

REMINDER: HOLIDAY RECEPTIONS SET

Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) invites TWU faculty and staff to join her for a holiday celebration in Pioneer Hall on Thurs., Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please join members of the campus community for the event and a chance to wish one another well during the holiday season.

On Dec. 4 at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Houston Center, Stuart and Dr. Kathryn Stream (vice provost's office) -- as well as the staff development committee -- have invited Houston Center faculty and staff members to attend a holiday luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the recreation room (south residence hall). Participants should bring their favorite dessert and make a reservation with Sharon Hopkins, MJG 920.

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CHANCELLOR SENDS SECC CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) sends kudos to TWU faculty and staff in Denton, Dallas and Houston who contributed to the 2000-2001 State Employee Charitable Campaign.

"I extend congratulations to the TWU family -- Denton, Dallas and Houston -- on the overwhelming success of the 2000 SECC campaign," said Stuart in a campuswide message last week. "Thank you for being so generous with your support and for your participation in a most worthy cause. I commend the steering committee members, the committee co-chairs and the departmental representatives for your superb leadership in this year's campaign.

"We can be proud of our campaign statistics. In Denton, the amount donated was \$37,415.28; the goal was \$36,000, and the total represents a 7 percent increase over last year. In Dallas, employees gave \$13,864; their goal was \$12,000, and that total is 22.9 percent more than last year's donations. In Houston, faculty and staff donated \$4,899, a 1.7 percent increase over last year's total. Our participation rate in Denton was 35.9 percent, compared to 22 percent last year. Dallas and Houston participation

rates were 70 percent and 30 percent, compared to 72 percent and 18.7 percent in 1999-2000. Congratulations!"

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PROFESSOR'S CORNER SCHEDULED

The next gathering of the "Professor's Corner" will held on Wed., Dec. 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Denton public library's south branch, 3228 Teasley Lane. The purpose of the monthly series is to give area English professors and doctoral students an opportunity to share their special interests with the general public through informal presentations that encourage discussion. Gatherings are held the second Wednesday of specified months in the evening, beginning at 7 p.m.

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Dr. Theresa Flowers from the department of English at the University of North Texas is the featured speaker for December; she will discuss "Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *The Yellow Wallpaper*." The program is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2343 or at ssouris@iglobal.net.

Gilman's classic story, published in 1892, is about a woman who is suffering from postpartum depression. Her condition is made worse by a husband and a medical profession that fail to understand her needs.

Manageable selections from the texts are available in photocopied form for take-home reading from the main and south branches of the Denton Public Library one month in advance. Copies of *The Yellow Wallpaper* are available in a folder on reserve (at DPL-Central, ask at the adult services information desk; at DPL-South, ask at the circulation desk). Anyone interested in the session may take home one photocopy of the reading.

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REP AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Eight new faculty members have received funds from the TWU Research Enhancement Program for their research and creative activities. "The research support committee recently evaluated proposals to the Research Enhancement Program that they received from new faculty -- those within their first three years of their appointment at TWU," said Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants). "A total of \$40,831 in funding will support their projects."

Faculty members and their projects are listed below.

- *Dr. Kyle Biggerstaff* (kinesiology) -- \$5,969 for "Influence of Serum Triglycerides and Exercise on Insulin Responses Following an Oral Glucose Challenge";
- *Dr. Ellina Valerievna Grigorieva* (mathematics and computer science) -- \$2,812 for "Optimal Control of Microeconomic Models";
- *Dr. Brenda Hail* (Nursing, Houston) -- \$6,000 for "Inner Strength in HIV Infected Men";
- *Dr. Misty Hook* (psychology and philosophy) -- \$4,812 for "Let Me Show You: Mentors, Role Models and Multiple Role Planning of Young Women";
- *Dr. Ann Malecha* (Nursing, Houston) -- \$6,000 for "Barriers of Screening for Domestic Violence in the Workplace: A Study with Occupational Health Nurses";
- *Dr. Toni Roddey* (Physical Therapy, Houston) -- \$6,000 for "The Power of Touch: How Much Influence Does Physical Contact Have with Patients with Shoulder Impingement Syndrome over Those Receiving Standard Care? A Pilot Study";
- *Dr. Mary Snyder* (Library and Information Studies) -- \$5,900 for "Interactive HIV Prevention Education for Adolescents: A Meta-Analysis and Evaluation Study"; and
- *Dr. Kathryn Tart* (Nursing, Houston) -- \$3,338 for "Critical Thinking and the Nursing Care Plan: Measurement of Outcomes Impacting Nursing Practice."

