

# TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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## Welch Foundation names four TCU scientists to receive three-year grants

FOUR TCU SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN awarded 2002 research grants by the Welch Foundation, one of the country's oldest and largest private funding sources for basic chemical research. Each researcher will receive a three-year grant of at least \$150,000 from the foundation.

The following TCU researchers will receive grants for new research in 2002:

■ **Magnus Rithby** (physics and astronomy) will work at "Theoretical Investigation of Novel Carbon, Silicon and Germanium Clusters."

■ **Robert Nellson** (chemistry) will research "New Phosphazene-Based Hybrid Polymers."

■ **Dale Huckaby** (chemistry) will do research in the field of "Theoretical Chemistry."

■ **Jean-Luc Montchamp** (chemistry) will research "Charged Hydrolytically Stable RNA Analogues as Potential Antisense Oligonucleotides."

In addition, five other TCU scientists are currently receiving on-going grants from the foundation:

■ **William Graham** (physics and astronomy) is doing research on "Vibrational Spectra and Structures of Small Molecular Clusters."

■ **Tracy Hanna** (chemistry) is researching "Bismuth/Molybdenum Alkoxides: Models for the SOHIO Catalyst."

■ **David Minter** (chemistry) is researching "New Synthetic Methodology for the Construction of Crinane and Galanthan Ring Systems."

■ **Jeffery Coffer** (chemistry) is researching "New Core/Shell Silicon Nanoclusters: Controlling Structural and Electronic Properties via Interfacial Chemistry."

■ **William Watson** (chemistry) is researching "2-Amino-1,2,3-Trizole and 1,3-Dithiole-2-Thione Derivatives of C60."

Since 1954, the Welch Foundation has provided more than \$465 million to researchers at 28 Texas institutions, including over \$9.9 million to TCU. ♦

## Extended Ed seeks new teachers, new courses to offer community

ARE YOU A FACULTY MEMBER WHO would like to teach something outside your own academic "box"? Are you a staff member who could share your personal expertise in a certain area? The Office of Extended Education is currently expanding and revamping its course offerings and is always on the lookout for new and innovative non-credit classes to offer to the community.

Specific areas of need include foreign language instruction, art and business topics, however, the possibilities for new programs are boundless. Your suggestions and proposals for a course you would like to teach would be welcomed.

Please contact **Julle Lovett**, coordinator of Community Programs and Professional Development, at ext. 6352 or e-mail her at [j.n.lovett@tcu.edu](mailto:j.n.lovett@tcu.edu). May 20 is the deadline for submitting a formal proposal for a fall semester course. ♦

## "Feghali & Friends" set for May 21 concert at Bass Hall downtown

**JOSÉ FEGHALI**, GOLD MEDALIST AT THE Seventh Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1985 and now artist-in-residence at TCU, will celebrate his 40th birthday performing with friends from around the globe in Cliburn Concerts' last recital of the season at 8 p.m. May 21 at Bass Performance Hall.

Others on the program include two TCU School of Music colleagues, violinist **Curt Thompson** and Argentinian bandoneónist **Daniel Binelli**, a visiting artist on campus. Also performing will be French violinist Olivier Charlier, Russian cellist Nina Kotova and violist Joan DerHovsepian.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$75 and are available from Central Ticket Office at 817-335-9000 or order online at [www.cliburntix.org](http://www.cliburntix.org). ♦

## EVENTS

### May 10

TCU Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, 9:30 a.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.

TCU Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony, 2 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.

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

### May 11

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

Spring Commencement, 2 p.m., Fort Worth Convention Center.

### May 12

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

### May 13

Summer casual dress policy begins.

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

## Free hearing screenings to be offered next week

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND disorders will sponsor free hearing screenings to the local community from 1 - 4 p.m. Thursday, May 16 and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, May 17 at Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic.

Anyone 3 or older may come in for testing. No appointment is needed. Bilingual graduate students will be on hand to assist Spanish speakers who wish to be screened.

