

TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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May Commencement 2002 will be at downtown facility that seats 10,000

THE UNIVERSITY LAST WEEK announced that Commencement next May 11 will be moved from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum to the Tarrant County Convention Center downtown.

"It has been a longstanding tradition at TCU to allow our graduates to have an unlimited number of family and friends join them at graduation," said Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari. "But attendance has been growing in recent years and now the fire marshal has informed us that we have outgrown Daniel-Meyer Coliseum for our May Commencement ceremony."

A recent student survey confirmed that TCU's unlimited attendance policy is extremely important to TCU families, so a decision was made not to limit attendance by using tickets. Instead, the May 2002 Commencement ceremonies will move to the larger facility. This will allow all guests to be accommodated and also will provide the added bonus of having ample indoor air-conditioned space for lining up graduates and faculty. Graduates and faculty should

arrive at 1 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. Parking will be available in adjacent lots and in the Center's parking garage. On-street parking is free on weekends.

From 10 a.m. until noon there will be a celebratory reception and brunch at the Kelly Center. This expanded on-campus event will include fine food and refreshments, entertainment, and ample time for taking pictures and meeting family and friends.

"Our events coordinators are already working to make sure the ceremony and entire day will have the familiar feel of the TCU experience," added Chancellor Ferrari. "We promise it will be a first-rate celebration of academic achievement for TCU families and friends."

December Commencement will remain in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum with all locations and times unchanged. More details about both December and May ceremonies will be available in early November. ♦

Slater chosen to head College of Communication

DR. WILLIAM T. SLATER HAS BEEN NAMED dean of the TCU College of Communication, effective in early 2002. He currently serves as dean of the journalism school and professor at the University of Nevada at Reno.

He joined UNR in 1999 after five years as dean of the Perley Isaac Reed School of Journalism at West Virginia University.

Dr. Slater, a graduate of Tufts University, completed his master's and Ph.D. degrees at Stanford University. He worked for a number of years as a newspaper and broadcast journalist in Baltimore, Washington, D.C., New York, Cleveland and San Francisco.

He began his academic career at the University of Washington in Seattle and also has taught at the University of Southern California, the University of Arizona and Eastern Washington University. He has held vice presidencies at the University of Maryland, Oregon State University and Western Illinois University.

He is married to Elizabeth Doane, program coordinator in UNR's Upward Bound Program. ♦

RTVF bringing in L.A. indy film producer this week

J. TODD HARRIS, AN INDEPENDENT film producer from Los Angeles, will be on campus this week as Green Honors Chair for RTVF. His public talk will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Moudy 164S when he screens his latest project *29 Palms* starring Chris O'Donnell and discusses the process of developing a film script.

He also will participate in an RTVF-sponsored seminar titled *Your Rights in the Workplace* at 4 p.m. today in Moudy 164S. A four-member panel will discuss the topic for students seeking jobs and internships.

Harris is president of Davis Entertainment Classics, which produces two to three independent films per year. ♦

School of Education will host second mini-university

MORE THAN 400 FOURTH-GRADERS from Tarrant County and surrounding school districts will participate in the School of Education's second annual mini-university on campus from 9 a.m. to noon

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EVENTS

Today - Oct. 26

The Art of Dick Wray, Moudy Exhibition Hall.***

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Deadline for faculty to complete online Self-Study survey.

RTVF Seminar on *Your Rights in the Workplace* for students who will graduate or enter internships, 4 p.m., Moudy 164S.

John Owings piano recital, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

Oct. 24

Colby Hall's annual Halloween celebration for children of faculty and staff, 6 - 8 p.m. For more information, call ext. 7881.

RTVF Green Chair J. Todd Harris will screen *29 Palms* and discuss the process of developing film scripts, 7 p.m., Moudy 164S.

KinoMonda Film Series presents *The Official Story* (Argentina), 7 p.m., Sid Richardson LH 1. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

OctubaFest, directed by Richard Murrow, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.*

Oct. 25

Frog Club Luncheon, Coach Gary Patterson and Coach Bill Montigel (men's golf) speaking, noon (buffet will open at 11:45 a.m.), Kelly Center.

