

STUDENTS MARCH FORWARD ON SATURDAY

Hail to spring and commencement! More than 730 students from TWU will celebrate the close of their academic careers and the beginning of their professional lives when commencement exercises are held on Sat., March 15, in Pioneer Hall. Students and family members who have tickets are invited to attend. The ceremonies in Denton will be held at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Commencement speakers will be U.S. Rep. Kay Granger of Fort Worth and Texas Rep. Helen Giddings of Dallas for ceremonies I and II, respectively.

The number of degrees earned during the spring 1999 semester includes 533 undergraduate and 202 graduate degrees, according to Dr. Jim Stiles (registrar). Approximately 225 students are expected to participate in their graduation ceremonies.

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

- 10 a.m. -- Ceremony I involves candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Nursing; and
- 1 p.m. -- Ceremony II will feature graduates from the College of Education and Human Ecology, the College of Health Sciences, the School of Library and Information Studies, the School of Occupational Therapy and the School of Physical Therapy.

A reception for graduates, their families and guests who attend either ceremony will be held from 11 a. m. to 12:30 p.m. in the southwest dining room of Hubbard Hall. Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office), will preside at both ceremonies, which include an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH CONTINUES

The next meeting of the TWU presidential search advisory committee will be held on Thurs., May 13. To date, the search ad has been published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Hispanic Outlook*. Letters have been sent to nearly 1,500 persons, seeking their nominations or applications for the position. (Nominations and applications are arriving.) On May 13, the committee will receive a final draft of the "position specifications" from the subcommittee on specifications, chaired by Susan Phillips (chemistry Science Learning Resource Center).

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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), a member of the committee, 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, 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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Kay Goodman, chair of the TWU presidential search advisory committee, appointed Dr. Michael Wiebe (Education and Human Ecology) as chair of a subcommittee for "screening criteria." The screening criteria subcommittee will provide a first draft for review of "screening criteria," also at the May 13 meeting.

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FACULTY SENATE ELECTS OFFICERS, CONCLUDES YEAR

The final meeting of the TWU Faculty Senate for the 1998-99 academic year signaled the end of a year of activity and boosted a sense of continuity with the election of new officers and reports from representatives on a number of items.

The following officers were elected for 1999-2000: speaker -- Dr. Basil Hamilton (psychology and philosophy); speaker pro tem -- Dr. Deborah Garrison (Nursing, Denton); and secretary -- Dr. Jack Gill (fashion and textiles). The senate's executive committee will comprise the following committee chairs: elections -- Glenda Lehrmann (library); academic standards -- Dr. Betty Henderson (Nursing, Houston); academic freedom and responsibility -- Dr. Stephen Freeman (family sciences); budget and planning -- Dr. Vera Gershner (educational leadership); committee on committees -- Dr. Clay King (nutrition and food sciences); administrator evaluation -- co-chairs Dr. Roger Shipley (psychology and philosophy) and Dr. Sterling Smith (biology); and constitution and by-laws -- Dr. Betty MacNeill (Physical Therapy, Houston).

New representatives were elected to the following university committees: curriculum -- Glenda Lehrmann; Graduate Council -- Dr. Lybeth Hodges (history and government); and faculty evaluation and development -- Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music).

Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office) provided a legislative update. Although funding for the next biennium has not been approved yet, a conference report indicates that TWU will receive significant funds for the Center for Research on Women's Health and some for Reading Recovery; requests for TWU CARES Health Center, women in health care management or at-risk children's programs, which represented requests for exceptional items were not included. "We (TWU) fared well, considering that the focus of this legislature is on public education and property tax relief -- not higher education," said Byers-Pevitts. "We still hope to apply for some of the tobacco settlement money because of our nursing and allied health programs."

Senate bill 1859, proposed by Sen. David Sibley, was passed, designating TWU as a system; the bill now moves to the House for its approval. The additional designation for the TWU Institute of Health Sciences as a health-related institution was dropped from the bill when

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the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board objected to a fiscal note attached to the bill which mentioned that an increase of several million dollars in TWU's budget in the next biennium would result

if the institute became health-related, according to Byers-Pevitts. She added that the higher education committee will hold a hearing on Tues., May 11. A bill providing a 3 percent salary increase for staff is possible, but no raise for faculty is included.

