

TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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Turn your creative suggestions for improving TCU into "Frog Ideas"

THIS WEEK MARKS THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH of a new program aimed at harnessing the brainpower and creativity of the campus community. You might call it an electronic form of the old-time "suggestion box," but the purpose remains the same. Share your ideas for improving the University.

All ideas will be considered and you will receive a prompt response, if not an immediate "yes" or "no" answer. They will be forwarded to the unit head over the appropriate area for a decision on feasibility. Those suggestions which are possible to implement will be ... and the people who thought of them will receive a Mastercard gift card.

First announced in a December e-mail from **John Wels** (human resources), "Frog Ideas" is the official name of this new outlet for the voices of our colleagues to be heard, according to **Susan Oakley** (human resources) who is coordinating the program. Suggestions may be sent to suggestionbox@tcu.edu.

"We all care about the University and want to contribute to TCU's increasing effectiveness and vitality," she adds. "Frog Ideas' will serve to recognize the kind of

creativity and resourcefulness we know exists among our faculty and staff."

The idea for implementing such a program came several months ago from **Bitsy Faulk** (journalism), according to Susan. Since that time, guidelines for the program were crafted by HR, working with **David Grebel**, chair of the Staff Assembly, with input from that organization. **Chancellor Victor Boschini** has approved the concept. Once each quarter, an advisory committee will review those suggestions that have been utilized and single out one to receive an extra reward. Serving on the committee are **Bitsy Faulk**, and from Staff Assembly, **Sharon Hudson** and **McLeod Baker**. Committee members from the Faculty Senate will be announced at a future date.

Obviously, there are some ideas that may be quite worthy but would necessitate a change of policy to implement, according to Susan. "Suggestions regarding vacation and sick leave, for instance, would require a policy change and, therefore, cannot be answered quickly. At least people will know if their ideas are under consideration," she notes. ♦

Cowtown Marathoners will run through campus Saturday

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE 26 YEAR history of the Cowtown Marathon, Saturday's race route will take runners through the TCU campus on South University Drive between 9 and 11 a.m.

The TCU portion of the route begins around the 21-mile mark of the 26-mile race. Runners enter the TCU neighborhood on South Hills Drive, continue to Bluebonnet Circle and turn north onto University Drive. From there, the route leads to the Colonial Country Club neighborhood. For the three-person relay event, the third leg begins just before entering the TCU neighborhood. The race begins and ends in downtown's Sundance Square.

TCU neighbors and students are encouraged to line the street and encourage runners as they pass. For more information about the marathon and a map of the route, visit www.cowtownmarathon.org. ♦

Dates for Orientations, Frog Camps announced

PLANS FOR A FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE for TCU's incoming freshmen and transfer students are under way, including scheduled dates for this summer's academic orientations and Frog Camps:

Orientation session 1: June 9 - 10

Orientation session 2: June 13 - 14

Orientation session 3: June 16 - 17

Orientation session 4: June 20 - 21

Orientation session 5: June 23 - 24

Orientation session 6: June 27 - 28

Orientation session 7: Aug. 15 - 16

Orientation session 8: Aug. 18 - 19

Transfer A: June 18

Transfer B: Aug. 13

Frog Camp Casa Nueva A: June 6 - 8

Frog Camp Challenge A: June 13 - 15

Frog Camp Casa Nueva B: June 22 - 24

Frog Camp Alpine A: July 2 - 6

Frog Camp Alpine B: July 7 - 11

Frog Camp Quest A: Aug. 14 - 16

Frog Camp Quest B: Aug. 17 - 19

Frog Camp Challenge B: Aug. 17 - 19

Frog Camp Casa Nueva C: Aug. 20 - 22

EVENTS

Today - March 4

Fourth annual *ArtSlam* featuring works by TCU Honor Society of Artists & Designers.***

Today

Brown Bag Dance event, noon, Ballet and Modern Dance Bldg., Studio B, free. Call ext. 7615.

Frog Club Basketball luncheon, noon, Kelly Center, Coaches **Neil Dougherty** and **Jeff Mittie** speaking, no reservations needed. Call ext. 7700.

The Jewish Studies Program & Brite Divinity hosting Prof. Mendes-Flohr lecture titled "The Cultural Presuppositions and Political Impulses of the Zionist Vision," 3-4 p.m., Student Center 207-208. Call ext. 7804.

Feb. 24

Bistro Unplugged, music and coffee, 11 a.m. - noon, TCU library lobby. Call ext. 7106.

Feb. 25-29

TCU Theatre presents *Melrose Stories* by **T.J. Walsh**, 7:30 p.m. Wed. - Sat. and 2 p.m. Sunday, University Theatre. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. For reservations, call ext. 5770.

Feb. 25

Bistro Unplugged, music and coffee, 11 a.m. - noon, TCU library lobby. Call ext. 7106.

Men's Basketball Visiting Coach Luncheon, Coach Bobby Lutz, Charlotte, Michael's Restaurant & Ancho Chili Bar, noon, faculty/staff \$15 per person.

KinoMonda International Film Series, *Tilai* (Burkina Faso), 6:30 p.m., Sid Richardson LH1. Call ext. 7292.

Men's Basketball vs. Charlotte, 7:05 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Feb. 26

RTVF Film Series, *Titanic* (1953), 7 p.m., 1645 Moudy Bldg., free and open to the public. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

Feb. 27-29

TCU Opera Studio with TCU Symphony Orchestra presents the zarzuela *Agua, Azucarillos y aguardiente* by Federico Chueca, **Richard Estes** directing and **German Gutiérrez** conducting, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

Feb. 27

Environmental Sciences presents Dr. Bryan Brooks of Baylor University, noon, Sid Richardson, rm. 217. For information, call ext. 7506.

