

TCU THIS WEEK



EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR THE TCU COMMUNITY

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Commencement plans under way for Dec. 21; speaker is religion prof David Grant

Approximately 500 students are expected to receive degrees during Fall Commencement, set for 1 p.m. Dec. 21 in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. That number includes August graduates who are eligible to participate if they choose to do so.

Guest speaker will be **Dr. C. David Grant**, TCU associate professor of religion, who also will receive the T.A. Abbott Award for Faculty Excellence. The presentation will be made by Dr. Dennis Landon, president, Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The award is the most prestigious recognition given by that body to members of faculties of Disciples-related colleges and universities across the nation.

Linda Hughes (English), chief marshal for Commencement, has asked faculty, vice chancellors and all staff with advanced degrees (employed on at least a three-quarter time basis) to march in the faculty procession for the upcoming ceremony.

Regalia ordered from Graduation Services must be picked up at the Coliseum between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

On Commencement day, graduates and marshals will line up in the north concourse of the Coliseum at 12:15 p.m. Other faculty and staff will line up at 12:30 p.m. About 18 volunteers are needed to serve as ushers at Commencement. Ushers need to be at the Coliseum by 11:30 a.m. that Saturday to hand out programs to attendees.

Ushers will be free to leave by 1:30 p.m. Family members of the University community, including spouses and teenaged children are encouraged to volunteer. Call **Nancy Styles** (special projects) at ext. 7808. ♦

College of Health and Human Sciences establishes School of Nurse Anesthesia

TCU'S COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES has established a School of Nurse Anesthesia that will enable students to earn the master of science in nurse anesthesia and, upon graduation, take an exam to become certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA). Applications for the 28-month, full-time degree program are currently being accepted. *

Up to 80 students will be accepted into the

program the first year, which will begin classes in Fall 2003. Applicants must have a bachelor of science degree, be a Texas-licensed registered nurse and have at least one year of critical care experience. Cost for the program, including tuition and fees, is approximately \$35,000.

"About 65 percent of all anesthesia administered in the U.S. is delivered by nurse anesthetists," says **Rhonda Keen-Payne** (dean, College of Health and Human Sciences). "Hospitals today face an extreme shortage of CRNAs. Establishing this school at TCU will alleviate some of that pressure.

"The program in nurse anesthesia will also encourage young students to pursue nursing as a career. Many students will be attracted to the general field because of the status of nurse anesthesia. Some of these students will become excellent RNs and find their niche in other high-shortage areas such as pediatric and adult critical care," Rhonda adds.

During the first year of the degree program students will study physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology and chemistry. During the final year, students will complete clinical residencies at hospitals under the supervision of certified registered nurse anesthetists or doctors. Each student will be required to manage approximately 600 anesthesia patient cases before graduation.

The TCU School of Nurse Anesthesia will be one of a handful of programs in the Southwest offering a path to certification in nurse anesthesia. After the first year, the school plans to admit up to 100 students every year. For more information, call ext. 6749, or visit their Web site at www.crna.tcu.edu/.

* pending approval by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs ♦

Ring in the New Year with Horned Frog football and a celebration in Memphis!

THE HORNED FROGS ARE HEADED FOR their fifth straight bowl game after accepting a bid to play Colorado State in the 44th annual Liberty Bowl Dec. 31 in Memphis, TN. Kickoff is at 2:30 p.m.

Help continue TCU's bowl tradition and be there for the celebration by purchasing

EVENTS

Dec. 9

TCU Wind Symphony's best performance by the Greater Dallas Wind Symphony, Bobby R. Francis and David Kehler conducting, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

Dec. 9-13

BFA graphic art exhibit, University Art Gallery.***

Dec. 11

University Band Concert, **Ross Grant** conducting, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium.*

Last day of classes for fall semester.

Dec. 14

Men's Basketball vs. Louisiana Monroe, 1:05 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Women's Basketball vs. Oklahoma, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Dec. 16

Carols by Candlelight with the TCU Chapel choir directed by **Shirley Hall** and organ accompanist **Joseph Butler**, 7:30 p.m., Robert Carr Chapel. Cider served outside on the steps afterwards.

Dec. 17

Late Night Study Breakfast, 10:30 p.m. - midnight, The Main.

Dec. 21

Commencement, 1 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

University closed for holidays.

*Call the School of Music at ext. 7602.

**Call the athletic ticket office at ext. 7967.

***Call the dept. of art/art history at ext. 7643.

your tickets through the TCU Athletics ticket office. Order online at www.gofrogs.com or call 817-257-FROG. Tickets are \$40 and must be ordered by Dec. 16 to be mailed.

