

# TCU THIS WEEK

EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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## Convocation is earlier than usual this year; plan to attend Thursday event

FALL CONVOCATION IS EARLIER IN THE academic calendar this year...Thursday, Sept. 2 at 11 a.m., when faculty and administrators in full regalia lead the colorful procession into Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari will deliver his annual State of the University address which outlines initiatives for the coming year. He also will present the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity.

Nominees are eight faculty members who already have received their School and College awards this year: **Linda K. Hughes** (humanities), **Dale A. Huckaby** (natural sciences) and **Donald W. Jackson** (social sciences), all of AddRan College; **David L. Balch** of Brite Divinity School; **C.R. "Bob" Greer** of Neeley School; **Cathy C. Block** of the School of Education; **Luther A. Smith** (fine arts) and **Ralph R. Behnke** (communication), both of the College of Fine Arts & Communication, and **Rhonda Keen-Payne** of Harris College of Nursing.

A new award is being instituted this year, the Wassenich Award for Mentoring in the TCU Community. Dr. Ferrari will make the presentation to a member of faculty or staff in recognition and celebration of this person's mentoring of students. Students and recent graduates submitted 120 names in nomination, from which eight finalists were chosen.

They are: **Jim Atwood** (admissions), **Chuck Becker** (economics), **Manochehr Dorraj** (political science), **Phil Hartman** (biology), **Kay Higgins** (new student services), **Ken Lawrence** (religion), **Karen Lind Scott** (international admissions) and **Darron J. Turner** (director of minority affairs and commuter student programs).

University organist **Joe Butler** will play and the Concert Chorale will perform, under the direction of **Ronald Shirey**. **Richard Estes** will lead the singing of the alma mater; University Minister **John Butler** will deliver the invocation and the benediction. Provost **Bill Koehler** will introduce the awards.

As long as offices are covered, all faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Celebration on the Lawn will begin as soon as Convocation lets out, on the lawn between Sadler and Reed Halls, with party tents and refreshments. 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 127th year together in an informal, festive atmosphere. In the event of rain, it will be moved to the Student Center ballroom. ♦

## Author Rabbi Harold Kushner will present two lectures here Sept. 14

RABBI HAROLD S. KUSHNER, WHOSE 1981 book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* transformed him into an internationally known author, will deliver TCU's second annual Gates of Chai Lecture at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, in Ed Landreth Auditorium on the campus. His topic will be "How Good Do We Have to Be?," an examination of the very human tendency to expect superhuman perfection of ourselves and those close to us.

Tickets are free to TCU faculty and students with an ID card.

Rabbi Kushner also will deliver a student lecture at 2:30 p.m. the same day in Robert Carr Chapel. The title is "What's the Point of Being Religious?" For more information on the lectures, contact **Diane Cooper** at ext. 7804 or visit the website at [www.brite.tcu.edu/chai](http://www.brite.tcu.edu/chai).

Brooklyn-born Kushner was relatively new to the pulpit in the 1960s, when he and his wife learned their young son had a progressive, fatal disease that would take his life 11 years later. This family tragedy led him to publish his inspirational first book, which became a bestseller around the world by spreading a message of hope...that, while God is limited in what He can do by the laws of nature, He does give sufferers strength to handle their problems. The book has been translated into 12 languages and was recently selected by the Book-of-the-Month Club as one of the 10 most influential books of recent years.

Kushner went on to write other bestsellers, including *When All You've Ever Wanted Isn't Enough*, which was awarded the Christopher Medal for its contribution to the exaltation of the human spirit. In 1995, Rabbi Kushner was honored by the Christophers as one of 50 people who have made the world a better place in the past 50 years. He has served the congregation at Temple Israel in Natick, Mass., for 24 years and is now Rabbi Laureate there.

The Gates of Chai Lectureship in Contemporary Judaism is an integral part of the Jewish Studies Program at TCU, which seeks a better understanding of the faith heritage of Christianity, further appreciation of Judaism for its own sake

## EVENTS

### Sept. 1

Frog Club Luncheon (football kickoff), noon, Kelly Center. Call 7700 for more information.

Library orientation, 4 p.m.

