

WOMEN STUDENT'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SET

TWU's second annual Women Student's Leadership Conference, titled "Women Advancing through Leadership," will welcome students from across the state who are interested in learning the skills and art of taking charge and leading others. The only conference of its kind for women students in Texas, the TWU event will be held March 26 and 27 in Denton.

The two-day program begins on Friday with an awards banquet and opening session, with entertainment. The Saturday schedule features a number of sessions on leadership topics and other areas, plus lunch and keynote speaker Dr. Yvonne Thornton. Thornton, a physician, was the first African-American woman in the United States who became board-certified in high-risk obstetrics and also the first African-American woman who was accepted as a member of the New York Obstetrical Society. She is the author of the best-seller *The Ditchdigger's Daughter*. In 1997, her book became a world-premiere movie on the Family Channel and was nominated in the "Best Movie" category for the 19th annual Cable ACE Awards.

This fall, Thornton published a new book on women's health care, *Woman to Woman*. She currently is director of the Perinatal Diagnostic Testing Center at the Morristown (N.J.) Memorial Hospital and also is visiting associate physician at the Rockefeller University Hospital, where she serves as a perinatal consultant to obstetricians who are managing high-risk patients.

TWU student Jessica Ball, who is directing the conference, said, "We hope that many students will attend this conference and learn from their experiences here. We also encourage our administrators, faculty and staff to participate or to consider making a small donation to help ensure the success of this event. A \$25 donation would help us cover the cost of registration for one student, for example." Registration for students is \$25 per person; for faculty, staff and the general community, \$30; for Friday evening activities only, \$15; for the Saturday luncheon only, \$20; for presenters and volunteers, \$5. Add \$5 to the registration fee after March 19. For details, call the TWU Center for Student Development at 8-1-3626.

The mission of the conference, according to organizers, is to develop skills necessary for effective student leadership and more successful organizations; to bring women leaders from across north Texas together in order to encourage, educate and motivate them to embrace the challenge of leadership; to offer the ideas and skills necessary to help them articulate and accomplish their educational, professional and personal goals; and to advance women in leadership positions in colleges and universities in north Texas and in their communities so that women may be full and equal partners in the leadership of today's society and world.

Topics will include sexist language; women in leadership; women in volunteerism; women in government and law; women in art; women in business; body image and self-esteem; women in health care; women of color and diversity; assertiveness; stress management; and women's health and spirituality. Presenters will represent TWU, the University of North Texas, Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas at Arlington. Awards will be presented Friday night to three Women of Leadership.

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UPDATE ON PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

The TWU presidential search advisory committee met on Mon., March 1, for its initial discussion. Representatives Ron Zera and Matrice Kirk spoke to members of the committee about their role in the process, and three subcommittees were formed. Regent Kay Goodman, who chairs the committee, said, "We did not adopt a timeline so that we would not become boxed in by a set of arbitrary dates. We will continue our search and take the time that we need to come to the best decision for TWU."

Open forums to seek input from faculty, staff and students will be scheduled in Denton, Dallas and Houston. Activities currently under way include work on advertising text and placement; on a letter that may be used to seek nominations; and on defining the primary tasks and qualifications for presidential candidates. As specific objectives are met, committee members will be reassigned to other jobs. Goodman will serve as the spokesperson for the committee

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PICTURE THIS! (IN THE STUDENT GALLERY...)

Members of the Photographic Artists Coalition, a TWU student organization, will exhibit their photographic prowess with a new show that opens today (March 8) through March 26. Graduate and

undergraduate students alike have chosen to display their works, which range from color and black-and-white photographs to digital imaging and mixed media pieces. "The pieces included in the exhibit are a wonderful representation of our photography students' work," said Corky Stuckenbruck (visual arts), who directs the TWU galleries.

The exhibit is free and open to the public on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Gallery of the Fine Arts Building. For details, call the department of visual arts at 8-1-2530.

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CLEAN UP YOUR ACT!

The TWU Dental Hygiene Clinic will begin a disease control program in March (after spring break) that will offer instruction to persons about how they can control two major oral diseases -- dental decay and gum/periodontal disease -- from occurring in their mouths. After a careful mouth examination, participants receive oral hygiene and dietary instructions tailored to their individual needs. The program is open to faculty, staff, students and the general public in the Denton community.

People who would like to participate must be available for four one-hour appointments at either 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. on the following Mondays: March 22 and 29; April 5; and May 3. "If a person cannot attend all four appointments, they should not plan to sign up," said Dr. Nancy Glick (dental hygiene). Appointments can be made by calling the TWU Dental Hygiene Clinic at 8-1-2888 or by visiting the clinic on MCL 1 to talk to the receptionist.

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HAVE A SAFE SPRING BREAK!!!

(...but read on...)

