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## SPECIAL SPRING BREAK ABBREVIATED EDITION

### After school visits with TCU buddies help FWISD kids grow their skills

ONCE A WEEK WHEN CLASSES LET OUT at Carroll Peak Elementary School, about two dozen students gather in groups on the gym floor to play "thinking games" with their special friends - TCU students.

For nearly two years, the children and their Frog friends, guided by **Sherrie Reynolds** (education) have met for an hour of game playing with a purpose; help children think critically and, indirectly, understand arithmetic principles.

Sherrie had long been puzzling over why children who do well in math suddenly "die" when they take algebra. "I felt it was because algebra brought out things they didn't know in arithmetic," she says.

Her students were already visiting classes at Carroll Peak, to work with children at the invitation of Principal Linda Battles, a TCU alumna. Battles was enthusiastic about the idea of help with arithmetic for her students. A high school teacher and a few of Sherrie's TCU students were enlisted to help with the new project.

Fourth-graders at Carroll Peak were invited to come after school to play weekly "thinking games." About 25 showed up to participate in activities that Sherrie and her students either found or invented to help children learn to reason and understand arithmetic.

"A core group came every week," Sherrie notes.

Last fall those children, now fifth-graders, were invited back while a new group of fourth-graders was enticed to join in. The group of TCU mentors grew as well, thanks to the encouragement of **Darron Turner** (minority affairs) who is a former FWISD employee.

The principal describes the partnership as a wonderful opportunity for her youngsters. "Teachers have said it has really helped them think through critical information. This year we even have kids helping kids."

The hope, according to Sherrie, is that when the children move on to middle and high school they will come back and stay with the program. "This project is so close to my heart. We can see how they are improving and how their confidence and understanding has grown," she says.

The mentorship goes beyond the thinking games. A group of Carroll Peak students came to campus Feb. 26 as Sherrie's special guests at the inauguration of Chancellor Ferrari. "We wanted it to be a special day

for them, with a chance to witness a rare occasion of pomp and ceremony...and maybe give them an idea of what a college campus is like," she explains.

Principal Battles cannot praise the efforts of her TCU friends enough. "I love it, my kids love it, Dr. Reynolds loves my kids and her kids love my kids. What could be better?" ♦

## MARKETPLACE

The Greek House at 3013 S. University, long a favorite eatery of the campus community, will vacate its current location in late April. Owners Azam and Majid Sawdagan will relocate their restaurant to the site of the old Mac's House at 2426 Forest Park Blvd.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR RENT:** June 1999 - July 2000. Lovely 2-story home in Ryan Place, 1 1/2 miles east of campus, 1-bedroom (large with 2-person whirlpool tub), 2 1/2 bath house, fully furnished (including linens, w/d and dishwasher). Off-street or garage parking. Owners provide and pay for lawn care, security system, and private armed security patrol. \$975 per month plus utilities and refundable deposit. Nonsmokers only, available May 31. Call Howard Stone at ext. 7584 or 924-9372 for more details.

**MOVING SALE:** Full-sized bed, \$100; white, Sharp 19" TV, \$100; large, high-powered microwave, \$35; Krups expresso machine, \$25; white, Mr. Coffee maker, \$10. Call Dorothy at ext. 7863 or 924-1034 for more information.

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## EVENTS

### March 15-19

Spring recess.

### March 15

Horned Frog Men's Basketball - TCU vs. University of Nebraska in second round of NIT, 7 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Tickets \$12 for adults, \$6 for TCU students and under-17.\*\*

### March 17

Harris HMO representative Jill Parker on campus. To schedule appt. call ext. 7790.

Horned Frog Baseball - TCU vs. Oklahoma State, 2:35 p.m., TCU Baseball Field.\*\*

### March 22- Apr. 1

*CrossTalk:* Eighth Annual Juried TCU Student Exhibition. Open to all full-time students currently enrolled at TCU. Awards will be presented at 5 p.m. March 22.\*\*\*

### March 22

Religion dept. presents **Phil Record** (journalism), *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* columnist and former ombudsman, speaking on "How and why mass-media reporting has changed regarding public figures and their personal lives," noon, Student Center, Rooms 205-206, \$5 lunch. Call ext. 7440 for more information.

Faculty bassoon recital featuring **Kevin Hall**, 7:30 p.m., PepsiCo Recital Hall. Free.\*

\* Call the School of Music at ext. 7602 for more information.

\*\*Call the ticket office at ext. 7967 for more information.

\*\*\*Call art and art history at ext. 7643 for more information.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The human resources office lists the following vacancies as of March 10. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Training Assistant - Institute of Behavioral Research  
Computer Support Librarian - Library  
Assistant/Program Director/Tennis Professional - Athletics/Tennis Center  
Assistant Ticket Manager - Athletics  
Director of Compliance - Athletics  
Coordinator/Neeley Student Resource Center - School of Business  
Assistant Strength Coach - Athletics/Football  
Payroll Supervisor - Payroll  
Accounting Assistant II - Student Accounts  
Administrative Assistant I - Social Work  
Registrar Assistant/Reenrollment - Registrar  
PeopleSoft Support/Office Assistant - Registrar  
Security Guard (75%) - 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/Electrical - Physical Plant  
Craft Tech II/HVAC - Physical Plant  
Groundskeeper I - Physical Plant  
Service Assistant II - Facility Services  
Service Assistant I - Facility Services  
Service Assistant I - Campus Life/Student Center

