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HONORS CONVOCATION SET

TWU will honor the "best of the best" on its Denton, Dallas and Houston campuses during Honors Convocation ceremonies this month in Margo Jones Performance Hall on Fri., April 16. Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office) will welcome and present the university's highest honors to members of the campus community. The university community and the general public are invited to attend the 10:00 a.m. program, which honors outstanding faculty, staff and student accomplishments for the 1998-99 academic year. Classes on the Denton campus are dismissed from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. so that the TWU community may attend; most offices will be closed.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Dolores Hutto Carruth, a member of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. A native Texan, Carruth is a Dallas physician who earned her medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas and her bachelor's degree in psychology from Texas Tech University. She practices pediatrics at Children's Medical Center in Dallas; is a consultant for St. Paul Hospital; and is a clinical professor of pediatrics at UT-Southwestern. Carruth is involved in a number of professional and state organizations, including: the Texas Medical Association; editorial committee for *Texas Medicine*; Shots Across Texas Coalition; and others. She is a Fellow with the American Academy of Pediatrics and a Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatrics.

Special awards presented include: the Cornaro Award, for a distinguished senior faculty member, and the Mary Mason Lyon Award, to two junior faculty members (who have fewer than 10 years of university teaching) -- all honoring excellence in teaching, research and service; the TWU Excellence Award and Outstanding Achievement Awards, recognizing the dedication of TWU staff members; and Outstanding Senior and Graduate Student Awards. In addition, several student leaders and recipients of the 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award will be introduced.

Faculty and academic administrators march in the Honors Convocation procession and wear academic regalia. Student members of honorary organizations can join the procession and sit in the center section of the hall, directly behind the faculty. Members of the TWU board of regents also have been invited to participate. The line of march for the academic procession will form at 9:45 a.m. on the circular drive in front of the Music Building and will move into Margo Jones at 10 a.m. Offices that can be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. may post a notice, indicating when they will re-open; offices that cannot close should arrange for coverage during the ceremony.

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REGENTS VOTE TO PURSUE SYSTEM STATUS BILL

Following several open forums in Denton, Dallas and Houston last week, the TWU board of regents voted on Mon., April 5, to move forward with a recommendation that a bill be introduced in the Texas Legislature to designate the university as a system and to designate the Institute of Health Sciences as a health-related institution in that system. They also approved adding the title of chancellor to the title of president.

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SYSTEM BILL, continued

The 7 a.m. meeting began with a report concerning legislative contacts undertaken by members of the board of regents. Because the Easter holiday shut down many state offices and because the legislature is not in session on Monday, board members will continue to call legislators this week to seek their support, especially that of Sen. David Sibley, who has been recommended by his colleagues as the person to move forward such a bill. Members of the finance and audit committee of the board also agreed to meet later this week (possibly Friday) or early next week with Dr. Brenda Floyd (finance and administration) to obtain more financial information about budget and how the two new designations would affect the university in terms of money and funding formulas.

Dr. Beverley Byers-Pevitts (president's office) and regents who participated in last week's forums -- Ambassador Cynthia Shepard Perry in Houston, Delia Reyes at Dallas-Parkland, Sheila Whitaker-Kellagher at Dallas-Presbyterian and Kay Williams Goodman in Denton -- reported on their experiences and said that overall the faculty and staff who were present were enthusiastic and supportive; they also asked a number of pertinent questions about funding, identity and the role of non-health related academic areas. Approximately 250 persons were present in Denton, plus 50 in Houston and 25 in Dallas.

"We received excellent responses from the forums, generally," said Byers-Pevitts. Perry added, "Faculty and staff in Houston were extremely pleased to be included in the process. They asked very good questions and they were very supportive." Reyes noted, "I saw concern for the university overall, as well as very positive feelings. No one was opposed." Goodman added, "We had standing room only on ACT 301, and I was impressed with the cross-section of the campus who attended -- faculty and staff. Students asked for their own forums, and others came to ask for more information. It was heartening to know that people want what's best for the university." Representatives from the College of Arts and Sciences, in particular, wanted to know more about the impact of such a change on faculty salaries, academic programs and their role in the system, especially if the Institute of Health Sciences is designated as a health-related institution.

