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TCU WINS GRANT FOR DRUG EDUCATION

With a \$182,000 grant from the Fund for Improvement of Post Secondary Education (FIPSE), TCU and Golden Key National Honor Society will join forces to develop a prototype for drug prevention programs for colleges and universities across the United States.

TCU was one of four colleges in the United States to receive FIPSE grants and the only one chosen as a model for a comprehensive peer program. "Our goal will be to empower a critical mass of students to create drug-free campuses," said Barbara Brown Herman, coordinator of TCU's alcohol and drug education program and author of the FIPSE grant proposal.

The project will establish a national network of student peer counselors and educators and will develop educational materials and a training video over a two-year period. The University will host a national conference in June, 1990, and its Institute of Behavioral Research will direct ongoing evaluation and redefinition of the program.

The Higher Education Leaders/Peers (HELP) Network will link schools, including TCU, which receive FIPSE funding and join them with Golden Key to establish a consortium which will impact the nation's college students. The network will train students to act as both peer counselors and educators, especially for high-risk groups on campus including freshmen, fraternity and sorority members and athletes. Both TCU and Golden Key have highly-recognized drug prevention programs based on peer counseling already in place which will be utilized in the HELP network.

Through TCU's Campus Mentors program, now beginning its third year, students, faculty and staff are selected by the student body as those most likely to be called upon to help with a problem. These "natural helpers" learn communication skills, explore basic facts about alcohol and drugs and other wellness issues, examine campus alcohol and drug use and learn about chemical dependency and co-dependency issues. Follow-up networking and training sessions are offered on an ongoing basis, and a newsletter is distributed quarterly.

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DRUG EDUCATION GRANT (continued)

Golden Key is a national academic honors organization dedicated to excellence. To be eligible for membership, a student must be ranked in the top 15 percent scholastically of the juniors and seniors at a college or university. Last year Golden Key, which has 150 active chapters across the United States, launched a national program known as Best of America Say "No." Its members along with athletes and other student leaders acted as role models for younger students, visiting primary and secondary schools to talk about the benefits of a drug-free lifestyle.

Barbara will be the HELP Network projector director. The certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor has 20 years' experience as an educator, author, administrator and human resources consultant. Administrative support will come from Don Mills, associate vice chancellor for student affairs with 20 years' experience in program development and administration, and Vice Chancellor Peggy Barr, who is a nationally recognized authority in the field of alcohol and drug education.

Psychologist Don Dansereau and IBR Director Dwayne Simpson will direct research and evaluation of the program. Don has done innovative research in drug education and prevention strategies, and Dwayne is known for his work in evaluating drug prevention and treatment programs. Jan Fox, director of research and sponsored projects, will monitor the grant.

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2,896 STUDENTS RESIDING ON CAMPUS

A total of 2,896 students are living on campus this semester. According to a fall occupancy report issued by Associate Vice Chancellor Don Mills, this is a decrease from last fall's total of 2,997. The current number includes 1,109 men and 1,787 women residents.

By classification, on-campus residents include 88.6 percent of full-time freshmen, 73.7 percent of full-time sophomores, 46.9 percent of full-time juniors and 22.1 percent of full-time seniors. Of all full-time undergraduate students, 56.5 are housed on campus compared to 56.8 percent in 1988.

The number of transfer students housed on campus increased by 14.3 percent this fall. The total now is 120 compared to last year's 105.

Men's residence halls are occupied at a rate of 86.9 percent of optimal capacity, while women's residence halls occupancy is at 96.9 percent of optimal capacity. These figures do not include fraternity and sorority housing, which has occupancy rates of 78.3 percent and 90 percent, respectively.

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TCU WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS OCT. 10

The TCU Woman's Club will meet for a brown bag lunch on Oct. 10 at 11:45 a.m. in Room 211 of the Student Center. Betsy Colquitt will speak on the topic "A Woman and Her Poetry."

GREEN PROF WILL SPEAK THURSDAY

"Research in Universities" will be the topic for Thursday's public presentation by Dr. Jules B. LaPibus of Washington, DC, who is president of the Council of Graduate Schools in the United States. The free program will begin at 7 p.m. in 132 North of the Moudy Building.

In his current position since 1982, LaPibus is the first of 11 distinguished persons coming to campus in 1989-90 as Visiting Green Professors in the position endowed by Dr. Cecil H. Green and the late Dr. Ida Green of Dallas. In addition to public events, these persons meet with students and faculty members and participate in class sessions and seminars.

LaPibus, hosted this week by the graduate studies and research office, formerly was associated with Ohio State University for 21 years in such positions as dean of its graduate school, vice provost for research and professor of medicinal chemistry. The Chicago native earned the bachelors' degree in pharmacy at the University of Illinois and holds master's and Ph.D. degrees in medicinal chemistry from the University of Wisconsin.

A Fellow of the National Academy of University Research Administrators and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, LaPibus holds positions of leadership in such organizations as the American Council on Education, Graduate Record Examinations Board, National Science Foundation, National Liaison Committee on Foreign Student Admissions and National Research Council.

