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TWU AWARDED FUNDS TO ADDRESS NURSING FACULTY SHORTAGE

Texas Woman's University's College of Nursing recently was awarded a \$507,688 federal grant to address the national nursing faculty shortage. Presbyterian Hospital of Denton also has contributed \$90,000 in matching funds to help TWU recruit students for the university's doctoral nursing program.

The federal funds, to be awarded over a three-year period by the Department of Education's Graduate Assistants in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program, will enable TWU to recruit, financially support, educate and mentor four doctoral nursing students who plan on becoming nursing professors. Selected participants will be enrolled at TWU as full-time students, attend the university year-round and will have their tuition and fees covered through the grant.

"These fellows will be known as Denton Presbyterian Nurse Scholars and will be eligible for up to \$30,000 annually in stipends, thanks to the matching funds generously given to TWU by Presbyterian Hospital of Denton," said Dr. Marcia Hern, dean of TWU's College of Nursing.

Presbyterian Hospital of Denton Chief Nursing Officer Sharon K. Dingman said, "This collaboration between academia and the service setting will enhance the learning of the fellows, TWU faculty and the hospital nursing staff, as they participate collaboratively on projects and attend research seminars."

Hospital CEO Stan Morton said, "Presbyterian Hospital of Denton is very pleased that we can continue to build on our relationship with the TWU College of Nursing by providing these matching funds. With this opportunity to work together we will provide the doctoral students a hospital environment to further their educational experience."

TWU associate nursing professor Dr. Sally Northam wrote the grant proposal and will serve as director of the project.

"One of the factors contributing to the national nursing shortage is the lack of qualified faculty available to educate students who want to become nurses," Dr. Northam said.

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“Funding for this program allows TWU to address this shortage by providing highly-qualified nursing faculty who can teach nursing at universities throughout the country.”

The Denton Presbyterian Nurse Scholars program will begin at TWU in August. Students who are underrepresented in nursing and documented as financially qualified will be given priority to participate.

For more information on the program and application requirements, visit www.twu.edu/nursing/, call 8-1-2415 or email snortham@twu.edu.

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CULLEN TRUST CONTRIBUTES TO HOUSTON CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION

The Cullen Trust for Higher Education recently awarded \$500,000 to TWU to help cover construction costs for the new TWU Institute of Health Sciences – Houston Center opening in August 2006.

This is the third gift to TWU for this project by The Cullen Foundation and its trusts. Previously, The Cullen Trust for Health Care gave \$500,000 for nursing technology and The Cullen Foundation contributed \$200,000 toward construction costs of the new TWU Institute of Health Sciences — Houston Center.

“These funds are a valuable investment in our students and their future as healthcare providers in Texas,” said TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart. “We are honored by the tremendous support we have received from the Cullen family.”

Corbin J. Robertson, Jr., Chair of The Cullen Trust for Higher Education said, “I am happy to support this great institution that trains so many healthcare professionals. Texas Woman’s University is one of the outstanding Texas Medical Center institutions making a difference in the lives of so many patients.”

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TWU PLANS NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART REDBUD THEATER

After more than two years of taking the show on the road, the Texas Woman’s University Department of Drama will come home next spring to a revitalized section of a historic campus building.

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Construction of a 19,000-square-foot, 120-seat theater will begin soon in what was once the Northwest Dining Room of Hubbard Hall. The theater, which will bear the name Redbud Theater in honor of TWU's longtime drama facility, is scheduled to open with a gala event in spring 2007. The \$3.3 million project was designed by Bottino Grund Architects of New York and Austin.

"We've been fairly resourceful in performing 'on location' during the past two and a half years, but for drama to have a home is a thrill for us," said Sharon Bengé, director of TWU's drama program.

A TWU facilities assessment in 2004 identified the need to retire the original Redbud Theater, the drama department's home since 1960. The department then began staging productions at venues in Denton, Dallas, Fort Worth and even Dublin, Ireland. That production, titled "The Long March," was performed in the Greenwich Street Theatre New York City in March of this year.

"I loved (the original) Redbud, but it was built in the 1960s, and technology has changed over the years," Ms. Bengé said. "The new theater will be a state-of-the-art facility."