RTVF presents "Comedy Cavalcade," a program of non-stop laughs-short films starring Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, followed by the Marx Brothers' feature *Duck Soup* (1933), 7 p.m. Moudy, 164S. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

Oct. 26

Men's Soccer - TCU vs. Marquette, 3:30 p.m., Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium.**

Women's Soccer - TCU vs Tulane, 1 p.m., Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium. **

Oct. 27

School of Education's mini-university brings 400 elementary school children to campus, 9 a.m. - noon. For more information, call ext. 6793.

Starpoint School's 35th anniversary celebration, 5-7 p.m., Kelly Center. For more information, call ext. 7141.

Oct. 28

Men's Soccer - TCU vs. Drury, 1 p.m., Garvey-Rosenthal Soccer Stadium. **

Oct. 29-Nov. 20

Art exhibit - Helen Altman: *Moose and Squirrel*. The Fort Worth artist exhibits her animal drawings, created by propane torch burned into dampened paper. The effect has been called "reminiscent of cave paintings at Lascaux and Altamira."****

Oct. 29

Helen Blackburn flute and piano recital, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.*

*Call the School of Music at ext. 7602.

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

***Call the dept. of art/art history at ext. 7643.

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(Mini-university from front)

Saturday. The event is designed to provide a glimpse of college life while sparking an interest in math and science, two subjects that students often lose interest in during elementary years.

The mini-university also serves as a practice teaching experience for the School of Education's pre-service teachers who are less than a year from graduating. They design and implement many of the interactive sessions.

"Last year over 250 students attended, so this year we expanded the event to accommodate demand," said Janet Kelly, director of the School of Education's Institute of Math, Science and Technology.

Parents will attend sessions taught by Don Dansereau (psychology), who will speak about children's learning processes, and Director of Freshman Admissions Thomas Oliver, who will explain the universal college admissions process.

For more information on the mini-university or the Institute of Math, Science and Technology Education, call Janet at ext. 6793 or e-mail j.kelly@tcu.edu. ♦

Bring your little goblins to Colby Hall's annual trick-or-treat event

FOR THE 29TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, Colby Hall will host a safe, secure Halloween party Oct. 24 for faculty and staff children under 10, accompanied by an adult. Last year's trick-or-treat event attracted 500 children and parents, according to hall director Naunie Mead.

It is traditional for Colby residents to go all out, both in decorating the hall for Halloween and dressing up to greet trick-or-treaters as they go door-to-door getting candy. This year they've added a "Haunted House" in the basement and a bounce house outside on the lawn.

All faculty and staff should have already received a printed invitation via interoffice mail and should bring it along on Halloween. Families should plan to arrive according to the first letter of their last name, using the following schedule:

- S-Z 6 p.m.
- A-F 6:30 p.m.
- G-L 7 p.m.
- M-R 7:30 p.m.

Naunie says the timetable will not be strictly enforced, but is used to reduce waiting time and help with crowd control. For more information, call Colby Hall at ext. 7881. ♦

Attention Frog fans!

You can now order men's and women's basketball season and single game tickets online. Visit www.gofrogs.com and click on the ticket link (or phone ext. FROG!)

Faculty, staff photos will be taken free of charge

ALL FACULTY AND STAFF ARE encouraged to have a current photo taken when Glamourcraft Photographic Studio sets up this month in the Student Center to take yearbook photos of the entire campus community. Copies of the pictures also will be kept in the Office of Communications, to be used for publicity purposes.

The portrait sitting is complimentary and will result in high-quality, color shots that are consistent in composition and background.

A portable portrait studio will be set up in the Student Center lounge from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 22; Tuesday, Oct. 23; Monday, Oct. 29 and Tuesday, Oct. 30. The time between 1:30 and 2 p.m. on those dates is reserved for faculty and staff, although you may come whenever it suits your schedule.

