

## DANCE TO THE MUSIC AT AMPHITHEATER DEDICATION

Celebrate! Celebrate! Dance to the music -- That's exactly what faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends at TWU are invited to do on Sat., Oct. 7, when TWU formally dedicates the Bernice Abreo Fischer Amphitheater. The facility, funded by alumna Bernice Fischer, is centrally located on the TWU Denton campus.

The event kicks off with a 5:30 p.m. dance performance, featuring works by TWU students and faculty from the department of performing arts programs in dance. A reception will be held in the rotunda of the TWU Blagg-Huey Library immediately following the performance. The dedication and the reception are open to the campus community and the general public.

The new green space -- which replaced the TWU Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building -- features a sloping, grassy lawn (just right for blankets and lawn chairs), lighting and a stage that bears the name of Bernice Abreo Fischer. The TWU amphitheater provides a unique setting in Denton for dance, drama and musical productions under the stars, as well as other activities and programs. The stage area includes a special dance floor, plus insets for scenery and lighting, and a new portable sound system. "Bernice Fischer leaves a legacy for Texas Woman's University, its students, faculty and staff -- as well as our community -- that will touch their lives for many years to come," said Jane Erwin (institutional development). "She is humble and very caring, and she loves the cultural arts, too."

TWU's dance company DanceWorks will perform three pieces: "Carmen's Tantalizing Tea Party," choreographed by Elizabeth Gormley de Moraes; "Fists of Spaghetti," choreographed by Stephanie Beauchamp; and "Bushwackers," choreographed by Kim Tap and based on rap and body rhythms. The dancers also will present two excerpts from *Colours: A Musical Allegory*, TWU's first drama production of the fall 2000 season, which opens Oct. 13. (The musical revue is an original script written by TWU students; it was the result of the work of an interdisciplinary class.) TWU's International Folk Dance Company will perform a new folklórico work. Approximately 45 TWU students will be involved in the dance performance.

The amphitheater's namesake, Bernice Fischer, graduated from Texas State College for Women (now TWU) in 1941 with her bachelor's degree in Spanish. She moved to Florida after graduation and then to Alabama, where she spent 32 years as an education specialist for Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala. Fischer retired in 1973 and then traveled with friends to South America, where she met her future husband, Virgil Fischer. They traveled extensively until his death in 1992. Fischer will attend the dedication.

Fischer describes herself as "a Texan by birth, an Alabamian by career and a Nevadan by marriage." A resident of Las Vegas, Fischer donated \$150,000 to TWU for the amphitheater; \$35,000 for the Bernice Fischer Endowment for Faculty Excellence; and \$15,000 to support renovation of one single-parent apartment in TWU's Reagan-Houston Hall.

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## **FAMILY DAY MEANS FUN**

Wanted: TWU students and their family members on Sat., Oct. 7, to join the old-fashioned festivities during TWU's Family Day 2000. Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with registration in the southeast lobby of Hubbard Hall. The cost to participate is \$20 per person; students and children under age 12 are free. "Everyone will find something to enjoy -- face painting, balloon twisting, a picnic, games and music," explained Heather Speed (Center for Student Development). "Come kick up your heels, grab some food and have a wonderful day."

Students also will have a chance to meet faculty members and tour the campus. They will visit the Gowns of the First Ladies of Texas Exhibit and the TWU bookstore, and they will meet Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) for a campus update. Other morning activities include a TWU town hall meeting with Dr. Emily Harbold (academic affairs); Dr. Richard Nicholas (student life); and Nancy Murphy-Chadwick (housing).

A noontime picnic will be followed with a performance by George Allison's country band, and games and other activities continue through the afternoon. TWU Family Day participants also are invited to the dedication of TWU's amphitheater at 5:30 p.m., which will feature a number of dance pieces, followed by a reception in the library. For details, call 8-1-3626.

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## **GET HEALTHY AT WELLFEST 2000**

Are you healthy, hearty and fit? Do you need an immunization, or do you want to know more about how to make lifestyle changes that will help you quit smoking, lose weight and feel better? If so, visit Wellfest 2000 at TWU on Tues., Oct. 3. Health services and information will be offered; some tests and screens are available for a specified fee, while others are free. The general public is invited.

