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NOTED AUTHOR, PLAYWRIGHT VISITING TWU

Nationally noted African-American author and playwright J. California Cooper will visit TWU on Tues. and Wed., Feb. 6 and 7, to help TWU celebrate her work. An award-winning author, Cooper will conduct several sessions and discuss "In Search of Satisfaction" -- the title theme for her presentations at TWU, as well as the name of her latest book.

The general public, the campus community and other interested persons are invited to attend a two-hour presentation on Tues., Feb. 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The cost to attend is \$3 for general admission; all TWU faculty, staff, students and alumni will be admitted free. Tickets for the Feb. 7 evening presentation may be purchased through the TWU office of student activities in room 206 of the Student Center; for information, call (817) 898-3611. *All TWU students, faculty, staff and alumni who plan to attend are asked to pick up complimentary tickets in advance from student activities for admission to the Tuesday event.*

On Wed., Feb. 7, Cooper will meet students, faculty, staff and others during a book signing at 9 a.m. in SC 207. She then will conduct a free open presentation that morning at 11 a.m. in MCL auditorium. Everyone is invited.

All activities for the two-day event are presented by the TWU department of English, speech and foreign languages, the office of student activities, the office of intercultural services and the committee for campus climate and community.

Cooper, who was named Black Playwright of the Year in 1978, is the author of two novels: *Family* and *In Search of Satisfaction*. She also has written 17 plays and four collections of short stories: *Homemade Love*, winner of the 1989 American Book Award; *Some Soul to Keep*; *The Matter Is Life*; and *A Piece of Mine*. Her work often is described as stories, parables and monologues filled with wisdom and memorable, down-to-earth characters. In 1988, Cooper received the James Baldwin Award from the American Library Association. A native Texan, the famous author and playwright lives in northern California; she lectures and tours nationally.

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CCCC BEGINS HUMAN RELATIONS PROGRAMS

The spring semester human relations program at TWU, presented by the committee for campus climate and community, will offer faculty, staff and students a variety of programs, speakers and films designed to enhance diversity and create an environment of inclusion, according to Dr. Glenda Simmons (student life). For details on any program, call ext. 3601

One of the committee's first programs examines how to deal with difficult people. Avoiding conflicts and creating positive working relationships with others is a challenge any day --

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and it's even harder when temperamental people are involved. Learning to work with these people is an art as well as a human relations skill, and most individuals need advice. "Working with Difficult People" will be held on Thurs., Feb. 8, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., ACT 3. The campus community is invited to attend.

The program will feature Dr. Connie Sitterly, TWU adjunct professor (business and economics), who also is founder and chief executive officer of Management Training Specialists, based in Fort Worth. Sitterly is an author, trainer and speaker. She currently writes an occasional column for "Tarrant Business" in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and is the author of three books: *The Woman Manager*; *The Female Entrepreneur*; and *A Woman's Place: Management*. She also received the 1987 Top Professor Award from TWU's chapter of Mortar Board. The semester schedule of programs includes:

- Fri., Feb. 2 **Student Assistant Workshop** for new student assistants or student assistants who have not attended a previous workshop. The workshop will cover office procedures, interpersonal skills and networking. SC 110; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 6 **"In Search of Satisfaction,"** author J. California Cooper, Margo Jones Performance Hall, 7 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 7 **Reception/book signing for J. California Cooper,** SC 207, 9 to 10:30 a.m. **Dialogue with classes, J. California Cooper,** MCL auditorium, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 8 **"Working with Difficult People,"** Dr. Connie Sitterly (business and economics), ACT 3, 3 to 4:30 p.m.
- Fri., March 29 **"Communication at Its Best,"** Dr. Don Rosen (Counseling Center), ACT 3, 10 a.m. to noon.
- Fri., April 26 **"Developing a Healthy Fear of Litigation,"** Carri Stephens (human resources), SC 207-208, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Film presentations will include:

- **"Black Achievements in American History,"** shown by Dr. Evelyn Curry (Library and Information Studies). Date, time and location TBA.
- **"Hispanic Americans: The New Front";** and **"Their Differences: Myth or Fact?"** (a film series) shown by Dr. Ketty Rodriguez (Library and Information Studies). Mon., April 8, and Mon., April 29; noon to 1 p.m. Location to be announced.
- **"The Joy Luck Club,"** shown by Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages). A discussion about the film will be held. Dates, time and location to be announced.