If you have not had a new portrait made for the Office of Communications in the last couple of years, it is particularly urgent that you do so. That way, you'll not be forced to send an outdated picture to conference organizers or others requiring your photo for publicity purposes. ♦

John Owings will perform faculty recital tonight

TCU SCHOOL OF MUSIC PRESENTS John Owings' piano recital at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Admission is free.

The program includes *Prelude and Fugue No.24 in B Minor, BWV 869* from the Well-Tempered Clavier, Book I by J.S. Bach; *Prelude, Chorale and Fugue* by César Franck; and *Sonata in B Minor* by Franz Liszt.

John studied at the University of Texas, the Royal College of Music in London as a Fulbright Scholar and the Juilliard School. Before joining the TCU faculty, he taught at the Oberlin Conservatory, Indiana University at South Bend, and Calvin College. In 1991, he was selected as a Steinway Artist, and in 1993 received the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity at TCU. ♦

Refresh your conversational Spanish with campus class

THE DEPARTMENT OF SPANISH & LATIN American Studies will offer informal, private classes in Spanish to interested faculty and staff. Arrangements have been made for a native speaker of Spanish to meet regularly with those who would like to refresh their skills in conversational Spanish.

The sessions are not for credit, nor do they include textbooks or written work. They are not suitable for those who have never studied the language. The participants will meet simply to chat in Spanish.

Classes will be offered from 8 to 8:50 a.m.

Mondays, beginning today, and noon to 12:50 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Oct. 25 in the Student Center lounge. They will end the week of Dec. 6.

Cost is \$50 or \$90, depending on whether you attend once or twice weekly. To enroll, or for more information, call Barbara Turner at ext. 7366. ♦

Athletics treating staff, faculty to game day goodies

THE ANNUAL FACULTY/STAFF Appreciation Day activities, sponsored by athletics, will be Tuesday, Oct. 30 prior to the TCU vs. East Carolina football game. Free food will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. to those with game tickets and ID cards, and their families. As always, a group of vice chancellors, deans and coaches will be the "celebrity" food servers.

Halloween is the theme, so those attending should bring their children in costume to trick-or-treat in Frog Alley. Kick-off for the game is 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Terra Nuss at ext. 5299. ♦

Flu shots available

FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE Health Center, beginning Wednesday. They will be given to students, faculty and staff at a cost of \$12.

Hours are Mondays through Fridays between 9 and 11 a.m. or between 1 and 4 p.m. Plan to be there at least 20 minutes; those receiving injections must remain 15 minutes afterwards to make sure there is no adverse reaction. ♦

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: High-quality king-sized futon and bed frame. Comfy, luxurious & sturdy, great for light sleepers, frame constructed with height of normal frame, \$300. Contact 817-735-8467 or ext. 6617.

FOR SALE: Antique fainting couch; uniquely carved wood and fabric detail, \$400. One-year, all-inclusive (gym/aerobics/aquatics) membership to Fitness for Her (11/0 -11/02), \$200. Call 817-927-8304 or ext. 6935.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of October 17. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

- Postdoctoral Fellow - Chemistry
- Reference Librarian - MCB Library
- Director - Center for Teaching Excellence
- Accompanist/Ballet/temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance
- User Services Consultant - User Services
- HRMS Administrator - Human Resources
- Career Specialist - School of Business
- Administrative Assistant - Annual Fund
- Administrative Assistant - Admissions
- Service Assistant - Residential Services
- Electronic Locks Technician - Physical Plant
- Craft Technician/Boiler - Physical Plant
- Craft Technician / EMCS - Physical Plant
- Craft Technician/HVAC Control - Physical Plant
- Irrigation System Specialist - Physical Plant
- Vehicle Technician - Physical Plant
- Groundskeeper - Physical Plant
- Security Guard - TCU Police



Gardening tip from physical plant: Now is the time to sow rye grass seed if you want a green yard all winter. Scalp your lawn, sow the seed and keep the lawn moist until the seed germinates.