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COLLEAGUE'S NEW STUDENT SYSTEM COMING

The implementation of Colleague's new student system is just around the corner. Staff members from information technology services plan to make the conversion during the week of spring break, and no data entry into the system will be saved or converted between March 13 at 5 p.m. through March 22 at 8 a.m. (Colleague/Benefactor will be available during that time for inquiry purposes only.) Updating the student system, the general ledger and payroll subsystems during 1999 -- and perhaps adding a graphic

interface for PC users as well -- all are part of Project 2000, and project teams represent departments from all areas.

The new student system comprises three comprehensive components: instructional management, enrollment management and campus life. These components are designed to help a university establish and accomplish an effective enrollment management program. Student information, course scheduling, faculty planning and management, and financial aid interact more closely. A brief description of each component is provided below:

- The instructional management component maintains faculty information and curriculum management. A new module, "Degree Audit," improves the advising process and helps with the review of degree programs; it also allows users to track credits, grades, requirements and changes as a student progresses toward a degree, as well as analyze degree options, and create and track customized programs. Accounts receivable and payment processing are found in this component.
- The enrollment management segment provides tools for recruitment and admissions, management of financial aid, registration, and tracking and maintaining academic records.
- The student life component (which is new) tracks information about campus organizations and residence life; campus organizations, clubs, committees and social groups may be recorded and tracked. Room and board assignments, as well as billing, are processed through this module and allow TWU to integrate residence life functions and processing with student data in Colleague.

For PC users, FontView will provide point-and-click technology and drop-down menus for processing choices. (Macintosh users will continue to access Colleague on character-based screens as they do now.) Another product, Safari, is an executive information system...a reporting tool that incorporates flexible report layouts and allows the use of graphics, font control and color, plus some import/export capabilities.

Teams involved in Project 2000 are: application packaging, chaired by David Peat (enrollment management); data management and training, chaired by Lizabeth Elkins (institutional research and statistics); and project management. Don Viator (ITS) coordinates the conversion processes and serves as a consultant to the members of the application and data teams. The application packaging team coordinates the data elements, pre-conversion set-up, definition of standard codes and processing rules, and continued maintenance of data and processes. The data management and training team is developing a long-range strategy for collecting and reporting data and developing strategies for user access and data; they already have focused on analyzing existing reports and reporting procedures to determine relevance and productivity gains or to identify inadequacies. The project management team develops and monitors all aspects of the Project 2000 plan, and an issues review team provides executive-level review of the project's status.

"The biggest challenge that team members have faced is finding the time in their busy schedules to work on Project 2000," said Tom Graf (ITS). "A 'war room' has been set up in Stoddard Hall to allow team members to leave their offices and work with other team members, using the new application interface. We're moving forward."

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FAST TRACK COURSES SET

The department of business and economics will offer a "Fast Track" course this spring titled "Practical Management Skills" -- one of six courses needed for students seeking a certificate in management from TWU. Taught by adjunct faculty member Dr. Connie Sitterly, the class will be held on three weekends -- Fridays and Saturdays -- from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Denton. The dates are March 26 and 27, April 9 and 10, and April 16 and 17. "Students must attend all three weekends because the class is a 48-hour credit course," said Sitterly.

She added, "This class is perfect for office managers, office assistants, department heads, small business owners and other managers." The class is offered for the first time this spring; interested persons should contact the department at 8-1-2111 or call Sitterly at (817) 737-2893. Members of the class must be currently enrolled students at TWU.

The goal of the class is to help students improve their performance and productivity by clarifying what an office manager or department head does and how. Topics will include organization, administration, leadership, office communication, delegation, cost controls, management of multiple priorities, coaching, motivation and others. Some of the objectives include: clarifying roles and responsibilities of managers, team members and employees; applying business and management principles and concepts; improving relationships and results with employees, customers and managers; planning, organizing and prioritizing work, time and teams; introducing change effectively and reducing office stress; and others.

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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. 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.

TWU Update will not be posted on Mon., March 15; the newsletter's regular schedule will resume on Mon., March 22.

Reminder: 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.

TWU's distinguished rhetoricians lecture series continues on Tues., March 30, at 7:30 p.m., ACT 6, with a presentation by Wayne Booth on "Rhetoric of Religion and Ethics."

The TWU Institute for Clinical Services and Applied Research will present an interdisciplinary clinical staff workshop on Wed., March 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on ACT 3 and again that evening from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the same location. No taping -- either audio or video -- is permitted during the staffing workshop. All interested faculty, staff and students are invited to attend; for details, call the institute at 8-1-2285.