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FIND THE PAST IN THE PRESENT

A special group of people are "Setting the Stage" right now for fun, fellowship and good food during the 1996 celebration of TWU Founders' Day on Fri., Feb. 16. The evening will please all with piles of pancakes and sweet toppings, finished off with an original musical review. "Founders' Day honors those whose vision formed the university and those whose support ensures the future for each new generation of students at TWU," said Donna Ryan (alumni relations).

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. in Hubbard Hall (east entrance) with a traditional pancake supper (with batter mix donated by Morrison Milling of Denton), fruit and sausage. "Setting the Stage: A Musical Review" follows, written by Kay Goodman, TWU regent and alumna. The program features TWU's Simply Jazz/Choraliers, directed by Pamela O'Brient (performing arts, music). Laughter and campus lore are sure to follow!

Advance registration is requested no later than Tues., Feb. 13; tickets are \$8 per person. Please clip or photocopy the registration form below and send it to the TWU National Alumnae Association (make checks payable to the association).

Founders' Day Traditional Pancake Supper

February 16, 1996

(advance registration is requested)

I would like to reserve _____ tickets at \$8 each; total _____

You also can share the Founders' Day celebration with a student:

I will host a student for the Founders' Day supper: _____ at \$8 each; total _____

TOTAL AMOUNT enclosed _____

Reservation deadline: Tues., Feb. 13, 1996; make checks payable to the TWU National Alumnae Association

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED

In conjunction with Financial Aid Awareness Week, February 5-9, staff members in the TWU office of financial aid have scheduled a number of activities for faculty, staff and students designed to teach the "who, what, when, where, why and how" of applying for funds to get through school. Special workshops teaching students how to fill out financial aid forms will be held on Tuesdays now through April 2 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. or on Fridays from Feb. 2 through March 29, from 9 to 10 a.m., in Denton. For information about materials needed, call ext. 3055.

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Financial aid training for faculty and staff will be held on Mon., Feb. 5, from noon to 1:30 p.m., ACT 3, with Governor Jackson and Raedean Bolton (both financial aid). The session will include information especially for faculty and staff who answer questions or counsel students. Interested persons are invited to bring lunch and questions.

Other activities are planned, and students who submit their applications before the Feb. 1, March 1 and April 1 deadlines are eligible for drawings, too. Prizes have been donated by Bank of America, Bank One - Texas NA, Citibank, Educaid, Education Finance Center (Chase Bank), First Interstate Bank, First State Bank, Greater East Texas Servicing Corp., Norwest Bank, Point Bank, Texas Commerce Bank, Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp., Signet and US Bank.

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NEWSBRIEFS

A tax seminar and workshop for international students will be held on Fri., Feb. 9, SC 105, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A tax expert from the Internal Revenue Service will present general information at 9 a.m.; he will bring necessary tax forms and will remain on campus until 3 p.m. to help students complete the forms. U.S. immigration law requires that all international students must send an annual report to the IRS -- whether or not they have earned any income during the previous year. **Any international student who has enrolled at TWU for any portion of 1995 must complete a tax return.** For details, call Doris Key (admissions) at ext. 3048.

TWU sophomore or juniors interested in applying for Morris K. Udall Scholarships (which focus mainly on the areas of environmental engineering, natural sciences, natural resources management, social sciences and Native American public policy) are invited to contact Dr. Jeffrey Robb (history and government), CFO 911, for more information at ext. 2148. *The deadline for nominations is March 8, 1996*; scholarships will be awarded in May and cover all eligible expenses up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year. To be eligible, a student must be a current full-time sophomore or junior; must be pursuing a bachelor's degree; must be a U.S. citizen, resident alien or U.S. national; and intend to pursue a career in environmental public policy or be a Native American or Alaska Native and intend to pursue a career in health care or tribal public policy.

