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Professor seeks self among people and Hebrew texts

By LISA YONCO
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Toni Craven is on a quest to find her true self.

Craven is a professor of Hebrew scripture at Brite Divinity School. She came to Brite in 1980 after having taught for two years at Marquette University.

On March 28, the TCU Board of Trustees confirmed the Brite Divinity School Board of Trustees recommendation to promote Craven to full professor of Hebrew scripture.

In 1971 she received her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland. In 1974 she received her master's degree from Andover Newton Theological School. She received her doctorate in Old Testament from Vanderbilt

University.

Craven has been active in the Catholic Biblical Association, Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Regional Concerns on Women's Studies in Religion and the Southwest Council on the Study of Religion.

Craven has participated in community service activities, given lectures and special classes and published three books on translating the Hebrew scripture.

With all of those things going on in her life, Craven said it is easier for her to mark the important milestones in her life by people instead of dates.

"I think I associate things with people who have been terribly formative for me," she said.

In her brightly lit and perfectly organized office hang three photographs.

The photos, she said, were of the three most influential people in her life: Phyllis Tribble, Walter Harrelson and M. Jack Snuggs.

Tribble is a Baldwin professor of Hebrew and cognate languages at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She directed Craven's master thesis at Andover Newton Theological School.

"To her I owe coming to understand what the Hebrew Bible is all about," she said. "It (meeting her) literally changed the direction of my life."

Harrelson is a distinguished professor of Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt University. He directed Craven doctoral dissertation.

Craven and Harrelson are working on a book about interpreting the language and meaning of the Hebrew Bible.

Suggs was dean of Brite Divinity School from 1976 until 1989.

"I actually count him as having a great hand in forming what I think about educating students for the ministry," she said. "He taught me what dedication is all about."

The other influences in Craven's life, in an ongoing way, are her students, she said.

"When you to teach at a graduate level there is a real give and take," she said. "Sometimes I think I learn as much from them as they learn from me. I couldn't do what I do without them."

Craven is a tall woman, who stands with her head held high.

"What matters most to me is finding



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TCU Daily Skiff/ Lynn Davis

Judd Cox stands in front of the Phi Gamma Delta house, which is decorated for the 10th Annual Fiji Islander Party.

Committee hears King Day ideas

By LEANNA STALEY
TCU Daily Skiff

The first of three meetings to hear ideas on how to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was held Wednesday in the House of Student Representatives chambers.

Nine students and one professor gave presentations to the nine-member committee created by Chancellor William Tucker to study the merits of having a TCU holiday honoring King.

Having the holiday officially recognized by the university would reach the most people, said Laura Whitworth, senior social work major.

"If you have just a convocation, that's selective," Whitworth said. "Only the faculty and students can really go."

Freshman political science major Joseph Cottrell referred to benefits the university would receive by honoring the holiday in his presentation.

"TCU could really use this to promote several different things: multiculturalism, in terms of bringing students in and recruiting black faculty and minority faculty and campus unity," Cottrell said.

Myra Alsup, freshman nursing major, stressed other reasons TCU should recognize the day.

"I think TCU needs this holiday because I think they need to make some sort of a symbol to the students

saying, 'Hey, we care about each of our cultures'," she said.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day has been a federally recognized holiday for five years.

"Where has TCU been for five years?," Alsup said. "Maybe there wasn't enough minority students to even raise the question. Maybe they were intimidated. It makes you question TCU."

Alsup pointed to the university calendar in her presentation noting that on January 10, 1991, the calendar printed the phrase, "talk with a person of a different race." The calendar did not print information about Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Other universities and colleges in Texas recognize the holiday, including SMU and Tarrant County Junior College.

"The precedent has been set that Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday be recognized as a holiday," said Tito Garcia, sophomore political science major and the 1991-1992 president of Black Student Caucus.

"There is no precedent that we get off for President's Day," Garcia said.

Since social work class 4843, "Community Intervention," took on supporting a resolution to hold Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday, issues have surrounded the idea.

