

MEMORIAL SERVICE SET FOR TEXAS A&M STUDENTS

The TWU United Student Association will sponsor a memorial service on Wed., Dec. 1, to remember the 12 students from Texas A&M University who were killed in November when their bonfire structure collapsed. The TWU student organization decided to schedule a ceremony based on the university's longstanding relationship with Texas A&M. "TWU and Texas A&M were sister and brother universities for years before A&M went co-ed," explained Tammy Calhoun, USA president. "We wanted to extend our sympathies to the entire Texas A&M family, as well as those from TWU who have many close Aggie ties. Many 'Tessies' from Texas State College for Women dated and eventually married Aggies. Those bonds continue today."

A nondenominational service will be held at 12:15 p.m. in the auditorium of MCL. The entire campus community, as well as residents from the Denton area, are invited to attend the program, which is expected to conclude at 1 p.m. Kay Williams Goodman -- chair of the TWU board of regents, a TWU alumna and an Aggie mom -- will speak. Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (academic affairs) may also attend. Kathy Stamm will represent the Denton Aggies Moms Club.

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HOLIDAY COFFEES WILL WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT

In keeping with the spirit of the holiday season, all TWU faculty, staff and students are invited by the university's executive staff to attend one of two holiday gatherings that will celebrate the season of friendship and giving in December. TWU's new president and chancellor, Dr. Ann Stuart, will meet members of the university community during a holiday coffee on Wed., Dec. 8, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the southeast room of Hubbard Hall. She also will greet members of the TWU family -- and the general public as well -- during an afternoon reception on Fri., Dec. 10, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

Both receptions will include holiday music and a visit from Santa Claus. "I hope that all of our faculty,

staff and students -- as well as interested community members -- can attend one of the two holiday events," said Kathleen Gigl (institutional advancement). "We will celebrate the season among the campus community, sharing the spirit of TWU, and we invite members of the Denton community to join us as we welcome our new president." (Members of the TWU board of regents may attend the Friday event, which will follow two days of the board's regular quarterly meeting, scheduled on Dec. 9 and 10 in Denton.)

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REMINDER

Openings are available: The TWU Child Development Center has openings for three- and four-year-olds. For more information, call the TWU CDC at 8-1-2321.

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CANDIDATE VISIT SET

A finalist for the position of director of career services at TWU, Thomas J. Byerly of Denton, will visit the campus on Thurs., Dec. 2, and will speak during a public forum to campus community members. He will discuss the topic "Career Preparation in the Global Millennium" on ACT 2 from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Visits and open forums with other finalists will be scheduled in the next few weeks. The new director of career services will succeed Jean Yale, who retired and now lives in Colorado. Dr. Veva Vonler (Graduate School) chairs the search committee. For details, call Dr. Ruth Ann Ragland (mass communications) at 8-1-2181.

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POET AND WRITER WILL READ HER WORKS

Poet, dramatist, prose writer and screen writer -- Paulette Jiles is a talented author whose works garner international recognition. Jiles, a resident of San Antonio who lived in Canada for many years (but was born in Missouri!), will share her poetry with students, faculty and staff at TWU -- as well as members of the general public -- during two free readings on Mon. and Tues., Dec. 6 and 7. Jiles' first reading will

be held at 7 p.m. on Monday in TWU's historic Little Chapel-in-the-Woods; her second presentation is scheduled on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. on ACT 6. Her visit is sponsored by the TWU College of Arts and Sciences, the department of English, speech and foreign languages, and the Beta Epsilon chapter of Sigma Tau Delta.

Jiles, who moved to Canada in 1969, worked in the Arctic and sub-Arctic from 1973 to 1983, where she focused primarily on native communication organizations and also taught creative writing at the David Thompson University Centre in Nelson, B.C. Her recent non-fiction work, titled *North Spirit: Sojurns Among the Cree and Ojibway*, has received wide praise. Sharon Butula, author of *Luna* and *Gates of the Sun*, describes Jiles' work: "She writes as naturally as breathing, and yet with passages that soar into the most eloquent and beautiful poetry." Texas poet Naomi Shihab Nye praises Jiles' writing as well, describing it as "compassionate insight, humor, wisdom and care."

Jiles has won a number of awards, including the prestigious Gerald Lampert Memorial Award from the League of Canadian Poets for her poetry collection *Celestial Navigation*. Her published works of poetry include *Waterloo Express*, *Celestial Navigation*, *The Jesse James Poems* and *Flying Lessons*. Her fiction includes *The Late*, *Great Human Road Show* and *Sitting in the Clubcar Drinking Rum and Karma-Kola (or A Manual for Etiquette for Ladies Crossing Canada by Train)*; her non-fiction includes *Cousins* and *North Spirit: Sojurns Among the Cree and Ojibway*. For more information, contact Dr. Russell Greer (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2324.

