

## MOVEMENT TELLS A TALE

The temperance movement. The civil rights movement. The women's movement. Mark Taylor wants to start a movement of his own -- the "movement movement."

"I believe in the notion that dancing is not just for dancers," said Taylor, artistic director/principal choreographer of the Pittsburgh-based modern dance company and school known as Dance Alloy. "I want the world to see the beauty in all kinds of movement -- the little, complicated dances that all of us do every day -- and I enjoy bringing people's awareness to their bodies and to movement, even if it's not considered dance."

In an effort to get his little revolution under way, Taylor will bring his company to TWU for a performance at 8 p.m. on Sat., Feb. 26, in Margo Jones Performance Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$7 for TWU faculty, staff and seniors; and \$5 for TWU students.

The six-member company, which tours widely and commissions works from many celebrated choreographers, will perform repertoire by Taylor and Los Angeles-based choreographer David Rousseve. Featured works include: *Bodice Ripper*, a duet inspired by romance novels; *Xanadu*, a high-energy work for four dancers; and *Prestige of Evil*, a modern pseudo-ballet that serves as a commentary on the allure of violence in entertainment. Also on the program is *Applause*, a Taylor-written solo that will be performed by Mary Williford-Shade (performing arts, dance). A long-time collaborator with Taylor, Williford-Shade said she always looks forward to the opportunity to work with him.

"I really like his respect for the performer and the input he allows you to have in the creative process," said Williford-Shade, who has worked with Taylor on and off for the last two decades. "He's quite good at choreographic construction and is very detailed in how he puts his work together, especially when it comes to creating improvisational scores that give dancers the chance to help him create movement."

While in Denton, Taylor and Dance Alloy also will conduct workshops at Denton and Ryan high schools for their respective drama and music departments. Taylor said the company has long had a strong

commitment to spreading the word about modern dance, both on stage and off. "I feel like there's a strong association that comes from performance and another association that comes from communicating what we do -- helping people to understand and enjoy it," he said. "Our mission is such that both of those have equal importance, so our company does a lot of teaching and communicating about what we do on stage.

"I know that modern dance is not at the top of everyone's hit list in terms of the kind of entertainment they choose -- maybe because it requires some participation on behalf of the audience. However, the more of that kind of work we do, the more communication there is with the audience, because what we're doing by educating others is building potential audiences," said Taylor. For more information, call 8-1-2086.

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## **NEW DEAN APPOINTED**

Dr. Richard Nicholas (student life) has announced the appointment of Dr. Lois C. Smith as TWU's new dean of enrollment management, effective March 1, 2000. "Dr. Smith will bring a very impressive record of administrative experience to TWU, including positions as associate vice president for academic affairs at Utah Valley Community College and as provost of Ithaca College and East Stroudsburg University in the Penn State system," said Nicholas.

Smith currently serves as president of Advance Associates, an educational consulting service. She earned her master's degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois and her doctorate in organic chemistry from Rutgers University.

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## **CALLING ALL FACULTY: EXPERTS NEEDED!**

Do you ever wonder where newspapers, television, magazines and radio outlets find the university experts that they use? Although the TWU office of public information sends stories out targeted news media, those efforts reach a select list of journalists. Within the last two months, however, news staff in public information have been making daily contact with media outlets nationally and internationally through an online subscription to ProfNet.

"ProfNet is a national and global online service that links reporters who are working on stories to experts who can help them with information, research or opinions that address the reporter's needs," said Ann Hatch (public information). "Our office receives three to four bulletins daily from ProfNet that give us an opportunity to respond with our faculty's names and contact numbers (or e-mail addresses) -- including online news outlets. That contact represents a potential mention or feature focusing on a faculty member and getting the university's name in the news."

Faculty members who are identified as potential sources for stories at TWU also receive an e-mail from OPI staff that provides them with a copy of the reporter's query and the university's response, sending the expert's name to the media outlet. "We don't receive a call back or a contact from every reporter or organization we respond to, but we are getting responses and placements," added Hatch. "The key to our success is our faculty's willingness to participate and to respond within the time frame that the reporter needs."

