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COMMENCEMENT WILL FEATURE VARIETY OF GUESTS

Solons and sages will share some advice and their experiences with graduates of TWU when U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Texas Sen. Royce West, Judge Lee Gabriel and Houston administrator Dr. Mary desVignes-Kendrick address more than 800 students during commencement exercises on Sat. and Sun., Dec. 20 and 21, in Denton and Houston, respectively. Three Denton ceremonies are scheduled -- 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. -- in Margo Jones Performance Hall on Saturday. Students and family members with tickets are invited to attend. The 2 p.m. Houston ceremony on Sunday will be held at the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center in the Texas Medical Center at 2151 W. Holcombe.

The number of diplomas earned during the fall 1997 semester includes 519 undergraduate and 313 graduate degrees, according to Dr. Jim Stiles, registrar. (A total of approximately 600 students in Denton and 115 graduates in Houston are expected to participate in their graduation ceremonies.) Times for commencement in Denton reflect candidate assignments, based on specific schools and colleges participating in the ceremonies listed below:

- 9 a.m. -- Ceremony I for candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences;
- 11:30 a.m. -- Ceremony II for graduates from the College of Education and Human Ecology and the School of Occupational Therapy; and
- 2 p.m. -- Ceremony III for candidates from the School of Health Sciences, the School of Physical Therapy, the College of Nursing and the School of Library and Information Studies.

A reception for graduates, their families and guests who attend Ceremony I or II will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in the southwest dining room of Hubbard Hall. Graduates and their guests participating in Ceremony II or III are invited to a second reception in the same location from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. TWU President Carol Surles will preside at each ceremony, which includes an academic procession, certification of degrees and a commencement address.

Hutchison will speak during Ceremony I, followed by keynote speaker Gabriel during the second ceremony; Gabriel is a district court judge in Denton County. Candidates for Ceremony III will hear West, who represents Dallas in the state Legislature. In Houston, desVignes-Kendrick, director of the city's department of health and human services, will address the graduates.

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ALUM MAKES TEXAS SPORTS HALL OF FAME

TWU alumna Louise Ritter, 1998 Olympic gold medalist in women's high jump, will be inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame as one of six athletes in the class of 1997. She will share the stage with Olympic track star Michael Johnson, University of Iowa coach Hayden Fry, former National Football League player DeWitt "Tex" Coulter, University of Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conrath and baseball umpire Lee Ballanfant (deceased). The group will be inducted during on Jan. 29, 1998.

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The six-member class was selected by a 21-member committee of the Texas Sportswriters Association. The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29 in the Brazos Room at the Waco Convention Center. Tickets may be purchased by calling (254) 756-1633; the cost per person is \$50 for the reception and banquet or \$25 for the banquet only. Tables may be purchased for \$200 (eight seats for the ceremony only) and \$400 (eight seats for the reception and ceremony). The reception will be held at the Texas Sports Hall of Fame from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; the ceremony then will be held at the convention center.

The 1997 class will be featured in a special limited edition print by Robert Hurst, a renowned sports artist whose work is featured in the Sports Legacy Art Gallery at the Ballpark in Arlington.

Ritter, the focus of the world's attention on Sept. 30, 1988, in Seoul, South Korea, set a new Olympic record in the women's high jump, defeating world champion Stefka Kostadinova of Bulgaria -- considered one of the games' major upsets.

A native of Red Oak, Texas, the TWU alum is the daughter of Leo and Dorothy Ritter. She began her pursuit of Olympic gold in 1976 as a student at Red Oak High School; then she entered TWU, where she was coached by Bert Lyle and set the new collegiate women's high jump record during her freshman year and won the national collegiate championships in 1977, 1978 and 1979. In 1989, Ritter won the Olympic trials but did not compete after the United States boycotted the games. In spite of injuries and surgery, she continued to jump and, in 1984, she again won the Olympic trials but did not take home a medal.

In 1985 and 1986, Ritter won the Outdoor Championship and in 1987 represented the United States at the World Championship Meet in Rome, where she set a new American women's high jump record of 6 feet, 7 inches in Zurich, Switzerland. Then, at the 1988 Olympic Summer Games in Seoul, she won the coveted gold medal -- the first American woman to bring home the gold in the women's high jump since 1956.

As a student-athlete at TWU, Ritter participated in basketball, as well as track and field. She graduated in 1982 with a degree in physical education. She was honored by TWU on Oct. 19, 1988 -- "Louise Ritter Day" -- and received a plaque from the university commemorating her accomplishments, as well as a lifetime membership in the Pioneer Club and a place among the Order of the Red Coats.

