

HOLIDAY RECEPTIONS SET

Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) invites TWU faculty and staff to join her for a holiday celebration in Pioneer Hall on Thurs., Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please join members of the campus community for the event and a chance to wish one another well during the holiday season.

On Dec. 4 at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center, Stuart and Dr. Kathryn Stream (vice provost's office) -- as well as the staff development committee -- have invited Houston Center faculty and staff members to attend a holiday luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the recreation room (south residence hall). Participants are asked to bring their favorite dessert and make a reservation with Sharon Hopkins, MJG 920. Interested faculty, staff and students in Houston also are invited to help trim a tree on Tues., Nov. 28, at 12:15 p.m. in the MGJ lobby.

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NO BAD WEATHER IN SIGHT, BUT

Our forecast this week: No snow, sleet or hail in sight. But be prepared for the worst by planning ahead before bad weather strikes. When bad weather hits the Dallas and Denton areas, TWU faculty, staff and students can learn as early as 6 a.m. whether the university will be closed. (The Houston Center follows a separate procedure for that location.) Area radio and television stations carry information about closures after they are notified by the university.

After receiving weather and road condition information from John Erwin (public safety), Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) and Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) determine whether a closure is necessary because of inclement weather. Floyd then notifies the news and information staff in the office of marketing and communication about the closure; they then call area news media to announce that the university will not be open due to bad weather. Faculty, staff and students should follow the procedures listed below when inclement weather is a threat.

- Listen to or watch the following mass media outlets for information about closings or delayed openings: Charter Communications in Denton (channel 25) or Dallas-area stations WFAA-TV (channel 8), KXAS-TV (channel 5), KTVT-TV (channel 11), KDFW-TV (channel 4) or KXII-TV (channel 12, Sherman/Dennison). They may tune to the following radio stations: WBAP (820 AM), KERA (90.1 AM or FM) or KVIL (1150 AM or 103.7 FM).
- **Please note:** 1) KRLD Radio has been removed from the list. 2) Radio stations can put information on the air more quickly and to repeat it more frequently; television stations take longer, based on the number of calls they receive, their technology and their capability to broadcast lists.
- Call the university's information line for weather closings. In Denton, call (940) 898-3430 after 5:30 a.m. **Direct lines in Dallas and Houston** for students, faculty and staff are available as well. In Dallas, call (214) 689-6631; in Houston, call (713) 794-2310.

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WEATHER CLOSINGS, *continued*

- The office of information technology services will post the announcement on voice mail, which each faculty and staff member can access from her or his home telephone. Each school, college, department or office is encouraged to designate one person who can call in and change the departmental/college/school/office message to indicate a closing or delayed opening for that day *after she or he has verified the closing or delayed opening announced on TWU's weather line.*

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HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT, TOO!

A select audience is in for a sweet treat at TWU during a dessert theater performance in December featuring the talents of students in the Musical Theatre Ensemble. The group will present *How about Love?* -- a revue of pieces about contemporary love from shows such as *Rent, Follies, Company, Into the Woods* and *Changing Lanes*.

The ensemble will perform in a cabaret setting -- with seats at round tables and the stage in the center of the room -- and audience members will be served dessert and beverages as they enter the performance

area. The event will be held on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in the banquet room of Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$7 for adults or \$5 for children, as well as TWU faculty, staff and students.

Seating is limited to 80 persons because of the cabaret-style theater arrangement. Reservations are required; no tickets will be sold at the door. For reservations, call the TWU theatre box office at 8-1-2020. For information about works in the revue, contact Stuart Younse (performing arts, dance) at 8-1-2500.

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FREE DANCE PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED

December means dance at TWU during a studio showing and an informal concert that precedes the holiday season. Presented by the TWU department of performing arts programs in dance, the DanceMakers 2000 studio showing will be presented on Sat., Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. in PH 328. The general public is invited to attend this free event, which will feature informal projects by TWU dance students, including graduate student works in progress as well as student work from other concerts.

Several days later, on Thurs., Dec. 7, the DanceMakers 2000 informal concert signals the final performance of the season, featuring works that blend athleticism, humor and theatricality. The program will be held at 4 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. Admission is free, and the general public is invited. DanceMakers 2000 is coordinated by TWU dance faculty members Mary Williford-Shade and J Hammons (performing arts, dance).

For general information or tickets, call the TWU programs in dance at 8-1-2086. For details about the works or for interviews, contact Hammons at 8-1-2089.

