards -- As she began to distribute the staff awards, Byers-Pevitts said, "The phenomenal staff members at TWU ensure that messages move, that students enroll, that facilities function and that activities happen. While teaching and learning are the heart of the university, we know that TWU could not exist without the staff members who provide a multitude of critical services." Kathy Luca (Arts and Sciences) and Michael Matlock (facilities management) each received the Outstanding Staff Achievement Award, while Joan Howard (information technology services) was given the TWU Award of Excellence.

Faculty Awards -- Dr. Rebecca Code (biology) and Mary Williford-Shade (performing arts, dance) were recognized for their efforts as junior faculty members when they received the Mary Mason Lyon Award for teaching, research and service. Dr. Lynda Uphouse (biology) received the Cornaro Award, the highest honor presented by TWU to a senior faculty member, given in recognition of distinguished teaching and outstanding commitment to scholarship and the advancement of learning.

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CHOIRS SING IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN

In a show of true harmony, the TWU Concert Choir and TWU University Choir will perform together at 8 p.m. on Tues., April 27, in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The concert is free and open to the public. According to Stuart Younse (performing arts), director of the TWU Concert Choir, the annual performance will be a little different from those of past years. "In recognition of TWU's campuswide celebration of Seneca Falls, we're going to do a choral poem," he said. "It will be a multi-media piece with choral music, visual art, choreography and text."

He added that every component of the performance has been created by women. "Everything we've chosen is by a woman -p; women composers, women poets, women artists and women choreographers." Younse said the program, which features both choirs performing together on stage, will include musical selections by persons from Medieval-period composer Hildegard Von Bingham to Clara Schumann to contemporary composers such as Libby Larsen, Dede Duson and Gwyneth Walker. Choreography for the work was written by Linda Caldwell, a doctoral student in the TWU programs in dance. For details, call Younse at 8-1-2091.

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PRESCHOOL PAINTERS DRAW ON THEIR TALENTS

Move over, *Baby Geniuses*. The TWU Child Development Center will celebrate its own talented toddlers -p; and older tykes -p; during the annual CDC art show on Tues., April 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at 1600 Cherrywood Dr. in Denton. More than 170 children, ranging in age from 18 months to five years, are enrolled at the CDC, and each young artist selected her or his own favorite creation for entry in the art show. After the initial show, the works will travel to TWU's main campus. A Scholastic Book Fair will be combined with the CDC show, allowing interested parents to purchase books for children of all ages.

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Both the art exhibit and the book fair are free and open to the public. The center is a training lab school that strives to be a model child care program, providing all-day and half-day child care five days a week throughout the year. It is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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BE FASHIONABLE -p; SEE THE SHOW!

Heeding RuPaul's advice -p; "You better work!" -p; TWU fashion design students have been cutting, sewing and creating outfits to prepare for two upcoming fashion shows.

On Fri., April 16, TWU graduate and undergraduate students will display their panache in the Texas Food and Fibers Commission Texas Natural Fibers Fashion Design Competition at 2 p.m. in Dallas. Included in the TFFC show are Texas universities and colleges that have fashion design programs, and all entries must contain a certain percentage of natural Texas fibers -p; wool, mohair or cotton. Kim Dawson models will strut the runways in the students' garb, and the students will compete for cash awards. This year, TWU students have submitted 56 ensembles for the competition. The TFFC show will be held in the Fashion Theater of the International Apparel Mart at 2300 Stemmons Freeway. Admission is free and the public is invited.

One week later, the TWU department of fashion and textiles will host its annual spring fashion show,

named "Inspirations" this year. Graduate and undergraduate students from each of the department's three majors -p; fashion design, fashion merchandising, and textiles and apparel -p; have collaborated to organize and produce the show. "It's very exciting," said Dr. Sharon Underwood (fashion and textiles). "The students have been working nonstop in preparation for the show. They've become a truly cohesive unit, and the show is great training for them to produce and participate in a professional fashion event. It's also a chance to recognize the students for all of their hard work."

Students from various TWU departments will model the original ensembles, and student designers who received awards from either the TFFC show or the March Fashion Group Career Day Design Competition will be recognized during the event. "Inspirations" begins at 7 p.m. on Fri., April 23, in the TWU SC Underground; a reception will follow on ACT 2. The fashion show is open to the public and, although there is no admission charge, students will accept donations. Those who wish to attend should RSVP by Tues., April 20; call 8-1-2669.

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SING A SONG OF OPERA

The TWU Opera Ensemble will present its spring production this weekend with scenes from favorite French and German operas. Performances will be staged on Sat., April 24, at 8 p.m. and Sun., April 25, at 3 p.m., both in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets are \$7 for general admission; \$5 for senior citizens, students, and TWU faculty and staff; and \$3 for TWU students. For details, call 8-1-2500.