But Letecia Smith, sophomore English major, said that overall the issue

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Kurdish student gets word of family's escape to Iran

By KENDRICK BLACKWOOD
TCU Daily Skiff

When junior computer science major Aras Taha finally made his way home from the computer lab April 16, he found a note waiting for him.

His mother had called.

The last time Taha had heard her voice was on Jan. 15, three hours before the Allies invaded his home country of Iraq.

The number she had left was to an Iranian phone and Taha breathlessly dialed it.

The voice on the other end was weak but reassuring.

His family was safe at the

home of one of his uncles in Iran.

Taha's mother told him his entire family, which consisted of about 30 aunts, uncles, cousins, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, had made the trip out of Iraq intact.

Taha and his family are Kurdish, an ethnic group that has been taking extreme amounts of punishment from the Saddam Hussein-led government since the Allied cease fire.

The systematic destruction of the Kurds in northern Iraq has brought words like genocide to American headlines, and caused thousands to abandon their

homes in search of refuge in Iran or Turkey, two neighboring countries with large Kurdish minorities.

Though Taha is not sure of the exact circumstances, his family joined the exodus.

The story of the journey was like something out of an adventure movie, Taha said.

Indeed, the seven-day trip through the mountains of northern Iraq as told by Taha had all the makings of a great cinematic epic.

Since the second week of the Allied attack, Taha's hometown of Arbela had been "in a complete state of chaos." There was

no water, electricity or medical facilities in the city. Looting and crime were rampant.

Contrary to Allied reports, the northern cities of Arbela, Mosul and Kirkuk had been "very badly hit by the Allies."

His family left in the middle of the night with only the clothes they were wearing.

They headed in the direction of the Iranian border, traveling by horseback and on foot through severe mountain weather.

They tried to enter Iran directly, but found close to a million people amassed at the border. Few were being allowed to enter.

Instead, his family made its way to the Turkish border.

They successfully entered the country and were able to enter Iran from there.

The children were sick with severe diarrhea, and all were worn and tired. But they were safe and warm again.

The only truly dark spot on the journey had been the drowning of one of their bodyguards.

They were crossing an icy river, swollen with melted snow. The bodyguard had swum across several times caring different supplies, but the strain of the journey and the cold current proved too much for him.

After Taha's mother told him her story, she asked how his semester was going, Taha said.

"To hell with semester," Taha said. "I was just about to jump on a plane."

Thanks to some calming advice from friends, the next day found Taha not on a plane to Iran but in a classroom taking an exam.

He decided to give his family a chance to rest and himself a chance to finish the semester.

"Right now I'm waiting and seeing," Taha said.

He is not sure exactly where

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Decorations to send message about abuse

By RACHEL BROWN
Special to the Skiff

TCU R.O.A.D. Workers will end the semester with one more reminder about responsible drinking and safety.

Group members will decorate the display case in the Student Center Lobby with beach balls and other summertime items to serve as the background for a theme of safety during vacation, said Wendy Moore, president of R.O.A.D. Workers.

"We'd just like to get that last message out to them (the student body)," Moore said.

Moore said the decorations will go up May 2 and 3.

R.O.A.D. Workers decided to do the display project instead of hanging banners throughout the Student Center and residence halls, because they thought students would take more notice of something new rather than ordinary posters and signs, she said.

"They're pretty poster-blind by now," she said. "This is a small, subtle message."

Moore said summer presents the same problems spring break did: drunken driving accidents, people

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Outside

Today's weather will be cloudy with a chance for thunderstorms and a high temperature of 82 degrees.
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Gate extends Student Center hours Tuesdays and Wednesdays become prime study nights

By JON MARTZ
TCU Daily Skiff

Students have been making use of the extended hours in the Student Center, a member of the House of Student Representatives said.

The extended hours have been made possible by the security gate that went into operation on Feb. 11 in the Student Center, said Colleen Grogan, Waits Hall representative and a member of the House's Permanent Improvements committee.