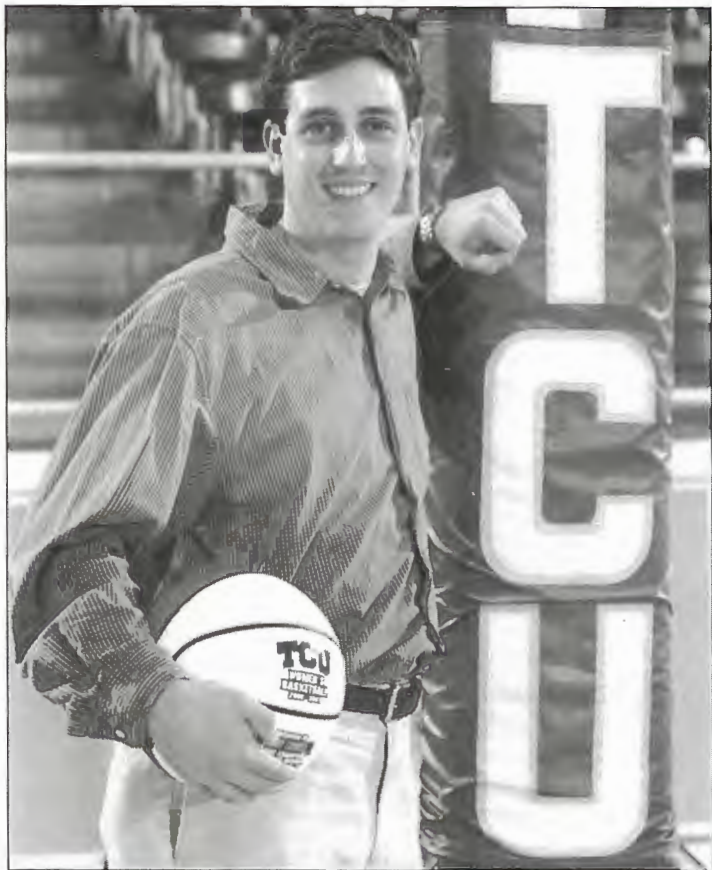
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HORNED FROGS ON A MISSION



Drew Harris

Athletics Media Relations

He's young (only 25) and has been a Horned Frog for just over a year, but it's been long enough to impress co-workers with his energy, spirit and commitment to TCU. "I can't imagine working 10 or 12 hours a day and not liking what you do," Drew Harris says good-naturedly. He is associate director of athletics media relations, assigned to cover the women's basketball program, men's golf and men's soccer.

An Iowa native and 1998 graduate of Iowa State University, Drew was a journalism major and already had work experience with the Kansas City Chiefs, the Royals and the Wizards under his belt when he left that Cowtown for this one in August 2000. Forsaking the pros for student athletes is all good, he says. "At the college level, people play for the love of the sport."

Drew and his fiancée, Rachel Johnson, met while walking down a church aisle together in the wedding party of mutual friends. After a long-distance romance while he was still in Missouri and she in Dallas, they will marry in April. That will make Drew a Texan with roots ... he's already conquered the Mexican food and Dr Pepper thing. "As a recent transplant to Texas and TCU, Drew has embraced the culture of both. He's a pleasure to work with," says colleague Brian Estridge.



Susan Oakley

Human Resources

Susan Oakley's warm smile and gracious manner could brighten any day, but they are particularly welcome when it's your first day on the job. As employment manager, Susan sees most new staff who come through employee orientation each Monday.

By Susan's estimate, TCU hires about 200 full-time and part-time staff each year. Her responsibilities include talking to departments about their open positions to determine their needs, placing ads in the newspaper, taking applications and interviewing candidates, as well as representing TCU at job fairs. She typically sends 10 applicants to be interviewed for every non-exempt position that is open.

The hardest job to fill on campus, says Susan, is that of glass blower for the chemistry department. "They usually think I'm saying 'grass blower,' like a person who might work in groundskeeping," she says. "Susan provides that all-important first contact with TCU for new staff. She always has a smile and an upbeat attitude ... a great TCU emissary," colleague Pat Jolley observes.