Wellfest activities will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the TWU Wellness Center in Jones Hall. Blood work and immunizations will begin at 6:30 a.m. Appointments for blood work are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcomed. Persons interested in osteoporosis and stroke screenings should call in advance for an appointment at 8-1-2900.

The following health screenings will be available (costs are noted): flu immunization, \$12; pneumonia immunization, \$20; master chemistry blood work, \$18; lipid profile, \$10; hypothyroid profile, \$10; prostatic specific antigen (PSA), \$20; ovarian cancer screening, \$40; complete blood count (CBC), \$10; female profile (master chemistry blood work, CBC and hypothyroid), \$40; male profile (master chemistry blood work, CBC and PSA), \$40; tetanus immunization, \$10; osteoporosis screening, \$40; stroke screening, \$40; and blood typing, \$15.

Free screenings for hearing, vision, HIV and depression will be offered.

Free information will be provided about women's health, alcohol awareness, lifestyle programs, blood pressure, senior fitness, personal trainers, epilepsy services, shelter services, nutrition, personal safety, campus recreation, fire safety, organ donation education and chair massage. A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Texas also will be on site to answer questions about that health care program. For more information, call 8-1-2900.

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## **DRAMA SEASON STARTS WITH COLOURS**

Described as a "work in progress," *Colours* kicks off the 2000-2001 theatrical season at TWU in October. The show will be staged Oct. 13 to 17 at 8 p.m. in Redbud Theatre; a 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled on Oct. 15. Ticket prices are: \$12 for adults; \$9 for TWU faculty and staff, senior citizens and non-TWU students; and \$5 for TWU students and children under age 12.

"*Colours* is a fast-paced musical revue that looks at life through a kaleidoscope of hues," said Sharon Bengé (performing arts, drama). "*Colours* was created through a year-long process during which

dialogues, songs and dances were developed and polished. The play continued to progress in workshops, much in the same fashion as the Broadway musical *A Chorus Line*. An invited audience last spring helped the creators learn more about material that they revised over the summer for the upcoming production."

This original revue, which students helped to create, also is TWU's entry for the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival competition. The show travels to the first KC/ACTF event on Oct. 28 at Collin County Community College. Winners proceed to a regional competition and on to the final stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. *Colours* also will be entered in competition for "Best Original Script" in the region.

Directed by Nikki Silva, the company includes Cicely Binford, Catherine Cockrell, Jenny English, Cris Galvan and Andy Gosnell. Members of the ensemble group are Jamica Hooks, Jenae Yerger, Joe Zamora, Dennis Sloan and Zack Schrotter. TWU performing arts faculty members Stuart Younse and J Hamons are directing music and choreography, respectively.

The cabaret-style scenery is designed by Marketa Fantova, and the colorful costumes have been created by Madeline Kleid. Michele Bordeaux is serving as lighting designer, and Jerry Dawson is coordinating sound design. Kirk Corley is serving as technical director, and Stephanie Rauch is dramaturg. A three-piece combo will accompany the musical numbers.

For box office reservations, call 8-1-2020. For more information about the production, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

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## **STUDENT CENTER FEATURES STUDENT ART GALLERY SHOW**

The Student Art Exhibit Center at TWU is featuring its first annual Art Scholarship Show, which opened Sept. 18 and continues through Oct. 6 in SC 010. A closing reception will be held on Tues., Oct. 3, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The show features works in various media by TWU undergraduate and graduate students who have received scholarships from the department of visual arts during the past year. The show is free and open to the general public; gallery hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays and noon to 6 p.m. on weekends. For more information, call the TWU Student Center office at 8-1-3641 or send e-mail to Daniel Draney at [ddraney@gallery13.com](mailto:ddraney@gallery13.com)

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## **STAFF COUNCIL MARKS ITS FIRST YEAR**

The TWU Staff Council is celebrating the initial year of its existence at TWU as the first elected, representative body for staff on all campuses. The council comprises representatives of the more than 16 staff job families in Denton, Dallas and Houston. Each job family elects one representative for every 29 people in the family. Representatives serve for two years, and they also serve on one of the council's six committees: election; human resources issues; executive; communications; professional development; and service.

