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ACTF JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Almost 1,000 faculty and students from a five-state district are ready to descend on TWU from Feb. 24 to March 1 for the American College Theater Festival's regional event for Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico. The event -- which will feature seven full-length and one one-act performances -- will give thespians an opportunity to learn from each other and experts in drama during a number of workshops, plays and auditions. Some of the highlights are listed below (see the Jan. 20, 1998, issue of *TWU Update* for details about performances that are open to the public, as well as ticket prices).

* Singer, dancer, choreographer, director and University of Texas at Austin alum Tommy Tune will deliver the keynote address at 9 p.m. on Feb. 28 in Margo Jones Performance Hall, located on Oakland Avenue in Denton. Tune, a Broadway performer with nine Tony awards to his credit, made his debut in 1965 as a member of the chorus in *Baker Street*. Since then, he has generated widespread acclaim as an actor in productions such as *Seesaw*, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* and *Cloud 9*, and as a director and choreographer of shows ranging from the *Will Rogers Follies* to *Nine to Grand Hotel*. In addition to receiving eight Drama Desk and two Obie awards, Tune earned the National Academy of Dance's American Dance Award in 1990.

Although the Broadway stage has served as his first home, Tune has appeared in two Hollywood films, *Hello Dolly!* with Barbara Streisand and *The Boyfriend* with Twiggy. Having performed for three U.S. presidents, the Queen of England and the Royal Family of Monaco, Tune was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1994. In 1997, his memoir, *Footnotes*, was published and his first solo CD, *Slow Dancin'*, was released.

* While the general public thinks of her as Granny Clampett, the backwoods-y matriarch she portrayed on the television series *The Beverly Hillbillies*, young actors and actresses think of the late Irene Ryan as a benefactor of their dreams. That's because Ryan provided for a foundation after her death that, since 1972, has awarded student actors and actresses scholarships at the regional and national competitions of ACTF.

As many as 200 students, including five from TWU, have been invited to take part in auditions for Irene Ryan scholarships. The auditions begin with a five-minute preliminary round, in which each student performs two pieces, one of which must be a duet. The field then is narrowed to 32 students, who advance to the semi-finals and repeat their performances for a panel of three judges. The third and final round is presented as a public showcase in which the top 16 students perform for an audience. From there, two students are chosen to receive two \$500 scholarships and advance to the KC/ACTF national festival, where they take part in an "Evening of Scenes" and compete with 14 other young dramatists for

two \$2,500 scholarships.

* Denton-based Morrison Milling Company recently agreed to fund a barbecue dinner which will take place during the regional festival. The company has underwritten the festival barbecue in the amount of \$1,000. The event will be open to registered festival-goers.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCED

TWU will offer a range of Black History Month activities throughout February and into March. Everything from dinners to video presentations to quiz bowls will be held in celebration of African-American heritage over the next three weeks at TWU. The activities include:

- Civil rights video/lecture series featuring "Eyes on the Prize II: America at the Cross-roads," 3 p.m., Feb. 16, CFO 202; sponsored by the department of history and government, the National Association of Black Journalists and the TWU Black History Month committee.
- "It's a Black Woman Thang...Can You Really Understand?," a presentation by Dr. Pamela Hill, director of the Center for Cultural Diversity at the University of North Texas, 7 p.m., Feb. 17, SC 207; sponsored by the student activities committee, SOAP, the Residence Hall Association and the Black History Month committee.
- Poetry Night, 7 p.m., Feb. 19, HH banquet room; sponsored by the NAACP, Zeta Phi Beta and the Black History Month committee.
- Civil rights video/lecture series featuring "Ida B. Wells: A Passion for Justice," 3 p.m., Feb. 23, CFO 202; sponsored by the department of history and government, NABJ and the Black History Month committee.
- Trip to University of Texas at Arlington to attend a lecture by poet Maya Angelou, Feb. 26; sponsored by the Student Activities committee, OIS and the Black History Month committee.
- Soul food dinner, 6 p.m., Feb. 27, SC 207; sponsored by the Student Activities committee and the Black History Month committee.
- Black History Month Bowl 1998, 7 p.m., March 5, MCL auditorium; sponsored by the Black History Month committee.

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LIBRARY OFFERS DATABASES FOR RESEARCH

The TWU Blagg-Huey Library offers sites for research on minority issues, two that are especially appropriate during Black History Month. For details, see the summaries below.

