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Honors Week speaker encourages 'national conversation'

DR. SHELDON HACKNEY, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, will speak on "The American Identity" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, in the Student Center ballroom as a part of TCU's annual Honors Week. Dr. Hackney's speech will focus on a new program at NEH, "A National Conversation on American Pluralism and Identity," which gives grants to communities from all backgrounds and geographic locations to examine the nation's differences in race, ethnicity and culture and the shared values that characterize what it is to be an American.

"All of our people — left, right and center — have a responsibility to examine and discuss what unites us as a country, what we share as common American values in a nation comprised of so many divergent groups and beliefs," Dr. Hackney said in a National Press Club speech. "For too long, we have let what divides us capture the headlines and the soundbites, polarizing us rather than bringing us together."

One of the goals of the conversations is to encourage discussion among and between different ethnic, racial and cultural groups about American pluralism and identity. Other aims of the program are to use the insights of the humanities to deepen the

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Is my tuition benefit taxable income? Yes, no and maybe

THE ANSWER IS YES if your spouse took graduate coursework during 1995 using your TCU employee tuition benefit.

Tuition benefits used to cover your spouse's graduate coursework have always been considered taxable income by the IRS.

The answer is no if your dependent used your tuition benefit to take undergraduate courses at TCU.

Tuition benefits used by dependents for undergraduate coursework have always been considered a benefit by the IRS, and thus are not considered taxable.

The answer is maybe if you took advantage of your own tuition benefit during 1995 for graduate work.

EVENTS

Now-April 15

Library exhibits in recognition of Women's History Month. One exhibit, "Texas Women—a Celebration of History," pays tribute to the women of the Lone Star State who developed the state's cultural life. The second exhibit, "Texas Ranch Women: Roles, Images, and Possibilities," offers pictures and vignettes on the lives of female pioneers in ranching. Both exhibits are from the Institute of Texan Cultures. Mary Couts Burnett Library lobby.

April 8-12

Master of Fine Arts Thesis Sculpture Exhibition by Christopher Tribble, Moody Building exhibition hall. Free and open to all. ****

April 8-13

Honors Week featuring keynote speaker Dr. Sheldon Hackney, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. Hackney is the author of several books on southern political history and is the past president of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hackney will discuss "The American Identity," at 7:30 p.m. April 10 in the Student Center ballroom. At Honors Convocation on April 11, he will speak on "American Exceptionalism" at 11 a.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Both events are free and open to all. Call Ext. 7125 for more information on other Honors Week events.

April 8

Honors Week recital sponsored by Pi Kappa Lambda, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

April 9

Campus Crime Watch meeting, noon, Student Center Room 203. Call Ext. 7276 for more information.

"Exploring Faith in a Changing World" brown bag lunch: "The Roman Catholic Tradition" led by David Finn (marketing), noon, Moody Building 205S. Call Ext. 7830 for more information.

April 10

Writing Center Event: Presentation titled "There's Going to be A Revolution" by Diana Cox, director of technology support at Amarillo College, 1-4 p.m., Student Center Room 205. Open to all. Call Ext. 7221 for more information.

Tandy RetroFest '96 Event: Faculty member Mark Thistlethwaite will lecture on "Abstraction between the Wars," 3-4:15 p.m., Amon Carter Museum auditorium. Call 738-1933, Ext. 235, for reservations.

Tuition reimbursement of up to \$5,250 was tax exempt under Section 127 of the IRS Tax Code, which expired in 1995.

Graduate coursework taken by employees or their spouses in 1996 may or may not require tax to be withheld, depending on whether or not Congress acts to reinstate Section 127.

April 10

Lotus 1-2-3 training, 8 a.m.-noon. ***

Ian Campbell, chair in Scottish and Victorian literature at Edinburgh University in Edinburgh, Scotland, will deliver a free public lecture on "The Bible in Victorian Fiction," at 4 p.m. in the Faculty Center, Reed Hall 214. Call Ext. 7240 for more information.

April 11

Human Resources Financial Planning "Just Starting Out," 3-5 p.m. ***

April 12

Lotus 1-2-3 training, 8 a.m.-noon. ***

April 13

Guest organist Johannes Geffert of Bonn, Germany, will present a workshop on organ improvisation in the liturgical style, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2600 Merida. Free and open to all. *

Women's Tennis — TCU vs. Rice, 1:30 p.m., Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center. **

April 14

Guest organist Johannes Geffert will join other TCU organ students in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Guild of Organists in "The World's Largest Organ Recital," 3 p.m., Robert Carr Chapel. Repertoire includes works by Bach, Eben, Mendelssohn and others. Free and open to all. *

April 15-19

Master of Fine Arts Thesis Painting Exhibition by Patty Sutherland, J.M. Moody Building Exhibition Hall. Free and open to all. ****

April 15

Organ recital featuring Johannes Geffert, organist of the Kreuzkirche in Bonn, Germany. 7:30 p.m., Robert Carr Chapel. The program includes pieces by Bach, Widor, Saint-Saens and Mendelssohn. Free and open to all. *

*Call the music department at Ext. 7602 for more information.

**Call the ticket office at Ext. 7967 for more information.

***Call Human Resources at Ext. 7790 for more information.

****Call art and art history at Ext. 7643 for more information.

If you have any questions about your tuition benefits, please contact human resources at Ext. 7790.

For questions about your withholding, contact the payroll department at Ext. 7835.

Remember that the deadline to file your 1995 tax return is Monday, April 15. ♦

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discussions and to increase the number of Americans who have a broader understanding of themselves, their role in the community and others. The program also hopes to expand public awareness of the enriching and transforming power of the humanities in everyday life.