Co-chair Susan Phillips said, "Beginning with our first meeting, Staff Council representatives wanted to make an immediate difference for all staff. We have made progress during the past year, although not quite at the pace we had envisioned. We've learned valuable lessons along the way -- the most important of which is that newly-formed representative organizations have to take the long view and work first to establish a strong foundation that they then can build on. This truly is a lesson in personal and professional growth."

The council views communication as its top issue. Dr. Wilkes Berry (academic affairs), who serves as the Staff Council's liaison to the university's administration, is helping the organization find ways to bring staff concerns and suggestions to the attention of administrators, and to get their response. Dr. Ann Stuart (chancellor's office) has been generous with her time and has met with the council on three occasions. "We appreciate her willingness to talk with us and her straight-forward responses to our requests," said Phillips. "Karen Faught (human resources) also met several times with Staff Council representatives. She also emphasized that she will respond to Staff Council inquiries, even if she can't guarantee palatable answers. And we will continue to work to forge strong lines of communication with other individuals and university groups."

Staff Council isn't the arbiter on individual problems -- those are handled by the department of human resources. Instead, the council takes the concerns that staff members send to the organization; identifies those that affect a particular or general group of staff; and then takes those concerns to the people who have the authority to act. "The Staff Council will use every opportunity to point out the role staff play in the success of TWU and to remind the university community that diversity includes choice of job," added Phillips. "We will continue to emphasize that our dedicated and experienced staff are worthy of being asked to 'stand and be recognized.'"

During TWU's Centennial year, the Staff Council is planning to present a staff enrichment program, a spring reception and a fall welcome. Members will continue to work on current projects -- such as establishing an employee recognition program; exploring ways to improve access for physical plant

employees to computers; and learning how holidays are determined, for example. New concerns and suggestions will be add to the project list as they are received.

Phillips tells staff members that they should participate in Staff Council by sharing information and questions, by voting and by participating in the work of the council itself. "Talk to your representative or send your ideas in to any Staff Council representative. Run for a seat on staff council during the next election. We have six vacancies that will be filled soon, and elections for two-year seats on the council will be held next summer. Volunteer to serve as an at-large member on one of the committees. Together we can make a difference in our workplace and at TWU."

For representatives' contact information, meeting minutes or to see the Staff Council constitution, visit the group's website at <http://www.twu.edu/committees/staffcouncil/>.

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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](mailto:AHatch@twu.edu) or [s\\_hatch@twu.edu](mailto:s_hatch@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: An organ concert*** featuring both vintage and contemporary pieces will be performed by Dr. Thomas K. Brown (performing arts, music) at TWU on Tues., Oct. 10. The program, which is free and open to the general public, will be presented at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. For details, contact the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

***ASSET will host a "Bosses Day Luncheon"*** on Thurs., Oct. 12, from noon to 1 p.m., SC 207-208. The barbecue lunch includes entertainment by the Daughters of the Pioneers. All TWU employees are invited; for ticket prices and details, call Vernie Wilson (student life) at 8-1-3601.

**Reminder: From a sonata about a princess** to "Four Pooh Stories," several flute pieces written by women will be featured during a concert by Dr. Pamela Youngblood (performing arts, music) at TWU on Tues., Oct. 3, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The concert is free and open to the general public and the campus community. For details, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

**Nursing Career Day**, sponsored by the TWU department of career services, will be held on Mon., Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the TWU Dallas-Parkland Center. Recruiters from health care organizations and companies are available to visit with students and alumni about career opportunities (nursing majors only). For details, call 8-1-2950.