Regents and administrators discussed the fact that they have not yet received information from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Legislative Budget Board about the impact of such a change. The board decided to move ahead with its approval of the proposed bill in order to make their position clear to legislators; they will share information and reports during a future meeting which has not been scheduled to date. Information about future meetings will be posted in *TWU Update* as details are announced.

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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

Open forums to discuss TWU's presidential search have been scheduled for faculty, staff and students in Denton, Dallas and Houston. The schedule of forums includes: Denton -- April 15, ACT 301, 2 p.m.; Dallas-Parkland -- April 12, 9 a.m. for faculty and noon for students and guests in Faye Pannell Hall; Dallas-Presbyterian -- April 13, noon, auditorium; Houston -- April 13, 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Mary Gibbs Jones Hall. The forums will give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to share their ideas about the search process. The advisory committee meets again on Thurs., April 8. The text of the ad for the position of president at TWU that has been placed in several national publications is provided below:

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SEARCH UPDATE, *continued*

“The board of regents for Texas Woman’s University invites applications and nominations for the position of president. Founded in 1901, Texas Woman’s University is a comprehensive public university emphasizing the liberal arts, health professions and specialized or professional studies. The nation’s largest university primarily for women with its main campus in Denton and clinical centers in Dallas and Houston for upper-level and graduate studies in the allied health fields, TWU has eight schools and colleges and offers nearly 100 majors leading to bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees. With an enrollment of more than 9,300 and a full-time faculty of almost 700, the university approaches its centennial with a renewed sense of commitment to innovative and distinctive education. The president must be committed to sustaining the mission of Texas Woman’s University and will bring to the position a record of significant accomplishments and demonstrated leadership. The president is expected to have:

- Ability to expand and implement a strategic plan that encompasses a wide range of opportunities for the university’s second century;
- Ability to communicate persuasively the university’s distinctive mission and achievements to diverse groups including alumni, donors, opinion leaders, legislators and the news media to encourage and sustain their support;
- Ability to lead the university within a collegial structure in concert with all members of a diverse university family;
- Ability to recruit, retain and motivate exceptional faculty, staff and administrators and to create an atmosphere that supports collaborative decision making; and
- Record of successful senior-level administrative achievement with evidence of experience in planning, fiscal management and fundraising.

Nominations and applications will continue to be received until the position is filled and should be sent to: Kay Williams Goodman, Chair, Presidential Search Committee, c/o Ronald J. Zera, Spencer Stuart, Suite 5600, 1717 Main St., Dallas TX 75201-4605. (TWU is) An Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer.”

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FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTING WOMEN IN FILM SET THIS WEEK

The work of eight acclaimed female filmmakers will be featured at TWU on Fri., April 9. *Behind the Camera, Ahead of Change: Independent Films by Women Artists, Part One -- Northwest Visions*, a free screening of short independent films by women artists from the Northwest region of the United States, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in MCL auditorium. The event is free and open to the both the campus community and the general public.

Martin Brief (visual arts), who is coordinating the event, said everyone should attend for two important reasons. “First, independent films generally deal with very interesting subject matter -- the kind of stuff that isn’t covered by more mainstream or ‘Hollywood’ films,” Brief explained. “In Denton, there also is no place to see independent films or even art house films. Second, it’s a fact that women filmmakers in particular just don’t get out as much as men. Because they have found it so difficult to find success in Hollywood, women filmmakers have really become prime movers in the field of independent film.”

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WOMEN'S FILMS, *continued*

Presented by the Northwest Film Center, based in Portland, Ore., and curated by Enie Vaisburd, Northwest Visions will feature films from Allison Beda, Sara Marcus, Haley Isleib, Amy Brakeman, Joanna Priestley, Joan Gratz, Vanessa Renwick and Vaisburd. The screening also will be accompanied by a lecture from Vaisburd. The Portland Art Museum's Northwest Film Center is a regional media arts resource and service organization founded to encourage the study, appreciation and use of the moving image arts; to foster their artistic and professional excellence; and to help create a climate in which they may flourish. The center provides a variety of programs primarily directed to the residents of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. For details, call Brief at 8-1-2543.

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DANCE A JIG WITH TWU TROUPE

The TWU International Folk Dance Company will stage a free performance on Wed., April 7, at 5 p.m. on the east lawn of Hubbard Hall. The program, which is free and open to the campus and general public, will feature traditional dances from countries as far-flung as West Africa, Ireland and Taiwan (plus others), as well as some dances that will involve audience participation.