A Fort Worth native, Susan graduated from TCU as an adult student in 1986 and came here to work as an administrative assistant two years later. Her experience in human resources had come from a stint at American Airlines. She and her husband, Dan, have a son, Chris ('91) an attorney in Austin and daughter, Kathleen ('99) who works for Fort Worth/Dallas Ballet.

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Dana Summers

History

History professor Ken Stevens says, "No one could represent the TCU mission better than Dana Summers." In a typical day, the department's administrative assistant, "helps, often simultaneously, students who have misplaced their keys or textbooks, faculty who needed something photocopied 10 minutes ago, and various people from facility services, housekeeping, the registrar's office, the dean's office, the bookstore or elsewhere."

Now in her sixth year at TCU, Dana calmly surveys her peaceful top-floor office overlooking the front lawn of Reed Hall and apologizes. "Usually it's a circus in here," she laughs. She formerly taught elementary school for many years, an experience which she claims serves her well as she juggles her usual 8-to-5 routine. It's also a plus when it comes to her well-stocked display of Horned Frog knicknacks and seasonal decorations that make for a homey atmosphere around the office.

"She is among the most stalwart citizens I know in the TCU community," says Todd Kerstetter of the history faculty. "Dana always cheerfully answers questions and provides assistance, no matter how mundane or how busy she may be and no matter whether the person in need is faculty, staff, student or visitor."

Ever the TCU fan, Dana is the mother of a May 2001 graduate and a current band member ... and never misses a home football game.

Richard Oliver

Residential Services

"Our buildings may not be the Hilton, but we try to get them as close as we can," says Richard Oliver. As assistant director of facilities for residential services (and Sodexo), Richard acts as the go-between when there are problems with students' rooms, furniture, appliances and dining facilities. He's on call 24-hours a day, but his regular work day begins at 7 a.m. when he starts hearing reports from housekeepers about trouble areas they've spotted.

It doesn't hurt that Richard is a jack-of-all-trades, and was formerly an electrician in physical plant. As a TCU student, he studied business and economics. During six years in the Army, he taught soldiers flying and scuba diving. He is a licensed aircraft mechanic who went overseas during Desert Storm to work on helicopters as a civilian contractor.

Richard also is a volunteer fireman, assistant chief and training officer for his 15-member company in Peaster where he and his wife live on a 32-acre farm. He enjoys being a ham radio operator and a storm spotter for the National Weather Service, also teaching Skywarn classes in area schools. "His volunteerism carries over to his job as he educates students about fire safety, tornado precautions and a better living environment on campus," says Karen Baker, associate director of administration (residential services).

Being a committed Horned Frog dates back to a childhood spent at TCU football games. Richard's father, Red Oliver, was a star athlete in track and football in the 1930s, as a glance at heirloom photos on the wall of the Justin Athletic Center attests. "We're all one big team out here," says Richard. "Everybody does a good job ... for the kids, and for the University."



Curt Wilson

School of Music

As director of jazz studies at TCU, Curt Wilson has shared his talent and love of music with untold numbers of students over the past 25 years. He has taken young musicians to jazz festivals and on concert tours across the country and around the globe. He has seen them launched on professional music careers of their own.

Downbeat magazine presented his 1993 studio jazz orchestra with a Best Performance Award and, in 1999, named his college program as one of the top 50. His groups have recorded 12 records and CDs. The annual spring jazz festival Curt originated on campus has attracted more than 15,000 talented high school players and countless jazz greats as guest artists.

Outside the rehearsal hall, Curt and his music can be quite diverse. For many years, he played saxophone with the rodeo band above the arena at Fort Worth's annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. When Chancellor Ferrari was inaugurated, it was Curt who composed the impressive orchestral overture *Fanfare, Fugue and Finale* that underscored the ceremonial event.

"Students who have been fortunate enough to have Curt as a professor leave TCU able to think and perform as professionals and leaders in their fields," says former student Kathy Smith. "He insists on the best from them."



To nominate your choice for Horned Frog on a Mission, e-mail s.record@tcu.edu