"The Research Enhancement Program is the university's support of the research and creative activities of the faculty," added Ferstl. "The primary purpose of the program is to provide seed money so that a faculty member will be able to compete more successfully for larger grants from outside sources for continuation of the research project or creative activity."

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LOOKING FOR SANTA'S HELPERS

Calling all helpers for the Silent Santa program -- interested TWU faculty, staff and students included! A

Denton-area program is seeking help from volunteers who can help in one or more of three ways: first, by donating new, unwrapped gifts; next by making a tax-deductible contribution; and finally by helping with gift distribution. The TWU Staff Council is sponsoring the project on TWU's campus.

For those persons interested in donating a new, unwrapped gift, a collection box is located on ACT 1 near the mailroom. Items most needed and requested include: warm clothing -- such as sleepers, blankets, sweaters and jackets -- and diapers for infants to age two. Gifts for children ages 12 to 14 years also are needed, including suggestions such as hand-held video games, curling irons, hair dryers, sports balls/equipment, make-up sets, headset radios, skateboards and scooters.

Tax deductible donations can be made to Silent Santa/HelpNET and dropped off in TWU's donation box on ACT 1; send them through campus mail to Raedean Bolton (financial aid); or mail them to Silent Santa/HelpNET, P.O. Box 1607, Denton TX 76202. Call Bolton at 8-1-3502 for information or to request a collection box for a specific building.

Volunteers also are needed on Sat., Dec. 16, to distribute gifts to parents of recipients from 6:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Bolton or send an e-mail to her at ebolton@twu.edu for more information or to volunteer. Spanish-speaking volunteers are needed as well. Beneficiaries will include the Denton County Toy Store, the Owsley Christmas program, Denton County Housing Authority Christmas program, Denton Independent School District Christmas assistance, Sanger's Little Angel, the Ponder Christmas program, Shepherd's Storehouse and the Denton Police Association's "Shop with a Cop" program.

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FACULTY GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Several TWU faculty members have received grants this fall from local, state and federal agencies for research or teaching, according to Dr. Sondra Ferstl (research and grants). Recipients and their projects are described below.

- *Dr. Linda Marshall* (sociology and social work) received \$121,756 from the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services for the project titled "Strengthening the Bachelor of Social Work Program at TWU" from Sept. 1, 2000, through Aug. 31, 2001. The project contract between TWU and TDPRS provides specialized child welfare training to undergraduate social work students as they complete their Bachelor of Social work degrees, as well as field practicum experiences at the state agency in Child Protective Services. "The project should increase the number and qualifications of BSW graduates who enter child welfare practice, ultimately increasing the number and qualifications of practitioners who are well-prepared for CPS work," said Marshall.
- *Dr. Vicky MacLean* (Institute for Women's Health) was awarded a \$7,001 grant from United Way of Denton County Inc. for a project titled "Planning for Community-Oriented Health Systems" that began on Sept. 1, 2000, and continues through Jan. 15, 2001. The project assesses the health

utilization patterns of Denton community residents who are not covered by traditional forms of insurance (uninsured or underinsured).

