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## **PIONEERS BRING HOME EIGHTH NATIONAL GYMNASTICS TITLE**

After finishing second the past two years, Texas Woman's University took advantage of a golden opportunity to claim the 2006 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship. The Pioneers won its eighth national title and the first since 2003.

TWU posted a 192.425 followed by UC Davis (191.025), Cornell (190.600) and William & Mary (190.550).

"Our experience came into play. With seven national championships in the program it makes the athletes believe in the system. They bought in since day one. Even if we didn't get first we would still be winners," head coach Frank Kudlac said.

Pioneers gymnasts Bethany Rehm and Courtney Arno also earned individual national titles, with Rehm winning the uneven bars and Arno capturing the balance beam on the third and final day of competition.

"It was a total team effort. Everyone had everyone's back and that is what it takes to win a national title," Kudlac added.

"I am proud of the program and hope TWU and Denton will be equally as proud," Kudlac said. "What a way for the seniors to go out, after a first and two second place finishes in their careers. I told them it was a magic carpet ride."

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## **TWU HOUSTON CAMPUS AMONG NCHL DEMONSTRATION SITES**

The National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) has selected Texas Woman's University's Houston campus as one of six new sites for its Graduate Health Management Education Demonstration Project.

The other universities selected are: the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA); the University of Missouri-Columbia; the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; Rush University Medical School, Chicago, Ill.; and the Texas A&M University System.

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“This designation shows how highly our healthcare administration graduate program in Houston is regarded nationally,” said Dr. Jimmy H. Ishee, dean of the College of Health Sciences.

“We were honored to receive applications to participate in the demonstration sites from some of the most prestigious graduate health management programs in the country,” NCHL President and CEO Marie E. Sinioris said. “It recognizes the interest and importance that these programs place on competency-based learning and outcomes assessment, and their desire for greater accountability in health management education.”

The NCHL is initiating the second phase of a national program that was launched two years ago. The first phase of the program is entering its third year with the original four demonstration sites – the University of Michigan, the University of Minnesota, Simmons College and the University of Washington – now integrating the NCHL Health Leadership Competency Model into their curricula as part of the process of transforming their graduate programs.

“As we add additional sites to our Graduate Health Management Education Demonstration Project, we will be able to add more research and information to the field to influence and enhance the preparation of healthcare’s future leaders,” Ms. Sinioris said. “Our work with the graduate healthcare management programs is a critical step towards improving the quality of healthcare delivered in the U.S.” The National Center for Healthcare Leadership (NCHL) is a not-for-profit organization based in Chicago. Its vision is to be an industry-wide catalyst to improve the health of the public through leadership and organizational excellence. For more information, go to [www.nchl.org](http://www.nchl.org).

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**SLIS TO HAVE STRONG PRESENCE AT TLA CONFERENCE**

The TWU School of Library and Information Studies will be well represented at the 2006 Texas Library Association Annual Conference, scheduled April 25-28 in Houston. Faculty and students presenting include:

Jo Ann Edgar, SLIS master’s student, presenting "My Dog has a Pedigree, Why Can't I?: a Case Study on the Use of Church of Jesus Christ of LDS Genealogical Library" at the Genealogy and Diversity program. Also on the program, Kimberly M. Gay, SLIS master's student, is presenting "Let History Be Your Guide: Ethnic Genealogy Research." Dr. Janet Hilbun and Jane Claes, SLIS doctoral student, are presenting "Coast to Coast: Exploring State Book Awards" at Session V Contributed Papers.

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### **TLA CONFERENCE, *continued***

Dr. Ling Hwey Jeng is the moderator of the program, Genealogy and Diversity, Thursday, April 27, and also is presenting "Values of Distance Learning LIS Education" at the program, Quality with Convenience, Friday, April 28. Dr. Leigh Ann Jones, who recently completed her doctoral study at TWU SLIS, is presenting "Judge a Book by its Cover" on Tuesday, April 25. Ms. Mary Ann Kitchens is moderating the program, Quality with Convenience, Friday, April 28. Dr. Robert S. Martin is the speaker at the session, Outsourcing: Two Perspectives, Thursday, April 27. Dr. Diane Neal is moderating the preconference "E-Z Website Development," Tuesday, April 25, and also is presenting, with TWU SLIS alumnus Mr. Jason Neal, "Meet the departments: A marriage of IT and public services," at NetFair, on Thursday, April 27. Dr. Sylvia Vardell is moderating the program, A Passion for Poetry, Thursday, April 27.

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### **JAPAN'S CONSUL GENERAL TO SPEAK AT TWU**

Yoshihiko Kamo, Consul General of Japan for Houston, will present "Recovery of the Japanese Economy — Coming Out of the Recession of the 1990s" to TWU students and others on Wednesday, May 3. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 2:30 p.m. in room 301 in the Administration and Conference Tower (ACT) located on Administration Drive on TWU's campus in Denton. A question-and-answer session will follow the one-hour lecture. For more information, call 8-1-2111.

