

# TCU THIS WEEK



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## Trustees hold fall meeting

DURING THEIR FALL MEETING FRIDAY, THE Board of Trustees voted to increase tuition and fees for the 2009 - 2010 academic year by five percent, one of the smallest tuition increases in a decade. New and returning full-time undergraduate students taking between 12 - 18 hours will pay a combined tuition and fee of \$28,250 from the current \$26,900.

The Trustees also voted to increase overall student financial aid by five percent and also set aside an additional \$350,000 in financial aid for qualified students. These aid increases will build upon last year's 18 percent increase in overall student financial aid funding. This year alone, TCU awarded more than \$51 million in TCU-funded scholarships and grants. More than 70 percent of TCU undergraduate students benefit from institutionally funded financial aid.

"The Board's decision came only after careful consideration," said **Chancellor Victor J. Boschini, Jr.** "We understand the current economic challenges faced by many of our students and their families. But we are also committed to providing students with an unparalleled University experience that develops global leaders capable of contributing to significant, worldwide challenges. We cannot accomplish this without outstanding facilities, faculty and staff, and excellent programs."

The Trustees also acknowledged that the modest tuition increase coupled with other costs likely means that the University will reduce next year's budget by eight percent. This potential decrease will likely mean a reduction in travel that is not absolutely necessary as well as spending on supplies and other goods and services expenses.

In other news, the Chancellor shared information about the completion of TCU's new facilities. During this and the past academic year, nine state-of-the-art facilities were completed including the Campus Commons; the Dutch Meyer Athletic Complex and Abe Martin Academic Enhancement Center; the College of Education's Mabee Foundation Education Complex and the TCU Barnes & Noble Bookstore. Additionally, about a dozen major reshoring, renovation and other capital projects were completed or are in progress, including complete upgrades to many residence halls.

In addition to the physical transformation, TCU has launched new programs including a new Energy Institute that is researching new and renewable energy sources. TCU also has hired 89 new faculty over the past five years, lowering the student-to-faculty ratio to 14:1.

The Board of Trustees will hold its next meeting April 1 - 3, 2009. ♦

## EVENTS

### Now-Dec. 12

*Electioneering*, an exhibition at Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, 2900 W. Berry Street.\*

### Now-Nov. 18

*That's So Cool* exhibition of area high school students in Advanced Placement art, Moudy Gallery. Free and open to the public.\*

### Today

Dr. Laurel Brake, Green Honors Chair for English, will participate in a panel discussion "Media Then and Now: Print and Film in the 19th and 20th Centuries," 6 p.m., University Union Chambers Room. Call ext. 6255 for more information.

Faculty and Friends Chamber Music Series, **Jesús Castro-Balbi** (artistic director), 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall. \$10 admission / \$5 students and seniors / free with TCU ID. Contact [www.music.tcu.edu/facfriends](http://www.music.tcu.edu/facfriends) for more information.\*\*

### Nov. 18

The Well, Labyrinth, 5:30 p.m., Jarvis Multi-Faith Prayer Room. Contact Caroline at [c.j.hamilton@tcu.edu](mailto:c.j.hamilton@tcu.edu) for more information.

Ensemble Concert Series, Jazz Ensembles, **Curt Wilson, Joey Carter, Micah Bell** (conductors), 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.\*\*

### Nov. 19

Office of Religious and Spiritual Life presents "What Matters to Me and Why?" with **Mike Katovich** (sociology), noon-1 p.m., Jarvis 104. Call ext. 7830 or e-mail [faith@tcu.edu](mailto:faith@tcu.edu) for more information.

Faith and Film Series: *Pan's Labyrinth*, 5:30 p.m., Wesley House (2750 W. Lowden). Coffee, tea and snacks provided. Call ext. 7830 or e-mail [faith@tcu.edu](mailto:faith@tcu.edu) for more information.

Dr. Laurel Brake, Green Honors Chair for English, will speak on "The Closure of Colindale: The Information Commons and 19th Century Print Culture," 6 p.m., University Union - Chambers Room. Call ext. 6255 for more information.

KinoMonda Film Series, *Smoke Signals*, 6:30 p.m., University Union Auditorium.

## McCracken announces departure

**MIKE MCCRACKEN** WILL STEP DOWN FROM serving as dean of the College of Science & Engineering at the end of this academic year.

"I've been at TCU 37 years and have served as dean for 27 of those," said McCracken. "The position has given me immense satisfaction and it is wonderful to see the college develop and evolve into what it has become. I am excited to see the people (whom I will miss most) carry on the college's progress."