- In celebration of Black History Month, TWU librarians have created a three-page "Webliography" that contains more than 100 Internet sites on African Americans. Copies of the handout are available at the library's information desk in Denton or at the circulation desks at TWU's Parkland and Presbyterian sites in Dallas. The information also may be accessed on the library's homepage at <http://venus.twu.edu/library/>. For details or other assistance, contact Jimmie Lyn Harris (library) at 8-1-3740; e-mail requests to Jharris@twu.edu; or fax to (940) 898-3808.
- The library also offers two special CD-ROM databases that specifically provide information on minority issues and interests. *Ethnic Newswatch* contains full-text articles in English and Spanish from newspapers, magazines and journals from the ethnic, minority and native presses. The 1996-to-present disks are located in LIBREF carrels 1 to 6, and a back file disk, 1990 to 1994, is located in carrel 19. *Black Studies Database* contains more than 170,000 citations from the *Kaiser Index to Black Periodicals* from the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Materials include information from 1948 to 1986, and the disk is located in carrel 19. Many other CD-ROM

databases and electronic resources also are available to researchers and may be searched for African-American information. For assistance, contact Glenda Lehrmann (library) by phone at 8-1-3710, by e-mail at s_Lehrmann@twu.edu or by fax, (940) 898-3808.

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STUDENT WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE EVOLVING

TWU students will host the state's first Women Student's Leadership conference in Denton on March 26 and 27. The two-day event, which will focus on "Leadership: Women's Key to the Future," opens Thursday evening with a reception for participants and early registration. On Friday, the schedule includes registration, panels, a keynote address, presentation of the Women of Leadership Awards and other program items.

Interested persons are invited to register by March 13; the cost is \$25 for the Friday luncheon only, \$30 for students for the entire conference and \$40 for faculty, staff and community members. Add \$5 to each price for late registration through March 20. Forms for registration are available in the TWU office of student development, SC 1st floor. Persons interested in sponsoring a student who would like to attend the conference are invited to donate the cost of a student registration fee and either send it or drop it by student development. For details, call 8-1-3626.

The luncheon keynote speaker on Friday will be Dr. Jewel Prestage, who will discuss women in leadership roles. Prestage is professor of political science at Prairie View A&M University, where she also teaches in the Dean Benjamin Banneker Honor College. Friday registration begins on CFO 2; panels and sessions are scheduled in CFO, ASB, SC and SH.

The Women Student's Leadership conference at TWU also will include presentations of the 1998 Women of Leadership awards during the Friday luncheon. Conference planners are seeking nominations from the campus community for outstanding women students, women faculty and administrators, and women community leaders. Nomination forms are available in the student development office, SC 139; the deadline to submit nominations is March 1, 1998. The award describes a woman of leadership as one who "...is a dedicated leader who has earned admiration and respect; one with purpose who brings others toward her vision by example; who faces life's challenges with grace and courage; and who lives with dignity, integrity and honor."

Other speakers and topics will include:

- "Teaching as Leadership: The Classroom as a Sociopolitical Space," panel with TWU faculty members Dr. Beth Ferri (early childhood and special education), Dr. Leila Flores-Duenas (reading and bilingual education), Dr. Lisa Garza (sociology and social work) and Dr. Vivian May (women's studies);
- "Being a Criminal Prosecutor" with Heather Rattan, who serves as chief felony prosecutor for Denton County;
- "Women's Quest for Spirituality Today" with TWU administrators Nicole Hoefle (student activities), Amy Berliner (student health services) and Jamie Teal (conference services);
- "Non-Sexist Language: A Tool for Women's Inclusion and Visibility in the Classroom and Workplace" with Dr. Linda Nickum-Marshall (sociology and social work);
- "Body and Self-Esteem" with Cindy Sass and Michelle Reeves (TWU Wellness Center);
- "Dead Leaders Can't Lead: Optimum Health for Optimum Leadership" with Dr. Jean Henry (TWU Center for Research on Women's Health);
- "Loyalty to Self or Race: What Is the Cost of Leadership to Women of Color?" with faculty

members Rosena Clarke-Turner (sociology and social work), Dr. Lisa Garza (sociology and social work) and Dr. Michelle Richards (family sciences);

- "From Volunteer to Leader" with Cecile Carson, executive director, Keep Denton Beautiful;
 - "12 Steps to Developing the Leader Within" with TWU graduate Lois Carter;
 - "Privilege: What Is It and Do I Have It?" with graduate teaching assistants Sharon Snow and Juanita Suarez; and several other presentations.
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UPDATE ON TWU ATHLETICS

The TWU Pioneers gymnastics team is on a quest to recapture the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship title. "The 1998 season has been truly exciting," said Judy Southard (intercollegiate athletics), "and we would like to recognize our outstanding faculty and staff at an upcoming meet. You are cordially invited to attend the March 5 gymnastics meet as guests of TWU intercollegiate athletics for Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night. We hope you will bring your families and friends to enjoy women's intercollegiate gymnastics at its best."

