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NBC'S MITCHELL WILL SPEAK OCT. 7

Andrea Mitchell, one of NBC News' top journalists now beginning her second year as chief White House correspondent, will speak on campus Oct. 7. "Inside Washington" will be her topic.

To begin at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium, her talk will be the 11th in the Distinguished Speakers Forum sponsored by Bank One in cooperation with TCU and the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Tickets, priced at \$30 and \$15, may be obtained by mail from Bank One, Box 470353, Fort Worth 76147-0353. Checks should be made payable to the bank.

Mitchell, described in *USA Today* as "tenacious...like a pit bull...with a bone," had covered Bill Clinton's presidential campaign and was named to the White House post following his election. She had reported on campaigns of all major Democratic candidates during the primaries.

The New York City native, a 1967 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, joined NBC News in 1978 as a correspondent based in Washington. After covering the federal regulatory agencies and general assignments, she was named energy correspondent and covered the Energy Department, Regulatory Commission and energy legislation on Capitol Hill. Her reporting included the aftermath of the Three Mile Island incident.

From the Iowa caucuses to election night, Mitchell was one of the network's key persons covering the 1988 presidential race. At the Republican National Convention she made a timely scoop by beating both the competition and George Bush with the announcement of Dan Quayle's selection as the vice-presidential candidate. Earlier she had covered Reagan's 1984 campaign and the 1980 re-election efforts of Vice President Walter Mondale.

Mitchell, called "the hardest-working person I've ever worked with" by NBC Pentagon reporter Fred Francis and as one who "works a beat like a cop on patrol" by ABC's Chris Wallace, has frequently appeared on "Meet the Press" as a panelist and occasional host. Her list of friends "reads like a Who's Who of government...and she's able to hobnob with movers and shakers," reported *USA Today*.

From 1981 to 1988 Mitchell covered the White House for NBC News. During that time she traveled extensively with President Reagan and filed reports from throughout the world, including Geneva, Iceland and Moscow, sites of summit meetings between Reagan and Soviet Secretary General Mikhail Gorbachev. She became the network's chief congressional correspondent in late 1988. She is credited with playing a major role reporting on the budget, the savings and loan bailout, the Keating Five, the Clarence Thomas hearing and other legislative issues. In that position, she also served as a regular political analyst for the "Today" show.

A trustee and overseer of the College of Arts and Sciences at her alma mater, Mitchell is a member of the National Press Club, serves on the advisory council of the Girl Scouts of Washington, D.C., and is on the board of the National Chamber Orchestra.

STUDENT WORKSHOPS BEGIN

Five workshops designed to help students develop study skills are scheduled this semester by the Center for Academic Services. During these sessions, which begin at 5 p.m. in Rickel Building 106, students can receive individual help from a staff member or enhance particular study skill areas by using an interactive computer program.

In addition to a Sept. 15 workshop, others will include:

- Taking Multiple Choice Exams -- Sept. 22;
- Taking Essay Exams -- Sept. 29;
- Preparing for Advance Registration -- Oct. 20;
- Preparing for Finals -- Nov. 1.

Faculty members may be interested in referring students to the center for study skills help, said Director Michael Brooks. Staff members also will be happy to conduct these workshops or related presentations to classes or to student organizations and residence halls, he added.

8 CITIES ARE ON BRIEFINGS LIST

Information about the University's plans and special challenges is being shared with TCU's most active supporters — including members of various University-related boards, volunteers, donors and trustees along with some corporate and foundation leaders — in seven Texas cities as well as New York City.

For the leadership briefings, Provost/Vice Chancellor Bill Koehler and Interim Vice Chancellor Don Mills offer an inside look at TCU and respond to questions and comments of those attending. Vice Chancellor Bronson Davis is master of ceremonies for the occasions.

Upcoming luncheon events will be held in Midland, Fort Worth, Amarillo, Austin, Houston, San Antonio and New York City. A dinner is planned for Amarillo. The first event was Sept. 9 in Dallas.

