

# TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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## Museum displaying Monnig meteorites opening this fall in Sid Richardson Bldg.

TCU HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO BUILD a state-of-the-art meteorite museum on campus, featuring the 1,000-piece collection of longtime Fort Worth resident and businessman Oscar Monnig. The 1,704-square-foot museum, made possible by a \$4.2 million gift by Monnig's estate, is scheduled to open this fall on the first floor of the Sid W. Richardson Building.

The meteorite collection, which Monnig began accumulating in the 1930s, is widely recognized as one of the largest in the United States. It also features the largest collection of meteorites found in Texas.

Dr. Arthur Ehlmann, emeritus professor of geology at TCU, worked closely with Monnig throughout the 1960s and 1970s identifying specimens collected from across the globe. The two meteorite enthusiasts formed a friendship and, in 1985, Monnig donated the entire collection to the University's geology department. Monnig died in 1999 and left additional funds to construct the museum on campus.

"Oscar told me that because the community had always been so good to him and his family, he wanted his meteorites to stay right here in Fort Worth," said Ehlmann. "It is an extraordinary collection and we are privileged to showcase it at TCU."

The museum is being designed by Gallagher and Associates of Washington D.C. and is expected to open to the public in October. ♦

## Sara Sohmer receives Honors Faculty award

SARA SOHMER, INSTRUCTOR IN THE history department, was presented with the 2002 Honors Faculty Recognition Award during Honors Convocation last week in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Sara has taught at TCU since 1995, specializing in the areas of British and European history.

A native of Oneida, TN, she received her B.A. degree from the University of Tennessee, her M.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Hawaii. She was an assistant professor of history at the University of Hawaii from 1989 to 1992. ♦

## EVENTS

### Today - April 18

LAAF presents art works by faculty from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru in Lima, Moudy exhibition hall. Opening reception 5-7 p.m. April 8.

### Today

Yom HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day observance, 7 p.m., Student Center ballroom. For more information, call ext. 7855.

LAAF - Spanish and Latin American Studies Green Chair, Marjorie Agosin, will discuss "Women & Politics in Latin America," 7 p.m., Moudy Bldg. rm. 320S. Call ext. 7366 for more information.

LAAF - TCU Wind Symphony, Bobby Francis directing, Vicente Sanchez from Spain is guest conductor, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium, free. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

Sigma Xi lecture by Dallas Morning News science editor Tom Siegfried, 8 p.m., Sid Richardson LH1. For more information, call ext. 7643.

### April 9

Handheld Users Group brown bag lunch, noon-1 p.m., library conference room, B21. Mike Russel (campus life) will discuss the Steven Covey software for handheld devices. For more information, call ext. 7106.

LAAF - KinoMonda film series presents the Mexican film *Nosotros los Pobres*, with the film's legendary composer, Manuel Esperon, on hand to introduce and discuss the film, 7 p.m., Student Center ballroom, free. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

LAAF - presentation of playwright José Rivera, discussing his play *Sueño*, 7 p.m., Moudy Bldg. 141 N.

LAAF-Spanish and Latin American Studies Green Chair, Marjorie Agosin, will discuss her career, 7 p.m., Sid Richardson LH4.

LAAF Children's Chorus concert, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.

### April 10 - 14

TCU Theatre LAAF presentation of *La Llorona*, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Hays Theatre. Tickets \$5, \$3. Call the box office at ext. 5770 for reservations.

### April 10

LAAF-Spanish & Latin American Studies chair Bonnie Frederick will discuss food and literature, noon-1:15 p.m., Student Center, rm. 205-206.

The Center for Teaching Excellence hosts a brown bag lunch discussion on testing led by Judy Groulx (education), noon-1:30 p.m., Student Center, rm. 211. Call ext. 7103 for more information.

LAAF - piano recital/lecture by Brazilian Lilian Barreto, 3-4:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.

LAAF - KinoMonda film series presents the Cuban film *Guantanamera*, with discussion by Edna Rodriguez-Manguel, 7 p.m., Sid Richardson LH 1, free. Call 7292 for more information.

### April 11 - 14

TCU Theatre and Stage West LAAF production of the José Rivera play *Sueño*, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 817-784-9378 for tickets.

### April 11

LAAF - Lecture/recital on Heitor Villa-Lobos by Michael Meckna (School of Music) and students, 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall, free.

Call ext. 7292 for more information.

The Marketing Application Program class invites faculty and staff to a promotional event for (and at) the TCU Bookstore, 2-6 p.m. Free food, music, games, prizes.

