

# TCU THIS WEEK



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## Starpoint School celebrates its 40th anniversary with events this weekend

STARPOINT SCHOOL, TCU'S LABORATORY school for children with learning differences, is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a banquet Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Kelly Center. There will also be an open house from 1-5 p.m. Friday at the school, located at 2805 Stadium Drive.

"It has been quite exciting and a great honor to serve and help children over the last 40 years," said Marilyn Tolbert, director and Jean W. Roach Chair of Laboratory Schools. "Starpoint School continues to be an outstanding academic environment for children. As [former director] Laura Lee Crane said so many years ago, 'the term Starpoint carries its own meaning. A star is self-luminous; a point gives luminosity a place. Starpoint School is self-luminous, a shining place.' Truer words were never spoken. Starpoint continues to shine and shine brightly into the future."

Over the years, Starpoint School has worked with over 1,600 children. Many of its graduates have excelled academically in middle and high school. Some have even returned to TCU and others are teaching special education. One student, after graduating from Starpoint School, progressed through high school and went on to earn a degree at Yale and advanced degrees at Cambridge University. Another student, who couldn't read or write when she arrived

at Starpoint School, advanced her academic skills all the way through college to achieve a degree in communications. One student went on to become a dentist; one became a systems analyst with a high-tech firm and another graduated from culinary school in New York.

Starpoint School was established on TCU's campus as a result of M.J. and Alice S. Neeley's dream to develop a school where children with learning differences could learn and university students could learn to teach them. The Neeleys, whose grandson struggled academically in school, felt that teachers should be trained to help children with special needs. In 1966, they founded Starpoint School with a goal to provide individualized academic programs for children ages 6-12 years old with learning differences and/or attention deficits that interfere with academic progress.

In keeping with the Neeleys' original intent, Starpoint School is an active educational laboratory where TCU faculty, staff and students are afforded the opportunity to observe, study, research and participate in a quality education program for young children with academic difficulties. TCU students from across all academic units have benefited from their interaction with Starpoint students.

For more information, call ext. 7141. ♦

## Help outfit deserving women: Donate gently-used business attire to Dress for Success

THE TCU CHAPTER OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Women MBAs will sponsor a "suit drive" today through Friday to benefit Dress for Success Dallas. It is a non-profit organization that provides interview-appropriate clothing, employment retention programs and confidence boosts to low-income women seeking employment.

The premise is that, if a woman doesn't have a job, she can't afford career-oriented clothes. But without the right wardrobe, she can't get the job.

Work-appropriate suits that can be worn to an interview should be dropped off in the atrium of Smith Entrepreneurs Hall. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information about the work of Dress for Success, visit the Web site at [www.dressforsuccess.org/dallas](http://www.dressforsuccess.org/dallas). If you have questions or want a tax deductible donation form, contact TCU MBA student Beth Masser at 512-658-3916. ♦

## Math Green Chair Devaney will discuss the "Chaos Game"

DR. ROBERT DEVANEY, A RENOWNED dynamics expert and researcher, will describe the incredible images that arise from the "Chaos Game" as this year's mathematics Green Chair lecturer at 7 p.m. March 6 in Sid Richardson, Lecture Hall 4.

Devaney will demonstrate how the simple steps of the "Chaos Game" produce fractal images and describe applications of this technique.

Dr. Devaney has delivered more than 1,300 lectures on dynamical systems and related topics in all 50 states and in more than 30 countries. Author of more than 100 research papers in the field of dynamical systems, he is currently a professor of mathematics at Boston University.

The lecture is co-sponsored by Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi and the TCU mathematics department and is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.math.tcu.edu](http://www.math.tcu.edu) or call ext. 7335. ♦

## EVENTS

### Today - March 22

**ARTSLAM:** 7th annual exhibition of the TCU Honor Society of Artists & Designers, University Art Gallery, Moudy Bldg.-north entrance, free admission.\* (please note: University Art Gallery will be closed March 12-16 for Spring Break)

### Today

TCU Symphonic Band/TCU Concert Band conducted by **Brian Youngblood** and **James McNair**, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.\*\*

### Feb. 27

Management Institute, Module II (Hot Topics in Enforcement Law), 8 a.m.-noon, Tandy Boardroom, Tandy Hall 120. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

Chin-Ning Chu will discuss the practical application of Sun Tzu's Art of War, 5 p.m., Student Center ballroom. Free admission. Call ext. 7473 for more information.