The theater will feature practice rooms, a make-up classroom, conference rooms and faculty offices, as well a scene shop, a costume shop and laundry, storage and more. A handicapped-accessible entry to be added at the east end will maintain the historic character of Hubbard Hall's exterior. Elements reminiscent of the original Redbud Theater — including a full-length undulating wall in the lobby as well as colored glass panels — also are included in the design.

"The new theater will have vitality," Ms. Bengé said. "I give credit to the creative skills of the architects and Harold Johnson (director of TWU Facilities Management) and his staff. They listened to the faculty regarding what we need for our students and designed a space to fit those needs."

Ms. Bengé also noted the support of TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart, who suggested redesigning the Hubbard Hall space for a theater and also provided university funds for the project. A campaign currently is under way to raise additional funds for the new theater.

"The drama program is a strong and vital part of Texas Woman's University," Chancellor Stuart said. "The new theater will showcase the abundant talent of our students and faculty while also serving as a classroom in which students can learn their craft. Its central location will bring theater patrons to the heart of this beautiful campus."

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to the Office of Marketing and Communication through campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is the first and third Tuesday of each month 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.

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, in conjunction with the Institute for Women's Health, has announced the recipients of the 2006 Summer Research Stipend Awards. The goal of the program is to enhance scholarly productivity by providing faculty with unencumbered time and financial support to pursue their research agendas. Award recipients are: Dr. **Lettie Albright**, reading; Dr. **Sandra Cesario**, nursing – Houston; Dr. **Weihang Chai**, biology*; Dr. **Ho Soon Michelle Cho**, nursing – Dallas*; Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva**, mathematics and computer science; Dr. **DiAnna Hynds**, biology; Dr. **Junehee Kwon**, nutrition and food sciences*; Dr. **Huanbiao Mo**, nutrition and food sciences; Dr. **Pushkala Raman**, management; Dr. **Anne Stiles**, nursing – Denton*; Ms. **Tanya Synar**, visual arts. Those awards noted with an asterisk (*) were funded by the TWU Institute for Women's Health – Women's Health Initiative.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to the Office of Marketing and Communication by campus mail or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Condolences are offered to the family of **Sandi Reynolds**, former director of the TWU Write Site and the First Year Writing Program, who died Friday, May 19. A memorial service was held Monday, May 22 at the Greenbelt Corridor. She is survived by her husband, Mike, and three daughters, Allison, Rebecca and Victoria. Memorials may be made to the Denton Humane Society, which she co-founded.

Dr. **Phap Dam** (teacher education) and his wife, Lily, are featured prominently in *Starting Over in America*, an award-winning 1986 film scheduled for an encore presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25 on KERA channel 13. The film also features Ron Cowart, husband of **Melissa Cowart** (teacher education), a Dallas police officer at the time. For more information about the documentary, visit www.kera.org/startingover.

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Dr. **Gerald Goodman** (health care administration-Houston) presented a short course titled "Managing for Bioterrorism Response Compliance in the Long-Term Care Setting" at the 2006 American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA) Annual Conference and Exposition in Ellenville, N.Y.

Ms. **Carolyn Ishee** has accepted the position of executive director for Institutional Development, effective May 2. She previously served as a development officer at TWU.

Ms. **Sherilyn Bird** has accepted the position as TWU director of libraries. She begins her work at TWU on July 10.

Dr. **Robert Martin** (SLIS), received an honorary doctorate from Dominican University in River Forest, Ill., during the university's May 6 commencement. Dr. Martin also presented the commencement address to the university's Graduate and Professional Schools.

Dr. **Julie Todaro**, an adjunct instructor in the TWU SLIS, recently was voted vice president/president elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Ms. **Colleen Ferguson** (Lifelong Learning) recently graduated from the Leadership Denton Class of 2006. Leadership Denton is a nine-month program designed to teach community members about leadership and opportunities for leadership in the Denton area.

Ms. **Casie Hawthorne** is the new Aramark catering event planner. She may be contacted at hawthorne-casie@aramark.com or at 8-1-3669.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MAY 22-JUNE 4, 2006

Mon., May 22	- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Tues., May 23	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Wed., May 24	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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Thur., May 25	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Fri., May 26	-Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., May 27	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m. to noon.
Sun., May 28	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 2-6 p.m.
Mon., May 29	-Memorial Day holiday; university closed. Outdoor pool open 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Tues., May 30	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Wed., May 31	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Thur., June 1	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Fri., June 2	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Sat., June 3	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
Sun., June 4	-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 2-6 p.m.

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