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PUBLICATION OF THE SPRING 2009 CLASS SCHEDULES HAS BEEN DELAYED

The administration is still finalizing teaching assignments for the Spring 2009 trimester. Until this is done, the registrar is unable to build the SP-09 class schedules. However, registration will begin as scheduled on Monday, November 17th. The procedures are outlined below.

Straight Schedule Students

Come in and fill out your registration form as usual. As per the registrar office's normal procedure, each registration form will be date and time stamped. Registration forms for each trimester will be kept in the order in which they are received. Once the fall schedule is available, students in the trimesters with multiple lab sections will be advised to come by the registrar's offices to provide your lab section preference. Labs will be assigned on a "first come/First serve" basis based on when the original registration forms were received.

Mixed Schedule Students

Come in and fill out your registration form and place your name on a list to have a schedule made. This will allow the registrar to do the preliminary work necessary prior to building your class schedule. Once the fall schedule is available, schedules for mixed students will be made

Career Day A Success *TCC Career Day Held on Nov. 1*



Dr. Martha Friesen was among the many faculty members and volunteers to meet with prospective students at Career Day on Nov. 1.

Texas Chiropractic College's fall Career Day was held on November 1 and was another success. Prospective students and their guests spent a day at TCC learning more about the school and meeting faculty, staff and current students.

"I'd like to thank everyone in the TCC family who gave up their Saturday to help make career day such a positive experience," said Dr. Sandra Hughes, Director of Admissions, following the event.

Speaking with the campus visitors were TCC President, Dr. Richard G. Brassard, TCC Vice President for

Student Services, Dr. Steven Haslund, and TCC faculty members, Dr. Steve Elliott, Dr. Kenneth Sorrels, Dr. Martha Friesen, Dr. Victor Benavides, Dr. Adraine Mosely, Dr. Brian Batenchuk, and Karen Shaw.

The Ambassadors and many of the student clubs were well represented. Additional student volunteers were also on hand to help the day's activities run smoothly.

With the success of recent Career Days, the Office of Admissions is organizing future open house receptions for prospective students beginning in late January.

in the order in which they placed their name on the list.

The administration regrets the inconvenience this may cause but, due to the circumstances, the delay

in providing class schedules is unavoidable.

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In Memoriam: William Harris

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sition to teach X-ray technology at the school. He met his wife, the former Jo Allen, during this period, and then was offered a position with an established chiropractor in Springfield, Missouri. After marrying and receiving a license to practice in Georgia, Dr. Harris moved first to Atlanta and then to McDonough. The couple then went to Albany, Georgia to open a private practice, and Dr. Harris was well known throughout the area for many years. He encouraged several members of his family to enter the chiropractic profession, and there are now more than a dozen of them practicing in Georgia.

While in Albany Dr. Harris was involved in a number of local businesses and had a radio show where he promoted the benefits of chiropractic. He was Secretary of the Board of Deacons of the Albany First Baptist Church, Superintendent of the Young People's Department of the church, and member of the Board of the Salvation Army. He served as Secretary of the Albany Lions club, and later became District Governor and later Chairman of Governors. Dr. Harris was active in the Boy Scouts of Dougherty County and served on the Safety Council of the Dougherty County Court system. He also began a campaign to aid and support battered women. For many years Dr. Harris flew one of his own planes across the United States to speak at seminars and to lecture at colleges. In the 1970's Dr. Harris established a group of business management seminars which grew into Practice Consultants, Inc. This company offered lessons in office management to hundreds of chiropractors throughout the United States. There are many chiropractors successfully practicing today who were students at these seminars.

During the late 1980's, Dr. Harris founded a non-profit foundation whereby he could donate to chiropractic research as well as colleges and institutions. The organization, Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education, has given more than \$ 11,000,000 to these causes. There are buildings bearing Dr. Harris' name in Pasadena, Texas, St. Louis, Missouri, Davenport, Iowa, and in Bloomington, Minnesota where the just completed Wolfe-Harris Center for Excellence will be dedicated in 2009.

After the death of his wife Dr. Harris relocated to Atlanta where he invested in real estate and various other business ventures. He served as president of his foundation and was involved in numerous activities.

In 2004 Dr. Harris played a critical part in the restructuring and rebuilding of Life University when the school was on the verge of losing its accreditation under the old leadership. His foundation provided the necessary funding to attract and retain the new president and executive staff of Life, as well as the student population. Dr. Harris' leadership on the Board of Trustees of Life University helped insure the ongoing growth and financial stability of the institution.

More recently the name of the foundation was changed to The William M. Harris Family Foundation, a move which more adequately reflected the scope of his philanthropy. Dr. Harris is survived by a son, Tom Harris of Big Canoe, and a daughter, Beverly Logan of Lakemont, Georgia, as well as a granddaughter and grandson.

I am saddened to announce that Texas Chiropractic College has lost a dear friend, and that chiropractic education has lost one of its strongest supporters. This past Sunday, Dr. William M. Harris, for whom our administration building is named, passed away at this residence in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Harris' involvement with TCC goes back to 1991, when Dr. Shelby Elliott, then president, turned to Dr. Harris to help fund several initiatives that would help bring the college back from its worse organizational crisis ever. On the occasion of Dr. Elliott's retirement celebration, Dr. Harris mused that, "We met at one of the other chiropractic colleges during a meeting of the college presidents, and you introduced yourself to me by saying, "Hello, I am Dr. Elliott, Captain of the Titanic." Dr. Elliott recalls that the college was in dire financial condition at the time, and Dr. Harris gave us a grant of \$15,000 to fund the creation of a ten-year plan to make the college successful. The college administration used the money to create and implement a recovery plan that worked very well under Dr. Elliott's leadership. Dr. Harris later recalled that he was so impressed with the improvements TCC had made with this original grant that he followed through with another grant in the amount of \$140,000.

