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BUILDING DEDICATION TO INCLUDE GIFT FOR SCIENCE SERIES

Texas Woman's University Chancellor Ann Stuart is donating \$200,000 to the university to establish The Ann Stuart & Ray R. Poliakoff Celebration of Science Series, a 20-year program that "will explore the wonders, truths and mysteries of science."

The gift will be announced during the dedication of the Ann Stuart Science Complex on Friday, April 1. Hosted by the TWU Board of Regents, the dedication ceremony on the Denton campus will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the first floor atrium of the building, located on the east side of Pioneer Circle off Oakland Avenue. Refreshments and tours of the building will be included.

Both Dr. Stuart and her late husband, Ray Poliakoff, were first-generation graduates of public higher education, and both often said it was their education that enabled them to pursue the opportunities that enriched their lives.

The Ann Stuart & Ray R. Poliakoff Celebration of Science Series, which will begin in 2012 and continue annually through 2032, will be organized by the TWU departments of biology and chemistry and physics. The event may vary from year to year, but the intent always will be to engage current TWU students and faculty, alumni, K-12 students in Denton and others in the community.

"We need more students to choose to study science, which is a discipline central to the competitive future of our state and nation," Dr. Stuart said. "This gift will help TWU continue to attract and retain exceptional science students and faculty, and also raise the profile of science both within TWU and outside the university."

The 80,000-square-foot, \$26.4 million Ann Stuart Science Complex was designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards in keeping with TWU's goal of reducing its carbon footprint. The facility includes the latest instructional technology and state-of-the-art equipment for teaching and research in biology, molecular biology, physics and "green" chemistry. The building's fully automated greenhouse — not common in a university setting — will support cutting-edge research into the role of plants in the prevention of cancer.

The TWU Board of Regents voted unanimously at its February 2010 meeting to name the building in honor of Dr. Stuart.

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PROMINENT SCIENTISTS TO SPEAK DURING SCIENCE ACADEMIC DAYS

Three women who have advanced in the world of science will participate in a panel discussion and a research symposium during Science Academic Days Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1 at Texas Woman's University. The event is being held in conjunction with the dedication of the Ann Stuart Science Complex, scheduled Friday, April 1 on the Denton campus.

The three are Dorothy Beckett, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Maryland; Mary Ann Bjornsti, Ph.D, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham; and Michele S. Swanson, Ph.D, professor of microbiology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

"Women in Science" Breaking the Glass Beaker," a panel discussion, is scheduled from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31 in room 301 of the Administration Conference Tower (ACT). "Women and Their Science: A Research Symposium" will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, April 1 in room 202 of the Classroom Faculty Office (CFO) Building.

For more information, visit www.twu.edu/assc.

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TWU ANNOUNCES 2011 FOUNDERS' AWARD RECIPIENTS

TWU President Emerita Mary Evelyn Blagg Huey and the United Way of Denton County will be honored for their exceptional service to the community and to Texas Woman's University during the annual TWU Founders' Awards Scholarship Luncheon.

Reservations are required by Friday, March 25. The event will be held at noon Thursday, April 7 in Hubbard Hall on TWU's Denton campus. Seats for the luncheon are \$35 per person. Patron seats are available for \$75. Benefactor tables for eight are available for \$750. For information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Patrice Benfield Frisby at 81-3867.

Proceeds from the luncheon benefit the TWU Chancellor's Endowed Scholarships, the most prestigious scholarships awarded by the university. Established by Chancellor Stuart and other donors in 2000, these scholarships are the largest awarded by TWU, and the only academic scholarships that offer a stipend to recipients in addition to paying tuition and fees. They are awarded to TWU students on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, leadership and service in school and community activities.

Judith McFarlane, Dr.PH., TWU Cornaro Professor of Nursing and the Parry Nursing Chair in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, will serve as the keynote speaker for the luncheon. Her speech is titled, "Empowerment of Women for Global Development: TWU Making a Difference in Karachi, Pakistan."

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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.

TWU students, faculty, staff and alumni have the opportunity to help the university develop a **Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)** to improve the educational experience for students. As part of the SACS accreditation process, TWU will prepare a five-year plan to improve student learning or the learning environment. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/QEP. The deadline for completing the survey is Friday, March 25.

Volunteers are sought for the annual **University Picnic** held in conjunction with Honors Convocation, scheduled Thursday, April 14. Assistance is needed with set up/decorations, firing up the grill, grilling, food and beverage setup, serving food and clean up and take down. To volunteer, email jduenezlazo@twu.edu by Friday, March 25.

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. **Ron Davis** (kinesiology) was one of two professors from the United States selected to teach in the European Masters Program in Adapted Physical Activity at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium in February. The European Masters Program is part of the Erasmus Programme (European Region Action Scheme for the Mobility of University Students), a European Union (EU) student exchange program established in 1987.

Dr. **Mahesh Raisinghani** (School of Management) had a chapter titled "Onto-ServSys: A Service System Ontology" accepted for publication (forthcoming 2011) in *Service Science: Research and Innovations in the Service Economy*, published by Springer Science and Business Media, LLC.

Dr. **Jake Blosser** (history) was named by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to serve on its History Learning Objectives Work Group. The purpose of this work group is to determine a set of common learning objectives for the eight introductory level history courses that are part of the Lower-Division Academic Course Guide Manual. The common learning objectives then will be considered by the Academic Course Guide Manual Committee for inclusion in that manual.

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 21-APRIL 3, 2011

Mon., March 21

- 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. Newman, 2:30 & 4:30 p.m., home.

Tues., March 22

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Wed., 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. Henderson State, 3 & 5 p.m., home.

Thur., March 24

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Fri., March 25

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Nutrition and Food Sciences Seminar Series — Guest speaker Anu Menon, MD, MPH, of Woodhill Hospital AIDS Center Program at NYU School of Medicine, will present “Nutrition issues in the HIV-Positive Patients.” Noon, ACT 301, IHSH 3322.
- Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas A&M, 4 & 6 p.m., away.

Sat., March 26

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. West Texas A&M, noon, away.

Sun., March 27

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m., away.

Mon., March 28

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Guest Artist Luis Sanchez piano recital, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.

Tues, March 29

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Wed, March 30

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

Thurs., March 31

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Science Academic Days: “Women in Science: Breaking the Glass Beaker,” 3-4:30 p.m., ACT 301. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/assc.

Friday, April 1

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Dedication of Ann Stuart Science Complex, 10:30 a.m., first floor atrium. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/assc.
- Science Academic Days: “Women and Their Science: A Research Symposium,” 2-5 p.m., CFO 202. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/assc.
- Nutrition and Food Sciences Seminar Series: Nutrition Ph.D. student Manal Elfakhani presents “Modulation of Adipogenesis by Mevalonate Suppressors,” noon, MCL 501, MCL 308, IHSH 3322.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Central Oklahoma, LSC Crossover Tournament, 12:30 p.m., away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Cameron, LSC Crossover Tournament, 4:30 p.m., away.

Saturday, April 2

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State, LSC Crossover Tournament, 10:30 a.m., away.
- Pioneers Softball vs. East Central, LSC Crossover Tournament, 12:30 p.m., away.

Sunday, April 3

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Midwestern State, LSC Crossover Tournament, noon, away.

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