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Chancellor Boschini will open TCU's 137th year at Convocation this morning

CHANCELLOR VICTOR J. BOSCHINI JR. will address the University community during Convocation at 11 a.m. today in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Faculty and administrators in full regalia will lead the colorful procession, marking the opening of TCU's 137th year.

Classes will be dismissed from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. to allow faculty and students to attend. Line-up for the academic procession will form in front of Ed Landreth at 10:45 a.m.

Chancellor Boschini also will present the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Creative Teacher and Scholar.

Nominees are nine faculty members who have already received their School and College awards this year: **Stephen F. Quinn** (economics) and **Daniel Williams** (English) from AddRan College of Liberal Arts, **Garry D. Bruton** (management and entrepreneurship) from the Neeley School, **Chris R. Sawyer** (communication studies) from the College of Communication, **Cecilia Silva** (education) from the College of Education, **Gary W. Whitman** (School of Music) from the College of Fine Arts, **Jo Nell Wells** (nursing) from Harris College of Health & Human Sciences, **Jeffrey Coffer** (chemistry) from the College of Science & Engineering and **David J. Gouwens** from Brite Divinity School.

The Wassenich Award for Mentoring in the TCU Community will be presented to a member of the faculty or staff in recognition and celebration of this person's mentoring of students. The honor was created in 1999 through

an endowment established by TCU alumni Mark and Linda Wassenich of Dallas. Because of their own rich experiences as TCU students, the couple founded the unique mentoring award to highlight the value TCU places on key relationships with faculty and staff which help students develop, succeed and contribute to their communities.

This year's finalists are: **Tracy Dietz** (social work), **David Minor** (Neeley Entrepreneurship Program), **Steve Weis** (engineering), **Keith Whitworth** (sociology/anthropology) and **David Yale** (machine shop, engineering).

Joseph Butler will play for the processional and recessional. The TCU Concert Chorale, under the direction of **Ron Shirey**, will perform **Janet Pummill**'s composition, *My Joy, My Life, My Crown*, accompanied by Janet (piano), **Curt Thompson** (violin) and **Jesús Castro-Balbi** (cello). **Richard Estes** will lead the singing of the *Alma Mater*.

University minister **Angela Kaufman** will deliver the invocation and **Newell Williams** (president of Brite Divinity School) will give the benediction.

As long as offices are covered, all faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

A campus-wide Founders' Celebration will begin as soon as Convocation lets out, on the east campus lawn near the statues of Addison and Randolph Clark. To continue a tradition begun last year, a collection of TCU memorabilia is on display in Mary Couts Burnett Library, now through Nov. 20.

Rabbi Jack Bemporad will be Gates of Chai speaker Sept. 24 in BLUU ballroom

RABBI JACK BEMPORAD, founder and director of the nonprofit Center for Interreligious Understanding, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday Sept. 24 in the Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom. He is guest of honor for the 12th annual Gates of Chai Lectureship in Contemporary Judaism, sponsored by the Program in Jewish Studies at Brite Divinity School. Topic of his remarks will be "Human Rights — Are They Universal?"

A Holocaust refugee from Italy, Rabbi Bemporad and his family traveled to the U.S. when he was five years old. He has dedicated his career to improving relations among Christians, Muslims and Jews worldwide. He is recognized internationally for his diplomatic skill and leadership in matters of religious tolerance and reconciliation. He is a key liaison between the Vatican and the world Jewish community and is one of the rare Jewish leaders to have had numerous personal audiences with

Pope John Paul II. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and reserved parking. TCU students are admitted free. The number to call is 817-257-5976 or e-mail OfficialEventsrsvp@tcu.edu for reservations.

The Gates of Chai Lectureship is designed to promote informed, dynamic public dialogue and education on issues of relevance to contemporary Judaism. The lectureship is sponsored through the generosity of Gates of Chai, Inc., in memory of Larry Kornbleet and family members of Stanley and Marcia Kornbleet Kurtz who perished in the Holocaust.

