

Fall 1998 Trustee Report

TCU trustees approve academic and athletics improvement package

TCU'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES Friday approved an \$8.9 million plan to improve classroom technology, the music program and athletics facilities. Improvements include technology upgrades in selected academic lecture halls, the purchase of 52 Steinway pianos for the music department, recognizing the music department as the TCU School of Music, an academic learning center for student athletes, improvements in facilities for handicapped spectators at football and basketball facilities, a new outdoor track, the relocation of soccer and football practice fields, and new offices for selected athletics department staff members. The board also approved, in concept, a long-term, comprehensive facilities plan for athletics.

The board approved the facilities improvement package after hearing its first report from **Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari**, who began his work at TCU July 1. During his report, the chancellor also offered the board words of praise for TCU's student body.

Praiseworthy

"During the past few months, I have had the opportunity to work closely with student leaders, visit with students in residence halls, fraternities and sororities, attend a number of student functions, participate in classroom discussions and exchange hundreds of e-mail messages with students on a wide variety of topics," Ferrari told the board. "It has been an enlightening and informative experience. I can tell you that our students are the most lively, engaging, positive and personable students I have been associated with during my tenure at seven universities over the past 30 years."

The chancellor also commended the work of TCU faculty members.

"There is ample evidence also that the commitment to teaching excellence and faculty research and scholarly accomplishments continue to thrive at TCU. And the listing this fall of Texas Christian University in Barron's as one of the "Best Buys in College Education" was yet another external confirmation of institutional value, reputation and promise."

New initiatives

Ferrari told the board that progress is being made on several new initiatives including the appointment of a task force to develop a clear, concise and compelling mission statement for the university. He also outlined efforts to create a strategic planning process that will involve a broad representation of constituents and stakeholders across the campus, community, state and nation.

"It is my hope to inaugurate the planning process in the spring of this year so the Board will receive a carefully crafted report and recommendations at the conclusion of the 1999-2000 academic year," the chancellor reported.

Dr. Ferrari also advised the board of the appointment of a Chancellor's Council on Diversity; a Telecommunications and Technology Committee and an initiative to create and offer courses from different TCU colleges over the Internet next fall.

The chancellor told trustees that efforts are under way to strengthen student retention; evaluate the renovation and possible expansion of the Rickel Recreation Center and the Brown-Lupton Student Center; and review the campus physical master plan.

Projects funded

While several high priority projects,

such as the \$17 million Tucker Technology Center, and other improvements such as student and recreation center upgrades are still under development, the board approved a three-part, \$8.9 million improvement plan to fund projects deemed urgent for competitive or quality considerations. They include:

I. Classroom Technology Enhancements

\$400,000

Numerous upgrades of instructional technology equipment were approved in the four largest and most heavily used lecture halls in the university located in the Sid Richardson Physical Sciences Building. Thousands of students attend classes in the lecture rooms, and enhancements will benefit students and faculty with state-of-the-art capabilities in technology-assisted instruction.

II. School of Music Improvements

\$450,000

Chancellor Ferrari advised the board that the department of music will now be recognized as the TCU School of Music within the College of Fine Arts and Communication. The name change will elevate the national reputation of the TCU music program and complement the international image of the TCU/Cliburn Piano Institute. It also enhances opportunities for fund raising, recruiting and academic prominence.

The board approved the acquisition of 52 additional Steinway pianos to make TCU an "All-Steinway" School. TCU will be among the nation's renowned conservatories and music schools that are listed on the All-

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EVENTS

Now - Nov. 24

Art exhibit - *New Talent in Texas: TCU Alumni* featuring new works by nine artists in their first decade of professional work, Moudy Bldg. Free.***

Nov. 23

Thanksgiving Dessert Bake-Off. Deliver desserts to the Main, judging is between 2-3 p.m. Call Anne at ext. 5484 or Chris at ext. 5239.

Horned Frog Men's Basketball - TCU vs. Arkansas State, 7:05 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Faculty recital featuring **Joni Baczewski** on viola, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall. Free.*

Nov. 24

The Tues.-Thurs. Jazz Ensemble, **Curt Wilson**, director, noon, Student Center, Free.*

Horned Frog Women's Basketball - TCU vs. Southwest Texas State, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

TCU Sports Minute, 6:20 p.m., KXAS-TV News 5.

Nov. 26-27

Thanksgiving holidays. University offices closed.