In response to questions from TWU senators, Byers-Pevitts said that the regents have no immediate plans to increase fees to boost faculty salaries because they have increased a number of other fees recently -- including course, meal, housing, student and library fees. "They will have to consider a tuition increase, but they cannot increase tuition while registration for a session already is under way. They also are reluctant to increase tuition while enrollment is declining," said the interim president. "We would hope to increase faculty salaries by 3 percent to match the staff increase. We hope to appropriate funds for that purpose, but the outcome of the fire safety report will determine whether we have funds to use for other items or whether we must spend our own money on fire safety renovations."

Reports were received from the following committees: academic freedom and responsibility; budget and planning; the Graduate Council; faculty evaluation and development; and student life. Under "unfinished business," the Faculty Senate also will send out a second reading this week of the new constitution and bylaws as a ballot for full faculty vote.

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NEW HONOR SOCIETY WELCOMED TO TWU

TWU faculty and students recently welcomed a new academic honor society, Sigma Beta Delta, when more than 35 members were inducted in April. Sigma Beta Delta is the international honor society for business, management and administration. Student members must rank in the upper 20 percent of their class. The purposes of the organization are to promote higher scholarship in training for business and to recognize and reward scholastic achievement in business subjects.

Sigma Beta Delta was founded as a national organization in 1994 to recognize outstanding scholarship by students enrolled in institutions that have regional accreditation but not with specialized accreditation in business. Chapter officers, all faculty members in the department of business and economics, are: Sherrie Taylor, president; Dr. Derrell Bulls, vice president; and Chandra Schorg, secretary/treasurer. Paula Warren, Sarah Kobal and Angie Whitley are student vice presidents.

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Student inductees during the April 13 ceremony were: Valaska Beachum, Sara Beck, Kimberly Carroll, Chan Ching, Cristen Deteau, Mary Dotson, Amanda Gibbins, Aldona Gillem, Karen Heil, Shari Hillard, Teri Kelly, Sarah Kobal, Jennifer McCarthy, Crystal McCarty, Alisha McCrummen, Rae Murphy, Heather Neill, John Parnpichate, Timothy Pike, Heather Russell, Juanita Shasteen, Tamara Seiger, Zineta Sipilovic, Andrea Southern, Linda Spata, Robin Stephan, Pamela Tinsley, Paula Warren, Angela Whitley and Leann Zondag. Faculty inductees included Taylor, Bulls, Schorg, Dr. Adelaide Griffin, Dr. Phyllis Mercer, Dr. Julia Newcomer, Dr. Thomas Stafford and Dr. Richard Voss. For details, call Taylor at 8-1-2111.

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ON MY OWN TIME RECEPTION SET

Participants in TWU's 1999 *On My Own Time* exhibit -- as well as faculty, staff, students and friends -p; are invited to celebrate those works during a reception on Tues., May 11, 1999, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., ACT 2. The winner of the "People's Choice" Award, voted on by members of the campus community, will be announced.

Several faculty and staff members entered works that will be shown in the city exhibit. TWU's city finalists are: Greg Hardin (library) for two black-and-white photographs, "Oxford Punts" and "Isle of Man Traffic"; Rachel Palmer (public information) for two color photographs titled "Eye and the Snake: Take 2" and "Untitled"; Dr. Brenda Phillips (sociology and social work) for a color photograph, "Baboon Baby"; Susan Burke (sociology and social work) for two color photographs titled "On Isla Contoy" and "Untitled"; Dr. Jim Day (psychology and philosophy) for two sculptures, "She Whispers His Name" and "Taking Flight"; Stephanie Lokey (student life) for her painting "Untitled"; Mark Harris (public information) for two paintings, "Yellow Plastic Feedbucket" and "Stormscape with Cattle Egrets"; and Jean Mankoff (information technology services) for her textiles craft, "Soaring." Harris' painting "Yellow Plastic Feedbucket" won the "Best of Show" award from the judges.

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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 biweekly summer 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.

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TWU Update will be posted biweekly, beginning May 17, 1999, for the summer months. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before publication.

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.

Reminder: Count 'em 14 centuries of service to TWU! That's the number of years (1,405 -- to be exact) that honorees have dedicated to the nation's largest university primarily for women -- TWU. Faculty and staff in Denton will be recognized during a special program on Tues., May 11, at 3 p.m., HH (southeast dining room), followed by a reception in the foyer. Congratulations to everyone!

