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**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY SCHEDULED**

The TWU Professional Development Committee and the Staff C will present the Second Annual Staff Professional Development "Expanding the Vision," on Thursday, May 16. The event will take place from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. on ACT 2.

The event provides staff members an opportunity for professional development and networking with other staff members. Staff members also can gain increased knowledge of contacts at the university, receive assistance and support.

The day will begin with a continental breakfast, followed by three sessions. Speakers are Connie Sitterly (School of Management "Service from the Inside Out;" Don Rosen (Counseling Service: "Dealing with Change;" and Susan Wittjen (DHHS/Baylor Subcampus 6/02 Moseley), with "Ethics in the Workplace." The event will conclude with a pizza luncheon with guest speaker Dr. Wilkes Berry (Procurement Office) and entertainment provided by the Daughters of the Piv

To register, or for more information, contact Tracy Lindsay, Office of Research and Grants Administration, at 8-1-3377 or e-mail [tlindsay@twu.edu](mailto:tlindsay@twu.edu).

## **CHANGES IN STORE AT WELLNESS SERVICES**

Wellness Services will undergo a number of changes in the coming weeks, according to director John Cissick.

Delivery of new equipment is scheduled by the end of May. Wellness Services will receive a new EFX 556 (an elliptical trainer with a motion) and a new Stairmaster 4600 CL, which Cissick describes as "state-of-the-art stepper." New dumbbells and abdominal trainers will be added.

Equipment also is being purchased for youth programs scheduled for summer. The programs will be advertised in mid-May, with registration opened to the public at that time. Any faculty or staff member interested in enrolling his or her children should contact Cissick at 2901. Space is limited.

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**CHANGES, continued**

Beginning this summer, new members will receive a complimentary fitness assessment and exercise prescription as part of their membership. "We feel this is an extremely important service to offer, as it orients new members to the equipment and policies of Wellness," Cissick said. "It also aids members in achieving their goals by starting them on the right path toward health and fitness." To perform this service, Wellness will hire fitness staff to be on the fitness floor to assist members with their exercise technique, spotting, answering questions, etc. To pay for these new services, Wellness will raise the application fee for new members beginning this summer, from \$25 to \$50. This will not affect faculty, staff, or students — it will affect only new members from outside the university.

Wellness is continuing "Complimentary Massage Monday" from 4 to 6 p.m. on the last three Mondays of each month. This takes place in Jones Hall and is available to members and non-members alike. Sign up ahead of time or just drop by and receive a complimentary chair massage.

The outdoor pool will open on Friday, May 24. Registration for swim lessons takes place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at Wellness Services in Jones Hall. The pool will be open for recreational swimming daily from noon until 7 p.m.

The summer also will bring an increase in personal training fees, effective June 3. Cissick said the increase is necessary in helping Wellness retain its qualified and experienced personal training staff. Members may purchase as many sessions as they wish at the old rate until June 3. For more information on the new fees, contact Travis Fulton at 8-1-2918.

## **ADMISSIONS ANNOUNCES RECRUITING TEAM**

The admissions office has announced the names of students who will represent TWU in the coming year as members of the Pioneer Admissions Recruiting Team (PART).

PART is an ongoing recruiting initiative that involves current TWU students in recruitment efforts. Students — who were nominated by faculty, staff and administrators — were required to have been enrolled in at least one semester at TWU; to have a TWU grade point average of 2.5; currently be enrolled in 12 undergraduate or six graduate hours; and show leadership, initiative and school spirit.

The students and their majors are Delilah Alexander (business management), Katie Boehm (health studies), Chelsea Cunningham (nursing), Shannon Davis (mass communications), Alisha Domino (nursing), Staci Eason (family and consumer sciences), Lauri Engleman (kinesiology), Kimberly Gay (mass communications), Jamie George (sociology/women's studies), Rebeca Gonzales (bilingual education), Stephanie Gonzales (nursing), Damita Hardy (education), Candace Johnson (nursing), Quanisha Johnson (nursing), Rebecca Mermis (early childhood development), Mattilyn Merrell (nursing).

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**RECRUITING, continued**

Also, Tameka Moffet (nursing), Emily Mohn (kinesiology), Amanda Nelson (history), Thi Nguyen (health studies), Jennifer Ogbeide (psychology), Cheryl Owolo (bilingual education), Erica Robinson (social work), Chataque Smith (mass communications), Patricia Sosa-Sanchez (bilingual education), Kendria Street (mass communications), Constance Thigpen (nursing), Catherine Vesey (elementary education), Stevette Walton (social work/sociology), and Von Wesley (fashion merchandising).

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**SYMPOSIUM ON SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION  
SCHEDULED**

The TWU Office of Bilingual/ESL Education Programs will host the 3rd Annual Symposium on Second Language Acquisition and Cultural Diversity on Saturday, June 22 in the MCL Building.

The purpose of the symposium is to provide educators with practical "nuts and bolts" information they can use in their classrooms.