TCU is joining with other Fort Worth area audiologists who are offering free screenings throughout the month of May in an effort to focus on hearing loss and its treatment. The fastest growing incidence of hearing loss appears among teens and young adults, according to **Helen McCaffrey** (communication sciences and disorders), presumably as a result of listening to loud music and computer games.

She adds that adults with hearing loss increasingly withdraw from social, domestic and occupational roles. People with hearing loss wait an average of seven years before seeking help and 75 percent of people who could benefit from hearing aids are not using them. ♦

## 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 on Aug. 19.

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

## Neeley School to co-host supply chain conference in Fort Worth next month

NEELEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND THE University of Tennessee will co-host a global supply chain conference in Fort Worth this summer, with Gordon England, Secretary of the U.S. Navy, former executive vice president of General Dynamics and a TCU MBA alum, as keynote speaker. The event will June 3-5 at the Westin Beechwood Hotel. The conference is co-sponsored by Alliance\*Texas and Lockheed Martin.

Academic experts and supply chain executives will present topics such as changes in the global business environment due to the September 2001 terrorist attacks, increased risk and uncertainty impacting supply chain effectiveness, and strategies to strengthen supply chain operations.

"Knowing how to manage a supply chain is an important strategic component for businesses desiring to stay competitive in today's global environment," said **Nancy Nix**, director of the Neeley School's Supply and Value Chain Center and organizer of the event. "But operating on a world scale means being prepared to handle challenges that can temporarily disrupt those plans."

Businesses have increasingly turned to supply chain management because of cost efficiency, including the ability to store fewer products and predict consumers' needs and desires.

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"The attacks of Sept. 11 and ensuing world turmoil impacted plans in many ways, particularly in the area of transportation after borders were shut down and planes grounded," Nancy said.

For more information, contact Nancy at ext. 7463 or via e-mail at [n.nix@tcu.edu](mailto:n.nix@tcu.edu), or visit the conference Web site at [www.svcc.tcu.edu/conference2002](http://www.svcc.tcu.edu/conference2002). ♦

## NEW FACES

**Ronnie L. Gibbons** has been hired as a service assistant in facility services. A former employee of Yard Salon, he is working on his GED.

**Orlando Ortéga** also has joined facility services as a service assistant. He is a former construction worker, also working on his GED.

**Brian Prodonovich** is a new teacher's assistant at Rise School. He was formerly employed at Greenbriar Elementary School.

**Amanda Scott** has joined admissions as manager of admissions information systems. She has a bachelor's degree in information systems from UTA and was formerly employed as a system engineer for WebTPA.com



**Gardening tip from Robert Sulak in physical plant:** Allow leaves of spring-flowering plants to mature and yellow before removing.



## CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: Large duplex near campus, 2/2 plus garage, 1,500 sq. ft., non-smoker only, \$1,250/mo. plus \$1,000 deposit. Call 817-921-3446.

WANT TO RENT: Three Fine Arts students (non-smokers) need three-bedroom house or apartment near campus, beginning in August. Please call 817-845-3336 and leave message.

FOR RENT: Fully furnished garage apartment beginning June 1, \$500 per month, utilities included. Located near TCU in historic Ryan Place. 817-921-9802.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of May 1. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Accompanist/Ballet/temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance  
Assistant to Director of TCU/Clibum Institute - TCU/Clibum Piano Institute  
Assistant Men's and Women's Track Coach - Athletics  
Assistant Director of Website Management - Marketing & Communication  
Admissions Counselor - Admissions  
Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry  
Athletic Video Intern - Athletics  
Administrative Assistant - Harris School of Nursing  
Administrative Assistant - Athletics  
Administrative Program Specialist - Neeley School of Business  
Data Control Specialist - Human Resources  
Computer Technical Specialist - User Services  
Service Assistant - Residential Services  
Service Assistant - Facility Services  
Service Assistant - Student Center