Before becoming NEH chairman, Dr. Hackney served as provost of Princeton University, president of Tulane University and president of the University of Pennsylvania. At Penn, he supervised the most successful fund-raising campaign in the university's history.

Dr. Hackney also will speak on "American Exceptionalism" at the University's Honors Convocation at 11 a.m. April 11 in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Honors Convocation is a free event that is open to the public.

Dr. Hackney is one of several individuals who will visit the TCU campus during the 1995-96 academic year as visiting Green Honors Professors, which stem from a 1969 gift from Dr. Cecil H. Green of Dallas and his wife, the late Dr. Ida Green. Since the original endowment was established, an impressive array of scholars from around the world has come to TCU for seminars, presentations and interaction with students and faculty members. ♦

Library adds new information desk

THE MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY recently added a new information desk in the lobby to provide quick information and assistance to library visitors. The desk will be staffed from 9 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 10 p.m. on Sundays.

The desk will provide an easy way for visitors to get quick referrals and directions without waiting in long lines at the reference desk. Staff members also will assist visitors with the lobby computer terminals. Library and campus maps and other library handouts will be available at the desk. ♦

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German organist to perform as visiting artist

JOHANNES GEFFERT, organist for the Kreuzkirche church in Bonn, Germany, will be a visiting artist for the music department April 12-16.

Geffert, son of well-known organist Hans Geffert, is one of the leading organ improvisers in Germany today. In 1980, he was appointed kantor of the Kreuzkirche. Since 1990, however, he has served as organist only for the church, enabling him to concentrate on his international performing career. His most recent endeavor was the performance of the complete organ works of J.S. Bach over a series of recitals at the Kreuzkirche in 1994-95.

Geffert has close ties with TCU: He was the teacher of TCU organ Fulbright Scholars Sherryl Smigh-Babbitt and Guillermo Martinez, who now serves as University organist.

During his stay, Geffert will take part in a variety of events that are free and open to the public.

Friday, April 12, Geffert will lead an organ master class in Robert Carr Chapel from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Students from TCU, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, University of North Texas and University of Texas at Arlington will perform.

Geffert will lead a workshop on organ improvisation in the liturgical style Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2600 Merida. The workshop is held in conjunction with the Fort Worth chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

The organist, along with TCU organ students, will perform in a recital celebrating the 100th anniversary of the American Guild of Organists on Sunday, April 14, at 3 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel. Geffert will open the recital, dubbed "the world's largest organ recital," with Bach's "Toccata & Fugue in D-Minor."

On Monday, April 15, Geffert will perform works by Bach, Widor, Saint-Saens and Mendelssohn in a recital at 7:30 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel.

Geffert will give a lecture on "Musical Symbolism: The Secret Language of J.S. Bach," Tuesday, April 16, from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in Robert Carr Chapel.

The visit is sponsored by the Sue Wheeler Smith Endowment Fund of TCU and Dr. William R. Gardner of Fort Worth. ♦

You can still discover 'The Joy of Birds'

SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE in the popular extended education class that teaches beginning birdwatchers how to identify and appreciate both resident and migrating birds in Texas.

Classes will cover the basics of bird identification, choosing binoculars and field guides, attracting backyard birds, bird migration and environmental issues. The class includes field trips to area birding "hot

spots." Instructors for the course are Norma Bartholomew (IBR) and Martin Reid, a bird guide and travel consultant.

The class will be offered Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. They will be held April 23, 30 and May 7 and 14. Field trips will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on April 27 and May 4 and 11.

The \$100 fee for the course is discounted for TCU employees. Call Ext. 7132 to enroll. ♦

Scottish professor to speak on Victorian literature

DR. IAN CAMPBELL, chair in Scottish and Victorian literature at Edinburgh University in Edinburgh, Scotland, will give a lecture titled, "The Bible in Victorian Fiction," at 4 p.m. April 10 in the Faculty Center, Reed Hall 214. The event is free and open to all.

In his speech, Dr. Campbell will discuss how Victorian audiences could easily grasp biblical references that often baffle today's readers. His research focuses on Victorian and Scottish literature, as well as on Scottish historian Thomas Carlyle.

Linda Hughes (English, graduate studies) described Dr. Campbell as "a real friend of TCU." Dr. Campbell taught courses for the TCU Summer Abroad program in Edinburgh.

For more information on the event, call the English department at Ext. 7420. ♦

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1995 1/2 ton Chevy truck with extended cab, silverado trim, V6, automatic, very clean. \$16,500. Call Jenny at Ext. 5034 or 737-6444.

FOR SALE: Tandy 4000 computer with printer, \$125. Teakwood computer/printer armoire cabinet, \$200. Upright piano, \$50. Sofa, \$125. Framed photographs by Skeeter Hagler, \$50 each or three for \$125. Call Ext. 6108 or 478-5709.

FOR SALE: Bluish gray sofa and love seat with soft, thick cushions. Great condition. \$350. Call 656-3211.

FOR SALE: 3/2/2 brick house in Arlington Heights, two living areas, sunroom, dining room, hardwood floors, security system, fireplace, heat and air conditioning. Call 377-2168.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of April 1. For more information on any of these positions, call Ext. 7790.

Director/Center for Productive Communication — School of Business
Hall Director — Residential Services
Director/Special Programs/Upward Bound — School of Education
Assistant Director/Instructor — Ranch Management
Women's Basketball Coach — Athletics
Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach — Athletics
Offset Press Operator II — Printing Services
Administrative Assistant II — Facility Services
Administrative Assistant I — Speech Communications
Administrative Assistant I (1/2 time) — Spanish and Latin American Studies
Accompanist/Technique Classes — Ballet/Modern Dance
Security Guard — Campus Police