Food services during the semester break will be offered on the following schedule:

- Thurs., May 13 -- meal plans end at 1:30 p.m.; the Commons Café and C-Store are closed; Garden Room open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Chick-fil-A open 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.;
- Fri., May 14 -- Baker's Dozen open 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and all other food service units are closed;
- Sat. and Sun., May 15-16 -- all food service units closed;
- Mon. to Thurs., May 17-20 -- Baker's Dozen open 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- May 21-28 -- all food service units closed to allow for food service transition.

Reminder: Celebrate National Employee Health and Fitness Day with TWU's wellness services on Wed., May 19. The event will include a walk around campus (one mile), which begins at 12:15 p.m. at the Davis fountain in front of the library. Participants may bring a brown bag lunch or purchase a healthy bag lunch for \$4.75. After the walk, prizes will be given, including a T-shirt, water bottles, towels, an initial consultation with a dietitian, a 30-minute table massage and a Fresh Start with a personal trainer. If it rains, the walk moves inside to Pioneer Hall's indoor track. All faculty and staff are invited to participate! Call 8-1-2900 for details.

Wanted: midnight breakfast servers! All TWU faculty and staff are invited to help serve a traditional midnight breakfast on Mon., May 10, to students as they prepare for finals this week. Interested volunteers should come to the SC Underground at 9:30 p.m. to set up. Breakfast will be served from 10 p.m. to midnight, and volunteers are asked to help with clean-up (until about 12:30 a.m.). Questions? Call 8-1-3663.

The distinguished rhetoricians lecture series, presented by the department of English, speech and foreign languages, concludes this week with a visit by James Kinneavy on Tues., May 4, at 7:30 p.m., ACT 601. He will discuss "Rhetoric Re-Visioned." The event is free to all.

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"On My Own Time" expands into performance with an event titled "Peerformance" on June 23, 1999, at 7 p.m. in the Center for Visual Arts. Sponsored by the Greater Denton Arts Council, the program will include a variety of opportunities for participating *On My Own Time* company employees to showcase their talents in music, mime, magic, storytelling and poetry reading, for example. Persons interested in participating should contact Marvin Brown, coordinator of "Peerformance," at (940) 243-0998.

Reminder: Know a student who can't decide on a major? The office of career services, in conjunction with the department of psychology and philosophy, will offer a new course for TWU students who are having difficulty deciding on a major: PSY 4913 -- "The Psychology of Career Exploration and Development." The three-hour elective course will be offered fall 1999 (see page 66 of the undergraduate catalog) with a pre-requisite that students be a sophomore or above. For details online, visit www.twu.edu/o-cs/ or students can contact either their academic advisors or Sherrie Williams (career services) at 8-1-2950. Undecided freshmen may call the office of career services for an individual career counseling appointment.

A surplus property sale will be held on Fri., May 14. Surplus vehicles that are available may be inspected at the south end of the Facilities Management Building (physical plant) across from the golf course clubhouse. Remaining lots of various items for sale will be located in the Smith Carroll Building on Bell Avenue. (This event will be the last surplus sale conducted out of Smith Carroll, which is scheduled for demolition.) An outside auctioneering firm will conduct the sale. All items may be viewed beginning at 8 a.m. on Fri., May 14; the sale starts at 10 a.m. Questions? Call Ron Justiss at 8-1-3140 or Jerry Stansel at 8-1-3144.

Persons interested in helping tornado victims in Oklahoma are asked to call (800) 996-6552 by Dr. Brenda Phillips (women's studies), who is on site with a research team. The TWU team will study housing recovery after the disaster -- an area that Phillips has researched for years at the sites of tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural and man-made disasters. The most pressing need is for money, said Phillips; donations of water, food, clothing and other assistance offered by many generous Americans are in the process of being sorted, distributed and stored. Now they are asking for money to help where the need is greatest.

"How to Improve Your Reading Speed" will be the topic of a free half-hour presentation by Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) on Thurs., May 13, ACT 601, at 11:30 a.m. The discussion is primarily for the benefit of Souris' students, but anyone interested in learning how to increase her or his reading speed is welcome. For details, call 8-1-2343.

The finance and audit committee of the TWU board of regents will meet on Fri., May 14, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting, which will be held at the Fossil Creek Courtyard by Marriott in Fort Worth, will include a legislative update, plus "information and discussion regarding university funding, budgeting, housing, programs and finance."

