

TCU THIS WEEK



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Employees can access their benefits, personal info and more at my.tcu.edu

TCU FACULTY AND STAFF CAN ACCESS, manage and update benefits and personal information with the click of a mouse beginning next week when a revamped my.tcu.edu portal is launched on campus.

The data-driven portal, which was originally introduced to the TCU community last year, has been integrated with the University's PeopleSoft program and now gives employees the opportunity to access information such as medical and dental coverage, previous and current paychecks, dependent and health care spending account data, benefits coverage for dependents and beneficiaries, and vacation and sick leave activity and balances through the employee self-service link.

In addition, employees can update information such as home addresses, phone numbers, emergency contact information and even review federal tax withholding exemptions and set up a direct deposit account.

The portal can be accessed from any computer with Internet access using a Web browser such as Internet Explorer and operates much like other user portals found on the World Wide Web. Employees also can add TCU e-mail, calendars, news and much more information by customizing their individual portals.

"my.tcu.edu will give employees easy, one-stop access to their benefits and personal

information," said **Mike Ten Eyck**, manager of administrative information services. "The ability to manage and update information at your own convenience makes this portal an attractive and useful tool for employees."

Access to your personal information is secure, and can only be accessed by entering your personal TCU user ID and password. Mike encourages all users to safeguard their personal information any time they step away from the computer, by either locking the screen or logging out of the my.tcu.edu portal.

TCU employees aren't the only ones who will be using the new portal. Beginning next week, students will have to use my.tcu.edu to register for classes, sign up for on-campus housing and check TCU account information.

Faculty and staff will have the opportunity to see the new self-service link on Wednesday when the human resources staff hosts 20-minute demonstrations in the Brown-Lupton Student Center 205 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Users who want more information on the self-service aspect of the my.tcu.edu portal, call **Jenny Dick**, employee self-service coordinator at ext. 5853 or e-mail her at Employees@tcu.edu. ♦

Athletics hosting annual Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day at Saturday's game

THE ANNUAL FACULTY/STAFF Appreciation Day activities, sponsored by athletics, will be Saturday, Oct. 18 prior to the TCU vs. UAB game. Free food will be served from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. to those with game tickets and ID cards, and their families. The event will be held in TCU Village, located on the lawn between the Dee J. Kelly Alumni and Visitors Center and Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Reserved tickets for the game are only \$11 for faculty and staff and their immediate families if purchased by Oct. 17. Kickoff for the game is 6 p.m.

For more information, contact the ticket office at ext. 7967. ♦

Symphony will present first concert this fall

THE TCU SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA IS set to perform its first concert of the fall semester at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night in Ed Landreth Auditorium. **Germán Gutiérrez** will conduct.

The program will include *Festive Overture Op. 96* and *Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47*, both by Shostakovich, as well as *Les Preludes* by Liszt. The latter will be conducted by **Andrés Franco**, a conducting student in the master of music program. ♦

Ryffel Center honored

THE JAMES A. RYFFEL CENTER FOR Entrepreneurial Studies at the M.J. Neeley School of Business was awarded the

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EVENTS

Now - Oct. 24

Art photographer **Dick Lane**, *Mostly Small Things*, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon. and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tues. - Fri., 1-4 p.m. weekends. University Art Gallery.***

Oct. 14

Graduate and Professional School Day, admission recruiters from over 30 graduate schools will be on hand to promote their programs, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Student Center lounge. Call ext. 7860.

Brite Divinity School's Borderlands Center presents Dr. Harold J. Recinos, professor of Church and Society at SMU's Perkins School of Theology, speaking on "The American Dilemma Revisited: From the Color Line to the Border Line," 7 p.m., Kelly Center. Call ext. 7575 for more information.

Women's Resource Center presents Constance Rhodes, author of *Life Inside the "Thin" Cage*, 7 p.m., Student Center ballroom. The book explores the problem of constant dieting and offers healthy ways to maintain well-being and weight without restrictive eating.

TCU Symphony Orchestra concert, **Germán Gutiérrez** conducting, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

Oct. 15

Pinkbag Lunch Series presents Jane Bruckner, editor of *Grandmother Stories from the Heart of Texas*, noon - 1 p.m., Student Center 207.

TCU Volleyball vs. Houston, 7 p.m., University Recreation Center.**

TCU Percussion Ensemble concert, **Brian West** directing, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

Oct. 16

RTVF Film Series presents *The Harvey Girls* (1946), 7 p.m., Moudy 164S, free and open to the public, introduced by **Joan McGetigan**. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

Oct. 16-18

TCU Theatre presents a studio production of *Talk Radio*, 5:30 p.m., Studio Theatre, free and open to the public. Call ext. 5770.

