

TCU THIS WEEK



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Editor's note: Beginning today, TCU This Week will be published every other week throughout the summer. We will return to a weekly format on Monday, Aug. 13. Fall semester begins on Monday, Aug. 20.

Graduating class of nearly 1,400 due to walk in two ceremonies Saturday

AS OF PRESSTIME, A TOTAL OF 1,385 STUDENTS are expected to graduate during Saturday's split Commencement ceremonies, set for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Of that number of degree candidates, 1,091 will receive bachelor's degrees, 251 will receive master's degrees and 6 are Ph.D. candidates. Brite Divinity School has 37 graduates. The morning total is 694, while the number graduating in the afternoon is 691.

Overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds, James Ajith, one of the "Lost Boys," will graduate with a B.S. in Economics with a minor in social

work. The "Lost Boys" of Sudan are a group of young orphaned refugees forced from their villages by war to trek hundreds of miles through African wilderness.

There are 347 students set to graduate with Latin Honors, including 15 with a 4.0 GPA.

The geographic makeup of the graduating class includes 1,065 from Texas, as well as 258 representing 36 other states. There are 93 international students graduating, representing 32 foreign countries.

Chancellor Victor J. Boschini will deliver the Commencement remarks. ♦

The Neeley School to host conference on the economy

THE NEELEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS IS hosting "Globalization and the Shape of Things to Come: The Outlook for the Local, National, and Global Economy," May 16, 2007, noon to 3 p.m. at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni & Visitors Center.

The new Center for Business and Economic Forecasting, which was established to provide D/FW businesses with an independent source of unbiased information about the economic environment and how it will impact top-line business and governmental activity, is presenting the conference. The featured speakers include:

- * Richard Fisher, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, who will share observations on the latest trends in the global economy and discuss the role of the Federal Reserve in meeting the challenges globalization poses for monetary policy and banking.
- * U.S. Economic Outlook, presented by Dr. Ira Silver, Director of the Center for Business & Economic Forecasting and associate professor of Professional Practice in Managerial Economics
- * D/FW Metroplex Economic Outlook, presented by Dr. Van Jones, Assistant Director and Lecturer of Decision Sciences.

Cost for the conference is \$100, including lunch. Call (817) 257-6540 or visit www.cbef.tcu.edu to register by May 11 ♦

Pedometer Challenge Results

The Fantastic 4 team earned the most steps (1,013,842) and earned the most points (1,013). The following individuals took the most steps:

Rebecca Glass (Technology Resources) won 1st place with 1,967,347 steps. **Carla Ayala** (Wallstreet Walkers) took 2nd Place with 1,799,114 steps. **Tom Nute** (Tucker Trotters) rounded out the top 3 with 1,655,861 steps. ♦

Texas Maps Tour

TCU's Center for Texas Studies is partnering with the Museum of the Big Bend at Sul Ross State University to produce a traveling exhibit of Texas maps. The exhibit, called "Going to Texas: Five Centuries of Texas Maps," consists of 64 historic maps dating from 1548 to 2006. The exhibit will travel around the state for a period of two years, beginning in Dallas and ending in Fort Worth. The exhibit will travel to the following venues:

- ◆ Old Red Museum, Dallas, Nov. '07 - Jan. '08
- ◆ Grace Museum, Abilene, Jan. - Feb.
- ◆ Panhandle Plains Museum, Canyon, March - April
- ◆ Museum of the Southwest, Midland, May - June
- ◆ Museum of South Texas, Edinburg, Sept. - Oct.
- ◆ Texas Tech Museum, Lubbock, Nov. - Dec.
- ◆ Mayborn Museum, Waco, Jan. - Feb. '09
- ◆ Centennial Museum, El Paso, March - April
- ◆ Cowgirl Museum, Ft. Worth, Oct. - Nov.

Calling all volunteers

Residential Services is looking for volunteers to assist with Residence Hall move in Friday, August 10 and Wednesday, August 15. Volunteers can serve in two-hour shifts on either or both days between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. to greet parents and students, unload vehicles, or move items. There will be a volunteer orientation and luncheon on August 9. If you are interested in helping, look for more announcements in July.

EVENTS

Today-May 7

Learn-to-Swim The Olympic Way, Session 1, 3:30 p.m. (Beginner)/4 p.m. (Intermediate)/4:45 p.m. (Advanced & Lifeguard Conditioning class), University Rec Center pool, \$130. Call ext. 7963 for more information.

May 8-11

TIAA/CREF meetings on campus, registration required through TIAA/CREF. Visit www.tiaa-cref.org/moc or call 800-842-2006.

May 9

KinoMonda International Film Series presents Gregory's Girl (1981/Scotland), 6:30 p.m., Sid Richardson Bldg., LH 4. Call ext. 7292 for more information.

May 10

CPR Training with **Jonathan Brown**, assistant safety director at TCU, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Kelly Center, Cox C. Lunch provided. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

May 11

Management Institute, Module V (Employment Law 2, Sexual Harassment), 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tandy Boardroom, Tandy Hall 120. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

Baseball vs. UT-Pan Am, 6:30 p.m., Lupton Stadium.*

May 12

Spring Commencement, 10 a.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum (M.J. Neeley School of Business, School of Education, College of Science & Engineering, Master of Liberal Arts).

Baseball vs. UT-Pan Am, 2 p.m., Lupton Stadium.*

Spring Commencement, 3 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum (AddRan College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Brite Divinity School, College of Communication, College of Fine Arts, Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences).

