

TCU's Rise School will offer a bright future for Down syndrome children

A \$1.5 MILLION-DOLLAR GIFT WILL allow TCU to open an intensive early intervention preschool called the Rise School, targeted at Down syndrome children and designed to help them lay essential building blocks needed for educational and lifetime success. The school, housed within Starpoint School on campus, will open in the fall.

The Rise School, with locations in Houston, Dallas and in Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama (UA), blends traditional preschool education with therapeutic practices in the classroom, a combination that for the past 25 years has proven 90 percent effective in moving children with Down syndrome into traditional kindergarten settings. In addition, 75 percent of former Rise students go on to complete high school and some even attend college.

"Early intervention is truly a life saver," says **Kathy Spencer-Cooter**, principal of Rise and Starpoint Schools. "Our goal is to transition these children into traditional education settings, and this type of program is crucial not only because of its proven success rate but also because it would become the first program of its kind to offer these types of services locally to children with Down syndrome."

TCU's Rise school will serve children 18 months to 5-years-old and will consist of two classrooms of ten children each and three teachers per classroom (one master's level and two aides). Four students will be "reverse mainstreamers" or children with no known disabilities, most likely the siblings of the students with Down syndrome. The preschool will operate from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Because of limited enrollment, students will be chosen using a "blind template" method that reviews demographic information only ... where a student lives, gender, ethnic background and age. This method ensures well-rounded classrooms and broad representation from the Fort Worth community. Tuition costs are \$8,700 per year, which includes a \$200 supply fee. Tuition assistance will be available and determined on a case-by-case basis.

The Rise School at TCU will be modeled after the one at UA with an administrative structure similar to TCU's Starpoint School, a primary education school that serves

children with learning disabilities. Like its UA counterpart, the Rise School at TCU will offer graduate and undergraduate students from various disciplines opportunities to volunteer as interns, classroom aides, observers and beginning educational researchers.

TCU will receive assistance in the actual implementation of the school from Dr. Martha Cook, the founder and principal of the Rise School at UA and the executive director of the Rise Schools in Houston and Dallas. Dr. Cook began the Rise School model 25 years ago at UA under a grant established by the federal government to prevent the early institutionalization of developmentally delayed children.

"This sort of school helps because it allows a parent to be a parent. They don't have to feel the burden of being a teacher or therapist and feeling inadequate if their child doesn't progress," said Dr. Cook. "In fact, our program has proved to be so popular that we have parents signing their children up almost the day they're born."

The anonymous gift of \$1.5 million for the Rise School will be used to establish an endowment fund for the school and underwrite operational expenses for the first three years. For more information about the Rise School, call ext. 7141. ♦

EIF always major supporter of TCU's Annual Fund

A WHOPPING \$56,223 FROM THE Neeley School's Educational Investment Fund will probably be the largest single gift made this year to the TCU Annual Fund which provides core support for the University's operating expenses. Annual Fund goal for this year is \$4 million.

EIF is a non-profit corporation run by Neeley School students and provides them the opportunity to make real investment decisions while managing the activities of a security portfolio. The Fund is also a source of income for the William C. Conner Foundation's two beneficiaries, TCU and the Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology.

In 1973, Dr. William C. Conner, co-founder of Alcon Laboratories, donated \$600,000 in Alcon common stock to establish the Conner Foundation. EIF acts

EVENTS

May 11

RTVF presents *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (1938) starring Errol Flynn and Olivia DeHavilland, 7 p.m., Moody Bldg room 164S. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

Fort Worth Classic Guitar Society presents a free concert, 8 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall. Call 924-0333 for more information.

May 12-14

TCU Women's Tennis, Regional NCAA, all day, TBA.*

May 13

Spring Commencement with Ed Bass of Bass Companies delivering address, 1 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Call ext. 7808 for more information.

May 15

Summer casual dress policy begins.

TCU Press co-sponsors "Texas Bound" featuring Barry Corbin, 7:30 p.m., Edrington Scott Theatre, \$12 admission, \$10 for students/seniors. Call (214) 922-1220 for reservations and information.

May 15-16

ASIST Workshop, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Student Center. Call **Monica Kintigh** at ext. 7863.

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May 19

Horned Frog Baseball - TCU vs. Rice, 2:35 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.*

May 20

Horned Frog Baseball - TCU vs. Rice, 1:05 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.*

May 21

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*Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967.

as the manager of the Foundation's assets which has distributed more than \$1.6 million to its beneficiaries since its founding.

"This gift is wonderful because it comes from the work of students. Over the years, proceeds from the EIF have become an increasingly important part of the Annual Fund," says Vice Chancellor for Advancement **Bronson Davis**.

In the past 26 years, more than 600 TCU students have benefited from the unique educational opportunity that the Fund provides. The program has produced a substantial number of successful alumni who return to the campus annually to share their professional experience with

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current fund members.

The success of EIF has been possible because of the hard work and support of its founder and the Conner Foundation's Board of Trustees, **Dr. Stan Block**, **Dr. Larry Lockwood** and the numerous faculty, alumni and students who have contributed their time and effort. ♦

Faculty/staff contribute \$230,272 to Annual Fund

BOB SEAL (LIBRARY) AND **KATHY McDorman** (honors program), leaders of this year's Annual Fund drive for faculty and staff, report the campus community has contributed \$230,272 so far this fiscal year. Although the dollars contributed at this point are slightly less than last year, participation increased from 35% to 40%.

"This is a wonderful show of support by the campus community," says Vice Chancellor **Bronson Davis**. "Bob and Kathy are to be commended for their willingness to lead this effort."

