

TCU THIS WEEK

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Project PeopleSoft will take "techno TCU" to Year 2000 and beyond

TCU HAS TAKEN A BIG STEP TOWARD solving its Year 2000 problem. By upgrading administrative software applications to PeopleSoft, the University is keeping up technologically with other universities and corporations.

During the summer TCU went live in three areas: Financial Management, Human Resource Management and the Admissions module of Student Administration.

Project PeopleSoft got underway in May 1997, and is progressing on schedule. Of the 130 higher education institutions which selected PeopleSoft, TCU is only the second school to have some functions operational in all three areas and one of three in the United States to have both the Human Resources and Student Administration systems in production.

Dave Edmondson, assistant provost for information services and the TCU project manager, said that even though he is pleased with the progress on this project, a lot of work remains. "I'm glad we've been able to clear these initial hurdles in such a timely manner," he said, "but we're barely halfway there."

TCU is also the fifth school to implement the Human Resources system, the eleventh to implement Financials, and the sixth to implement Student Administration.

Dave also said that when the project is completed it will affect everyone on campus in one way or another. "Once all functionality is in place, PeopleSoft will allow student registration via the Internet, electronic purchase order generation, and much more. Employees will be able to change benefit and retirement information online and they'll even be able to query the system to see how these changes will affect their pay," he said.

Other universities making the switch to PeopleSoft systems include Southern Methodist University, Michigan, Duke, Emory, Wisconsin, Vanderbilt and Northwestern. In the business sector, Alcon, Bell Helicopter, Tandy, Pier One, and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* have also made the switch to PeopleSoft.

You can keep up with the latest developments by visiting the Project PeopleSoft home page at <http://www.tcu.edu/ps/>. This site is accessible only from on-campus computers. ♦

TCU listed in *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*

TCU IS ONE OF NEARLY 300 COLLEGES in the nation to be featured in the latest edition of *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*. It marks the first time TCU has been listed in the Barron's publication which is currently being distributed nationally.

In its fifth edition, the highly popular guide has been updated to reflect the current tuition and fees charged by 280 four-year colleges across the country. According to Barron's, the author, Lucia Solórzano, has determined that these colleges give students and parents the best value for their education dollar. The publication gathered information directly from students and administrators and contains facts and figures pertaining to cost and specific academic programming.

"We are extremely pleased that Barron's has recognized TCU for something many of us have known all along — that TCU is one of the best values in American higher education," said **Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari**.

"Barron's is one of the most highly

respected guidebooks in the country for prospective students, and this recognition of TCU reflects the increasing academic prominence of the University," Ferrari said.

The listing marks the second time in two years that a major college guide has recognized TCU as a good college buy. The 1998 edition of *U.S. News & World Report* listed TCU among the top 25 "Best College Values." In addition, the 1999 *U.S. News "America's Best Colleges"* guide lists TCU among the top 117 best colleges in the nation among 1,400 surveyed.

Another college guide has recently recognized TCU's M.J. Neeley School of Business. The Neeley School is listed among the best graduate schools in the nation in the 1999 edition of *Time* and the *Princeton Review's* "The Best Graduate School for You." TCU is one of only seven Texas graduate business schools in the 76 schools list. ♦

Weekend at Walsh Center celebrates music, theater

THE MARY D. AND F. HOWARD WALSH Center for Performing Arts will welcome visitors to an open house from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Although the event is

EVENTS

Now through Oct. 2

Art in the Metroplex, featuring original works by local artists, Moudy exhibition hall****

Sept. 14

Faculty clarinet recital featuring Gary Whitman accompanied by Janet Pummill, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall. Free. *

Sept. 16

OSP brown bag session featuring Chancellor Ferrari, noon, Student Center ballroom.