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CELEBRATE NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE THIS WEEK

American Indian culture will be the focus of an afternoon presentation at TWU on Thurs., Nov. 30. The TWU American Indian cultural celebration will feature food, art, history, music, tradition and language through two presentations and several displays from 3:30 to 5 p.m., ACT 2.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will include a 4 p.m. talk by Russ Wolf, Native American flute maker, whose expertise on the Native American flute includes research at the Smithsonian Institute and the Library of Congress, both in Washington, D.C. Wolf will share slides and information about this ancient art; he also will demonstrate the beauty of the unique instrument with his own flutes.

The Native American flute, a unique instrument in North America, evolved from whistles and flute-like aerophones used for thousands of years on this continent. Native Americans who used such flutes most often included the people of the Great Plains and Great Lakes -- primarily by young men for courting. The most highly carved and ornamental flutes were made by the Lakota.

TWU's student organization Native Pride also will share Native American cultural with audience members after Wolf's presentation. A display in several glass cases will feature Native American quilting, beadwork, literature, instruments and photographs.

The event is sponsored by the TWU office of intercultural services, the TWU American Indian cultural celebration committee and Native Pride. For information, contact Patrick Vasquez (intercultural services) at 8-1-3673 or Raedean Bolton (financial aid) at 8-1-3052.

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REMINDER: PLEASE OBSERVE FIRE SAFETY ORDERS

Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) reminds all faculty and staff to observe orders related to fire safety issues mandated by the state fire marshal. Some of the orders most pertinent to the campus community are listed below.

- Microwaves and coffee makers are the only approved cooking devices for most facilities.
- Burning candles or incense is prohibited.
- The use of any open-flame device is prohibited, with the exception of laboratories when necessary for instruction. Use of open-flame devices in laboratories must be properly supervised.
- Doors into fire exit way corridors cannot be propped open.
- Hallways must remain clear.
- Stairwells must remain clear.

"I want to thank all members of the campus community for their assistance in ensuring that the university remains in compliance with the state fire marshal's orders," said Floyd. Anyone who has questions about the orders should call Larry Harrison (facilities management) at 8-1-3132, Vicki Byrd (safety office) at 8-1-2924 or Floyd at 8-1-3505.

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ALAMO TRAVEL OFFICE CLOSING

In a Nov. 9, 2000, memorandum to all budget supervisors, Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) announced that the Alamo Travel office at TWU officially will close, effective Dec. 15, 2000.

"Shirley Dane, our travel consultant, is retiring to spend time traveling," said Floyd. "Alamo Travel will continue to serve TWU from their San Antonio office. TWU will have two Alamo representatives to serve us -- Rose Gonzalez and Deborah Munoz. Rose Gonzalez will be in Denton on Dec. 11 and 12, and she will stop by campus offices to visit."

Beginning Dec. 11, 2000, the new phone number for Alamo Travel will be 1-800-692-5266. When reservations are made, the Alamo office representative will fax a copy of the electronic ticket itinerary to the TWU office placing the travel reservation. Hard-copy tickets will be issued only for international travel. "The owner of Alamo Travel assures me that we will continue to receive the same high level of service that we currently are provided," said Floyd.

A coffee honoring Dane will be held on Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Student Center lobby area by the Alamo Travel office (SC lower level). The campus community is invited to stop by and wish Shirley Dance bon voyage. Anyone who has questions about the new travel reservation process should contact Floyd or Robert Tuggle (finance and administration) at 8-1-3505.

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SECC SPELLS SUCCESS AT TWU!

The final meeting of the State Employee Charitable Campaign steering committee in mid-November brought exciting news to members about the success of the campaign on TWU's Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses. Overall, the university contributed \$5,034.28 more than last year's total of \$51,144.00 -- a 9.8 percent increase.

"The TWU community can be proud of its accomplishments. TWU faculty and staff members dramatically increased their pledges and donations, as well as their participation rates," said Liz Elkins (institutional analysis), SECC co-chair with Dr. Evelyn Curry (Library and Information Studies). "TWU employees who participated at each location -- Denton, Dallas and Houston -- can share the joy of a very successful campaign. Together, we showed how much we care about others, and we exceeded our goals at the same time."

Elkins added, "A special 'thank you' goes to members of the steering committee, departmental representatives and SECC volunteers who helped make the campaign a success."

A summary is provided below by campus (as of Nov. 15, 2000):

- Denton -- funding goal: \$36,000; actual funds: \$37,415.28 (\$2,465 more than last year's total of \$34,950, or a 7 percent increase); participation rate goal: 40 percent; actual participation rate: 35.9 percent (compared to 22 percent last year); per capita donation: \$108.13 from 346 of 964 employees.
- Dallas -- funding goal: \$12,000; actual funds: \$13,864 (\$2,588 more than last year's goal of \$11,276, or a 22.9 percent increase); participation rate: 70 percent (compared to 72 percent last year); per capita donation: \$189.22 from 73 of 105 employees.

