



Brite now has notable Judaic library for its Jewish Studies program

BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL HAS RECENTLY acquired a library and collection of Judaica that should be of interest to scholars around the world.

As part of its Jewish Studies program, Brite has purchased the personal library and collection of the late Rabbi Israel Otto Lehman of Cincinnati. It is estimated to include between 8,000 and 10,000 items.

"This collection will be of value to scholars everywhere," says **W. David Nelson**, Rosenthal Assistant Professor of Jewish Studies at Brite. "The core of the collection consists of approximately 200 pieces which date from the early 16th through the late 18th century."

Having a Judaica Library is the third and final aspect of Brite's Jewish Studies Program to be completed. The community outreach aspect began with the first annual Gates of Chai lecture in 1998. The teaching and research aspect was fulfilled with the naming of two distinguished faculty for the program (David Nelson is one of those).

Among the rare holdings are first and second printed editions of tractates of the Babylonian Talmud, produced around 1520 by one of the first printers of Jewish texts, Daniel Bomberg. There is also a 17th century complete polyglot Bible including Old and New Testaments and Apocrypha, as well as a 17th century Latin concordance of rabbinic literature. The collection also contains 19th century manuscripts of Jewish texts produced by the Jewish community in Yemen.

Other items include early printed prayer books and Bibles, a Persian Torah scroll container and Torah used by Sephardic Jewish communities, and liturgical scrolls and Kabbalistic (Jewish mysticism) handwritten scrolls.

"The collection is valuable not only for its rare holdings, but also for its breadth," Nelson adds. "This library can facilitate the study of Judaism in all its historical manifestations. (The collection's) value to Brite is manifold. It is a sign of this institution's commitment to intellectual pluralism, diversity and ecumenical thought. It is also a sign of the connection between this institution and the

Jewish community in Fort Worth."

The collection will be used by TCU undergraduates, as well as students enrolled in Brite's master of divinity program and doctoral programs.

Nelson says Brite's acquisition of Dr. Lehman's collection is indicative of the shift in Jewish educational demographics in the United States, "which is mirrored in the development of a nascent program in Jewish studies here."

"It is also interesting that some of the more valuable pieces of the collection were printed by Bomberg, a non-Jew from Antwerp living in Venice. So many of the first Hebraic texts were printed by a non-Jew," according to Nelson.

Nelson says much more needs to be done to formally catalog all of the holdings in the collection, which is currently stored in an off-campus warehouse. That work is going on now.

For more information, call David at ext. 7597. ♦

TCU, Barnes & Noble offer free lectures on Islam

TCU FACULTY WILL GUIDE THE PUBLIC through a closer look at Islam during a series of lectures and discussions designed to offer background and insight into current events. The series, titled "A Closer Look . . . Islam," will be held at Barnes & Noble, 1615 S. University Drive (in University Park Village), at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month January through April, beginning this week. The series is free and open to the public.

Confirmed dates and topics include:

Wednesday, Jan. 16 — The Many Facets of Islam, Dr. **Yushau Sodiq** (religion)

Sunday, Jan. 27 — Modern Persian Poetry and the Writing of Rumi, Dr. Ahmad Karimi Hakak, professor of Persian literature and civilization, University of Washington (special guest of the TCU Honors Program)

Wednesday, Feb. 20 — Islamic Culture,

EVENTS

Today

Classes begin.

Jan. 18

Women's Basketball - TCU vs. Cincinnati, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.*

Jan. 19

Men's Basketball - TCU vs. Tulane, 11 a.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.*

Jan. 20

Women's Basketball - TCU vs. Louisville, 1 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.*

Jan. 21

Martin Luther King holiday. University closed.

*Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967 for more information.

Dr. Manochehr Dorraj (political science)

Topics and speakers for March 20 and April 17 will be announced in the coming weeks and will be posted online at www.lifelong.tcu.edu and on the TCU home page at www.tcu.edu. "A Closer Look . . . Islam" is jointly sponsored by TCU and Barnes & Noble. For more information, contact Extended Ed. at ext. 7130 or lifelong@tcu.edu. ♦

Campus recognized for environmental efforts

TCU HAS BEEN CITED IN A RECENT national survey of college and university environmental practices conducted by the National Wildlife Federation. The report, based on findings from 891 institutions of higher education, provides "green grades" in more than 20 categories, ranging from curriculum to water use, transportation programs and energy efficiency.

TCU earned its listing as a "Leading School" for "recycling 60% or more of the total municipal waste generated." According to **Robert Sulak** (physical plant), TCU has replaced almost half its trash dumpsters, 11 in all, with recycling dumpsters around those buildings which generate primarily paper waste, rather than food waste. In addition to the environmental benefits, TCU enjoys a significant cost savings from the trash

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hauler, according to Robert.

The National Wildlife Federation will use the findings of the recent study as part of its efforts to enhance higher education's contributions to environmental challenges. "[We are] interested not only in helping colleges and universities reduce their toll on the environment, but also in providing students the practical lessons and tools they need to implement positive change when they leave the campus," said Mark Van Putten, president and CEO of the NWF.

The full NWF report is available on the Web at www.nwf.org/campusecology/stateofthecampusenvironment/index.html. ♦

Harriet Hunt honored with staff recognition award

THE FRIENDS OF THE TCU LIBRARY presented the General Staff Recognition Award to **Harriet Hunt** at the annual Friends and staff luncheon last week.

