

TCU THIS WEEK



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Celebrate the 2007-2008 academic year at Friday's Opening Luncheon

JOIN WITH THE TCU COMMUNITY AS WE COME together for our annual Opening Luncheon, hosted by Chancellor Victor J. Boschini Jr., Friday in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The event traditionally brings together all faculty and staff to celebrate the beginning of a new academic year.

Buffet lines open at 11:15 a.m. in the lower concourse entrance area. Tables for the seated luncheon will be on the floor of the Coliseum. Everyone is asked to enter the building through the lower level northeast concourse doors on the stadium side.

Rev. Angela Kaufman, minister to the University, will deliver the invocation. Chancellor Boschini will introduce Chair of the Faculty Senate Stu Youngblood (management), Chair of the Staff Assembly Darron Turner (assistant vice chancellor, student affairs) and President of the Student Government Association Jace Thompson.

Dr. Boschini also will present the Chancellor's Staff Award for Outstanding Service to one of the seven nominees chosen from each division of the University. They are Donna Shepherd (athletics), Ann Sewell (Brite Divinity School), Tara Perez (finance and administration), Margaret Kelly (marketing and communication), Mary Kincannon (Provost/academic affairs), Steve Kintigh (student affairs) and Nancy Madsen (University advancement).

There are 50 fulltime faculty joining the teaching ranks this fall.

Those joining AddRan College are Michael Garcia, Chantel Langlinais, Kelli Marshall, Joddy Murray, Mona Narain, Jeanne Sluder

and Elizabeth Woodworth (English), Jason Clark-Miller (sociology, criminal justice & anthropology), 1st Lt. Wesley K. Cook and 1st Lt. Paul Wilson (aerospace studies/ROTC), Mark Dennis and Janet Spitler (religion), John R. Harris (philosophy), Kindra Santamaria (modern languages) and W. Charles Sawyer (economics).

New to the College of Science & Engineering are Matthew Chumchal, Ginelle Gellert, Amanda Hale and Dean A. Williams (biology), Rebecca Dority (nutritional sciences), Heather Labansat (psychology), Becky J. Richards (environmental science) and Youngha Ryu (chemistry).

The Neeley School has hired Michael S. Cole and Siri Ann Terjesen (management), Mark B. Houston, Robert Leone and Chris White (marketing), Jeffrey Moore (finance), Nada Sanders (information systems & supply chain management), Elizabeth Plummer and Laurie Wood (accounting).

New faculty in the College of Fine Arts are Dusty Crocker, Peter De Staebler and Sarah Domner (art & art history), Martin Blessinger, Joseph Eckert and Till MacIvor Meyn (music), Suki John (dance) and Amy Dahm (design, merchandising & textiles).

Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences welcomes Betsy Agee, Kathy Bean, Kathy Hakala, Jodie Weatherly and Kathleen White (nursing), John K. Gotwals (kinesiology) and Joe Rue Williams (nurse anesthesia).

Those in the College of Communication are Daxton Stewart (journalism) and LeAn Roberts (communication studies). ♦

TCU signs lease for natural gas drilling 2008 - 2010

THE UNIVERSITY LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED THE signing of a lease with Four Sevens Resources Company, Ltd., to drill for natural gas north of the football stadium in remote campus parking. The decision to sign the lease follows meetings with neighborhood leaders, faculty, staff and students to address their questions regarding safety, noise and traffic related to drilling. Four Sevens was appointed the University's natural gas operator by the Executive Committee of TCU's Board of Trustees last spring after a review of proposals submitted to the University as part of a request-for-proposal process.

The drilling site will be monitored, appropriately

secured with fencing, and inspected throughout the drilling procedure by state and local officials. Truck traffic will be routed to streets away from dense neighborhood areas to minimize traffic congestion and city noise ordinances will be followed. Parking will be relocated to other University parking lots.

Drilling will occur between the months of January through July in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Drilling will not occur during football season. Once drilling is complete, the University will landscape the site with trees and shrubbery and secure the area with attractive wrought iron fencing.

Any funds secured through drilling will be placed in the University's endowment, a decision made by the TCU Board of Trustees last spring.

