

TCU THIS WEEK



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Campus Mars-watching event in the stars from 8 'til midnight Wednesday

MARS WILL BE AT ITS CLOSEST POINT TO Earth in thousands of years this week. To mark this historic celestial event, the physics/astronomy department and the Monnig Meteorite Gallery will host a "See & Touch Mars Night" Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 8 p.m. to midnight between Sid Richardson and Winton-Scott Halls. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Telescopes and binoculars will be available to the public and participants can tour the meteorite gallery to touch a piece of Mars. A DVD and Power Point presentation featuring Mars also will be shown throughout the evening.

While it will still be 34.65 million miles away, Mars will be slightly closer to Earth Wednesday than ever in human history. According to information available on the Internet, the proximity is due to a regular occurrence of the two planets being on the same side of the Sun, and the rare chance that Earth is about as far from the Sun as it ever gets just as Mars is about as close as it ever gets. (The two planets' orbits are not quite circular).

Mars rises just before 9 p.m. for skywatchers at mid-northern latitudes. If the horizon is obstructed, it might be 10 p.m. or later before it becomes visible.

For more information about the Mars-watching event, contact the Monnig Meteorite Gallery at ext. 6277. ♦

Join Reading Frogs as a school volunteer

THE TCU STAFF/FACULTY READING FROGS program is currently recruiting volunteers to join in this community service initiative. The goal of the project is to improve a child's reading skills by committing 30-40 minutes each week to spend time in an area classroom.

Last semester, 40-plus Reading Frogs volunteered in seven local elementary schools. Some staff members volunteered in their own children's school. This year's group will be placed in mid-September. Individuals have the choice of working one-on-one with a student who is struggling, or reading to an entire classroom.

TCU employees are allowed up to 12 hours of paid time off to participate in Reading Frogs during the period Sept. 1-April 3. These hours must coincide with volunteer time needed by the public schools, typically from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Staff working nights and weekends will not be eligible. The supervisor's discretion is a factor in the decision to grant time away from the campus.

Mary Lane (School of Education) is coordinator of the program. She notes that employees who do not have a reserved parking space and are concerned about leaving campus during the day can be accommodated. Mary is planning to set up carpools to particular schools, or assign these volunteers to Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center only a short walk away on W. Cantey St.

If you are interested in participating, you can get a Community Service Approval Form (CSAF) from University Ministries at ext. 7830 or from the Staff Assembly Web site. After a supervisor has indicated approval, the completed form should be sent to Mary. Contact her at ext. 7663 or e-mail m.lane@tcu.edu. ♦

Cellist Jesús Castro-Balbi and wife, Gloria Lin, join School of Music faculty

AWARD-WINNING CELLIST JESÚS Castro-Balbi, who performs internationally as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician, has been appointed to the faculty of the School of Music. Born in Peru, he was reared in France, and was educated at Indiana University, Yale University and at The Juilliard School where he served on the Pre-College division cello faculty.

Castro-Balbi will perform locally for the first time Sept. 23, in a cello recital with guest artist Carlos Prieto of Mexico, set for 7:30 p.m. in PepsiCo Recital Hall.

Castro-Balbi regularly appears as a duo with pianist and wife, Gloria Yi-

EVENTS

Today

Howdy Week events begin. Call ext. 5233 for more information.

Aug. 26

Opening Luncheon for all faculty and staff, 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Aug. 27

First day of classes for the fall semester.

Mars-watching party, hosted by physics/astronomy and the Monnig Meteorite Gallery, 8 p.m.-midnight, courtyard between Winton-Scott and Sid Richardson Halls. For information, call ext. 6277.

Sept. 1

Labor Day. University offices closed for holiday.

Horned Frog Football vs. Tulane at Tulane, view on ESPN, 7 p.m.

Chen Lin, who has joined the music preparatory faculty. An active chamber musician and dedicated pedagogue, Ms. Lin has taught at the Amati Music Festival in Hunter, NY, and is a former piano instructor at Indiana University/Bloomington and at the University of Michigan/Ann Arbor.

Castro-Balbi has appeared as a soloist with the Mexico City Philharmonic Orchestra, the New Juilliard Ensemble, the Philharmonia Orchestra of Yale and the Macon Symphony Orchestra of France, and in major venues such as Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center and Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall; SummerFest La Jolla, CA; the International Cello Festival in Beauvais, France; Banff Centre for the Arts, Canada; the International Festa in Osaka, Japan; and the First International Cello Festival in Caracas, Venezuela.