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- Houston -- actual funds: \$4,899 (\$81 more than last year's total of \$4,818, or a 1.7 percent increase); actual participation rate: 30 percent (compared to 18.7 percent last year); per capita donation not available.
- Total -- actual donated funds: \$56,178.28 (\$5,034.28 more than last year's total of \$51,144, or a 9.8 percent increase).

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TWELVE DAYS OF WELLNESS PROGRAM STARTS NEXT WEEK

Get a head start on healthy holiday habits -- eating and exercise -- by signing up for the 12 Days of Wellness from Mon., Dec. 4, through Fri., Dec. 15. The program, sponsored annually by TWU wellness services, involves picking one activity each day from the "wellness list" and then doing it. Examples include taking a walk for 15 minutes, reading for enjoyment or eating three servings of fruit.

Wellness services will track each participant's progress, and 12 days of wellness will mean a healthier you! To pre-register, drop by the TWU Wellness Center now through Dec. 3. The registration fee is \$15, which includes a 100-percent cotton, long-sleeved T-shirt (while supplies last). Anyone can participate; the activity is not limited to wellness services members. For more information, call 8-1-2934.

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

TWU Update is published weekly (and posted online) for faculty, staff and other audiences. The deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week.

Reminder A "Winter Wonderland" is coming -- a holiday arts and crafts show -- on Thurs., Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., SC 2. All faculty, staff and students are invited to browse and buy early for the holidays from a selection of handcrafted gifts and decorative items. The event is sponsored by the Student Center Advisory Team; booth rentals are available for \$15 (\$10 for TWU affiliates). Reserve booth space by Mon., Nov. 27; call Angie at 8-1-3641.

Reminder: Exactly who wears the pants on the operatic stage? Sometimes women do! Audiences can witness an evening of scenes and arias that explore the peculiar, provocative and delightful operatic tradition of women who portray men during the TWU Opera Ensemble's concert, *Call Me Mister*, on Thurs., Nov. 30, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. All tickets are \$5 per person; call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500 for details.

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NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

BFA and MFA exhibits open this week in the East and West galleries of the TWU Fine Arts Building. The galleries are open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; all shows are free and open to the public. A list of student shows by date includes: Nov. 27 to Dec. 1 -- Marilyn Ivy, MFA candidate, painting, and Kelsey Wickliffe, BFA, photography; Dec. 4 to 8 -- Jason Dibley and Gepna Gershback, both BFAs, photography; and Dec. 11 to 15 -- Merry Fuhrer and Joseph Melancon, both MFAs, painting. For details, call 8-1-2530.

Reminder: Members of Phi Kappa Phi are invited to attend the group's annual scholarship recognition

ceremony on Tues., Nov. 28, from 12:15 to 1 p.m. on ACT 3. TWU undergraduate students who have outstanding academic records will receive recognition certificates. Dr. Guy Litton (English, speech and foreign languages) will give a brief talk on the TWU Honors Scholars program. For details, call Dr. Sarah McIntire (biology), the group's president, at 8-1-2396.

Spring break dates for 2001 are March 19-23; the TWU Student Handbook and the previous undergraduate catalog for 1999-2001 include dates that were changed this summer.

An induction ceremony for new members of the Beta Epsilon chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society, will be held on Thurs., Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods. The event will feature a poetry reading after the ceremony by Dr. Leslie Palmer, associate professor of English at the University of North Texas. The general public is invited; light refreshments will be provided. For information, call Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2343.

GRE fee waiver certificates are available for qualified financial aid applicants. Eligible students must meet financial need criteria; be U.S. citizens or resident aliens; and be college seniors or unenrolled college graduates. Students who have begun their graduate work do not qualify for the waiver. For more information, call the TWU office of financial aid at 8-1-3050.

Persons interested in attending the Texas Technology Showcase -- presented by the Texas Distance Learning Association -- in Dallas on Wed. and Thurs., Dec. 6 and 7, can obtain free tickets from Patricia Nolan (information technology services) at 8-1-3294. Nolan is a member of TDLA and is organizing the exhibition, presentation and luncheon schedules for the conference, which is hosted by the city of Dallas. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Dallas Convention Center in downtown Dallas. Free online registration is available at www.txdla.org/events/showcase.html.