This spring, the office of public information will replace a published expert's listing with a new online format that will help staff members identify faculty for ProfNet needs, as well as for reporters who need sources and call the university directly. An index and general information about the university will be included on the site. All faculty who would like to be listed and who are willing to serve as an expert in their field of teaching or research are asked to notify the office of public information by e-mail and provide the following information *by Fri., Feb. 25*:

- name and courtesy title;
- department, college or school;
- office number; home phone number (Please indicate whether you are providing permission to post your home number online or whether you will give permission to the news staff to call you at home if needed.);
- e-mail address;
- area(s) of expertise and/or topics you would be willing to discuss; and
- any background (degrees, etc.), research or topics you would like to list that illustrate your areas of expertise.

Questions? Call Hatch at 8-1-3456 .

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## **FNTAU SCHEDULES CONFERENCE ON RHETORIC**

The Federation of North Texas Area Universities -- comprising TWU, the University of North Texas

and Texas A&M University-Commerce -- will host its annual rhetoric symposium at UNT on Thurs. and Fri., Feb. 24 and 25, in the Student Union. The keynote speakers will be Rich Enos of Texas Christian University and Linda Ferreira-Buckley of the University of Texas at Austin; they will address the group on Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m., Union 411. FNTAU members (faculty, staff and students) may attend free; general admission is \$15. The conference is chaired by UNT English faculty member Kathryn Rosser Raign; for information, call her at (940) 565-4665.

More than 20 presentations will explore the topic of rhetoric in a number of unique ways within sessions titled "Applying Archival Methods, Techniques and Sources"; "Reconstructing the Past through Archives"; "Archiving Bit by Bit: TWUMOO's Electronic Collection"; "Using Archives in Technical and Professional Writing"; "Rewriting Historical Rhetoric: Ethical Dilemmas in Archival Research" (roundtable); "Addressing Some Previously Marginalized Archives"; and discussion sessions with the keynote speakers.

TWU participants include Russell Greer, Dene Grigar, Pat Nolan, Susie Crowson, Cecie Huddleston, Jennifer Allen, Karen Boozer, Jacqueline Kirby, Hugh Burns, Judith Bean and Carlton Clark. Presenters will attend from TWU, TAMU-Commerce, UNT and universities across the country, including the University of Sciences in Philadelphia; Duke University; East Carolina University; University of Texas at Austin; and Miami University.

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## **SPEAKER FOR PROFESSOR'S CORNER ANNOUNCED**

Participants at the next gathering of the "Professor's Corner" at the Emily Fowler Public Library will learn more about the poetry of Donald Revell from Gregory Alan Dyer, faculty member from the English department at the University of North Texas. Members of the TWU community and the general public are invited to attend the free program on Wed., March 8, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the library's south branch at 3228 Teasley. For details, call Dr. Stephen Souris (English, speech and foreign languages) at 8-1-2343.

"The purpose of this monthly series is to provide area English professors and doctoral students with an opportunity to share their special interests with the general public through informal presentations that encourage discussion," said Souris.

Gatherings are held the second Wednesday of each specified month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. 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.

Revell, currently professor of English at the University of Utah, is a contemporary American poet. In 1990, he won the PEN Center USA West Award for his poetry collection *New Dark Ages* and the National Poetry Series competition in 1982 for *From the Abandoned Cities*. Revell's most recent books include *There Are 3*; *Beautiful Shirt*; and *Erasures*.

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## **BE A PART OF HISTORY**

All TWU students, faculty and staff are invited to be a part of softball history when the Pioneers have a chance this week to win Dianne Baker's 600th career victory since she began her coaching career. Baker, one of five national recipients of the NCAA Silver Anniversary Award this year (for professional excellence 25 years after college graduation -- from TWU, no less!), has two chances on Tues., Feb. 15, as TWU plays a double header against Northwood University. The first game begins at 5 p.m. on Pioneer Field. For details, call 8-1-2378. Go Pioneers!