TWU will host Winona State University at 7 p.m. in the new Pioneer Hall arena. Faculty and staff (and their family and friends) are invited to join the team for a post-meet reception to visit with student-athletes and coaching staff; refreshments will be served. According to policy for all Pioneer athletic home events, TWU faculty, staff and students are admitted free. Admission for all others is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for children ages 12 and under; call ext. 2378.

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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 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.

Guest artist Catherine Turocy will visit TWU on Tues., Feb. 24, as a guest artist for TWU's graduate dance history course. Turocy, internationally acclaimed artistic director of the New York Baroque Ensemble, will discuss the creative process that she uses as she re-envisions dance style and technique of the 18th century. (Last week, several artists connected with Scarborough Faire -- including Shane Thompson -- talked to the class about how they investigate Renaissance dance style, form and costuming.)

Reminder: Several groups will be honored in February when TWU presents its first Founders' Award, recognizing contributions that have made the university's achievements possible. Representatives from Texas Instruments Incorporated, the Ariel and Woman's Shakespeare Clubs and the City of Denton will receive the inaugural TWU Founders' Award -- presented by both the university and the TWU National Alumnae Association -- during a banquet on Fri., Feb. 20, during the annual Founders' Day celebration in Denton. Tickets for the event are \$20 per person; advance reservations are required. Call the TWU NAA at 8-1-2586 for details or reservations. Activities include a reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Blagg-Huey Library, followed by an awards dinner at 6:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall.

Reminder: The office of undergraduate and graduate research support has scheduled TWU's first student research symposium, which will be held April 16 and 17 on the Denton campus. Persons interested in participating must submit a 250-word essay abstract by Feb. 20, detailing their projects. Instructions for submitting an abstract may be obtained from academic departments or from the UGRS

office, SC 001. The information also is available on the UGRS office web site at <http://www.twu.edu/UGRS/>; the office phone number is 8-1-2457, or send e-mail to StudentRes@twu.edu.

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The TWU chapter of NAACP and the Chi Delta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. will sponsor a "Poetry Night" on Thurs., Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., HH. Admission is \$2 per person; food will be provided. The campus community is invited to enjoy an evening of eloquent and thought-provoking words and music. For details, call intercultural services at 8-1-3679.

TWU's annual Soul Food Dinner, sponsored by SOAP's multicultural committee, will sponsor its annual Soul Food dinner on Fri., Feb. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m., SC 207/208. The cost to attend is \$2 per person; faculty, staff and students are invited to participate and to enjoy an evening of excellent food and entertainment. Volunteers also are needed to help cook and serve food; interested persons should call the TWU office of student activities at 8-1-3611.

Reminder: The service recognition program for TWU employees in Denton will be held on Wed., Feb. 18, at 10 a.m., HH southeast dining room. A reception for honorees and their guests will follow the program; the campus community is invited and encouraged to attend; call 8-1-3555.

Phil Delta Kappa's TWU/UNT chapter will present its annual "Young People's University" on Sat., March 7, MCL building, from 8 a.m. to noon. Fifth- and sixth-graders from Denton County will participate in the day's activities. For details, call Linda Kirby at (940) 686-5233.

Reminder: A workshop by the office of freshman English has been scheduled on Wed., Feb. 18, from noon to 1 p.m., ASB reading room. The program, titled "Emerging Vistas in Academe: Access, Cost, Convenience, Timeliness," will be conducted by Dr. William Tanner (English, speech and foreign languages); it will cover new trends in technology and their impact on the teaching environment. For details, send e-mail to Gilchrist White at g_white@twu.edu.

Spring Career Day will be held on Thurs., Feb. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Hubbard Hall (south rooms). Employers who will participate also are listed on the career services homepage at www.twu.edu/o-cs/ or call 8-1-2950.

Reminder: SOTA (Student Occupational Therapy Association) will present an inservice program titled "Learn How to Use APA Format" on Feb. 26 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in MCL 506. Bring an APA manual; the session will be conducted by Dr. Cynthia Reed (Occupational Therapy).

The TWU Center for Nonlinear Science continues its spring 1998 lecture series with nine more sessions. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the programs, which are scheduled each Wednesday listed below, from noon to 1 p.m., ASB 231.