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

Need some holiday gift ideas? Visit the TWU department of visual arts' annual "Clay Underground Pottery Sale" on Wed. and Thurs., Dec. 8 and 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the first floor lobby of the Arts Building. Questions? Call 8-1-2530 for details.

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INFORMAL CONCERT SET

Students and faculty from the TWU department of performing arts programs in dance will take the stage

during the DanceMakers Informal Concert on Thurs., Dec. 9, at 4 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. Comprising undergraduate and graduate students, DanceMakers is TWU's modern dance company. Under the direction of Mary Williford-Shade and J Hammons (performing arts, dance), the students have been preparing for this performance since they auditioned in early September. The works choreographed for the informal concert blend humor, athleticism and theatricality, creating unique physical landscapes.

"Performing on a 'black box' stage in Redbud Theatre creates a more intimate, personal setting for the informal concert," said Hammons. "The dancers are closer to the audience, and you can see the emotion in the performance." The TWU DanceMakers Informal Concert is the final performance of the fall season. Admission to the afternoon of dance is free, and the performance is open to the community. For details, call 8-1-2086.

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STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

With the generous help of First State Bank of Texas, TWU again will be able to offer staff scholarships for the spring 2000 semester. Each scholarship will pay one-half of the tuition and fees needed, up to one three-hour course, at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. *If a scholarship recipient withdraws from the course for anything but medically-related reasons, the scholarship must be repaid.*

Eligibility criteria state that an interested person must:

- be a full-time or part-time permanent TWU employee;
- have been employed at least 12 consecutive months by the start of spring 2000 semester;
- be a degree-seeking student;
- must have, for previously enrolled students, at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average; new students must meet normal admission standards and should apply as soon as possible.

Send completed scholarship request forms to Dr. Richard Nicholas (student life). To obtain a form, stop by SC 206. For questions, call 8-1-3601.

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TWU STUDENTS DISCOVER THEIR CREATIVITY

For students in the TWU Music Theatre Ensemble, the fall semester has been a time of discovery. The group, which has met as a class with Charles Harrill, Dr. Penny Hanstein and Stuart Younse (performing arts, dance), began by doing a series of improvisational exercises, the results of which were developed during the last several weeks into a program of original text pieces, songs and movement pieces. That program will be performed at 8 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 6, in Redbud Theatre. The event is free and open to the public.

"This semester, rather than going the more traditional route, we used the music theatre ensemble class as a means to explore the creative process," said Harrill. "As a result, there was a lot of exploration into the nature of music theatre and where ideas come from."

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Harrill said that the concert's program will be based on the concept of color -- color names, color psychology, the way people use color, and more. "Stuart, Penny and I have been guiding the development of the piece, but the students are the ones who have put the show together," he added. "This is the second time we've done this type of work. It's really collaborative -- we have all these different types of areas working together -- and the results are even stronger than last year's. Our hope is that this process will help students become more active participants in music theatre." For more information, call Harrill at 8-1-2500.

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VISUAL REWARDS ARE PART OF ART EXHIBITS

Six TWU visual arts students will display original works in their Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts exhibits beginning today, Nov. 29, through Dec. 17. Photography major and BFA candidate Rebecca Stone starts the exhibit series with her creations in the East Gallery from Nov. 29 to Dec. 3. Following Stone's show are works by BFA students Seana Saxon and Anita Gale Jensen in the East and West galleries, respectively, from Dec. 6 to 10. Saxon will show a number of mixed media pieces, and Jensen will display her paintings.

Master's students take over the galleries later in December with works by Joan Carroll Segerlind in the West Gallery, Patty Degenhardt in the East Gallery and Carrie Birdsong exhibiting outside. All three have created sculptural, non-functional clay installations for their final shows, scheduled Wed., Dec. 15, through Fri., Dec. 17. Each exhibit is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; for details, call Corky Stuckenbruck (visual arts) at 8-1-2530.

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WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVANCE SET

The 12th annual observance of World AIDS Day will be held on Wed., Dec. 1, globally and at TWU. Locally, events for World AIDS Day will be held across the Denton campus, coordinated by the HIV education committee. Counseling, testing and treatment information will be provided by local support organizations, including AIDS Services of North Texas, the Denton County Health Department and EXHALE, on the lower level of the TWU Student Center and MCL lobby from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Dec. 2, free HIV testing will be offered at student health services from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Testing is confidential and is done on a first-come, first-served basis.

