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NURSING RECEIVES DRAMATIC ENROLLMENT GROWTH FUNDING

For the third consecutive year, the TWU College of Nursing has received dramatic enrollment growth funding. This year TWU will receive \$222,205, bringing its three-year total to more than \$1.8 million.

Senate Bill 572 offers several incentives to undergraduate nursing programs for retaining and enrolling more students. Among its provisions is one making available additional formula funding to programs that increase upper-level student credit hours by more than 3 percent from fall 2002 to fall 2003. TWU student credit hours increased by 10 percent — from 8,250 to 9,090 — during that period.

“We’re thrilled,” said Dr. Lucille Travis, interim dean of the TWU College of Nursing. “The funding will help TWU continue to produce the state’s top new nursing graduates.”

The TWU College of Nursing, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2004, is the largest nursing program in the state with nearly 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students.

“TWU is dedicated to addressing Texas’ nursing shortage by preparing more nurses to enter the workforce,” said TWU Chancellor Dr. Ann Stuart. “In order to prepare more new nurses, the university has added faculty partially as a result of funding made available through SB 572. We also have initiated programs to attract new students, retain current students and train new nursing instructors. Our nursing program continues to have more applicants than the number of students we are able to admit.”

TWU has added six new teaching positions in the College of Nursing since 2000 to accommodate new upper-level students, juniors who have already completed two years of core class instruction and are ready to begin intensive nursing instruction and clinicals.

Recent programs launched by the TWU College of Nursing include the Patient Simulation Laboratory Retention Project for senior-level undergraduate students who are at risk for dropping out because of a learning anxiety while interacting with patients. The students work with high-tech patient simulators to build their confidence, expand their knowledge and solidify their critical thinking skills. A variety of true-to-life scenarios — from heart attacks to giving birth — can be created using the patient simulators.

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An accelerated degree program at TWU allows professionals who already have an undergraduate or graduate degree in a field other than nursing to earn a bachelor of science degree in nursing in as little as 13 months. The intensive undergraduate program, the first in the state, is offered on TWU's Houston campus.

TWU's Nurse Educator Web-Technology Outreach Network is designed to train nurses to become nursing instructors primarily through online courses. Nurses who want to teach can complete nearly two-thirds of their master's or doctoral degrees, as well as post-master's studies, online at TWU. Training more nursing instructors to teach undergraduate nursing students is a critical element to solving the nursing shortage. Nursing schools and colleges turn away hundreds of students each year because they do not have faculty to teach all the students who apply.

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TWU CONTINUES ENROLLMENT GROWTH TREND

TWU has posted its fourth consecutive semester of double-digit enrollment growth and set a new record for spring semester student credit hours.

Enrollment this spring is 9,461 students, up 13.4 percent from 8,345 students in spring 2003. Enrollment on the Denton campus increased from 6,349 students last spring to 7,301 students this spring. Houston center enrollment increased from 1,037 students to 1,152 students. Enrollment at the Dallas centers increased from 959 students to 1,008 students.

Spring 2004 student credit hours total 92,183. The previous record was 90,948 student credit hours during the spring 1995 semester. Student credit hours, not headcount, determine the university's state funding.

"We've exceeded expectations," said Dr. Carolyn Gunning, TWU interim provost. "Our enrollment demonstrates TWU is providing the right mix of programs to meet the needs of students across Texas."

Undergraduate enrollment increased this spring by 421 students to 5,044 students. Graduate student enrollment increased by 694, for a total of 4,416 students.

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TWU ANNOUNCES 2004 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Frank Martino, DeBerry Funeral Directors and the late Dorothy and Wendell Mayes are recipients of the 2004 Founders' Award presented by TWU, the TWU Foundation and the Former Students Association of TWU.

The awards will be presented at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 20 in Hubbard Hall. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person. Patron seats are available for \$60. Benefactor tables for eight are available for \$500. Reservations are required by Monday, Feb. 9, and may be made by calling the TWU Office of Institutional Development at 8-1-3863.

Frank Martino, Chairman Emeritus of Russell-Newman Inc., is a past chairman of the TWU President's Council, now known as the Chancellor's Circle. Russell-Newman Inc., has been a major contributor to TWU for many years.

DeBerry Funeral Directors has been a consistent supporter of TWU for more than a decade, contributing to the Chancellor's Circle, Pioneer Athletics and general scholarships. It also was the first donor to the outdoor pool renovation fund.

