

# TCU THIS WEEK

EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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## TCU geologists find evidence for complex animal life more than 1 billion years ago

THREE TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY geologists and a former student have found new evidence that suggests multicellular animals originated more than 1 billion years ago. The discovery of trace fossils by John Breyer, Art Busbey, Richard Hanson and Ed Roy is described in the March issue of *Geology* magazine and challenges the conventional wisdom that places the origin of multicellular animals at less than 650 million years ago.

The fossils were found in a talc quarry in the Millican Hills near Van Horn, Texas and the slab of rock containing the fossils was removed and brought to TCU for examination.

John said the discovery of these fossils may eliminate the apparent long lag time between the first appearance of multicellular plants, approximately 1.3 billion years ago, and what is accepted to be the appearance of multicellular animals. But, if no evidence is found to support the existence of life in the intervening 350 million year period, it could represent a failed experiment in animal life.

"What makes this discovery so exciting," says John, "is that this might prove that multicellular life originated twice. It's possible that complex animal life did exist over a billion years ago, went extinct, and then reappeared 350 million years later, eventually evolving into the human race."

John and his team based their findings on sediment-filled tubes they discovered in rock formations belonging to the Mesoproterozoic, or middle of the Late Precambrian period. The Late Precambrian period refers to the time period between 570 million and 2.5 billion years ago. Sediment-filled tubes are formed by creatures burrowing into the sea floor. These tubes then become filled with sediment and represent an archive of the era in which they were created. ♦

## Renovations underway across campus

IN CASE YOU'VE BEEN WONDERING about the fences around Milton Daniel Hall and Colby Hall, they're part of the University's summer roof replacement project. Roger Fisher, director of residential services said the roof work being done is part of routine preventive maintenance that also includes replacing the roof of the Brown-Lupton Student Center.

"The fences," he said, "are there for safety and security reasons. We want to be sure that no one is injured by falling debris."

Roger also said the insides of the buildings won't be touched and the project should be finished before the fall semester.

Don Palmer, assistant director for facilities planning, said to expect lots of activity this

## EVENTS

### June 1

Human Resources Brown Bag "Managing Difficult People, noon-1 p.m. Call Ext. 7792 for reservations and information.

Human Resources WordPerfect 5.1 training class, 5-9 p.m. Call Ext. 7792 for reservations and information.

### June 6

Information Services computer class, Session I, "Beginning MS-Windows," 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Registration deadline is June 1. Call Ext. 7682 for more information.

### June 8

Information Services computer class, Session II, "Intermediate MS-Windows," 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Registration deadline is June 1. Call Ext. 7682 for more information.

Human Resources Brown Bag "Managing Difficult People, noon-1 p.m. Call Ext. 7792 for reservations and information.

### June 9

TCU/Chisholm Trail Round-Up Western Seminar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Room 164, Moudy Building. Call Ext. 7132 for information and registration fees.

### June 12

Information Services computer class, Session III, "Beginning MS-Access," 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Registration deadline is June 1. Call Ext. 7682 for more information.

### June 14

Information Services computer class, Session IV, "Intermediate MS-Access," 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. Registration deadline is June 1. Call Ext. 7682 for more information.

summer as crews will be busy making modifications throughout the campus. Other improvements underway include the resurfacing of the Leo Potishman tennis courts, modifications to bathrooms and showers in Foster and Waits halls as well as several renovation projects on labs and classrooms in Winton-Scott Hall, the Rickel Building, Dan Rogers Hall and the Moudy Building. ♦

## Graduates earn distinctive honors

HUNDREDS OF GRADUATES WERE joined by friends and family May 13 for the spring Baccalaureate-Commencement ceremony. Following an address by Dallas business leader and former Dallas Cowboy Roger Staubach, 820 students were granted degrees during the combined ceremony.

Six students in the class of '95 earned a 4.0 (straight-A) grade point average in their studies at TCU. You might know some of them: Lisa Ann Barter, an interior design major from Fort Worth; Julie Ann Bauer, a psychology major from Phoenix, Arizona; Jennifer Diane Bryan a social work major from Topeka, Kansas; Linda Jean Geer of Arlington, an interior design major; Kathryn Caroline Hill of Spring, Texas, who majored in habilitation of the deaf and Gregory Allen Snyder, a religion major from Arlington.

