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NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER SELECTS TWU AS REGIONAL HUB

The National Center for Science and Civic Engagement recently selected Texas Woman's University as the home for the SENCER (Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities) Center for Innovation – Southwest.

The SENCER Center for Innovation – Southwest at TWU is one of six regional SENCER Centers in the country. The other centers are based at Rutgers University in New Jersey, the University of Southern Maine, the University of North Carolina at Asheville, Harold Washington College in Chicago and Santa Clara University in California.

“Being selected a regional home for a SENCER Center speaks to the quality of TWU's science curriculum, students and faculty,” said Dr. Ann Q. Staton, dean of the TWU College of Arts and Sciences and co-director of the SENCER Center for Innovation – Southwest.

Dr. Richard Sheardy, SENCER Fellow and professor and chair of the TWU chemistry and physics department, also serves as a co-director of the SENCER Center for Innovation – Southwest.

“TWU is committed to applying SENCER principles to science and mathematics education and to encourage civic engagement across all disciplines,” Dr. Sheardy said.

SENCER is a comprehensive faculty development and science education reform project funded by the National Science Foundation. SENCER is designed to improve undergraduate science education and stimulate civic engagement through the design and development of courses that teach basic science through complex, unsolved public issues.

SENCER Centers for Innovation offer regional networks for educators and institutions in the region seeking to connect with others in their area who are applying SENCER principles to their curriculum. The centers also offer workshops and meetings during the year to supplement national SENCER events. For more information, visit www.sencer.net.

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TWU TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL ARTS TRIANGLE WALKING TOUR

Area residents are invited to explore the spaces where the arts happen during a tour of Texas Woman's University's Denton campus.

TWU's School of the Arts will host the third annual TWU Arts Triangle Walking Tour from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

The tour, which is free and open to the public, will begin at the Visual Arts Building. TWU dance, drama, art and music students, as well as graduate music students from The University of North Texas, will perform at various locations as the tour winds through the campus before ending with a reception and free refreshments in the lobby of the Redbud Theater Complex.

The tour will include a preview of "Epicenter," a large-scale, audience-interactive "print action" led by printmaker and installation artist John Hitchcock. The event will feature students creating screen prints for the audience to take with them.

For more information, visit www.twu.edu/triangle/ or call 81-2086.

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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 Texas Woman's University Department of History and Government is looking for TWU alumni to participate in the **Pioneers Oral History Project**. The project is associated with TWU oral history courses, which help teach students theoretical and practical skills needed to conduct useful and scholarly oral histories. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/oral-history or call 81-2133.

Registration currently is under way for a **spring golf league** at TWU. The event, to be held Monday afternoons beginning March 29 at the TWU Pioneer Golf Course, costs \$10 for TWU students, \$20 for TWU faculty/staff and \$30 for community members. More information is available at http://www.twu.edu/fitandrec/intramural-sports_5403.asp. The role women have played in science and the invention, creation and use of technology is the focus of an exhibit scheduled through April 9 in TWU's Blagg-Huey Library. The **"Women and Technology" exhibit**, located on the first floor of the library, is free and

open to the public during library hours. The library also will feature **“From Magellan to Beckman: Science and Technology at Work,”** a talk by Trish Beckman, U.S. Navy Commander (retired), who navigated around the world as part of a Boeing 777 flight crew. The lecture will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 7 in the Joyce Thompson Lecture Hall, room 101 of the library. Seating is limited, and reservations should be made by calling 81-3751.

The **TWU Office of Alumni Relations** received two CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) Southwest District IV awards in the alumni relations category. The awards were the Best Low Cost Program for the “Office of Alumni Relations Advisory Council” and the Most Improved Alumni Program for “TWU Distinguished Alumni Recognition.” The latter was entered as a joint project of the university and the TWU Former Students Association.

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.)

Dr. **Lisa Zottarelli** (sociology) published an article titled “Broken Bond: An Exploration of Human Factors Associate with Pet Loss during Hurricane Katrina” in *Sociological Forum* 25(1):110-122.

Kate Amorella (Institutional Effectiveness & Research) was elected secretary for the Texas Association for Institutional Research at the group’s 32nd annual conference held March 1. She will serve a term of two years.

Morgan O’Donnell (health studies) won first place in the Toastmasters International Area 52 Tall Tales contest on March 6. Her speech was titled, “The Soldier in the Ivory Tower.”

Dr. **AnaLouise Keating** (women’s studies) presented an invited talk, “Risking the Vision, Transforming the Divides: Towards a Politics of Interconnectedness,” sponsored by the Department of Women's Studies, University of South Florida, on Feb. 24.

