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TWU EXPANDS VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM TO NCTC

Texas Woman's University is partnering with North Central Texas College on a \$300,000 federal grant to implement the university's Project REV (Resources for Ending Violence), a program aimed at ending violence against women, on NCTC campuses.

The grant, from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women, will provide Project REV services on NCTC campuses in Gainesville, Corinth, Flower Mound, Bowie and Graham. Services include counseling, referrals, resources and shelter services.

The grant provides funding over a three-year period. TWU and NCTC will share a project coordinator and a full-time counselor from Denton County Friends of the Family. Abigail's Arms, a family crisis center in Cooke County, also will be involved in the program.

Mark Sandel, TWU associate professor of social work, teamed with Dr. Billy Roessler, NCTC vice president of student services, and Debbie Sharp, vice president of institutional advancement, to secure the grant.

"The consortium award with NCTC will allow both institutions to provide prevention education to women and services to victims while also engaging in primary prevention work," Mr. Sandel said. "We are excited to partner with NCTC in extending Project REV to a much larger geographical area."

Dr. Roessler said NCTC serves several rural areas, which tend to have fewer resources than do urban and suburban areas. "We look forward to working with TWU to leverage their expertise and expand these resources in North Texas."

TWU initially received funding from the Office of Violence Against Women in 2006, which led to the creation of Project REV. The university received an additional \$300,000 in 2008 for a three-year extension of the project. For more information on Project REV, visit www.twu.edu/project-rev.

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TWU SEEKS FEMALE VOLUNTEERS FOR RED GRAPE STUDY

The Texas Woman's University Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences is seeking volunteers for a study of the effects of red grapes in increasing bone mineral density and/or decreasing fat mass.

Women between the ages of 47 and 63, especially those in the first five years of menopause, are needed for the 90-day research study. Those who have low fruit and vegetable consumption and a primarily sedentary lifestyle may be eligible for inclusion in the study. Women who are currently taking medication for menopausal symptoms or are physically active during any time during the study cannot be included.

For more information, contact Nancy DiMarco, director of the TWU Institute for Women's Health, at (940) 898-2785 or ndimarco@twu.edu or Elleni Zemenu at (972) 948-1016 or ezemenu@twu.edu.

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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.

It's **Convocation and Picnic** time again! The University Picnic will take place on Pioneer Circle immediately following Honors Convocation on Thursday, April 19. Volunteers are sought to help with set up and decorations, grilling, serving food and cleaning up, among other tasks. For more information or to volunteer, contact Juanita Duenez-Lazo at 81-3338 or 81-2237 or email jduenezlazo@twu.edu.

Nominations are being accepted for the **Pioneer Proud Award**. The award recognizes the efforts of TWU staff who go above and beyond their ordinary responsibilities to assist faculty, staff, students and friends of the university. The award is for staff members who are in a full- or regular part-time position; have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the university; and are not covered by Faculty Senate or do not hold a title of "director" or above. Nomination forms are available at <http://www.twu.edu/staff-council/pioneer-proud.asp>. **All nominations must be received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, March 30 to be eligible for this year's recognition.**

"A Biography of the Imagination: John Berryman's Dream Songs" is the topic of **Professor's Corner**, scheduled at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at the Denton South Branch Library. The session will be presented by Joe Milazzo of The Writer's Garret of

Dallas. The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris at 81-2343 or ssouris@twu.edu.

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.)

The TWU community extends its condolences to the family and friends of Dr. **Anita Cowan**, TWU Associate Professor Emerita and former director of the university's social work program, who passed away Sunday, March 11, 2012. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 15 at the First United Methodist Church in Denton. Dr. Cowan earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from TWU in 1962 and was named a Distinguished Alumna of the university in 2008. She taught in TWU's Department of Sociology and Social Work for more than 30 years before retiring in 2003.

A paper written by Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (math & computer science), titled "Three-Dimensional Nonlinear Control Model Of Wastewater Biotreatment," was published by the *Journal of Neural, Parallel, and Scientific Computation*, Vol. 20 (2012) 23-36.

Dr. **Ellina Grigorieva** (math & computer science) gave a plenary (45 minutes) talk titled "Analysis of some optimal control problems in biological waste water treatment process" at the XVII SIMMAC International Symposium, University of San Jose, Costa Rica, on Feb. 22.

Val Belfiglio (government) served as associate editor for volume 6, issue 6 of *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*.

An article by Dr. **Katie Crosslin** (health studies) and Dr. **Kristin Wiginton** (health studies), titled "Sex Differences in Disease Severity Among Patients With Systemic Lupus Erythematosus," recently was published in the journal *Gender Medicine* (Vol. 8, No. 6, 2011). Their research focused on patients hospitalized in the DFW area and sought to "determine the effect of gender on SLE comorbidities and disease severity."

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THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MARCH 12-25, 2012

Mon., Mar. 12

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

Tues., Mar. 13

- 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. St. Edward's, noon and 2 p.m., away.

Wed., Mar. 14

- 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 15

- 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 16

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Nutrition & Food Sciences Seminar Series: "Integrated Strategies to Reduce Foodborne Illness and Food Allergic Reactions Associated with Independently Operated Restaurants," presented by Michelle Wofford, Ph.D. nutrition student. MCL 501, IHS 4305 and IHSD 4302.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Cameron, 5 p.m., home.
- Pioneers Gymnastics vs. Southeast Missouri State, 6:30 p.m., away.

Sat., March 17

- Library closed; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sun., March 18

- Library closed; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open noon-10 p.m.

Mon., March 19

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Spring Break week.

Tues., March 20

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., home.

Wed., March 21

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- American Red Cross Lifeguarding Course, Pioneer Hall Indoor Pool. Four-day course, \$150 for students, \$200 for public. For more information, visit www.twu.edu/fitandrec/aquatics_12522.asp

Thurs., March 22

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Fri., March 23

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness and Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Eastern New Mexico, 3 and 5 p.m. (MST), away.

Sat., March 24

- Library closed; Bookstore closed; Fitness and Recreation open 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Pioneers Softball vs. Eastern New Mexico, noon (MST), away.
- Pioneers Gymnastics at MIC Championships, Chicago, Ill., 6 p.m.

Sun., March 25

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

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