**Reminder: Members of the Women Airforce Service Pilots** (or the WASPs, as they are affectionately called at TWU) still keep in touch. The organization, which is planning a reunion in Sweetwater, Texas, on Oct. 6 and 7, will kick off the festivities with a visit to Denton from Oct. 3 to 5 at TWU. On Oct. 3, they will gather for an evening reception and a demonstration of the WASP digital library. The following morning, a panel discussion with WASP member Dora Strother of Fort Worth will be held from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., ACT 301. Videotapes of WASP documentaries and archival footage also will be shown that morning from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Blagg-Huey Library lecture hall -- specifically "Fly Girls" at 9 a.m. and the archival footage at 10:30 a.m. ("Fly Girls" is a public television documentary about the WASPs; the primary research was done at TWU, and some footage was shot at the university as well.) A plaque dedication honoring the 38 women who died in service to their country as a WASP is scheduled at 11 a.m. on the second floor of the library. After lunch, a panel discussion with four WASP researchers will be held in the northeast dining room in Hubbard Hall. The program is free and open to interested persons. For more information, contact Letson at 8-1-3751.

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month** is observed in October. Student health services at TWU will offer free materials at tables in the Student Center on Oct. 4 and 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on both days. Free giveaways and drawings also are scheduled; call 8-1-3833 for more information.

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## **NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**Reminder: Hispanic Heritage Month** at TWU continues with a celebration titled "Hispanos: Ventana al Mundo 2000" (Hispanics: Window to the World 2000), which includes a number of activities that share the culture, literature and art of Hispanic people. Events are free; the general public and campus community are invited to attend. Programs and activities are listed below.

**October**

- Latino Movie Night -- Enjoy films on Oct. 6 from 7 to 11 p.m., Guinn Hall; free.
- Latino Poetry Night -- Participants are invited to share their original works or to recite a favorite poem in English or Spanish; all styles of poetry are welcomed. The program will be held on Oct. 10 from 7 to 9 p.m., SC 207.
- Latino Book of the Month Club -- On Oct. 24, join the Hispanic Heritage celebration committee and the TWU bookstore to share the stories of dynamic Latino authors. For more information, contact the TWU office of intercultural services at 8-1-3679.

**Reminder: The TWU National Alumnae Association** invites faculty and staff to nominate graduates of the university for the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The deadline to submit nominations is **Oct. 16, 2000**. These awards are given annually to alumni who have brought honor to both themselves and TWU through their outstanding accomplishments. Anyone can nominate a candidate, and all TWU graduates are eligible. Persons who submit a nomination need to send a letter of nomination, a resume for the nominee, a black-and-white photograph and a nomination form. Send nominations and/or updated information to: Distinguished Alumni Awards Selection Committee, TWU National Alumnae Association, P.O. Box 425795, Denton TX 76204-5795.

**The biology department** continues its regular series of free seminars on Fri., Oct. 6, with a program titled "2, 3, 7, 8 Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin Affects the Biological Clock." The program begins at 3 p. m. in CFO 205. Talks also are scheduled on Oct. 13, 20 and 27. For more information, contact Dr. Fritz Schwalm (biology) at 8-1-2354.

**Reminder: TWU faculty and staff** are asked to nominate undergraduate students for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. The deadline to submit nominations is **Oct. 6**; forms and information are available through the division of student life. (Graduate students are nominated in a separate process.) The student must complete the nomination form, which also must be signed (the last two lines) by the faculty or staff member who is the nominator. For more information, contact Dr. Dee Siscoe (student life) at 8-1-3615.

**Flu shots are offered this week** (as long as the vaccine is available) for all TWU faculty, staff and students in the office of student health services from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the cost is \$10 per person. Please bring valid identification. For details, call 8-1-3826.

**Reminder: Make no bones about it** -- researchers in the TWU Institute for Women's Health are seeking individuals who participated in bone density tests in or around 1980, under the direction of the TWU department of nutrition and food sciences. These participants would have been asked questions about their diet, reproductive history and bone fractures; they also would have had bone density measurements made of their hands and forearms. Anyone who participated in this process -- or who knows an individual who did -- is asked to call the TWU Institute for Women's Health at (940) 898-2792.

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**Reminder: The TWU College of Nursing**, in collaboration with the TWU Institute for Women's Health, will present a series of workshops on how to conduct research in adolescent health; sessions are set in October and November. The purpose of the series of workshops is to learn about and use major adolescent health electronic databases. Join the brown-bag lunchtime series from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursdays -- Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Nov. 1, 9, 16 and 30. All programs will be held in ACT 217 (except Oct. 19 in SH 402). Call 8-1-2401 for details.