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- "The research will assess and summarize agency-level data from the major health providers in the larger Denton area who are partnering on this project -- Denton Community Hospital, Denton Regional Medical Center, the health department, MHMR and the Denton Independent School District nurses program," explained MacLean.
- *Dr. Jim Alexander* (history and government) has received a grant of \$400,460 from the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas for the "Law Enforcement Management Institute 2000-2001," beginning Sept. 1, 2000, through Aug. 31, 2001. TWU has provided instruction through LEMI to law enforcement managers for a number of years and is a partner with several other universities in the institute.
- *Dr. Charlotte Sanborn* (Institute for Women's Health) has been awarded a \$61,620 grant from the Public Health Service of the National Institutes of Health for the project "Effect of Exercise and Calcium on the Growing Bone." The grant period began April 1, 2000, and ends on March 31, 2001. "An important aspect of preventing osteoporosis is to increase peak bone mass. It would appear that the most critical time and best opportunity for increasing peak bone mass would be in children," explained Sanborn. "However, to date, the impact of an exercise and/or a nutrition education program specifically geared toward increasing bone mass in children is not known. Our overall goal is to prevent the occurrence of osteoporosis through lifestyle changes in exercise and nutrition."
- *Dr. Michael Droge* (Center for Student Research Support) received a grant of \$203,700 from the U.S. Department of Education for the project "TWU McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program," effective Oct. 1, 2000, through Sept. 30, 2001. With the grant, TWU will establish a Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program. "The first program goal is to improve the academic preparedness of low-income, first-generation TWU students and underrepresented TWU students so that they can become competitive for admission to graduate schools," said Droge. "The second goal is to increase the number of students who make a successful transition from undergraduate to graduate studies that lead to the doctoral degree." A

total of 20 students from six academic disciplines will be served during each year of funding. Those disciplines initially targeted for the program include English, family sciences, history, government, psychology and sociology/women's studies.

- *Dr. Jeffrey Huber* (Library and Information Studies, Houston) has been awarded a \$25,000 grant by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine for the project "Facilitating Access to Consumer Health Information," beginning Sept. 1, 2000, and ending July 31, 2001. The project will leverage the combined resources of TWU and the Dallas Public Library to facilitate access to consumer health information in the Dallas area.
- *Dr. Jeffrey Huber* (Library and Information Studies, Houston) also received a grant of \$39,978 for the project "Dallas AIDS Information Network"; the grant period began on Sept. 30, 2000, and ends on March 31, 2002. Funding from the grant will create the Dallas AIDS Information Network. DAIN will supply work stations at three community sites frequented by individuals who are affected by HIV/AIDS and those at risk for infection. "The project also will provide extensive training for members of the community on the use of electronic information resources," said Huber.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Information and news about activities, programs or TWU people may be sent to Ann Hatch (public information), editor, either through campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu or ahatch@twu.edu. The weekly deadline to receive information is 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.

TWU Update is published weekly (and posted online) for faculty, staff and other audiences. The deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week.

Reminder: Have your cake and eat it, too! A select audience is in for a sweet treat at TWU during a dessert theater performance in December featuring the talents of students in the Musical Theatre Ensemble. The group will present *How About Love?* -- a revue of pieces about contemporary love from shows such as *Rent*, *Follies*, *Company*, *Into the Woods* and *Changing Lanes*. The ensemble will perform in a cabaret setting, and audience members will be served dessert and beverages as they enter the performance area. The event will be held on Dec. 4 at 8 p.m. in the banquet room of Hubbard Hall. Tickets are \$7 for adults or \$5 for children, as well as TWU faculty, staff and students. Seating is limited

to 80 persons because of the cabaret-style theater arrangement. Reservations are required; for reservations, call the TWU theatre box office at 8-1-2020.

Celebrate the season during two special days at the TWU bookstore. TWU faculty and staff are invited to the bookstore for refreshments and special discounts on Mon. and Tues., Dec. 4 and 5, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring your TWU ID and receive an additional 10 percent off gift items, clothing and sale merchandise.

Reminder: Get a head start on healthy holiday habits -- eating and exercise -- by signing up for the 12 Days of Wellness from Mon., Dec. 4, through Fri., Dec. 15. The program, sponsored annually by TWU wellness services, involves picking one activity each day from the "wellness list" and then doing it. Examples include taking a walk for 15 minutes, reading for enjoyment or eating three servings of fruit. Wellness services will track each participant's progress. The registration fee is \$15, which includes a 100-percent cotton, long-sleeved T-shirt (while supplies last). Anyone can participate; the activity is not limited to wellness services members. For more information, call 8-1-2934.

Visit the annual holiday open house at student health services on Wed., Dec. 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. in Hubbard Hall (lower level). Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the event, learn about services and celebrate the new facility's first anniversary. Enjoy refreshments, ask questions and meet the staff. For details, call 8-1-3826.

