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EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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Dorm improvements offer students home-like amenities

GETTING PLUGGED INTO TCU will be three times easier this fall for students who live in the dorms. A new telephone system, cable television and data communications, scheduled to debut this weekend, will distinguish TCU as one of the first universities in the United States to offer all three services to dorm rooms.

Making a phone call to Domino's, watching CNN, and linking to the TCU computer network all will be serviced from the same connection box. And with two boxes in each room, every student will have the option for personal rather than roommate-shared services.

"These services will make campus life more intellectually up-to-date and make residence hall life more appealing," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Although students will have to pay for phone and cable service, prices will be below market rates, according to Vice Chancellor Mills. TCU computer network and Internet communications will be free to all students who have an IBM-compatible or Macintosh computer with a suitable network connection.

The new student phone system will be linked to the campus phone system, allowing students to directly dial any 4-digit extension on campus. Voice mail will be available for an additional charge. Students also will have access to the TCU long distance phone network and be billed at AT&T's direct dial rates.

Students who opt for cable TV after two weeks of free service at the beginning of the fall semester will have access to a variety of basic cable offerings on the 45-channel service.

"Students understand that residence halls are not like home, but they want some of the comforts of home, and cable TV is part of it," Vice Chancellor Mills said.

TCU will offer a text-only campus calendar channel and movie channel among the five channels available for special use by the university.

Vice Chancellor Mills believes the availability of cable TV will mean new opportunities for TCU students to create programming for the campus audience as the other channels become active in the future. ♦

Campus safety: A job for everyone

AS ACTIVITIES PICK UP ON CAMPUS in time for the fall semester, TCU police chief Steven McGee says it's everyone's responsibility to keep a watch out for crime. A recent robbery emphasizes the importance of campus safety.

The robbery occurred last Monday evening in the Bass Building parking lot. According to Chief McGee, a man with a handgun approached a faculty member as she got out of her car. He asked her for her valuables. The faculty member gave the gunman her purse. The suspect walked away, got into a car with a female driver and left the campus. The faculty member was not hurt.

Similar robberies near the campus have also been reported recently by Fort Worth Police. Campus police have increased patrols in perimeter parking lots. Fort Worth police regularly patrol streets adjacent to and intersecting the campus.

Chief McGee encourages everyone to help keep the campus a safe place. If you see someone suspicious inside or outside a building, call the Campus Police immediately at Ext. 7777.

If you notice suspicious activity as you drive into a parking lot, don't get out of your car. Drive away and find a yellow emergency call box to report the activity to the Campus Police. Escorts are also available for any faculty or staff member, students or campus guests at any time, day or night by calling the Campus Police.

An informed campus community can contribute to safety and security at TCU. You may wish to join the 65 volunteer faculty and staff members who participate in Campus Crime Watch activities. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month. Tomorrow's meeting (Aug. 8) is scheduled at 12 noon in the Student Center, room 203. Call Connie Vilella at Ext. 7930 for more information. ♦

REMEMBER!
For
Campus Police
Dial 7777.

EVENTS

Aug. 8

Supervision Skills training, Part I, 8 a.m.-noon, Human Resources. Call Ext. 7792 for reservations.

Campus Crime Watch meeting, noon, Room 203, Student Center.

Parking permits go on sale for all faculty/staff.

Aug. 9-10

Parking permits available outside of controller's office.

Aug. 10

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

Inside TCU items needed by Aug. 15

PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY for the September debut of a new publication for the TCU community. *Inside TCU* will highlight the contributions TCU faculty and staff members make to the University, their professions and the community.

The deadline has passed for submissions to the premiere issue of *Inside TCU*, but you can still submit your "Notes on Folks" items for the October issue. Please send your typed items to "In Touch" at Box 30776 or e-mail them to INSIDETCU@TCU.EDU by Aug. 15.

Let us know about a colleague or program that deserves the *Inside TCU* spotlight by sending your ideas to the same box number or by calling Ma'lisa Laidlaw at Ext. 5060. ♦

BRIEFLY

Recently announced parking modifications will go into effect beginning Monday, Aug. 14.

Please take note of the designations of parking lots and individual parking spaces to avoid being ticketed by campus police officers. The new parking designations also appear in the brochure that accompanies your new parking permit. For more information call the campus police office, Ext. 7777.

TCU license plates now easier to get

SHOWING YOUR PURPLE PRIDE for TCU and funding scholarships for needy students are easier now thanks to a pilot program that let's you buy a set of collegiate license plates when you pay for vehicle registration.

Tarrant County is one of 14 Texas counties participating in a six-month test administered by the Texas Department of Transportation's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division.

Before the program began in early July, motorists had to wait up to six weeks for the state to fill orders for the special plates sporting school names and logos.

The plates sell for \$30 in addition to the regular annual registration fee, with \$25 going to scholarship funds for each participating school. The additional \$5 covers state administrative expenses.