Anthony Travel, Inc. is TCU's official travel company for the Liberty Bowl. Call 800-736-6377 or go to www.anthonyttravel.com/tcu.cfm and choose an airline/hotel package. Or if you're driving to the game, opt for a great land package. Anthony can create an itinerary that fits any schedule. No matter how you get there, wear purple and join the TCU contingent for these exclusive Horned Frog travel features:

■ Three hotels for Frog Fans: (The Peabody, Radisson Downtown and

(Turn to **Memphis** on Page 2)

(from Theatre on front)

Holiday Inn Select Airport)

■ Liberty Bowl parade and private party at Rum Boogie Café and Mr. Handy's Blues Hall along historic Beale Street

■ Purple-powered pep rally in the Peabody Place Mall

■ Liberty Bowl's official tailgate party and battle of the bands outside the stadium

■ Family-friendly New Year's Eve party and reception at The Peabody Hotel after the game. ♦

RADKids class to be offered in January

TCU STAFF ASSEMBLY IS SPONSORING a free RADKids class to the children of faculty, staff and students. The comprehensive, foundational safety education program is designed for children 5-10, to help them recognize potential hazards and provide realistic options for effective response.

Class will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturdays from Jan. 18 - Feb. 22 at the University Recreation Center.

Specific topics include home safety, school safety, out-and-about safety, vehicle safety, stranger tricks (including physical defense against abduction), personal safety and self-realization of personal power.

For more information, or to register, call **Hao Tran** at ext. 7778. ♦

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Sing in the season with a night of traditional music

THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY COMES together to celebrate the holiday season with Carols by Candlelight, set for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16 in Robert Carr Chapel. The event is an annual campus tradition, begun more than 25 years ago.

University organist **Joe Butler** will play and has arranged the musical program, which includes the congregation singing traditional Christmas hymns. There also will be a scripture reading and music by the TCU Chapel choir, directed by **Sheri Nell**.

Hot cider will be served outside on the chapel steps after the service. ♦

TCU This Week taking a holiday break until Jan. 13

THE UNIVERSITY WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 24 through Jan. 1, and will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2. Like most of the campus, *TCU This Week* will take a break for the holiday season.

Today's is the last issue until publication resumes Monday, Jan. 13. Copy deadline for that issue is Wednesday, Jan. 8. ♦

Faculty/staff will serve breakfast to studybugs

TCU'S TRADITIONAL LATE NIGHT breakfast for students during Finals Week will be held from 10:30 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, Dec. 17 in The Main. This is the 24th year for the annual event.

Servers for the breakfast buffet include Chancellor **Michael R. Ferrari**, along with vice chancellors, faculty and staff. Santa and Mrs. Claus, in the persons of **Howard** and **Mildred Payne**, also will make an appearance. Cost of the meal is \$3.50.

For more information, contact **Tracy Tucker** at ext. 3080. ♦

Nominees for Distinguished Student being accepted

EACH YEAR THE TCU ALUMNI Association honors a junior or senior for their academic performance and service to the University and community. A National Alumni Board committee selects the winner for recognition during Homecoming the following fall.

Faculty and staff who would like to nominate a student with high academic achievement and outstanding service should contact **Kevin Nicoletti** at ext. 5039 or e-mail him by Dec. 20. Please include the student's name, address, phone number and two or three sentences about his or her attributes. ♦

WEDDING

Congratulations to **Cathy Reagan** (advancement) who was married Dec. 7 to Scott Sheffield. The wedding took place at McKinney Memorial Bible Church where the couple met.

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to **John Giammalva** (residential services) on the death of his father, Charles Jerome Giammalva, Nov. 25 in Fort Worth. Services were held Nov. 27 at Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Robert Demaree** (emeritus prof. of psychology) who passed away Dec. 1. Memorial service was Dec. 4 at Greenwood Chapel in Fort Worth.

Condolences to **Mark Mourer** (Frog Club) and his wife, Kelly, on the death of her father, Wayne Chandler, Dec. 2 in Fort Worth. Services were held Dec. 6 in St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

CLASSIFIED

FOR HIRE: Need house cleaning or holiday help? Call Dresden Sitton (**Spencer Wertz's** niece) at 817-732-8486.

FOR RENT: Two bdrm., one bath house, utility/workroom and small yard, close to campus in nice neighborhood. Call 817-444-0849 and leave name and number.