I was a member of the TCC board when Dr. Harris stepped forward with another grant to help make possible the construction of our new administration building in 1998. The William M. Harris Administration Building is the largest and structure that bears his name and one that he was very proud of. He visited our campus several times and inspired students with his stories of chiropractic and his confidence that they would have a bright future as doctors. Over the



President's Message

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years, Dr. Harris and his Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education made grants to Texas Chiropractic College of \$480,000.

Bill Harris was one of those once-in-a-lifetime characters that you get to meet in life's journey. He certainly was a prominent member of the national chiropractic family, and will be sorely missed by all of us who knew him and respected his love and support for chiropractic education.

I thought you might appreciate a glimpse into the life of this truly memorable man, so I thought I would close with a brief biography of him.

Best Regards,

Richard G. Brassard, D.C.

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Born on July 28, 1918 in Opelika, Alabama to John T. and Mary Harris, William McTyeire Harris was the third child of the couple. He was born on the 2,000 acre family farm which had originally been purchased from the Creek Indians. Dr. Harris' ancestors were from England but had settled in North Carolina where they

were planters. His great grandfather was one of 5 sons of the group who migrated to Alabama and established the farms in Opelika.

During his early years, Dr. Harris' family was engaged in cotton farming, when "cotton was King", but in the mid-1920's cotton prices began to sink and many of the adjoining farms went bankrupt. Dr. Harris' father was able to hold on for several years, but his health deteriorated and he gradually succumbed during the early days of the Depression and passed away shortly thereafter. Dr. Harris, who was attending Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, was forced to return home to help run the farm, which remains in the family to this day.

Dr. Harris had earlier seen his father recover from serious illness by means of a chiropractor, and was determined to enter the profession. His family was able to get \$ 500 together for the 3 year tuition, and sent a small amount of money each month, which Dr. Harris supplemented by working nights and weekends. One of his fondest memories was that he was soon able to repay all of the money that had been sent to him.

Upon graduation from Palmer College Dr. Harris was offered a po-
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Around Campus...

SABCA Sponsoring Toy & Food Drive

The SABCA will be sponsoring a toy and food drive in support of the Bridge Over Troubled Waters Women's Shelter in Pasadena. The drive will begin on November 12 at 11 a.m. and will continue every day during lunch through December 9. Preferred items are canned goods (including corn, green beans, carrots, mixed vegetables, etc.) and new toys. For more information about this program, please contact Tellis Broussard at tellis.broussard@tcstudent.net.

The Bridge was incorporated in 1978 as a non-profit shelter program offering a family-like atmosphere for women and children in crisis situations. Today, it is one of the largest crisis centers in Texas serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and homelessness. The Bridge provides shelter programs, education and prevention services, crisis counseling and advocacy, and other vital support options to more than 20,000 people annually.

Internal Giving Campaign

The Office of Institutional Advancement is currently focusing on the Internal Campaign for Texas Chiropractic College. The goal of the Internal Campaign is to achieve 100% participation from faculty and staff in our fundraising efforts. We are continually asking alumni, foundations, corporate sponsors and community businesses to give to our annual fund. When these potential donors ask what kind of giving we have on campus, we must be able to tell them that 100% of faculty and staff give back to the College.

The amount you give is not as important as your participation. Faculty and staff are asked to give at a level that is comfortable for them to the annual fund. Attractive TCC gifts are given to donors at various levels. Please help us in our efforts to reach the goal of 100% participation by August 31, 2009. Act now and receive your year-end tax deduction for 2008. Thank you in advance for your participation and for helping make a difference at TCC. If you have any questions, please contact, Debbie Salisbury, Director of Development at 281-998-6085 or dsalisbury@txchiro.edu

REMINDER STUDENTS: Please Activate Your TCC E-mail

The IT department would like to remind all TCC students to activate their official school e-mail addresses ASAP, if they have not already done so. Per the announcement posted on Blackboard, ***the student e-mail system will be considered the college's official means of communication with you.*** The new system may be accessed via Blackboard or directly at <http://mail1.tccstudent.net>. For details about checking your e-mail for the first time, please review the announcement on Blackboard dated Sept. 8, 2008. Students are strongly encouraged to check their e-mail on a daily basis. If you have any problems you can call the IT department help desk @ 281.998.5757 from off campus, or x 5757 from on campus phones.

*****PLEASE LOGIN TO THE STUDENT E-MAIL SYSTEM AND CHANGE YOUR PASSWORD*****

Extra Credit Opportunity for Students During Phonathon

Beginning December 3rd, the Office of Institutional Advancement will begin conducting the phonathon to solicit funds for White Coats, Scholarships and to increase bank draft donations. All students are encouraged to attend. Dr. Martha Freisen and Dr. Hugo Espinosa will be offering extra credit to their students who participate. Come join the fun and help make a difference at Texas Chiropractic College.

Please contact Debbie Salisbury, Director of Development, for dates & times available at 281-998-6085 or email at dsalisbury@txchiro.edu