### Feb. 28 - March 4

Theatre TCU presents *Getting Out* by Marsha Norman, Wed.-Sat. at 7:30 p.m., Sat. & Sun. at 2:30 p.m., Hays Theatre. Admission \$10/adults, \$5/students, free with TCU ID. For tickets, call ext. 5770.

### Feb. 28

KinoMonda celebrates International Week with cuisine and cinema, 6:30 p.m., Sid Richardson LH 4.

### March 1

TCU Equestrian vs. Auburn, all day event, Fieldstone Park, 7528 Dick Price Road, Mansfield, TX.\*\*\*

Management Institute, Module III (Team Building), 8 a.m.-noon, Smith Hall, Room 104A. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

Women's Tennis vs. Oklahoma, 2 p.m., Bayard Friedman Tennis Center.\*\*\*

TCU Weight Watchers @ Work 17 week session begins, 4:45-5:45 p.m., University Christian Church, room 204. Call ext. 6054 for more information.

RTVF Film Series presents *They Were Expendable* (1945), 7 p.m., 164 Moudy South. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

### March 2

Baseball vs. Vermont, 6:30 p.m., Lupton Stadium.\*\*\*

### March 3

Women's Basketball vs. BYU, 2 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.\*\*\*

Baseball vs. Vermont, 2 p.m., Lupton Stadium.\*\*\*

### March 4

Baseball vs. Vermont, 1 p.m., Lupton Stadium.\*\*\*

### March 5

TCU School of Music Faculty Recital Series presents Trio Con Brio with **John Owings** (piano), **Misha Galaganov** (cello) and **Gary Whitman** (clarinet), 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.\*\*

\*Call art and art history at ext. 7643.

\*\*Call the School of Music at ext. 7602.

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

## Getting Out is theatre's first spring production

THEATRE TCU WILL STAGE PULITZER PRIZE winner Marsha Norman's *Getting Out* Wednesday through Sunday in the Hays Theatre. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. through Saturday, and at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The plot follows a young woman recently released from prison and explores the ability of people to change themselves through healing and growth.

Directed by **T.J. Walsh** with set design by **Nancy McCauley**, the play features lighting by guest artist **Tristan Decker**, costumes by student **Julie Via** and sound by student **Kerby Anderson**. *Getting Out* is a reminder of the struggle inherent in overcoming the past to forge a new existence.

Tickets are \$10, free to TCU faculty, staff and students with ID. Call the box office at ext. 5770 for reservations. ♦

## School of Education welcomes FWISD chief Melody Johnson

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION RECENTLY hosted a reception for Fort Worth Independent School District superintendent Dr. Melody A. Johnson, to welcome her to TCU and its programs.

"We have a long-term relationship with FWISD," said **Sam Deitz**, dean of the School of Education. "We are proud of our students and proud of FWISD, as they hire our students."

The School of Education works with FWISD in a number of ways, the Center for Urban Education provides opportunities for aspiring teachers to have experiences in inner-city schools; the Institute for Math, Science & Technology Education helps to better prepare future teachers in math and sciences; the graduate programs help train principals in the FWISD; and the Alice S. Neeley Institute

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for Special Education help train in special education.

Dr. Jennifer Brooks, director of the Center for Urban Education, organized the event with a goal to highlight the School of Education's programs, "We truly believe teachers make a difference." Brooks also wanted some fun and enthusiasm with the reception, by leading the group in a chorus of Aretha Franklin's *Respect*.

"I'm really honored to be here," said Dr. Johnson. "TCU is such a great place and a great partner. This event is very helpful and I'm thrilled to hear about the harmony between the District and TCU." ♦

## Faculty/staff asked to join April 7 Race for the Cure

AGAIN THIS YEAR, TCU WILL FIELD A TEAM to participate in the Susan G. Komen Tarrant County Race for the Cure April 7 in Sundance Square. **Cheryl Cantu-Mireles** (Center for Academic Services) serves as Community Service Committee chair for TCU Staff Assembly.