Reminder: December means dance at TWU during an informal concert that precedes the holiday season. Presented by the TWU department of performing arts programs in dance, the DanceMakers 2000 informal concert signals the final performance of the season, featuring works that blend athleticism, humor and theatricality. The program will be held at 4 p.m. on Thurs., Dec. 7, in Redbud Theatre. Admission is free, and the general public is invited. DanceMakers 2000 is coordinated by TWU dance faculty members Mary Williford-Shade and J Hammons (performing arts, dance). For general information or tickets, call the TWU programs in dance at 8-1-2086. For details about the works or for interviews, contact Hammons at 8-1-2089.

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Reminder: The Alamo Travel office at TWU officially will close, effective Dec. 15, 2000, following the retirement of travel consultant Shirley Dane. *A coffee honoring Dane will be held on Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. in the Student Center lobby area by the Alamo Travel office (SC lower level); the campus community is invited to attend.* Alamo Travel will continue to serve TWU from its San Antonio office with two Alamo

representatives -- Rose Gonzalez and Deborah Munoz. Gonzalez will be in Denton on Dec. 11 and 12, and she will stop by campus offices to visit. Beginning Dec. 11, 2000, the new phone number for Alamo Travel will be 1-800-692-5266; their website address is alamotv1@satx.net. When reservations are made, the Alamo office representative will fax a copy of the electronic ticket itinerary to the TWU office placing the travel reservation. Hard-copy tickets will be issued only for international travel. Anyone who has questions about the new travel reservation process should contact Floyd or Robert Tuggle (finance and administration) at 8-1-3505.

Colleague training sessions will be held this week in Stoddard Hall; call Elaine Martin (ITS) at 8-1-3293 for details. The programs are: Tues., Dec. 5 -- "Time Sheets for Non-Exempt Employees," 9 to 9:45 a.m., and "Time Sheets for Exempt Employees," 10 to 10:45 a.m.; Wed., Dec. 6 -- "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," 9 to 10:30 a.m., and "Travel Requisitions," 10:30 to 11 a.m.; and Thurs., Dec. 7 -- "Inquiring into the Student System," 9 to 10:30 a.m., and "Introduction and Overview of Colleague," 11 a.m. to noon.

Reminder: BFA and MFA exhibits continue this week in the East and West galleries of the TWU Fine Arts Building. The galleries are open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.; all shows are free and open to the public. A list of student shows by date includes: Dec. 4 to 8 -- Jason Dibley and Gepna Gershback, both BFAs, photography; and Dec. 11 to 15 -- Merry Fuhrer and Joseph Melancon, both MFAs, painting. Call 8-1-2530.

Reminder: GRE fee waiver certificates are available for qualified financial aid applicants. Eligible students must meet financial need criteria; be U.S. citizens or resident aliens; and be college seniors or unenrolled college graduates. Students who have begun their graduate work do not qualify for the waiver. For more information, call the TWU office of financial aid at 8-1-3050.

Reminder: Persons interested in attending the Texas Technology Showcase -- presented by the Texas Distance Learning Association -- in Dallas on Wed. and Thurs., Dec. 6 and 7, can obtain free tickets from Patricia Nolan (information technology services) at 8-1-3294. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at the Dallas Convention Center in downtown Dallas. Free online registration is available at www.txdla.org/events/showcase.html.

The biology department continues its regular series of free seminars on Fri., Dec. 8. The lecture begins at 3 p.m. in CFO 205. Talks also are scheduled in November. For more information, contact Dr. Fritz Schwalm (biology) at 8-1-2354.

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UPDATE ON TWU PEOPLE

Please submit "People" items (faculty and staff only) to Ann Hatch in public information by campus mail or by e-mail to AHatch@twu.edu! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

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Dr. **John Radcliffe** (nutrition and food sciences, Houston) presented a paper titled "The Use of Arginine to Decrease the Severity of Retinoid-Induced Hypertriglyceridemia" during the annual meeting of the American College of Nutrition, held in Las Vegas. Radcliffe also created a poster presentation, "Nutrition Knowledge, Attitudes and Behaviors of a Group of Obese Women."