Gladys Keeton (performing arts, dance), who directs the 20-member group, said their annual spring performance is well suited to be a part of Diversity Days, scheduled all week in Denton. "If you look around, you will see that we all are individuals and all belong to a particular culture," she explained. "What better way to find out about other cultures than through dance?...because the way people move actually can tell you a lot about their culture. The emphasis they put on certain body parts, clothing and even beliefs all affect the type of movements they do."

During their performance, Keeton and the dance company will present a traditional Irish dance called *Fairy Reel*, a West African dance titled *African Masala*, a Ukranian "sopilo" dance, a Taiwanese ribbon dance and a Spanish "faruca" dance. TWU sophomore Ekaterina Harper will perform a traditional Russian-style dance solo that she choreographed. For details, call 8-1-2086.

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STORYTELLING AS AN ART CONTINUES WITH TWU'S HELP

The art of telling tales and sharing stories continues as a tradition with the help of the TWU School of Library and Information Studies, which is one of several sponsors presenting the Texas Storytelling Festival 1999, scheduled April 8-11 in Denton's Civic Center Park. The three-day event draws an audience from across the United States, with storytellers whose tales are limited only by their skills, memories and imagination.

This year's theme is "Reminisce...Remember...Retell," and the event features ghost tales; an intensive master workshop with Liz Weir and Billy Teare; a Texas Talespinner party; concerts; a late-night showcase of stories titled "Lone Star Liars and City Slickers"; storytelling at the University of North Texas Sky Theater; plus kids' tales and more. Featured tellers include Shelly Kneupper of Grapevine, Texas; Lynn Moroney of Oklahoma; Ed Stivender of Philadelphia; and Teare and Weire, both from Ireland. Regional TSA tellers will join them. Ticket prices vary, based on the activities chosen. For details, go on-line at www.tejasstorytelling.com.

MORE TO KNOW, FUN TO SHOW AT HOMECOMING 1999

While class reunion dinners, Golden Girl celebrations and Distinguished Alumni Awards are special moments during TWU homecomings, a number of departments and schools welcome back their graduates with special programs to enhance their knowledge and to keep them informed about programs, progress and students on campus. During Homecoming 1999 -- "Pioneering a New Century" -- scheduled April 16-18, six academic areas will offer special programs for alums. The schedule is listed below.

■ *Business and economics*: Thurs., April 15 -- annual banquet, SW dining room, HH, 7:15 p.m.; Sat., April 17 -- reception and open house, CFO 4th floor, 2-4 p.m.

■ *English, speech and foreign languages*: Fri., April 16 -- annual honors and awards program, ACT 301, 1 p.m.; Sat., April 17 -- symposium on women's contributions (sponsored by the National Alumnae Association's academic chapter for the department), featuring women's contributions in literature, language and culture; planned by TWU alums Meta Carstarphen, Phyllis Elmore and Shellye Woodcox-Unruh; ACT 601, 2:30-3:45 p.m.

■ *Library and Information Studies*: Thurs., April 15 -- reception and dinner, Banquet Room, HH; and Lillian Bradshaw lecture, ACT 301, with Dr. William Summers on "The Reading Interests of Adults," 8 p.m.

■ *Mass communications*: Fri., April 16 -- reception, Redbud studio, 5-7 p.m.; Dutch treat dinner, Mercado Juarez (Elm Street), 7:30 p.m.

■ *Performing arts, dance*: Fri. and Sat., April 16-17, Dancemakers, MJPH, 8 p.m.

■ *Visual arts*: Fri. and Sat., April 16-17 -- student art exhibit, Fine Arts Building, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

For information about Homecoming registration and activities, call 8-1-2586.

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TWU IS SPORTING TOP RANKINGS

Congratulations to TWU Pioneer gymnasts as they prepare to defend their national championship title and number 1 ranking at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championship; and to the TWU Pioneers softball team for their number 7 national ranking after only three years "on the job!"

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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 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.

Don't forget -- Send changes in dates and information for events, programs and other activities to the office of public information so that *TWU Update* and master calendar information will reflect the correct details.

