

# TCU THIS WEEK

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## Report highlights Board of Trustees meeting

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT covering last week's Board of Trustees meeting has been attached to this issue of *TCU This Week*. If you did not receive this special section, please contact Judy Cartmill at Ext. 7899. ♦

## Neeley School offers virtual MBA courses over Internet

TCU MBA STUDENTS have teamed with business students in Europe, Canada, Australia and across the United States, to set up virtual companies over the Internet. Students receive credit toward their MBA degrees while gaining real-world experience networking across the World Wide Web.

"In working together as virtual teammates to create a Web-based project, they are exposed to different disciplines, different cultures, and certainly, different perceptions," said Beata Lobert (business) who specializes in information systems.

These teams incorporate the use of electronic mail, Web-based decision-support tools and the Internet to create prototypes for a web-based company.

"We were effectively setting up a business with someone from across the globe," said Anupa Gharpurey, a second-year MBA student. "We actually had to turn away some would-be customers who thought it was a real business."

On-line education exposes students to many of the challenges they are likely to encounter in the real world.

"This kind of exposure would be difficult to achieve in a traditional MBA program," Beata said.

Internet courses are burgeoning in higher education according to an article profiling TCU's Virtual Learning Environment project in the Nov. 4 issue of *Information Week* magazine. "The Web abounds with sources for earning on-line degrees or taking courses in everything from art appreciation to Web page design to dream interpretation," according to the magazine.

Last year, the Neeley School at TCU and eight other universities around the globe established the Virtual Learning Environment project for MBA students. The project brings together students from around the world. Participant majors include information systems, marketing strategy and organizational behavior. The Virtual MBA project teaches students about electronic commerce and virtual organizations. ♦

## EVENTS

### Now-Jan. 10

"Books That Shaped America" exhibit featuring photographs, drawings and manuscripts, Mary Coats Burnett Library lobby.

### Now-Nov. 26

"Japanese Prints & Drawings from the Permanent Collection," Moudy exhibition hall. Free. This exhibition features brush drawings by Ando Hiroshige (1797-1858) and a selection of drawings and color prints by a variety of masterful hands. It is part of the Sun & Star 1996 festival celebrating Japanese culture. \*\*\*

### Nov. 25

Men's Basketball — TCU vs. Centenary, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. \*\*

Faculty recital featuring violinist Barbara Barber, harpsichordist and pianist Janet Pummill, Nicholas Scales on bass and Nick Petrella on drums, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. \*

### Nov. 26

CARS software systems demonstrations, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Call Jane Andrews at Ext. 7682 for more information.

TCU Percussion Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. \*

### Nov. 28-29

Thanksgiving holidays. University offices closed.

### Nov. 29

Women's Basketball — TCU vs. Howard Payne, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. \*\*

### Dec. 2-6

Bachelor of Fine Arts Studio Art Senior Exhibition, Moudy Building exhibition hall. \*\*\*

### Dec. 2

Datatel software systems demonstrations, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Call Jane Andrews at Ext. 7682 for more information.

Faculty voice recital featuring Raymond Bazemore, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Mr. Bazemore will be joined by a choral group from O.D. Wyatt High School. Free. \*

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

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

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

## Western writer to highlight authors at Autograph Extravaganza

TEXAS NOVELIST Elmer Kelton will top the schedule of the TCU Press Autograph Extravaganza from 4 to 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at Fort Worth's Botanic Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd. The free, public event will feature local authors available to autograph their books.

The son and grandson of working cowboys, Kelton is the author of more than 35 novels, capturing the history of Texas in fiction, from the Republic to the present. He has been called Texas' best-loved novelist and its best-kept literary secret. His books have won the Spur Award from Western Writers of America and the Western Heritage (Wrangler) Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame several times. Kelton has also been honored for lifetime achievement by the Texas Institute of Letters, Western Writers of America and the Western Literature Association.

Sponsors of the event include the TCU Press, Friends of the TCU Library, Connections Bookstore and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. ♦

## Extended study hours for Student Center

THE STUDENT CENTER will be expanding its hours from midnight to 2 a.m. Sunday through Thursday in order to comply with a recent TCU House of Representatives resolution.