RTVF presents *Vera Cruz* (1954) starring Burt Lancaster and Gary Cooper, 7 p.m., Moudy Bldg., room 164S. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

LAAF - TCU Symphony, conducted by Germán Gutiérrez, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Program features Daniel Binelli, Opus Cuatro, pianist John Owings, violinist Curt Thompson, Misha Galanov on viola, free. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

LAAF - "Rotando Espacios," concert by five dance troupes from South America, 8 p.m., University Theatre. Free tonight only. Call ext. 7615.

### April 12

LAAF - Tango lecture/recital, 10 a.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall, free. Call ext. 7292.

LAAF - Round table discussion of Latin American music, 1 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall, free. Call ext. 7292.

TCU Baseball vs. St. Louis, 2:35 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.\*\*

TCU faculty recital, 3 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall, free. Call ext. 7292.

LAAF - Performance - Internationally renowned Argentine vocal group Opus Cuatro and tango musician Daniel Binelli, master of the bandoneon, with pianist Lilian Barreto of Brazil and Harold Martina of Colombia, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium, \$8 admission. Call ext. 7292.

LAAF - "Rotando Espacios," concert by five dance troupes from South America, 8 p.m., \$5 admission, University Theatre. Call ext. 7615.

### April 13

TCU Baseball vs. St. Louis, 1:05 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.\*\*

LAAF - TCU Symphony, conducted by Germán Gutiérrez, 2 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Program features Daniel Binelli, Opus Cuatro, violinist Curt Thompson, Misha Galanov on viola, free. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

LAAF - "Rotando Espacios," concert by five dance troupes from South America, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., \$5 admission, University Theatre. Call ext. 7615.

LAAF - Rumba Latina, an outdoor fiesta featuring music by Tropical Sound, FWISD mariachi band and folkloric dancers, food from Blue Mesa Grill on sale and dancing on the lawn outside the Student Center, 4 p.m., free. Call ext. 7292.

### April 14

TCU Baseball vs. St. Louis, 1:05 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.\*\*

### April 15

Brite Divinity School lecture series, Dr. Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Columbia Theological Seminary, "Understanding Missions in the Borderlands," 7 p.m., Kelly Center, open to TCU community. Mariachi reception immediately following. Call ext. 7139 for more information.

Faculty recital by Laura Logan and the Octavia Harp Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.\*

\*Call the School of Music at ext. 7602.

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



## Dates for Orientation, Frog Camps announced

REGISTRATIONS FOR NEW STUDENT Orientation and Frog Camp have been arriving on campus since early February, which can only mean a new crop of freshmen and transfers are on their way.

Scheduled dates for these programs are:

Orientation session 1	June 9 - 10
Orientation session 2	June 12 - 13
Orientation session 3	June 16 - 17
Orientation session 4	June 23 - 24
Orientation session 5	June 26 - 27
Orientation session 6	Aug. 18 - 19
Orientation session 7	Aug. 21 - 22
Orientation Transfer-ONLY session TA	June 18 (Tuesday)
Orientation Transfer-ONLY session TB	Aug. 16 (Friday)

Frog Camp Resolana	June 2 - 5
Frog Camp Challenge A	June 9 - 11
Frog Camp Alpine A	June 14 - 18
Frog Camp Alpine B	June 19 - 23
Frog Camp Casa Nueva A	June 25 - 27
Frog Camp Quest A	Aug. 17 - 19
Frog Camp Quest B	Aug. 20 - 22
Frog Camp Challenge B	Aug. 20 - 22
Frog Camp Casa Nueva B	Aug. 23 - 25

For more information, contact **Kay Higgins** or **Carrie Zimmerman** at ext. 7855. ♦

## Richard Allen turns a 1940s book and movie into Mildred Pierce, the musical

**RICHARD ALLEN**, TCU'S EMMY-AWARD-winning RTVF professor, has heard the lullaby of Broadway. Allen's latest project, *Mildred!*, a musical based on the novel by James M. Cain and the 1945 film that netted Joan Crawford a best actress Oscar, will world premiere this month as a fully staged workshop production.

*Mildred!* runs April 15-17 and 22-24 (Mondays-Wednesdays) at Stage West, 3055 S. University Drive. Performances are at 8 p.m. and are free to the public. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Allen penned the book and lyrics. Local composer Tim Goergeff, a TCU alum, wrote the music. Linda Leonard co-directs the production with Allen. The majority of the cast are TCU students.

For more information, call 817-706-6909. ♦

## April lectures set

**BRENT PLATE** (RELIGION) WILL PRESENT a talk at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. His topic is "Building Memory in Berlin: Daniel Libeskind's Jewish Museum."

