

DEDICATION, CONVOCATION, HOMECOMING ARE HITS

Last Friday, TWU honored the best of the best, dedicated a new building and welcomed back graduates during a flurry of activities and programs that built new friendships and prompted fond memories. More than 500 people attended the luncheon dedication of Pioneer Hall and witnessed the naming of the building's arena in honor of TWU alumna and former faculty member Kitty Winter Magee. They then toured and watched as kinesiology and dance faculty and students demonstrated the programs and research under way in the new facility.

Outstanding seniors and graduate students, faculty and staff were recognized during Honors Convocation in Margo Jones Performance Hall. They shared their special day with family members and friends, other faculty and staff, as well as alumni and community members. And several hundred alumni enjoyed reminiscing as they attend luncheons and dinners, learned about investments, bid on treasures and bought mementos, and mingled with students, faculty and staff during three days filled with friends and memories.

Pioneer Hall Dedication

On the floor of TWU's new arena, guests shared lunch and listened as Dr. Carol Surles (president's office) talked about the importance of the arts and research in Pioneer Hall. She also noted that the building would stand proudly among TWU's structures -- the classic cupola of the library and the silver dome of Old Main, among others -- that comprise Denton's skyline. Surles, who described Pioneer Hall as another architectural "jewel" on campus, said, "Today is one more step on our journey toward our centennial. We believe that the programs now housed in Pioneer Hall will help answer the questions of how we can develop lifelong practices and habits for an active and healthy life."

Greetings were extended to everyone present by Rep. Burt Solomons on behalf of Gov. George Bush Jr.; by Mayor Jack Miller for the city of Denton; and the Hon. Judge Jeff Moseley for Denton County. The arena naming was conducted by Sheila Whitaker-Kellagher, chair of the TWU board of regents. As Magee stood on the platform, she watched daughter Margaret Speck and two TWU student athletes

unveil the arena name in large letters beneath the United States and Texas flags. The TWU alumnus and honoree said she didn't understand why such a step had been taken, but she was pleased. A ribbon cutting ceremony ended the event, and participants visited a number of studios, classrooms, laboratories and the natatorium to learn more about the research, teaching and art that will be an integral part of the building and the people who use it.

Honors Convocation -- Faculty Awards

Dr. Margaret Griffin (reading and bilingual education) received the Cornaro Award, while Dr. Joy McGregor (Library and Information Studies); Dr. Linda Rubin (psychology and philosophy); and Dr. Maureen Simmonds (Physical Therapy, Houston) each received the Mary Mason Lyon Award. Established in 1978, the Cornaro Award honors one TWU faculty member for her or his excellence in teaching, scholarship, achievement and service each year.

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The Cornaro Award is named in honor of Elena Lucrezia Cornaro de la Piscopia, the first woman to receive a doctoral degree (University of Padua, 1678). Named for the founder of Mount Holyoke, the first (1837) women's college in the United States, TWU's Mary Mason Lyon Awards are presented annually to recognize individuals among junior faculty for achievements in teaching, research and service.

- A professional educator since 1959, Griffin has spent the last 24 years sharing her expertise in reading and bilingual education at TWU. While her teaching credentials, her commitment to her students, her support of junior faculty and her dedication to research have garnered much praise, her involvement in the Reading Recovery program has made her particularly noteworthy. Instrumental in bringing Reading Recovery to Texas and the Southwest, Griffin was elected to the program's first board of directors and received the 1995 Reading Recovery National Teacher Leader Award. She has received a number of other awards and has authored or co-authored several journal articles and books.
- McGregor entered doctoral study after 23 years as a teacher and librarian at the elementary and high school levels. After completing her doctorate at Florida State University, McGregor came directly to TWU in 1993. Since joining the TWU family, McGregor has helped redefine the role

of professor. Her adoption of instructional innovation, both in the classroom and in modes of delivery using technology, has put her in the forefront of faculty committed to making education available where and as it is needed.

- During her first five years at TWU, Rubin has played a central role in the department of psychology. She received her doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Kansas in 1992 and was instrumental in gaining accreditation two years ago from the American Psychological Association for the doctoral program in counseling psychology at TWU. During her relatively short time at TWU, Rubin also has published nine articles in national, peer-reviewed journals, has authored two chapters in edited books and currently has four articles under review.
- Currently in her fifth year of teaching in the School of Physical Therapy at TWU, Simmonds has continued to keep her hands full. She has maintained a full teaching load and also has publishing 10 articles as first author and five more as second author since coming to TWU. Simmonds has spoken or led workshops at prestigious events such as the World Confederation for Physical Therapy meeting in Washington, D.C., and the Ninth World Congress on Pain in Vienna, Switzerland. She also has patented a device designed to measure force applied in spinal mobilization techniques to aid in research on those techniques.