HOUSEKEEPER looking to add clients. Five years professional experience, highly motivated. Free estimates. Call Elizabeth Rodriguez at 817-875-1273.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Dec. 4. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Chancellor - Office of the Chancellor
Accompanist/Ballet/Temporary staff - Ballet/
Modern Dance

Postdoctoral Fellow - Chemistry
Executive Director - University Career Services
Equipment Manager - Athletics
Director Fraternity & Sorority Affairs - Campus Life
Hall Director III - Residential Services
Administrative Assistant - Athletics
Administrative Assistant - Leadership Gifts/
University Advancement
Administrative Assistant - 50% - University
Advancement

Security Guard - Police Department
EMCS Technician - Physical Plant
Service Assistant - Facility Services
Service Assistant - Residential Services
Service Assistant-50% - Facility Services

Gardening tip from Robert Sulak in physical plant: Gardening books, magazines and accessories make excellent gifts for Christmas and will be appreciated throughout the year.



HORNED FROGS ON A MISSION

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The Printing Services staff, from left to right: Tim Ybarra, Cheryl Kuzmich, Howard Horne, Cindy Matthews, Bob Goode, Glen Bradford and Joe Lusk

The staff of Printing Services

Their combined length of service in the printing, copying and customer service industry totals more than 100 years. Maybe that helps explain the "Don't worry about a thing, we'll take care of it" attitude that the printing staff uses to calm the stressed-out, on-a-deadline masses who appear on their doorstep daily, projects in hand.

Joe Lusk produces over seven million copies annually out of the printing services copy center. Howard Horne handles pre-press work and Tim Ybarra is the pressman as the two coordinate offset printing projects such as colorful letterhead, envelopes, brochures, business cards and newsletters. Cindy Matthews is at the hub of the activity, keeping projects sorted out and moving in the right direction. Bob Goode manages Frog Prints for student copying needs, while Cheryl Kuzmich operates the copy center in Dan Rogers Hall that serves the Neeley School.

"I can't say enough about how great a team I have," says Glen Bradford, manager. "Each person does an excellent job and is committed to providing the best product and service to the TCU community."

Cheers:

To **Abraham Z. Walker** (physical plant) who maintains Web pages for his local Catholic community around Stephenville where he lives. He voluntarily covers the activities of parishes in Erath and Comanche Counties, updating the information two or three times each week. "It's not much," says Abraham, "but at least I'm doing something for the community at large."





Darlene Housewright

Administrative & Telecommunications Assistant, Business Services

Darlene Housewright probably has more than her share of on-campus "phone friends" ... the people she knows by name and voice, but not necessarily by sight. As administrative and telecommunications assistant in Business Services, she is the first line of defense for faculty and staff for all telephone and voicemail problems.

She also works with students during check-in and check-out and helps process hundreds of requests. Darlene also maintains TCU's 911 database which means she knows when new employees arrive and others move to a different phone extension and phones are relocated. Keeping that information current requires meticulous attention to detail, since each change must be entered into the 911 system.

For more than 20 years, Darlene has worked alongside Jill Laster although their careers have evolved in the meantime. "Darlene attacks problems from the customer's perspective and tries to find a solution or a resource that works best for the customer, instead of just identifying the easiest solution for the system," says Jill. "She is a wonderful asset to TCU."



Kerry Bouchard

Library Systems Administrator

Tucked away in the basement of the library, behind the elevator shaft, Kerry Bouchard has his fingers on the master controls of Mary Couts Burnett's entire system of computers. It's not just the machines used by the facility's 60-plus staff either. It's also the library Web site and links from the online catalog of library materials.

You might say Kerry's job takes up where the old-fashioned card catalog left off. "Everything we do has an electronic interface to it," he explains. A 1984 graduate of TCU (majoring in English and journalism), he got a master's degree at the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop and returned to the TCU campus 15 years ago ... hired in a team of six who converted the library's card catalog to a computerized system. (He also got a master's degree in library science at UNT in 1998.)

"The library simply could not operate without Kerry keeping us up-to-date and functioning," says Barbara Standlee. "He is always accommodating and patient, and has a wonderfully droll sense of humor that keeps us all amused when his duties allow him to share his wit with us."

Cheers:

To **Diane Edwards**, data control specialist in Human Resources. "Diane is a conscientious and efficient worker. Her work impacts Payroll in every phase and she makes sure that all her input is 100% accurate," says co-worker Josie Benitez. "Diane comes to work with a positive attitude and it is a pleasure working with a woman like her!"

OUR MISSION:

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