The extended hours are on Sundays through Thursdays. Sundays have averaged 75 people a night making use of the extended hours, with 85 on Mondays, 102 on Tues-

days, 107 on Wednesdays and 44 on Thursdays, Grogan said.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are consistently the busiest nights for the Student Center, Grogan said. The largest one-night turnout was 136 on a Wednesday night, she said.

The Student Center gate has allowed students access to the lounge, Reading Room and Pizza Hut until midnight instead of the regular closing time of 10 p.m., Grogan said.

The gate also has allowed the Student Center to be used for many other events, she said.

"When they showed the movie 'Grease' in The Pit, they were able to keep The Pit open without having to worry about the rest of the Student

Center," Grogan said.

"Also, on holidays more food places can be kept open for students without having to have people at the information desk to keep an eye on things," she said.

Pizza Hut will remain open until midnight on Sunday through Thursday for the rest of the semester, a spokeswoman for Marriott said.

When asked if the restaurant will be open next semester, the spokeswoman said the decision will not be made until next semester.

The total cost of the gate was \$3,435, which was provided by the Permanent Improvements Fund from the House of Student Representatives, Grogan said.

CAMPUSlines

CAMPUSlines is provided as a service to the TCU community. Announcements of events, meetings and other general campus information should be brought by the Skiff office, Moudy 291S or sent to TCU Box 32929. The Skiff reserves the right to edit for style and taste.

Co-dependents Anonymous meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday in Student Center Room 202. For more information call University Ministries, 921-7830.

Undergraduate projects will be presented at noon Friday in Winton-Scott Room 436. The presentation is sponsored by the TCU Research Fund Lectureship Series.

Biology seminar entitled "An Unusual Example of South-eastern Old Field Succession: In Search of the Wiley Hypothesis" will be by John E. Pinder of the Savannah River Laboratory in Aiken, S.C. The seminar will run from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall 4.

Scarborough Faire tickets are available for \$8.95 each at the Information Desk in the Student Center. The fair is open from April 27 through June 16.

Advanced sculpture class will show original works in the Mary Coats-Burnett Library lobby. The exhibit will run from April 19 through May 11.

Town Students can see copies of bills from the House of Student Representatives in the Extended Education Office at Sadler Hall Room 212.

Adult Children of Alcoholics is an educational support group which will address the negative consequences of being raised by an alcoholic parent. If interested, please contact Larry Withers at the Counseling Center, 921-7863.

Summer Youth Employment is available for TCU offices and departments through the Upward Bound Program. On the job training will begin July 22 and will run through Aug. 16. For more information call the Upward Bound office at 921-7946.

HELPLines

The Volunteer Center, a service of the United Way, needs volunteers. Call the Volunteer Center at 860-1613 for information about the following or other opportunities.

Information desk volunteers are needed to provide general information to visitors to a special Soviet Space exhibit. Good communication skills and ability to get long with all types of people are needed. Daytime, evening, weekday and weekend shifts will be available during the six-month exhibit.

Volunteers are needed to provide friendship and be a role model for troubled teens. Join with them in recreational activities or crafts, but most importantly — be their friend.

Volunteers are needed on weekday mornings from 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. to interact with children and their parents, who are staying at a temporary family shelter. Help reinforce appropriate parenting skills in an informal setting. Be able to assist the parent, but allow the parent to be the main caregiver.

Volunteers ages 17 and older are needed to supervise a group of children ages 6 to 10 in activities at a local community center. Available between 3 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Volunteers are needed to serve as court-appointed guardians for elderly who need assistance with their personal and/or financial affairs. Training begins in May.

Volunteers are needed to answer phone calls from children who are staying home alone after school. Training provided.

Volunteers are needed to help welcome visitors to the "Soviet Space" program at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Hours are flexible. For more information, call (817) 347-4090.

