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TWU TO HOST EDIBLE CAR CONTEST ON MARCH 9

Rev up the rotini — it's time once again for the annual Edible Car Contest at Texas Woman's University.

Cash prizes totaling \$600 await the winners of the contest, now in its ninth year. Competition is open to teams of middle and high school students, as well as teams from TWU. The contest will be held from 9 a.m. until noon Friday, March 9 in the Southwest Banquet Room of Hubbard Hall, located on Administration Drive on TWU's Denton campus. The entry fee is \$20 per team, and the registration deadline is Friday, March 2. To register or for more information, visit www.twu.edu/as/college/ediblecar2007.htm.

Each team must consist of four students, at least two of whom must be female. Cars must be built using only food items edible to humans. In previous years, cars have been made from cucumbers, hot dogs and even a loaf of bread. Wheels have been made of pinwheel pasta, cookies and Moon Pies. Entries must look like cars and must not exceed design specifications outlined in the registration packet. All cars must be able to roll successfully down an 8- to 10-foot ramp on a 20-degree incline.

Cars will be judged by professional engineers. Judging criteria include aerodynamics, detailed design and speed.

The contest is sponsored by the TWU College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

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DISTANCE LEARNING CONTINUES GROWTH AT TWU

Distance Learning (DL) continues to grow at TWU. With 4,832 students enrolled in at least one distance-learning course, 2,293 of those are taking DL courses exclusively. Those distance learners who take only DL courses account for 20 percent of total enrollment.

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A distance learning class is defined as one in which more than 50 percent of the instruction is delivered by electronic means, mostly Internet or televideo. Of the 567 distance-learning course sections offered this spring, about half require some face to face interaction. The other half are delivered exclusively online or via video.

The number of students taking only distance-learning courses has dropped slightly from 2,353 in the fall to 2,293 this spring. However, the number of students enrolled in a combination of distance-learning and face-to-face courses has increased from 2,347 in the fall to 2,539 this spring. This increase accounts for the rise in the total number of students enrolled in at least one distance-learning course, which has gone up from 4,700 in the fall to 4,832 this spring.

As a whole, TWU's distance learners are predominately female and from the Metroplex. Students enrolled in only DL courses are predominately 31 to 40-years-old and graduate students. The majority of students enrolled in a combination of DL and face-to-face courses are 22 to 30-years-old and are undergraduate students.

This information was taken from the Spring 2007 Distance Learning Snapshot. For a copy of the report, or for more information, contact the Office of Lifelong Learning at 81-3409.

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TWU DRAMA PRESENTS 'THE HEIRESS'

A wealthy but plain girl falls in love with a young fortune hunter as the Texas Woman's University Drama Program presents "The Heiress" March 9-11.

Performances will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 8; at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 9-10; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 11. All performances will be at the new Redbud Theater Complex, located in Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For reservations or more information, call the TWU Box Office at (940) 898-2020.

Adapted from the Henry James novel "Washington Square" by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, "The Heiress" tells the story of Catherine Sloper (portrayed by Lindsay Turman of Lamesa), daughter of wealthy Dr. Austin Sloper (William Walker, of Houston), who falls in love with the handsome, young Morris Townsend (Dr. Patrick Bynane, assistant professor of drama at TWU). Her father, recognizing Townsend as a fortune hunter, disapproves of the relationship and threatens to disinherit his daughter if she marries him. After learning of this, Townsend jilts Catherine on the night they were to elope.

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Years later, after Catherine has inherited her father's wealth, Townsend returns. He insists he'd only left because he couldn't bear to see her destitute, and again asks for her hand. Will Catherine fall for his charms once more?

TWU Drama ends its season in April with the popular musical, "The Fantasticks" April 12-15 in the new Redbud Theater. The official gala opening of the theater is scheduled April 14.

For more information on the new Redbud Theater Complex, visit www.twu.edu/redbud-theater.

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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.

Attention faculty: The deadline to submit nomination materials for faculty awards at Honors Convocation is March 1. Awards to be presented include the Cornaro Award, Mary Mason Lyons Awards for Distinguished Junior Faculty, Humphries Award for Dedication to TWU, Faculty Award for Distinction in Scholarship, Faculty Award for Distinction in Teaching, Faculty Award for Distinction in Service, Faculty Award for Distinction in E-Learning, Faculty Award for Innovation in Academia. The deadline to order regalia for Convocation through the bookstore in Denton is March 9.