All Programming Council Meeting, 5:30, Student Center. Open to everyone.

TCU Women's Soccer - TCU vs. Southwest Texas State, 6 p.m., TCU Soccer Field.\*\*

### Sept. 2

Fall Convocation, 11 a.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Harris HMO Representative on campus. To schedule an appointment call ext. 7790.

TCU Toastmasters, noon, Rickel, room 104. Call 7862 for more information.

Library orientation, 3:30 p.m.

### Sept. 3

TCU Women's Soccer - TCU vs. Baylor, TBA.\*\*

### Sept. 5

Horned Frog Football - TCU vs. Arizona, 6:30 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.\*\*

\*\*Call the ticket office at ext. 7967

and improved dialogue between Christians and Jews. Endowment is made possible through the generosity of Gates of Chai, Inc., in memory of Larry Kornbleet and family members of Stanley and Marcia Kornbleet Kurtz, who perished in the Holocaust.

Arrangements for Rabbi Kushner were made through the B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau. ♦

## Noted speakers will be on campus this semester

While Rabbi Harold Kushner's appearance at TCU is the first noteworthy lecture of the academic year (see separate story), it will be followed by several others.

Another premier event for TCU, "An Evening with Maya Angelou," is set for 8 p.m. Oct. 6 in Ed Landreth Auditorium. The noted author/poet will be here as featured guest of this year's Fogelson Honors Forum.

Two important speakers are on tap for the department of art and art history. Ruth Carter Stevenson, president of the Amon Carter Museum and a TCU Trustee, will speak at noon, Sept. 15, in Moudy 132N.

Emily Umberger, a professor of art history at Arizona State University, will present the Nancy Quarles Stuck Art History Lecture at noon, Nov. 1, in Moudy 132N. Her talk is titled "Myth, Cosmos and Commemoration in Aztec Monuments."

(Turn to **Lectures** on back)

*(Lectures from front)*

Brite Divinity School's Campbell-Randle Lectureships will be at 11 a.m., Nov. 18, in Robert Carr Chapel. This year's speaker is Dr. Don Browning, the Alexander Campbell Professor of Ethics and the Social Sciences at The University of Chicago.

His topic will be "Can We Reason About the Family Debate?" The lectureship is made possible by a grant from the Rev. Mark W. and Dorothy Campbell Randle. ♦

### Ken Raessler announces retirement plans

**KEN RAESSLER**, DIRECTOR OF THE School of Music, has announced his intention to retire at the end of spring semester 2000. A search for his replacement will begin this fall.

Ken came to TCU 10 years ago from Williamsport, Pa., where he was director of music for the area school district.

He plans to play golf, travel and write a book about his experiences in music education. He and his wife, Joyce, a realtor, will continue to live in Fort Worth and retain close ties to TCU. ♦

### "Frantastic Friday" to kick off football season

TCU ALUMNI, FACULTY AND STAFF CAN get their first taste of Horned Frog football this Friday when "Frantastic Friday" kicks off at 6:30 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The event, which will be emceed by WBAP 820 radio personality Hal Jay, includes a barbecue dinner, carnival games and a pep rally hosted by Head Coach **Dennis Franchione**.

Chancellor **Michael Ferrari** and Athletic Director **Eric Hyman** also will be on hand to help Coach Fran welcome TCU faithful back for another exciting football season.

The barbecue dinner and carnival games begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the pep rally at 8 p.m. The TCU cheerleaders and band will perform during the event, which may also include the debut appearance of a leaner, meaner Super Frog. "Frantastic" prizes such as a trip to an away football game, an official team jersey and other

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collectibles will also be given away during a drawing immediately after the pep rally.

Tickets for the dinner are \$11 for adults and \$7 for children under 12. Make your reservations by calling alumni relations at ext. 7803. ♦

### Library orientation to help users with changes

**MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY STAFF** will conduct four hands-on training sessions to help faculty, staff and students become acquainted with the new organization and use of electronic resources. Each of the one-hour sessions will meet in the library lobby.

Orientations are first-come, first-served and will be held 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 7 and 11 a.m. to noon Sept. 8.