GRAY RECEIVES CEBS DESIGNATION

Maria Gray, personnel analyst in the Human Resources Department, has been designated as Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS) by the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Qualified for the designation by passing a series of 10 college-level national examinations, she is one of more than 4,800 graduates.

Maria attended the 1993 national CEBS conference ceremony, which took place at the annual conference held Sept. 12-15 in Washington, D.C.

'MODERN CLASSIC' OPENS THEATRE SEASON

"The Skin of Our Teeth," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning play that is considered a modern classic, will open TCU Theatre's 1993-94 season on Sept. 29. The play runs through Oct. 3 in the University Theatre.

The satiric play follows the lives of the members of the Antrobus family as they survive calamities ranging from flood and fire to the pox and wars by "the skin of their teeth," attesting to their indestructibility. The play has been called "a testament of faith in humanity" and "wonderfully wise as well as wacky."

The play's opening will mark the local directing debut of Steven Breese, new assistant professor of acting/directing in TCU's theatre department. Steven has acted in such productions as "Cats," "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "The Foreigner," "A Chorus Line " and "Macbeth, " and has directed "Cabaret," "A Lion in Winter," "Dracula" and "Doubletake." He also has numerous live industrial productions and commercial films to his credit. Steven earned a bachelor's degree from Baldwin-Wallace College in Cleveland and a master's degree from the California Institute of the Arts in Los Angeles.

Students playing major roles in the production include Jennifer Cain as Gladys, Jennifer Bradshaw as Sabina, Guido Carcerano as Antrobus, Christopher Peak as Henry, DeAnn Patrick as Mrs. Antrobus and Michelle Goltzman as Fitzpatrick. Others include Matt Hovde, Dee Dee Hamilton, Tim McCanna, Sheryl Milling, Brent Morley, Brian Stanton, Jeff Bias, Krista Burnham, Paula Malone, Jen Gerace, Craig Lee, Travis Schuldt and Paul Parkman.

The curtain goes up at 8 p.m. Sept. 29-Oct. 2 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 3. Reservations for "The Skin of Our Teeth" can be made by calling Ext. 7626. Admission is free to TCU students and faculty and staff members. General admission tickets are \$5 (\$3 for non-TCU students).

COMPUTER SCIENCE REACCREDITED

The computer science department's Bachelor of Science degree program recently has been reaccredited by the Computer Science Accreditation Commission of the Computing Sciences Accreditation Board (CSAB), a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Organized in 1984, CSAB has accredited programs at 116 colleges and universities across the United States. TCU is among seven Texas schools that have been awarded the board's approval.

"The board has high standards, and its approval means that TCU has an outstanding program," commented James Comer, department chairman. James predicted that prospective students will find accredited programs such as TCU's especially attractive when deciding which school to attend. TCU's department, formed in 1981, currently enrolls approximately 60 students.

PENSION FUND REP DUE OCT. 1

A representative of the Pension Fund of the Christian Church will be on campus Oct. 1 for personal conferences with faculty and staff members as well as with retirees. This affords opportunity for many to obtain current information about the Pension Fund of the Christian Church, options available for retirement income, taxes, Social Security, etc.

Personal conferences will be held in the Student Center 215 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested individuals may schedule appointments with the representative by calling benefits at Ext. 7792.

OWINGS IS CHANCELLOR'S AWARDEE

John Owings, a professor who thrilled music lovers earlier this year by performing all 32 Beethoven sonatas in a series of seven recitals, received the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity during fall convocation last week.

Presented by Dr. Bill Tucker, the honor includes a \$14,000 check in recognition of outstanding ability and accomplishments to cover the variety of expenses the awardee feels will most enhance his/her contributions as a scholar.