Nov. 28

Horned Frog Women's Basketball - TCU vs. Northeast Louisiana, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.**

Nov. 30-Dec. 4

Bachelor of Fine Arts studio art exhibit, Moudy Bldg. Free.***

*Call the music dept. at ext. 7602

**Call the ticket office at ext. 7967

***Call art and art history at ext. 7643

Emmitt Belcha honored as YMCA Minority Achiever

EMMITT BELCHA (FACILITIES SERVICES) was among those honored at the 8th annual YMCA Minority Achiever in Business and Industry Awards program last week at Will Rogers Memorial Center. Guest speaker was Hollywood actor and director Edward James Olmos.

McDonald YMCA and the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth co-sponsor the program which tapped 28 outstanding local professionals this year. Each is asked to serve as a role model to minority teens

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during the school year through career workshops and mentoring.

Emmitt, who is University services supervisor, has been at TCU 19 years. ♦

Newly-appointed group to focus on campus diversity

THE RECENTLY-NAMED CHANCELLOR'S Council on Diversity held an organizational meeting Nov. 11 in **Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari's** office. A focus on building campus diversity is an important theme for the year, as emphasized in the chancellor's Convocation address in September.

Those serving on the 1998 Diversity Council are: **Linda Moore** (social work), **Cornell Thomas** (education), **Sherrie Reynolds** (education), **Germán Gutiérrez** (music), **John Butler** (university ministries), **Barbara Herman** (student development services), **Darron Turner** (minority affairs/commuter student services), **Ida Hernandez** (AddRan), TCU students **Kirsten Bell**, **Linda Nguyen**, **Ben Alexander**, **Joel Penrod** and **Jamie Walker**, alumnus **Horatio Porter** and **Carlos Ayala** (FWISD).

Members were selected based on recommendations to the chancellor from deans, the Affirmative Action Committee, as well as faculty and student leaders.

The group is charged with several functions and responsibilities. These include: to initiate programs to strengthen diversity among campus constituents; recommend to the chancellor policies related to diversity issues and concerns in personnel, curricular, student life and institutional governance matters; conduct or commission studies on diversity issues; monitor progress and provide reports to the chancellor and university community on multicultural and diversity development; sponsor programs, workshops and speakers on diversity topics and work closely with faculty, student and staff groups and advisory boards on diversity enhancement.

The Council on Diversity will meet again Dec. 2 to begin its work, including selecting a chair.

"I am very pleased that a council has been appointed," Chancellor Ferrari said. "They will provide important leadership as we go about strengthening diversity at TCU." ♦

Rickel Holiday Schedule

Over the Thanksgiving break, the Rickel Building will observe the following hours:

Wednesday

Building will close at 5 p.m.

Pool: 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. only

Wt. Room: 6-9 a.m., noon-2 p.m. only

Thursday: Closed

Friday and Saturday

Gyms/Rball/Wt. Room: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pool: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

NEW FACES

Tenifaree Jackson has joined facilities services as a service assistant in the Student Center. He was formerly self-employed as an auto detailer.

Amber Ott has joined campus police as a security guard. She is the daughter of **Sue Ott**, administrative assistant for the theatre department.

Luzmaria Perez has been hired as a service assistant for facility services. She attends TCU and formerly worked at Eckerd's.

Janet Sutton has been hired as a data entry operator in admissions. She was formerly employed by Crowley ISD and has worked as temporary staff at TCU.

Daniel Zeitz has joined facility services as a housekeeper.

DEATH

Sympathy is extended to **Chris Arreguin** (Brite) in the death of her granddaughter **Andrea Weikel** on Nov. 14 in Houston. Services were held Nov. 19 at Birchman Baptist Church.

CLASSIFIEDS

NEEDS GOOD HOME: Playful 8 mo. old black puppy. Black, mixed breed, neutered, house trained with all shots. Call 377-8516.

GUITAR LESSONS by Alan Hecht. I am an accomplished musician with 20 years experience. Learn to play songs, not just theory. Acoustic, electric, etc. Near TCU. Call Alan at 924-1034.

FOR SALE: AMD IBM 200 Mhz processor, 32x CD ROM, 33.6 fax/data/voice modem, 2.5 GB, 64 megs of RAM, 17" monitor (adjustments on screen, 15.5" viewable), Canon BJC 250 ink jet printer, tons of software. Antique desk 45-50 years old, extra long w/plastic cover top, great shape! \$1,700 or best offer, will consider trade for a laptop/notebook. Call Jim at 921-2797 (leave message).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The human resources office lists the following vacancies as of Nov. 18. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Admissions Information Services Specialist - Admissions
Assistant University Librarian for Administrative Services-Library
Associate Athletics Director for Varsity Sports - Athletics
Director of Student Information Systems - Asst. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Manager, Building Maintenance - Physical Plant
Annual Fund Officer - Annual Giving
Administrative Assistant II - International Admissions
Administrative Assistant II - Admissions
Administrative Assistant I - Reunion Giving
Security Guard - Campus Police
Craft Tech I/HVAC - Physical Plant
Craft Tech I/Mechanical/Electrical Maint. - Physical Plant
Craft Tech I/Building/Equipment Maint. - Physical Plant
Craft Tech II/Journeyman Plumber - Physical Plant
Craft Tech II/Electrical - Physical Plant
Craft Tech II/HVAC - Physical Plant
Craft Tech Supervisor II/HVAC - Physical Plant
Groundskeeper I - Physical Plant
Service Assistant III - Facility Services
Service Assistant II - Facility Services
Service Assistant I - Facility Services