Previous Gates of Chai speakers include Nobel Peace Laureate Elie Wiesel, legal/political activists Morris Dees and Susan Estrich, Middle Eastern policy expert Dennis Ross and authors Rabbi Harold Kushner, Thomas Cahill, Chaim Potok and Bruce Feiler. ♦

EVENTS

Now-Oct 11

Avish Khabrehdah: Solace, So Old, So New exhibition at Fort Worth Contemporary Arts, 2900 W. Berry Street, free admission. Call ext. 2588 for information.

Today-Oct. 1

27th annual *Art in the Metroplex* exhibition, selected new works in painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture and mixed media by North Texas artists, Moudy Gallery. Opening reception from 2-8 p.m. on Sept. 12. Call ext. 7643 for more information.

Sept. 8

Fall Convocation, 11 a.m.-noon, Ed Landreth Auditorium. Founders' Celebration to follow on the east campus lawn.

TCU Mathematics Green Honors Chair lecture with Professor John Baez, University of California-Riverside, 7 p.m., Palko Hall.

Sept. 10

FTDM Series presents *Winchester '73* (1950), 7 p.m., Moudy 164S. Call ext. 7630 for more information.

Sept. 11

TCU Cooks! 1:30-2:30 p.m., Market Square. Contact j.m.lovett@tcu.edu for more information.

Sept. 14

HR — Mondays with Amy Goodson, noon-1 p.m., Kelly Center, Cox C. Call ext. 5103 for more information.

John Fanchi holds first Matthews Professorship in Petroleum Engineering

THE TCU COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND Engineering and the TCU Energy Institute announces **Dr. John R. Fanchi** as the first holder of the Ross B. Matthews Professorship in Petroleum Engineering. Matthews and his wife, Kathleen, established the endowed position because of their passion for energy education. He earned a Master of Science in geology from TCU in 1984 and is the chief operating officer of The Sinclair Companies and president of Sinclair Oil and Gas Company.

"As a former student, I'm impressed by TCU's many achievements over the past two-and-a-half decades," he says. "The professorship is a way to give back to the school and industry that have made my successful career possible."

Dr. Fanchi comes to TCU with a strong background in energy education. He was a professor at Colorado School of Mines, an advance senior engineer with Marathon Oil Company and, most recently, Chevron Energy. He is the author of eight books covering

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such topics as reservoir engineering, math for scientists and engineers, flow modeling, and energy technologies. Dr. Fanchi says he is looking forward to working with the TCU community and improving energy education for all students along with the general public.

Dr. Fanchi will teach "Sustainable Energy in our Society" for TCU energy minors in the Energy Institute and upper level petroleum engineering courses to support the Department of Engineering. He is also interested in developing ongoing research and program ties with local energy companies. In addition, Dr. Fanchi wants to continue writing and publishing books related to his teaching and research interests in energy education. ♦

Green Honors Chair for Mathematics to lecture on campus next week

DR. JOHN C. BAEZ FROM THE UNIVERSITY of California, will be here today through Sept. 10 as Green Honors Chair Professor for the Dept. of Mathematics.

At 7 p.m. today in Palko Hall, rm. 130, he will deliver a public lecture titled "Zooming out in time: A history of climate change." He also will speak in the Tucker Technology Center, room 139, at the following times:

Today - 1 p.m. Topic: "My favorite numbers: 5"

Sept. 9 - 1 p.m. Topic: "My favorite numbers: 8"

4 p.m. Topic: "Fundamental physics: where we stand today"

Sept. 10 - 1 p.m. Topic: "My favorite numbers: 24"

Professor Baez did his undergraduate work at Princeton University and received a Ph.D.

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from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1986. He is famous for his popular Web site, John Baez's Stuff, where he regularly discusses many of the latest and most interesting developments in mathematics and mathematical physics. He is a popular speaker, the author of several books and many research papers.

Abstracts of Dr. Baez's talks can be found online on the TCU Mathematics Web site.