Owings is the sixth research and creative activity award recipient since it was inaugurated in 1983. In alternate years the Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching is given. Recipients for both are chosen from among faculty members recommended by nominating committees of their colleagues.

In addition to John, nominees for the 1993 honor were Eugene Boring of Brite Divinity School; Bob Doran, AddRan College of Arts and Sciences, Chris Barry, Neeley School of Business; John Touliatos, School of Education; Ralph Behnke, College of Fine Arts and Communication; and Gail Davis, Harris College.

A member of the music faculty since 1990, John has been described as "a secret national treasure" by Donald Currier, famous piano instructor from The Juilliard School of Music and the Peabody Institute.

A lifelong devotee of Beethoven's music, John went to Europe in 1977 to visit the composer's birthplace in Bonn, to play the last piano Beethoven owned and to travel from library to library to see the original manuscripts of the sonatas. "All of that gave me a deeper understanding of Beethoven," he said.

Of the TCU professor, Martin Canank of The Juilliard School's piano faculty said: "Having known John and his playing for many years now, I consider him to be a musician and artist of the highest caliber. To my mind, he is a person who has always held himself to the highest professional standards in both his artistic and personal life, and he has achieved in this particular series of events (sonatas) an artistic accomplishment worthy of the highest possible commendation."

Referred to as a "pianist's pianist" by Dean Bob Garwell, John marked the 150th anniversary of Beethoven's death in 1977 by playing the composer's 32 sonatas in a concurrent series of recitals at Indiana University at South Bend and Andrews University in Berrian Springs, Mich.

John won the G.B. Dealey Memorial Award in Dallas in 1963 and the Brewster-Allison National Competition in Austin in 1964. Among the San Antonio native's other prestigious awards are first prizes in the Liszt Society Competition in London in 1968, Robert Casadesus Society Competition in Cleveland in 1975 and Musical Arts Competition in Chicago in 1980.

A 1965 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where he studied with the late Dalies Frantz, he attended the Royal College of Music in London and earned the master's degree from The Juilliard School.

Karl F. Leifheit, now retired from Trinity University, called his former student "the most talented and intelligent pianist that it has been my privilege to teach during 30 years of private teaching and 16 years at Trinity University." Referring to the performance of sonatas, he said: "There are only five or six pianists in the world who have attempted such an overwhelming challenge. For a pianist and musician, there is no more demanding goals — displaying years of research and study and endless hours of practice — than to perform all the 32 sonatas."

Named as Steinway Artist in 1991, John has been soloist in Europe with the English Chamber Orchestra, BBC Scottish and BBC Welch orchestras as well as other orchestras in England, France and Switzerland.

CLARK SOCIETY PLANS 'SOUTHWEST FEST'

The University's heritage will be celebrated Friday and Saturday during the annual Clark Society Weekend. "Southwest Fest" is the theme for the schedule of activities that will begin with "Starlight Supper" at the West Fork Ranch.

During the evening 22 persons will be honored as new members or those who have moved to new cumulative levels, which range from \$50,000 to \$1 million, in the organization of donors of \$1,000 or more annually to TCU. Chancellor Bill Tucker will introduce and pay tribute to the honorees. These include Dr. and Mrs. Perry Bass at the founder level; benefactors -- Mrs. Electra Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Upchurch and Dick Williams Jr.; centurions -- Mr. and Mrs. Bob Buschman, Mr. and Mrs. Brown Chiles Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Garvey, Ms. Peggy King, Mr and Mrs. George LaHood, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer III and Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Weatherly; and patrons -- Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brotherton and Mr. and Mrs. John Ivancevich.

In its 16 years, the Clark Society has grown from its original 192 memberships to a current total of approximately 800.

Steve Murrin, former Fort Worth city councilman and unofficial "Mayor of the Stockyards," will be the Saturday evening host. Don Edwards will entertain with cowboy ballads.