Brent also has organized two lectures for later in the month. The religion department and AddRan College are co-sponsors of a talk by Timothy K. Beal at 4 p.m. April 19 in Beasley Hall, rm. 206. He is Harkness Professor of Biblical Literature at Case Western Reserve University. Author of four

books, including the current *Religion and Its Monsters*, Beal is currently working to explore the religious dimensions of white supremacist culture in the U.S.

The departments of religion, art & art history, and design, merchandising and textiles will present a talk by Elliott Dlin, executive director of The Dallas Holocaust Memorial Center, at 4 p.m. April 23 in Beasley Hall, rm. 206. He will speak on "Locating the Holocaust in Dallas, Texas."

For more information, call Brent at ext. 6444. ♦

## Chilean writer Marjorie Agosin will lecture on campus today, tomorrow

POET AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST Marjorie Agosin will give two free public lectures on campus April 8-9. Agosin is the Department of Spanish and Latin American Studies Cecil and Ida Green Honors Chair Professor.

The first lecture, which will be at 7 p.m. tonight in Moudy 320 South, is titled "Retazos de Vida: Mujeres y Democracia en American Latina" ("Threads of Hope: Women and Democracy in Latin America") and will focus on the women's protest movement against the military dictatorship in Chile. The lecture will be given in Spanish.

The second lecture, titled "The Alphabet: A Writing Life," focuses on her experience with the writing process. It will be given in English at 7 p.m. April 9 in Sid W. Richardson lecture hall 4.

For more information, call ext. 6894. ♦

## Holocaust Remembrance observed tonight at SC

A SPECIAL OBSERVANCE OF YOM HaShoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day is planned for tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom.

Events include *Remnants*, a voice play written and performed by Henry Greenspan, Ph.D., a psychologist who has used two decades of conversations with Holocaust survivors as the focus of this work. There also will be an exhibition of 10 paintings by Julie Meetal Berman which form a narrative of her parents' experiences in the concentration camps.

A religious service will be led by the **Rev. John Butler** (University Ministries), Cantor Bertram Kieffer, Rabbi Ralph Mecklenberger, Rabbi Ned Soltz and Rabbi Alberto (Baruch) Zelicovich.

This evening's program is sponsored by Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, TCU Women's Resource Center, Brite Divinity School and the Jewish Studies Program, National Council for Community and Justice, Martin Hochster memorial Post #775 Jewish War Veterans, TCU Programming Council and University Ministries.

For more information, call **Marcy Paul** at ext. 7855. ♦

## R.A.D. classes scheduled for all campus women

A FREE RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE System class open to all female faculty and staff and their dependents, as well as students, is set for April 20-21. Sessions will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Fort Worth Police and Fire Training Facility at 1000 Calvert.

Courses, sponsored by TCU Police and TCU Risk Management, are offered at no cost. To register, call **Hao Brown** at ext. 7778. ♦

## KUDOS

**CATHY BLOCK** (SCHOOL OF Education) begins a three-year term on the International Reading Association's Board of Directors (IRA) in May.

As an elected board member, Cathy will provide the Association with leadership and expertise in reading and related subjects.

The IRA is a community of professionals with 90,000 members in 99 countries, dedicated to promoting higher achievement levels in literacy, reading and communication by continually advancing the quality of instruction worldwide.

## CLASSIFIED

**FREE TO GOOD HOMES:** Only four left! Precious, home-raised, litter box trained kittens ready for new homes on April 10. These kittens are indoor pets, affectionate and playful. Call ext. 7810 or 817-732-6533 after 6 p.m.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Accompanist/Ballet/temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance
- Assistant Director of TCU/Clibum Institute - TCU/Clibum Piano Institute
- Coordinator, Community Programs and Professional Development - Extended Education
- Annual Fund Officer - Annual Fund
- Assistant Men's and Women's Track Coach - Athletics
- Director of Athletic Marketing - Athletics
- Assistant Director of Marketing - Athletics
- Athletic Video Intern - Athletics
- Assistant Basketball Coach - Athletics
- Admissions Counselor - Admissions
- Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry
- Assistant Director for Aquatics - Recreational Sports
- Assistant Director for Challenge Course - Recreational Sports
- Assistant Director for Intramural Sports - Recreational Sports
- Manager of Admissions Information Services - Admissions
- Administrative Program Assistant - Graduate Studies
- Distribution Supervisor - Post Office
- Computer Technical Specialist - User Services
- Computer Hardware Tech - User Services
- Service Assistant - Residential Services
- Service Assistant - Student Center
- Service Assistant - Facility Services
- Structural Maintenance Tech - Physical Plant
- EMCS Technician - Physical Plant

**Gardening tip from Robert Sulak (physical plant):** For early color in the landscape, try ageratums, cockscombs, fibrous rooted begonias, coreopsis, cosmos, marigolds, petunias, phlox, sweet alyssums and zinnias.