The Green Honors Chair program, established by the late Drs. Cecil H. and Ida Green of Dallas, brings a number of prominent scholars to campus each year. ♦

TCU invited to attend Kim Jones remembrance service

THE TCU COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO ATTEND A "Stones of Remembrance" service at Wedgwood Baptist Church on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. in honor of Kim Jones, an alumna of TCU, who passed away in 1999.

Ten years ago on Sept. 15, Kim Jones, who had graduated from TCU in May 1999, was killed while attending services at Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth. TCU held a memorial event that 10,000 people attended and students raised thousands of dollars for a memorial.

In 2005, Delta Gamma organized, along with TCU, a dedication service in Kim's memory. Trees, benches and plaques were placed in the area between the sorority houses. The Jones family is very thankful for TCU's support. For any questions, please contact the family at sjones76@yahoo.com. ♦

TCU hosts "Smart Women: Discussions on Women's Cancer Prevention" Sept. 22

TCU IS HOSTING "SMARTWOMEN: DISCUSSIONS on Women's Cancer Prevention" on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 6 p.m. in the Kelly Center. Registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and includes complimentary hors d'oeuvres, with cancer-fighting ingredients, from Bonnell's restaurant.

The event is sponsored by TCU's Center for Oncology Education and Research, in the Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences, and Moncrief Cancer Resources/UT Southwestern. The event is free and open to attend, but reservations are required.

"The Smart Women Conference evolved from a desire to educate women on prevention and screening for all cancers; especially those that impact them the greatest," said **Suzy Lockwood**, event chair and director of TCU's Center for Oncology Education and Research.

Discussions on women's cancer prevention include: "Cancer Prevention and Genetics: What Every Woman Needs to Know" with genetic counselor Sara Pirzadeh, M.S., and "Getting the Intimacy You Want In Your Relationship" with psychotherapist Mary Jo Rapini, LPC.

Cancer continues to take a devastating toll on American women. In 2009 an estimated 270,000 will die from cancer of some kind. September is Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month and October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month so

the event was planned in honor of the two. For more information and to RSVP, e-mail s.j.barr@tcu.edu or call 817-257-6731. For more information on the Center, visit TCU's Center for Oncology Education and Research at www.harriscollege.tcu.edu/203.htm. ♦

NEW FACES

Melissa Gruver is the new coordinator for Community Involvement in the Center for Community Involvement & Service Learning. She has an M.S.Ed. degree in student affairs administration from Baylor University and was previously employed at the Baylor Episcopal Student Center.

Kate Jones has been hired as coordinator for Service Learning in the Center for Community Involvement & Service Learning. She is a TCU graduate.

Suzy Robinson has joined the admission office as data control specialist. She is a former Fort Worth ISD employee.

Camille Williams has begun her job as recruitment assistant in Career Services. She comes to TCU from Plaza Medical Center.

BIRTH

Congratulations to **Donna Biasatti** (athletics) and her husband, Tony, on the birth of their first grandchild, Isabella Beth "Bella" Biasatti, Aug. 18 in New Braunfels, TX. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21" long. Proud parents are Joey and Courtney Biasatti (both TCU alumni).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

Accompanist - Classical & Contemporary Dance

Administrative Asst. LT Temp- Extended Education

Administrative Program Specialist - Tandy Student Leadership Center

Asst. Equestrian Coach - Athletics

Asst. Women's Tennis Coach - Athletics

Asst. Director Outdoor Programs - Campus Recreation

Asst. Director TCU Leadership Center - Student Development

Associate Chaplain - Religious/Spiritual Life

Associate Director BLUU - University Union Client/Server Administrator - Technology Resources

Coordinator of Information Systems - Admission

Facilities Access Technician - Facility Services

Horticultural Assistant - Physical Plant

Lab Assistants - HCN Learning Lab

Network Engineer - Technical Services

Painter - Facility Services

Physician - Health Center

Postdoctoral Research Associate - Chemistry

PRN-On Call - Health Center

Service Asst. (2) - Facility Services

Gardening tip from Robert Sulak (physical plant): Protect your home and lawn from drought conditions with one good soaking each week, particularly around the foundation of the house.