Feb. 28

Men's Basketball vs. Houston, 7:05 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

March 1

Faculty recital with **John Owings** on piano, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

* Call the School of Music at ext. 7602 for more information.

**Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967 for more information.

***Call art and art history at ext. 7643 for more information.

Romantic comedy by theatre prof T.J. Walsh debuts here this week

TCU THEATRE PRESENTS ITS FIRST production of the spring, *Melrose Stories*, a new, romantic comedy both written and directed by **T.J. Walsh** of the theatre faculty.

Shows are at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the Hays Theatre. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for faculty, staff and students with a TCU ID. Reservations are necessary, via the box office at ext. 5770.

Melrose Stories focuses on New York writer Tom Kellogg who inherits a bookstore on Los Angeles' trendy Melrose Avenue.

T.J. notes that romantic comedy is a form he is drawn to because it asks that both writer and audience view the world as a cup half full. "In the world of romantic comedy, true love does exist and romance can overcome all obstacles," he says. "It is a very old genre that I embrace unapologetically." ♦

Organ recital features NY's Parrella with TCU Concert Chorale *Requiem*

A SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE AMERICAN Guild of Organists will be a recital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 in the sanctuary of University Christian Church. Featured artist will be Nancianne Parrella, associate organist at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York City

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and accompanist and assistant director of the Westminster Choir.

In addition to her program, the recital will feature a performance of Duruflé's *Requiem* by the TCU Concert Chorale, directed by **Ron Shirey** (School of Music).

The recital is free and open to the public. ♦

Two artists will lecture in Moudy Bldg. tomorrow

THE DEPARTMENT OF ART AND ART history is hosting a pair of guest artists Tuesday afternoon in Moudy 155S.

At 2 p.m., Cornelia Parker will discuss her work which transforms ordinary objects into the compelling and extraordinary by using processes that mimic cartoon deaths (steamrolling, shooting full of holes, falling from cliffs, explosions).

Sculptor Jeff McMillian will speak at 3 p.m. A Texan who has lived and worked in London since 1969, he submerges boxes in paint, one side at a time which results in sublimating the history of the object while underscoring the process.

For more information, call **Cam Schoepp** at ext. 6701. ♦

TCU Appreciation Night at Friday's Brahmas game

TCU ATHLETES WILL BE RECOGNIZED throughout the evening when the Fort Worth Brahmas take on the Shreveport Mudbugs at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

To order the special \$8 tickets to the hockey event, contact Adam Goldstein at 817-336-4423 by Thursday. ♦

Creative Writing Awards March 4 will feature 2001 Poet Laureate of Texas

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH WILL sponsor its annual Creative Writing Awards program at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 4 in the Kelly Center. Featured speaker is Walt McDonald, the 2001 Poet Laureate of Texas and winner of the Ohio State University Award in Poetry.

McDonald is a former Air Force pilot who has also taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy and at Texas Tech University. His books include *All Occasions*, *Blessings the Body Gave*, *Counting Survivors* and *After the Noise of Saigon*.

For more information, call **Dave Kuhne** at ext. 6337 or e-mail d.kuhne@tcu.edu. ♦

Eating Disorders Awareness topic of events this week

A SURPRISE "HAPPENING" TODAY, PLUS two special events, are planned to focus the campus community on Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Activities are sponsored by

TCU Women's Resource Center, its Disordered Eating Networking Team and the DENT Student Task Force.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, the movie *Lovely and Amazing* will be screened, with discussion led by Dr. Carla Garber, an LPC therapist who specializes in eating disorders.

Registered dietician Carol Ann Darwin will present a program on "Get Real About Carbs" at 6 p.m. Thursday in Student Center, rms. 205-206.

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

NEW FACES

Warner Kimbrell has joined information services as a network engineer. He was formerly employed by ThruPoint, Inc.

Luke Luttrell has been hired as a program coordinator in campus life. He has an engineering background and formerly worked for Sigma Phi Epsilon national fraternity.

Yingqun (Jim) Mao is the newest postdoctoral fellow in chemistry. He has a Ph.D. degree from University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Charles McMillian has joined athletics as an assistant football coach. He is a graduate of Utah State University and was last employed at Indiana University.

DEATH

Sympathy is extended to **Alice Carter** (advancement research) on the death of her sister, Pearl Blair Remley, Feb. 16 in Dallas. A memorial service was held Feb. 20 in Robert Carr Chapel. Mrs. Remley also was the daughter of **Katherine Blair** (retired TCU staff) and daughter-in-law of **Dr. Norman R. Remley** (psychology, retired).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Feb. 17, 2004. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Accompanist/Ballet/Temporary staff - Ballet/Modern Dance
Assistant Director - Ryffel Center
Manager Residential Housekeeping - Residential Services
Associate Director - Residential Services
Hall Director II (85%) - Residential Services
Senior Associate - Leadership Gifts
Minister to the University - University Ministries
Facilities Access Technician - Physical Plant
Postal Assistant - Post Office
Administrative Program Specialist (50%) - Harris School of Nursing
Administrative Assistant - Music
Administrative Assistant - College of Communication Dean's Office
Service Assistant - Brite Housing
Service Assistant Lead - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Service Assistant (75%) - Facility Services
Service Assistant (50%) - Facility Services

Gardening tip from Robert Sulak in physical plant: Prepare planting beds now for spring gardens by tilling in two to three inches of compost.