

TCU THIS WEEK



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It's fall ... what better time to discuss the state of our campus tree population

SAD TO SAY, THE CAMPUS HAS LOST several large old trees in past months but there is good news too. It's not oak wilt.

The oak wilt fungus is currently a statewide problem, and it's killing native trees in shocking numbers and with shocking speed. "We're always on the lookout for the sudden death of a tree or a bush," says **Robert Sulak** who oversees landscaping and grounds for physical plant. "We investigate right away."

So far, TCU's approximately 2,400 live oaks and red oaks are safe thanks to the vigilance of the groundskeeping staff. "We may have had one isolated case on a hill near the Bayard Friedman Tennis Center," according to Robert. Crews treated the surrounding trees with the regimen prescribed by the Texas Forest Service and remain vigilant. They are not even certain the dead tree succumbed to oak wilt.

As far as the other trees that have been taken down, Robert explains their deaths have occurred for a number of reasons. A

month of sub-freezing weather in the mid-1980s caused a number of trees to lose sections of bark, although many large ones have managed to live on borrowed time until now by living off their inner resources. That was the case with the large tree in front of Moncrief Hall. It had to be taken down this past summer because the past finally caught up and killed it.

Extensive construction on campus also has played a role, when the digging projects damage too much of the root system. "And, sometimes, smaller trees just die," Robert says.

He assures that a clump of dead leaves in an otherwise healthy-looking tree is not necessarily a death sentence. Robert explains that even small construction projects can change the slope and run-off of nearby soil, causing water to be distributed around the base of a tree in a new way that might stress a small area of foliage. ♦

Trustees approve next phase of facilities renovation

THE TCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED Friday at their fall meeting the continuation of work on Phase II of the renovation of teaching facilities across campus. The need to upgrade classrooms and scientific laboratories was identified as a priority in the Chancellor's final report to members of *The Commission on the Future of TCU* last year.

Over the next two summers, plans call for improvements to teaching labs in biology, chemistry, physics and astronomy, geology and psychology. All are located in Winton-Scott Hall and the Sid Richardson Physical Sciences Bldg.

The facilities will be refurbished with new lighting, ceilings, lab tables, chairs and other equipment. The project also includes reducing the air-conditioning system for the vivarium which houses and supports animals for research in psychology and biology.

Seventy-nine classrooms and labs were updated and improved this past summer during the first phase of the \$30 million, three-year renovation project. ♦

McGettigan named curator of expanded film library

JOAN MCGETTIGAN, ASSISTANT professor (RTVF), has been named curator of the Gwendolyn P. Tandy Memorial Film Library.

"Joan's passion for film and her dedication to our collection make her a natural choice for curator," says **Roger Cooper**, chair of the department. "In fact, this appointment is long overdue. Joan has been instrumental in our library's growth since she arrived in 1997. She does this work because she cares about the quality of our collection and understands its benefits for students and faculty in RTVF. She is exactly the type of person you want to oversee and develop such a wonderful resource."

Last summer the library relocated to a larger, renovated space in Moudy South. The new facility holds more than 8,000 DVDs, laser discs and videocassette titles in a state-of-the-art storage unit. And, for the first time, students can view films and television programs in the library from

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EVENTS

Today - Nov. 20

Art exhibition, *Helen Altman: Moose and Squirrel*, Moudy Exhibition Hall.***

Today - Nov. 16

Dining Services taking orders for holiday pies 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Student Center lobby. Sweet potato, apple, pumpkin and pecan pies are available for \$3.99 each. Special breads (pumpkin, sweet potato and cranberry-orange) are offered at \$2.99 each. Orders will be ready at noon Nov. 20 - 21.

Today

Hunger Week activities begin.

Brown Bag Plus, featuring student choreography, noon and 7 p.m., ballet & modern dance building, Studio B. Free. Call ext. 7615 for more information.

TCU Wind Symphony, **Bobby Francis**, conductor; 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

Nov. 13-14

School of Education is sponsoring Dr. William E. Doll to speak on "The Spirit of Education and Post-Modern Perspectives on Curriculum," 7 p.m., Sid Richardson, LH 4. Call ext. 7661.

Nov. 14-18

TCU Theatre presents William Shakespeare's *Love's Labour's Lost*, 8 p.m. Wednesday - Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Hays Theatre. Tickets are free for faculty, staff and students with TCU ID, \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors. For reservations, phone the box office at ext. 5770.

Nov. 14

KinoMonda Film Series presents *Small Change* (France), 7 p.m., Sid Richardson LH 1. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

Nov. 15

RTVF Film Series, *Million Dollar Mermaid* (1952), 7 p.m. Moudy, 164S. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

Nov. 16

Women's Basketball - TCU vs. Sam Houston State, 5:30 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Men's Basketball - TCU vs. Northwestern State, 8:05 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Nov. 17

Friends of the TCU Library present Jeff Guinn of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, discussing Harry Potter and Frodo and the Wart, 3 p.m., Mary Coats Burnett Library. Call ext. 7106 for information.

Nov. 18

TCU Concert Chorale performing a program of varied sacred and secular English choral works; **Ronald Shirey**, director, with **Janet Pummill**, organist-pianist-accompanist, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, 2600 Merida.

Nov. 19

Guillermo Martínez organ recital; 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

*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.

(Films from front)

carrels that are equipped for all media types.

"We've had a great collection for years," Cooper said, "but we were frustrated that students couldn't use it to study film and television. Moreover, the collection had grown in recent years to such an extent that we couldn't get all of our titles into one room. Now, the library is big and accessible enough for student use, and faculty continue to use it as a valuable tool for teaching and scholarship."