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Reminder: Several Seneca Falls events remain this semester. They are listed below:

- *March 8 and 9* -- "An Evening of Orchestral Works: Women Composers and Performers" will feature the music of five outstanding women composers performed by the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra. The concerts will be held in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The March 8 concert is free; tickets for the March 9 concert are \$7 for the general public; \$5 for students, senior citizens, and TWU faculty and staff; and \$3 for TWU students. For details, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500. Augusta Read Thomas, Gwyneth Walker, Cindy McTee, Katherine Hoover and Norma Davidson will be featured guests at a free symposium of women composers on Tues., March 9, at 1 p.m. in ACT 301.
- *April 9-10, 12-13; and April 11 (matinee)* -- National premiere of *Dakota Sky Diaries* opens, based on the book and lyrics by Kathleen Cahill, with music by Deborah Wicks LaPuma. Directed by Charles Harrill (performing arts, drama), the play will be staged April 9-10 and 12-13 at 8 p.m. and on Sun., April 11, at 2 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. Introduced under the title *The Fifth Year*, the newly-renamed musical is based on the land lottery that took place in the early 1900s in North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. Tickets are: \$12 for general admission; \$9 for students, senior citizens, and TWU faculty and staff; and \$7 for TWU students. For more information, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500. (*Note changes in dates.*)
- *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 New Handbook of Texas now is available online to all TWU faculty, staff and students by visiting the Internet at www.tsha.utexas.edu. Users may access the same information found in the 7,000-page, six-volume resource set printed in 1996, which includes 23,500 articles about the women and men who shaped the Lone Star State. The information also includes articles on all aspects of Texas history, agriculture, architecture, business, education, geology, literature, medicine, politics, religion, sports and urbanization. The online version is a joint venture by the Texas State Historical Association (based at the University of Texas at Austin) and UT-Austin's general libraries. For details, call Connie Maxwell (library) at 8-1-3707.

A workshop dealing with enhancing graduate student recruitment will be held on Wed., March 10, in Denton from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., ACT 601; and on Wed., April 7, in Houston from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., MGJ 718. Co-sponsored by the office of enrollment management and the Graduate School, both workshops will enable participants to discuss strategies and methods for recruiting graduate students to TWU's programs. "Realizing that we all need to work together to accomplish our enrollment management goals, we believe that holding frequent workshops of this type will help us find ways to share resources and ideas for more efficient and effective recruiting," said Juanita Duenez-Lazo (enrollment management), who handles student outreach. The work-shops are open to all deans, chairs, faculty and others. For details, call Duenez-Lazo at 8-1-3024.

A satellite program hosted by the TWU office of disability support services and titled "Funding Services for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students in Postsecondary Education: Policies and Practices that Work" will be held on Thurs., March 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., library 101. The program is free and will feature Dr. Robert Davila, vice president of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. The teleconference is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's office of special education and rehabilitation services. For details, call JoAnn Nunnally at 8-1-3835 or use TDD number 8-1-3830.

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Occupational therapy students will be recognized for their research efforts during the seventh annual "Celebration of Scholarship," sponsored by Pi Theta Epsilon. The program, which will be held from 8 a. m. to 5 p.m. on Sat., March 27, will feature invited scholar Dr. Kathlyn Reed (OT, Houston), a visiting

professor at TWU. Scheduled at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center-Presbyterian, the one-day event combines poster sessions and short courses that showcase TWU students' research. Attendees may earn CEUs as they exchange information about their scholarly activities. Early registration (before March 10) is \$15 for OTR/COTA members and other interested persons; after that date, registration is \$25 per person. All TWU OT students are admitted free to sessions and courses. Lunch will be available for an additional \$6. For details, call Reggie Campbell (OT, Dallas) at 8-3-2409 or e-mail questions to DF_Campbell@twu.edu.

TWU students interested in careers related to environmental public policy, as well as Native American and Alaskan Native students who would like to pursue careers related to health care and tribal public policy, are invited to apply to be named a Morris K. Udall Scholar. The application deadline is March 15; for details, call Raedean Bolton (financial aid) at 8-1-3052.

Three Houston workshops for research writing, sponsored by the Jesse H. Jones Library, will be held, all 3 to 5 p.m. in Sammons Auditorium (3rd floor of the library). They are: "Style, Clarity and Effective Organization," March 9; "Research Paper Essentials," March 16; and "Revision and Format Strategies," March 23. The programs are free to all students and cost \$25 for staff, faculty, residents and post-doctoral students. Registration is required; call Thomas Gegeny at (713) 799-7803.

Options, a Denton-area women's group, will hold a roundtable discussion titled "Y2K and You: Not Just for Business" on Wed., March 31, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Denton Chamber of Commerce offices on Parkway. Admission is \$5, and the program is open to the public. For details, call Leslee McMorrough at (940) 380-1849.

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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! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Sympathy is expressed to the family of retired TWU employee **Charles Hanley**, former director of the physical plant, who died on Wed., March 3. Funeral services were held in Fort Worth on Sat., March 5.