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DANCE MAKES IT A THREE-PEAT

The TWU programs in dance at the graduate level has earned -- for the third consecutive year -- a top-10 ranking nationally from the *Dance Teacher Now* magazine, which is the leading provider of immediately useful information to teachers of all forms of dance and is widely circulated in the United States and Canada. *Dance Teacher Now* published its *first Dance Career Guide* in December 1995 to help teachers and counselors advise prospective dance professionals. "It is in this guide that we are listed as one of the top 10 programs," said Dr. Penny Hanstein (performing arts, dance.)

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TWU is ranked on the list with Arizona State University, Florida State University, New York University School of Education, New York University Tisch School of the Arts, Ohio State University, Temple University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Iowa, the University of Michigan, the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and the University of Utah.

"In 1995, all programs were grouped together; however, in 1996 and 1997, the guide provided separate listings for undergraduate and graduate programs," said Hanstein. "This year and last we received the 'top 10' recognition for our graduate program, which has given our undergraduate program considerable visibility. All of the top 10 undergraduate programs are conservatory-based Bachelor of Fine Arts programs. TWU's undergraduate program is liberal arts-based, with broader educational and career preparation goals -- all consistent with the mission of our university. We are thrilled with this latest news!"

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"BRIGHT ROOM" WINS HONORS

TWU's fall production of *A Bright Room Called Day* recently won a number of honors during competition in Lubbock sponsored by the American Theater College Festival. *Bright Room*, a student-directed production written by Tom Kushner, was critiqued by Judith Royer, a professor at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Calif., and scene design critic Rory Scanlon of Brigham Young University evaluated TWU designers and their attention to detail.

Director Brad Campbell received an award of excellence in directing. All of the show's designers and actors won awards for excellence: Susan Bryson for scene design, Stuart Yonse for sound design, Jonathan Starr for costume design, Jennifer Hutchison for properties, Dr. Mary Lou Hoyle (performing arts, drama) for excellence in acting and the entire cast for ensemble acting.

Several students won Irene Ryan Acting Scholarships: Laura Owen, Brie Scolaro and Wendy Bramlett. The show itself won the director's choice award and the critic's choice award at the state competition. The ACTF regional competition -- featuring productions from five states -- will be staged at TWU, which is hosting the event, scheduled Feb. 24 to March 1. *Bright Room* was named first alternate in the competition, which included 22 productions.

Seven productions currently are slated for the regional event: *Craving Gravy or Life in the Time of Cannibalism* by the University of Texas at Austin; *Dr. Sex* by the University of New Orleans; *Call the Serpent God to Me* by the University of Texas at El Paso; *Nastavnik*, a compilation of 2 Brecht 1-acts, by Northeastern State University; *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* by Louisiana State University; *Kid Purple* by Tarrant County Junior College-South Campus; and *Royal Gambit* by the University of Central Arkansas. If one of the seven finalist plays cannot be staged, TWU would perform *Bright Room* in its place as first alternate.

"This year, we had three student-written, full-length plays that the (selection) committee felt strongly about," said Charles Harrill (performing arts, drama). "Overall, this was the strongest year we have ever had for student-written work, which is great! These three productions took three of the seven slots, really leaving only four for traditional entries." The regional festival will feature one production of a one-act, student-written play; play readings of two student-written one-acts; and "Five Alive on Stage," a five-minute, student-written play festival.

PHONE LISTING CORRECTIONS PROVIDED

The following corrections are printed for the *1997-97 Faculty/Staff Telephone Listing by Department*; please note the changes for future reference.

Academic Affairs

Floyd, Elizabeth	Administrative Asst. III	898-3304
Roberts, Kathy	Administrative Asst. II	898-3301

Early Childhood and Special Education

Schertz, Linda A.	Assist. Professor	898-2284
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Education and Human Ecology

Thomas, Carol H.	Associate Dean	898-2207
Troop, Brenda	Project Coordinator	898-2208

Educational Leadership

Cunningham, Donna	Visiting Assist. Professor	898-2206
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Family Sciences

Harris, Susie	Clerical Specialist II	898-2685
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Health Studies

Baker, Judith A.	Professor	898-2842
Cissell, William B.	Professor/Chair	898-2861
Cramer, Barbara	Professor	898-2827
Doyle, Eva I.	Assoc. Professor	898-2841

Library & Media Services

Akins, Eduardo	Media Services Technician	898-3705
Barton, Ann	Library Assistant	898-3752
Hardin, Gregory	Library Assistant	898-3712
Hargrove, Carla	Clerical Specialist II	898-3731
Parker, Darlene	Clerical Specialist II	898-3744

Reading and Bilingual Education

Brock, Cynthia	Assist. Professor	898-2045
Flores-Duenas, Leila	Instructor	898-2049

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KINESIOLOGY RECEIVES EQUIPMENT

The TWU department of kinesiology recently received a donation of much-needed equipment from Dr. Robert Howell, a chiropractic orthopedist in Denton, on behalf of the Medical and Chiropractic Rehab Clinic of Denton, located on Dallas Drive. Howell, who is board-certified by the American Board of Chiropractic Orthopedists and is a Fellow with American Chiropractic Orthopedists, provided the department with muscle and joint testing equipment.