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## **WOMEN STUDENT'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IS HERE**

TWU's third annual Women Student's Leadership Conference will welcome participants from across the state as they travel to Denton on Feb. 25 and 26 to meet each other and learn more about leadership. The event, titled "Women: Yesterday's Legacy, Tomorrow's Promise," will include sessions on leadership; how to find an internship; communication; stress management; self-awareness; and spirituality. The cost to attend is \$30 for students; \$35 for faculty, staff and community members; or other fees for Friday night only or for the Saturday luncheon only. The late registration deadline is Fri., Feb. 18. For more information, call the TWU Center for Student Development at 8-1-3626.

The keynote speaker for Saturday's luncheon is Sharon Rodine, an authority on women's issues. Rodine has served as president of the National Women's Political Caucus and as executive director of the National Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting. Former U.S. Ambassador Cynthia Perry, currently a member of the TWU board of regents, will speak during an awards reception on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sessions for conference attendees are scheduled on both days.

The mission of the conference is: to develop skills necessary for effective student leadership and more successful organizations; to bring women leaders from across north Texas together to encourage, educate and motivate them to embrace the challenge of leadership; to offer the ideas and skills to help student leaders articulate and accomplish their educational, professional and personal goals; and to

advance women in leadership positions in colleges and universities in north Texas and in area communities so that women may be full and equal partners in the leadership of today's society and world.

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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. The weekly deadline to receive information is 5 p.m. for the following week. Student information for the "People" section is not published unless it is submitted by or in conduction with a faculty member and that faculty member's related activities.**

*TWU Update* is posted weekly online; the deadline to submit information is every Tuesday at 5 p.m. for the following week. Questions? Call Ann Hatch (public information) at 8-1-3456.

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## NEWSBRIEFS, *continued*

**Reminder: The TWU department of performing arts** will sponsor a faculty showcase recital on Tues., Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature the artistic talents of 10 faculty members.

**Free HIV testing** will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis by Student Health Services every first and third Tuesday of the month. The next free screening is scheduled on Thurs., Feb. 17, from 11 a. m. to 1 p.m.; testing is confidential, and results arrive in approximately two weeks. For more information, call 8-1-3826.

**Reminder: Founders' Day** will be held this week. Representatives from the Morrison Milling Company, the Sid W. Richardson Foundation, the Texas Medical Center and United Methodist Women will receive the TWU Founders' Award -- presented by both the university and the TWU National Alumnae Association -- during a luncheon on Fri., Feb. 18, during the annual Founders' Day celebration in Denton. Tickets for the event are \$20 per person; reservations are required by Feb. 14; call the TWU office of institutional advancement at 8-1-3863. The event begins at noon in the southeast dining room of Hubbard Hall. (Patrons' seats also are available for \$50 each; \$35 of that amount is tax-deductible.)

**The Campus Activities Board** will hold auditions for the university's annual talent show; interested persons may try out on Thurs., Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. in MCL auditorium. CAB also will host a coffee house on Tues., Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in Hubbard Hall. The first 50 people who arrive will receive a free mug. For details, call 8-1-3626.

**Reminder: Students and faculty** at the TWU Institute of Health Sciences Dallas Center are invited to meet with officials from the Dallas Probate Court on Wed., Feb. 16, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for an orientation session on the Presbyterian campus. Interested participants will learn more about the court visitor program and service learning opportunities. For more information, call Reggie Campbell (OT, Dallas) at 8-3-2409.

**Reminder: The faculty and staff** development workshop titled "Management Skills for Support Staff and Office Managers" has been rescheduled and will be held on Thurs., Feb. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. on ACT 501. For details, call Annette Johnson (human resources) at 8-1-3553.