# HORNED FROGS ON A MISSION

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## Josie Benitez

Human Resources

Whenever the phone rings at Josie Benitez's desk, she answers with a smile that shows on the other end. Her positive attitude extends into her everyday life as well.

"I love my job, I love the people I work with, and all my family is in good health. What more could make me happier?" Josie says.

Since October 1999, she has worked in the payroll department at human resources, feeling like part of a hard-working team. In Josie's book, enjoying your work is the key to career success. She values precision on the job, and strives to make all her paychecks arrive error-free in employees' hands. In fact, she says, she celebrates at the end of the two-week pay cycle when no one calls to complain. Around the office, Josie's peers appreciate her kindness and professionalism. She brings a smile and a cheerful disposition to the office and a willingness to always lend a helping hand, says colleague Murielle Wright.

Although she has worked and studied in several fields — from advertising to banking to fashion merchandising — Josie is currently working on a nursing degree. She is married with three sons, two of whom attend TCU.



## Kristina Straface

Athletics

As a young child, TCU's assistant swim coach was terrified of water and forced to take swimming lessons to overcome her fear. Kristina Straface's keep-at-it attitude and willpower eventually took her to the University of Texas NCAA championship swim team, the 1988 Olympic Trials and on to becoming a coach herself.

Before coming to TCU two years ago, Kristina was the head swim coach and psychology teacher at Clear Creek High School in League City near Houston. She became interested in TCU when a former student-athlete called her about a possible opening for assistant swim coach. Once again her perseverance and determination paid off.

Now in her second year here, she can truly sell the school to her recruits. Having graduated from UT, she sees the value of the smaller school. "At UT I was a number," she says, "but here even the athletics director knows the athletes by name." Along with recruiting, Kristina coaches two events and is on the Athletics' Community Outreach Committee. Her favorite aspect of the job is seeing the success of her student-athletes. She says her rewards from her job come through what the kids do athletically and academically.

"Kristina is a true role model for students," says her boss, coach Richard Sybesma. She cares about them and helps them to grow in a positive way."







## Jo Glover

Frog Club

TCU's Frog Club provides educational opportunities for student athletes by raising money to offset the costs of their education. No one is more devoted to the effort of making athletic scholarships available than Jo Glover, executive secretary of the organization.

In her 14 years at TCU, Jo has always worked in the advancement division and moved into her present position in 1996. It involves coordinating all events for Frog Club members ... the regular lunches throughout sports seasons and special occasions like the fish fry, senior athletes dessert and coaches' circle event, many of which are held at night and on weekends. Jo also works with the volunteer membership team that brings in Frog Club members and their money. (This year's goal is 3,500 members and \$1.7 million.)

"Jo is a main reason people continue to attend Frog Club meetings," says colleague Mark Mourer. "She's a familiar, friendly face, and her organization, work ethic and friendly ways make it possible for the rest of us to do our jobs."

Jo is also a Horned Frog fan, with a capital "F" when it comes to football. "I like all the sports and I'm proud of all the coaches, but I watched the NFL draft for two days," she says with a laugh. She also notes one of her favorite presents this past Christmas was three of LaDainian Tomlinson's San Diego Chargers trading cards, encased in plastic.



## Josh Harmon

Information Services

It came to us as an all-campus e-mail: There would be an upgrade of the TCU e-mail system over the weekend of Feb. 9. And sure enough, when we turned on our computers Monday morning, the "in-box" was looking quite a bit different than when we last saw it. A routine day for us but for Josh Harmon, it was a day when a year's worth of planning and work was put to the test.

"I don't like change much either," says Josh who had in mind the 10,000 combined faculty, staff and students who expected their calendars, to-do-lists, address books and e-mails to be accessible. To make that changeover, Josh had spent 12 months updating four Microsoft Exchange servers and changing the domain architecture, as well as testing and re-testing the system a dozen times.

Josh has been at TCU since 1995 when he attended Brite Divinity School and worked as a graduate assistant in user services. Although he began his computer career by "falling into it," he now has many hours of Microsoft training under his belt.

"Josh demonstrates, in both his daily and long-term actions, his commitment to TCU," says colleague Bryan Lucas. "He puts in the extra hours and the work from home without complaint, and his quality of work shows that he has TCU's best interests at heart."

### OUR MISSION:

*To educate individuals to think and act as ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community*

**To nominate your own choice for Horned Frog on a Mission, e-mail the details to [s.record@tcu.edu](mailto:s.record@tcu.edu). Include the person's name, job title and department, along with your reasons for selecting him/her.**