

## **IT'S TIME FOR PEANUTS, POPCORN AND SOFTBALL**

"Take me out to the ball game (the softball game, that is)!" That's the chant TWU fans will hear during a silver celebration -- a party honoring softball coach Dianne Baker for receiving the Silver Anniversary Award from the National Collegiate Athletic Association -- that will be hosted by Dr. Ann Stuart (president's office) on Tues., March 7, in Pioneer Hall. Everyone is invited -- students, faculty, staff, friends, community members and the players Baker has coached during her collegiate career and camps for girls of all ages interested in playing softball.

Take a stroll around the "indoor field" in Kitty Magee Arena between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Enjoy popcorn, peanuts and pop, plus a presentation of the plaque Baker received during a national awards program in San Diego, Calif., in January that honored the TWU coach and four other Silver Anniversary Award recipients for 25 years of success following their graduation from college. A three-minute video from the NCAA depicting Baker's life and the national award presentation will be shown in several locations as well. No reservations are needed; just come to the party and have fun!

"We are proud of Dianne Baker's accomplishments, both on and off the field," said Stuart. "This celebration is honors Dianne and celebrates her accomplishments at TWU as both a former student-athlete and an award-winning coach."

Stuart accompanied Baker to the awards ceremony in January and made a similar presentation before a sell-out crowd. 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, was honored for her accomplishments in softball, tennis, badminton, field hockey and soccer, as well as her professional career achievements. She represented the only NCAA Division II school in this year's group and was one of only two women honored. The other five honorees were: 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.

For more information, call Ann Tubbs (institutional advancement) at 8-1-3863.

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## **NO BRAG -- JUST FACT**

More national honors came to TWU in February -- more reasons to celebrate. The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance announced that Dr. Susan Ward (health studies) and Dr. Ann Uhlir (Health Sciences, retired) are the recipients of a total of three national awards from either AAHPERD or from a division within the organization.

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## **MORE HONORS, *continued***

Ward has been named "University/College Health Educator of the Year" by the American Association for Health Education, a division of AAHPERD. That honor was preceded at the regional level when she was named "University/College Health Educator of the Year" by the Southern District Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. "The names of recipients at the district level automatically are forwarded to the national level for consideration," explained Ward, who earned her doctorate in health education from the University of Virginia. "I am very honored to receive this award." Ward began teaching at TWU in 1990 as an assistant professor and now serves as chair of the department of health studies. She is licensed and certified in her field.

The American Alliance is an educational organization that is structured for the purpose of supporting, encouraging and providing assistance to member groups and their personnel throughout the United States as they seek to initiate, develop and conduct programs in health, leisure and movement-related activities for the enrichment of human life. The awards that Ward and Uhlir received will be presented during sessions at AAHPERD's national convention in Orlando, Fla., on March 23 and 24.

Additionally, Uhlir -- retired dean of the College of Health Sciences -- is the recipient of an Honor Award from AAHPERD and an Honor Award from one of its divisions, the National Association for Girls and Women in Sport. Honor Awards from AAHPERD recognize meritorious service by members in one of two categories: college and university; or non-college and university. The recipients must have served professionally in school (preschool, elementary or secondary), college or community programs

for a period of at least 10 years prior to their nomination. Personal integrity, devoted service to the profession and outstanding contributions to the advancement of health, physical education, recreation and dance comprise the criteria, as well as age, community service, committee work and other activities.

Uhlir spent her career in education and emphasized the promotion of opportunities for women, especially in sport. She served the professions of health, physical education and sport for 40 years -- 30 of those years as an administrator. She came to TWU in 1983 as dean of the College of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (now the College of Health Sciences); she previously taught at other institutions and served as executive director of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. During her tenure, Uhlir co-chaired TWU's most recent self-study for reaccreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. She was involved in establishing the TWU Center for Research on Women's Health (now the TWU Institute for Women's Health), the university's first distance learning program and the approval of funding for Pioneer Hall. She sought and obtained membership for TWU in the Lone Star Conference and served as president of the LSC, and she has received a number of awards during her career, including Distinguished Alumni from Ball State University in 1990.