(Trustees from front)

Steinway School register such as The Juilliard School, the Oberlin College Conservatory and the Yale School of Music. The purchases will bring the total number of Steinway pianos at TCU to 81.

III. Completion of Phase I Athletic Facility Improvements \$8.05 million

The project includes an athletics academic learning center to be built adjacent to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The facility will provide academic support service for student athletes under one roof and includes study space for student athletes, areas for tutors to work with students, private office space for academic counselors, study lounges and small classroom spaces for one-on-one or group tutoring sessions and life skills training. Phase I also includes the construction of a new outdoor track. The new track facility will require the relocation of existing football and soccer practice fields. Handicapped accessibility improvements to the restrooms and seating at the coliseum and Amon Carter Stadium are also included. An office complex will expand and improve office space for the athletics staff, alleviating overcrowded conditions.

The athletics improvements are the first part of a multi-phase effort to improve facilities for students and staff and coaches. Phase I athletic construction is expected to be completed by the spring of 2000.

"Future athletic enhancements will become part of an overall campus strategic planning process," said Ferrari.

TCU athletics director **Eric Hyman** said the academic learning center will enhance athletic recruiting for all TCU sports programs.

"Student athletes commit 20 hours a week, excluding travel time, to their sport," said Hyman. "It is imperative that the student athlete have easily accessible resources available throughout the day and evening where they can focus on quiet study, receive counseling or use a computer."

Agenda items

In other action, the board:

- Received a report that the university operated well within its \$138.6 million budget last year. The university's net operating surplus was higher than expected. The university's endowment and other investments grew to a market value of nearly \$720 million, up from \$625 million in 1997.

- Approved a recommendation that the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center be renamed the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. Mary Potishman Lard was Friedman's aunt. Friedman, a former chair of the board of trustees, died Oct. 3.

- Approved resolutions honoring Friedman, honorary trustee F. Howard Walsh, Sr. who died May 28, and honorary trustee Harold D. Herndon who died Oct. 15.

- Received an update on the construction of new housing for both Brite Divinity School and TCU students. Linbeck Construction Corporation of Fort Worth will build the apartment facilities designed by Lotti, Krishan & Short of Tulsa, Okla. The project is located near the intersection of McCart and Sandage streets and is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2000.

- Heard that Phase I of the Tom Brown/Pete Wright Residential Complex construction will be completed in time for students to occupy the building in January. Phase II will begin in January with the demolition of Tom Brown Hall. New construction by Linbeck Construction should be completed by October of 1999.

The four buildings in phase one will be named in memory of prominent TCU supporters and alumni: B.M. and Frances Britain of Amarillo, Bess N. Fish of Houston, Marion Day Mullins of Fort Worth and Granville and Erlene Walker of Fort Worth. B.M. Britain (TCU class of '24) received TCU's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1973 and served as a TCU trustee from 1973 until his death in 1980. B.M. and his wife, Frances, an avid TCU supporter, provided generously for TCU after their deaths. Fish, a businesswoman, rancher and philanthropist served as a TCU trustee from 1972 to 1978, and was an honorary trustee until her death in 1996.

Mullins (TCU class of '27) was a charter member of the Friends of the TCU Library and served as an honorary trustee from 1977 until her death in 1988. The Walkers were devoted TCU alumni, ministers and civic leaders in Fort Worth for many years. Granville served as a TCU trustee and was an honorary board member until his death in 1991.

- Learned that a consultant will be selected to plan for improvements in the Brown-Lupton Student Center and the Rickel Recreation Building.

- Was advised that the Worth Hills fraternity phase of residence hall refurbishment will begin in mid-May 1999 with completion scheduled for mid-August. This will complete the Worth Hills renovation project.

- Heard that architectural firms have been hired to design the 60,000 square foot Tucker Technology Center to be located east of the Sid W. Richardson building. Ellerbe Becket of Minneapolis will partner with Hahnfeld Architects/Planners of Fort Worth.

- Learned that the \$11.7 million project to upgrade campus cooling and utility infrastructure systems with an environmentally friendly solution will soon be complete. Brandt Engineering is completing the project on time and within budget. ♦

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