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GOV. PERRY APPOINTS TWU'S FIRST STUDENT REGENT

Gov. Rick Perry has announced that Rachal E. Salter of Port Arthur has been appointed the first student regent for Texas Woman's University. She will serve a one-year term expiring Feb. 1, 2007.

"Our students have always had a high-profile presence at our regents' meetings," TWU Chancellor and President Dr. Ann Stuart said. "I join the board in welcoming Rachal as our student regent. I know that she will serve our students' needs well."

Ms. Salter, 20, is a senior nursing student at the TWU-Parkland campus. She is president of the TWU-Dallas Student Government Association and a member of the TWU Strategic Planning Steering Committee and the Texas Nursing Students Association. She has served as a member of the University Conduct Review Board and the University Curriculum Committee. Ms. Salter also is a volunteer for the Children's Miracle Network and attends Highland Park Presbyterian Church. She currently works as a nurse extern at the Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. She will graduate in December 2006 and plans to continue at TWU as a graduate student in the healthcare administration program in Dallas.

"Through my involvement with student government, I know that the regents have always been very welcoming of students at their meetings," Ms. Salter said. "I look forward to being a student voice to the board and to express my fellow students' needs, interests and ideas."

In 2005, Gov. Perry signed legislation providing that each public university's board of regents shall include one student member. Student regents will have the same powers and duties as the other members of the board, with the exceptions of voting and being counted to determine a quorum.

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TWU OPEN HOUSE TO INCLUDE INFORMATION SESSIONS IN SPANISH

Texas Woman's University will host an open house for prospective students on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the TWU Denton campus.

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OPEN HOUSE, *continued*

Prospective students and their guests will have the opportunity to meet faculty and students, participate in a campus tour and attend sessions on admissions, financial aid, housing, student life, commuter information, study abroad and more. Information sessions in Spanish will also be offered for students, their parents and guests.

The open house begins at 8:30 a.m. in Hubbard Hall. Information sessions are scheduled until 2 p.m., and a light buffet lunch will be provided to prospective students with guests paying \$5.50 for the meal. Free parking is available throughout the Denton campus during the open house.

For more information or to register, visit www.twu.edu and click on “Denton Open House,” email TWU at admissions@twu.edu or call 8-1-3014 or 1-866-809-6130.

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TWU DRAMA HEADS ‘WEST OF THE PECOS’ FOR COWBOY BAL-LET

The Old West takes on a new look — and sound — as the Texas Woman’s University Department of Drama stages a dinner theater production of “Zane Grey’s West of the Pecos, A Cowboy Bal-let” Feb. 24-26.

The TWU presentation — a cowboy ballet in pantomime — is an adaptation of Mr. Grey’s romantic western novel by Dr. Tony Medlin, assistant professor of drama, who also directs the play. TWU music faculty member Joe Pinson, also known as “Mister Joe,” composed an original score for the production.

Performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24 and 25, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Fremaux’s Metropolitan Catering, 932 W. University Drive in Denton. Ticket prices, including dinner, are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. Tickets for the play only are \$5. To make reservations, or for more information, contact the TWU Box Office at 8-1-2020.

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TWU LIBRARY PRESENTS ‘MOVIE LOVER’ BOOK TALK

Author and TWU adjunct professor Dr. Veva Vonler will offer perspective on how movies reflect the diverse landscape of Texas when she presents “The Movie Lover’s Tour of Texas: Reel-Life Rambles” on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Texas Woman’s University.

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BOOK TALK, *continued*

The lecture will begin at 2:30 p.m. in room 101 at the Blagg-Huey Library, located near Administration Drive on TWU's Denton campus. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. A reception, book sale and book signing will follow the lecture. For more information, call 8-1-2665.

Dr. Vonler is a native Texan and a lifelong movie fan. She earned her Ph.D. in English at the University of North Texas and has taught English in secondary schools, community colleges and universities. She has written for academic and popular publications and has co-authored a composition/literature textbook published by Harcourt Brace. Her book, "The Movie Lover's Tour of Texas: Reel-Life Rambles," was published in August 2005.

Dr. Vonler served as the associate dean for graduate studies at TWU for nearly 20 years and currently is the vice president for special projects at North Texas Community College Consortium and an adjunct professor of English at TWU.

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.

Nominations currently are being accepted for TWU Pioneer Proud Staff Awards. All non-faculty full- and part-time employees (below the level of director) are eligible, and may be nominated by staff, faculty, students, and constituents of Texas Woman's University. Nominations may be made by going to <http://www.twu.edu/staffcouncil/pioneerproud.htm>. The deadline for nominations for the spring ceremony is noon Tuesday, Feb. 28.