Dorothy Mayes attended TWU when it was known as the College of Industrial Arts. Wendell Mayes was serving as chairman of the TWU Board of Regents at the time of his death in 1970. The Dorothy and Wendell Mayes Endowed Scholarship, established in their memory by their children, is awarded to a Brownwood High School graduate enrolled full time at TWU.

Founders' Day was known as Pancake Night when the Ex-Students Association started it in 1924. When the school was renamed Texas State College for Women in 1936, the event was given its present name.

Observance of Founders' Day was discontinued from 1955 until 1978, when former TWU President Mary Evelyn Blagg-Huey asked the National Alumni Association, now the Former Students Association, to assume responsibility for planning the event.

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TWU HOSTS KOREAN TEACHERS

TWU is hosting two teachers from Korea who are spending two weeks in Denton as part of a secondary school training and American culture immersion program. The teachers arrived in Denton on Feb. 1 as part of the Third Annual Fulbright American Studies Institute for Korean Secondary School Teachers of English.

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The Texas International Education Consortium (TIEC) conducts the institute, and TWU is one of 32 universities that have partnered with TIEC for this year's program. Institute participants are selected from middle and high schools throughout the Republic of Korea.

During their stay, participants complete five weeks of coursework in Austin and two weeks of secondary school site residency in public school districts across the state. The two teachers TWU is hosting — Kim “Sally” Soohee and Choi “Maylynn” Sunhwa — are doing their two-week residency at Calhoun Middle School in Denton.

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TWU LIBRARY SCHOOL EARNS CONTINUED ALA ACCREDITATION

The School of Library and Information Studies has earned continued accreditation from the American Library Association through the spring of 2007.

The ALA’s External Report Panel commended the school in several areas, including its faculty, student support infrastructure and facilities, but noted areas in need of improvement. The accreditation is conditional pending a comprehensive review scheduled for spring 2007.

“One significant factor in our improvement plans is to handle the ‘growing pains’ caused by the phenomenal success of our distance education program,” said Dr. Lynn Westbrook, SLIS interim director. “The Committee on Accreditation office is working with us to help ensure that we have everything in place for our 2007 review. Meanwhile, we are delighted to have our accreditation continued for another three and a half years.”

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TWU THEATRE PRESENTS *TWO SISTERS AND A PIANO*

A dangerous mix of politics and passion leads to an excruciating test of the soul as the Texas Woman’s University Theatre Department presents *Two Sisters and a Piano*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Cuban-born playwright Nilo Cruz.

Performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. Feb. 18-21, with matinees at 4 p.m. Feb. 17 and 2 p.m. Feb. 22. All performances will take place in the Redbud Theatre. Ticket prices are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for adults. For reservations and other information, call the TWU Theatre Box Office at 8-1-2020.

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Two Sisters and a Piano is set in 1991 Havana, just after the collapse of the Soviet empire. Two sisters — Maria Celia, a writer, and Sofia, a pianist — have endured two years in prison after speaking out against Castro's regime. They are released from prison, only to be placed under house arrest. Maria longs for her husband, who has fled the country and is trying to secure the sisters' freedom. Sofia, starved for love and excitement, fantasizes about romance and freedom in the outside world.

The sisters' confinement is overseen by Lieutenant Portuondo, who brings gifts of food and rum but also is armed with contraband letters from Maria's husband. Though he initially uses the letters to dominate Maria, the lieutenant eventually falls in love with her.

The play is loosely based on the life story of Cuban artist Maria Elena Cruz Varela, who, after writing a manifesto against the Communist regime, was imprisoned and then released, only to be placed under house arrest for a number of years.

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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, by fax at 8-1-3463 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 publication. 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 TWU wind and percussion faculty will join forces as **Zephyr Winds and Friends** performs in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10 in the auditorium of MCL. Admission is free. Organized in 1995, Zephyr Winds is regularly featured throughout the state in concerts that focus upon rarely heard music for a variety of instrumental combinations. For more information, call 8-1-2500.

Cutting-edge dance artists from throughout the United States will present an evening of modern dance performance as the TWU Department of Dance and the Greater Denton Arts Council present **"Moving Beyond the Line: A Geography of Performance"** Feb. 20-21. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Denton Center for the Visual Arts, located at Hickory and Bell streets in Denton. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, call 8-1-2085.