Date changed: The department of visual arts is sponsoring an art workshop and portfolio review for high school art students on Sat., Feb. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., instead of Sat., Feb. 17. The cost for the event, titled "University Visual Arts Experience," is \$10 per student and includes lunch and materials. *Participants must pre-register by Thurs., Feb. 1.* Registration forms are available from Dr. Betty Copeland (visual arts) at P.O. Box 425469, Denton, TX 76204-54659. Call her at ext. 2530 for more information.

Reminder: Nominations of TWU students for the Outstanding Senior Award are sought by the TWU National Alumnae Association. These nominations must be submitted by Fri., March 1, for the Denton campus and the Institute of Health Sciences Dallas and Houston Centers. Student nominations from Denton should be sent to the alumni office; from Dallas to Dr. Michael Laman; and from Houston to Dr. Kathryn Stream. The awards will be presented during Honors Convocation on April 18, 1996. Details regarding the nomination process and necessary information may be obtained from the alumni office. *Faculty and staff are encouraged to seriously consider students who may qualify for this important honor.* For details, call Donna Ryan at ext. 2586.

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TOSS (TWU Office Support Staff) will hold a chili pie/bake sale in the lobbies of ASB and CFO on Wed., Jan. 31, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by to have dinner before class or take some home! For details, call Carol Stanley (Graduate School) at ext. 3415.

Reminder: TOSS (TWU Office Support Staff) is offering its seventh annual TOSS staff scholarship to staff members who are enrolled in classes this semester. "One \$150 scholarship will be awarded for spring 1996 to a permanent full-time or part-time staff member at TWU who is enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses at TWU during the spring semester," said Dorothy Irelan (institutional advancement), who is chair of the TOSS scholarship committee. Interested staff members can request an application from Irelan by calling 8-1-3870 or by visiting her on ACT 2. Membership in TOSS is not a requirement for persons who wish to apply. **Completed applications and recommendation forms must be received by Irelan in her office no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 1.** Call Irelan for more information.

The office of student development thanks everyone who donated to the TWU CAN tree in December: financial aid, Patricia Devereaux (history and government), the Single Parent Network, SATO Travel, Student Organizations for Communication Sciences, Texas State Thespians, student development, HOLA, student health services, continuing education, the bookstore and supply store, Counseling Center, conference services, NPC, NPHC and Greek council, an anonymous donor, TWU Spirit Group, Marriott Food Services, student activities, the Graduate School, Mortar Board, Sigma Gamma Rho, and the office of career and employment services.

Reminder: The TWU faculty awards committee is seeking nominations from Denton, Dallas and Houston for the National Recognition Program for Academic Advising, sponsored by the American College Testing Program, and the National Academic Advising Association. Eligible persons include any individual (faculty, staff, administrator, counselor, etc.) involved in academic advising for students. Send all nomination materials to Dr. Carolyn Rozier, faculty awards committee, in the TWU School of Physical Therapy through campus mail or mail them to her at P.O. Box 425766, Texas Woman's University, Denton TX 76204; materials may be faxed to 8-1-2486 from Dallas or Houston. *All nominations and supporting documents must be received by noon on Wed., Feb. 21, 1996.* For more information, call Rozier at ext. 2460.

Open rec volleyball and basketball are offered every Tuesday and Thursday night from 8 to 10 p.m. in the main gym. Anyone interested in participating can call ext. 3612.

Reminder: TWU's annual "Soul Food Dinner," sponsored by the multicultural committee of SOAP, will be held on Thurs., Feb. 1, at 5:30 p.m., SC 207-208. The committee is seeking volunteers who can provide food and help serve -- plus those people who want to come and simply enjoy the event. To volunteer or to ask questions, call the office of student activities at ext. 3611.