Troupe to perform modern dance steps in Ballet Building

By MICHELLE KING
Special to the Skiff

TCU will host the Utah Repertory Dance Company for two performances 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the TCU Ballet Building.

The modern dance concerts are open to the public. General admission is \$6 for students and \$3 for senior citizens.

The performances will include works by Merce Cunningham, Jose Limon, Margaret Jenkins, Lar Lubovitch, Bill T. Jones and Arnie Zane, and Peter Sparling.

Utah Repertory, established in 1966, performs more than 200 master works ranging from the early 20th century to contemporary dances.

Dancers and choreographers trained in the Utah company have continued careers with the Martha Graham Company, Netherlands Dance Theatre, Alvin Ailey, Twyla Tharp and the National Endowment for the Arts.

New Century Danscene sponsors the tour and is funded by a grant from the Bass Foundation through the Arts Council for Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

For more information about the concert or Utah Repertory Dance classes, call Susan Douglas Roberts of the TCU dance department at 921-7615.

ISA officers installed at reception

By MARTHA HERNANDEZ
Special to the Skiff

The International Student Association will host a reception at 5 p.m. today to honor graduating international students and to install the newly elected 1991-92 officers.

The graduating seniors include: Rosa Acha, a graduate speech pathology major from Peru; Jom Folmer, a graduate business administration major from Germany; Marina Frederik, a senior astronomy and physics major from Indonesia; Sheng-Wen Hwang, a senior math major from Taiwan; Marcus Obeng, a senior chemistry major from Ghana; Ellen Oliveira, a graduate piano performance major from Brazil; and Lawrence Reyes, a senior advertising/public relations major from Puerto Rico, said Al Mladenka, director of international student affairs.

"It's going to be an informal affair," said Kaushika Kansara, a junior marketing major and current president of ISA. "The seniors present will be introduced and they will each tell about their plans after graduation."

"It's also a chance for the ISA members to get together one last time before finals and the end of school," she said. "Many international students return to their native countries for the summer."

The reception will also serve as the time newly elected ISA officers will be inducted into their new positions by the outgoing officers, Kansara said.

Each new officer will be congratulated and introduced to the crowd by their predecessor, she said.

The 1991-92 ISA officers include: president, Isabel Casas-I-Klett; vice-president, Dietmar Kruse; secretary, Nancy Ellen Maxey; ISA Week chairmen, Tom and Sebastiano Leoni; publicity chairwomen, Julie Gentry and Jodi Crappell; treasurer, Ingrid Roa; social chairwoman, Ver-

onica Barron; and cultural service committee, Shayna Feldman and Oriana Mourides, Kansara said.

The cultural service committee is a new office added to the association, said Casas-I-Klett, a sophomore advertising/public relations major from Spain.

"We plan on having different cultural activities each week, such as eating dinner at restaurants which represent the different countries ISA members come from," said Feldman, a junior social work major from Austin.

Casas-I-Klett said her goals for the upcoming academic year are to make the campus more aware of ISA events and cultural issues around the world.

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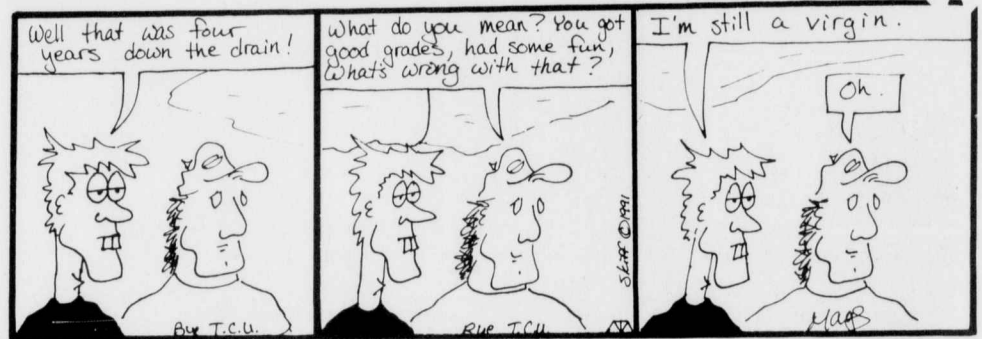
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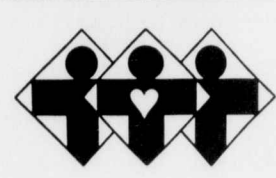
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driving without seat belts and intoxicated people who will not give up their car keys. The difference between the two vacation times is that the summer parties are not concentrated into one week like spring break events are, she said.

