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TCU'S study abroad participation ranked among nation's highest

TCU STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF study abroad opportunities more than students at any other doctoral university in the Southwest, according to a new study on international education. According to *Open Doors 98/99* (www.opendoorsweb.org), published Dec. 6 by the Institute of International Education, TCU ranks fourth among doctoral institutions in study abroad participation, following Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.; Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, N.C.; and Miami of Ohio University in Oxford, Ohio. TCU ranked 14th on a similar list published for 1996/97.

The ranking is based on the number of degrees conferred by each university in 1995 divided by the number of students who studied abroad in the 1997/98 academic year. TCU's percentage is 23.4%, based on 1,421 degrees conferred and 333 students who studied abroad. Only two other Texas universities appear in the top 30. Baylor (10) and SMU (12) had percentage participation rates of 17% and 16.8%, respectively.

Larry Adams (associate provost for academic affairs) said, "Our study abroad programs are so successful because we

have an outstanding faculty that create innovative international programs and pioneering students who appreciate the professional and intellectual benefit associated with international education and exploration."

Peggy Watson (Spanish & Latin American studies) has led programs to UDLA in Puebla, Mexico and will lead a new program to Seville, Spain for the first time this summer. "Don Frischmann (Spanish & Latin American studies) and I spent a good amount of time preparing students for their first trip to Mexico. But words only go so far. We hiked to the top of one of the world's largest pyramids in Cholula, just outside Puebla, and stood outside a church built by the Spaniards on top of the pyramid. Standing outside that Spanish church on top of an Indian pyramid, the students realized what it meant to experience the culture of Mexico. That's why we study abroad — to have a physical, intellectual experience of what before was only words."

Approximately 335 TCU students will study abroad this year. The University also has 450 foreign students from more than 70 countries studying on campus. ♦

Foster Hall closing for \$8.1 million facelift; renovated coed facility will reopen to students next August

WHEN STUDENTS RETURN TO CAMPUS after the holidays, there's one residence hall that won't be in use spring semester. Work on an \$8.1 million renovation to Foster Hall begins Dec. 20 when the building is emptied and a chain link fence goes up around it.

The 190 men and women who've made Foster their home this past semester are being relocated to other residence halls that have vacancies. Hall advisor Dottie Cruz, along with husband, Victor, and six-month-old son, Gabriel, will move to an apartment in Wiggins Hall.

Roger Fisher (residential services) says furniture out of Foster has been sold to both Navarro College in Corsicana and the Masonic Home here. Mattresses are being traded in to the manufacturer for new ones. Some of the lounge furnishings will be put in storage for later use.

Linbeck, Inc., the contractor on the

renovation, will soon install an office trailer curbside on North Drive. Although the vintage 1942 floor plan of Foster Hall is not changing, all infrastructure and architectural elements will be updated.

A major entrance will be added to the south side of the building facing the quad, making it look more like the front than the back. The roof will be repaired, while an elevator, handicap access and two exterior stair towers are installed. There will be a new heating and air conditioning system, new pipes and plumbing fixtures, as well as a new apartment for the hall director.

Fresh paint and carpet will highlight all new furnishings and window blinds.

Foster Hall will remain coed when it reopens next August. According to Roger, the students displaced by the renovation will have first choice to move back in to the refurbished building. ♦

EVENTS

Today

Carols by Candlelight, 10:30 p.m., Robert Carr Chapel.

Dec. 14

TCU Toastmasters, noon, Student Center rm. 211. Call ext. 7865 or e-mail Russell at r.elleven@tcu.edu for more information.

Dec. 16

Harris HMO representative on campus. To schedule an appointment call ext. 7790.

Dec. 18

Winter Commencement, 1 p.m., Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

Dec. 19

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

Dec. 20

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

*Call the ticket office at ext. 7967.

Faculty, staff invited to join diversity action teams

THE CHANCELLOR'S COUNCIL ON Diversity recently established a number of action teams in order to address specific areas. Each team reports to a member of the Chancellor's Council.

Any students, faculty and staff who would like to join are urged to contact the appropriate Council liaison. The groups, and their leaders, are described below:

Germán Gutiérrez
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Assuring the recruitment, declaration of identities and integration of our diverse international populations

Ida Hernandez
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Assuring the recruitment, declaration of identities and integration of our diverse religious populations

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Assuring the recruitment, declaration of identities and integration of our diverse racial-ethnic populations

Jaime Walker
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Assuring the recruitment, declaration of identities and integration of our diverse historically identified women's issues

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Organize workshops, seminars and forums to provide a greater awareness and value of

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diversity among faculty, staff, students and the greater community

Sherrie Reynolds
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Address the avoidance of discrimination within an atmosphere of respect and understanding for the variety of sexual orientations

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Develop alternative strategies for recruiting a more diverse faculty, staff and student population; examine alternative sources of funds to assist in the recruiting effort; making policy recommendations to the Diversity Council

Darron Turner
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Increase minority alumni participation on campus and within the Alumni Association

Linda Moore
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Advocate for student with varied mental and physical abilities

Kirsten Bell
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Advocate for students facing emerging issues

Miho Nishikawa
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Participate in the ongoing development of the freshman year experience

Carlos P. Ayala
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Assist in the enhancement of community outreach activities related to diversity

Ben Alexander
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Advocate for diversity within student organizations

For information on any aspect of the Council and/or its action teams, contact **Cornell Thomas** at c.thomas@tcu.edu. ♦

University bad weather closing procedures

DAYS WHEN THE UNIVERSITY IS officially closed because of weather conditions are designated as bad weather days. When the University is officially closed, all students, faculty and staff members will be excused from reporting, except for those employees providing essential services related to (1) health and safety, (2) the presence of a residential student community and (3) agreements with the public for the use of University facilities.