Castro-Balbi's appearances for 2003-2004 will include Symphony Space, Lincoln Center Festival and WNYC's *Soundcheck* in New York City; Japanese Public Television NHK; Korean National Television KBS; symphony appearances in Denmark, Mexico and Venezuela; concerts in Aspen and Korea, and recitals and master classes at the Boston Conservatory and in Lima, Peru. ♦

TCU listed in Kaplan guide of interesting colleges

TCU HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED IN Kaplan Publishing's *The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges, 2004 Edition*.

The University is cited as a top school in two areas:

■ Schools with the most beautiful campus in an urban setting

■ Schools with popular drug-free and alcohol-free activities for students

In addition, TCU is included as one of the 328 most interesting colleges, which provides a detailed, two-page profile in the book. The information covers both institutional data and a description of student life inside and outside the classroom.

The results in this year's guide were obtained through a national survey of high school guidance counselors, and interpreted by a national market research firm.

The Kaplan guide is available in bookstores. ♦

Athletics offering \$50 season ticket package to faculty and staff

CONFERENCE USA CHAMPION Horned Frog Football kicks off locally Sept. 6 when TCU meets Navy at 6 p.m. in Amon Carter Stadium. Faculty, staff and family members who live at home are eligible to buy \$50 season tickets.

The price includes a reserved seat at all home games, as well as one general admission to men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball and

women's soccer. Faculty and staff members also can purchase \$50 reserved season tickets to men's and women's basketball, volleyball and baseball.

To order your tickets, call ext. 5366.

The Athletic Ticket Office, located in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ♦

Charles Tandy Executive Speaker Series announced

THE NEELEY SCHOOL WILL OPEN THIS year's Charles Tandy Executive Speakers Series Sept. 17 with a program by Ann Borowiec, director of investor relations for J.P. Morgan Chase, New York. The event is from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at the Kelly Center.

Borowiec received her B.B.A. degree in accounting and finance from TCU, and holds an M.B.A. degree from Harvard Business School. She will discuss the convergence of investment banking and commercial banking. During her 26-year career at J.P. Morgan, Borowiec has held various positions in private banking and was co-head of J.P. Morgan's Private Bank in the U.S.

Admission to the lecture includes a full breakfast. Reservations are required at ext. 7115 by Sept. 12. The \$15 admission may be paid at the door by cash or check.

Future speakers in the series are:

Nov. 14 - David Bonderman, founding partner of Texas Pacific Group of Fort Worth

Jan. 22 - Michael Baer, group executive board, Julius Baer Holding, Ltd., of Zurich

March TBA - Stuart Fraser, vice chairman, Cantor Fitzgerald of New York ♦

CLARIFICATION

Two former staff members in the College of Fine Arts have recently changed employment status and are now full-time faculty members. They are assistant professor **Michael Skinner** (theatre) and instructor **Chris Powell** (art & art history). Their names were not included in a list of new faculty which appeared in last week's edition of *TCU This Week*.

Gardening tip from Robert Sulak in physical plant: Now is the time to lightly prune and fertilize heat-stressed tomatoes, geraniums and begonias to rejuvenate.

KUDOS

Angie Taylor (alcohol & drug education center) has been notified of TCU's selection by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention as having one of 100 effective, evidence-based prevention programs that can be implemented in various settings. As such, the CSAP has asked Angie to participate in a survey of her program, in order to help determine how it can be replicated and adapted to situations beyond a college campus.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: Efficiency apartment with large rooms and separate kitchen and bathroom, overlooks Log Cabin Village on Rogers Road. Surrounded by greenery, utilities paid, ample parking, recently refurbished, \$600/mo. Faculty, staff, graduate students only, please. Call 817-401-7531.

FOR SALE: Extra-long loft bed frame, perfect for dorm. \$50. Queen-sized bed with contemporary headboard and good mattress. Large corner desk with two drawers and computer cabinet (black top, woodgrain base). Several table lamps also available. \$125. Call Nancy at ext. 7807 or e-mail n.bartosek@tcu.edu.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of August 20. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Accompanist/Ballet/Temporary staff - Ballet/
Modern Dance
Assistant Director International Student Svcs -
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Ticket Office Operations Manager - Athletics
Postdoctoral Fellow - Chemistry
Assistant Director - University Career Services
Assistant Men's Basketball Coach - Athletics
Annual Fund Officer - Annual Fund
Associate Director Major Projects - Physical Plant
Administrative Assistant - Athletics-Volleyball/
Swimming
Administrative Assistant - Brite
Licensed Vocational Nurse-75% - Health Center
EMC Center Operator - Physical Plant
Equipment Operator - Physical Plant
Craft Tech I - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Residential Housekeeping

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