

BULLETIN

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TRADITIONAL EVENT WILL BE AUG. 22

The annual luncheon for faculty and University staff members marking the official opening of the institution's 119th year will be held Aug. 22. The event, a long-standing tradition, will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Center ballroom.

A time for renewing acquaintances and meeting new faculty and staff members, the luncheon will be presided over by Chancellor Bill Tucker. He along with Faculty Senate chairwoman Alice Gaul and House of Student Representatives president Ernie Ross will offer words of welcome.

New faculty and staff members will be introduced by Vice Chancellors Bill Koehler, Edd Bivin, Leigh Secrest, Peggy Barr and Bronson Davis.

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WRITING CENTER STILL GROWING

Despite a slight drop in enrollment, the Writing Center just keeps on growing. The center, directed by Christina Murphy, made almost 300 more contacts with students in the academic year 1990-91 than in 1989-90.

Computer hours were down, Christina said, from a total of 9,036.42 in 1989-90 to 8,775.93 in 1990-91, but contact hours rose from 7,638 in 1989-90 to 7,820 in the year just completed. Contact hours include workshops and classes, but about 80 percent of the hours are one-on-one tutoring. And that one-on-one contact continues to attract attention on and off campus.

A recent visitor to the Writing Center was Eric Hobson, a faculty member at the University of Tennessee who is conducting research on such centers nationwide. He was "extremely impressed" with TCU's facility, he told Christina, adding that it is exceptional to find a writing center staffed by professionals whose service there is a primary job. He has found that most centers are staffed by part-timers or graduate students.

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WRITING CENTER (continued)

A breakdown of student use of the Writing Center by major shows that, understandably, 1,391 of the center's contacts were with pre-majors, followed by 858 English majors. Next came psychology, 319; political science, 266; marketing, 257; elementary education, 245; business administration, 199; biology, 197; radio-tv-film, 182; speech pathology, 149; history, 148; finance and public relations-advertising, 142 each; accounting, 140; secondary education, 129; art history, 127; speech communication, 126; journalism/broadcast journalism, 122; and physical education, 106. Other contacts totaled fewer than 100 per major.

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AUGUST 'INTERMISSION' HOURS SET

With the second five-week term ending Friday and the 1991-92 year opening Aug. 22, hours have been altered for the "intermission" for the Rickel Building, Student Center, Marriott Food Services and Mary Couts Burnett Library. These include the following:

Rickel Building

Offices: Aug. 9: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Aug. 12-16: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Aug. 19-23: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Recreation facilities: Aug. 9-25: closed

Student Center

Aug. 11: closed
 Aug. 14-15, 18-22, 25-29, Sept. 1:
 7 a.m.-10 p.m. (Sunday-Thursday)
 Aug. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31: 7 a.m.-
 midnight (Friday-Saturday)
 Reading room and lounge: Beginning Aug. 26: 10 p.m.- midnight

Marriott

Snack Bar: Aug. 9-19: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Snack Bar or other center: Aug. 24-25: 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Aug. 26: 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
 Pizza Hut: Aug. 26: 11 a.m.- midnight

Library

Aug. 9: 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Aug. 10-11: closed
 Aug. 12-16: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Aug. 17-18: closed
 Aug. 19-23: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Aug. 24-25: closed
 Aug. 26: 7:45 a.m.-11:45 p.m.

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BULLETIN WILL BE 'WEEKLY' AGAIN

Beginning with the Aug. 20 issue, the Bulletin will resume its "weekly" status. Material to be considered for publication should be in the News Service office, Sadler Hall 321, before noon on the preceding Wednesday.

AUG. 15 SET FOR AUTOGRAPH PARTY

The publication of "Hell's Half Acre: The Life and Times of a Red-Light District" will be celebrated at an Aug. 15 autograph party. Hosted by TCU Press, which just recently published the work by alumnus Richard F. Selcer of Fort Worth, the 5-7 p.m. event will be held at Thistle Hill, 1509 Pennsylvania.

Hell's Half Acre, a study of the famed area located in the south end of Fort Worth's downtown area near where the Convention Center now stands, flourished in the late 19th Century. Visitors to the area included the most famous and infamous Westerners -- Timothy (Longhair Jim) Courtright, Luke Short, Bat Masterson, Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Sam Bass, Mary Porter, Etta Place, Butch Cassidy and his Wild Bunch.

