Fall 1997 Trustee Report

Trustees approve revenue bonds for campus renovations

approved a plan to finance a variety of campus improvements by issuing tax-exempt bonds. It is the first time TCU has borrowed money by issuing public bonds. The offering will generate approximately \$85 million that will be used to fund a variety of projects including the construction and renovation of student housing, the renovation of campus utility systems, upgrading computer systems, and other endeavors.

The approval came after a financial report that showed the University operated well within its \$128 million budget last year. In fact, the University's net operating surplus was slightly higher than forecast. The University's endowment and other investments grew to a market value of \$625 million, up from \$555 million in 1996. In addition, The Next Frontier Campaign, the University's comprehensive, five-year, fund-raising effort, has topped its \$100 million goal. The campaign will officially conclude December 31. So far, the total amount of gifts and pledges has reached \$115 million.

In his report during the board's semiannual meeting, Chancellor Bill Tucker said that the University's fall enrollment of 7,273 is 4.5 percent above last year's total of 6,961. TCU tries to maintain enrollment at around 7,000. He also said 1,463 freshman students enrolled at TCU this fall, a new record.

"In addition to a robust enrollment and incoming class of record size, the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate — long a matter of concern— increased by four percentage points," the Chancellor reported.



"Aside from the 1997 football season, a keen disappointment to be sure, all signs point to a healthy and growing University."

The bond issue is a first for TCU, which unlike many institutions of its size, has avoided incurring long-term debt. Most TCU buildings are funded by gifts, but funding for projects such as utility improvements and residence hall construction, "are not exciting projects for fund raising," Tucker said.

The bonds will fund a \$23 million "apartment-like" residence hall complex. Pete Wright Hall was demolished in October to make way for the first phase of the complex which will cost \$16 million. Construction on the first phase will begin in December. The bonds will also provide funding for a \$13.5 million upgrade of campus cooling and utility infrastructure systems. Installation of the new, environmentally-friendly system is already under way.

In addition to receiving updates on the residence hall and cooling system projects, the board:

- ♦ Heard that the \$5.6 million renovation of Brachman and Wiggins residence halls was successfully completed last summer. The project included new heating and air conditioning units, wiring, plumbing, ceilings, floor coverings, furniture, and bathroom fixtures, as well as landscaping and general exterior cleanup.
- ♦ Received an update on the construction of the \$12 million Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Center for Performing Arts, which is scheduled for dedication in the middle of the Spring '97 semester.
- ◆ Heard that TCU and Brite Divinity School trustees will work together to develop a plan for new housing for both Brite and TCU students.

"All of these developments," said the Chancellor, "plus TCU's recognition in U.S. News & World Report as one of the best values for students among major universities in the land, lead me to conclude without the slightest hesitation that this 125-year-old University is solid, stronger than ever, and poised to play an even larger and more substantive role in American higher education."

The board also welcomed three new Trustees who were elected in the spring: William (Billy) Rosenthal of Fort Worth, Alan D. Friedman of Dallas, and Dr. R. Scott Colglazier, senior minister of Fort Worth's University Christian Church who serves as an ex-officio Trustee.

The board's spring meeting is scheduled for March 27, 1998. ◆

EVENTS

Now-Nov. 25

Art exhibit — Noche de los Muertos curated by Jan Pierce Upchurch, Moudy Building exhibition hall. ****

Now-Dec. 18

The Diary of Anne Frank exhibit, Mary Couts Burnett Library.

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"Anne Frank in the World: 1929-1945" art exhibit based on Ellie Wiesel's book *Six Days of Destruction*, Mary Couts Burnett Library.

Now-Dec. 20

Exhibition of paintings by William Watson (chemistry), Circle Theater Art Gallery, 230 W. 4th St. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays or 7:30-10 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. Call 877-3040.

Nov. 24

Faculty recital featuring oboeist Jane Owen, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. *

Nov 25

Harris HMO representative Jill Parker on campus. Call for an appointment. ***

Who's Who banquet, 5 p.m., Student Center ballroom. Call ext. 7926.

Women's Basketball — TCU vs. University of North Texas, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. **

TCU Percussion Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. *

Nov. 26

Art lecture featuring Mark Thistlethwaite speaking on "The Tall Building Today," 2:15 p.m., Amon Carter Museum, 3501 Camp Bowie Blvd. Free and open to all. Call 738-1933 for more information

Nov. 27-28

Thanksgiving Holiday. University offices closed.

Nov. 29

Men's Basketball — TCU vs. UT-Pan American, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. **

Dec. 1-5

Bachelor of Fine Arts Studio Art Exhibition, Moudy Building exhibition hall. ****

Dec. 1

Faculty recital featuring baritone Raymond Bazemore, 7:30 p.m., Ed Landreth Auditorium. Free. *

For more information:

- *Call the music department at ext. 7602
- **Call the ticket office at ext. 7967
- ***Call human resources at ext. 7790
- ****Call art and art history at ext. 7643

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TCU jazz concert Dec. 4 will star "Peanuts" Hucko

TCU JAZZ BAND'S SALUTE TO THE BIG Bands is set for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 in Ed Landreth Auditorium. Jazz clarinetist "Peanuts" Hucko will be featured in a tribute to Benny Goodman. Curt Wilson will conduct performances by the two TCU big bands and the TCU Trombone Choir, with a solo by Dennis Bubert. The Purple, White & Blues jazz vocal ensemble will be conducted by Rob Laney.

