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### **ACCLAIMED AUTHOR MAGUIRE TO SPEAK AT TWU SATURDAY**

Acclaimed author Gregory Maguire will discuss his latest work “Matchless,” a re-imagination of the Hans Christian Andersen classic “The Little Match Girl,” during the annual Denton Reads lecture at Texas Woman’s University’s Denton Campus Saturday, Nov. 21.

The lecture will begin at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Multipurpose Classroom Lab (MCL) Building, located off of Bell Avenue in Denton. The event is free and open to the public, but advanced tickets are required as seating is limited. To reserve tickets, visit [www.twu.edu/library/denton-reads-form.asp](http://www.twu.edu/library/denton-reads-form.asp).

Mr. Maguire is the acclaimed author of the best-selling novel “Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West,” which was made into the hit Broadway musical “Wicked.” His other works include “Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister” and “Son of a Witch,” a sequel to “Wicked.”

Each year Denton Reads hosts a lecture by a notable author to encourage reading in the city of Denton. The program is made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The TWU Library, the University of North Texas Library, the Denton Public Library and the Denton Independent School District are the sponsors of Denton Reads. For more information, visit <http://dentonreads.unt.edu> or call 940-898-3795.

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### **THREE FROM TWU NAMED NATIONAL ROLE MODELS**

Texas Woman’s University chemistry professor Dr. James Johnson, director of financial aid Governor Jackson and alumna Dr. Astra Sparks are among are among only 27 in the U.S. named national role models by Minority Access, Inc., a non-profit educational organization.

Dr. Johnson was named a faculty role model for his contributions to increasing the pool of minority biomedical researchers through teaching and mentoring. Mr. Jackson was honored as a staff role model for his success helping minority students attend college.

Dr. Sparks was named an alumni role model for excellence in her profession. She currently serves as a scientific affairs liaison for the national pharmaceutical company Santarus, Inc., in Houston. Dr. Sparks received her MBA in 2009, her doctorate in molecular biology in 1998 and her master's in biology in 1995, all from TWU.

They received their awards during the recent Minority Access 10th Annual National Role Models Conference. The conference is held in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the National Institutes of Health.

Minority Access presents the annual Role Models Conference to focus the national spotlight on institutions and individuals who have excelled in producing and supporting minority researchers, particularly in the biomedical sciences and health-related fields, and their research efforts.

For more information, visit [www.minorityaccess.org](http://www.minorityaccess.org).

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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](mailto: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.*

Help make this holiday season merry for a TWU student and his or her family. The annual **TWU Holiday Gift Program** offers faculty, staff and campus organizations an opportunity to provide gifts for children of TWU students who have financial need. As a family sponsor, individuals or departments may "adopt" one or more families. To sponsor a TWU family, complete the online form at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=3v0vv8SdL4baUSuuA1CUrA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=3v0vv8SdL4baUSuuA1CUrA_3d_3d). Monetary donations may be made through the electronic toy box on the Student Life web page on the Pioneer Portal, or by contacting Robin Johnson-Piper at 81-3861.

**Facilities Management and Construction** will host an Open House from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 17. Refreshments and tours of both the Physical Plant and the Central Plant will be available.

**A Wheelchair Basketball and Soccer Tournament** will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23 in Pioneer Hall. Admission is free. Concessions will not be provided. The purpose of the event is to provide the opportunity for people with and without disabilities to interact in a sports setting, with a focus on wheelchair sports. The event is sponsored by the Adapted Physical Activity Club at TWU.

## **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.)*

The TWU community offers its condolences to the family and friends of Dr. **Richard Rodean**, who passed away 14, 2009 at Baylor Specialty Hospital in Dallas. He began his TWU career as chair of music, dance and drama in 1981. He subsequently served as associate dean and then dean for the College of Arts and Science before retiring in 2005. A private graveside ceremony will be held at a later date.

Dr. **Mark Kessler** (history and government) has been named to the editorial board of "The Law and Politics Book Review." The review, published by the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association, is a central source for reviews of scholarly books that examine the relationship between law and politics.

