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Vital Link offers students inside look at work world

"BY THE TIME HE LEAVES FRIDAY, Ricky will know a little bit about everything I do," instructional services' Randy Scoggin said of his 12-year-old companion, Ricky Callahan.

With Randy's help, Ricky learned to design posters and make computer-generated slides and transparencies last week as part of the Fort Worth ISD's Vital Link Program. He is one of 31 7th-graders who are getting real-life learning experiences this summer by "shadowing" TCU volunteer mentors on their jobs.

Through June 23, students from several FWISD schools will try on a wide variety of work experiences in several TCU offices and departments: from filing and making copies to learning how to select the best candidate for a job, identify safety hazards or capture a satellite feed for a teleconference. "Vital Link's whole purpose is to motivate kids by letting them see how courses they study in school can be used in the workplace," explained Janie Christie, assistant coordinator for FWISD's Adopt-a-School/Volunteer Services office.

Each Vital Link student is paired with a volunteer mentor for one week. After a half-hour discussion session each day with teacher supervisor Jill Calder, students shadow their mentors for about two hours, later recording their impressions in journals. At the end of the work week, participating students and mentors gather at a closing luncheon to share their experiences.

FWISD's Vital Link began as a pilot program in 1991 with 40 students and four participating businesses, said Christie. It has since grown to incorporate more than 300 businesses and as many as 4,000 students per year, and is being emulated in school districts around the country. The Vital Link experiences produce noticeable changes in the students, she adds: "they take harder classes, their attendance is better and their test scores are higher than the mainstream."

Some 120 FWISD students have participated in TCU's Vital Link program since it began here in the summer of 1992. TCU Safety Director Randy Cobb has been a Vital Link mentor since the program's inception at TCU. "It's been fun," he said. "It's been interesting to find out the kids' backgrounds and what they think they want to achieve."

Student development services' Darron Turner says he enjoyed helping Daggett Middle School student Reyes Barrera Jr. define where he wants to be later in life.

EVENTS

June 13

Campus Crime Watch meeting, noon, Weatherly Hall.

June 14 & 16

WordPerfect 6.0 training, 8 a.m. — noon, Human Resources.*

June 15

Human Resources' Managing Difficult People series, noon-1 p.m.*

TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute's recital series with Russian pianist Lazar Berman.**

June 18

TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute's recital series with 1969 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition gold medalist Cristina Ortiz.**

June 20

Human Resources presentation on retaining employees, "Once You Have Them, How Do You Keep Them?" 2:30-4:30 p.m.*

TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute concert featuring select institute students playing concertos with the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra.**

June 21 & 23

Human Resources Presentations 2.0 training, 8 a.m.-noon.*

June 22

Human Resources "Managing Difficult People" series, 12-1 p.m.*

Reception honoring Oscar Stewart, retiring TCU chief of police, 3-4:30 p.m., Faculty Center.

June 25

TCU Violinist-in-Residence Frank Almond will make his farewell solo appearance with the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra as part of the Concerts in the Garden music festival, 8 p.m., Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. TCU music faculty members Jan Eberle and Steve Weger also will be featured. Discount lawn seats are \$4 and are available at the Student Center information desk.

TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute's recital series presents Grammy Award-winner John Browning.**

*Call Ext. 7792 to register.

**All TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute concerts and recitals begin at 8 p.m. in Ed Landreth Hall. Prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and teachers, and \$5 for students. Package ticket prices for all six events are \$70, \$50 and \$25. For tickets, call 335-9000.

Reyes planned to pursue a career in athletics. "I asked him 'What are you going to do when sports are over?' We talked about setting long-term goals outside athletics."

Reyes now says he plans to go to college, but he's not sure where he'll go or what he'll major in. He says he learned from Darron how important math and computer skills are in the workplace. "When I go back to school, I'll try to listen more and I'll try to learn skills I'll need when I get older and have a job."

For more information on participating in TCU's Vital Link program, call coordinator Susan Oakley at Ext. 7095.