Honors Convocation -- Staff Awards

Betty Howell (Nursing, Houston) received the TWU Award of Excellence, while Roger Buell (information technology services) and Chantel Brightman (office of the associate vice president, Dallas) were honored with Outstanding Achievement Awards. All full-time, non-academic employees below the level of departmental director are eligible for these awards. They must meet these criteria: have two years of service with TWU; exhibit superior job performance and a high degree of proficiency in all areas of responsibility of her/his position; demonstrate ability to relate well to all members of the university community (students, faculty, staff and alumni); display outstanding personality traits -- loyalty, dedication, enthusiasm, initiative and reliability; and demonstrate support and understanding of the university's activities and mission.

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- For Howell, exhibiting a high degree of proficiency in all areas of her responsibility is a "must." Responsible for approximately 400 undergraduate nursing applicant files each year, she works hard to ensure that each applicant completes all necessary requirements and meets all deadlines. In addition, Howell oversees the files of 180 undergraduate students, giving them individualized attention. A 1959 TWU graduate, Howell exhibits loyalty and dedication to the university and consistently fosters a positive image for TWU.
- With all the ducks he has to deal with -- coupled with an uncanny ability to put them all in a row -- it's no wonder Roger Buell was chosen for an Outstanding Achievement Award. The organization, categorization and identification of TWU's technology assets are Buell's specialty, and his ability to perform such tasks skillfully has earned praise from fellow staff members. Over the past year, Buell has managed software licenses and upgrades; identified machines for surplus; coordinated all moves or ordered equipment (more than \$2 million in hardware); and assisted field support in getting machines to customers efficiently.
- In her current position for the last four years, Brightman has received acclaim from fellow staff members for her job performance, proficiency, loyalty, dedication, enthusiasm, initiative and reliability. Her continuing support of the university prompted one individual to comment, "She... epitomizes the mission of TWU." Recognized by students, faculty and staff alike for her willingness and ability to help, Brightman carries out her assignments with a sincere commitment to do the very best in order to benefit those she serves at the TWU Dallas Center.

Honors Convocation -- Student Awards

Saturday Johnson, Gay McDaniel, Edna Lucio, Paula Perkins and Sophia Alvarez were presented with Outstanding Senior Awards; Martin Luttrell received the Outstanding Master's Student Award; and Amy Wolf earned the Outstanding Doctoral Student Award. Sponsored by the TWU National Alumnae Association, the awards recognize TWU students in all fields of study for their hard work, dedication and accomplishments. Wendy Bramlett also was recognized by the university with the 1998 Pauline Bishop Leman Award for her contributions to the fine arts.

- Johnson, a kinesiology/pre-medicine major from Austin, has left a significant mark on the faculty at TWU. Her enthusiasm, personality and drive have brought her praise from mentors, professors and department heads. She has garnered several awards, including three scholarships, the *National Dean's List*, the TWU Honor Roll and the Golden Key National Honor Society. In addition to her involvement in United Students Association and as a mentor in PALS, Johnson created and organized "Preparing Our Sons for Manhood." The program was recognized in the Denton Independent School District and received widespread publicity in a local newspaper.
- A social work major with minors in both business and sociology, Gay McDaniel is a Denton

resident who has excelled in her studies and in extracurricular activities. The winner of the 1997 Outstanding Campus Leader of the Year, she organized the "Take Back the Night" rally in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month in 1996 and 1997, and has maintained a 4.0 grade point average throughout her years at TWU. McDaniel was the student co-chair of TWU Homecoming 1997 and a member of the 1996 planning committee for National Make a Difference Day. McDaniel has also been the recipient of numerous honors and awards.