Harriet is a cataloger in the technical services department and was chosen on the recommendations of her co-workers and library users. She was cited for her contributions to the efficient operation of the library, as well as her involvement in campus activities. ♦

NEW FACES

Bryant Adams has been hired as a service assistant for Brite housing at Leibrock Village. He was formerly employed at the Caravan of Dreams.

Angela Cantrell is a new administrative assistant in nursing. She has an associate's degree in business and office administration and has been a pre-K teacher at First United Methodist Church, Burleson.

Amy Caster has been hired as a career specialist for the Neeley School. A graduate of Texas Tech University, she has an M.B.A.

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degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. She was formerly employed by TMG and Ericsson.

Valerie Hartzell DeSantis has been hired as director of corporate relations (advancement). She has a B.A. degree in business management and was formerly employed by the United Way.

Matthew Hinze has joined information services as a user services consultant. He received his B.A. degree in American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin where he also was employed.

Miranda Kelley has been hired as a teaching assistant at RISE School. She is a TCU student and has worked for Crowley ISD.

Richard Allan Larson has joined physical plant as a technician for grounds equipment and vehicles. He formerly worked at Wizards of the Coast.

Kristin Netteburg is a new Annual Fund officer (advancement). She has a bachelor's degree in corporate communications and is a TCU graduate student. Kristin formerly worked for Hypernet Communications.

Jason Outcault is a new service assistant in facility services. He was formerly employed at Chuck E. Cheese.

Richard Reed has joined information services as a user services consultant. A TCU graduate, he formerly worked for Hatala Systems Group.

Jesus Rojas has been hired as a service assistant for facility services.

Linda Clayton Staller has joined the Neeley Student Resource Center as administrative assistant. She has a B.B.A. degree from TCU and has worked for Harris Methodist Senior Health Plan. Linda's mother, **Inez Ferrill**, retired in 2000 after 20 years as receptionist in Colby Hall.

Dwayne L. Taylor has been hired in physical plant as an irrigation specialist for grounds. He formerly worked for Sprinkle 'n Sprout.

Robert Villegas has joined residential services as a service assistant.

Robert P. Wortham is a new project manager for physical plant, assigned to the new baseball stadium and Sarah and Steve Smith Entrepreneurs Hall.

Other new hires include **Mach Ayoor Apech**, **Daniel Deng Mac**, **Mathew Marial Majok** and **James Madif Ajith** who have joined physical plant's groundskeeping crew full-time. The four have come to Fort Worth from the African country of Sudan (see feature article on the TCU homepage at www.tcu.edu). They are completing their high school educations through a local G.E.D. program.

BIRTHS

Chad Lorange (office of communications) and his wife, Rebecca, have announced the birth of their first child, Allison Renee, on Dec. 25. She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Manny Reinecke (chemistry) and his wife, Marlene, announce the birth of their eighth grandchild, Abby Rose Payne, on Nov. 29. She weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. Proud parents are Barry and Claire (Reinecke) Payne.

DEATH

Sympathy is extended to **Colleen Mallette** (School of Music) whose father-in-law, Gayle Mallette, passed away Dec. 6 in Beaumont. Services were held Dec. 11 at Southpark Baptist Church there.

Arlene L. Sollenberger (retired, School of Music) passed away Dec. 12 in Fort Worth. Services were held Dec. 16 at Overton Park United Methodist Church, prior to her burial in Osborne, KS. Miss Sollenberger taught voice at TCU from 1959 until 1986.

Condolences are also extended to **Karen Baker** (residential services) in the death of her father, J. C. Miller, of Pike Road, Alabama. Services were held Dec. 23 in Alabama.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Chad Lorange** (office of communications) in the death of his grandmother, Addie Lorange of Leonard, TX, on Jan. 4. Services were held Jan. 6 in Leonard.

Condolences to **Nancy Bartosek** (publications) in the death of her mother, Mary Jane Braley, on Jan. 7 in Fort Worth. A memorial service is set for 3:30 p.m. Friday at Trinity Terrace.

Sympathy to **Priscilla Tate** (Center for Teaching Excellence) in the death of her mother, Ruth Weston, in San Antonio. Funeral service was Jan. 3.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Noritake china in the Pasadena pattern; 12 place settings include dinner plates, luncheon plates, salad plates, cups and saucers. Also vegetable bowls, platter, butter dish/cover, creamer, sugar and teapot. \$225. Call Nancy at 817-921-6808.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of January 9. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Director - Center for Teaching Excellence
Accompanist/Ballet/temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance
Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry
Head Volleyball Coach - Athletics
Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry
Assistant Men's and Women's Track Coach - Athletics
Coordinator, Community Programs and Professional Development - Extended Education
Coordinator, Recruitment/Retention - HSN
Annual Fund Officer - Annual Fund
Programmer Analysts - Administrative Systems
Administrative Assistant - Physical Plant
Administrative Assistant 88% - RISE School
Data Control Specialist - Advancement
Distribution Supervisor Post Office
Financial Services Assistant - Financial Services
Service Assistant - Student Center
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Craft Tech. Supervisor - Facility Services
Craft Technician/Boiler - Physical Plant
Craft Technician/EMCS - Physical Plant
Craft Technician/HVAC - Physical Plant