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Several faculty members from the TWU School of Occupational Therapy presented papers during the American Occupational Therapy Association's 1999 annual conference exposition, held in Indianapolis, Ind., from April 16-20: **Leonard Trujillo** (Dallas); **Steve Hoppes, Cynthia Reid, Janette Schkade** and **Lee Sewell** (Denton); and **Mary Frances Baxter, O. Jayne Bowman, Josephine Chan, Gayle Hersch, Kathlyn Reed** and **Jean Spencer** (Houston). Schkade received a service award from AOTA for her leadership on the post-educational issues committee of the Commission on Education.

Dr. **Howard Stone** (educational leadership) has announced that **Veronica Pasternak**, a doctoral student in reading who completed her professional administrator certificate through his department, has received the 1999 Hispanic Administrator "Stand and Deliver" Award. The award, presented annually by Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico Inc., recognizes academic and cultural excellence. Pasternak received her award during a special ceremony at El Centro College in Dallas last week. Nominations were submitted to the Dallas Public Schools, and the 1999 honors were sponsored by Bank of America, the City of Dallas office of cultural affairs, Dallas community colleges and Dallas Burn Soccer.

Dr. **Caryl Mobley** and **Judy Henley** (Nursing, Dallas) have been named among "The Great One Hundred Nurses," which honors nurses in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex for excellence in the art and science of nursing. The award ceremony was held April 22 at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.

Congratulations to **Judy Elias** (Student Center), mother of **Ashlee Tolle**, who has accepted a paid

internship in Washington, D.C., in the Office of Actuaries beginning May 23. Tolle, a senior mathematics major at the University of Texas at Austin, is the only UT student selected for the program. "Our thanks to the many TWU faculty and staff who set wonderful examples of scholarship for Ashlee," said Elias, a TWU alum. "From the time she was five years old, she attended TWU classes with me and learned to take good notes!"

Dr. **Chris French Beatty** (dental hygiene) recently announced that three TWU students -- all dental hygiene majors -- received a special award for their research project, titled "Comparison of Two Tooth-Whitening Dentifrices," that they developed as part of their course requirements and presented during the TWU student research symposium in April. The students received the award, sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, at the Texas Student American Dental Hygienists' Association conference in San Antonio last month. The students are **Egor Fuksman** and **Loan Do** of Dallas, and **ZeZee Crider** of Coppell.

Dr. **Daniel Miller** (psychology and philosophy) recently was re-elected a Texas state delegate to the National Association of School Psychologists. He begins his three-year term in July 1999.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: MAY 10 - 16, 1999

May 10-13

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

May 10-14

- Visual arts: MFA shows, Fine Arts Building, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mon., May 10

- USA Senate meeting, SC 006, 5-7 p.m.
- Midnight breakfast for students, SC Underground, 10 p.m.-midnight.

Tues., May 11

- Distinguished rhetoricians lecture series: Wayne Kinneavy, "Rhetoric Re-Visioned," ACT 601, 7:30 p.m.
- "On My Own Time" reception, ACT 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Wed., May 12

- HR: "Public Contact Skills," ACT 501, 1-4 p.m.

Thurs., May 13

- HR: "Purchasing -- Buy It Right," videoconference rooms in Denton, Dallas and Houston, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Commons Café and C-Store closed; Garden Room open 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; Chik-fil-A open 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- "How to Improve Your Reading Skills": Dr. Stephen Souris (English), free, ACT 601, 11:30 a.m.
- Last day of final exams.

Fri., May 14

- 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.
- HR: "Time Management and Organization," Houston, MGJ 928, 1-4 p.m.
- Baker's Dozen open 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; all other food service units closed.
- Board of regents finance and audit committee meeting, Fossil Creek Courtyard by Marriott (Fort Worth), 11:30 a.m.
- Surplus property sale, Smith-Carroll, 10 a.m.

Sat., May 15

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Commencement: Ceremony I, 10 a.m. -p; Arts and Sciences, Nursing, PH; Ceremony II, 1 p.m. -p; Education and Human Ecology, Health Sciences, Library and Information Studies, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, PH; Reception: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Hubbard Hall.
- Residence halls close in Denton and Houston.
- All food service units closed.

Sun., May 16

- Library closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES, FACULTY, STAFF
AND FAMILY MEMBERS ON COMMENCEMENT!**

Have a safe summer!

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