But even though there is not a traditional week of celebration, summer has other hazards that arise when using alcohol, Moore said. The higher rates of travel, trips to the beach and Fourth of July parties increase the risk that people will be involved in accidents if they drink excessively or drink and drive, she said.

Moore urged all students to remember those from the TCU community who have been injured or killed in alcohol-related accidents.

"We're not trying to use scare tactics or anything like that," she said. "Just keep it in mind."



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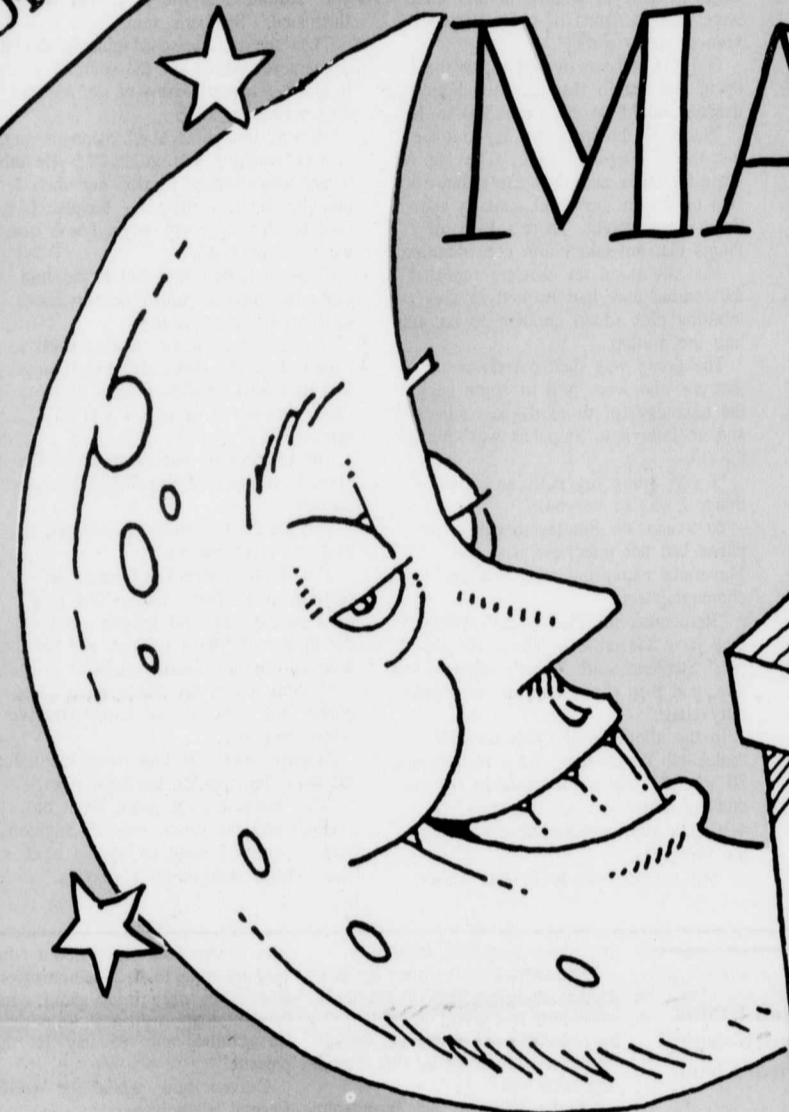
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