"Ramblin' Across Texas" is the theme for Saturday activities, beginning with a continental breakfast in the Moudy Building. Guest lecturer Alexis Buchanan, assistant director of Nedra Matteucci's Fenn Galleries in Santa Fe, will discuss origins and history of Southwestern art. Authors Joyce Roach and Judy Alter will discuss regional literature from the perspectives of an "insider" and an "outsider," respectively. The legacy of ranching will be the topic by John Merrill, Ranch Management director who is an eighth-generation rancher.

A dinner, billed as "The Cattle Baron's Buffet," will be held in the Winthrop Rockefeller Building before the game between TCU and Southern Methodist University in Amon Carter Stadium.

Clark Society activities are coordinated by Kristi Hoban, director of donor relations.

FALL ENROLLMENT TOTALS 6,822

Following the 12th day of classes, the final enrollment count for fall is 6,822. This is an increase of 1.4 percent over last fall's total of 6,728.

Of the 1993 total, 1,195 are freshmen. The 1992 freshman total was 1,262. The goal the admissions office set for freshmen was 1,200 for both years, and last year's increase over that number resulted in a "stress" on class sections. This year's figure is just five short of the hoped-for goal.

This fall's total number includes 252 blacks, which is 3.7 percent of the total, and 327 Hispanics, which is 4.8 percent of the total. The figure for the 1992 fall semester was 235 (3.5 percent of total) blacks and 302 (4.5 percent of total) for Hispanics, according to a report by Susan Campbell of the financial analysis office.

NOTES ON FOLKS

Mary Anne Gorman (nutrition and dietetics) has been notified that her article "Subjective Global Assessment: Alternative assessment technique for liver transplant candidates" has been published in the latest issue of *Nutrition*.

Stephanie Rand, on leave during the spring semester, gave two master classes last March at the Denton Dance Conservatory, which is directed by **Lisa Racina** (BFA '86 TCU). Stephanie also spent two weeks as a guest faculty member at the dance department of the Interlochen Arts Academy in April teaching 23 classes in ballet technique, pointe and men's classes.

A review by **Fred Erisman** (English) of two collections of regional folklore, Donald Davis' *Authentic Appalachian 'Jack' Tales* and J.J. Reneaux's *Cajun Folktales*, has been published in the summer issue of *The Southern Quarterly*.

Julien Haber, (communication sciences and disorders) was technical adviser and helped write a pamphlet for parents and young adults for the American Academy of Pediatrics. Titled "Learning Disabilities and Young Adults," the brochure was published last summer.

Bill Graham and **Magnus Rittby** (physics) attended the 9th International Conference on the Chemistry and Physics of Matrix Isolated Species held July 17-22 in Helsinki, Finland, under the sponsorship of the European Research Foundation. Bill presented an invited paper titled "Vibrational Spectra and Structures of Silicon-Carbon Clusters," based on work involving experimental studies carried out with former students **Txomin Presilla-Marquez** (Ph.D. '92), now at the Phillips Lab, Edwards AFB, and **Paul Withey** (Ph.D. '93), now assistant professor of physics at West Virginia Wesleyan College, and theoretical calculations done by Magnus. In a poster presentation titled "Theoretical Studies of Silicon-Carbon Clusters," Magnus provided further details of the underlying quantum chemical calculations.

Don Pittman (Brite) recently had a sermon titled "All Things Work Together For Good" published in the July/August issue of *Pulpit Digest*. His book review of Robert C. Neville's book, *Behind the Masks of God: An Essay Toward Comparative Theology*, was published in the Spring issue of *Encounter*.

On Sept. 11, **Dale Young** (education) presented a program titled "Spirit at TCU-Behind the Scenes" to the Saturday TCU Women's Exes Club. He was assisted by students **Darek Heath** (band), **Tricia Grimes** and **LeAnn Sims** (cheer squad) and **Sean Kennally**, **Kelley Chisholm**, **Sally-Sue Wyatt**, **Lori Lessis** and **Ashley Appleton** (coed varsity cheer squad). Besides discussing the students' training, the participants "re-learned" the words and chant to the fight song.

