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Author/cultural observer Gail Sheehy to speak Oct. 1 at Fogelson Honors Forum

"SEPT. 11 LEFT US SHAKEN TO THE CORE and confronted with a new task," says best selling author Gail Sheehy. "Somehow, we must come to terms with the fact that we live in a world of horror and continue to live with hope and faith."

Sheehy, whose latest book, *Middletown, America*, examines how a small New Jersey community has dealt with its losses in the World Trade Center disaster, will discuss these and other observations as guest speaker at this year's TCU Fogelson Honors Forum. Her talk is titled "Passage to the New Normal" and will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 in Ed Landreth Auditorium on the campus. The event is free and open to the public although seat reservations are necessary. For more information and reservations, call Heath Coffman of the TCU Honors Program at ext. 6488.

Sheehy earned her reputation as a writer with the book *Passages*, published in 1974, which examines various stages of development in adult lives in the same way childhood development is considered sequential and predictable. *Passages* remained on *The New York Times'* best seller list for more than three years and was published in 28 languages.

The author was one of the original contributors to *New York* magazine and has

been a contributing editor to *Vanity Fair* since 1984. Her political profiles of Hillary Clinton, Mikhail Gorbachev, Al Gore, Newt Gingrich, George W. Bush and others earned her many accolades, including the *Washington Journalism Review* award for Best Magazine Writer in America.

A graduate of the University of Vermont, Sheehy received a fellowship at Columbia University where she studied under anthropologist Margaret Mead who became her mentor. She is a seven-time recipient of the New York Newswomen's Club Front Page Award for distinguished journalism, most recently for her 2001 *Vanity Fair* article, "September Widows," which was a precursor to her new book. The American Psychological Association also recently presented her a presidential citation for "her unique ability to combine journalism and psychology."

The Fogelson Honors Forum, now in its sixth year, is made possible by a \$1 million gift from the estates of Buddy Fogelson and his wife, the actress Greer Garson. A successful Texas oilman and rancher, Buddy Fogelson attended TCU in 1919 and 1920. ♦

TCU among more than 200 private colleges to join new national prepaid tuition plan

TCU HAS JOINED MORE THAN 200 PRIVATE colleges nationwide in a new prepaid tuition plan called the Independent 529 Plan. The Plan, specifically tailored for private colleges, was developed in response to a national call to keep higher education more affordable and more accessible to students. Other participating universities include Princeton, Wake Forest and Tulane. Texas schools include Rice, Southern Methodist and Baylor.

"Even though TCU is currently a low price alternative in private higher education, we see this new Plan as a part of our ongoing effort to make higher education accessible for more families," said **Carol Campbell** (vice chancellor, finance and administration). "The Independent 529 Plan allows contributors to lock in tomorrow's tuition at less than today's price."

The Independent 529 Plan is not dependent on the performance of the stock or bond markets because buyers are actually pre-purchasing tuition, in part or in whole, at reduced prices. Participating colleges must offer a discount each year off current tuition fees, the minimum of which is a half of a percent. TCU is offering a one percent discount. Current tuition, not including room and board, is \$17,590, a 7.9% adjustment over last year's tuition of \$16,300.

"Regardless of whether a student attends TCU, or another one of the member institutions, Independent 529 Plan represents a way for parents to contribute and pay for private college without worrying about either investment risk or tuition inflation," said Campbell.

"Independent 529 Plan proceeds can

EVENTS

Now - Sept. 26

Art in the Metroplex, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Mondays and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesdays - Fridays, University Art Gallery.***

Today

Faculty recital featuring **Gary Whitman** on clarinet, accompanied by **Janet Pummil** on piano, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.*

Sept. 9

Convocation, 11 a.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Call ext. 7808.

The Dept. of Modern Languages and Literatures and Le Cercle Francais are hosting their series of Faculty Talks in Modern Lit. and Critical Theory. **Bonnie Frederick**, "The Captive Bird: Architecture, Poetry, and Women's Writing in the Spanish Speaking Tradition," Student Center 202, 4 p.m. Call ext. 6367.

Sept. 11

RTV Film Series presents *Holiday* (1938), 7 p.m., Moudy 164S, free and open to the public, introduced by **Joan McGetigan**. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

Sept. 12

TCU Volleyball vs. Texas Pan American, 7 p.m., University Recreation Center.**

Sept. 13

TCU Volleyball vs. Arkansas, Pine Bluff, 1 p.m., University Recreation Center.**

TCU Volleyball vs. Arkansas St., 7:30 p.m., University Recreation Center.**

Sept. 15

Faculty recital featuring **Nicholas Scales** on double bass, accompanied by **Janet Pummil** on piano, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.*

*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.

be used at any of the participating colleges. Think of it as buying a shopping certificate for use at any of the stores at a mall," said Doug Brown, president and CEO of Tuition Plan Consortium, the Albuquerque, New Mexico-based nonprofit group overseeing the Plan. Individuals can open an Independent 529 Plan at no charge with as little as \$25.