Sept. 17

Convocation, 11 a.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium, followed by Celebration on the Lawn outside Reed and Sadler Halls

Harris HMO representative Jill Parker on campus. Call for an appointment. ***

Sept. 18-19

VolleyFrogs - TCU invitational featuring TCU, Louisiana Tech, Centenary, Southwestern Louisiana, Idaho State and Louisiana State. **

Women's Tennis Tournament benefiting Kids' Stuff Foundation for terminally ill children. TCU, SMU, OU, Tulsa, UT, Texas Tech and UTA will participate. *****

Sept. 19-20

Charlie Goodnight's Last Night featuring Barry Corbin, 2 p.m., Hays Theatre. \$25. Call ext. 7626.

Sept. 20

Walsh Center Open House featuring music and theatrical events in all of the performance spaces, 4-5:30 p.m. Free. *

Women's soccer - TCU vs. Centenary, 1 p.m., TCU soccer field. **

Men's soccer - TCU vs. Centenary, 3 p.m., TCU soccer field. **

Sept. 21

Monday at TCU - a comprehensive visit day for prospective students

For more information:

*Call the music dept. at ext. 7601

**Call the ticket office at ext. 7967

***Call human resources at ext. 7790

****Call art and art history at ext. 7643

*****Call women's tennis at ext. 7639

designed to introduce the new facility to the Fort Worth community, faculty, staff and students are encouraged to drop by and tour the building...particularly those who've not yet had an opportunity to come inside.

A variety of 10-minute performances by student groups are scheduled to take place at 4:10, 4:30, 4:50, 5:10 and 5:30 p.m. as audiences circulate from one venue to another. The program includes **Germán Gutiérrez** conducting the TCU Orchestra in the PepsiCo Recital Hall, a condensed, comic *Hamlet* onstage at the Hays Theatre,

(Turn to **Walsh** on back)

(Walsh from front)

Greg Clemons conducting the TCU Wind Symphony in the instrumental rehearsal room and **Ron Shirey** directing the TCU choirs in the choral rehearsal room. A student marimba ensemble will be playing in the lobby area.

Another aspect of the weekend celebration for the Walsh Center is *Charlie Goodnight's Last Night*, a one-man stage production by noted television and stage actor Barry Corbin. It will play at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Hays Theatre. Tickets are \$25 and are still available by contacting the box office at ext. 7626. ♦

Come to Convocation and stay for the lawn party

CHANCELLOR **MICHAEL R. FERRARI** will deliver his first formal address to the campus community during Fall Convocation at 11 a.m. Thursday in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Classes will be dismissed from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. so that faculty and students may attend.

The academic procession will form at 10:45 a.m. in front of Ed Landreth.

Celebration on the Lawn begins as soon as Convocation lets out, outdoors between Sadler and Reed halls. Light refreshments will be served beneath festive tents. Music will be provided by the TCU Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of **Curt Wilson**.

The celebration offers an opportunity for faculty, students and all staff members to kick off TCU's 126th year together in an informal, festive atmosphere. In the event of rain, it will be moved to the Student Center ballroom. ♦

Pension Fund consultant will be on campus

ARTHUR HANNA, PRESIDENT OF THE Pension Fund of the Christian Church, will be here Sept. 29 to discuss retirement information with individuals. To schedule an appointment with him, call human resources at ext. 7792. ♦

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Etching van returns

THE FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT etching van will be back near campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 22 in the parking lot at 2800 W. Berry St., near Perrotti's.

The etching van team etches an automobile's vehicle identification number on the outside of windows or windshields as a deterrent to professional car thieves. There is no charge for the service which takes about 10 minutes per car. Many insurance companies offer discounts on etched vehicles. ♦

Teacher training gets kudos from state board

TCU HAS RECEIVED FULL accreditation in a recent review of teacher training programs, conducted by the State Board of Educator Certification. Texas is the first state to annually evaluate the effectiveness of colleges, school districts and regional centers that train teachers.