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The TWU **Wind Ensemble** will present a concert of chamber music at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the auditorium of MCL. Admission is free. TWU's Flute Choir, Saxophone Quartet, Brass Quartet and Clarinet Duo will perform individually in addition to performing works by Mendelssohn and Vaughn Williams for the full ensemble.

Cheryl Tatano Beck, professor of nursing at the University of Connecticut, will discuss postpartum depression during the **Parry Distinguished Lectureship Series**, sponsored by the TWU College of Nursing and the Houston chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International (nursing honor society). The lectureship will be March 5 from 9 a.m. until noon at the TWU Houston center, room MGJ 724. The purpose of the lecture is to inform nurses on how to differentiate between postpartum depression and other psychological disorders and to identify women at risk for postpartum depression. Registration is free, courtesy the TWU College of Nursing. Participants can pre-register before Feb. 20 by calling 8-4-2100. On-site registration also will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. on March 5. TWU has applied with the Texas Nurses Association for three continuing nurse education (CNE) Type 1 contact hours for lectureship participants.

The TWU Library is sponsoring a brown bag lunch series on “**Parenting Your Parents**” this spring at noon in the community room. Gerry Baines will discuss “SPAN Services and Support Groups” on Feb. 19, and Milton Davidge will discuss “Elder Law” on March 4.

Dr. Gene Wright (UNT) will discuss Shakespeare's love sonnets during **Professor's Corner** on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the South Branch of the Denton Public Library, 3228 Teasley. Admission is free and the program is open to the public. The purpose of Professor's Corner is to provide area English professors and doctoral students an opportunity to share their special interests with the general public through informal presentations and discussions. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at 8-1-2343 or the Denton Public Library at 940-349-8251.

Student Health Services is sponsoring a **blood drive** Feb. 10-11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Center, room 207. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments can be set by calling 8-1-3833.

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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. **Dene Grigar** (ESFL) has been awarded a grant by trAce Online Writing Community located at the University of Nottingham Trent in Nottingham, England to return to the university in July for "Incubation," an interdisciplinary, international event for writers working on the Web about issues relating to new media and electronic literature. She will present a paper on Nospace Internet Radio, a project she is co-developing with Dr. John Barber (UT-Dallas) aimed at broadcasting digital music and literature via the Internet. In April, Dr. Grigar is also giving a paper on her research in electronic literature in Bilbao, Spain at the "Ciberart International Festival of New Technologies, Art and Communications."

Dr. **Bill Cissell** (health studies) was recognized on Jan. 30 as the founder of the Delta Chapter, Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE). The Delta Chapter received its chapter designation during a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and House of Delegates of SOPHE in November 2003. Cissell initiated the chapter development process for the States of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi while he was on leave of absence in 2001-2002 to help Jackson State University develop a school of public health. JSU subsequently established its school of public health and is currently pursuing accreditation of it by the Council of Education in Public Health.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: Feb. 9-22, 2004

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| Feb. 9-12 | -Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. |
| Thur., Feb. 12 | -Pioneer Basketball vs. West Texas A&M, 7 p.m., away
-Pioneer Softball vs. Cameron, 5 p.m., home |
| Fri., Feb. 13 | -Library open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
-Pioneer Softball vs. Central Oklahoma, noon, away
-Pioneer Softball vs. East Central, 2 p.m., away |
| Sat., Feb. 14 | -Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
-Pioneer Basketball vs. Eastern New Mexico, 3 p.m., away |

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Pioneer Softball vs. Northeastern State, noon, away-Pioneer Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma, 2 p.m., away
Sun., Feb. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed;Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
Feb. 16-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Library open 8 a.m. to midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Thur., Feb. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Pioneer Basketball vs. Abilene Christian, 7 p.m., home-Pioneer Softball vs. Kennesaw State, 4 p.m., away
Fri., Feb. 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Library open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.-Women's Studies Lecture Series, Linda Marshall, "Feminist Theory: Implications for Domestic Violence Research and Intervention," noon, CFO 202-Pioneer Gymnastics vs. Centenary College, 7 p.m., away-Pioneer Softball vs. North Alabama, 8 a.m., away-Pioneer Softball vs. Mars Hill, noon, away
Sat., Feb. 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Library open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.-Open house, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hubbard Hall-Pioneer Basketball vs. Angelo State, 7:30 p.m., home
Sun., Feb. 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Library open 2 p.m. to midnight; bookstore closed;Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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