For more information on TCU's involvement with the Independent 529 Plan contact **Tracy Syler-Doctson** at ext. 7811. For a full listing of participating colleges, visit www.independent529plan.org or call 1-888-718-7878 for more information on Plan policies, features and how to purchase certificates. ♦

* * \$10 tickets for TCU faculty and staff * *

ABC-TV film critic Joel Siegel

speaking at

Gates of Chai Lectureship in Contemporary Judaism

8 p.m. Sept. 16

Ed Landreth Auditorium

Buy your tickets at S.C. Information Desk or call ext. 6679

Bubble mathematician to speak on campus Sept. 21

FRANK MORGAN, THE DENNIS Meenan '54 Third Century Professor of Mathematics at Williams College, will give a free public lecture titled "Soap Bubbles and Mathematics" Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 2. He is the 2003 Green Honors Chair for mathematics.

He will also speak at noon and 4 p.m. Sept. 22 and at noon Sept. 23 in Tucker, rm. 139. Morgan is widely known for work in the mathematical theory of bubbles, minimal surfaces and the study of the behavior and structure of minimizers in various dimensions and settings. He is a graduate of MIT and received his masters and doctoral degrees from Princeton University.

For more information, contact the math department at ext. 7335. ♦

Fall Break Faculty/Staff Golf Tournament

IT'S TIME TO TEE-UP FOR A GOOD TIME at the annual Fall Break Golf Tournament. Open to all TCU faculty, staff and friends, this year's tourney will be played Oct. 10

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at Southern Oaks Golf Club, designed by PGA champion Mark Brooks.

Shotgun start is scheduled for 8 a.m. The \$45 cost per player includes green fees, carts, range balls, a hamburger lunch and prizes. Sign up as an individual or a team and enjoy the scramble format. Entries are due in the Campus Recreation Office by Oct. 3. ♦

"Art in the Metroplex" in Gallery until Sept. 26

ART AND ART HISTORY WILL HOST THE 21st annual "Art in the Metroplex" exhibition through Sept. 26 in the University Art Gallery in Moudy Bldg. North.

The juried show is a collection of 72 top new works in painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture and mixed media, selected from the works of 57 artists from Tarrant and surrounding counties. Many artists with TCU ties have work in the show.

Adjunct faculty represented are **Angilee Wilkerson** and **Billy Massell**. Current graduate students are Winter Rusiloski and John Hartley, while undergraduate students are LeeAnn Zibichorski and Mary Emma Kruse. Former TCU graduate students and adjunct faculty include Rachel Bounds, Omar Hernandez, Carol Benson, Denise Stringer Davis, Ety Horowitz, John Frost and Damon Ryder Richards.

The show is always included in the venues open during Gallery Night which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13. ♦

Fall meeting for users of PDA/handheld devices

FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR FOR TCU Handheld Devices Users Group will be noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 in the Library conference room B29 (note new location, on south side of library basement).

Bring your brown bag lunch, PDA and questions. All faculty, staff and students are welcome. For more information, contact **Bob Seal** at r.seal@tcu.edu. ♦

Take a massage break!

CAMPUS RECREATION IS NOW OFFERING massage therapy in 15, 30 and 60 minute increments. Appointments are available on Mondays and Thursdays with 15 minute chair massages offered only on Thursdays after noon.

Prices are 15 minutes @ \$15, 30 minutes @ \$25 and 60 minutes @ \$45. Call ext. 7529 for an appointment. ♦

KUDOS

Richard Enos (English) has been selected by The College Board to serve on its Standards Review Committee, reviewing national standards and expectations for college writing. A large portion of the work will be accomplished this month in New York City.

NEW FACES

Jeanette Bradley is a new administrative assistant in athletics. She was formerly employed at The Golf Club at Fossil Creek.

David Cason has been hired as assistant director of men's basketball. He is a graduate of Illinois State University and has previously worked at the University of North Carolina and Manhattan College.

David Duron has joined the TRIO/McNair Program as administrative assistant.

Elizabeth Lamb is a new assistant director of communications in the office of communications. A graduate of TWU, she comes to TCU from St. Vincent's Episcopal School in Bedford.

Duane Rooney Niles has joined the School of Music as assistant director of bands. He has a bachelor's degree in music education from Northern State University in South Dakota, a master's from University of South Dakota and is due to receive his doctoral degree this fall. He was director of instrumental music at a South Dakota high school for 13 years.

Marilyn Tolbert is the new director of KinderFrogs School. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education from TCU and was last employed at River Legacy Foundation in Arlington.

Laura Lee Weisbrod is the new administrative assistant for volleyball and swimming (athletics). She has a B.B.A. in marketing from Hardin-Simmons University.

Kent D. Young has joined the College of Health and Human Sciences as video teleconferencing engineer.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Sept. 4. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Accompanist/Ballet/Temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance
Assistant Director International Student Svcs - International Student Svcs
Ticket Office Operations Manager - Athletics
Postdoctoral Fellow - Chemistry
Assistant Director - University Career Services
Associate Director Major Projects - Physical Plant
Administrative Assistant - Church Relations/Special Events
Police Officer - TCU Police
Administrative Assistant-50% - Advancement
Licensed Vocational Nurse-75% - Health Center
EMC Center Operator - Physical Plant
Equipment Operator - Physical Plant
Craft Tech I - Facility Services
Service Assistant Lead - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Residential Housekeeping

Gardening tip from Robert Sulak in physical plant: Divide spring flowering perennials such as irises, shasta daisies, gaillardias, cannas, daylilies, violets, liriopes and ajugas.