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## **OIS STAFF MEMBER PROMOTES DIVERSITY**

Diversity is a universal strength, and Soko Suzuki, the new program advisor in the TWU office of intercultural services, plans to spread that message as she educates and energizes the campus and city communities.

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### **SUZUKI, continued**

"I came to TWU to enhance the cultural diversity training of the students and faculty, and I also want to promote diversity throughout the Denton community," said Suzuki, who started at TWU last fall. "I would like to see TWU's excitement about cultural diversity spread into the elementary, middle and high schools, as well as into the corporate world. "I consider myself a cultural ambassador to TWU students and staff," she added.

Originally from Japan, Suzuki earned a degree in architecture before moving to Texas at age 21. She earned her bachelor's degree in counseling and education and a master's degree in higher education at the University of North Texas, where she currently is working on her doctorate in higher education. Suzuki

also is involved with the National Coalition Building Institute, which specializes in diversity training. Through the institute, Suzuki became a diversity trainer, and her current goal is to register TWU as an institutional member of the NCBI so that the university can offer free workshops to students and faculty.

"I'd like to create more cultural awareness and appreciation of diversity, and some ways to achieve this goal are to provide workshops, educational programs and panel discussions," Suzuki explained. "Intercultural services regularly corresponds with the TWU Center for Student Development about upcoming events, and we would like to work with other campus organizations to pool our resources and plan activities."

Her own cultural background motivates Suzuki to educate others about the topic of diversity. As part of this educational effort, she hopes to hold the university's first seminar on the issues of Japanese women in the United States and Japan during the TWU Women Student's Leadership Conference scheduled this week on Feb. 25 and 26 in Denton. For more information, contact Suzuki in the office of intercultural services at 8-1-3634.

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### **HELP PLACE TWU IN THE NEWS (Reminder)**

This spring, the office of public information will replace a published expert's listing with a new online format that will help staff members identify faculty for ProfNet needs (an online news service that links the media with sources for stories), as well as for reporters who need sources and who call the university directly. An index and general information about the university will be included on the site. All faculty who would like to be listed and who are willing to serve as an expert in their field of teaching or research are asked to notify the office of public information by e-mail and provide the following information *by Fri., Feb. 25*:

- name and courtesy title;
- department, college or school;
- office number; home phone number (Please indicate whether you are providing permission to post your home number online or whether you will give permission to the news staff to call you at home if needed.);
- e-mail address;
- area(s) of expertise and/or topics you would be willing to discuss; and
- any background (degrees, etc.), research or topics you would like to list that illustrate your areas of expertise.

Call Ann Hatch at 8-1-3456 with questions.

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## **NO WHEELS OF STEEL HERE!**

Students, start your engines! TWU's third annual "Edible Car Contest" -- part of National Engineering Week -- is under way. The TWU department of mathematics and computer science will host the contest on Fri., March 3, in SC 207-208. The competition requires students to use creativity, engineering and teamwork to design a car out of completely edible items. The contest is co-sponsored by Texas Instruments.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; no registration fee is required. All area high schools, colleges and universities are invited to participate. Activities will include an awards luncheon, and all car entries must be submitted to the judges by team members between 9 and 9:30 a.m. The registration deadline for a team to submit paperwork is Wed., Feb. 23; forms must be delivered to CFO 809 by 5 p. m. on that date or faxed to the department of mathematics and computer science at 8-1-2179. Cancellations must be made by Feb. 29.

Aspiring racers must follow these rules: Each team must comprise three students -- at least one female student per team -- or university teams must have at least two TWU students. The team members will design and build a car using only edible materials (either raw or cooked/prepared foods -- but all foods must be edible for humans!). The final car must "look like" a car and may not exceed the following dimension: four inches wide (including wheels and hubcaps); four inches tall (including windshield, car roof, people, etc.); and 12 inches long (including front and rear bumpers and any other extensions).