The new hours will be on a trial basis through the end of this semester. Counts will be taken on the half hour to evaluate student need for the extended study hours. ♦

## Grab a seat and paint it purple

IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE MANY people tired of walking into Daniel Meyer Coliseum and seeing those psychedelic orange, yellow and green seats, there's something you can do about it.

The seats, which date back to the coliseum's opening in 1961, are due to be reconditioned in time for the 1997-98 season. To help offset the cost of reconditioning the seats, the TCU Frog Club has established the "Paint it Purple" program. For each gift of \$100 dollars you can have a name engraved on a brass recognition plaque and attached to a seat in the coliseum. Reserved season ticket holders can have their names placed on their reserved seats. The gift also entitles you to become an honorary Frog Club member for one year if not a member already. ♦

## Choral groups to perform

THE 121-VOICE CHORAL UNION, under the direction of Ronald Shirey, will perform Handel's "Messiah" with the TCU Symphony at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8 in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Meanwhile, Shirey's 60-member Concert Chorale has been preparing for its recent eighth annual program of Renaissance music at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, as well as a performance for the Rotary Club of Fort Worth on Dec. 6.

Selected to perform at the final concert of the American Choral Directors Association national convention March 6-8 in San Diego, the Concert Chorale was chosen from more than 215 choirs from across the country who entered the audition process.

An appearance at an ACDA national convention is one of the highest honors an American choir can receive, according to its executive director Gene Brooks. The event attracts more than 5,000 choral directors from around the globe, 2,500 choral singers and about 750 representatives of the music industry. The Concert Chorale will sing a commissioned piece by the world-renowned composer Gian Carlo Menotti during the choral/orchestra concert in San Diego's Symphony Hall. ♦

## Basketball schedules change

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The game time for the Dec. 30 men's basketball game between TCU and Purdue has been changed from 6:05 to 8 p.m. The contest will be televised on ESPN2.

The women's game against the University of San Francisco, originally scheduled to start after the men's game, has also been moved. Tipoff has changed from 8:30 to 5 p.m. ♦

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## Fall 1996 University Closings

The University will officially be closed on the following dates:

### Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 28; Friday, Nov. 29

### Christmas

Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Wednesday, Jan. 1

## High school students to sing with faculty member

RAYMOND BAZEMORE (music) will share the stage with 54 students from O.D. Wyatt High School at his faculty recital, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

The young singers are members of The Singing Chaparrals, an award-winning choir led by Mrs. Jewell Kelly, director of the music program at the Fort Worth high school. Raymond has been working with the group as both teacher and mentor since shortly after coming to TCU in the fall of 1995. He has also coached individual students when Kelly has asked for his help in preparing them for vocal competitions and auditions.

When Raymond began planning his recital program early this fall, he decided to invite the choir to participate. "I thought it would be a nice way to involve a segment of the community," he says.

After Raymond's solo program of arias by Handel and Mozart, the students will join him in selections from *Treemonisha* (Scott Joplin), *Lost in the Stars* (Kurt Weill), *Porgy and Bess* (George Gershwin) and *Show Boat* (Jerome Kern). They will also perform two songs from their own repertoire. ♦

## Frog Horn to make parade appearances

THE FROG HORN and Frog Truck will appear at several holiday parades in the area. You can catch the Frog Horn and the Horned Frog spirit at the downtown Fort Worth Parade of Lights at 7 p.m. Friday (beginning at the Courthouse) and at the Fort Worth Stockyards Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. Saturday (beginning at The Spaghetti Warehouse, 600 E. Exchange Ave.). Volunteer cheerleaders and Super Frog will also be passing out candy.

For those in the Northeast Tarrant County area, the Frog Horn, Frog Truck and TCU Showgirls will also make appearances at the Grapevine Christmas Parade at 7 p.m. on Dec. 5 (beginning on Main Street). ♦

## DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to Debbie Mar (financial aid) and Gorland Mar (publications) in the death of Debbie's father-in-law and Gorland's uncle, Paul Mar, Nov. 5 of a heart attack. Services were held Nov. 9 in Fort Worth.

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Baby bed with mattress, excellent condition, all white accessories (comforter and bumper pads), \$100. Call Mike at Ext. 7960.