The biology department continues its regular series of free seminars on Fri., Dec. 1. The lecture begins at 3 p.m. in CFO 205. Talks also are scheduled in November. For more information, contact Dr. Fritz Schwalm (biology) at 8-1-2354.

Reminder: The TWU College of Nursing, with the TWU Institute for Women's Health, will present a series of workshops on how to conduct research in adolescent health; sessions are set in October and November. The purpose of the series of workshops is to learn about and use major adolescent health electronic databases. Join the brown-bag lunchtime series from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursdays, ACT 17 -- Nov. 30; call 8-1-2401.

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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.).

Houston nursing faculty members Dr. **Joan Killen**, Dr. **Shirley Hutchinson** and Dr. **Sandra Cesario** -- as well as adjunct faculty member **Peg Reiter** -- were honored on Nov. 16 by the District 9 Texas Nurses Association. The TNA district, which held its 10th annual nursing celebration that day, recognized TWU nursing faculty among 20 outstanding nurses in the Houston area.

Three research papers by Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages) have been included on conference programs this fall. (Because Bridges has been on medical leave, the papers were presented by colleagues from other universities.) "The Path of Dwight L. Moody: *The Sawdust Trail*" was presented on Oct. 6 in Nashville, Tenn., at the American Culture Association of the South meeting; this paper also has been invited for inclusion in a collection of essays that will be published by the University of Alabama Press. "Through A Looking Glass Darkly: Hard Jagged Truth in Jane Gilmore Rushing's *Winds of Blame*" was presented on Oct. 26 at the national Western Literature of America meeting at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Bridges' essay "Roberto Benigni's *Life Is Beautiful*: Humor and Horror in the Holocaust" was read in the film and literature section of the South Central Modern Language Association meeting in San Antonio on Nov. 11.

Dr. **Lynda Uphouse** (biology/MBRS) has announced that graduate biology students **Lance Harrison** and **Stacy White**, both participants in the TWU Multi-Ethnic Biomedical Research Support program, attended the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans, La., in early November. The two MBRS students presented their research poster, which they co-authored with Uphouse, titled "Progesterone and 5-HT₂ Receptors Protect Against the Lordosis-Inhibiting Effects of Mild Restraint Stress."

Several other MBRS students represented TWU during the National Minority Research Symposium in Washington, D.C., from Nov. 8 to 11: **Diana (Kathy) Canseco**, **Erin Clabiorne** and **Vilma Garza** (chemistry); **Marianna Horea** (kinesiology/Institute for Women's Health); and **Ruth Sigala** and **Ilse Ricketts** (biology).

The students presented research posters: "Synthesis and Identification of the Z and E Isomers of Methyl O-Methylbenzothiohydroximates" by Canseco and Clabiorne, whose faculty mentor is Dr. James Johnson (chemistry); "Mechanisms of Acid-Catalyzed Z/E Isomerization of Imines" by Garza, who also is mentored by Johnson; "Osteoporosis Risk Factors in Young Mexican American Women" by Horea, whose mentor is Dr. Charlotte Sanborn (Institute for Women's Health); "An Investigation of *Helicobacter Pylori* pHPM179 Transposon DNA" by Ricketts, whose mentor is Dr. Sarah McIntire (biology); and "Enkephalin-Immunoreactivity in the Cochlear Nucleus After Deafferentation in Two-Week-Old Chicks" by Sigala, whose mentor on this project was Dr. Rebecca Code (biology).

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3, 2000

Nov. 27-Dec. 15

- Visual arts: *BFA and MFA Exhibits*, East and West galleries, Fine Arts Building; weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

Nov. 27-30

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

Mon., Nov. 27

- USA House of Representatives meeting, SC 207-208, 12:15 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 28

- Graduation crisis: what to do after graduation, free, SC 106, noon.

Wed., Nov. 29

- Free HIV testing, student health services, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 30

- Performing arts, music: TWU Opera Ensemble concert, "Call Me Mister," \$5, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Winter Wonderland arts and crafts show/sale, SC, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Research workshop on adolescent health, ACT 217, noon-1 p.m.
- Native American cultural celebration, free, ACT 2, 3:30-5 p.m.
- Poetry reading: reading by Dr. Leslie Palmer of UNT, following induction of new members in Beta Epsilon chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, free, Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, 7 p.m.
- Equal employment opportunity training, ACT 501, 9-10:30 a.m.

Fri., Dec. 1

- World AIDS Day.
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Biology lecture: free, CFO 205, 3 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 2

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 3

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

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