Larry Peters (management) recently was elected to "Fellow" status by the American Psychological Society.

Funeral services for **Annette Meyers Planick** were held Sept. 13 at Greenwood Funeral Home. A native of Marshall and longtime Fort Worth resident, she taught music at Arlington Heights High School and in the TCU music department. The widow of New York attorney Charles Planick, she was a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers in addition to the Fort Worth Opera Association and Fort Worth Woman's Club. The family suggested that memorials be made to TCU's music department or Temple Beth El.

NOTES ON FOLKS:

The Student Affairs Staff Development Committee, chaired by **Kay Higgins** (residential living and housing), has honored several individuals and programs. Each year the committee reviews colleague nominations, makes final selections and hosts a recognition luncheon in May. "It is truly an honor to be nominated," Kay said, "because of the high quality of nominations in each category." The 1992-1993 recipients included **Susan Batchelor** and **Carol Ann Lane** (student activities) for outstanding involvement in the profession. **Linda Moore** (social work), **Jan Fox** (research and sponsored projects) and **Steve Winesett** (advancement, now at Millsaps College) shared the Elizabeth Youngblood Proffer Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Mission of Student Affairs.

Larry Withers (Counseling Center) received the research award, **John Butler** (University ministries) was given the community service award and **Nancy Grieser** and **James Smith** (residential living and housing) were recognized for special contributions. The award for outstanding achievement with less than two years of service went to **Monica Mendez-Grant** (student activities), with the more-than-two years counterpart honor going to **Cathi Wentworth** (alcohol and drug education). **Barbara Brown Herman** (interim dean of students) received the Thomas F. Richardson Award for Outstanding Contributions to the TCU Division of Student Affairs.

Award-winning programs cited by the committee were the TCU Challenge Course, a new program developed, introduced and coordinated by the alcohol and drug education and recreational sports offices and Colby Hall Halloween, a program of the residential living and housing office.

Three recent works by **Arturo Flores** (modern languages and literatures) have been published. They are "Chile: acerca de la relación teatro-sociedad," in *La Palabra y el Hombre* 81 (Enero-Marzo, 1992); "Juan A. Epple, Patricio Manns: *Actas del cazador en movimiento*," in *Chasqui* XXII (Mayo, 1993); and "Luis Valdez: *Zoot-Suit and Other Plays*," in *Latin American Theatre Review* 26/2 (Spring, 1993).

FACULTY, STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Formerly associated with Arthur Andersen & Co. in the area of computer risk management, **Satish Morar** assumed the position of technical services manager for Development Information Services on Sept. 1. He holds a B.B.A. degree in management information services from the University of Texas.

Chip Weiss, who joined the staff Sept. 1 as diving coach, formerly was coach and instructor of physical education at Ball State for four years. While there he had two Mid-American Conference champions and a number of NCAA zone qualifiers. The Ball State graduate earned a master's in sports administration at Northeast Missouri State University. In 1980 he was Indiana state high school diving champion and in 1991 was masters national champion on the one-meter springboard.

TCU IN THE NEWS

Painter **Pedro Cardenas** was the subject of a color photo in the Sept. 1 *Star-Telegram*. He was shown on a ladder at the stadium where preparations were being made for the football season opener.

John Stewart, emeritus associate professor of Old Testament, was the subject of a story that appeared Aug. 26 in the *Houston County Courier* from Crockett. Complemented by a photo, it detailed the Aug. 29 public event at the First Christian Church there celebrating of his 50 years of ministry.

"Students turning to volunteerism, altruistic careers" was the *Star-Telegram* headline story that quoted **Laura McGregor**, senior social work major. Inspired by her volunteer work to find similar employment after graduation, she has accompanied missionaries to Belize twice to take supplies to needy families.