"Estrogen in Plants: Their Role in Development & Reproduction," is the focus of the next College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series. Dr. Camelia Maier, associate professor of biology, will lead the session, scheduled for 12:25-12:55 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 in CFO 1304. For more information on the series, contact Dr. Stephen Souris, associate professor of English, at 8-1-2343 or ssouris@twu.edu.

Zephyr Winds, Texas Woman's University's faculty woodwind quintet, will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is free. For more information, call 8-1-2500.

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NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

Aldo Mancinelli, the first American to win the coveted Ferruccio Busoni International Piano Competition, will perform Thursday, Feb. 16, at Texas Woman's University. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Margo Jones Performance Hall. Admission is free. For more information, call 8-1-2500.

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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.).

Dr. Betty Duson (Counseling Services-Houston) recently was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapists at the association's state conference in Houston. The award recognizes Dr. Duson for her training and guidance of marriage and family therapy students over the years.

Dr. Kim Grover-Haskin (Instructional Support Services) was accepted into the Executive Leadership for Information Technology Excellence (ELITE) program, a seven-day course designed to develop executive competencies needed for leadership roles in IT departments.

Teresa Mauk (enrollment management) was invited by Innovative Educators to present two sessions at its Latino Students: Promoting Access and Success conference March 30-31 in San Diego. Her presentation is titled "Reaching Hispanic Students: Best Practices in Recruiting and Marketing."

Teresa Mauk (enrollment management), **Veronica Valenzuela** and **Sharon Vincent** (student records) presented "Enrollment Management at TWU: An Unusual Model That Works" at the College Board Southwestern Regional Forum held Feb. 2 in Houston.

Sherri Williams (career services) is the 2006 president of MAC3, the Metroplex Area Consortium of Career Centers, which represents more than 36 community colleges and universities.

Carissa Baughmann (nursing) and **Jenna Miles** (academic affairs) were honored at the January meeting of ASSET, the Association of Service and Support Employees of Texas Woman's University. Both received a \$250 scholarship for the spring 2006 semester.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: FEBRUARY 13-26, 2006

- Mon., Feb. 13 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Tues., Feb. 14 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Wed., Feb. 15 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-7p.m.
-Movie Lover's Tour of Texas. Author Vera Vonler on her Reel-
Life Rambles through the Lone Star State, 2:30 p.m. 101 BHL.
Free. 8-1-3767.
- Thur., Feb. 16 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-7 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Learning Styles. Online instructors invited to session on preparing
online courses to accommodate students' different learning styles.
Noon -1 p.m., free. MCL 501, Parkland 229, Presby 109, Houston
E83. Call 8-1-3409 for more information.
-Guest pianist Aldo Mancinelli Recital, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 8-
1-2500.
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Tarleton State, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall. 8-1-
2378.
- Fri., Feb. 17 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Founders' Day Awards, 11:30 a.m., Hubbard Hall. Cost: \$25 for
an individual ticket. 8-1-3867.
- Sat., Feb. 18 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m; bookstore open 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness
& Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
-Denton Open House and Spanish Information Session. 8 a.m.-1
p.m., Hubbard Hall. Free. 8-1-3014.
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Midwestern State, 3 p.m., Pioneer Hall. 8-
1-2378.
- Sun., Feb. 19 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Mon., Feb. 20 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

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- Tues., Feb. 21 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Zephyr Winds Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.
- Wed., Feb. 22 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Pioneers Softball vs. Texas Wesleyan, 5 & 7 p.m., Pioneer Field.
8-1-2378.
-ASSET meeting, noon, SH 402. Membership is \$5. 8-1-2204.
- Thur., Feb. 23 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Fri., Feb. 24 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
-Dance Faculty in Concert, 7 p.m., Dance Studio Theatre in Dance
Building. Free. 8-1-2086.
-TWU Drama presents "Zane Grey's West of the Pecos," 8 p.m.,
Fremaux's Metropolitan Catering, 932 W. University Dr. \$25
adults/\$15 students for dinner and show. \$5 for show only. 8-1-
2020.
- Sat., Feb. 25 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
-Dance Faculty in Concert, 7 p.m., Dance Studio Theatre in Dance
Building. Free. 8-1-2086.
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2020.
-Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Southeast Missouri State, Iowa and
Wisconsin-LaCrosse, 7 p.m., Pioneer Hall. 8-1-2373.
- Sun., Feb. 26 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
-TWU Drama presents "Zane Grey's West of the Pecos," 2 p.m.,
Fremaux's Metropolitan Catering, 932 W. University Dr. \$25
adults/\$15 students for dinner and show. \$5 for show only. 8-1-
2020.