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TWU, DALLAS ISD PROJECT RECEIVES \$905,000 GRANT

A \$905,030 federal grant awarded to the Texas Woman's University's School of Library and Information Studies will support a collaborative effort to improve school library services for an increasingly diverse student population in the Dallas Independent School District.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services' Librarians for the 21st Century grant will support the A-PLUS project, a partnership between TWU, the DISD and the Universities Center at Dallas. The project will add 45 new librarians to the DISD over the course of the three-year grant.

Through the A-PLUS project, 45 students will complete the alternative district-based school librarian certification program, then go on to complete all requirements for the TWU master's in library science degree. The first cohort of 15 students began training this summer in Dallas. The students will complete nine hours of graduate coursework from TWU, with their tuition and fees covered by the grant. DISD specialists and consultants will provide additional training, with experienced DISD librarians serving as mentors to the students.

According to the project overview, Texas schools are projected to add nearly 1.1 million students over the next 40 years, with most of the increase among non-Anglos. Projections indicate that, by the year 2040, 66.3 percent of students in public education will be Hispanic.

The report shows the disparity between the demographics of the student population and those of the professional librarian staff. According to DISD data, 62.6 percent of the district's students are Hispanic, and 34 percent has limited English proficiency. However, only 2.8 percent of current librarians have multi-language skills.

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded more than \$21 million in grants to 37 universities, libraries and library organizations across the country to recruit and educate a new generation of librarians.

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WOMEN OF MERCURY 13 TOPIC OF TWU'S WOMEN IN AVIATION SYMPOSIUM OCT. 7

They dreamed of becoming astronauts. They passed all the physical and psychological tests. Yet, they were denied the opportunity to go into space for one reason – they were women.

Known as the Mercury 13, the experience of these women pilots in 1961 is the focus of Texas Woman's University's Second Biennial Women in Aviation Symposium Friday, Oct. 7. The symposium will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 7 in the MCL auditorium located on Bell Avenue on TWU's Denton campus. TWU's Department of History and Government and the Friends of the TWU Libraries sponsor the event.

"Shooting Stars, The Women of Mercury 13" features a panel discussion with four of the Mercury 13 – Wally Funk, Irene Leverton, Jerri Truhill and B Steadman. Margaret Weitekamp, curator of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and author of "Right Stuff, Wrong Sex: America's First Women in Space Program," will moderate the panel discussion with book signings and a luncheon to follow.

Admission for the panel discussion is free and no reservations are required. However, tickets for the luncheon must be purchased in advance by calling 8-2133. The luncheon begins at noon and costs \$25 per person, \$15 for students. More information about the symposium can be found at www.twu.edu.

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TWU THEATRE OPENS SEASON WITH 'THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER'

A dinner guest stays longer than expected, much to the chagrin of his hosts, as the Texas Woman's University Theatre Department opens its 2005-2006 season with "The Man Who Came to Dinner" Oct. 6-9.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 6-8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, in The Crystal Ball Room, 115 W. College St. in Denton. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For reservations or more information, contact the TWU Box Office at 8-1-2020.

TWU drama professor Dr. Mary Lou Hoyle directs the production. Cast members include Thomas Stratton of Krum as the irascible Sheridan Whiteside, and Dr. Tony Medlin, TWU assistant professor of drama, and Amber Devlin of Denton as Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, his reluctant hosts.

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RECORD NUMBER EXPECTED FOR TWU FAMILY DAY OCT. 8

A record number of parents, siblings, grandparents, spouses and children of Texas Woman's University students are expected to visit the Denton campus Saturday, Oct. 8, for TWU's Annual Family Day. About 800 students and their family and friends are expected to participate.

The guests will have an opportunity to visit sites on campus, take a hayride, paint tote bags, learn Latin, Country Western or Square dancing, enjoy a picnic lunch, watch armadillo racing, take a trolley tour of Denton's downtown square and participate in TWU's version of the television game show Family Feud. Friends and family of TWU students will pay \$25 each to participate. Children under the age of 12 and TWU students are admitted free when accompanied by a guest.

For more information about the program, call 8-1-3593 or e-mail jgarrett@twu.edu.

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INTERCULTURAL SERVICES CELEBRATES HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Texas Woman's University's Office of Intercultural Services celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with a *Semana de Cultura* (Week of Culture) Oct. 3 - 7. Activities include:

- A Latino/Latina Faculty Staff Luncheon Oct. 4 at the TWU Denton Student Union from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- The Latina Student Organization Fair Oct. 4 at the TWU Denton Student Union from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- *Pachanga* – the annual celebration of food, dancing and piñatas - Oct. 5 at the TWU Denton Student Union Underground 5 to 7 p.m.;
- *Sinceró Fuego Gallery Art Concert* – Fuego y Alma presents a fiery exhibit of UNT's finest Latino musicians and artists Oct. 6 at the University of North Texas Concert Hall from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Admission is \$10. For more information, visit <http://www.fuegoyalma.org/>.
- *Third Annual Latina Student Leadership Conference* featuring keynote speaker Yasmin Davidds, Oct. 7 in Hubbard Hall on TWU's Denton Campus. Registration required

For more information on all these activities, contact TWU's Office of Intercultural Services at 8-1-3634.