1995 Vital Link Mentors

Jan Titsworth and Kate Hawthorne — Neeley School

Pam Sanguinet — School of Education

Dick Bryan — Physical Plant

Judy Cartmill — Mailing Services

Rick Ulrickson — Information Services

June Koelker — Library

Randy Cobb — Safety

Randy Scoggin — Instructional Services

Mike Gore — University Store

Darron Turner — Student Development Services

Jennifer Sweeney — Academic Services

David Grebel — Printing Services ♦

Recital series to feature debut of longest concert grand piano in North America

THE LONGEST CONCERT GRAND ever to reach the North American continent will take center stage at this year's TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute, which runs today through June 30 in Ed Landreth Hall.

A recital series featuring the institute's distinguished faculty will launch the North American debut of the \$150,000 handbuilt Fazioli F-308 concert grand, which measures 10 feet, 2 inches long, and weighs 1,550 pounds. It's the largest model currently being constructed in the world. (By comparison, most concert grands are about nine feet long and weigh about 1,200 pounds.) Two recitalists, popular Russian pianist-teacher Lazar Berman and 1969 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition gold medalist Cristina Ortiz, have asked to use the Italian-built piano.

"The Fazioli has a wonderful, mellow, much more orchestral sound," said Tamás Ungár, TCU faculty member and founder and director of the institute. "It makes it more possible to achieve the sound one wants."

The recital series begins Thursday (June

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15) with a performance by Berman, followed by a performance by Ortiz on June 18. Other recital performances include Grammy Award-winner John Browning on June 25, and internationally recognized recitalist and chamber musician Jean-Louis Steurman on June 27. Additional concerts on June 20 and June 29 will feature select institute students playing concertos with the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra.

The Fazioli grand piano that will grace the TCU stage is the product of high-tech sound laboratories and superior manual craftsmanship. Built in the village of Sacile in the foothills of the Italian Alps, the piano features sounding boards made from the "tree of music" — a resonant spruce from the forests of Val de Fiemme where Stradivarius sought wood for his splendid violins.

After its Fort Worth debut, the piano will be transported all over the United States for a variety of concerts and promotions.

The TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute has offered a concentrated series of piano studies for participants from around the world since 1981.

See the Events calendar in this issue for times and ticket information on institute recitals and concerts. ♦

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of June 5. For more information on any of these positions, call Ext. 7790.

Admissions Counselor — Admissions
Program Specialist — Alcohol/Drug Education
Annual Fund Officer — University Advancement
Assistant Director — Career Services
Volleyball Coach — Athletics
Residential Hall Director — Residential Services
Accompanist/Technique Classes — Ballet/
Modern Dance
Police Officer — Campus Police
Security Guard (75%) — Campus Police
Parking Patrol Assistant (75%) — Campus Police
Plasterer — Physical Plant
Craft Tech I/HVAC (p/t) — Physical Plant
Craft Tech I/Gen. Maintenance — Physical Plant
Craft Tech II/Cabinet Maker — Physical Plant
Service Assistant Supervisor — Residential
Services
Service Assistant III — Facility Services
Service Assistant II — Facility Services
Service Assistant I (f/t) — Facility Services
Service Assistant I (p/t) — Facility Services

The physical plant has temporary staff openings for the summer in grounds and the paint shop.

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Summer sports camps bring young athletes to campus

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF SUMMER, the TCU campus makes its yearly transformation from a center for higher education to a playground for hundreds of area youngsters who come here to attend various sports camps. These youngsters come to TCU to learn how to play the games they love from some of the best in the business.

Last week the first of these camps got underway as approximately 100 girls, aged 7-18, polished their skills at the first of Coach Shell Robinson's basketball camps. Shell said the camp provides a great opportunity to teach the girls essential concepts at an early age.

"Besides going through the basic fundamentals, we stress teamwork and having fun," she said. "We also give the girls a tour of TCU and explain what college is all about."

Even though the camps are mostly fun and games, there is plenty of sweat and hard work that goes along with it. It was second-grader Ashley Davis' second chance to attend basketball camp at TCU. She said she enjoys the camps and plans to attend TCU when she's old enough.

Ashley's not the only youngster to get hooked on TCU: The camps offer the university a valuable recruiting tool. More than 2,000 kids will visit campus this summer to attend sports camps and most will bring their parents and siblings with them.