"Our benefactor, Jesse Upchurch, charged us to make the Gwendolyn P. Tandy Library 'the best film library between the coasts,'" Cooper adds. "We are not only excited by this challenge, but we're well on our way to achieving and, perhaps, surpassing what other film libraries in the U.S. can offer. Basically, if a film is available, we have it."

The library, located in Moudy 164S, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. ♦

Tracy Doctson honored as YMCA minority achiever

TRACY SYLER-DOCTSON, ASSISTANT director of communications, is among those being honored at the 11th annual Minority Achievers Banquet Thursday night at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel. Guest speaker will be actress Tommie "Tonea" Stewart who co-starred in the long-running television series *In the Heat of the Night*.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth and the McDonald YMCA are co-sponsors of the program which, this year, tapped 13 outstanding local professionals for recognition. Each is asked to serve as a workshop coordinator, volunteer counselor, tutor, friend and advisor to young people seeking careers and educational guidance opportunities. The achiever also is asked to act as role model for underachieving or at-risk students.

Tracy has been at TCU for more than two years. ♦

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Professor of curriculum and instruction to speak

DR. WILLIAM E. DOLL, AUTHOR OF A *Post-Modern Perspective on Curriculum*, will present the JoAnn Houston lectures this week. He will discuss "The Spirit of Education" at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Sid Richardson, LH4, and "Teaching Under the Post-Modern Condition" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the same location.

This annual lecture series is named for longtime Fort Worth ISD teacher and administrator JoAnn Houston who retired after 30 years and joined the education faculty at TCU. She passed away in 1995.

Doll is a professor of curriculum and instruction at Louisiana State University. A graduate of Cornell University, he received his master's degree from Boston University and his Ph.D. degree from Johns Hopkins University. ♦

NEW FACES

Paola Chernosky has been hired as an administrative assistant in admissions. A resident of Grandview, she formerly worked for Mann Farm and Ranch.

Susan Hawk has been hired as a reference librarian in Mary Coats Burnett Library. She has a B.A. in psychology and an M.A. in librarianship and information management from the University of Denver. She has worked at Texas A&M University in College Station as head of interlibrary services and, most recently, was a senior information developer at RIA in Carrollton.

Lori Lawrence has been rehired into her former position as archivist in Mary Coats Burnett Library. She has a master's degree in library science from UNT.

Dr. Xiaoya Wang has joined the chemistry department as a post doctoral fellow, conducting research for Dr. Tracy Hanna. She is a native of China and most recently lived in Japan.

KUDOS

BRIAN WEST, COORDINATOR OF percussion (School of Music), has been invited to adjudicate two separate competitions at the 2001 Percussive Arts Society International Convention Nov. 14-18 in Nashville. The annual event attracts the best percussionists in the world and includes performances, clinics, papers, master classes and competitions.

THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE & University Housing Officials has announced the results of a recent benchmarking project that places TCU in the top 10 percent of participating schools nationwide with the highest mean scores related to campus residents' "satisfaction with the ability to interact with others in the residence halls." This factor has consistently been one of the

best predictors of resident overall satisfaction, according to the notification received by Roger Fisher, director of residential services.

MARKETPLACE

TCU FACULTY AND STAFF ARE ELIGIBLE for shopping discounts at the Mattel Toy Club tomorrow through Saturday. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The outlet is located at 501 Meacham Blvd. in Fort Worth. For more information, call 817-302-3360.

AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR AND motivational speaker Paula Statman will present a free, public program on maintaining a sense of personal balance at 7 p.m. Thursday at the YWCA, 512 W. Fourth St. downtown. She has written *Raising Careful, Confident Kids in a Crazy World* and *Life on a Balance Beam*. The session is sponsored by the Junior League of Fort Worth. For more information, call 817-332-7500.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Nathan Lynn (military science) and his wife, Myong, on the birth of their granddaughter, Kendahl Jade Lynn, on Nov. 7. She weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. Parents are T.J. and Tacoma Lynn of Billings, MT.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1993 Ford Explorer XLT, 4x4, leather seats, tinted glass, CD player, AC, auto, new brakes, new tires, 98K mi., \$6350. Call Pauline at 817-924-7230.

FOR SALE: Brand new Game Boy, color, \$60; Play Station w/ two controllers and two memory chips, \$125. Call Tim at ext. 5898 or after 6 p.m. at 817-923-1851.

FOR SALE: 1996 Isuzu Rodeo, 76.5K mi., 5-speed, good condition, \$6,500. Call Dustin Salter at ext. 5197.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of November 7. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

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
Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry
Annual Fund Officer - Annual Fund
Hall Director III - Residential Services
Assistant Men's and Women's Track Coach - Athletics

Administrative Assistant - Student Center
Service Assistant - Student Center
Service Assistant - Residential Services
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Electronic Locks Technician - Physical Plant
Craft Technician/Boiler - Physical Plant
Craft Technician / EMCS - Physical Plant
Craft Technician/HVAC - Physical Plant
Irrigation System Specialist - Physical Plant
Vehicle Technician - Physical Plant
Groundskeeper - Physical Plant
Equipment Operator - Physical Plant
Craft Technician - Facility Services
Security Guard - TCU Police

 **Gardening tip from physical plant:** Collect leaves for composting. Wet each six-inch layer of leaves thoroughly, cover with several inches of soil and add about one pound of a complete lawn or garden fertilizer for decomposition. 