The car must operate on four rotating "wheels" and roll successfully down a ramp that is eight to 10 feet long and is inclined at an angle of about 20 degrees. (The car must be able to survive three runs down the ramp, if necessary.) The total cost of materials used to build the car should be estimated at less than \$10.

Judging will be done in three categories for the top three scoring teams: engineering design -- for correct size, total edible structure, variety of materials, rotating wheels, effective axle design and durability; creativity -- for the use of car accessories and attachments, overall attractiveness and degree of creativity; and speed down incline. Prizes will be presented at the awards luncheon. The judges will be professional engineers who will critique and evaluate the designs and performance of the cars.

In celebration of Engineering Week, TWU will sponsor several other activities. The schedule of events is: Mon.-p;Thurs., Feb. 28- March 2, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. -- daily videos on various topics such as Stonehenge or the pyramids, SC 2 lobby; Tues., Feb. 29, noon to 1p.m. -- Sophia Iliadou, civil engineer, will discuss

"A Woman's Career in Engineering -- The DILBERT Version," CFO 103; Thurs., March 2, 11 a.m. to noon -- Rosario Llanas Ortiz, electrical engineer, will talk about "TWU's First Engineer: Her Training and Career Experiences" in CFO 103. The car contest on Friday concludes activities for Engineering Week at TWU. For details, call Dr. Frances Thompson (mathematics and computer science) at 8-1-2157 or 8-1-2166.

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## **NEW ART EXHIBIT OPENS**

"High Water," an exhibit by artist David Taylor of Oregon, opens this week and continues through March 21 in the west gallery of the Fine Arts Building. The free show features a selection of recent works, including a mixed media photo collage; hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays.

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## **HOUSTON FACULTY AND STAFF HONORED**

Sixteen faculty and staff members at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center will be honored on Tues., Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m. for their years of service or for their retirement. Dr. Ann Stuart (president's office) will host the event; recipients are listed below:

- Retiring -- Phyllis McCutchan (vice provost's office)
- 5 Years -- Janice Di Falco (Nursing), Sharon Hopkins (vice provost's office), Peggy Landrum (Nursing), Marvin Miller (custodial services)
- 10 Years -- Eugene Lopez (public safety), Gloria Milson (custodial services), Kelley Moseley (health care administration), Sandra Storenski (vice provost's office) and Mary Watson (psychology and philosophy)
- 15 Years -- O. Jayne Bowman (Occupational Therapy) and Mohamed Sabbahi (Physical Therapy)
- 20 Years -- Elizabeth Protas (Physical Therapy) and Ruth Washington (Nursing)
- 25 Years -- Marie Andrews (Nursing)
- 30 Years -- Maria Anderson (Nursing)

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## **GEAR UP PROGRAM HELPS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

"College is my goal." That's the motto educators want to instill in the minds of 7th-grade students at Greiner Middle School in Dallas, and encouraging those students to include higher education in their post-high school plans is the major goal of a federally-funded program titled GEAR UP. In fall 1999, the TWU office of community relations and diversity received a GEAR UP grant and identified Greiner as a school partner; special activities are planned this week to move that partnership forward.

"TWU, Mountain View College, the LULAC National Education Center and Greiner Middle School have formed a partnership -- along with parents and community members -- to help provide those 7th graders with high-level math and science experiences at the college and university level," explained Gus Cedillo (reading and bilingual education), who is coordinating the program. "This effort also will allow students to become familiar with college life and to receive guidance in the areas of admissions, financial aid and course requirements."