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

Reminder: TWU will present its second annual Student Research and Creative Arts Symposium on Thurs. and Fri., April 8 and 9. The event, sponsored by the TWU Center for Student Research Support, is an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to present their studies in anything from Shakespeare to dance to biochemistry. At least 14 different academic disciplines will be represented in this year's symposium, and 130 students are presenting 79 projects in poster and platform sessions. All sessions will be held on CFO 2; the symposium is free and open to the campus community. For details, call Droge at 8-1-2457. Four keynote speakers will address attendees as well:

- Dr. Timothy Hoyer (history and government) will discuss "Of Floating Worlds and Hidden Ponds," April 8, CFO 205, 1 p.m.;
- Dr. John Brock, laboratory chief -- PCBs, pesticides and plasticizers -- National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control, will present "Environmental Pollution and Breast Cancer: What Do We Know?" on April 8, CFO 204, 4 p.m.;
- Dr. Lynda Uphouse (biology) will talk about "Serotonin and Female Reproduction" on April 9, CFO 205, 1 p.m.; and
- Dr. James Rimmer, a TWU alumnus and associate professor/project director for the University of Illinois at Chicago's Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities, will discuss "The Trials and Tribulations of Conducting Health Promotion Research on Persons with Disabilities," April 9, CFO 204, 4:30 p.m.

Alexandria's Ragtime Band will perform with Dr. Pamela Youngblood and Karen Foster (performing arts, music) on Wed., April 7, at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones; admission is free.

Reminder: Several Seneca Falls events remain this semester. They are listed below:

■ April 9-10, 12-13; and April 11 (matinee) -- National premiere of *Dakota Sky Diaries* opens, based on the book and lyrics by Kathleen Cahill, with music by Deborah Wicks LaPuma. Directed by Charles Harrill (performing arts, drama), the play will be staged April 9-10 and 12-13 at 8 p.m. and on Sun., April 11, at 2 p.m. in Redbud Theatre. Introduced under the title *The Fifth Year*, the newly-renamed musical is based on the land lottery that took place in the early 1900s in North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. Tickets are: \$12 for general admission; \$9 for students, senior citizens, and TWU faculty and staff; and \$7 for TWU students. For more information, call the TWU department of performing arts at 8-1-2500. (*Note changes in dates.*)

■ April 27 -- "The Voices of Women: An Evening of Choral Music by Women Composers -- 12th Century to the Present" will feature the TWU Concert Choir and the TWU University Choir. The choral/poem celebration is free and open to the general public; it begins at 8 p.m. in Margo Jones Performance Hall. For details, call the department of performing arts at 8-1-2500.

Campus recreation will hold a free flag football tournament on Tues. and Thurs., April 27 and 29, at 4 p.m. behind the library. Men's and women's teams are forming; free food and drinks will be provided. The deadline to sign up is Wed., April 21, at 5 p.m. Call 8-1-2933 for details.

Reminder: The Music Festival from Mexico will visit TWU on Wed., April 8; singers and guitarists from both Mexico and the United States will come together to perform the music of colonial Mexico at 8 p.m. in MCL auditorium. Admission is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students. Nestor Lopez, a tenor from the National Institute of Fine Arts in Mexico City, plus the guitar and choral ensembles from the Music Conservatory of Celaya, Guanajuato and Ciudad Guzman, Jalisco, will perform. Also scheduled are Denton guitarist Leslie Enlow and Carlo Pezzimenti (performing arts, music).

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NEWSBRIEFS, continued

One-stop shopping for TWU students graduating this spring is available on Mon. and Tues., April 5 and 6, in the Student Center. The TWU graduation celebration, sponsored by the TWU bookstore, will enable students to order a class ring and receive up to \$120 off on that purchase; receive a free cap and gown (up to a \$25 value) with the purchase of a class ring (with guaranteed graduation delivery); order graduation announcements; have a photo taken in cap and gown (women -- no collars; men -- wear white shirt and tie); and meet representatives from the TWU National Alumnae Association. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Call 8-1-3103 for details.

Reminder: TWU's annual celebration of Diversity Days will be held April 5 to 9 in Denton. Coordinated by the office of intercultural services, Diversity Days will feature a wide range of guest speakers, activities and entertainment, as well as discussions, contests and displays of traditional arts and crafts. Two guest speakers who will participate in the event are: Dr. Steve Murdock, chief demographer for the state of Texas and head of the department of rural sociology at Texas A&M University; and Shirley Logan, associate professor of English at the University of Maryland. Murdock will discuss "The Faces of Higher Education in the New Millennium" at 2:30 p.m. on Tues., April 6, SC 207-208. For a complete schedule, call 8-1-3679.