**Reminder: All faculty members are asked to nominate** worthy graduate students for *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*; the deadline is **Oct. 13**, and nominations must be sent to the Graduate School by that date so that TWU officials can meet the deadline set by the national *Who's Who* organization. Nomination forms have been sent to deans and chairs, and they also are available from the Graduate School office, ACT 13. Call 8-1-3400.

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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.).*

Dr. **Kelley Moseley** (health care administration, Houston) has announced that TWU graduate student **Rekha Lakshmanan** has received the 2000 Sodexo Marriott Services Health Care Division Charles U. Letourneau Award for her paper, "Developing a Benchmark Model for Graduate Health Care Administration Programs." Lakshmanan and an abstract of her paper will be featured in the next issue of *Executive*, the American Academy of Medical Administrators' member publication. She also will receive a \$500 prize and will travel to New Orleans in November so that she can attend the ACMA's annual conference and convocation, where she will pick up her award.

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**THIS WEEK AT TWU: OCTOBER 2-8, 2000**

**Sept. 1-Oct. 29**

- Ansel Adams exhibit, presented by TWU and GDAC, Ctr. for Visual Arts; open Tuesday through

Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

## **Sept. 15-Oct. 15**

- Hispanic Heritage Month: "Milagros: Simbolos de Esperanza," a special art exhibit featuring milagros, ACT 2, free, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## **Oct. 2-5**

- Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Student health services: flu immunizations for faculty, staff and students, \$10 per person (for as long as the vaccine is available), HH, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Freshman forums (all freshmen must choose one session and attend): ACT 5; Oct. 2 -- 12:15-12:45 p.m.; Oct. 3 -- 11-11:30 a.m.; Oct. 4 -- 11:30 a.m.-noon and 1-1:30 p.m.; Oct. 5 -- 12:15-12:45 p.m.

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## **CALENDAR, continued**

### **Mon., Oct. 2**

- Learning assistance office: brown bag lunch on "Managing Your Time," CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- USA: House of Representatives meeting, SC 207-208, 12:15-1 p.m.
- Nursing Career Day, Dallas-Parkland, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

### **Tues., Oct. 3**

- Wellfest 2000, Jones Hall, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Learning assistance office: brown bag lunch on "Managing Your Time," CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.
- Performing arts, music: faculty recital by Dr. Pamela Youngblood, featuring works by women composers, free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Student Center Art Gallery: closing reception, free, SC 101, 4-6 p.m.

## **Oct. 4-5**

- Breast Cancer Awareness observance, SC, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## **Wed., Oct. 4**

- WASPs: Plaque dedication, 11 a.m., BHL 2nd floor; panel on WASP research, HH, 1 p.m.
- Learning assistance office: brown bag lunch, "How to Take Your Best Test Ever," CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.

## **Thurs., Oct. 5**

- Over 30 Thursday brown bag lunch, SC 113, noon-1 p.m.
- Nursing: adolescent health research workshop, ACT 217, noon-1 p.m.
- Learning assistance office: brown bag lunch, "How to Take Your Best Test Ever," CFO 106, 12:10-12:50 p.m.

## **Oct. 6-7**

- Lifelong learning: "High Velocity, Low Amplitude Spinal Manipulation" course, TWU Dallas-Presbyterian Center, \$400, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## **Fri., Oct. 6**

- 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: "2, 3, 7, 8 Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin Affects the Biological Clock free," CFO 205, 3 p.m.
- *Who's Who* (undergraduate) application due, SC 206, 5 p.m.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Eastern New Mexico, LSC Crossover Tournament, away, 2 p.m.
- Hispanic Heritage Month: Latino movie night, free, Guinn Hall, 7 p.m.

## **Sat., Oct. 7**

- Family Day, various locations, all day.
- Amphitheater dedication: dance celebration at 5:30 p.m.; free; reception in the TWU Blagg-Huey Library following dedication.
- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Volleyball: Pioneers vs. Tarleton State and Angelo State at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., respectively; LSC Crossover Tournament, away.

**Sun., Oct. 8**

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

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