Festivities kick off on Fri., Feb. 25, with a GEAR UP student campaign at Mountain View College for Greiner students, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The kick-off for parents will be held on Sat., Feb. 26, from 9 a. m. to 1 p.m. at the middle school, located at 502 South Edgefield in Dallas. Parents already have been invited to the Saturday event, which will feature music, prizes, refreshments and the chance to find out more about the GEAR UP program -- including tutorial services; professional role models; advanced learning activities offered by TWU and Mountain View in science and mathematics; high school testing and graduation requirements; college admissions, financial assistance and course work expectations; career opportunities; and teacher preparation that enhances delivery of instruction to students.

TWU's Education Alliance GEAR UP grant (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is designed to provide services to 900 7th-grade students enrolled at Greiner Middle School. The school serves more than 1,700 students; 76 percent are eligible for free or reduced lunches, and 32.4 percent are limited in their English proficiency.

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### **GEAR UP, *continued***

Administrators from Greiner and TWU have identified several needs: to develop a comprehensive academic foundation for students, based on challenging state content and student performance standards; to expand learning environments in and out of school, including strengthened connections with area colleges and universities; to increase parent involvement; and to increase staff capacity to deliver a standard-based instructional program, founded on high expectations.

TWU's GEAR UP project goals for Greiner Middle School are to: provide a catalyst for educational change, based on high standards of knowledge, performance and efficiency; substantially eliminate "remedial tracking" of students; and establish a school-to-college infrastructure for student success.

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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. The weekly deadline to receive information is 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conduction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.**

*TWU Update* is posted weekly online; the deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Questions? Call Ann Hatch (public information) at 8-1-3456.

**Reminder: Eight nationally prominent experts** on black feminism will share their ideas, research and works at TWU in February, March and April -- a distinguished lecture series presented in partnership with the TWU women's studies program and the journal *Womanist Theory Research*. Titled "Black Feminist Theorizing Across the Disciplines: A Distinguished Lecture Series," the program will bring each speaker to TWU's Denton campus for a public lecture, book signings, receptions. The first program will be held on Thurs., Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in MCL auditorium: "'Who Knoweth Whether Thou Art Come to the Kingdom for Such a Time as This?' Transformative Public Scholarship for Social Change"; Joyce E. King, associate vice provost and professor of education, Medgar Evers College-City University of New York.

**Reminder: TWU's third annual Women Student's Leadership Conference** will welcome participants from across the state as they travel to Denton on Feb. 25 and 26 to meet each other and learn more about leadership. The event is titled "Women: Yesterday's Legacy, Tomorrow's Promise. The cost to attend is \$30 for students or \$35 for faculty, staff and community members. For more information, call the TWU Center for Student Development at 8-1-3626.

**The office of information technology services** has scheduled several free faculty/staff training sessions from Feb. 21-25 in Denton. The programs will be held in SH 218; for information, call Elaine Martin (ITS) at 8-1-6693. They are listed below.

- Feb. 22 -- "Timesheets for Non-Exempt Employees," 9-10 a.m.; "Timesheets for Exempt Employees," 10-11 a.m.
- Feb. 24 -- "Tracking Requisitions," 2-3:30 p.m.

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**NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**Reminder:** *Mark Taylor* will bring his company, Dance Alloy, to TWU for a performance on Sat., Feb. 26, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$7 for TWU faculty, staff and seniors; and \$5 for TWU students. The six-member company, which tours widely and commissions works from many choreographers, will perform repertoire by Taylor and Los Angeles-based choreographer David Rousseve. Questions? Call 8-1-2086.

**Reminder:** *Participants at the next gathering* of the "Professor's Corner" at the Emily Fowler Public Library will learn more about the poetry of Donald Revell from Gregory Alan Dyer, faculty member from the English department at the University of North Texas. Members of the TWU community and the general public are invited to attend the free program on Wed., March 8, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the library's south branch at 3228 Teasley. For details, call Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2343.

**Reminder:** *The Federation of North Texas Area Universities* -- comprising TWU, the University of North Texas and Texas A&M University-Commerce -- will host its annual rhetoric symposium at UNT on Thurs. and Fri., Feb. 24 and 25, in the Student Union. The keynote speakers will be Rich Enos of Texas Christian University and Linda Ferreira-Buckley of the University of Texas at Austin; they will address the group on Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m., Union 411. FNTAU members (faculty, staff and students) may attend free; general admission is \$15. The conference is chaired by UNT English faculty member Kathryn Rosser Raign; for information, call her at (940) 565-4665.