Visiting engineers **Stefan Hillers** and **Manfred Zeidler** of Germany, along with **John Albright** (chemistry) and **Jim Williams** (research and sponsored projects) received attention in an article appearing in the *Star-Telegram's* Sept. 13-19 Tarrant Business section. In "German engineer to tinker with TCU equipment," Sandra Baker described their roles in the automation of the Gosting Diffusometer. Manfred told the reporter that the instrument now housed at the University is "the best optical diffusometer in the world" and explained that current liquid-diffusion studies conducted here could lead to a better understanding of the history of seas. **Mike Murdock** (research and sponsored projects), not mentioned, also is at work on the automation project.

TEACHING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Committee on Teaching, a Faculty Senate select group, will meet Oct. 6 at 3:30 p.m. in the Faculty Center. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the informal meeting for coffee and conversation focusing on "What Is the Place of Teaching at TCU?"

Committee members include Mike Brooks, Mike Dodson, Andy Fort, Bob Frye, Ellen Page Garrison, Donna Hall, Sanoa Hensley, Larry Kitchens, Kathleen Martin and Mark Thistlethwaite.

DIVING LESSONS BEGIN OCT. 2

Three diving classes will begin Oct. 2. The sessions will be for beginners at 10 a.m., intermediates at 10:45 a.m. and advanced-level divers at 11:30 a.m. Proper techniques and safety of springboard diving will be emphasized in the classes for those six and older.

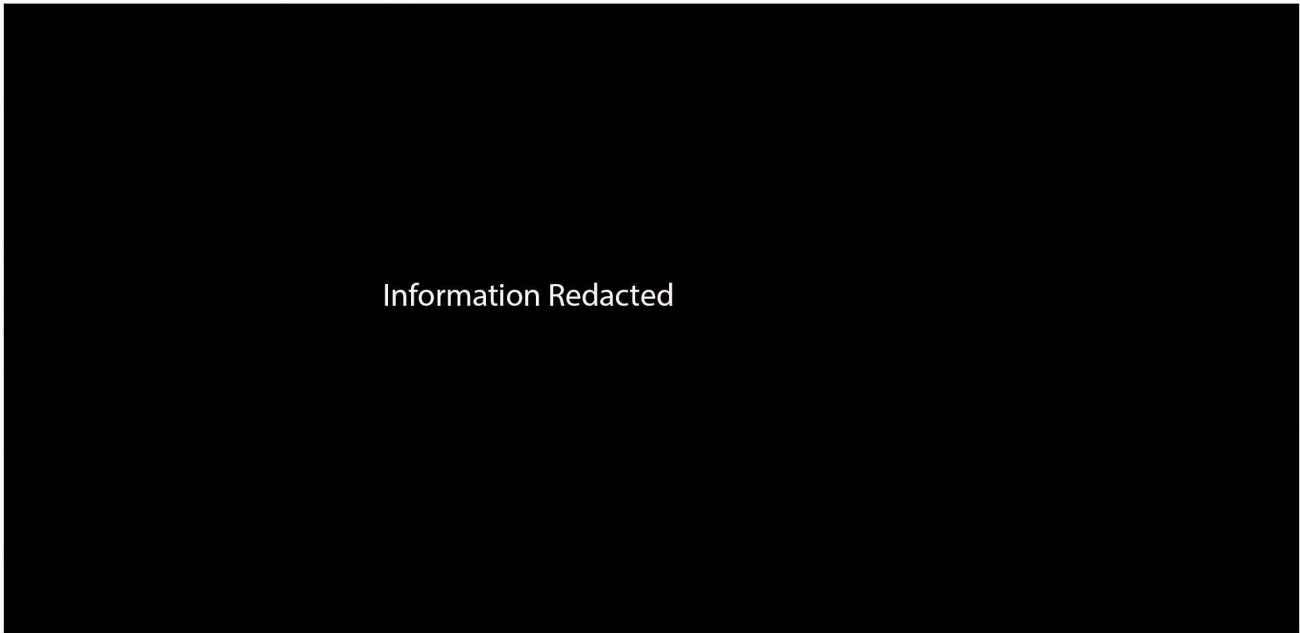
The fee for the public is \$38 per person with a \$4 discount for additional children. For faculty and staff members, the charge will be \$33 per person.