Controversial in its heyday and now brought new attention by such movies as "Lonesome Dove," Hell's Half Acre remains the subject of debate among historians and researchers. Selcer, who earned the Ph.D. here in 1980, successfully separates fact from fiction, myth from reality, in this study. TCU Press has issued the volume in both hard and paperback editions.

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SENIOR TO SING IN GRANBURY

Gary Hires, senior music education major, will present a recital at noon Aug. 13 at Chrysalis House, 307 E. Pearl St. in Granbury. A Haltom High School graduate who has attended TCU on a choral scholarship, Gary will be accompanied by Scott Carrell of Granbury. The recital is open to the public at no charge.

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EIGHT M.L.A. CLASSES SLATED

If you long to share your own life story with the world, you can learn to do it right this fall in "Life-Writing: Writing Autobiography," one of eight Master of Liberal Arts classes in the fall curriculum. Taught by rhetorician Win Horner from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, the class will be limited to 15 students. Information is available at Ext. 7515.

Other courses beginning the week of Aug. 26 include "Physical Fitness as a Lifestyle," taught by Joel Mitchell from 6 to 8:40 p.m. Mondays; "Place, Displacement, Nostalgia and Memory in Recent American Culture," taught from 6:30 to 9:10 p.m. Mondays by Jim Corder; "Bioethical Issues of Modern Society," Alice Gaul of Harris College of Nursing, 6:30-9:10 p.m. Tuesdays; "Adult Development and Transitions," 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Vice Chancellor Peggy Barr, Associate Vice Chancellor Don Mills and Jack Scott, director of counseling; "Interpreting India: Sacred and Secular Media and Messages," Andy Fort of religion-studies and Anantha Babbili of journalism, 6:30-9:10 p.m. Wednesdays; and "Rise and Fall of Positivist Philosophy," Spencer Wertz of philosophy, 6:30-9:10 p.m. Thursdays.

A day course in "ArtSense: An Exploration of Contemporary Arts" will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Sept. 24 to Dec. 10. The class, taught by Sharon Benge, who has headed both Casa Manana Playhouse and Shakespeare in the Park, aims at teaching participants what to look for and listen to when attending arts performances.

FACULTY, STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Currently completing the Ph.D. at the University of Texas at Arlington, BRENDA MOORE will join the social work faculty in August as lecturer. A community development officer of the City of Arlington since 1989, she completed the B.S.W. here in 1982 and the M.S.S.W. at UTA in 1986. She formerly was director of social services and day care for the Salvation Army for three years.

Twenty years ago JOHN BURTON began his cello studies with longtime music teacher HARRIET RISK WOLDT. This year he joins the music faculty fulltime as associate professor, teaching cello in place of the recently retired Woldt. John earned both bachelor and Master of Music degrees in 1979 at Rice, where he was on the President's List and graduated cum laude. He was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of Rice in 1987, the same year he earned the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California.

SUSAN RUSH, whose professional acting experience ranges from drama to musical roles with Gwen Verdon, Van Johnson, Jane Powell, Howard Keel, Kitty Carlisle and Barry Manilow, will join the theatre faculty in August as assistant professor. On the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, she is a graduate of Mansfield (PA) University and earned the Master of Fine Arts in acting and directing from the University of Arizona. She appeared on Broadway in "Knickerbocker Holiday" with Richard Kiley, off Broadway in "The Drunkard" with Manilow and has been featured soloist at Radio City Music hall, including an appearance with Vincent Price in observance of the United Nations' 25th anniversary.

Two appointments in admissions became effective July 1. KAREN LIND, TCU alumna who had been an admissions counselor since 1985, was named associate director/coordinator of freshman admissions. Information services manager was added to MIKE CAPPO's title as assistant director. Holder of degrees from Oklahoma's East Central University and Southwestern Theological Seminary, he joined the admissions staff in 1989.

CARLOS LAIRD, assistant director of admissions since 1988, has resigned to pursue graduate studies here. On Aug. 1 he assumed his position as residence director in Milton Daniel Hall.

Director of extended education since 1988, DEREK SKAGGS now is also assistant dean of admissions. The two-time graduate of the University of Alabama in Birmingham assumed the additional position on July 1. Before coming to TCU he was community service coordinator and then director of continuing education at Southern Arkansas University for four years.

MARY ALICE OATMAN, extended education's director of community and professional programs since 1985, was named interim assistant director of extended education effective July 1. Holder of bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas Tech and TCU, respectively, she joined the division's staff in 1980.

SANDRA TOBIAS, administrative assistant in graduate studies for six years, became financial aid adviser in the scholarships and financial aid division on July 25. The two-time TCU graduate first joined the staff with TAGER-TV in 1979.