FOR SALE: Macintosh Performa 476 computer, 8MB RAM, 230MB hard disk, 14 inch color monitor, Stylewriter II inkjet printer, ethernet card, lots of software, \$850 with printer, \$700 without. Call Peter at 920-4908.

FOR SALE: 1987 Honda CRX, 5 speed, 125,000 miles, am/fm cassette, red, very reliable, \$3,150. Call Ext. 7514 or 263-9471.

FOR SALE: 1976 Chevy 3/4 ton truck, long bed/wheelbase, 350 V8 4 barrel dual exhaust, automatic, air, power steering, power brakes, AM/FM cassette, must sell quickly, make reasonable offer, \$1,800-\$2,000. Call Jim at 921-2797 (pager 499-6391).

KITTENS SEEKING LOVE AND AFFECTION: Home needed for two beautiful kittens found abandoned. About 10 weeks old, healthy, playful, excellent personalities. Contact Norma at Ext. 6476 or evenings at 737-3754.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Nov. 20. For more information on any of these positions, call Ext. 7790.

Director — Writing Center  
Director/Center for Productive Communication — School of Business  
Associate Dean — Harris College of Nursing  
Dean of Admissions — Admissions Reference/Business Librarian — Mary Coats Burnett Library  
Office Assistant — Registrar  
Administrative Assistant (50%) — Fine Arts  
Administrative Assistant I (75%) — Spanish & Latin American Studies  
Data Control Specialist I — Human Resources  
Library Assistant II — Mary Coats Burnett Library  
Police Officer — Campus Police  
Security Guard — Campus Police  
Craft Tech Supervisor I/HVAC — Physical Plant  
Craft Technician II — Physical Plant  
Engine Mechanic — Physical Plant  
Service Assistant (50% & 100%) — Facility Services

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## SPECIAL TRUSTEE ISSUE

### Board of Trustees holds fall meeting

#### *Renovations to residence halls high on list of priorities*

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY WILL likely spend \$35-\$40 million over the next several years to strengthen the residential nature of the campus and renew the cooling system, including new environmentally-sound chillers.

The University's Board of Trustees Friday (Nov. 22) approved funds for the cooling system and took major steps toward rebuilding the residence halls that house 3,000 students. It authorized design and engineering work to make the Worth Hills campus more attractive and inviting and to demolish and replace two halls on the main campus, Pete Wright and Tom Brown, each more than 40 years old.

#### *University financially strong*

THE APPROVAL CAME after a financial report showed that the University lived well within its budget last year and that endowment and other investments grew to more than \$555 million.

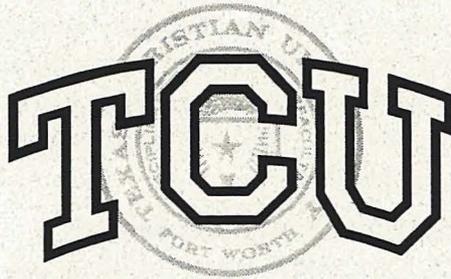


THE  
NEXT  
FRONTIER

FUND-RAISING FOR THE NEXT Frontier Campaign has reached \$95 million of its \$100 million goal and still has a year to go.

"This financial strength built over the years now enables us to consider and accomplish projects such as these that will keep us strong in the 21st century," said Chancellor Tucker.

Though no final decision has been made, borrowing money for the projects is a possibility. Unlike most institutions of its size, TCU has generally refrained from long-term debt. Almost all TCU buildings are funded by gifts, and construction does not begin until all the needed funds, including an endowment for maintenance, are in hand. That was the case in the most recent projects:



The Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, completed this fall, and the F. Howard and Mary D. Walsh Center for Performing Arts, now under construction. "But replacing air conditioning and making major improvements in the campus infrastructure are not exciting projects for fund raising," Tucker said.

#### *Campus housing evaluated*

CONSULTANTS STUDIED the physical condition of the residence halls for more than a year and conducted a market survey to see what students and their parents would like.

"We are in good shape compared to our peer institutions," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs. "But what we have are facilities that were designed for a generation of students past. We need facilities that can compete with what students see and experience off campus, plus study rooms, computer rooms, exercise rooms and other areas for a variety of student activities."