Information is available from Coach Chip Weiss at Ext. 7963. Registration can be made by check along with name, address, phone number and level of ability sent to Chip at Box 32924.

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 21 --Ballet and Modern Dance guest artist Bertha Garcia, founder/director of Ballet Folklorico Azteca, performs folklorico, 2 p.m., Ballet and Modern Dance Building Studio B. Free. Call Ext. 7615 for information.
- Brite Chapel, 11 a.m., Robert Carr Chapel.
- Sept. 22 --TCU Writing Center lecture on "Journal Writing Across the Curriculum" by Dr. Ellen Harrison, curriculum development specialist for the Harris County Department of Education and immediate past president of the Texas Council of Teachers of English, 1:15-4 p.m., Student Center Woodson Room. Ext. 7221.
- TCU Chapel, noon, Robert Carr Chapel.
- Sept. 23 --TCU Frog Club Luncheon, noon, University Christian Church. \$7. Ext. 7700.
- Sept. 24 --Free movie for students, faculty and staff: "A River Runs Through It," 9 p.m., Student Center ballroom.
- Sept. 24-25 --Clark Society "Southwest Fest" weekend celebrating TCU's heritage.
- Sept. 25 --Football, TCU vs. SMU, Amon Carter Stadium, 7:05 p.m. (subject to change). Reserved seats \$22, end zone \$12 (under 18, \$7). Ext. 7967.
- Sept. 27 --TCU Music Series cello recital by John Burton, Ed Landreth Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Free. Ext. 7810.
- Sept. 28 --TCU research lecture in mathematics, "Laplacians on Graphs," Professor Robin Forman, Rice University, 4 p.m., Winton-Scott Hall 145. Refreshments at 3:30 p.m. in Winton-Scott 171.
- TCU Woman's Club Welcoming Tea, 3 p.m., Chancellor's Dining Room, Brown-Lupton Student Center.

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FROM PHILMONT TO EVERYDAY LIFE, VETERAN EAGLE SCOUT CARRIES ON

Will Stallworth has been "where eagles soar" -- the rugged and beautiful Philmont Scout Ranch in southeastern New Mexico, a mecca and proving ground for thousands of Boy Scouts of America. The University's physical plant director is an Eagle Scout, the father of an Eagle Scout and a longtime adult Scouting volunteer. His wife, Connie, jokes about Will's long-deferred retirement from the organization.

A native of Marlin in Central Texas, he signed on as a Cub Scout in the late 1940s and advanced to Eagle rank by 1953. He earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1959 and in that year entered the U.S. Air Force for what would be a 30-year career. Later studies at Troy State University in Alabama and the University of Southern California resulted in two master's degrees -- in counseling and systems management. Following his retirement from the military at the rank of colonel, Will joined TCU's staff as director in 1989.

He has served the Longhorn Council, B.S.A., in various leadership roles and has overseen many of the activities of Troop 326 -- sponsored by Ridglea Presbyterian Church, where he is a member.

Will's son stayed with Scouting throughout his high school years, but this meant swimming against a strong current of peer disapproval. He and fellow Eagle Scout candidates managed to balance academic, athletic, social and Scouting activities, but logistical challenges were compounded by the pressure *not* to be Scouts. Will refers to survivors of the high school phase as "covert scouts." John Stallworth achieved Eagle rank in 1992 along with some 200 others in the Longhorn Council's jurisdiction. He entered his father's alma mater, Texas A&M, a year ago and chose to join its corps.