"Peanuts" Hucko began his career as a clarinetist during WWII when he was lead clarinetist for Glenn Miller's famed Air Force Band. After the war, he played with such prestigious jazz bands as Jack Teagarden, Benny Goodman, Louis Armstrong and Ray McKinley. Since then he has toured in the "Big Band Cavalcade" and with the "World's Greatest Jazz Band."

Seating is non-reserved and tickets may be purchased at the door. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Faculty and staff with I.D. may purchase two tickets at \$8 each.

Holiday events for faculty, staff, retirees

THE ANNUAL CAMPUSWIDE HOLIDAY party for TCU faculty and staff is set for 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 in the Student Center ballroom.

Entertainment will be provided by SaxoClaus, a Christmas saxophone quartet.

OSP will have their Christmas luncheon at noon Dec. 10 in the ballroom.

Another annual gathering, the TCU retirees Christmas luncheon, will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 11 in the ballroom. There will be a musical program by the Symphony League Singers. ◆

MARKETPLACE

OfficeTeam, a company that specializes in administrative staffing, has opportunities for temporary holiday employment as data entry clerks, file clerks and receptionists. If you are interested in extra income for the holidays, call OfficeTeam at 336-7300 in Fort Worth or 459-1389 in Arlington.

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to Betty Nance (modern languages) in the death of her father, John Whiteman, Nov. 14. Services were held Nov. 17 in Dallas.

Sympathy is also extended to Ted Rhodes (resource management) in the death of his mother, Annie B., Nov. 17. Services were held Nov. 19 in Abilene.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. Nancy Alliene Harder, retired education professor and chairman of the Department of Secondary Education, who passed away Nov. 15 in Austin. Services were held Nov. 18 in Fort Worth.

Gift for a child brings Christmas spirit to campus tree lighting

ORDER OF OMEGA INVITES FACULTY, staff and their families to attend the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at 10 p.m. Dec. 3 on the front lawn of Sadler Hall.

As in past years, the campus community can also participate in Bank One's *The Spirit of Christmas* program by selecting a "gift request card" at tables in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Charles Tandy Hall from noon to 1 p.m weekdays. The presents will go to abused and neglected children who are under the care of Child Protective Services, and should be gift-wrapped and returned to campus for the tree lighting. For your shopping convenience, the cards are available now.

Highlights of the evening include the arrival of Chancellor and Mrs. Tucker, Santa and Mrs. Claus in a horse-drawn carriage, as well as seasonal music provided by the Word of the Truth Gospel Choir and student guitarist Darryl MacQuarrie, a humorous Texas version of The Night Before Christmas and free refreshments.

For more information call Campus Life at ext. 7281. ♦

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 1993 Honda Civic Coupe, red, 5-speed, air conditioning, cassette stereo, 59,000 miles, great commuter car. \$8,500. Please call Glen at ext. 7220.

FOR SALE: Power Mac Performa 6320, 16MB RAM, 1.2GB hard drive, internal fax modem, speaker phone, internal 4X CD ROM, keyboard, mouse, lots of software, \$800.15" MAC MultiScan color monitor, \$200; 20" Power Computing (Sony) color monitor, \$1,000. Call ext. 7440 or 294-4110.

FOR SALE: 1986 Mazda 626 LX, navy blue, power windows, AM/FM cassette, almost new tires, automatic transmission, good brakes, some engine work needed. \$850 or best offer. Call Nancy at ext. 7524 or 924-5548 (evenings).

NEEDED: Small, inexpensive apartment/duplex/house in TCU or Arlington Heights area beginning Dec./Jan. for responsible librarian. Call ext. 5338.

FOR SALE: Panasonic KX-P1124, 24-pin multimode printer, \$75; keyboard, \$20; silver side rails and step bar for a Dodge Ram truck, \$125. Call Diane at 921-4049 after 5 p.m.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The human resources office lists the following vacancies as of Nov. 19. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Chancellor — Chancellor's Office
Director of Intercollegiate Athletics — Athletics
Acquisitions Librarian — MCB Library
Systems Analyst — Information Services
Programmer Analyst — Information Services
Director, Facilities Planning — Physical Plant
Residence Hall Director — Residential Services
Coordinator of Technical Support Services —
School of Business

User Services Consultant — User Services
Administrative Assistant I — Ranch Management
Craft Tech Supervisor I/HVAC — Physical Plant
Craft Tech Supervisor II/Plumber — Physical Plant
Craft Tech I/HVAC — Physical Plant
Service Assistant III — Facility Services
Service Assistant I — Facility Services