**Reminder: The TWU office of financial aid** will mark "Financial Aid Awareness Week" (Feb. 14 to 18) with a schedule of "curb services" in Denton, Dallas and Houston for students. Financial aid application help sessions will be offered for students, too. Here's the schedule:

#### *Denton*

- Mon., Feb. 14 -- SC 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; JH lobby, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Guinn lobby, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Tues., Feb. 15 -- MCL lobby, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.; Stark lobby, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Wed., Feb. 16 -- CFO lobby, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.
- Thurs., Feb. 17 -- ASB lobby, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

#### *Dallas-Parkland*

- Mon. and Wed., Feb. 14 and 16 -- FPH 106, 11:30-2:30 p.m.
- Fri., Feb. 18 -- FPH 106, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### *Dallas-Presbyterian*

- Tues. and Thurs., Feb. 15 and 17 -- DPH 107A, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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**NEWSBRIEFS**, *continued*

*Houston*

- Mon., Feb. 14 -- MGJ 2, snack area, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Students may bring their tax returns and receive hands-on help with completing their forms on Tuesdays (from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.) and Fridays (from 9 to 10 a.m.) in the financial aid office on ACT 1 beginning Feb. 1 through March 30, 2000. For details, call 8-1-3050.

**Reminder: Eight nationally prominent experts** on black feminism will share their ideas, research and works at TWU in February, March and April -- a distinguished lecture series presented in partnership with the TWU women's studies program and the journal *Womanist Theory Research*. Titled "Black Feminist Theorizing Across the Disciplines: A Distinguished Lecture Series," the program will bring each speaker to TWU's Denton campus for a public lecture, book signings, receptions and, for graduate students enrolled in the seminar, a two-hour lecture. The public lectures are free and will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in either the auditorium of MCL or in Redbud Theatre. The first program scheduled is:

- **Feb. 24 (MCL)** -- "'Who Knoweth Whether Thou Art Come to the Kingdom for Such a Time as This?' Transformative Public Scholarship for Social Change"; Joyce E. King, associate vice provost and professor of education, Medgar Evers College-City University of New York.

**Reminder: EEO sessions** are required by state regulations which mandate that all employees must attend EEO training when they are hired and at least every two years after that time. The TWU department of human resources has scheduled six EEO training programs through August 2000 so that employees may meet these state requirements. A list of sessions is provided below, and additional dates can be added if needed. To register, call Annette Johnson (human resources) at 8-1-3553 or e-mail her at [Ajohnson@twul.edu](mailto:Ajohnson@twul.edu). The dates in Denton are: Fri., March 31, 2000, 9 to 11 a.m., LLH 101; Tues., May 23, 2000, 9 to 11 a.m., ACT 501; Fri., June 16, 2000, 1 to 3 p.m., LLH 101; Wed., July 19, 2000, 2 to 4 p.m., ACT 501; and Fri., Aug. 18, 2000, from 9 to 11 a.m., ACT 501.

**Reminder: Deans and department chairs should note** that the department of human resources will run a combined display ad on March 24 in the Chronicle of Higher Education for faculty vacancies. **The deadline to participate is March 10 at 5 p.m.** The information required for the ad is: the name of the college or school; department's name; position title; TWU campus location; proposed start date; minimum qualifications; and application requirements (where and who should receive the information). Please note that ad copy must be kept to a minimum because the cost of a group ad reduces the overall budget allocated to advertise faculty positions. For more information, call Lois at 8-1-3558 or Myrna at 8-1-3523 in human resources.

**Reminder: Roll up your sleeves!** A community blood drive will be held at TWU on Tues. and Wed., Feb. 15 and 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., SC 207-208. What will yield a free T-shirt and save three lives? Your participation! To donate, you must: weigh at least 110 pounds; be at least 17 years old; be in good health and have not donated blood during the past 56 days.

**The office of information technology services** has scheduled several free faculty/staff training sessions from Feb. 14-18 in Denton. The programs will be held in SH 218; for information, call Elaine Martin (ITS) at 8-1-6693. They are listed below.

- *Feb. 15* -- "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," 9 to 10:30 a.m.; "Travel Requisitions," 10:30 to 11 a.m.;
- *Feb. 16* -- "Student System Inquiry," 2 to 3:30 p.m.