For more information or to make a reservation, call the reference desk at ext. 7117 or **Victor Baeza** at ext. 7311. ♦

### Library rooms available

APPLICATIONS FOR A LIMITED NUMBER of faculty research rooms are available in the library administrative office or by calling ext. 6109. Assignments will be made in mid-September for the full academic year. ♦

### Faculty Center lunch menus

- Monday** - Rosemary chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, baby carrots
- Tuesday** - Roasted pork loin, rice pilaf, green beans
- Wednesday** - Southwestern chicken, Spanish rice, charro beans
- Thursday** - Roasted turkey, dressing, corn
- Friday** - Cajun catfish, fries, hushpuppies, peas and carrots

### NEW FACES

**Estela Arriaga** has joined facility services as a service assistant. Her husband is employed in physical plant.

**Elizabeth Fletcher Brown** has joined financial aid as an office assistant. She is the wife of a Brite Divinity School student and a former employee of Oklahoma City Public Schools. She is a graduate of Oklahoma City University.

**Daniela Buzatu**, formerly of Romania University of Bucharest, has joined the chemistry department as a research assistant. Her husband is also employed at TCU.

**Corey D. Hale** has been hired as a stage technician in the School of Music. A fine arts graduate of TCU, Corey formerly taught in DeSoto ISD.

**Todd Nalder** is the new assistant athletic trainer for intercollegiate athletics. A graduate of the University of Wyoming, Todd received his master's degree from the University of Minnesota and worked at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

**Unice Thomas Overton** has joined athletics as assistant director of the Bayard Friedman Tennis Center. She comes to TCU

from Midwestern State University with a B.A. from the University of Kentucky and a M.S.A. degree from Southeast Missouri State University.

## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1995 Honda Prelude Special Edition, immaculate condition, MUST SEE! \$12,900. Call Mike at 354-7621.

FOR RENT: Exclusive neighborhood, TCU, studio apartment, pool, bills paid \$525. Call Maribeth on pager 216-0500.

FOR RENT: 1-1 house close to campus, \$425 plus utilities. Mature person preferred. Call Gregg at 926-4342.

FOR LEASE: 1/1.5 loft condo in gated community. Covered parking, washer/dryer and pool/club house included, \$625 per month starting in September. Call Chris at 737-0918.

FOR SALE: Four 16" tires from a Ford Expedition, good tread. Call Nancy at ext. 5990.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The human resources office lists the following vacancies as of Aug. 25. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

- Training Assistant - IBR
- Assistant to Dean - Harris College of Nursing
- Assistant Dean - School of Business
- Assistant/Program Director/Tennis Pro - Athletics/Tennis Center
- Vice Chancellor for Finance & Business/Treasurer
- Reference/Electronic Services Librarian - Library
- Curator - Art & Art History
- Postdoctoral Fellow - Physics and Astronomy
- Manager of Administrative Systems - Information Services
- Manager of Mechanical Systems - Physical Plant
- Assistant Director of TCU Frog Club
- Director of Teacher Certification - School of Education
- Athletic Academic Advisor - Athletics
- Financial Aid Advisor - Scholarships and Financial Aid
- Program Specialist (10 month) - Alcohol and Drug
- Executive Assistant I - Athletics
- Mail Distribution Supervisor - Post Office
- Production Specialist - Student Publications
- Human Resources Specialist I - Human Resources Administrative
- Assistant II - Brite Divinity
- Administrative Assistant I (75%) - Brite Divinity
- Office Assistant - Scholarships & Student Financial Aid
- Administrative Assistant I - Financial Services
- Library Assistant II (75%) - Library
- Library Assistant II - Library
- Security Guard (75%) - Campus Police
- Craft Tech Supervisor I - Physical Plant
- Craft Tech II/Electrical - Physical Plant
- Craft Tech II/HVAC - Physical Plant
- Groundskeeper I - Physical Plant
- Groundskeeper II - Physical Plant
- Service Assistant Supervisor - Facility Services
- Service Assistant - Residential Services
- Service Assistant - Facility Services

Temporary summer vacancies exist in the physical plant for workers in the following areas: groundskeepers, painters, plasterer helper, carpenters/general maintenance, and mechanical.