Added Mills: "We are making a serious financial commitment to our conviction that education works best when there is a community of people that not only go to school together but live together. We want to provide the structures that make people want to live here. We want to strengthen the benefits that come from students of all classifications living on campus and interacting with each other and with the faculty. We have not been able to do that as well as we like with facilities that may have been adequate in the past but will not be for the future."

Exact cost of the housing project has not been determined. The Board asked that a design consultant and architectural firm be hired to work out more specific plans.

#### *Cooling system upgrade*

THE RENEWED CAMPUS cooling system will cost about \$13.5 million. Most of the current system depends on old CFC-type chillers that are an environmental concern, said Edd Bivin, vice chancellor for administrative services. To gain the maximum from the new chillers, he said, other changes are needed in cooling towers, in the chilled-water-loop and air-handling systems and other high-tech equipment. The campus requires almost 6,000 tons of cooling.

The premier energy consultant hired by TCU said that the changes will both save utility costs and solve campus cooling problems, including humidity problems in the library. Even a retrofit of the lighting system is included in the high-tech system: Bivin said that replacing incandescent light bulbs with fluorescents and replacing the ballast in fluorescent systems will cut energy use immediately and the lesser heat produced will lower by 220 tons the air conditioning tonnage needed.

The residence hall project, approved in concept, will take five years; the work on the cooling system will begin immediately and is expected to take 18 months.

#### *New Trustees welcomed*

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING of the 50-member Board of Trustees was the first to be attended by four trustees elected in the spring: Joan (Mrs. Tom) Rogers of Fort Worth and Edgar H. Schollmaier of Fort Worth, Teri Baker O'Glee of Austin, William W. Harrell of Plano, and Harold E. Cline, interim regional minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest. The board also congratulated fellow trustee Winthrop Rockefeller III of Little Rock, who had just been elected lieutenant governor of Arkansas.

The meeting was their first held in the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center, dedicated Homecoming Weekend. "The building is a gem," Tucker said. "Now we on campus must learn to live into it, managing and using it well so that the anticipated benefits of the facility will be realized fully in the decades ahead."



***Chancellor's report***

IN HIS REPORT TO THE BOARD, Tucker said that, "Clearly, our global initiative is taking root, so to say, and in time will flower to the benefit of the region as well as students and faculty." He told of the 15 officials from Hungary who came for a week of Ranch Management seminars and the visit by the 30 members of the State Theatre Koleso from Togliatti, Russia, and their campus performances, and the meeting on campus of the U.S.-Mexico Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange. "Only two other universities, Harvard and the University of Texas at Austin, have hosted stateside meetings of the Commission," he pointed out.

***Financial report***

THE FINANCIAL REPORT for the fiscal year ending last May 31 showed that TCU's operating income was higher than budgeted, due largely to higher enrollment than expected, to an

increase in athletics income, and to higher income from mineral-producing land owned by TCU. Expenditures also were higher than budgeted, yet the University ended the fiscal year with about \$1.3 million to be carried over into future years. (A copy of the financial Annual Report is in the library.)

***Flexibility key to new housing***

CONSULTANTS WHO CARRIED out the housing redevelopment study said that the University's residential buildings are structurally sound but suffer from dated building systems and layout of spaces—for instance, nearly all rooms are double occupancy with community baths, and the interiors "have worn-out finishes, furnishings and building systems that detract from both comfort and aesthetics."

Even so, TCU housing is perceived as relatively equal to that of peer institutions, consultants said. Students have a strong interest in living on

campus, though they'd want a wider choice of room type, greater flexibility of furnishings and more opportunities for student interaction. The research showed that TCU housing costs are very competitive with the local market and peer institutions and that students would tolerate modest rent increases if housing were upgraded.

Though the exact configuration is not yet decided, Mills says that he sees housing facilities "with a variety of room types, providing options for singles, for suites, for private baths; and flexible, so the hall can be for all men or all women or co-ed, depending on the need; and lots of space for community activity."

Though plans for work on residence halls and the cooling system dominated the Board meeting, trustees took other actions, including granting tenure to Dr. Kathleen Bond, new professor and dean of Harris College of Nursing, and memorializing F. Lee Lawrence of Tyler, a member of the TCU Board from 1972 until his death last July. ♦