Attention staff: Please consider nominating a current staff member for the Outstanding Achievement Award and/or the TWU Award of Excellence. All full-time staff employees below the director level, with a minimum two years of continuous service with TWU, shall be eligible for consideration for the Outstanding Achievement Award. A minimum of five years of continuous service with TWU is required for the TWU Award of Excellence. Qualified employees nominated for the Outstanding Achievement Award are automatically nominated for the TWU Award of Excellence. Employees shall be selected based on outstanding achievements, accomplishments or services to TWU. For more information, contact Susan Testa at 8-1-3558.

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The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP) has announced the availability of application materials for the Chancellor's Research Fellows Program at http://www.twu.edu/research/chancellors_fellows.html. This internally-funded program brings additional peer support and resources together to assist two cohorts of TWU faculty (Protégés and Mentors) with strong potential for external funding to be successful in that endeavor. Awards will be for the period of Sept. 1, 2007-Aug. 31, 2008. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, March 15.

The TWU College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series presents "Macular Degeneration: New Hope," at 12:25 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 in CFO 1304. Dr. Richard Sheardy, Department of Chemistry and Physics, will address advances in the study of age-related macular degeneration, which affects the vision of thousands of older Americans every year. Dr. Sheardy may be contacted at rsheardy@twu.edu. For more information on the series, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at ssouris@twu.edu. Or 81-2343.

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.).

Juanita Duenez-Lazo has been appointed director of the Office of International Education.

Faisal H. Aboul Enein (nursing, Houston) has been selected to be part of the editorial board of the following international journals found on Medwell: "Pakistan Journal of Social Sciences," "The Social Sciences," and "The Cardiology."

Joseph Pinson (School of the Arts) composed a hymn titled "Gathering," which is included in "Hymns of Universal Praise," published in 2006 by the Chinese Christian Literature Council Ltd. of Hong Kong. The text is by the English hymn writer Timothy Dudley-Smith. It is printed in both English and Chinese.

Dr. **JoAnn Danelo Barbour** (educational administration and leadership) recently published a manuscript titled "Team Building and Problem-Based Learning in the Classroom: Findings from a Two-Year Study" in the Journal of Leadership Education, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp. 28-40. This blind, peer-reviewed journal and manuscript can be accessed online at www.fhsu.edu/jole/issues/Jole_5_2.pdf.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 11, 2007

Mon., Feb. 26	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 27	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Zephyr Winds Concert at 7:30 p.m. in MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.
Wed., Feb. 28	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Spotlight Series "Macular Degeneration: New Hope," at 12:25 p.m. in CFO 1304. 8-1-2423.
Thur., March 1	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Fri., March 2	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Pioneer Softball vs. Abilene Christian, 5 p.m., home. 11th Annual Parry Lectureship and Research Day, TWU-Houston Center, 8:30 a.m. Dr. Nancy Kline, director of research and evidence-based practice for the department of nursing at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, will present the lecture, titled "Developing and Testing an Evidence-Based Protocol." 8-4-2100.
Sat., March 3	-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m. to noon. Pioneer Softball vs. Abilene Christian, 1 p.m., home.
Sun., March 4	-Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 4-8 p.m.
Mon., March 5	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Tues., March 6	-Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.- 10 p.m. Wind Ensemble Concert at 7:30 p.m. in MJPH. Free. 8-1-2500.

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- Wed., March 7 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; library open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Distance Education Faculty Training, "Communication
Management Strategies for Online Instruction," 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.,
Denton - MCL 308, Parkland – 229, Presbyterian – 109, Houston –
3322. 8-1-3408.
- Thur., March 8 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
Guitar Concert featuring Carlo Pezzimenti and Aaron Cotton, 7:30
p.m., Little Chapel in the Woods, Free. 8-1-2500.
Women's Studies Program reception in honor of International
Women's Day, 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., HDB 307.
Women's Studies lecture "I'm Saving Myself...Like Britney...", 1
p.m. – 2 p.m., ASB 205.
TWU Drama presents "The Heiress," 4 p.m., Redbud Theater
Complex. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. 8-1-2020.
- Fri., March 9 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
TWU Drama presents "The Heiress," 8 p.m., Redbud Theater
Complex. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. 8-1-2020.
- Sat., March 10 -Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Southeastern Missouri State, 7 p.m.
Pioneer Hall.
TWU Drama presents "The Heiress," 8 p.m., Redbud Theater
Complex. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. 8-1-2020.
- Sun., March 11 -Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and
Recreation open 4-8 p.m.

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