A support group for women of color has been started through the TWU Counseling Center. Group sessions are scheduled every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the center. "The purpose of this group is to provide a supportive and safe environment in which women of color can share their concerns and receive support from group members," said Dr. Don Rosen (Counseling Center). Group sessions will begin as soon as five women choose to participate and will continue through April 23; facilitators will be Hazel Prelow and Valerie Lemon. Call ext. 2900 for details.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Dr. **Bill Anderson** (family sciences) has received notification that Brunner/Mazel will publish an edited volume titled *Handbook of Family Therapy in Later Life*. Anderson has written one chapter for the book, titled "Dying and Death in Aging Intergenerational Families."

Drs. **Carlton Wendel** (chemistry and physics) and **Ruth Caswell** (reading and bilingual education), Kathleen Filkins (East Texas State University) and Karla Nelson (Denton Independent School District), along with several grant teachers, gave a presentation titled "Sci Masters for YOU -- Activities Integrating Key Concepts from All Science Disciplines" at the national Science Teachers Association conference in San Antonio last December.

Dr. **Michelle Richards** (family sciences) presented two two-hour workshops during the annual conference of the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy in Austin on Feb. 3. The first workshop was titled "Theory and Intervention for Working with Black Clients" and the second was titled "Special Issues in Working with Middle-Class African Americans."

A warm welcome to **Tom Newell**, new assistant director of telecommunications and networking resources who joined TWU recently. Newell previously worked in the telecommunications department at the University of North Texas.

Dr. **Karen Jackson** (psychology and philosophy), president-elect of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society of Psychology, presented *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*, the first issue of the new undergraduate research journal, at the National Council of Psi Chi mid-winter meeting in Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 18-21. This issue will be distributed to 1,000 Psi Chi chapters in departments of psychology at colleges and universities across the United States later this spring.

Dr. **Janette Schkade** (Occupational Therapy) and recent MOT graduate **Paula Berg Pasek** co-authored an article titled "Effects of a Skiing Experience on Adolescents with Limb Deficiencies: An Occupational Adaptation Perspective" that appeared in the January issue of the *Journal of Occupational Therapy*.

Dr. **Carlton Wendel** (chemistry and physics), Kathleen Filkins (East Texas State University) and Debra Bennett (S & S Consolidated ISD), along with several grant teachers gave a presentation titled "Catch the Concept -- Classroom-Ready Activities Integrating Concepts from Many Science Disciplines" at the Advancement of Science Teaching conference in Corpus Christi last November.

Dr. **Elizabeth Cary Mungall** (biology) was interviewed for an article in the *Dallas Morning News* on Dec. 17 about her involvement with the management of hoofed animals of foreign species raised on Texas ranch lands, plus the effects of the Texas exotic animal industry on the state's economy and environment. Information for the article was based on the interview and on materials in Mungall's recent book, *Exotics on the Range*.

Representing the Center for Research on Women's Health, Drs. **Sydney Bonnicks**, **Barney Sanborn** and **Nancy DiMarco**, plus **Lori Lewis** and **David Nichols**, attended the Society for Clinical Densitometry's second annual conference in Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 17-21. Sanborn, Lewis and Nichols served as assistant instructors during the DXA certification courses for LUNAR -- one manufacturer of bone densitometers.

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Bonnick was a member of the DXA certification course committee that oversaw course instructors. She also was elected to the Society for Clinical Densitometry's board of trustees. The event drew more than 300 physicians and medical staffs nationwide who currently use, or who are interested in beginning, bone densitometry measurements in their practices or at their universities.

Dr. **Carol Surles** (president's office) has been appointed to serve on the finance committee for the Alliance for Higher Education, based in Dallas.

Dr. **Rodney Short** (educational leadership) delivered a motivational presentation during a Muenster Chamber of Commerce annual banquet in January.