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- Hailing from Houston, Lucio is an occupational therapy major with a minor in psychology. Her ability to assume leadership roles and her strong sense of community service to her community and profession speak well for her, say her instructors. An active member of the Student Occupational Therapy Association, Lucio has maintained better than a 3.0 GPA. Her hard work has resulted in several honors and awards, such as: 1992 Volunteer of the Year Award from McAllen Medical Center; membership in Golden Key National Honor Society; and the dean's list.
- Like Lucio, Perkins has found her niche in occupational therapy. A resident of Wichita Falls, she attended Midwestern State University before transferring to TWU in 1995. Since then, Perkins has earned a GPA of 3.9 and has played an active part in campus life in Phi Theta Epsilon and the Student Occupational Therapy Association. Honors and awards she has received include academic scholarships, the *National Dean's List*, the TWU honor roll and others. Perkins has extensive clinical experience and maintains several professional memberships.
- As a biology major, Alvarez has been involved in several research projects at TWU and other institutions such as Texas A&M University and Purdue University. A member of the Beta Beta Beta/biology honor society and the Golden Key National Honor Society, the Trophy Club resident has experience in both neurobiology and molecular biology research and was named to the TWU honor roll. Perkins has been active on campus, serving the League of Latin American Citizens and the Latin Alliance, as well as the Multi-Ethnic Biomedical Research Program.
- Hard work, high achievements, dependability and a conscientious nature all played a part in

Luttrell's recognition as TWU's 1998 Outstanding Graduate Student. A major in the field of occupational therapy, Luttrell not only excelled academically while at TWU but also made many friends among both his peers and instructors. Luttrell, who received his undergraduate degree in industrial engineering from Mississippi State University, also completed a clinical internship in New Zealand. He will graduate *magna cum laude* from TWU.

- Throughout her doctoral studies in molecular biology, Wolf has excelled in the classroom, the laboratory and the student community. She has written and published five articles in top biological journals, presented 12 research abstracts at national scientific meetings and earned a high level of respect among the neuroscience community as an authority on serotonin's regulation of female reproductive behavior. Wolf's Native American heritage inspired her to be involved in the Multi-Ethnic Biomedical Research Support Program, Native Pride and THUNDER Alliance.
- Bramlett was nominated by faculty members for her outstanding performances as a singer and an actress at TWU. Bramlett began her performing career at TWU the summer before she started school here. Her first love is the theater; she also has completed a music minor with an emphasis on vocal performance. She has appeared in nine plays and three Opera Ensemble shows, and she has worked as a crew member, box office manager and props master. She earned three scholarships and is a Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival Irene Ryan nominee.

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TWU ATHLETICS BANQUET SET

The TWU Athletics Awards Banquet will be held on Thurs., May 7, at 6:30 p.m., HH northeast dining room. Tickets are \$12 per person and can be purchased through the office of intercollegiate athletics, room 220B in Pioneer Hall, until noon on May 4. Call 8-1-2378 for details or tickets.

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DON'T EAT MY DUST...EAT MY CAR!

Drivers...start your engines...and eat your cars!

No, it's not the Indianapolis 500 or truck races at the Texas Motor Speedway, but several teams of aspiring engineers will test their final product -- an edible car -- during Engineering Week, April 27 to May 1, at TWU. The edible car contest is sponsored by Raytheon and the TWU department of

mathematics and computer science, with partial funding from the National Science Foundation's Foundation Coalition Project. Winners will take home \$50 or \$100 prizes for the "Best Looking Car" and the "Fastest Car," respectively.

"We want students to use their imagination to have fun and to explore engineering possibilities," said Dr. Frances Thompson, professor of mathematics and one of the program's coordinators. "We have six teams of four people -- either high school or college students -- who want to tackle the challenge and try to win."

Entries will be displayed on Fri., May 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., SC 207-208. Judging is scheduled from 9 to 9:30 a.m., and winners will be honored during a luncheon. Team members are TWU undergraduate or graduate students who are enrolled during the spring 1998 semester or they are high school students in grades nine to 12 in the north Texas area.

Each team must design and build a car using only edible materials (either raw or cooked/prepared, but all food items must be edible for humans!). The final car must look like a car and must not be any larger than 4 inches wide (including wheels and hubcaps), 4 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 4 freely-turning "wheels" and must successfully roll down a ramp 8 to 10 feet in length and inclined at approximately 20 degrees. The car also must be able to survive three runs down the ramp, if necessary. The total cost of materials used in the car should be estimated at less than \$10. Awards will be made based on appearance, creative use of a variety of food types in the car's construction and speed -- how fast the car rolls down the ramp while it remains intact.

Other programs during the week will include the TWU Harlan Miller Lecture Series, featuring NASA senior engineer Anngienetta R. Johnson; displays in the TWU Blagg-Huey Library about women in engineering, and on books and journals about the subject.