She asks that faculty and staff consider joining the TCU Frog Legs Team or donate to the cause by visiting the Web site at <http://race.komentarrant.org/goto/TCU.froglegs>. For more information, call Cheryl at ext. 7486. ♦

## KinderFrogs art exhibit featured at local gallery

THE KINDERFROGS SCHOOL HOSTED A RECENT art show at Studio Sabka Fine Art Gallery. The exhibition featured portraits from the KinderFrogs School, created by Albanian artist Grigor Aleski, along with artwork of KinderFrogs students. The art show began with an opening reception, attended by parents, children and faculty from KinderFrogs.

Aleski spent two months making portraits of the KinderFrogs children to show in his gallery, Studio Sabka, after his wife who teaches at KinderFrogs inspired him to do so. Some of the children's own artwork was framed and displayed in the gallery beside the portraits Aleski painted of them. Aleski used bright colored pencils and pictures of the children to create the portraits. He decided to display his portraits of the children and their artwork to show his appreciation for the KinderFrogs faculty, children and their parents.

"The children's own artwork looks modern," said Laert Aleski, Grigor's son. "Some of these pieces are splashes of different colors of paint, while others have fishes, stars and hands. But it's all so cute - just too cute." ♦

## Two special guests plan visits with Theatre TCU students

THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT WILL HOST upcoming appearances by two special visitors. On Friday, from 3 to 4 p.m., professional actor Michael Kostroff will discuss the business and answer student questions in Buschman Theatre. He has worked in such television productions as *General Hospital*, *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip*, *Boston Legal*, *Veronica Mars*, *The West Wing* and *ER* and writes an advice column in *Backstage* magazine.

Kostroff has also appeared for two years in the road companies of *Les Miserables* and *The*

*Producers* and has written a book of backstage anecdotes titled *Letters from Backstage*.

On March 8, from 3:30 - 4:40 p.m., National Theatre Institute recruiter Nick Roseler will speak to prospective students in Ed Landreth Hall, rm. 301. NTI is an intensive graduate conservatory located at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center in Connecticut. ♦

## Free Rape Aggression Defense Classes set

IF YOU ARE A FEMALE MEMBER OF TCU faculty, staff or student, you are eligible to attend the free Rape Aggression Defense classes sponsored by TCU Police. Female family members also are welcome to register, but class size is limited to 30 participants.

RAD is a comprehensive program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques for women that begins with risk reduction, prevention, personal safety and threat assessment skills. The curriculum progresses to the basics of hands-on defense training.

Classes are held over a two-day period, with the next session scheduled for 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 24-25, in the University Recreation Center. Workbooks and other materials are provided.

To sign up, contact **Pam Christian** (TCU Police) at ext. 7276. Or register at [www.cap.tcu.edu/RADonlineeregis.htm](http://www.cap.tcu.edu/RADonlineeregis.htm).

## DEATH

Condolences go to the family of **Dr. Ambrose Edens** (religion professor, emeritus) who passed away Feb. 19 in Corsicana. A graveside service was held there Feb. 21.

Sympathy is extended to **Gayla Todd** (office of communications) on the death of her grandfather, Emmett Burger, who passed away Feb. 18 in Fort Worth. Services were held Feb. 22 in Trinity Hills Baptist Church.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Feb. 21. For more information on any of these positions go to [www.hr.tcu.edu](http://www.hr.tcu.edu).

Accompanist - Ballet and Modern Dance

Advisor - Center for Academic Services

Applications Developer II - Technology Resources

Assistant Director of Fraternity/Sorority Life - Campus Life

Associate Director of Residential Life - Residential Services

Computer Support Specialist - Neeley School

Director of Student/Young Alumni Programs - Annual Giving/Advancement

Hall Director - Residential Services

Hall Director III - Residential Services

Librarian III, Head of Reference - Library

Mover Technician - Physical Plant

Program Coordinator of Fraternity/Sorority Life - Campus Life

Psychologist - Mental Health Services

Reference Librarian (Science) - Library

Service Assistant - Facility Services

University Architect - Physical Plant

Upward Bound Summer Positions - Upward Bound

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