Dr. **Gail Davis** (nursing, Denton) and Dr. **Terri White** (nursing, Dallas) presented a symposium, "Promoting the Health of Older Adults with Arthritis through Self-Management," at the 44th Annual Scientific Meeting, Association of Rheumatology Health Professionals (ARHP)/American College of Rheumatology (ACR) in Philadelphia. Dr. **White** also gave a research presentation, "Improving Osteoporosis Knowledge and Healthy Bone Behaviors of Rural-Dwelling Older Adults." This presentation was based on her dissertation research for which she won the ARHP Graduate Student Recognition Award.

**Leah Hamrick** (library, Denton) and **Brandy Klug** (library, Denton) co-presented "Clean Up Your Mess: an Authority Control Project with Voyager and Backstage" at the annual meeting for the Ex-Libris Southcentral Users Group in Wichita Falls on Oct. 8.

"Yellow Work" by Susan Sponsler (marketing and communication) will be on exhibit at The Encaustic Center, 580 W. Arapaho Rd No. 271 in Richardson, Friday Nov. 20 through Dec. 20. A reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 20 at the gallery. The exhibit, titled "Two Journeys," also includes work by Karen Chaussabel. For more information, visit [www.theencausticcenter.com](http://www.theencausticcenter.com).

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## THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: NOVEMBER 16-29, 2009

- Mon., Nov. 16            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Harding, 6:30 p.m., home.
- Tues., Nov. 17            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-Facilities Management and Construction Open House, 9 a.m.-  
noon.  
-Maroon and White Luncheon, noon, Outback Steakhouse,  
Denton, \$5.
- Wed., Nov. 18            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-The TWU Department of Music presents "Opera Scenes," 7:30  
p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.
- Thur., Nov. 19            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;  
Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
TWU Drama presents "Oedipus the King," 4 p.m., Redbud  
Theater, north side of Hubbard Hall. \$5 students, \$10 adults, 81-  
2020.  
-Dance UpClose Fall 2009 Concert, 4 p.m., Dance Studio Theatre.  
\$4 students, \$6 general admission.  
-"The Lasso" Open House, come and go between 2 and 5 p.m.,  
Stoddard Hall room 311. Refreshments will be served.
- Fri., Nov. 20            -Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;  
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.  
-TWU Drama presents "Oedipus the King," 8 p.m., Redbud  
Theater. \$5 students, \$10 adults, 81-2020.  
-Fifth annual TWU/UNT Child Welfare Conference, 8 a.m.-4:30  
p.m., MCL Auditorium. \$12 for lunch. 81-2075.  
-Dance UpClose Fall 2009 Concert, 7 p.m., Dance Studio Theatre.  
\$4 students, \$6 general admission.  
-TWU Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences presents  
Russendar Powell discussing "Salivary Adiponectin," noon, MCL  
501, IHSH 3322, Parkland 229, DPH 109.  
-Pioneers Basketball vs. Western New Mexico State, 7 p.m., home.
- Sat., Nov. 21            -Library 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation  
open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.  
-Dance UpClose Fall 2009 Concert, 7 p.m., Dance Studio Theatre.  
\$4 students, \$6 general admission.

-TWU Drama presents “Oedipus the King,” 8 p.m., Redbud Theater, north side of Hubbard Hall. \$5 students, \$10 adults, 81-2020.

-Denton Reads presents Gregory Maguire, 6 p.m., MCL Auditorium. Free, but tickets required.

[www.twu.edu/library/denton-reads-form.asp](http://www.twu.edu/library/denton-reads-form.asp).

-Denton Open House, 8 a.m., Hubbard Hall. Sessions available in Spanish.

-EMBA Infosession, 10 a.m., A119 Education Service Center-Region XI, Fort Worth. 1-800-283-2291.

Sun., Nov. 22

-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

-TWU Drama presents “Oedipus the King,” 8 p.m., Redbud Theater, north side of Hubbard Hall. \$5 students, \$10 adults, 81-2020.

Mon., Nov. 23

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

-Wheelchair Basketball and Soccer Tournament, 6-9 p.m., Pioneer Hall. Free. Concessions not provided. Sponsored by the Adapted Physical Activity Club at TWU.

-Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., MJPH. Free. 81-2500.

Tues., Nov. 24

-Library open 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 25

-Thanksgiving holiday. University closed.

Thur., Nov. 26

-Thanksgiving holiday. University closed.

Fri., Nov. 27

-Thanksgiving holiday. University closed.

Sat., Nov. 28

-Library closed; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation closed.

Sun., Nov. 29

-Library 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation closed.

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