EVENTS

Today - Aug. 15

Academic Orientation, 9 a.m., Student Center. Call ext. 7855 or visit www.sds.tcu.edu/firstyear for more information.

Frog Camp Quest. Call ext. 7855 for more information.

Today

Last day of Frog Camp Challenge B. Call ext. 7855 for more information.

Aug. 16 - 31

Howdy Week 2007 Activities

Aug. 17 - 19

Jim Schlossnagle's Summer Showcase Baseball Camp, ages 14-18, Lupton Stadium. Call ext. 5155 for more information.

August 17

Last day of casual dress policy for summer.

Opening luncheon for faculty and staff, hosted by Chancellor Victor J. Boschini Jr., 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Call ext. 7808 for more information.

HR New Faculty Benefits Enrollment Meetings, Come-and-Go, 2-5 p.m., Monroe Room, Kelly Center.

Aug. 18

Howdy Week activity, Movie Night: "Blades of Glory," 9 p.m., Sadler Lawn.

Aug. 19

Women's Volleyball, Alumni Game, 2 p.m., University Rec Center. Call ext. 7967 for more information.

Aug. 20

First day of classes for fall semester.

HR New Faculty Benefits Enrollment Meetings, Come-and-Go, 2-5 p.m., Monroe Room, Kelly Center. Call ext. 5577 for more information.

Howdy Week activity, Merchants Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Student Center lounge.

TCU's decision to drill follows a long line of other Metroplex organizations pursuing natural gas exploration opportunities. These include the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County College, Fort Worth ISD, Colonial Country Club and DFW International Airport. ♦

IRS reverses ruling on deferred compensation for faculty and exempt staff

ALTHOUGH HUMAN RESOURCES RECENTLY e-mailed new IRS information to all faculty and exempt staff who work less than 12 months but have their pay spread over 12 months, a follow-up ruling last week makes the original directions for completing and returning forms unnecessary at this time.

According to Pat Jolley, director of
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compensation at TCU, the IRS has indicated that the new implementation date for any changes will be Jan. 1, 2008 and will not impact faculty/staff compensation until the 2008-2009 academic year. "Individuals who have not submitted forms need not do so," Pat adds. "We will keep the forms we have received on file for future reference."

For additional information, visit the Web site at www.hr.tcu.edu. ♦

HR will sponsor program on violence prevention Aug. 24

HUMAN RESOURCES WILL OFFER A THEATER-based program on preventing violent behavior on campus on Friday, Aug. 24 in Rms. 205-206 at the Student Center. "The Fury from Within" is scheduled for 9 - 10:30 a.m. and will be repeated from 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Administration, faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend one of the presentations, which will examine critical situations in which violent behavior can erupt, acknowledges some problems institutions face with screening applicants for potential violence, offers state-of-the-art information to prevent and/or contain violence, and suggests responses should violence occur.

The program is presented by SST Communications, a training company that uses a theatrical approach combining factual information with comedic and dramatic vignettes to motivate audiences toward solutions.

To register for either session, e-mail j.lott@tcu.edu. ♦

Neeley names new director of international programs

THE NEELEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HAS selected **Rob Rhodes**, associate professor of professional practice/business law, as its new director of international programs. He will coordinate all of Neeley's international programs at both the graduate and

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undergraduate levels, as well as continue as associate professor of professional practice, business law.

Rhodes' expertise includes European union law, international business transactions, cyberspace law and most other aspects of business law in the U.S. He holds a doctor of jurisprudence degree from Baylor and a master of laws degree from Tulane.

"Rob has been leading international programs for well over a decade and has a strong interest in International Education," said **Bill Moncrief**, senior associate dean at Neeley. "He will perform his new duties and also continue teaching in the classroom."

Neeley's international initiatives include study abroad programs in Chile, China, India, Germany, France, Spain, Great Britain and Italy. ♦

NEW FACES

Karen Bell has joined campus life as assistant dean for health promotion. A TCU graduate, she received her master's degree from UNT Health Science Center and formerly worked at the City of Fort Worth Health Dept.