May 13

Baseball vs. UT-Pan Am, 1 p.m., Lupton Stadium.*

May 14

Casual dress policy for summer begins.

*Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967.

TCU welcomed FWISD students for math and science competition

TCU hosted 120 fourth and fifth graders for the 2007 Fort Worth ISD Math and Science Trail on Wednesday, April 25. Sponsored by the TCU's Institute of Math, Science, and Technology Education and Chesapeake Energy, the Trail engaged students in exploratory learning at a series of ten stations around campus where they competed for points against other school teams.

Developed, organized and conducted by TCU education students and faculty, the Math and Science Trail was aligned with the state's Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) test. Stations integrated geometric patterns, symmetry, plant systems, properties of water, life cycles and other math and science applications discovered on the Trail. The winners received an ice cream party for all of the fourth and fifth graders at their campus. ♦

Traveling abroad?

If you're planning to travel abroad this summer, make sure to check the Center for Disease Control's (CDC) Web site for the latest information on any alerts regarding avian flu in other countries. While no sustainable human-to-human transmission cases have been reported, it is important to know what resources are available in case an outbreak occurs. The CDC site also provides information on precautions to take before, during and after traveling abroad. Visit the CDC site at http://www.cdc.gov/travel/other/avian_influenza_se_asia_2005.htm ♦

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New Football Dates

Homecoming weekend and other special football weekend dates have been changed. The new schedule of special weekends held during football season are as follows:

◆Homecoming Weekend - Friday and Saturday, September 21 and 22 (TCU vs. SMU)

◆Family Weekend - Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29 (TCU vs. Colorado State)

◆Clark Society Weekend - August 31 and September 1 (TCU vs. Baylor)

◆Annual Football trip sponsored by the Alumni Association - October 10 through 14, to San Francisco (TCU vs. Stanford)

◆Frogs for the Cure - Saturday, November 3 (TCU vs. New Mexico)

TCU offers free hearing screenings May 22

May is national Better Hearing and Speech Month. To recognize that, and to encourage people to incorporate hearing tests into their annual health check-ups, TCU's Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic is offering free hearing screenings on Tuesday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule a hearing screening, call ext. 7620.

The 30-minute screenings, available to adults and children ages four and older, consist of a 15-minute preliminary evaluation to determine hearing loss and a 15-minute counseling session to explain test results. Screenings will be conducted by TCU graduate students, supervised by ASHA-certified (American Speech Language Hearing Association) audiologists. ♦

KUDOS

Tracy Syler-Jones has been promoted to Associate Vice Chancellor for Marketing & Communication.

David Jenkins, TCU assistant professor of social work, is one of 12 geriatric social work professionals nationally to be named a 2007 Hartford Faculty Scholar by the Gerontological Society of America. The distinction provides Dr. Jenkins with benefits and guidance aimed to foster his professional development and \$100,000 in funding over the next two years, which he will use to conduct research and for professional development.

This is the second year in a row that a faculty member from TCU's department of social work has been recognized as a Hartford Faculty Scholar. Last year, **Dr. Harriet Cohen**, was honored with a Hartford Faculty Scholar for her work on forgiveness with older Holocaust survivors. ♦

Extended Ed summer catalog is now available

Extended Education's summer catalog is now available. Along with traditional courses, Extended Ed also offers unique courses for this summer through strategic partnerships with community organizations, local museums and TCU faculty and alumni. A full listing of summer courses can be found at www.lifelong.tcu.edu.

NEW FACES

Linda C. Greer has been hired as an Advancement Program Specialist in Advancement Research. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Midwestern State University. She was previously employed at Brauch-Smith Printing.

Jeff Dickson has joined the physical plant as an electrician. He has an associate degree and has been employed at UTA for the past four years.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR LEASE: Very nice 1 BR / 1 BA garage apt. just two blocks south of campus, includes garage with W/D connections, \$550/mo. & deposit. Contact Lindsay Lowenthal at 817-921-3446 for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of May 2. For more information on any of these positions go to www.hr.tcu.edu.

Accompanist - Ballet and Modern Dance
Administrative Assistant - Nursing
Administrative Support Assistant - Financial Aid
Admission Counselor - Admission
Applications Developer I - Technology Resources
Applications Developer II - Technology Resources
Assistant Coach - Athletic's Women's Basketball
Assistant Director of Planned Giving - Advancement/Development
Assistant Swim Coach - Athletics
Associate Director - University Career Services
Associate Director of Residential Life - Residential Services
Business Systems Analyst - Human Resources
Coordinator of Media Relations - Athletics
Data Control Specialist - TRIO/McNair Program
Director of Development (Regional) - Advancement
EMCS Operator - Physical Plant
Financial Assistant - Financial Services
Financial Systems Administrator - Financial Services
Government Information Librarian - Library
Hall Director - Residential Services
Hall Director III - Residential Services
Lab Assistants - HCN Learning Lab
Manager of Information Services - Admission
Mover Technician - Facility Services
Police Officer - TCU Police
Psychologist - Mental Health Services
Reference Librarian (Science) - Library
RN (PRN On Call) - Health Center
Security Guard - TCU Police
Service Assistants (4) - Facility Services
Service Assistants (5), start July 1 - Residential Services
University Architect - Physical Plant
Upward Bound Summer Positions - Upward Bound