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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.

TWU’s College of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International and Beta Beta Houston present “Competent and Confident: The Nurse of the Future” Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon. Part of the Distinguished Fall Lectureship series, the event features Dr. Michael L. Evans, vice president for learning for Texas Health Resources, and will take place in Room MGJ 724 at TWU’s Houston Campus. For more information or to pre-register, call 8-4-2100.

The TWU Denton Campus Institutional Review Board (IRB) is offering a workshop to faculty and students who are conducting research using human participants. “Navigating the Institutional Review Board (IRB) Process” will be held Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registration is required and space is limited. For more information or to register, call 8-1- 3378.

TWU’s Department of Visual Arts will present Dawn Gavin’s “zero/point/position” – an exhibition of three-dimensional drawings created directly on the gallery walls and a variety of media works – Oct. 6 through Oct. 28 in the West Fine Arts Gallery on the Denton campus. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. – Fri. Gavin will present a public lecture at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the gallery, with a closing reception to follow from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Call 8-1-2530 for more information.

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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. Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Dr. Paul Thetford, who taught in the Department of Psychology & Philosophy for many years, passed away Sept. 24 after a long illness. Condolences can be sent to: 401 Sanders Road, Denton, TX 76210.

Joan Edwards (Nursing – Houston) was honored Sept. 14 with a 2005 Nursing Excellence Award from Houston’s Good Samaritan Foundation.

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Dr. Debra Mullen (psychology) is author of “In Defiance of Compulsory Mothering: Voluntarily Childfree Women’s Resistance,” a chapter to be included in the anthology “Victim No More,” which is published by Fernwood Publishing.

The College of Professional Education announces that **Dr. Margaret Compton-Hall** has been appointed as chair of the Department of Reading. Dr. Compton-Hall is an associate professor at TWU and has served as the interim chair of the reading department since June 2004 and has been a TWU faculty member since 1998.

COPE also announces that **Dr. Larry LeFlore** joined TWU on Oct. 1 as the chair of the Department of Family Sciences. Dr. LeFlore comes to TWU from West Virginia University, where he served as the director of various programs and centers including Families and Health, 4-H and Youth, Family and Adult Development.

Dr. Glen Jennings, who served as the interim chair of Family Sciences for the last 14 months, will return to his full-time role as a teaching faculty member in the Family Therapy program.

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AT TWU: OCTOBER 3 TO 16, 2005

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| Mon., Oct. 3 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Graduate & Professional School Fair, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Student
Union |
| Tues., Oct. 4 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Latino/Latina Faculty and Staff Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.,
Student Union 237. 8-1-3634 |
| Wed., Oct. 5 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
- Pachanga, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Student Union Underground. Cost is
price of meal from the Underground. 8-1-3634 |
| Thur., Oct. 6 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
-Pioneer Volleyball vs. Southwestern Oklahoma, 7 p.m., Pioneer
Hall. |
| Fri., Oct. 7 | -Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.;
Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m. |

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CALENDAR, *continued*

- Women in Aviation Symposium, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., MCL auditorium. 8-1-2133.
- Latina Student Leadership Conference, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hubbard Hall, Cost varies. 8-1-3634.

- Sat., Oct. 8
 - Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
 - TWU Family Day, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Denton campus. 8-1-3693
 - School of Physical Therapy Open House, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., TWU Dallas Presbyterian Campus. 8-3-2300.

- Sun., Oct. 9
 - Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 2-10 p.m.
 - Pioneer Soccer vs. Northeastern State, 1 p.m., UNT Recreation Sports Complex

- Mon., Oct. 10
 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

- Tues., Oct. 11
 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.
 - Pioneer Soccer vs. Dallas Baptist, 7 p.m., UNT Recreation Sports Complex

- Wed., Oct. 12
 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
 - Pioneer Volleyball vs. Howard Payne, 6 p.m., Pioneer Hall

- Thur., Oct. 13
 - Library open 7:30-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-midnight.

- Fri., Oct. 14
 - Library open 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Fitness & Recreation open 6 a.m.-10 p.m
 - Pioneer Volleyball Lonestar Crossover Tournament vs. Texas A&M Kingsville, 11 a.m., Pioneer Hall

- Sat., Oct. 15
 - Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 8 a.m.-noon.
 - Pioneer Volleyball Lonestar Crossover Tournament vs. Abilene Christian, 3 p.m., Pioneer Hall

- Sun., Oct. 16
 - Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; bookstore closed; Fitness & Recreation open 2-10 p.m.

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