As a beneficiary agency of United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County, the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America is regarded a provider of crucial prevention programs under two youth-at-risk categories. Among recent council initiatives is an educational program through which more than 3,000 adult volunteers have studied ways to prevent the societal problem of child abuse. "Drugs: A Deadly Game" has reached Scouting units, classrooms and other audiences in the community with materials alerting young people to the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Under the leadership of an Hispanic district executive, the area council has expanded with the chartering of packs, troops and posts in Hispanic neighborhoods to offer an alternative to gang affiliation. Through the Dunbar Pyramid program, traditional Scouting is delivered in a non-traditional method by leaders who grew up in Fort Worth's Dunbar area. The Champions program extends the Scouting experience to individuals with handicaps.

Of the many other local and area volunteers who support the cause of the Boy Scouts of America through its Longhorn Council, Will says, "Busy people make time for involvement with worthwhile activities such as Scouting."

SOCIAL WORK STUDENT COMMITS ENERGY TO SUPPORT OF AIDS OUTREACH CENTER

In November and December of 1992 a display of panels prepared for the AIDS Memorial Quilt went on display in the Student Center ballroom. The poignant exhibition's stop at the University marked a turning point in the academic, career and voluntary commitments of at least one student.

Chicago native Alan Dettlaff, at the time a junior English major new to Fort Worth, spoke with representatives of Fort Worth's AIDS Outreach Center (AOC) who were visiting campus in conjunction with the display. "AIDS is something that has really affected my life," he said, noting that several of his close friends are dying of the disease. "I had wanted to do some work in an AIDS-related charity but didn't know about local organizations until the quilt display."

Alan followed through with a call to the center and enlisted in a buddy program through which volunteers are assigned to patients. Currently he works with a group of ten men who live at the Park Plaza Nursing Home and are in later stages of AIDS. He visits them, listens to them and organizes games, arts and crafts activities and VCR movie viewings. He is one constant in the lives of people who face death and receive few visitors.

He found the challenge of meeting the special needs of terminally ill individuals so compelling that he changed his major; Alan is now pursuing a degree in social work. Through David Jenkins, the faculty member who coordinates internships as well as volunteer placement, the senior student hopes to earn his professional experience hours through AOC and sees this as a natural progression from the volunteer involvement he initiated in 1992.

In a related program, Alan recently worked with educational coordinators for the Fort Worth/Tarrant County NAMES Project. He invited local school and university classes to tour the Sept. 17-19 "Fort Worth Remembers" quilt panel exhibition at Will Rogers Memorial Center. He also recruited volunteers from the University to serve as grief counselors and general assistants during the three-day event.

Established in 1986 as the Fort Worth Counseling Center, AOC originally was headquartered in two rooms of an old South Side house and staffed entirely by volunteers. In an essay chronicling the organization's first years, one writer noted that "the obstacles were enormous -- local denial of gay and AIDS issues, no significant financial resources, a limited volunteer base, frequent turnover and burnout in leadership, no long-range plan, and competing visions of what the organization should be."

Dramatic changes have occurred since then. A \$40,000 Texas Department of Health grant in 1987 was followed by major funding awards from agencies, foundations, businesses, industries and institutions. Inclusion in United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County signaled community backing. A growing army of professional staff members, volunteers, interns, individual donors, directors and advisors have enabled the center to expand its programs and serve as the primary organization in Tarrant County providing and coordinating services to men, women and children affected by AIDS. According to Executive Director Thomas Bruner, "it is with mixed emotion that we find ourselves stewards of the explosive growth of this organization. On one hand, such growth renders us better equipped to meet increased need and capable of reaching a wider audience. On the other, it reflects the frightening reality of the relentless growth of this epidemic. And in the latter, we find no joy or pride -- only sorrow."

In their mission statement, AIDS Outreach Center leaders emphasize that the agency "promotes compassionate, non-judgmental care and support." This also is the goal of Alan Dettlaff.