McCracken originally joined the faculty at TCU to teach biology in what used to be the AddRan College of Arts and Sciences. In 1981,

DEMT annual light show, 8 p.m., TCU Center for Lighting Education, 2922 W. Berry. Call ext. 6326 for more information.

### Nov. 20

2008 **Gary Patterson** Luncheon Series, noon-1 p.m., Kelly Center. Lunch buffet - \$15 per person. Call ext. 7700, contact [g.clausen@tcu.edu](mailto:g.clausen@tcu.edu) or [www.frogclub.tcu.edu](http://www.frogclub.tcu.edu) for more information.

RTVF Film Series presents *She Wore A Yellow Ribbon* (1949), 7 p.m., Moudy 164S, free admission. Call ext. 7630 or 6690 for more information.

### Nov. 21-Dec. 1

Exhibition of graduating seniors in studio art, University Art Gallery, Moudy Bldg. N. Free and open to the public.\*

### Nov. 21

TCU Opera Studio Scenes, **Clyde Berry** (director), 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall.\*\*

### Nov. 22

Football vs. Air Force, 2:30 p.m., Amon Carter Stadium.\*\*\*

Women's Equestrian vs. Georgia, all day event, Mansfield, TX.\*\*\*

### Nov. 23

Ensemble Concert Series, TCU Choirs, **Ron Shirey** (conductor), 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen Presbyterian Church.\*\*

### Nov. 24

Ensemble Concert Series, TCU Percussion II, **Brian West** (director), 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.\*\*

### Nov. 27-28

University closed for Thanksgiving holiday.

### Dec. 1

Concerto Musicum, 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.

he was asked to serve as dean on an interim basis, which turned into a permanent basis. In 2000, the college split into AddRan College of Humanities and Social Sciences (now known as AddRan College of Liberal Arts) and the College of Science & Engineering. McCracken transitioned with the College of Science & Engineering where he has served as dean since.

At the end of the spring semester, McCracken will take a one-year sabbatical and then retire from the college on a full-time basis, although he will be available to teach a course or help as needed. ♦

**Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, there will not be an issue of TCU This Week next Monday. Publication will resume on Monday, Dec. 1.**

## Fall jazz concert Tuesday will have Ed Landreth jumpin'

THE BIG BAND SOUND OF THE TCU JAZZ Ensembles hits the stage of Ed Landreth Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18. Conductors will be **Curt Wilson** and **Joey Carter** of the School of Music faculty and graduate jazz studies student Micah Bell.

Guest artist will be professional Metroplex jazz trumpet artist Brian Standridge. Band director at Nolan High School, Standridge plays in the Fort Worth Symphony Concerts in the Garden Big Band, and has performed with the Casa Mañana orchestra, Fort Worth Rodeo Band, Fort Worth Opera Orchestra, The Temptations, Les Elgart Orchestra, The Pointer Sisters and others.

Admission is free. For more information, contact Curt at [c.wilson3@tcu.edu](mailto:c.wilson3@tcu.edu). ♦

## DEMT light show Wednesday will star their own building

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DESIGN, Merchandising & Textile's "Lighting for Visual Presentation" class stage their annual light show at 8 p.m. Wednesday by illuminating the outside of their facility at 2722 W. Berry Street. The event marks the 10th anniversary of the TCU Center for Lighting Education.

Molly Boulay, Stephanie Chlipala, Alriah Pereira and Ali Reid chose the location because, they explain, they have "lived in the building" for four years and want to let others know that something creative happens inside those nondescript tan walls.

A reception for invited guests will be held prior to the light show. Hosts are **Scott Sullivan** (dean, College of Fine Arts) and University Donor Relations. ♦

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## KUDOS

TCU has received a \$20,000 grant from the Bank of America Foundation to enable the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic (Communication Sciences & Disorders) to expand its services to the surrounding community.

Services include speech/language evaluations and therapy, audiological evaluations, hearing aid evaluations, aural habilitation, speech and hearing screening programs, information and referral.