DALLAS EVENT TO BE TOMORROW

The upcoming sports seasons as well as the environment of intercollegiate athletics will be discussed by a TCU foursome tomorrow at an event for alumni and friends of the University. Sponsored by the TCU Dallas Association, the forum at Bent Tree County Club will feature Athletic Director Frank Windegger and coaches Jim Wacker, Lance Brown and David Rubinson.

Reservations, set at \$17.50 each, can be made through the alumni office for the 6:30 p.m. reception, silent auction and Mexican buffet at 7:30 p.m.

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NOTES ON FOLKS

Environmentalism LEO NEWLAND is among those named to Gov. Ann Richards' committee on base closing in Texas. The initial meeting of economic, business and civil leaders, complemented by a small and select group of academicians, was held recently in Austin. The governor's expressed intent is to streamline state regulation on the environment.

Sympathy is extended to PAT ALSUP, secretary to Associate Vice Chancellor Ann Gee, whose granddaughter, Lora Donaldson, was one of two girls who died in a July 19 church bus wreck on the way home from a church youth conference near Nashville, TN. Services were held July 23 at St. Luke Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth. Lora lived with the Alsups.

Sympathy is extended to JOHN OHENDALSKI (editorial services) on the death of his mother-in-law, Norma Layton. Funeral services for the lifelong Fort Worth resident were conducted July 30.

Funeral services were conducted July 17 at the First United Methodist Church of Elkhart for Anna Lee Leifeste, widow of the late SAM A.D. LEIFESTE, member of the business faculty in 1956-70. A Fort Worth resident for 35 years, she died July 7. Three daughters, including Sharon Leifeste of Fort Worth, and two sons survive.

GILBERT DAVIS JR. (church relations) was guest leader/preacher for the Education Event for Stewardship Leaders, sponsored by the Ecumenical Center for Stewardship Studies on behalf of churches in Canada and the United States. It was held July 7-12 at Trinity Center in Salter Path, NC.

MICHAEL MECKNA (music) recently served as a reviewer of proposals submitted to the preservation program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

CHRISTINA MURPHY (Writing Center) presented a paper on "The Writing Center and Social Constructionist Theory" at the Penn State Conference on Rhetoric and Composition in State College, PA.

GEORGE GILBERT (mathematics) was appointed recently to the advisory panel to the Committee on American Mathematics Competitions. The panel assists in making up questions for the various national secondary school mathematics contests.

CONSERVATION IS RANCH TOPIC

Ranch Conservation and Development will be the fall semester study for the Ranch Management evening class. Taught by Jim Link and Nick Wilson, classes will meet from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Aug. 27. Registration information is available at Ext. 7145.

Topics for the conservation class will include ecology of soil, plant and animal development; evaluating inherent productivity of land; soil characteristics which respond to management; soil erosion by wind and water; soil conservation and management practices; planning and construction of fences, corrals and working facilities; and planning and development of water facilities and buildings.

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PAGEMAKER SESSION SET

Journalist Jerry Grotta will conduct a day-long session on the use of Aldus Pagemaker Sept. 18 for all interested persons. Cost for the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. class will be \$50. Reservations may be made by contacting Susan Bonin in the Office of Extended Education, Ext. 7130. Off-campus participants also will be welcome.

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CLASSIFIED:

FOR SALE: Bassett baby crib, high quality and excellent condition; \$125, including mattress pad and bumper pads. 294-1938.

FOR SALE: Doctoral robe and gown, 924-1057.

LOVING HOME WANTED: For a six-month-old spaniel/collie; this artic-white colored pup with sandy colored ears is playful, likes to take walks and is accustomed to A/C during hot weather. Call Ext. 6741 and ask for Sandy or phone 367-2979.

HOUSE TO LEASE: At 2501 Ryan Place Drive, five bedrooms, two and one-half baths, two-car garage, two large living areas, formal dining, wood burning fireplace, ceiling fans, large double lot; 3,200 square feet; \$1,325 per month. Call 924-0274.

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FREE TO GOOD HOME: Gentle house cat, carrier included. Call Ext. 7469.

FREE KITTENS AVAILABLE: Mostly black, want a loving home; already litter-box trained. Call Mercedes at Ext. 6557.

HOUSE FOR LEASE OR SALE: Two-bedroom, one-bath house for rent across from Worth Hills. Call Sally at 478-3276.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: Kitchen, dining-living room, bedroom and bath; four blocks from TCU. Call 921-0064.