Susan kae Grant (visual arts) presented a four-day workshop titled "Photographic Bookmaking" at the International Center for Photography in New York City in October. That month, an article about Grant and her traveling exhibit, "Night Journey," was published in the German magazine *Foto Magazin*. In November, that same exhibit opened at Gallery One in Ann Arbor, Mich. The show was presented in conjunction with "Detroit Focus 2000," an international photography festival featuring 106 photographic exhibitions in the Detroit metroplex area.

Several representatives from TWU were presenters during the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education annual conference in Dallas, held Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. The TACHE higher education summit, titled "Latinos in Higher Education: Beyond the Demographics," included presentations by **Gus Cedillo** (teacher education), Dr. **Carmen Cruz** (Counseling Center), Dr. **Lisa Garza** (sociology and social work), Dr. **Rudy Rodriguez** (teacher education), **Maria Salinas** (teacher education) and **Patrick Vasquez** (intercultural services).

Sympathy is extended to **Governor Jackson** (financial aid) and his family, following the death of his father on Tues., Nov. 28. Services were held on Sat., Dec. 2, at Salem Baptist Church in Linden, Texas.

Faculty members from the department of communication sciences and disorders recently attended the national convention of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association held in Washington, D.C., from Nov. 16 to 19. Dr. **Ann Liebert**, Dr. **Allan Bird** and Dr. **Kathryn DeKemel** presented a computer laboratory session titled "Teaching and Learning at a Distance in Communication Sciences and Disorders. DeKemel presented a poster session, "Improving Language-Learning Disabled Students' Written Narratives," and Dr. **Cynthia Gill** and Bird presented a session titled "TETN Statewide Distance Master's Program Results." Gill and Dr. **Kathy Millay** conducted a session titled "Telephone Strategies for Artificial Larynx Use," and Lieberth presented a session called "Efficacy of the Use of a Web-Based Audiometer." Dr. **Jean Ford** presented a session titled "Language Disorders in Adults: Grand Rounds on Aphasia Group Treatment," and Millay conducted a session titled "Effects of Using 4MAT Teaching with Undergraduate Learners."

THIS WEEK AT TWU: DECEMBER 4-10, 2000

Nov. 27-Dec. 15

- Visual arts: *BFA and MFA Exhibits*, East and West galleries, Fine Arts Building; weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 1-4 p.m.

Dec. 4-7

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dec. 4-5

- Bookstore: Holiday celebration, refreshments/discounts, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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CALENDAR, *continued*

Dec. 4-15

- 12 Days of Wellness.

Mon., Dec. 4

- Performing arts: Music Theater Ensemble, *How About Love* (musical revue and dessert theater), \$5, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Houston: faculty/staff holiday luncheon, rec room, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 5

- ITS: "Time Sheets for Non-Exempt Employees," SH, 9-9:45 a.m.
- ITS: "Time Sheets for Exempt Employees," SH, 10-10:45 a.m.

Wed., Dec. 6

- ITS: "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," SH, 9-10:30 a.m.
- ITS: "Travel Requisitions," SH, 10:30-11 a.m.
- Student health services: holiday open house, HH, 2-4 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 7

- Chancellor's holiday reception for faculty and staff, PH, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Regents meeting: ACT 16, meetings for finance and audit committee and institutional development committee, starts 1 p.m.
- Performing arts, dance: DanceMakers 2000 informal concert, free, Redbud Theatre, 4 p.m.
- ITS: "Inquiring into the Student System," SH, 9-10:30 a.m.
- ITS: "Introduction and Overview of Colleague," SH, 11 a.m.-noon.

Fri., Dec. 8

- Regents meeting: regents initiatives, reports, 7:30 a.m., ACT 16; academic affairs and student life committee meetings, 9 a.m.; public meeting, 1 p.m.
- Library open 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Biology lecture: free, CFO 205, 3 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Central Oklahoma, away (Central Okla. Classic)

Sat., Dec. 9

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Basketball: Pioneers vs. Cameron Univ., away (Central Okla. Classic)

Sun., Dec. 10

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.

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