"Collegiate license plate sales are doing extremely well here," commented Tarrant County Tax Assessor-Collector June Garrison.

The plates are available at the downtown office in the Tarrant County Administration Building, 100 E. Weatherford St. Sub-courthouse locations will accept orders for the plates and deliver them within a few days, Garrison said.

In addition to TCU collegiate plates, the Tarrant County office stocks plates for Southern Methodist University, the University of Texas at Arlington, the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M and Baylor University, she said.

The special plates may be purchased at any time of the year. Credit will be given for time remaining on current plates, and a pro-rated charge will be applied to give motorists a full year when purchasing collegiate plates.

Since the state first offered TCU plates in April 1991, the university has collected \$20,575 for scholarships. More than \$5,200 from the TCU License

Plate Insignia Scholarship has been distributed to students who have had unusual financial aid requirements, according to Emma Baker, TCU's director of scholarships and student financial aid. "It's a relatively small program, but it does help students in special need," Emma said.

Nearly \$1.1 million has been raised for 34 participating colleges and universities since the Texas Department of Transportation kicked off collegiate plate sales in 1990.

The test program will be evaluated in January to determine whether it should be continued or expanded. ♦

Parking permits go on sale this week

PARKING PERMITS FOR THE 1995-1996 school year go on sale tomorrow (Tuesday) for all faculty and staff members.

As in the past, permits must be paid for in the controller's office before they can be picked up.

This year, however, campus police will have a table outside of the controller's office where permits will be issued Aug. 9-10, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This year's fees remain unchanged; \$25 for faculty/university staff permits and \$20 for general staff permits.

A brochure and map detailing traffic regulations and new parking designations also will be available beginning Aug. 8. ♦

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to Jayne Akers (journalism) and her family in the death of her husband, James Akers, 57.

James, a construction supervisor and supervisor of the men's dormitory at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, died July 31 after falling from a dormitory roof at the seminary.

Services were held Aug. 3 at Willow Creek Baptist Church. He is survived by Jayne; a son, Tim Akers; two daughters, Tammy Akers and Tressy Kessinger and six grandchildren.

Hester Brite Vandevere, 93, the daughter of L.C. Brite, the West Texas benefactor for whom Brite Divinity School is named, died July 28.

Services for Mrs. Vandevere, were held July 31 in El Paso and Aug. 1 in Marfa, Texas. Bryan Feille presided over the Marfa service.

Mrs. Vandevere was believed to be the oldest alumna of the Clark Society.

APPOINTMENTS

Two staff positions have recently been filled in the athletics department.

Michael Siquiefield is football facilities manager and equipment manager. He previously served three years in a similar capacity at East Carolina University. He is a 1992 graduate of Louisiana State University.

Bart Casey joins the staff as athletics video coordinator. He is a 1995 graduate of Troy State University.

He began his college career as a scholarship football player at Jacksonville (AL) State before transferring to Troy State.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: Two-bedroom home, quiet neighborhood, Paschal High School area. Call 924-1184.

FOR SALE: Children's wooden fort: "Eagle's Nest and Scout Tower"; lumber and hardware cost \$400 in 1988; you (partially) disassemble, you haul and you pay \$50. Call Phil at Ext. 6176 or 927-0063.

FOR RENT: Unfurnished one-bedroom condo with patio in west Fort Worth. Tennis courts, swimming pool, club house, jogging area, gym, covered parking, electric gate entrance and good neighbors. Ten minutes from TCU down I-30 to Horn Street/Roaring Springs Road; \$425 per month, plus bills; \$100 deposit. Call S.M. Dees at 921-7410 or Ext. 6415 before 5 p.m. weekdays or after 8 p.m. at 738-3185.

FOR SALE: 1982 burgundy two-door Mustang GL with new burgundy interior, 5-liter, standard, V8, excellent condition, one owner. Call 498-8623 or 921-7832 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

WANTED: Bookcase, kitchen chairs, lamps, end tables and coffee table for new apartment. Reasonable and in good condition, please. Call 275-0972 and leave a message.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Volleyball Coach - Athletics
Program Advisor - Campus Life
Workers' Compensation Coordinator - Business Services
Mail Distribution Supervisor - Post Office
Office Assistant (weekends) - Health Center
Office Assistant - Financial Aid
Accompanist/Technique Classes - Ballet/Modern Dance
Bookstore Assistant II - University Store
Bookstore Assistant I (75%) - University Store
Police Officer - Campus Police
Security Guard (75% and 100%) - Campus Police
Residential Hall Advisor - Campus Life
Plasterer - Physical Plant
Craft Tech II/HVAC - Physical Plant
Craft Tech I/HVAC - Physical Plant
Craft Tech II/Cabinet Maker - Physical Plant
Service Assistant Supervisor - Residential Services
Service Assistant I (p/t) - Facility Services

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