This year's theme for World AIDS Day is "AIDS -- End the Silence. Listen, Learn, Live!" The purpose of the theme is to promote communication with those who are affected, both directly and indirectly, by HIV/AIDS. The goal of the observance is to increase awareness of the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS epidemic both globally and in the U.S. The White House will dim its lights that evening, and members of the campus community at TWU are asked to wear a red ribbon that day which will symbolize the memorial observance. Ribbons will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 1 in the same locations and at the same times scheduled for AIDS information distribution. "We also wish to invite people to dim their lights at 8 p.m. as the White House and the TWU community dim theirs," said Kay Creighton (student health services). For details, call Creighton at 8-1-3833.

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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

TWU's head softball coach, Dianne Baker, has been selected as an NCAA Silver Anniversary Award recipient. The award recognizes former student-athletes who have distinguished themselves since they completed their collegiate athletic careers 25 years ago. Baker, a 1975 TWU graduate, is honored for her accomplishments in softball, tennis, badminton, field hockey and soccer, as well as her professional career achievements. She is representing the only NCAA Division II school in this year's group and is one of only two women honored. The other five honorees are: Ulysses "Junior" Bridgeman, University of Louisville, men's basketball; Patrick C. Haden, University of Southern California, football; Lisa Rosenblum, Yale University, tennis; Capt. John Dickson Stufflebeem, U.S. Naval Academy, football; and John F. Trembley, University of Tennessee, men's swimming. In other news:

- The TWU Pioneer softball team has been selected a Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex All-

Academic Team by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association for the third consecutive year. TWU is ranked 22nd in the country with a 3.159 team cumulative grade point average. The Pioneers are the highest-ranked Lone Star Conference squad. Along with the team recognition, five 1999 softball student-athletes were named NFCA All-America Scholar-Athletes (given to those student-athletes who maintain a 3.5 or better GPA): Nickie Engelbrecht, Cathy Jacobson, Michelle Martin, Michelle Rogers and Sheila Sterling.

- Five volleyball players were named to the Lone Star Conference Commissioner's honor roll (north division): senior kinesiology major Aya Aharen, senior kinesiology major Heather Nixon, junior business major Jennifer Hayman, sophomore kinesiology major TaBrae Hendrickson and sophomore nursing major Nicky McCarthy. Honorees maintained a 3.2 GPA and completed a minimum of 24 semester hours at their member institutions.

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EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATED

As part of TWU's program for equal employment opportunity, the president's office has reaffirmed the university's policy statement on nondiscrimination in a fall memorandum to the campus community. That information is provided below.

In compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972; Equal Pay Act of 1963; Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967; the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, the university does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, age, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, veteran's status or against qualified disabled persons.

The intent of the university equal opportunity program is to meet the legal and moral responsibility of antidiscrimination legislation and to foster a rich educational climate of inclusiveness. Our policy applies, but is not limited to, advertising, recruiting, interviewing, testing, selection, promotions, training, benefits, rates of pay, transfers, layoffs, terminations, use of facilities, education and other benefits.

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Inquiries concerning the university's equal opportunity program may be directed to the appropriate official(s) listed below:

- **Diversity officer** and **Americans With Disabilities Act coordinator** -- Dr. Rudy Rodriguez (community relations and diversity), 8-1-3991;
- **Title VI and Title IX officer** -- Dr. Richard Nicholas (student life), 8-1-3601.
- **Students** should contact JoAnn Nunnely (disability support services) at 8-1-3835 or at TDD 8-1-3830.

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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 AHatch@twu.edu or 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 is a weekly publication (posted online). The deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Information is run on a space-available basis.

The Denton public library's program "Professor's Corner" continues this month with a program featuring Dr. Russell Greer (English, speech and foreign languages), who will discuss contemporary Irish poet Eavan Boland during a free presentation on Wed., Dec. 8. The program will begin at 7 p.m. at the south branch of the library (on Lillian Miller Highway, just south of Teasley Lane). Selections from the texts are available in photocopied form for take-home reading from the library's main and south branches one month in advance. For details, call Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2324.

Reminder: Persons authorized to receive a Bank of America MasterCard for the purchasing card program must attend a mandatory purchasing card program orientation. A schedule of remaining sessions includes: Wed., Dec. 1, 3 to 4 p.m., ACT 501; Mon., Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to noon, ACT 301; and Thurs., Dec. 16, 1 to 2 p.m., ACT 501. Each person selected to use the purchasing card is asked to call Kathy Turnipseed, who will administer the program, at 8-1-3511 as soon as possible to register for a convenient date.

Reminder: ASSET announces the beginning of its application process for the 11th annual ASSET staff scholarship. One \$200 scholarship will be awarded for the spring 2000 semester to a permanent full-time or permanent part-time staff member at TWU who is enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses at TWU during that semester. Application materials are available from Jane Erwin (institutional advancement), who chairs the scholarship committee. The deadline to submit applications is Dec. 17,

1999. For more information, call Erwin at 8-1-3869.

Nursing students will learn about health care and the news when Tom Siegfried, "Discoveries" editor and science writer for the *Dallas Morning News*, visits Dr. Patti Hamilton's class on Wed., Dec. 8, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., CFO 201. All faculty and students are welcome.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: The student service fees allocations process continues in December; please note the following deadlines and contact Dr. Dee Siscoe (student life) with questions at 8-1-3615.