The 1998 Harlan Miller Lecture Series will be held Thurs. and Fri., April 30 and May 1. The program begins on Thursday with a 6:30 p.m. dinner in Hubbard Hall on TWU's Denton campus, followed by Johnson's lecture, "My Place in Space." Dinner is \$9.50 per person; the lecture is free. On Friday, an 11:30 a.m. luncheon will be held in rooms 207 and 208 of the TWU Student Center, in conjunction with the "Edible Car Contest" in that same location. Johnson will speak at noon on "NASA -- Pioneers of the Future." Guests may attend the lecture at no charge; everyone is invited to observe the edible car contest before the luncheon.

Johnson, who began her career as a cooperative education student when she attended TWU, has held progressively responsible positions in the fields of space flight operations, and computing and communications research. She currently serves as senior engineer in the Office of Earth Science at NASA in Washington, D.C., where she is responsible for the overall planning for the Earth Observing System (EOS), the New Millennium Project, Earth Probes and Earth System Scientific Pathfinders. For details, call 8-1-2166.

MFA EXHIBITS OPEN

For Frieda Sadler, it's been a long road back to creative self-expression after a shaky start. "When I was in kindergarten, my teacher didn't like the way I drew my horse and, because of that, she wouldn't give me my cookies and milk," said Sadler, a TWU graduate student and Denton resident who will receive her MFA this spring. "I was so traumatized by that experience that I didn't draw again for more than 30 years." However, after 20 years in the military as a nurse, the trauma Sadler had been exposed to on a daily basis built to a critical mass. "By the time I got out, I just had to express myself," she said, "and I've been drawing ever since."

The fruits of Sadler's self-expression -- multi-media paintings that bridge the gap between fine art and the craft medium -- will be on display from May 11 to 15 in the West Gallery of the Fine Arts Building. Titled *Amalgamation*, the exhibit comprises works fashioned from paint that has been mixed with everything from buttons to beads to thread to shoulder pads, all from women's clothing. "As a master's student at TWU, I was trying to define my art and separate it from craft," she said. "Ultimately, I've found that art *is* craft, art is life and, that in the end, it's all a process."

As Sadler's exhibit is showing, the large-scale digital photographs of Rene West will be featured in an exhibit titled *Three Cantos: An Inner Journey* in the East Gallery. West, a TWU MFA student who also will graduate this spring, produces 8 1/2 x 11-inch ink jet printouts of her own photographs. She then pieces them together on stretched canvas to achieve an effect that recalls impressionistic painting. "It's like working with a puzzle in a way, because you're fitting together pieces until they create an entire image," said West, of Fort Worth. "And the fact that I assemble them with glue makes the images bleed a little, which gives the completed works the feel of a painted, impressionist-type image."

West explained that the poetically-conceived exhibit is divided -- a la Dante's *The Divine Comedy* -- into three separate sections. The sections are titled *Fear of the Shadow*, *The Search* and *The Three-Awakening*. "The images deal with an exploration of the way we visualize the world and how that has everything to do with how we feel about ourselves and live our lives," she said. "Basically, what I did was take my camera into the streets and shoot what I encountered and then try to create sort of a poetic logic of the world." The galleries are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For details, contact Corky Stuckenbruck (visual arts) at 8-1-2530.

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NEWSBRIEFS

A self-defense seminar -- RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) -- will be taught by the TWU department of public safety during six classes in June. The seminar, scheduled from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in room 325 of Pioneer Hall, will be held June 16, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. The cost to attend is \$15 per person for the entire seminar; reservations are requested, but walk-ins will be welcomed. The program is open to members of the campus and local communities; it will be taught by Officer Elizabeth Pauley. For details or reservations, call Pauley at 8-1-2915.

Reminder: The TWU Concert Choir and University Chorus will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. on Tues., April 28, in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The concert choir and the university chorus will sing selections in German, French, Spanish and Latin by composers such as Bach, Gallupi, Martini and Mathias. For details, call 8-1-2500.

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The 1998 Denton Human Resources Association annual conference will be held at TWU on Thurs., May 7, SC 207-208, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost to attend is \$40 for DHRA members, \$50 for non-members and \$20 for SHRM student members; all registrations after May 4 will be \$65 per person to participate. Presenters will include keynote speaker Lynne Wilford Scarborough, who will discuss "Power Communication in a World with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)"; and representatives from the Fort Worth law firm of Law, Snakard and Gambill, who each will discuss additional topics. Registration includes presentations and a box lunch; for details, call Sherrie Taylor (business and economics) at 8-1-2903. More information will be provided in the May 4 issue of *TWU Update*.