- Feb. 25 -- "Finding Context: Chaos in Information, Order in Chaos," with Joanne Twining Williams;
- March 4 -- "Teen Pregnancy Prevention," Dr. Susie Ramisetty-Mikler;
- March 11 -- "Clinical Approaches of Chaos," Dr. Richard Priesmeyer;
- March 25 -- "Medical Geography," Dr. Joseph Oppong;
- April 1 -- "Nonlinear Analysis of Teen Births," Dr. Patti Hamilton;
- April 8 -- "Chaos in Research, Practice and Administration," Dr. Patti Hamilton;

- April 15 -- "Teen Pregnancy," Dr. Imelda Nwoga;
- April 22 -- "Health Care Growth and Chaos," Dr. Susy Sportman; and
- April 29 -- "Misconceptions about Chaos," Dr. Raymond Eve.

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The Friends of the TWU Libraries will present the Cast Party Improv Group in a performance on Sat., Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the library rotunda. The event is free and open to the public; for more information, call 8-1-2665.

Reminder: A free program titled "How to Improve Your Reading Speed" will be presented for the campus community by Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) on Mon., Feb. 16, at 3:15 p.m., ASB 303. The demonstration is intended primarily for students in Souris' current classes, but anyone interested in learning how to increase reading speed through conservative, well-recognized methods is welcome. Call 8-1-2343 for more information.

College Day, sponsored by the TWU office of undergraduate admissions, will be held on Sat., March 7, in Denton. The program, which is geared toward high school juniors and seniors, will include a student panel whose members will discuss the many aspects of student life; an information fair with representatives from academic disciplines, support programs, student organizations and admissions; financial aid sessions that explore how to access funds through scholarships, grants and loans; campus tours; and a luncheon. Reservations are required by Feb. 25; the program is free for prospective students or \$10 per family member for those who would like to participate. For details, call 8-1-3014.

"Sacred Time, Sacred Space" is a program sponsored by United Campus Ministries of Denton, scheduled from 5 to 5:30 p.m. at the TWU Little Chapel-in-the-Woods, for all interested persons on campus. Dates for observance (Tuesdays) are Feb. 10, 17 and 24; March 10, 24 and 31; April 7, 14, 21 and 28. For details, call Rev. Carolyn Bullard-Zerweck at (940) 566-5101.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

The program in mass communications at TWU has been granted permission to form a chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha by a vote of that organization's national council. KTA is the national society honoring scholarship in journalism and mass communications. TWU's mass communications program is the smallest ACEJMC-accredited program in the country with three full-time faculty members and approximately 90 majors. Students write and edit a weekly student newspaper, *The Lasso*, and produce a weekly local cable channel news program, *Campus Report*. Both outlets earned 16 awards at the conventions of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association and the Southwestern Journalism Congress in 1996-97. Dr. **Ruth Ann Ragland** (mass communications) will serve as KTA chapter advisor.

Dr. **Carol Surles** (president's office) has been selected to receive the inaugural Silver Scholar Award from the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education. Surles and several other honorees will receive the award on Thurs., April 2, at the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth, site of the association's 25th anniversary celebration and conference; the theme is "Entering the New Millennium in the Spirit of Unity." The organization historically provides a platform for educators to share their expertise, experiences, ideas and dreams with colleagues. The celebration includes a roundtable discussion with Silver Scholar recipients about "Hot Topics in Education."

Congratulations to **Judy Hildebrandt** (Student Center) and **Michael Elias** (financial aid), who were married on Sun., Feb. 15, in the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods!

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TWU PEOPLE, continued

The 1998 conference of the American Culture Association and Popular Culture Association of the Southwest, held in Lubbock, Jan. 29 to 31, included three programs chaired by TWU faculty and alumni. The section on dance was chaired by Dr. **Janice LaPointe-Crump** (performing arts, dance), who presented research titled "Matters of Virtue and Agency: *Giselle* and *Swan Lake* Revisited." Several TWU doctoral students also participated on the panel: **Molly Faulkner** presented "Humor in Dance: The Serious Art of Funny Business," and **Marta Lichlyter** presented "Setting the Dance Free: Experimentations with Intuition and Choreographic Process."