## RESEARCH

Beginning with this issue, *TCU This Week* will print regular reports on grants awarded to TCU faculty and staff. The Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, headed by **Janis Morey**, acts as a clearinghouse for this information. In order to provide a comprehensive look at the 2008-2009 academic year, the listings begin with Summer 2008. Facts are given in the following order: principal investigator, department, title, amount, sponsor:

### New Awards

**Tony Burgess** (environmental science), Garrett Creek Ranch Conference Center Environmental Assessment & Planning, \$112,975, Schultz Foundation

**Kevin Knight** (IBR), Implementing and Sustaining Innovations in CJ-DATS2 (TCU RC), \$3,181,454, National Institute on Drug Abuse

**Dwayne Simpson** (IBR), Sustainable HIV Risk Reduction Strategies for CJ Systems, \$2,736,619, National Institute on Drug Abuse

**C.A. Quarles** (physics and astronomy), Positron Annihilation Lifetime Spectroscopy Applied for Determination of Free Volume in High Performance Polymers, \$8,500, Idaho National Laboratories

**Joel Mitchell** (kinesiology), The Effects of a Single Bout of Aerobic Exercise on Measures of Endothelial Function, \$2,000, Academy of Family Physicians

**Patrick Walter** (engineering), Development of Electric Utility Health Monitoring System, \$5,000, Oncor Electric Delivery Company

**Dean Williams and Amanda Hale** (biology), Genetic Structure of Texas Horned Lizard Populations in Texas, \$58,963, Texas Parks and Wildlife

**Molly Weinburgh and Mark Bloom** (education), Developing PCK in Environmental Education, \$97,000, Dana Center at the University of Texas; also Elementary Teachers Developing PCK in Outdoor Ed, \$96,500, Dana Center at the University of Texas

### Continuations

**David Grebel** (academic affairs/extended education), CCF Communities Empowering Youth-TCU YOUth Program, \$225,000, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Steve Hodnett** (education), Regular Upward Bound Program, \$506,027, U.S. Department of Education; TCU Student Support, \$257,584, U.S. Department of Education; Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, \$252,045, U.S. Department of Education

**C.A. Quarles** (physics & astronomy), A Physics and Astrophysics REU Site at TCU, \$138,988, National Science Foundation

**Dwayne Simpson** (IBR), Transferring Drug

Abuse Treatment and Assessment Resources, \$748,284, National Institute on Drug Abuse

## NEW FACES

**Sara Beth Callahan** has been hired as library specialist/government information for the Library. A graduate of TCU, she majored in English literature. She formerly worked as office manager for a doctor.

**Lesley Dionne** is the new administrative assistant in the Supply & Value Chain Center. She graduated from TCU in August.

**Desmond A. Hemphill** has joined the Library Information Commons staff as lab manager/computer support specialist. He is a graduate of Texas Wesleyan University and was previously employed by the Small Business Administration.

## BIRTH

Congratulations to **Dr. Burton Schwartz** (health center) and his wife, Judy, on the birth of their granddaughter Olivia Paige Slurzberg, Nov. 8, in New Jersey. She weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. Parents are David and Rebecca Slurzberg.

## DEATH

Sympathy is extended to **Russell Dalton** (Brite) on the death of his brother, Bob, in Michigan. Russ conducted the memorial service Nov. 14 in Royal Oak, MI.

## JOBS

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Nov. 12. For more information on any of these positions go to [www.hr.tcu.edu](http://www.hr.tcu.edu).

Accompanist - Classical & Contemporary Dance

Admin. Asst. - Alcohol and Drug Education

Admin. Asst. - University Career Svcs.

Admin. Asst. - College of Education

Advisor - International Student Services

Assoc. Director Programs & Mktg. -

University Career Svcs.

Career Advisor - University Career Svcs.

College Resources Coordinator (2)/

Computer (PT), Spanish (PT) - Staff

Assembly

Computer-Aided Design Tech. - Tech. Svcs.

Costume Technician - Theatre

Dean - College of Education

Director/Brite Admissions - Brite

Electrician - Physical Plant

EMCS Operator - Physical Plant

EMCS Tech - Physical Plant

KTCU Asst. Station Mgr. - KTCU

Lab Assistants - HCN Learning Lab

Library I-Social Services - Library

Licensed Vocational Nurse - Health Center

Manager of Gift Processing - Advancement

DIS

Police Officer (2) - TCU Police

PRN-On Call - Health Center

Registered Nurse - Health Center

Registered Nurse - Health Center

Security Guard (1 FT, 1 PT) - TCU Police

Structural Maintenance Technician (2)-

Physical Plant

Temp. Stitcher - Theatre

Writing Consultants (2), PT-Temp - Writing

Center

To view the latest details on campus improvements and parking, go to the TCU homepage and click on New Facilities, listed under Featured Links on the left-hand side.