Reminder: A symposium on musculoskeletal research will be presented at TWU for the university's researchers who are interested in musculoskeletal health. The two-day program will be held Thurs. and Fri., May 13-14; space is limited, and *reservations are needed by April 9*. Contact Nancy Candelaria (Center for Research on Women's Health) to RSVP by the April deadline at 8-1-2792 or send e-mail to ncandelaria@twu.edu.

Reminder: A workshop dealing with enhancing graduate student recruitment will be held on Wed., April 7, in Houston from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., MGJ 718, for deans, chairs, faculty and others. Call Juanita Duenez-Lazo (enrollment management) for details at 8-1-3024.

Transfer Day will be offered by the TWU office of enrollment management on April 10 for prospective students who wish to transfer to the university from another institution.

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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 s_hatch@twu.edu! Include first and last names (no initials, please) and appropriate titles (ie. Dr.).

Items will continue once again in the April 12, 1999, issue of *TWU Update*.

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THIS WEEK AT TWU: APRIL 5 - 11, 1999

April 5-10 -Bookstore: indoor sidewalk sale; discounts on selected merchandise.
 -Diversity Days, schedule varies daily.

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CALENDAR, continued

- April 7-20 -Visual arts: Voertman's Competition, Art Bldg., weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- April 5-8 -Library open 7:30 a.m.-midnight; bookstore open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wellness Center open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Mon., April 5 -Graduation celebration, TWU bookstore, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
-USA House of Representatives meeting, SC 006-007, 12:15-1 p.m.
-USA Senate meeting, SC 006, 5-7 p.m.
- Tues., April 6 -Teacher Interview Day, Hubbard Hall, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
-Performing arts, music: faculty recital featuring Dr. Mark Dal Porto.
-Wellness services: softball begins; "Ask the Personal Trainer," 5:30 p.m.
-Diversity Days (keynote address): "The Faces of Higher Education in the New Millennium" by Dr. Steve Murdock, chief demographer for the state of Texas and professor at Texas A&M University, SC 207-208, 2:30 p.m.
-Rhetoric series: "Multicultural Rhetorics, ACT 601, 7:30 p.m.
- Wed., April 7 -Wellness services: sign-up deadline for golf scramble.
-Leadership series: "Running Your Own Company," SC 105, 12:15 p.m.
-Alexandria's Ragtime Band concert, free, MJPH, 8 p.m.
-Workshop: "Enhancing Graduate Student Recruitment, Houston, MGJ 718, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
-TWU International Folk Dance Company performance, HH lawn, 5 p.m.
- April 8-9 -1999 Student Research and Creative Arts symposium, CFO 2, times vary.
- Thurs., April 8 -HR: "Communicating Effectively," Houston, MGJ 928, 1-4 p.m.
-Music Festival from Mexico, MCL auditorium, \$10/\$5, 8 p.m.
- April 9-10 -Drama: *Dakota Sky -- A Musical Diary*, Redbud Theatre, 8 p.m.
-Softball: Pioneers vs. Tarleton State, PF, 1 p.m.
- April 9-11 -Continuing education: "Mediation in Health Care Settings," SH.
- Fri., April 9 -Faculty Senate meeting, SC 207, 10 a.m.
-Wellness services: student/faculty golf scramble.
-Biology seminar: "Undergraduate Research Support," CFO 205, 3-4 p.m.
-HR: "Personnel Transaction Form," Parkland, FPH 2nd floor, 1-3 p.m.
-ITS: "Microsoft Outlook 97" users training, SH 307, 9 a.m.-4 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.
-Women filmmakers festival, free, MCL auditorium, 7-9 p.m.
- Sat., April 10 -GRE testing, MCL 101, 8 a.m.
-Transfer/nontraditional students open house, admissions, 9 a.m.
-Library open 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wellness Center open 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Sun., April 11 -Drama: *Dakota Sky -- A Musical Diary*, Redbud Theatre, 2 p.m.
-Library open 2 p.m.-midnight; Wellness Center open 1-6 p.m.