They are among 26 Summa Cum Laude (with highest distinction) TCU graduates. The class of '95 also included 56 Magna Cum Laude (with great distinction) graduates and 71 Cum Laude (with distinction) graduates.

Here are some other facts and figures about the class of '95:

• Bachelors degrees	647
• Brite Divinity School degrees	28
• Masters degrees	142
• Doctor of Philosophy	3
• Total earned degrees	820

## Student affairs recognizes outstanding contributions

THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE hosted its annual awards luncheon honoring recipients of its Division of Student Affairs Staff Development Awards. Nineteen individuals and programs were recognized for outstanding contributions to the Division of Student Affairs and the University:

### Outstanding Achievement Award

Becky Wright (student center), Shirley Heard (student life), Ginger Nicholas (career planning)

### Community Service Award

Lois Beige (career services)

### New Program Development Award

Frog Camp, Milton Daniel Woolly Mammoth, IFC & Panhellenic Judicial Board

### Outstanding Program Award

International Student Program

### Outstanding Involvement in the Profession Award

Emily Burgwyn (housing)

### Residential Services Employee of the Year

Christine Gray (housing)

### Award for Special Contributions

Geoff Rich (residential services), Lynita Ayala (campus life), Ben Phillips (campus life)

### The Elizabeth Youngblood Proffer Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Mission of Student Affairs

Sandy Ware (admissions), John Maddox (publications), Morrison Wong (sociology), TCU Grounds

### Thomas F. Richardson Award for Outstanding Contributions to the TCU Division of Student Affairs

Steve Kintigh (recreational sports)

### Donald B. Mills Award for Exceptional Dedication to the University

John Butler (university ministries)

# THE NEXT FRONTIER

## Education department fund commemorates longtime educator

AS PART OF THE NEXT FRONTIER Campus Campaign, many departments have developed their own special fund-raising projects. One of these projects, The JoAnn Houston Outstanding Contemporary Thinkers Lecture Series, has been established to honor JoAnn Houston for her service and dedication to TCU and to the education profession.

The fund, established by the school of education, will support an annual lecture series named for Houston, who has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Douglas Simpson (education) said the lecture series will honor a person whose life illustrates what it means to be a professional educator.

"JoAnn evidences an indomitable spirit and lifelong interest in learning and teaching," he said. "Her insight and foresight, combined with common sense, good humor, and thoughtful compassion endears her to many of us who have been able to enjoy her contributions to the profession and to the University."

Houston served as a consultant and lecturer to TCU in a variety of capacities. She held various positions on local, regional and national levels in the field of education and was a member of numerous professional organizations.

For more information on The JoAnn Houston Outstanding Contemporary Thinkers Lecture Series, call Vicki Lovin, Ext. 6703. ♦

## SYMPATHIES

Sympathy is extended to Provost Bill Koehler and his family at the passing of his mother, Erna Koehler. Mrs. Koehler passed away May 20 after a lengthy illness.

Sympathy also is extended to Nancy Ellithorpe (registrar's office) whose husband, Bob, passed away May 22.

## BRIEFLY

Effective June 5, the Printing Services office will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please note that this is an earlier closing than in the past. However, they will still open thirty minutes before classes begin and will continue to be open during the lunch hour. ♦

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## Paint, sing, dance your way through summer at TCU workshops

TCU'S OFFICE OF EXTENDED Education is accepting participants for several summer camps, institutes and workshops for children and adults.

Workshops and institutes include:

### June 5-July 22

TCU Summer Music Institute, offering a variety of courses on choral music education; instrumental music and administration and leadership.

### June 9 - 10

The 18th Annual TCU/Chisholm Trail Western Seminar examines the way the Plains Indians have been depicted in fact, fiction and film through lectures and group discussions.

### June 12 - 30

TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute, offering a concentrated study of piano performance, technique and repertoire for college and pre-college students.

### June 18 - 24

Texas Showdown Showchoir Camp includes choral workshops, dance clinics and reading sessions for middle school through college-age students and music teachers.

### June 24 - 25

TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute Teachers Weekend offers demonstrations designed especially for private piano teachers.