This year's event will feature two keynote speakers — professor/educator Dr. Barbara Flores, California State University, San Bernardino; and Dr. Carmen Tafolla, internationally acclaimed poet and author from San Antonio.

Information on registration, program proposals, and exhibitors is available online at [www.twu.edu/lifelong](http://www.twu.edu/lifelong). Anyone with questions or comments should contact Juanita Duenez-Lazo, symposium coordinator, at 8-1-2237 or e-mail at [jduenezlazo@twu.edu](mailto:jduenezlazo@twu.edu).

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## **MBRS PROGRAM AWARDED GRANT**

Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants) has announced that the Multi-ethnic Biomedical Research Support Program at TWU was awarded a \$501,172 grant from PHS-National Institutes of Health. Dr. Lynda Uphouse (biology) was the principal investigator for the project.

The objectives of the program for the four-year funding period are to train 10 minority MBRS graduate and undergraduate students in the pursuit of research; to encourage five minority freshman undergraduates per year to choose biomedical science and research participation as part of their career goals and to assist them in the successful completion of this goal; to increase the retention rate of MBRS undergraduate participants at TWU to 90 percent; to increase the percentage of MBRS undergraduate participants who pursue advanced degrees to 75 percent; to increase the percentage of MBRS master's students who

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pursue the Ph.D. to at least 50 percent; to increase the percentage of doctoral MBRS graduates who attain postdoctoral positions in biomedical research to 100 percent; to increase the Graduate Readiness Exam score of MBRS undergraduate and graduate master's participants by an average of 150 points.

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**TWU TO PARTICIPATE IN VIDEOCONFERENCING SEMINAR**

TWU will share its videoconferencing experiences Wednesday, May 22 in Galveston as Gordon Sallee and Ivan Lee (instructional support services) present "From Legacy to Legend" at the annual Trans-Texas Video Network Conference. The conference is sponsored by Texas A&M University.

Wallace Campbell (instructional support services) will assist with the visual and sound aids for the presentation, which will begin with the first generation videoconference systems, acquired in 1994. The presentation also will cover the migration process as technologies changed, and will end with a state-of-the-art distance education classroom, production studio and a combined monitoring control center, to be completed in time for the fall 2002 semester.

Dr. Ann Stuart (president's office) brought the vision of a production classroom for distance education when she came to TWU. Her vision will be shared with universities, colleges and high schools throughout the state during this presentation, which also will include a pre-recorded greeting from Bill Palmertree (information services) and an invitation for each conference attendee to visit the TWU campus in the fall.

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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, by fax to 8-1-3463 or by e-mail to info@twu.edu. The deadline to receive information is every other Tuesday 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.**

Senior citizens interested in learning about "tall tales" can take a free course titled Introduction to Folklore, offered through the TWU Office of Lifelong Learning and Denton Good Samaritan Village. The course will be offered June 4, June 11 and June 18 from 2-3:15 p.m. at Good Samaritan Village in Denton, 2500 Hinkle. To register, call (940) 383-6346. The course is open to persons age 50 and older. Dr. Phyllis Bridges, TWU professor of English and vice president of the Texas Folklore Society, will be the instructor. Persons attending all three classes will receive a certificate of completion and continuing education credits from TWU.

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## **NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

During the May-Mester, the Baker's Dozen will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sandwich combos with chips and a drink, salads and fruit salads are offered for lunch. A selection of coffee with pastry specials is offered for breakfast.

The application fee for international students applying after Sept. 1, 2002 will be \$50 instead of \$30. All inquiries should be directed to the International Education Office at 8-1-3338.

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## **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.).*

Dr. **Carolyn Rozier** will retire as dean of the School of Physical Therapy effective Aug. 31. As of Sept. 1, the School of Physical Therapy will become a unit within the College of Health Sciences under the administrative direction of Dr. **Jean Pyfer**. There will continue to be two associate deans of physical therapy — one located in Dallas and one in Houston. The physical therapy office located in Denton will be closed by mid-August.

Dr. **Laurie J. Bonnici** has been appointed director of the School of Library and Information Services effective June 1. Bonnici, a visiting assistant professor at Florida State University will succeed current director Dr. **Keith Swigger**, who also serves as dean of the College of Professional Education.

**Dianne Baker** (athletics) was named Coach of the Year in the Lone Star Conference.

Dr. **John A. Calabrese** (art) presented two lectures at the North Texas Area Art League meeting on May 2. He discussed Spanish art in one lecture and his own art in the other lecture.

Dr. **Remigus Ihekweba**, **Stephanie Thomas-Garcia** and **Melissa Durham** (international education) will attend the annual NAFSA: Association of International Educators meeting May 27-31. Student assistants will be available to answer general inquiries during that time.

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## **THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: MAY 13-26, 2002**

May 13-17

- 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.

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**CALENDAR, continued**

May 16-19

- Negotiation Mediation. For information, contact the Office of Lifelong Learning at 8-1-3408.

Sat., May 18

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., May 19

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

May 20-24

- 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.

Sat., May 25

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sun., May 26

- Library closed; bookstore closed; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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