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## **NEWSBRIEFS, continued**

**Reminder: The office of institutional research** and statistics has updated the online *Fact Book* to include degrees conferred for the 1999 academic year; select 'degrees conferred' from the fact book contents page of the website: [www.twu.edu/o-irs/factbook/fbcontents.html](http://www.twu.edu/o-irs/factbook/fbcontents.html).

**Reminder: Beginning March 20**, TWU wellness services no longer will charge students a \$1 fee to participate in regular fitness classes, including all land, water and cycle classes posted on the monthly schedules. The action was taken in response to the results of a recent survey conducted by wellness services among members of fitness classes.

**Reminder: Smoking cessation programs** now are offered on campus for students, faculty and staff. All sessions are scheduled in the late afternoon or early evening, beginning Feb. 21. For details, call student health services at 8-1-3826.

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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. **Chris French Beatty** and **Leslie Shaw** (both from dental hygiene) delivered a presentation during the National Dental Hygiene Board Review Course, sponsored by Adventures in Learning, on South Padre Island from Feb. 4 to 6.

**Cathy Banks** (Science and Mathematics Center for Women) and **Edith Hays** (mathematics and computer science) attended the GEMS 2000 conference at Arizona State University last week. The GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math and Science) conference is part of an HRD Program for Women and Girls grant funded by the National Science Foundation. The event focused on girls -- particularly those who are gifted -- and on mathematics and science.

**Ann Hatch** (public information) will be included in the second edition of *Outstanding People of the 20th Century*, which will be printed later this year.

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## **THIS WEEK AT TWU: FEBRUARY 14 - 20, 2000**

### **Feb. 14-17**

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

### **Mon., Feb. 14**

- Financial aid "curb service": Denton -- SC 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; JH lobby, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Guinn lobby, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Dallas/Parkland -- FPH 106, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Houston -- MGJ 2, snack area, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. Centenary, away.

### **Feb. 15-16**

- American Red Cross blood drive: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., SC 207-208.

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## **CALENDAR, *continued***

### **Tues., Feb. 15**

- Performing arts, music: faculty showcase, free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
- Financial aid "curb service": Dallas/Presbyterian -- DPH 107A, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- ITS: "Requisition Entry and Maintenance," SH 218, 9 to 10:30 a.m.; "Travel Requisitions," SH 218, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
- Softball: Pioneers vs. Northwood University -- a chance to witness Dianne Baker's 600th career win as a softball coach; Pioneer Field, 5 p.m. doubleheader

### **Wed., Feb. 16**

- HR: "Americans With Disabilities Act," Denton, ACT 301, 2-4 p.m.
- OT/Presby: meeting with Dallas Probate Courts reps, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Financial aid "curb service": Denton -- CFO lobby, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.; Dallas/Parkland -- FPH 106, 11:30-2:30 p.m.
- ITS: "Student System Inquiry," SH 218, 2-3:30 p.m.

### **Thurs., Feb. 17**

- HR: "Management Skills for Support Staff and Office Managers," ACT 501, 1-4 p.m.
- Financial aid "curb service": Denton -- ASB lobby, 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Dallas/Presbyterian -- DPH 107A, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- HR: "Quality Telephone Customer Service," Dallas-Parkland, FPH 2nd floor conference room, 9 a.m.-noon.
- Basketball (Pack the Gym Night): Pioneers vs. Angelo State, PH, 7 p.m.

### **Feb. 18-19**

- Softball: Pioneers in LSC First Pitch Tournament, Irving.

### **Fri., Feb. 18**

- 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.
- Founders' Day luncheon/awards program, \$20/\$50, HH, noon.
- Financial aid "curb service": Dallas/Parkland -- Fri., Feb. 18 -- FPH 106, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **Sat., Feb. 19**

- Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; bookstore open 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Basketball (Senior Night): Pioneers vs. Abilene Christian, PH, 3 p.m.

**Sun., Feb. 20**

- Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.
- Gymnastics: Pioneers vs. Air Force Academy, PH, 2 p.m.

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

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