Oct. 18

TCU Volleyball vs. alumni purple/white, 2 p.m., University Recreation Center.**

TCU Football vs. UAB for Homecoming, 6 p.m., Amon Carter Stadium. Free food for faculty/staff with game tickets and ID cards, 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.**

Oct. 19

TCU Symphony Orchestra and Choirs and Music Alumni present *Choral Fantasy* by Beethoven; **Germán Gutiérrez** and **Ronald Shirey** conducting, 2 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Music alumni reception immediately following, Walsh lobby.*

Oct. 20

Faculty voice recital featuring **Richard Estes**, tenor, 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.

COMING SOON

Your new portal

MY.TCU.EDU

(Award from front)

NASDAQ Center of Entrepreneurial Excellence Award at the National Consortium of Entrepreneurship Center (NCEC) Directors conference Saturday, Oct. 4. The conference was hosted by the Ryffel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies.

"It is an honor to be recognized for this award," said **David Minor**, director of the Ryffel Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. "This award truly speaks to the dedication and success of our Center which is only three years old."

The NASDAQ award is bestowed upon entrepreneurship centers that have made remarkable advancements in the entrepreneurial field. Three honorees were selected this year. The others were University of Notre Dame and University of Colorado-Boulder.

The NASDAQ award honors those centers that have made and will continue to advance entrepreneurship as a driving force of economic growth.

Over 90 schools attended the three-day conference, including Stanford University, CA; Carnegie Mellon University, PA; Napier University, Edinburgh, Scotland; Southern Methodist University and University of Chicago. ♦

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TCU alumna's movie airs on cable television this month

A LITTLE INSIDE, A 2002 MOVIE DIRECTED and written by Kara Harshbarger, a 1996 RTVF graduate, will air this month on HBO and its family channel. The comedy-drama, which made festival movie circuit rounds as an independent feature, features Hallie Kate Eisenberg who is well-known for her Pepsi commercials and other movie roles. It is the story of a single dad struggling to balance his professional baseball career with the responsibilities of parenthood.

Airdates and times are:

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.: HBO Family Channel

Thursday, Oct. 16, 4:15 a.m.: HBO Family Channel

Saturday, Oct. 18, 6:15 a.m.: HBO

Monday, Oct. 20, 11:05 p.m.: HBO Family Channel

Sunday, Oct. 26, 12:40 a.m.: HBO Family Channel

Monday, Oct. 27, 6:50 a.m.: HBO

Monday, Oct. 28, 8:30 p.m.: HBO Family Channel ♦

NEW FACES

Aalia Cumber has joined the Charles Tandy American Enterprise Center (Neeley School) as assistant director. She has an M.B.A. degree from TCU.

David A. Gable is a new assistant athletic trainer for football. A graduate of the University of Nebraska, he has an M.S. degree from Ohio University and was last employed at HealthSouth Sports Medicine in Birmingham, AL. David has worked as head athletic trainer at three NFL training camps, four seasons in the Arena Football League, one season in the XFL and three seasons in the NFL Europe League.

Reyna A. Garza has been hired as a housekeeper for residential services. She was formerly employed at Otreska Inc.

Javier Masqueda is a new service assistant in the Student Center. He was formerly an employee of Pruitt Building Services.

Jonie Smith is the new administrative assistant in marketing and communication. She formerly worked in Aledo ISD.

KUDOS

According to the Matlon Index, a data base of 24 major communications journals, and a survey of communication research productivity between 1996 and 2001 conducted by Hickson, Turner & Bodon, TCU's department of communication studies was ranked No. 3 behind only Michigan State and West Virginia (both of which have doctoral programs and larger faculties). TCU outperformed such powerhouses as Ohio State University, the University of Wisconsin, the University of Texas and Northwestern University.

On the list of national prolific scholars, **Ralph Behnke** was ranked No. 5, and **Chris Sawyer**, No. 6. The TCU program ranked No. 1 in research productivity when compared only to other master's-only degree granting programs.

BIRTH

Congratulations to **Hector Rodriguez** (grounds) and family on the birth of a son, Hector Edward, on Oct. 2. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 18" long.

DEATH

Sympathy is extended to **Diane Foucault** (extended education) in the death of her father, Harvey LeRoy Terrio, on Oct. 2 in Minnesota. Funeral was held Oct. 7.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Oct. 7. 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
Assistant Director - University Career Services
Entrepreneur in Residence - Ryffel Center
Assistant Director - Ryffel Center
Assistant Director of Compliance - Athletics
Archivist - Library
Hall Director II - Residential Services
Provost & VC Academic Affairs - VC Academic Affairs
Office Service Coordinator - Neeley School
Administrative Assistant - University Career Services
Administrative Assistant - Advancement
Data Control Assistant - Admissions
Security Guard - TCU Police
Police Officer - TCU Police
EMC Center Operator - Physical Plant
Equipment Operator - Physical Plant
Mover Technician - Facility Services
Service Assistant Lead - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Residential Housekeeping

Gardening tip from Robert Sulak in physical plant: Plant bulbs in well-prepared beds. The base of the bulb should be at a depth that is three times the diameter of the bulb. In sandy soil, set bulbs slightly deeper; in clay soil, slightly shallower.