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The program will include the opening scenes of Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, as well as the delightful duet between the "half-bird, half-human" creatures Papgena and Papgeno. The opening scene of Humperdinck's *Hansel und Gretel* will thrill the audience as Gretel scolds her brother, Hansel, and teaches the awkward lad a dance so that he will forget his hunger. To complete the German section, the ensemble presents arias and the Wreath Chorus from von Weber's *Der Freischutz* and a duet and Act I finale from Johann Strauss' well-loved *Die Fledermaus*. The French section opens with the famous duet from Delibes' *Lakme* and the subsequent quintet. From the *Tales of Hoffman* by Offenbach, the lovely Barcarolle is sung by Giulliette and Nicklaus. The program closes with the playful yet ominous card scene from Bizet's *Carmen* and with the famous Habanera Chorus from the same work. Call 8-1-2500

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COMPETITION PROMOTES DIVERSITY ON CAMPUS

The TWU office of community relations and diversity has announced a competition for professional development awards among faculty that will promote in-class and campus diversity. A \$1,000 award is available for an individual to participate in the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education, scheduled June 3-7, 1999, in Memphis, Tenn. A \$1,500 award is offered to study language and culture at the Center for Bilingual-Multicultural Studies in Cuernavaca, Moreles, Mexico, from June 15 to July 10. Course credit is optional; the participant can learn about the process of implementing a similar course in her or his department.

"These two programs represent a professional development opportunity for faculty to enhance their ability to foster an academically rich and inclusive environment for teaching and learning," said Dr. Rudy Rodriguez (community relations and diversity). "Awards are limited to two different faculty members, and grants are provided by the office of the vice president for academic affairs." Eligible applicants must have an appointment for 1999-2000 as a full-time (continuing) faculty member at TWU with instructional responsibilities in the classroom. Applications must be submitted to Rodriguez' office by Wed., April 28. For more information or an application, call Rodriguez at 8-1-3991 or send e-mail to rrodriguez@twu.edu.

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FREEDOM FESTIVAL 99 SET

Freedom Festival 99, which celebrates diversity, will be held at TWU from April 20 to 24 in Denton; the theme this year is "Uniting Allies for Pride and Acceptance." The event begins on Tues., April 20, with a lecture by Dr. Susan Gore on "What's A Formerly Married Sorority Woman Like Me Doing Talking About Gay Rights?" in ACT 301 at noon. Gore is former executive director for the National Women's Studies Association and the principal of the Mentor Group, a consulting firm on workforce diversity, communication and teambuilding.

A festival featuring food, bands, music and vendors will be held on Sat., April 24, at 2 p.m. near the Music Building on the Pioneer Oval. Activities for Freedom Festival 99 are sponsored by the TWU organization Student Advocates for Lesbian and Gay Activities, the Campus Activities Board, the Counseling Center and the office of intercultural services. For details, call 8-1-3769.

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

They're winners again! The TWU Pioneers gymnastics team took their pride and school spirit to Connecticut this weekend as they worked to defend their national team championship title. While they missed the number one spot by a mere three-hundredths of a point, the team members took top individual honors in all four events (floor exercise, vault, uneven parallel bars and balance beam). Senior Kim Koenig took three of those four individual number one rankings, received not one -p; but two -p; 10s (perfect scores) and won the national all-around championship.

Congratulations to each and every one -p; and thanks to all who attended meets this year, cheered, sent the team off last Wednesday and welcomed them home on Sunday! By the way the Pioneers softball team is ranked 8th nationally among NCAA Division II teams. Way to go!

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to s_hatch@twu.edu or AHatch@twu.edu. The weekly deadline to receive information is Tuesday 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.

Don't forget -- Send changes in dates and information for events, programs and other activities to the office of public information so that *TWU Update* and master calendar information will reflect the correct details.

A reception celebrating Cornaro and Mary Mason Lyon Award recipients Dr. Lynda Uphouse and Dr. Rebecca Code will be hosted by the department of biology on Tues., April 20, from 3 to 5 p.m., CFO 13. The campus community is invited to attend!

Reminder: One more Seneca Falls event remains in the year-long celebration. On April 27, "The Voices of Women -- An Evening of Choral Music by Women Composers, 12th Century to the Present" will feature the TWU Concert Choir and the TWU University Choir. The choral/poem celebration is free and open to the general public; it begins at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. For details, call the department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

The Women's Studies Vision Award will be presented during the program's annual meeting on May 6, from 4 to 5 p.m., library 101. Nominations must be submitted to the honors and scholarship committee of the TWU women's studies program in Denton by Fri., April 23, by 5 p.m. The purpose of the award is

to recognize courage, vision and leadership of persons who have made a long-term commitment to the women's studies program. Those eligible to receive the award are faculty, staff and administrators who have demonstrated eight to 10 years of substantial and sustained commitment to the development of women's studies at TWU. A letter of nomination outlining contributions made by the nominee which demonstrates that person's qualification for the award must be sent to the committee by the deadline. For details, call 8-1-2117.