Other camps this summer include those for baseball, soccer, basketball, athletic training and football. ♦

APPOINTMENTS

Charles Perry joined the staff of the physical plant May 1 as superintendent of maintenance. Charles received his B.A. degree from Wayland Baptist University and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Alison Trinkle is the new assistant director of the Honors Program. Alison is a 1985 graduate of TCU and spent the last 8-1/2 years as a legal assistant for legal firms in Houston and Fort Worth. Most recently, Alison was employed by Handy and Robinson, P.C. in Fort Worth.

Betty Robinson and **Kris Swain** are the new service assistant I's in facility services. Betty owned her own housekeeping service in the Fort Worth area for the last several years and Kris is pursuing a degree from Tarrant County Junior College.

Joyce Allman has accepted appointment as assistant professor in speech communication effective August 1995. Joyce was an adjunct instructor in the department of communication at the University of Oklahoma. She will receive her Ph.D. from OU in August.

Leslie Ligon joined the staff of University Advancement on April 17. Leslie received her B.A. degree in journalism from Texas Women's University and has been employed by the Van Cliburn Foundation.

Robin Roof has accepted the appointment as assistant professor of psychology effective August 1995. Robin was a postdoctoral fellow and research associate at Rutgers University.

The newest computer support specialist in information services is **Josh Harmon**. Josh is a 1993 graduate of TCU and has been pursuing a graduate degree from Brite while working in user services as a graduate assistant.

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Bob Bittle** (engineering) whose mother, Patricia Bittle, passed away May 26. A memorial service was held in Oklahoma May 30.

Sympathy is also extended to **Deanie Sewell** (controller's office) in the death of her husband, Brian Sewell. Brian passed away on May 30 after a lengthy illness. He received a master's degree from the M.J. Neeley School of Business.

CLASSIFIEDS

HOME NEEDED: For Walt, an 8-year-old, 75-pound Australian shepherd mix dog. Walt is intelligent, affectionate, responsive, needs lots of room to run. Call Sally at Ext. 7808 (day) or 926-3626.

FOR SALE: Moving abroad and must sell GE refrigerator, Maytag washer and dryer. Gold color, priced to sell. Call Ext. 7569 or 346-9204.

FOR SALE: Elegant dining room glass top table. Mint condition, retail price, \$2,000. Asking \$700. Call 926-5951.

CHILD-SITTER AVAILABLE: Monday-Friday after 3 p.m. and weekends. Call Kami Sturdivant at 924-4388.

FOUND: Woman's ring in TCU quadrangle parking lot. To claim, call Sue at Ext. 7706.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT WANTED: Nonprofit on TCU campus seeks individual with experience in office management, WordPerfect and data entry for multiple-demand environment. Must be highly organized, efficient and have professional phone manner. Thirty hours per week/\$8 per hour. Send résumé to Funding Information Center, Box 32904, Fort Worth, TX 76129.

FULL-TIME DAYCARE PROVIDER NEEDED: Experienced person needed to care for two infants. Position starts in the fall. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If interested, please call Kay at 927-2392 or Page at 926-4446 and leave a message.

Previously employed by the physical plant, **James Griffin Jr.** has been hired as a craft tech I in the paint shop. James is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Patrick L. Walter has accepted an appointment as senior design lecturer in the engineering department. Patrick was previously employed at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M.

Allen Jones in the new craft tech I in the physical plant's plumbing department. Allen is a former employee of Swaim Air Conditioning and previously worked at Calloway's Nursery.

Cinnamon Sheffield joined the staff of the athletics department as assistant track and field coach, where she has been working as a graduate assistant. Cinnamon holds a B.A. from LSU and is an MLA graduate of TCU. While at LSU, she was a 10-time All-American and four-time National Championship Team member. She also is a National Junior Record holder for the 100-meter hurdles and a two-time Olympic trial qualifier.

Edward B. Douthett Jr. has accepted appointment as assistant professor of accounting in the M.J. Neeley School of Business. Edward received his M.B.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Georgia and was previously employed by Exxon.

Sherri Geller has accepted appointment as assistant professor of English effective August 1995. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1993. Prior to coming to TCU, Sherri was an instructor at Illinois Institute of Technology and was a visiting assistant professor at Loyola University in Chicago.