Ann Hatch (public information) was guest speaker for a public relations class at the University of North Texas on Jan. 25. She discussed public relations careers and crisis communications in Dr. Metta Carstarphen's class; Carstarphen is a TWU alum.

Congratulations to **Vicki Byrd** (public safety), who recently returned to work following the birth of daughter Kaela. Kaela was born Nov. 8 to Vicki and her husband, Rod.

Fashion design major **Li Fen Chang** (Annie) recently took several honors in competitions featuring garments she created in her graduate fashion design class. She received the first place fine arts fashion award in the category of ready-to-wear for a blue silk, tiered day dress. The contest, held in January by the Textiles and Costume Institute of the Museum of Fine Arts, was open to professional designers and students. She also was the Texas state winner in the adult division of the National Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Competition in December 1995 for her chartreuse wool and black rabbit fur-trimmed, two-piece, military-styled suit.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4, 1996

Nov. 1-Feb. 28 -Blagg-Huey Library Exhibit: "The Ribbon," panels of exhibits to recall the first use of the atomic bomb 50 years ago; all day. (Ext. 3752)

Jan. 15-Feb. 16 -Visual Arts exhibit: "African American Extended Family," Fine Arts Gallery, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (Ext. 2530)

Feb. 1-March 1 -Blagg-Huey Library Exhibit: "Elehcim's Art Works," art by Michelle Washington; Woman's Collection reading room, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Mon.-Thurs. -Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.-midnight.

Jan. 29-Feb. 4 -Bookstore open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

-Learning Assistance brown bag seminar: "Get a Grip: Managing Time for Success," CFO 106, 12:15-1 p.m. (Ext. 2046)

Mon., Jan. 29 -Blagg-Huey Library training: Research Tools 102 "You're First with First Search," SH, 11 a.m. (Ext. 3702)

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- Blagg Huey Library training: Basics 101 "Your Tour Guide Awaits - Library," information desk, 2 p.m. (Ext. 3702)
- Blagg-Huey Library training: Research Tools 101 "On with the Online Catalog: IRIS," information desk, library, 3 p.m. (Ext. 3702)
- Wed., Jan. 31
 - TOSS chili pie/bake sale, ASB And CFO lobbies, 5:30-8 p.m.
 - Blagg-Huey Library training: Research Tools 101 On with the Online Catalog: IRIS," information desk, library, 3 p.m. (Ext. 3702)
- Thurs., Feb. 1
 - Academic scholarship application deadline for 1996-97 academic scholarship, Denton financial aid office, 5 p.m. (Ext. 3050)
 - Business and Economics welcome back party, SC 207-208, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Ext. 2111)
 - Blagg-Hey Library training: Research Tools 103 Revealing CARL Uncover," SH 313, 4 p.m. (Ext. 3702)
 - SOAP: "Soul Food Dinner," SC 207-208, 5:30 p.m. (Ext. 3611)
- Fri., Feb. 2
 - Blagg-Huey Library open 8 a.m.- 9 p.m.
 - Bookstore open 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 - Psychology workshop: "Single Session Therapy," co-sponsored by the FNTAU; ACT 501, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Ext. 2312)
 - Committee for campus climate and community: Student assistant workshop, SC 110, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Ext. 3601)
 - Blagg Huey Library training: Research Tools 117 Internet: Law and Legislation, SH 313, 2:30 p.m. (Ext. 3702)
 - Biology seminar: APOA-1 and PEPCK Genes in Transferred MDCK Cells," Fanglin Wei; CFO 205, 3 p.m. (Ext. 2351)
 - University Club social hour: Grace & George Gilkeson's home, 5-7 p.m.
- Sat., Feb. 3
 - Blagg-Huey Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
 - Bookstore closed.
- Sun., Feb. 4
 - Blagg-Huey Library open 2 p.m.-midnight.
 - Bookstore closed.

OTHER EVENTS

- Feb. 2-4
 - Conference services: NANDA nursing seminar. (Ext. 3642)