The HIV education committee will present "Dinner and a Movie" on Wed., April 21, at 8 p.m. in the Stark Hall television room.

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Reminder: TWU retirees, faculty, staff, spouses, students and guests are invited to attend the university's annual retirement dinner on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$9.79 each and may be purchased by sending reservation forms and checks to the department of human resources. The deadline to RSVP is Fri., April 23. For details, call 8-1-3555.

Want to learn more about garment restoration? Any TWU faculty or staff member, as well as students, who know how to sew and who are willing to make a major commitment of their time can help restore a gown from the university's DAR collection. To schedule an informational appointment, call Dr. Sharon Underwood (fashion and textiles) at 8-1-2669.

The distinguished rhetoricians lecture series, presented by the TWU department of English, speech and foreign languages, will feature Michael Joyce on Tues., April 20, at 7:30 p.m., ACT 601. He will discuss "Rhetoric and Computers." The event is free and open to all.

The Institute for Clinical and Applied Research will present an interdisciplinary clinical staffing workshop on Thurs., April 22, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., ASB 300. No taping -p; audio or video -p; will be permitted during the workshop. All interested faculty, staff and students are invited to attend. For information, call 8-1-2285.

TWU Wellness Services is offering "Fresh Starts" at half price -- \$20 instead of \$40 -p; during April only. Get ready for summer -p; call 8-1-2900 for an appointment.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to Ann Hatch in public information by campus mail or by e-mail to s_hatch@twu.edu or AHatch@twu.edu! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Carolyn Barnes, Ann Hatch, Rachel Palmer, Susan Sponsler and Hannah Freiser (public information) attended the CASE District IV annual conference in Albuquerque, N. Mex., in March, where they and staff members **Mark Harris** and **Michael Hill** earned a combination of nine awards in various categories for design, writing and publications. (The district comprises the five-state region of Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.) They won: an Achievement Award in video for "Pioneers and Partnerships"; a Grand Award in general institutional literature for the multiple-piece package "Pioneering Our Future"; a Special Award in illustration for "Ode to a Cricket"; a Grand Award in visual design/design improvement for *TWU Times*; an Achievement Award for visual design/newsletters, tabloids, newspapers larger than 8 1/2 x 11 for the summer 1998 issue of the *TWU Times*; an Excellence Award in periodicals/newsletters, tabloids, newspapers larger than 8 1/2 x 11 for the *TWU Times*; an Excellence Award for periodicals improvement, *TWU Times*; a Special Award in publications writing for *Pioneers and Partners* (donor report); and an Excellence Award in the medical/scientific writing collection category for *Quest* magazine. Barnes, Sponsler, Frieser and Hatch presented during several sessions; Barnes also coordinated keynote speakers for the conference. She will chair the district conference in Fort Worth in 2001.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: APRIL 19 - 25, 1999

April 19-22

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Mon., April 19

- USA House of Representatives meeting, SC 006-007, 12:15-1 p.m.
- USA Senate meeting, SC 007, 5-7 p.m.

Tues., April 20

- Freedom Festival speaker, Dr. Susan Gore, ACT 301, noon.
- Child Development Center art show, open house and book fair, 1600 Cherrywood, 6:30 p.m.

Wed., April 21

- HR: "Equal Employment Opportunity," ACT 501, 2-4 p.m.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. UT-Arlington, PH, 4 p.m.
- Certified health educator exam, MCL 221, 8 a.m.

April 22-26

- Continuing education: 40-Hour Divorce Mediation, ACT/Stoddard.

Thurs., April 22

- HR: "University Travel," library 101, 9-10:30 a.m.
- HR: "Accounts Payable," library 101, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Institute for Clinical and Applied Research workshop on interdisciplinary clinical staffing, ASB 300, 5-6:30 p.m.

April 23-24

- Softball: Pioneers vs. Eastern New Mexico, PH, 1 p.m.

Fri., April 23

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Biology seminar: Dr. Alan Barrett, University of Texas at Galveston Medical Branch, free, CFO 205, 3-4 p.m.
- HR: "Stress Management," Houston, MJG 928, 1-4 p.m.
- Last day to file theses, dissertations and professional papers for students completing their degree requirements by May 1999.
- Houston: 7th annual Research Day, MGJ, 8:30 a.m.-noon.
- Fashion and textiles: "Inspirations" spring fashion show, free, SC Underground, 6 p.m.

Sat., April 24

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Freedom Festival, Pioneer Oval, 2 p.m.
- Saturday visit for prospective students, admissions, 9 a.m.
- TWU Opera Ensemble, Margo Jones Performance Hall, 8 p.m.

Sun., April 25

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- TWU Opera Ensemble, Margo Jones, 3 p.m.

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