Reminder: The Friends of the TWU Libraries will hold a book and video sale on Mon. and Tues., April 27 and 28, on the garden level of the Blagg-Huey Library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Videos will be \$3 each (special video collections priced higher) and books will be \$3 per container (supplied by the library to measure the books). All proceeds will benefit the collections and services of the TWU libraries. Call 8-1-2665 for more information.

The TWU Wellness Center will offer faculty and staff memberships for \$25 per year, effective June 1, 1998 -- a reduction of \$75 annually. The weight room in Pioneer Hall also will be available to Wellness Center faculty and staff members, along with other activities presented by the center that already have moved to the new building. For information, call 8-1-2900.

Reminder: Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society will hold its annual spring banquet and initiation ceremony on Tues., April 28, at 6:15 p.m., HH banquet room. The guest speaker will be Dr. Sherralyn Craven, vice

president of the south central region of Phi Kappa Phi. Several faculty members and administrators will be inducted: Dr. Suzann Buckley (Arts and Sciences); Dr. Guy Litton (English, speech and foreign languages); Dr. Cynthia Reid (Occupational Therapy); and Dr. Jim Williams (sociology and social work) -- 46 students will be tapped as well. For details, call Dr. Anita Cowan (sociology and social work) at 8-1-2077.

The Student Occupational Therapy Association has scheduled several activities: a sale of Discovery toys in MCL lobby on Wed., April 29, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; a bake sale on Tues., May 5, in MCL from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and a general meeting on Mon., May 4, in MCL 406 at noon. The School of Occupational Therapy will hold its candlelight ceremony on Sat., May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Northlakes Park -- all OT department members are welcome.

The Denton Community Chorus, directed by Dr. Nicki Cohen (performing arts, music), will present its annual spring concert on Tues., May 5, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The group will perform *Native Voices* by TWU faculty member Lanelle Blanton, winner of the first annual Denton Community Chorus Composition Award. *Native Voices* is based on text from the Hopi and Cherokee languages. Blanton has done extensive research on Native American musical idioms and customs, and she incorporates this knowledge into her musical compositions. The concert will include works by Haydn, Mendelssohn, Vaughan Williams, Randall Thompson and a medley of tunes from the 1930s called *Get Happy*. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, students or senior citizens; they also will be available at MJPH box office that night.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: APRIL 27 - MAY 3, 1998

April 1-30

-Visual arts: Voertman's Student Art Competition/Exhibit, East and West galleries, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 11-15

-Visual Arts: MFA exhibits, *Amalgamation and Three Cantos: An Inner Journey*, East/West Galleries, Fine Arts Bldg., weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

April 28-30

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

6 a.m.-10 p.m.

April 27-May 1

-TWU Engineering Week.

April 27-28

-Friends of the TWU Libraries book and video sale, library garden level; videos \$3 each (special collections priced higher) and books \$3 per container (supplied by the library to measure the books); 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Mon., April 27

-Houston: USA meeting, MGJ 928, noon.

Tues., April 28

-Performing arts, music: joint presentation by TWU Concert Choir and University Chorus, free, Margo Jones Performance Hall, 8 p.m.

-Houston: *Pennies from Heaven*, CY, noon.

-HR: "Get Acquainted with Services Provided by the Physical Plant," Denton, 10 a.m.-noon.

-Phi Kappa Phi banquet and initiation, HH, 6:15 p.m.

Wed., April 29

-SOTA Discovery Toys sale, MCL lobby, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

-Houston: Computer-based training, MGJ 1011, 2-4 p.m.

-USA Senate meeting, SC 006-007, 5-7 p.m.

Thurs., April 30

-Houston: Computer-based training, MGJ 1011, 2-4 p.m.

-Harlan Miller Lecture Series dinner, HH (\$9.50), 6:30 p.m., followed by presentation, "My Place in Space," with TWU alum and NASA senior engineer Anngienetta Johnson (lecture free).

Fri., May 1

-Harlan Miller Lecture Series luncheon, HH (\$5), 11:30 a.m., with presentation by senior NASA engineer Anngienetta Johnson (lecture free).

-Edible Car Contest, SC 207-208: judging, 9-9:30 a.m.; exhibit, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; awards luncheon (with Harlan Miller Lecture series activities).

-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.

-ITS: "Enhancing Your Web Page...", CFO 104, 9 a.m.-noon.

-Biology seminar, free, CFO 205, 3-4 p.m.

-University Club meets at the home of Doris Laing.

Sat., May 2

-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., May 3

-Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.