The decision to close the University will be made by 6 a.m. on the day in question and will be communicated to local news media. Members of the University community are encouraged to obtain their information from that source.

The University's Office of Communications makes all public announcements to radio, television and newspapers regarding changes caused by weather conditions. ♦

TCU This Week on holiday hiatus after this issue

The University will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, and will reopen Monday, Jan. 3. Like most of the campus, *TCU This Week* will take a break for the holiday season.

Today's is the last issue until publication resumes Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000. (Monday, Jan. 17 is the Martin Luther King holiday). Copy deadline for that issue is noon on Wednesday, Jan. 12. ♦

Judy Smith retiring

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF Publications **Judy Oelfke Smith** will retire Dec. 23 after 31 years with the University.

A fine arts graduate of TCU, Judy worked as a commercial artist and designer of stained glass before joining the staff here in 1968. Over the years Judy has done extensive work designing materials for Brite Divinity School, the School of Music and extended education, as well as University catalogs.

Her regular assignments also include *The TCU Magazine* and Fine Arts Calendars. Judy has done extensive design work for University Christian Church, including the communion table and large cross behind it, tile flooring and 37 stained glass windows. ♦

TCU has best interlibrary loan department in Texas

MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY WAS awarded the TexShare Interlibrary Loan Award for 1998-1999 in recognition of outstanding service in resource sharing. The top ILL award was presented to **Joyce Martindale**, department supervisor, **Kay Edmondson** and **Jill Kendle** at a statewide library workshop Nov. 19 in Dallas.

In receiving the award, TCU's ILL department was named best of more than 150 college and university libraries in Texas. ♦

R.A.D. classes scheduled for mid-January

TCU POLICE AND RISK MANAGEMENT will offer another round of free Rape Aggression Defense classes for female faculty and staff next month: 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13.

The R.A.D. system is a program of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques, beginning with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance and progressing to the basics of hands-on defense training.

Call **Glen Payton** at ext. 7220 to register for this session. ♦

MARKETPLACE

Stonegate Villas, 2501 Oak Hill Circle, has announced a 5% discount on rent to TCU faculty and staff. There is no application fee and no deposit; one-time \$75 administration fee.

For more information, contact the leasing center at 920-5000.

DEATHS

Sympathy is extended to **Barbara Self** (financial aid) in the death of her father, John (Bill) Brantley Nov. 25 in Fort Worth. Funeral service was held Nov. 30. We also send condolences to Barbara in the death of her father-in-law, Mark Self, who passed away Dec. 3 in Houston.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of **Lucile Houston** (professor emeritus, nursing) who passed away Dec. 5 in Fort Worth. A memorial service was held Dec. 9 at the First United Methodist Church. Memorials may be sent to Harris College of Nursing.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: '90 Acura Legend 4-door, 89K miles, white with burgundy cloth interior, \$5,500; '88 GMC Suburban, 113K miles, clean interior, needs paint, \$3,500; queen-sized sofa bed, \$25; call 923-3057 for either auto or ext. 6176 for the bed.

FOR RENT: Private room in lovely, spacious 2-story brick house very close to campus, available for immediate occupancy. Large living room, fully-equipped kitchen, w/d, security system, shared bath, \$425/mo. plus share of utilities, \$200 security deposit. Call ext. 5764 or 921-3313.

PIANO FOR SALE: Young Chang G175, 6 ft. Grand Majog, finish 2 yrs-old, excellent condition, \$10,500. Call 370-7262 or 551-3209.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Human Resources office lists the following vacancies as of Dec. 8, 1999. For more information on any of these positions, call ext. 7790.

Director of Fraternity/Sorority Affairs - Campus Life Advisor - Minority Affairs

Assistant Director of Student Info. Systems - Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dean of Education - School of Education

Dean of Fine Arts - Fine Arts

Dean of School of Business - Business

Dean of AddRan - College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Database Administrator - Information Services

Programmer Analyst - Information Services

Reference Librarian - Library

Residence Hall Director II - Residential Services

Instructional Staff Member - English/Writing Center

Graphic Designer - Publications

Human Resource Manager - Human Resources

Research Associate - Chemistry

Assistant Women's Volleyball Coach - Athletics

Office Assistant - Registrar's Office

Accounting Supervisor - Financial Services

Financial Services Assistant - Financial Services

Administrative Assistant I - Brite Divinity School

Executive Assistant I - Advancement Services

Police Officer - Campus Police

Security Guard - Campus Police

Craft Technician Supervisor I - Physical Plant

Craft Technician I/HVAC - Physical Plant

Craft Technician I/HVAC Control Center - Physical Plant

Craft Technician I/General Maintenance - Physical Plant

Groundskeeper I - Physical Plant

Groundskeeper II - Physical Plant

Service Assistant Supervisor - Facility Services

Service Assistant - Student Center