"For an organization that thrives on the support of alumni and friends, it is nice to see TCU's faculty and staff give what they can. Every gift, large or small makes a difference and is greatly appreciated. It is nice to be able to tell alumni and friends that our faculty and staff believe in what we are doing and support TCU as well," says **Roby Key**, associate vice chancellor for University Advancement.

If you have not made a gift and would like to, there is time. Gifts for this year's campaign will continue to be counted until the end of the fiscal year on May 31. Send your gift to Roby Key (TCU Box 297440 or call ext. 7706). ♦

TCU This Week schedule scaling back for summer

BEGINNING TODAY, *TCU THIS WEEK* will be published every other week throughout the summer. We will return to a weekly format Aug. 21.

The deadline for submitting items for publication will remain the Monday prior to publication date. ♦

Effective May 15, hours of operation for financial services (Sadler Hall, rm. 104) will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Raessler Scholarship set

THE KENNETH R. RAESSLER Scholarship in the School of Music has been established to honor the retiring director's many contributions to TCU. The endowed fund has been initiated through the generosity of colleagues, friends and family and, each year, will award merit-based scholarships to students majoring in music education with second consideration given to students majoring in pedagogy.

To contribute to the Raessler Scholarship, contact **Adam Baggs** (advancement) at ext. 7299. ♦

Faculty/staff awards given

THE ORDER OF OMEGA FRATERNITY and sorority honorary organization recently recognized **Roger Pfaffenberger** (finance & decision science) with its Outstanding Faculty Award and **Ireri Garcia** (residential housekeeping) with its Outstanding Staff Award. ♦

MARKETPLACE

Recreational sports is hiring lifeguards to work in the Rickel Bldg. aquatic area for the summer. Applicants must be at least 17 years-old with a current lifeguard certification.

Faculty and staff with sons and daughters who qualify for these 12-15 hour per week positions, should contact **Mary Ellen Milam** at ext. 7529 or by e-mail.

Neeley School sophomore **Chris Daugherty** has formed **Horned Frog Lawn Care**, offering competitive prices on mowing, extended maintenance and landscaping. "If I can't offer you the best price, I'll offer you extras you can't turn down," says Chris, a licensed nurseryman. Contact him at 721-LAWN or by e-mail at cldaugherty@delta.is.tcu.edu.

NEW FACES

Edward Carson Jr. has returned to TCU as a security guard with TCU Police. A graduate of TCU, he formerly was chief of campus police and most recently worked at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History.

Deborah Counts has joined admissions as an administrative assistant. She was formerly employed at Ben E. Keith Co.

Troy Lewis is the new data control specialist in development information services. Formerly self-employed, he had been working as a temp in DIS.

Debra Proctor has joined the Neeley School's accounting department as an administrative assistant. Educated in South Carolina and Texas, she was formerly with PCS Health Systems.

Shelton D. Riley Jr. has been hired as assistant director of facilities services. A 1979 graduate of TCU, he was formerly vice president of Nesbitt Services.

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to **Stephanie Polly** (information services) in the death of her mother, **Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Sowards**, March 25 in Arlington. Funeral was held March 28 in Fort Worth.

Sympathy is extended to the family of

Dr. Sandy Wall (School of Education, retired) who passed away April 29. A private graveside service was held at Greenwood.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Four-poster cedar handcrafted queen-size bed with mattress and boxsprings. Includes a large wagon wheel chandelier with two wagon spoke lamps with cowhide shades, excellent shape, \$750. Formal mahogany dining room set with two leaves and 10 chairs, \$500. Call 447-4756 to see.

WANTED: House or condo to rent beginning Aug. 2000. Minimum two bedroom, two bath, w/stove & refrigerator. Furnished or unfurnished. Prefer near TCU. TCU professor & wife with well behaved border collie. References on request. E-mail Ralph at r.woodward@tcu.edu.

FOR SALE: 1979 Olds Delta Royale, 350 V8, dependable and runs great, \$3,000 obo. Call Matt at ext. 3761.

WANTED: Cat-loving renters for three-bedroom home very near TCU. Available June 15. Big yard is home to nice cat family. For information, call Eva at ext. 6556 or 921-4870.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of May 3. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Dean of Education - School of Education
Dean of Admissions - Admissions
Director of Nursing - Harris School of Nursing
MBA Career Services Director - MBA Career Services/Business School
Assistant Director of Career Services - Career Services
Advancement Research Officer - Advancement Services
Associate Research Scientist - Institute of Behavioral Research
Video Engineer - RTVF
Assistant Director of Recreational Sports - Recreational Sports
Director of Student Publications - Journalism
Assistant Men's & Women's Swimming Coach - Athletics
Hall Director II - Residential Services
Hall Director III - Residential Services
Admissions Counselor - Admissions
Director of Media Relations - Athletics
Annual Fund Officer - Annual Giving
Data Communications Supervisor - User Services
Assistant to Dean in Instructional Technology/ Brite Divinity School
Payroll Analyst - Human Resources
Administrative Assistant I - Sociology/Criminal Justice
Library Assistant II - Acquisitions - Library
Library Assistant II - Periodicals - Library
Library Assistant II - Acquisitions / 75% - Library
Data Control Specialist II / 50% - Donor Relations
Office Assistant - Financial Aid
Police Officer - Campus Police
Security Guard / 75% - Campus Police
Craft Technician II/Painter - Physical Plant
Craft Technician II/Electrician - Physical Plant
Craft Technician I/HVAC Control Center - Physical Plant
Horticultural Supervisor - Physical Plant
Groundskeeper I - Physical Plant
Groundskeeper II - Physical Plant
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Service Assistant / 50% - Facility Services
Service Assistant III - Facility Services
Service Assistant / 90-day assignment - Facility Services
Temporary Positions for Upward Bound Summer 2000