The women's studies section at ACA/PCA was chaired by TWU doctoral student **Melinda Williams** (English, speech and foreign languages), and graduate student **Cheryl Wiltse** served as a panel member and presented her paper, "Kate Chopin: Silent Appropriation." Two biography sections were chaired by Dr. **Phyllis Bridges** (English, speech and foreign languages); she also read her paper, "Clementine Hunter: Folk Artist." Alumna **Melissa Sherrod** (Nursing) presented "The Life History of Colice Caufield Sayer and the Effects of Generational Loss." Alumna **Jackie MacLelland** (rhetoric) read her paper, "Alice Tennant," and doctoral students **Delores Zumwalt** and **Judy Carter** (English, speech and foreign languages) presented their research, "The Letters of Alice Kirk Grierson: A Chronicle of Army Life on the Frontier" and "Mary Austin: Author and Advocate for Southwestern Art Preservation," respectively. (Bridges, who has served as president of ACA/PCA for the past two years, will continue to serve on its executive committee.)

Dr. **Rebecca Code** (biology) and postdoctoral research associate Dr. **Rebecca Conner** (biology) received a \$10,000 grant from a private foundation, the National Organization for Hearing Research, for their proposal titled "Levels of Dynorphin mRNA in the Chick Cochlear Nucleus After Deafferentation."

Dr. **Francine Lancaster** (biology), **Joyce Parmentier** (academic advising) and **Lana Woods** (academic advising/Physical Therapy) will be included in the fifth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* 1998.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: FEBRUARY 16 - 22, 1998

February 1-28

-Visual arts: Black History Month exhibit -- "Recent Works by George W. Moseley," Fine Arts Gallery, weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (8-1-2530)

Feb. 16-19

-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.

-Learning assistance office brown bag seminars (bring your lunch): "Why Can't I Get Motivated?" CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (8-1-2046)

Feb. 16

-Lecture/movie series: "Eyes on the Prize -- America at the Crossroads 1965 to 1985," presented by history and government and NABJ; CFO, 3 p.m.

-Basketball: TWU vs. West Texas A&M, PH gym, 7 p.m.

-Free program: "How to Improve Your Reading Speed," by Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages), ASB 303, 3:15 p.m.

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CALENDAR, *continued*

Feb. 17

- Mardi Gras party, HH SW, 6-8 p.m.
- RHA general assembly meeting, Reagan-Houston lobby, 8 p.m.
- Finalize hours on web for hourly employees; download to RHEA, 5 p.m.
- Commencement committee meeting, ADM 129, 9 a.m.

Feb. 18

- Service recognition award ceremony, Denton, 10 a.m., HH SW.
- Spring Career Day presented by career services, HH, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- USA Senate meeting, SC 006-007, 5-7 p.m.
- Poetry Night, sponsored by NAACP and ZPB Inc., \$2, HH, 7 p.m.
- Program: "How to Plug in the Internet at Home," Library 101, 3 p.m.
- Begin edit of hourly time sheets on RHEA.
- Houston: "Go Texan Day," rec room, noon to 1 p.m.
- Workshop by office of freshman English: "Emerging Vistas in Academe -- Access, Cost, Convenience, Timeliness," ASB reading room, noon to 1 p.m.

Feb. 19

- HR: "Leadership Skills," Dallas-Parkland, 9:30 a.m. to noon.
- HR: "Accounting Operating Statements Workshop," Houston, 1:30-3 p.m.
- HR: "Budgeting," Denton, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
- Finalize edits of hourly time sheets on RHEA; final approvals by 5 p.m.

Feb. 20

- Founders' Day/Founders' Award banquet: reception -- 5:30 p.m., Blagg-Huey Library; banquet: 6:30 p.m., HH.
- Blagg-Huey 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: "Communicating for Results," Dallas-Parkland, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Mardi Gras trip, \$50/person, leave SC 9 a.m. (sign-up deadline Feb. 13).
- USA House executive meeting, SC 006, 1 p.m.
- NT leadership consortium conference, sign up SC 1, leave SC at 7 a.m.
- Biology seminar: "Habitat Assessment -- Functions of a Wildlife Biologist," Dr. Ray Talfar, Texas Parks and Wildlife, CFO 205, 3-4 p.m.
- Tennis: TWU vs. Eastern New Mexico, tennis courts, 2:30 p.m.
- Softball: TWU vs. Southern Colorado, Pioneer Field, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 21

- Tennis: TWU vs. Northeastern Oklahoma, tennis courts, 2:30 p.m.
- Softball: TWU vs. Southern Colorado, Pioneer Field, 1 p.m.
- Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Feb. 22

- Tennis: TWU vs. Midwestern State, tennis courts, 2:30 p.m.
- Softball (DH): TWU vs. Sul Ross, Pioneer Field, 2:30 p.m.
- Gymnastics: TWU vs. USAF Academy, Centenary College, PH, 2 p.m.
- Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.