Dr. Michiko Hayhurst, TWU assistant professor of business, invited Mr. Kamo to speak to her international business class. "He will offer insight on the Japanese economy, whose ups and downs are linked to our own economic success," Dr. Hayhurst said. "This also is a great opportunity for faculty, staff and others to be exposed to different perspectives on globalization." For more information about the Consul General of Japan, visit [www.houston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/](http://www.houston.us.emb-japan.go.jp/).

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### **NEWSBRIEFS**

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*not published unless it is submitted by or in conjunction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.*

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### **NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

Mischief, mayhem and marriage go hand in hand as the Texas Woman's University Opera Ensemble presents *Le Nozze di Figaro* ("The Marriage of Figaro") at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 3 and 4. The performance, which will be presented in Italian with English supertitles, will take place in the Margo Jones Performance Hall, located at Oakland and Sawyer streets on TWU's Denton campus. Admission is free. For more information, call 8-1-2500.

Both entrances to the Arts and Science Building (ASB) will be temporarily and intermittently closed on Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30, 2006 for structural assessment. One entrance will remain accessible throughout the assessment (i.e. The East entrance will remain open while the West entrance is being assessed). Anyone with questions regarding this matter should contact Raul Martinez, assistant director of construction services, at 8-1-3142 or [RMartinez4@twu.edu](mailto:RMartinez4@twu.edu).

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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](mailto:info@twu.edu). Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).*

Condolences are offered to **Linda Johnston** (financial aid) on the death of her husband, Floyd, on March 13, 2006. Funeral services were held March 17 in Clute.

**Linda Bixler** (libraries) was elected vice chair/chair-elect of the Texas Library Association's College and University Libraries Division (CULD). She will serve as vice chair for 2006-07 with responsibility for conference programming, and as CULD chair for 2007-08. She currently serves as CULD secretary/treasurer for 2005-06.

**Sabrina Hines** (libraries) worked as a production assistant on "Broken Silence," a documentary about childhood sexual abuse. The film will have its world premiere at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at the Denton Movie Tavern on University Drive. A discussion will be held immediately following the movie.

Dr. **Sylvia Vardell** (SLIS) published the book, "Poetry Aloud Here! Sharing Poetry with Children in the Library" with the American Library Association (2006).

Dr. **Philip Yang** (sociology), with Nadine Barrett, published an article titled, "Understanding Public Attitudes toward Social Security" in the *International Journal of Social Welfare* 15:95-109 (2006).

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: APRIL 24-MAY 7, 2006**

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| Mon., April 24  | -Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to midnight.<br>-Comedian Roy Woods, noon-1 p.m., TWU Courtyard, Houston campus. Free. 8-4-2157.<br>-American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., SU 207. Free. 8-1-3833.  |
| Tues., April 25 | -Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to midnight.<br>-American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., SU 207. Free. 8-1-3833.  |
| Wed., April 26  | -Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to midnight.<br>-American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., SU 207. Free. 8-1-3833.  |
| Thur., April 27 | -Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m. to midnight.<br>-American Red Cross Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., SU 207. Free. 8-1-3833.<br>-DanceMakers Too! Spring 2006 Concert. 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., Dance Studio Theatre. Cost: 99 cents for afternoon show, \$2.99 for evening show. 8-1-2086. |
| Fri., April 28  | -Library open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.<br>-Course-embedded Assessment Techniques. 9 a.m.-noon, ASB 201 and 211. Free. Pre-registration required. 8-1-3029.  |
| Sat., April 29  | -Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m. to noon.<br>-Pioneer Pace 5K Fun Run benefiting the North Texas Food Bank. 8:45 a.m., Old Main Building. Cost: \$15. 8-1-2636.  |
| Sun., April 30  | -Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 2-10 p.m.  |

Mon., May 1                -Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to midnight.

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**CALENDAR**, *continued*

Tues., May 2                -Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to midnight.  
-Child Development Associate Session III. 6-9 p.m., Denton  
campus. Cost: \$150-\$175. 8-1-3408.

Wed., May 3                -Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to midnight.  
-TWU Opera presents "Le Nozze di Figaro," 7:30 p.m., MJPH.  
Free. 8-1-2500.

Thur., May 4                -Library open 7:30 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m. to midnight.  
-TWU Opera presents "Le Nozze di Figaro," 7:30 p.m., MJPH.  
Free. 8-1-2500.

Fri., May 5                -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.  
-Religion and Spirituality Workshop, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., MCL.  
Cost varies. 8-1-3408.

Sat., May 6                -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness &  
Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.

Sun., May 7                -Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness &  
Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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