**Reminder:** *EEO sessions* are required by state regulations which mandate that all employees must attend EEO training when they are hired and at least every two years after that time. The TWU department of human resources has scheduled six EEO training programs through August 2000 so that employees may meet these state requirements. A list of sessions is provided below, and additional dates can be added if needed. To register, call Annette Johnson (human resources) at 8-1-3553 or e-mail her at [Ajohnson@twul.edu](mailto:Ajohnson@twul.edu). The dates in Denton are: Fri., March 31, 2000, 9 to 11 a.m., LLH 101; Tues., May 23, 2000, 9 to 11 a.m., ACT 501; Fri., June 16, 2000, 1 to 3 p.m., LLH 101; Wed., July 19, 2000, 2 to 4 p.m., ACT 501; and Fri., Aug. 18, 2000, from 9 to 11 a.m., ACT 501.

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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.).

Sympathy is expressed to Dr. **Betty Alford** (nutrition and food sciences) and her husband, **Joe**, following the death of his mother, **Ruth Alford**, on Feb. 19. Services were held in Denton.

**Frank Kudlac** (kinesiology/intercollegiate athletics) participated in a panel discussion titled "Coaching to Win," which was presented by the University of North Texas Center for Sport Psychology on Feb. 21. Kudlac, two head coaches from UNT and two student-athletes shared their perspectives on how to be successful in sport and in life.

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### **TWU PEOPLE, continued**

Condolences are offered to Dr. **Clay King** (nutrition and food sciences) following the death of his father, **Clifford Clay King Sr.**, on Feb. 15. Services were held in Lawton, Okla.

Dr. **Carmen Cruz** (Counseling) has been notified that she passed her state licensing exams and now is a licensed psychologist. All senior staff members in the Counseling Center at all TWU campuses now are licensed, according to Dr. Don Rosen.

Sympathies are extended to **Avery Williams** (printing services) following the death of his mother, **Doretha Williams**, on Feb. 11. Services were held in Denton.

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### **THIS WEEK AT TWU: FEBRUARY 21 - 27, 2000**

#### **Feb. 21-March 21**

- Visual arts: Recent works by David Taylor, west gallery, Arts Building, free; weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### **Feb. 21-24**

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

p.m.

## **Tues., Feb. 22**

- Softball (Buy One, Get One Free Night): Pioneers vs. Cameron University, 5 p.m., PF.
- ITS: "Timesheets for Non-Exempt Employees," SH 218, 9-10 a.m.; "Timesheets for Exempt Employees," SH 218, 10-11 a.m.

## **Wed., Feb. 23**

- HR: "Internal Controls for Colleges/Universities," ACT 601, 10-11 a.m.

## **Thurs., Feb. 24**

- HR: "Human Resources Forum," Houston, MGJ 928, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Spring career day, HH south, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. West Texas A&M, away.
- ITS: "Tracking Requisitions," SH 218, 2-3:30 p.m.

## **Feb. 25-26**

- 3rd annual Women Student's Leadership Conference.

## **Fri., Feb. 25**

- 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: "Team Building," Denton, ACT 501, 1-4 p.m.; "Accounts Payable and Travel," Dallas-Parkland, FPH 2nd floor conference room, 10 a.m.-noon; "Business Grammar," Houston, MGJ 928, 1-4 p.m.
- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. Southern Utah, away.

## **Sat., Feb. 26**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Performing arts, dance: Dance Alloy, \$10/\$7/\$5, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Admissions: open house for the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Eastern New Mexico, away.
- Expanding Your Horizons: MCL, \$10, girls in grades 6-8, 8 a.m.-noon.

## **Sun., Feb. 27**

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

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