### July 7 - 15

TCU Suzuki Teacher Training offers classes for instructors of violin, cello and harp.

### July 9 - 14

TCU's Suzuki Institute for violinists, violists, cellists and harpists and vocalists preschool age and older.

### July 9 - 13

TCU's Advanced Placement Summer Institute for teachers of AP French.

### July 9 - 21

TCU's 30th Annual Summer Dance Workshop for teachers and dance students 13 years of age and older.

### July 10 - 14

TCU Advanced Placement Summer Institutes for teachers of AP classes in biology, mathematics, U.S. government and more.

### July 10 - 27

TCU's 13th Annual Summer at Starpoint offers intensive summer learning opportunities in reading, mathematics and study skills for children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade.

### July 12

Advanced Placement Vertical Teams Workshop for Administrators offers sessions to develop vertical teams.

### June 26-July 28

TCU Art Camp, offers a week-long art experience for students from kindergarten through grade 12.

Continuing Education Units, graduate and Texas Advanced Academic Training credit is available for some courses. For more information and brochures, call (817) 921-7130. ♦

## CLASSIFIEDS

NEEDED: Loving woman to care for one-year-old in TCU/Tanglewood area home. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Must have references and provide own transportation. Salary negotiable. Contact Brenda at 540-0614 from 6 to 9 p.m.

FOR RENT: Small three-room furnished garage apartment one block north of TCU. Graduate student preferred; non-smoker, deposit and references required; no pets, water paid. Rent discussed at time of appointment to see apartment. Call 926-3236.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: Female house cat, black with white markings, declawed and spayed. Friendly and also good with children. Will also provide cat carrier, food and water dish and litter box. Call Ext. 6480 for more details.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom house within walking distance of TCU. Includes washer/dryer. Available June 1. Prefer graduate student or faculty. \$500 per month plus security deposit. Call 923-5507 or Ext. 6231.

NEED A SITTER? Will baby-sit in my home starting June 5. TCU area, days only. Prefer 6-month-olds to 3-year-olds. Contact Connie at 921-0395.

FOR SALE: Large dorm refrigerator, excellent condition, \$90. Call 338-2771.

FOR SALE: Citizen dot matrix printer, excellent condition. Call Janet at Ext. 7556.

ROOMMATE NEEDED to share luxury duplex on Ledgestone Drive across from Hulen Mall. Private pool and hot tub; two-bedroom with den, 2-1/2 baths, 2-car garage; \$450 per month plus half of all utilities. Call Tim at 370-1179.

WANTED: A loving home for Eva, a 12-year-old Dalmation; very loving and intelligent. Eva, who is deaf but knows signs, has been an apartment dweller since being a pup. Owner is going overseas. Call Susan at 763-0365.

FOR LEASE: Spacious 3-bedroom home. Living, dining, sun room and many more extras including lovely yard and garage apartment in back. Only 1/2 block from campus; \$1,100 lease. Call Ext. 7609 or 924-6440.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of May 22. For more information on any of these positions, call Ext. 7790.

Annual Fund Officer - University Advancement  
Publications Assistant - Communications/Public Affairs  
Assistant Director/Career Services - Career Services  
Volleyball Coach - Athletics  
Residential Hall Director - Residential Services  
Field Staff Surveyor - IBR (temporary staff)  
Accompanist/Technique Classes - Ballet/Modern Dance  
Police Officer - Campus Police  
Security Guard (75%) - Campus Police  
Parking Patrol Assistant (75%) - Campus Police  
Craft Tech I/HVAC (p/t) - Physical Plant  
Plasterer - Physical Plant  
Craft Tech II/Cabinet Maker - Physical Plant  
Service Assistant III - Facility Services  
Service Assistant II - Facility Services

Service Assistant I (f/t) - Facility Services  
Service Assistant I (p/t) - Facility Services

Upward Bound has summer openings for instructors in the following areas:

Computer Lab  
Drama  
Literature  
Sign Language  
Math  
Careers/JTPA  
Residence Hall Assistants/Supervisors  
Science  
Aerobics/Walking Exercise  
Science/Activities  
Weight Conditioning  
Tennis

Upward Bound positions are dependent upon receipt of funding from the U.S. Department of Education.