The equipment -- a MERAC -- is manufactured by University Equipment; it is a computerized testing machine with printer and monitor, a basic testing bench, a separate lumbar/abdominal attachment, shoulder testing chair and related FitNet (also by Universal), a lumbar flexion/extension exerciser. Originally valued at more than \$80,000, the equipment will be used in educational and research efforts. Howell donated the equipment to help TWU advance musculoskeletal function study -- which can help people who have had or who might receive a joint or muscle injury.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Hourly timesheets are due in the payroll office by noon on Tues., Dec. 16, because of the holiday schedule.

Reminder: The university community is invited by Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) and her division to attend a retirement reception for Geoff Ferguson (administrative and auxiliary services) on Thurs., Dec. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m., ACT 2.

Needed: old/outdated business envelopes for use in campus mail....The office of institutional advancement asks all departments, offices and schools on campus that have business-size envelopes bearing old return addresses or outdated information to send those envelopes to Dorothy Ireland, who needs many extras for on-campus donor acknowledgments. For details or questions, call Ireland at ext. 3863.

Reminder: The TWU National Alumnae Association is seeking nominations for the Outstanding Senior Award; *nominations must be submitted by Tues., Feb. 2*, for Denton, Dallas and Houston. Student nominations from Denton should be sent to the TWU NAA office; from Dallas to Dr. Michael Laman (associate vice president's office); and from Houston to Dr. Kathryn Stream (associate vice president's office). For details, contact the office of alumni relations or the TWU National Alumnae Association at ext. 2586, or visit their facilities on East University Drive at the north end of the Denton campus.

TWU Update will resume regular publication on Mon., Jan. 12. The deadline to submit items is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following Monday. E-mail submissions may be sent to Ann Hatch at s_hatch@twu.edu.

Reminder: A toy drive is under way to benefit residents of Denton's Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home. The effort, sponsored by the TWU Science and Mathematics Center for Women, will be held Dec. 1-19. Unwrapped gifts should be brought to GRB 301, or call ext. 2769 to make other arrangements for pick-up.

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NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

Food services: The Pioneer Cafe and Garden Room are open regular hours this Monday through Wednesday. The Garden Room will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. The Pioneer Cafe will close after lunch on Thursday. The Baker's Dozen is closed all week, and all meal plans expire at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Reminder: Payroll notice -- Persons who pick up their paychecks at the cashier's window should note for the Jan. 1, 1998, paychecks that the cashier's window will be open for three hours only on Fri., Jan. 2, 1998, from 9 a.m. to noon. Please make arrangements to pick up checks at that time or during regular operating hours beginning Mon., Jan. 5. Persons who wish to have their paychecks mailed must provide the cashier's office with a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope with their social security number written on the inside of the envelope flap. SASEs must be received by the cashier's office by Dec. 18, 1997, to ensure that checks are mailed by Jan. 2, 1998. Envelopes may be forwarded through campus mail to the cashier's office. For more information, call the cashier's office at 8-1-3570.

Southwestern Bell Internet Services is offering Texas state agencies and their employees discounted dial-up Internet access for \$17.95 per month (a \$2-per-month discount), beginning Dec. 1, 1997. Interested persons should use a special promotional code (554) when they call the toll-free number to order the service: 1-800-SWB-INET (1-800-792-4638). The offer also includes 10 days of free Internet access; free Netscape browser and e-mail account; access to more than 24,000 Usenet Newsgroups; free Surfwatch Content filter; easy billing to Southwestern Bell telephone bill, MasterCard, Visa or American Express; free 24-hour technical and billing support (1-800-NET-HELP or support@swbell.net); reliable network with 33.6 modems; personal home pages at \$2.95 per month for 3MB (\$1/MB for additional space); more than 100 roaming cities available (\$0.04/minute); and others. Minimum computer system requirements: Windows 95 or Windows 3.1 -- 386 PC or higher, 14.4 modem or higher, 8 MB RAM and 10 MB free hard disk space; Macintosh System 7.5 or higher -- 68030 or faster Macintosh, 14.4 modem or higher, 16 MB RAM, 15 MB free hard disk space and version 1.1 or later of "Open Transport."

Members of Golden Key National Honor Society are selling 1998 calendars for \$4 each; call May Kwan at ext. 4522 to place an order.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Condolences are expressed to **Robert Tuggle** (finance and administration) following the death of his father, Cleo "Pete" Tuggle, on Nov. 27. Services were held Dec. 2 in Lipan, Texas.