Karen Bisnette has been hired as a digital copy operator at the Neeley School.

Cassie Cure is a new administrative program specialist in international programs at the Neeley School. She is a graduate of Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA.

William A. Martinez and **Samuel Villarreal** are the new mover technicians in physical plant. William formerly worked as a lab assistant. Samuel was previously employed at C.R.W. Inc.

Carla M. Mass has been hired as a data control specialist in admission. She was educated in Tulsa as a dental assistant and formerly worked at Alcon.

Ryan McFarland is the new stage technician hired for Ed Landreth Auditorium. He has a bachelor's degree in music from TCU and has worked for the fire departments in Fort Worth and Ebbetts Pass.

Dawn Ratliff has joined advancement as an administrative assistant. She is working on her elementary education degree.

Chad Smith has started as computer hardware technician in technology resources. A 2006 graduate of TCU, he is the son of **Kathy Smith** (residential services).

Lori Sutherland Tate is the new assistant women's golf coach in athletics. A 2002 graduate of TCU, she was formerly employed at Rahr & Sons Brewing Company.

BIRTHS

David Yarbrough (physical plant), affectionately known as "Teddy Bear," and his wife, Beverly, became the proud grandparents of their second granddaughter, Courtney Lynn Kirkpatrick, born July 12 to Angela and Jeff Kirkpatrick. Courtney weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. She joins older sister, Kayla Leigh.

Warner Bailey (Brite) and his wife, Mary, have announced the birth of a new grandson,

Jacob Emmanuel, born July 27 in Manchester, England. Parents are David and Kathy Bailey who will be moving to Dallas in September.

Ellen Page Shelton (dance) announces the birth of her first grandchild, Grant Matthew Garrison, June 29 in Fort Worth. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Parents are Paul Garrison (TCU 2006) and wife, Kim.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Whirlpool washer (7 cycles, 3 speeds, super capacity, porcelain basket) and dryer (4 cycles, 3 temperatures, extra-large capacity), like new. \$350. We are moving and must sell. Please call ext. 7810 or e-mail a.m.daniel@tcu.edu for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Aug. 8. For more information on any of these positions go to www.hr.tcu.edu.

Accompanist - Ballet and Modern Dance
Administrative Assistant - Chemistry
Administrative Assistant - University Career Services
Administrative Program Specialist - Neeley Leadership Center
Administrative Support Assistant (PT) - Residential Services
Advisor - Center for Academic Services
Assistant Director of Donor Relations - Donor Relations
Assistant Director of Media Relations - Athletics
Assistant Director of Tandy Executive Ctr. - Tandy Executive Leadership Center
Assistant to the Dean - Brite
Associate Director - University Career Services
Boiler Technician - Facility Services
Computer Hardware Technician - Customer Services (User Services)
Coordinator Alumni Web Services - Alumni Relations
Coordinator Academic Excellence Program - Harris College of Nursing
Data Control Specialist - TRIO/McNair Program
Director of Development (Regional) - Advancement
Director of Pastoral Care & Training Center - Brite Pastoral Care
Document Imaging Specialist (Temp.) - Advancement Research
EMCS Operator - Facility Services
Equipment Operator - Physical Plant
Executive Assistant - Associate Vice Chancellor for Development
Executive Housekeeper (75%) - Residential Housekeeping
Facilities Access Technician - Physical Plant
Horticultural Assistant - Physical Plant
Horticultural Supervisor - Physical Plant
International Student Advisor - International Student Services
Lab Assistants - HCN Learning Lab
Librarian I - Library
Network Specialist - Technology Resources
Postal Machine Operator - Mailing Services
RN (PRN On Call) - Health Center
Service Assistants (3) - Facility Services
Service Assistants (2) - Residential Services
Structural Maintenance Technician - Physical Plant
Supervisor Craft - Physical Plant
Teacher - Kinderfrogs
Vice President of Business and Finance - Brite
Web Services Coordinator - Alumni Relations

To view the latest details on campus construction and parking, go to the TCU homepage and click on Campus Construction, listed under Featured Links on the lefthand side.