Dr. **Vivian May** (sociology and social work) will be a plenary speaker during the 1999 National Women's Studies Association conference scheduled in June. May will speak during the session titled "Life After Graduation: Women's Studies Students Enter the World."

Condolences are extended to Dr. **Cynthia Reid** (Occupational Therapy), following the death of her grandmother, **Esto Biondi**, on Tues., March 2. Services were held in Dallas on March 5.

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Dr. **Roberta Nutt** (psychology and philosophy) will be the course instructor during a two-day program titled "The Essentials of Feminist Practice" and a special half-day course, "Ethics in Feminist Practice," as part of the Academy of Feminist Practice. Both programs will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, this June. The academy is a new institute in the division of psychology of women for the American Psychological Association. Nutt's programs are the academy's initial continuing education offerings. APA took applications last year for the program's first group of 12 instructors; Nutt is part of that group and also is the instructor chosen to deliver the first workshop. The next program will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in October 1999.

Dr. **Lynn Wieck** (Nursing, Houston) has announced that TWU graduate **Sharon Brigner**, former president of the National Student Nurses Association, recently introduced President Bill Clinton during a special program on Social Security for younger Americans. The event, which was held at the White House, was broadcast to more than 40 colleges and universities across the country, and a number of TWU students watched in Denton.

Dr. **Delaina Walker-Batson** (communication sciences and disorders) was featured in a story about drug therapy for stroke patients in a Feb. 2, 1999, *New York Times* story. The article included discussion about Walker-Batson's research and the TWU Aphasia Center in Dallas.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 8 - 21, 1999

March 8-26

- Visual arts: works by TWU's Photographic Artists Coalition (color and black-and-white photography), free, Student Gallery, Arts Building, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

March 8-11

- Blagg-Huey 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., March 8

- Wellness services: sign-up for softball begins.
- Brown bag seminar: "Mapping for Meaning in Science," free, CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- Seneca Falls: works by women composers performed by Zephyr Winds, free, Margo Jones Performance Hall, 8 p.m.
- USA Senate meeting, SC 006, 5-7 p.m.

Tues., March 9

- Seneca Falls: symposium of women composers, free, ACT 301, 1 p.m.
- Seneca Falls: "An Evening of Orchestral Works: Women Composers and Performers," presented by the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra, Margo Jones Performance Hall, \$7/\$5/\$3, 8 p.m.
- Brown bag seminar: "Mapping for Meaning in Science," free, CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. Peru State College, PF, 2 p.m.
- Tennis: Pioneers vs. Weatherford College, tennis courts, 2:30 p.m.
- HR: "Purchasing -- Buying It Right," Denton, library 101, 2-4 p.m.

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CALENDAR, continued

Wed., March 10

- MAC-3 Career Fair, Arlington Convention Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Brown bag seminar: "Mapping for Meaning-Math," CFO 106, 12:10 p.m.
- Leadership series: "What's It Like in the Real World" with representatives from the Executive Women of Dallas, free, SC 105, 3 p.m.
- Tennis: Pioneers vs. Southeastern Oklahoma, away.
- Workshop: Enhancing graduate student recruitment, free for all interested persons, ACT 601, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- TWU Institute for Clinical Services and Applied Research: interdisciplinary clinical staff workshop from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on ACT 3 and again from 5 to 6:30 p.m., same location.

Thurs., March 11

- HR: "Workers' Compensation," Denton/Dallas/Houston videoconference rooms, register in advance, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Brown bag seminar: "Mapping for Meaning-Math," CFO 106, 12:10 p.m.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. Tarleton State University, away.

Fri., March 12

- 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.
- Faculty Senate meeting, SC 207-208, 10 a.m.
- HR: "Assertiveness Skills," Denton, ACT 501, 9-11 a.m.
- Residence halls close in Denton and Houston for spring break.
- Biology seminar: "Stem Cell to Neuron--Role of a Transcription Factor," Amy Helms, UT Southwestern Medical Center, free, CFO 205, 3-4 p.m.
- Alternative spring break trip begins (March 12-19).

March 12-13

- Softball: Pioneers at Alamo Invitational, San Antonio.

Sat., March 13

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. Ball State, PH arena, 7 p.m.

Sun., March 14

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

March 15-19

- Spring break: no classes; library open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Ctr. open 6-8 a.m., noon-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.; offices closed Monday and Tuesday.

March 15-20

- Softball: Pioneers in Pensacola, Fla.

Wed., March 17

- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. University of Oklahoma, away.

Thurs., March 18

- Free teleconference: "Funding Services for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Students in Postsecondary Education: Policies and Practices that Work," library 101, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sat., March 20

- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. Centenary College, PH arena, 7 p.m.
- Tennis: Pioneers vs. New Mexico State and Fort Hayes, away.
- Library closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., March 21

- Residence halls re-open in Denton and Houston.
- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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