Dee Siscoe (student life), **Lynda Murphy** (Federation of North Texas Area Universities) and **Monica Mendez-Grant** (student development) will present "Support Services for Distance Learners: Do They Exist on Your Campus?" at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators during their meeting March 8-11, 1998, in Philadelphia, Penn. Mendez-Grant and **Kim Lahart** (student development) co-authored an article, "Programming for Distance Education Students," which was published in the November issue of *Programming Magazine*, a publication of the National Association for Campus and Activities Programming.

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Dr. Becky Code (biology) and graduate assistant **Amanda McDaniel** presented their research, titled "Development of Dynorphin-Immunoreactivity in the Chick Cochlear Nucleus" at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in New Orleans, La., in October.

Dr. Don Michel (performing arts, music), professor emeritus, recently was honored with a Presidential Award from the National Music Therapy Association during the organization's annual conference in Los Angeles. The award noted Michel's lifetime of dedication to the music therapy profession. Michel, an honorary lifetime member of the association, was an invited speaker at the opening ceremonies, a new series of former presidents' lectures and at a panel discussion about music vibration technology and developments in medical applications (with Dr. Chris Chesky from the University of North Texas).

During the same conference, TWU music therapy faculty members **Dr. Nancy Hadsell**, **Dr. Nicki Cohen** and **Joe Pinson** presented papers and participated in other conference proceedings. Several TWU music therapy students also attended the conference.

Eva Doyle (health studies) and **Chris French Beatty** (dental hygiene) presented a program titled "America's Subgroups Project: A Team-Building Classroom Experience for Developing Health-Related Cultural Awareness" at the annual conference of the Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance on Dec. 5.

Connie Fickenschner (financial aid) has completed the requirements to become a Texas professional licensed counselor.

Dr. Nancy Jones, **Dr. JoAnn Engelbrecht** and **Kimber Lucas** attended a special tree lighting ceremony at the Texas Motor Speedway on Dec. 1, where they received a \$1,000 grant from the Texas chapter of Speedway Children's Charities. According to Kiki Jacob, director of the Texas chapter, 70 organizations from three of four eligible counties (Denton, Dallas, Tarrant and Collin) received grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000; most were \$1,000 gifts like TWU's grant. "The money will be used to order books for the resources room in TWU's Child Development Center," said Jones. "We also will use bookmarks inside the books purchased to indicate those provided by this grant from the Texas Motor Speedway." The CDC received assistance from the office of institutional advancement with the grant writing proposal.

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THE NEXT MONTH AT TWU: DECEMBER 15, 1997, TO JANUARY 11, 1998

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| Dec. 15-17 | -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight. |
| Dec. 15-18 | -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |
| Tues., Dec. 16 | -Exit interviews for loan recipients-Denton campus. (Ext. 3067) |
| Wed., Dec. 17 | -Food for thought: Focus on Kwanza-Houston, noon, courtyard. |

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CALENDAR, continued

- Thurs., Dec. 18 -Retirement reception for Geoff Ferguson (finance and administration),
ACT 2, 3-5 p.m.
- Dec. 18-19 -Blagg-Huey Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Fri., Dec. 19 -Biology departmental seminar, CFO 205, 4-5 p.m. (Ext. 2354)
-Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Sat., Dec. 20 -Commencement, Margo Jones Performance Hall: Ceremony I...
-Basketball: TWU vs. Texas Wesleyan, gym, 2 p.m. (Ext. 2373)
-Holiday break: Sat., Dec. 20, 1997, through Sun., Jan. 4, 1998.
-Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3:30
p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., Dec. 21 -Houston Commencement, TMC Hornberger Conference Center, 2 p.m.
-Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed (through Jan. 4); Wellness
Center open 1-6 p.m.
- Dec. 22-23 -Blagg-Huey Library open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Dec. 22-Jan. 4 -Wellness Center closed.
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4 -Blagg-Huey Library closed.

January

- Fri., Jan. 2 -Paycheck pick-up at cashier's office, 9 a.m. to noon only.
-Basketball: TWU vs. Tarleton State, Stephenville, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2373)
- Jan. 5-9 -Blagg-Huey Library open 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 5 -University offices reopen, 8 a.m.
-Basketball: TWU vs. Midwestern State, gym, 7 p.m. (Ext. 2373)
- Fri., Jan. 9 -Basketball: TWU vs. Eastern New Mexico, Portales, NM, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 10-11 -Blagg-Huey Library closed; bookstore closed.
- Sat., Jan. 10 -Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 11 -Basketball: TWU vs. West Texas A&M, Canyon, 2 p.m. (Ext. 2373)
-Gymnastics: TWU vs. University of Missouri, DGL, 2 p.m. (Ext. 2373)
-Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON -- SEE YOU IN 1998!!!