- Mon., Dec. 6 -- all budget requests due to the office of student life (Denton campus);
- Mon., Dec. 13 -- schedule for student service fees presentations will be posted, as well as distributed to committee members and budget presenters;
- Jan. 10-12, 2000 -- student service fees presentations and budget deliberations.

Say "Happy Holidays" with student health services during their last holiday open house in Hygiea Hall (before they move in January to their new location in Hubbard Hall) on Wed., Dec. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. "Come as you are -- and excuse our mess! -- as we say goodbye to the only home we've ever known at TWU," said Dr. Linda Lekawski (student health services). Refresh-ments will be provided; for details, call 8-1-3826. The campus community is invited to attend.

The TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center will hold its annual holiday luncheon on Wed., Dec. 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring a favorite dessert to share! Please RSVP to Lori Nelson (vice provost's office) at 8-4-2331.

Reminder: Grab and go! ARAMARK announces the opening of "Judy's Corner" in SC 207-208, where faculty, staff and students can grab lunch and go during food service operations renovations in the Student Center. The Garden Room and Chik-fil-A are closed through February during construction, and ARAMARK is offering an alternative solution from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., weekdays, for hungry customers. (The Underground will remain open during the renovation.)

Members of TWU's University Club are reminded to mark their calendars for the group's annual holiday reception on Fri., Dec. 3, from approximately 5 to 7 p.m.

Reminder: The TWU National Alumnae Association is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Senior

Award; *nominations must be submitted by Tues., Feb. 1, 2000*, for Denton, Dallas and Houston. All nominations should be sent to the TWU NAA office in Denton. Departments may submit two nominations. For details, call alumni relations at 8-1-2586.

Members of the finance and audit committee of the TWU board of regents will meet on Mon., Nov. 29, at 3:30 p.m., ACT 11, for an update and discussion about maintenance projects and financial reporting; for an insurance overview; and to hear a report on the activities of the office of finance and administration. The meeting is open to the general public; call 8-1-3250 for details.

Please note: The spring 2000 class schedule did not list the meeting day for English 3153 ("Ethnic American Literature"), which is a course that satisfies the core curriculum's multicultural requirement. That class will meet on Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.; the location will be announced. For details, call Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2324.

The 12 Days of Wellness, sponsored by TWU wellness services, begins on Mon., Nov. 29, and continues through Fri., Dec. 10. Interested participants must register for the program to receive their list of wellness activities and then pick one from the list each day to do. Registration is \$16, which includes a 12 Days of Wellness long-sleeved T-shirt. For details, call 8-1-2900. Anyone can participate; registration is not limited to Wellness Center members. Merry fitness!

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

Congratulations to **Johnna Sweet** (public information) and her husband, **Mike**, on the birth of their first child, **Jackson Reed**, on Nov. 10. Jackson weighed in at 9 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English) chaired the folklore section of the annual conference of the South Central Modern Language Association in Memphis, Tenn., on Oct. 29.

Dr. **Roberta Nutt** (psychology and philosophy) was selected as a site visitor for the American Psychological Association's accreditation visit to the counseling psychology doctoral program at Seton Hall University on Oct. 21 and 22.

THIS WEEK AT TWU: NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 5, 1999

Nov. 29 - Dec. 3

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

Nov. 29-Dec. 17

- BFA/MFA art exhibits, free, Arts Building, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 29

- USA Senate meeting, ACT 3, 5-7 p.m.
- 12 Days of Wellness begin (wellness services program).
- TWU regents finance and audit committee meeting, ACT 11, 3:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 1

- A warm welcome to Dr. Ann Stuart on her first day!
- Financial aid application FINAL deadline for spring 2000.
- Memorial service for Texas A&M students, MCL audi., 12:15-1 p.m.
- World AIDS Day observance: SC lower level, MCL lobby, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Purchasing card orientation program, ACT 501, 3-4 p.m.
- Student health services holiday open house, Hygiea Hall, 2-4 p.m.
- Houston: annual holiday luncheon, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 2

- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Texas Lutheran, away.
- Last day to pay tuition and fees, and to receive any credit for the semester.
- Career services open forum: Thomas Byerly, ACT 2, 12:15-1 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 3

- 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.
- Safety class: "Adult CPR," BHL 101, 8 a.m.-noon.
- Safety class: "Infant and Child CPR," BHL 101, 1-3 p.m.
- University Club: members' holiday reception, 5-7 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 4

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Transfer Day, Denton.

Sun., Dec. 5

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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