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (math & computer science) presented a talk titled “Hierarchical differential game between manufacturer and the state incorporating ecological interaction” at the 17th International Symposium on Pure Mathematics and Applications (SIMMAC) Feb. 17 in San Jose, Costa Rica. The manuscript will be published in the *Journal of Mathematics: Theory and Applications*, ISBN 1409-2433.

Dr. **Faisal Aboul-Enein** (nursing-Houston) has published a book chapter titled, “An Understanding of Health, Culture and Ethnicity within the context of History.” His work

will be published this fall in the book, "Race and Ethnicity: Cultural Roles, Spiritual Practices, and Social Challenges." The book will be released this fall.

Many TWU-Houston faculty and doctoral students were able to witness the testimony of nursing leaders brought before the Institute of Medicine's Forum on the Future of Nursing, held Feb. 22 in Houston. Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), the IOM initiative was launched last year to examine the capacity of the nursing workforce to meet future demands, including recommendations related to the nation's nursing education system. During this forum, which focused on nursing education, TWU-Houston PhD nursing student and current president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, **James Walker**, presented testimony on behalf of his professional organization. Those in attendance included TWU CON Dean **Pat Holden-Huchton**, Associate Dean in Houston **Karen Lyon**, and Houston faculty members **Connie Ayers**, **Judy McFarlane**, **Peggy Landrum**, **Anne Young**, **Pat Yoder Wise**, **Sandy Cesario** and **Connie Jennings**. In addition, at least 15 PhD nursing students were in attendance. Following the IOM forum, RWJF members visited TWU-Houston and observed a demonstration of simulation activities. Past TWU President **Shirley Chater** was a member of this group. Clair Jordan, MSN, RN, executive director for Texas Nurses Association (TNA), joined faculty members for dinner on Monday and addressed doctoral students in the Policy, Power, and Politics course the following morning.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 15-28, 2010

Mon., March 15

- Spring Break.
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Tues., March 16

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Wed., March 17

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Thur., March 18

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

Fri., March 19

- 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.
- Pioneers Gymnastics vs. University of New Hampshire, 7 p.m., home.

- Pioneers Softball vs. Abilene Christian, 5 & 7 p.m., away.

Sat., March 20

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Abilene Christian, noon, away.

Sun., March 21

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-8 p.m.

Mon., March 22

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State, 5 & 7 p.m., home.

Tues, March 23

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State, 2:30 p.m., home.

Wed, March 24

- Library open 7:30 p.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 p.m.-midnight.
- ASSET (Association of Service and Support Employees of Texas Woman's University) Baked Goods & Plant Sale, second floor, Student Union, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fund-raiser for staff scholarships. Cookbooks also will be sold.

Thurs., March 25

- Library open 7:30 p.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 p.m.-midnight.
- Arts Triangle Walking Tour, 5-7 p.m., beginning at Visual Arts Building and ending with a reception in the Redbud Theater Complex lobby. Artwork, dance, drama and music performances. Special guest artist is printmaker John Hitchcock. Free. 81-2086.

Friday, March 26

- Library open 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Seminar Series – Nutrition and Food Sciences. Nutrition students Ana Carrizo, Ruth Estrada and Allison Jones present “Adiponectin Update,” noon, MCL 501 and Houston Center 3322.
- TWU School of Management Spring Gala, 7 p.m., American Airlines C.R. Smith Museum, DFW Airport. For information, visit <http://twu2010springgala.blogspot.com/>

- Pioneers Soccer vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 2:30 p.m., and Cameron University, 4:30 p.m., LSC Crossover Tournament, away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, 2:30 p.m., and Cameron University, 4:30 p.m., LSC Crossover Tournament, away.

Saturday, March 27

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- TWU Online Degrees Information Sessions, 8:30 a.m., Houston Center. 81-3014.
- 2010 Midwest Independent Conference Championship, 6 p.m., home.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Southwestern Oklahoma State, 11 a.m., and Midwestern State, 1 p.m., LSC Crossover Tournament, away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Southwestern Oklahoma State, 11 a.m., and Midwestern State, 1 p.m., LSC Crossover Tournament, away.

Sunday, March 28

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Soccer vs. Central Oklahoma, 2 p.m., and Northeastern State, 4 p.m., LSC Crossover Tournament, away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Central Oklahoma, 2 p.m., and Northeastern State, 4 p.m., LSC Crossover Tournament, away.

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