TCU was among 50 of the 85 teacher preparation programs statewide which were fully accredited. Seven in the Metroplex did not meet state standards, including Texas Wesleyan University, SMU, the University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University and the Fort Worth school district's program for alternative teacher certification. Others in the area which were accredited include the University of Texas at Arlington and the Region 11 Education Service Center in Fort Worth.

Called the Accountability System for Educator Preparation, the review process was authorized by the Legislature in 1995. The goal is to identify teacher training programs in trouble, as well as those who are succeeding. ♦

Ranch Mgmt. tour "down under" has slots open

THE INSTITUTE OF RANCH Management has announced there is some space available for the upcoming agricultural study field trip to New Zealand and Australia. The travelers will be gone from Nov. 28 to Dec. 12.

Their itinerary is a very comprehensive journey through some of the major farming and ranching areas of the two countries. Costs and specific travel plans are available upon request.

Anyone interested in joining the group should call **Lana Byrd** at ext. 7145 or ext. 5344 immediately. ♦

NEW FACES

Belinda Anguiano has joined campus life at the Student Center information desk. She was previously employed by Eagle Mountain/Saginaw ISD.

Bud Beeler has joined information services as user services consultant. He is a computer science major at TCU.

Betty Costilla has been hired as office assistant in financial services. She previously worked at Carroll ISD.

Bea Nealy has joined university ministries as community service assistant.

She was previously employed by Harris Methodist (TX Health Resources) and, prior to that, was coordinator of volunteer service at SMU.

Lynn Sites is a new assistant at the library circulation desk. She formerly worked as a receptionist/technician at Alta Mesa Animal Clinic.

TCU to participate in Heart Association's Heart Walk

JUST A REMINDER THAT, FOR THE FIRST time this year, members of the TCU community are organizing a team to participate in the American Heart Association Heart Walk at 8 a.m. Saturday Oct. 3. The 5K and 10K events originate in the Tandy Center parking lot downtown and continue along the Trinity River trail to the turn-around point where Rogers Road crosses the Trinity near S. University Drive.

For details, contact **Sheryl Doll** at ext. 7115 or **Hao Brown** at ext. 7778. ♦

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Telete Zorayda Lester Lawrence** (professor emeritus, speech pathology) who died Aug. 30, in Santa Fe, N.M.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of **Ruth Ann McKinney** (former director, news bureau) who died Sept. 7 in Gainesville. Services were held there Sept. 12.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Regulation size ping-pong table, paddles and balls. Like new, seldom used, \$95. Call Gail at ext. 5119.

FOR SALE: 1991 Toyota Camry; white/blue interior; 143K; auto; A/C; power package; stereo cassette; good condition, \$4,000. Call Norma Bartholomew at ext. 6476 or home at 737-3754.

HOME NEEDED: Male cat, beautiful squirrel Angora (black fur with light gray "roots"), about 6 years old. Has all shots; neutered; declawed; litter trained. Max has been a devoted pet to an elderly lady who is no longer able to care for him. If interested, contact Norma Bartholomew at ext. 6476 or home at 737-3754.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The human resources office lists the following vacancies as of Sept. 9. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

MBA Career Services Director - M.J. Neeley School of Business
Systems Programmer - Technical Services
Senior Pilot - Aircraft Operations
Executive Assistant I - Campus Life
Assistant Director Alumni Relations (2) - Alumni Relations
Administrative Assistant II - Fine Arts & Communication
Administrative Assistant I - Alumni Relations
Computer Operator - Information Services
Printing Assistant - Printing Services
Drafting Technician/CAD Operator - Physical Plant
Work Control Specialist - Physical Plant
Craft Tech I/Mechanical/Electrical Maint.
Craft Tech II/Journeyman Plumber - Physical Plant
Craft Tech II/Electrical - Physical Plant
Craft Tech II/HVAC - Physical Plant
Groundskeeper I - Physical Plant
Service Assistant III - Facility Services
Service Assistant II - Facility Services
Service Assistant I - Facility Services