LaPibus, given the national distinguished service citation by the United Negro College Fund, focuses his research on stereo chemical aspects of drug action, conformational analysis and molecular pharmacology. His more than 40 published studies have appeared in leading professional journals in this country and abroad.

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MARK SMITH SHOW STARTS OCT. 10

Constructions by Mark Smith, many of them related to cultural history, will be on view in Moudy Building Exhibition Space Oct. 10 through Nov. 3. Opening reception will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Oct. 10, and subsequent hours will be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Smith, a resident of Weston who has taught at Austin College and at Texas Woman's University, builds his pieces starting from the top. "Joints and connective elements often have a mechanistic or functional character, and the work plans itself as it evolves downward," he explained.

Components of a given work can assume an anthropomorphic meaning, he said, with pediments equaling heads, beams being limbs and cables being tendons. "The parts should yield to the whole, and the details should reveal nuance of meaning. The psychological analogy could be a facade," Smith said, "which protects, conceals or exposes the underlying structures."

A graduate of Kansas City Art Institute, Smith earned his Master of Fine Arts degree from Queens College of City University of New York. He has taught there and at Miami University in Ohio and also has been gallery director at TWU.

FIVE ATHLETES ADDED TO HALL OF FAME

Five Horned Frog lettermen were inducted into the TCU Lettermen's Hall of Fame during a Sept. 29 event at Ridglea Country Club. Presented to the public during the TCU-SMU game, they are Lance Brown, Roy Eury, Kent Nix, B.W. Spearman and Roger Williams.

Brown, now the Frogs' baseball coach, lettered in baseball in 1963-64 while earning All-Southwest Conference and All-American honors. Named SWC Player of the Year, he led TCU to the conference championship in 1963. He shares the school record for most victories in one season and ranks second all time for single-season strikeouts. Named coach of the year three times as a high school mentor, he played professionally three years with the Chicago Cubs.

Retired from the Air Force at the rank of lieutenant colonel after 27 years' service, Eury lettered in football and basketball in 1928-30 and captained the cagers in 1930. Player for the 1929 SWC champions, he coached high school basketball in White Deer and Gladewater for 10 years after graduating in 1931.

During three years as quarterback, Nix led TCU in passing in 1964-65 and led the Frogs in 1965 to the Sun Bowl, where he holds the University's bowl records for most plays of total offense, most yards passing and most passes attempted. In one game, the former Lettermen's Association director threw four touchdown passes and ran for one more to set a still-standing scoring record. He played professionally with the Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Bears and the Houston Oilers.

Spearman, whose award was presented posthumously, lettered in football three years before graduating in 1932. A member of the basketball team in 1931, he was named All-SWC halfback in 1931 and '32 and was a member of the 1932 SWC championship team. In 1931-32 he led the Frogs in rushing and was leading receiver and scorer in 1931.

A baseball letterman for four years before graduating in 1971, Williams was an All-SWC outfielder in 1969 and led the Frogs in batting at .337 for the year and .396 in SWC action. He also led the team in stolen bases and was named to TCU's All-Decade Team for the 1960s. After being assistant baseball coach two years, he was the Frogs' head coach in 1976. With the Atlanta Braves three years, he was named Fort Worth's Outstanding Young Businessman in 1984. He currently heads the "Just Say No" drug campaign in Fort Worth's elementary schools.

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'TCU TODAY' EVENTS BEGIN OCT. 8

"TCU Today," the admissions office's "show and tell" program that takes the campus setting to prospective students and their parents, will begin Oct. 8 for the 1989-90 year. Coordinated by Lesley Ellertson, the program will be presented in 22 cities in 13 states from October through March.

The initial reception and information program will be held Sunday at the Hyatt Regency Tech Center in Denver. Following will be an event Oct. 22 in Phoenix. Admissions officers, students and faculty members will participate in the programs.

KODAK VIDEOCONFERENCE SET OCT. 5

Photographer Jay Maisel is featured in Kodak's "Techniques of the Masters Videoconference" from Rochester Institute of Technology set for Thursday. The live satellite program is one of a series of educational and entertaining telecasts in which photographers share insights, experiences and techniques that helped elevate them to the top of their craft. A telephone call-in portion of the program gives viewers from around the globe an opportunity to call in questions to the featured speaker, on the air. Discussions with Jay Maisel are further enhanced with a taped tour of his famous New York studio.

The satellite program offered on campus by TAGER TV/Telecommunications will be held in Dan Rogers Hall Auditorium. The videoconference is from 6 to 8 p.m. There is no charge to attend. Additional information may be obtained by calling Ext. 7632.

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PENSION FUND REP TO VISIT

A representative of the Pension Fund of the Christian Church will be on campus Oct. 12 for personal conferences with faculty and staff members. These meetings will afford opportunity to obtain current information about the Pension Fund, taxes, Social Security and other matters of concern.

Personal conferences will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 204 of the Student Center. All interested employees may schedule appointments with the representative by calling the benefits office, Ext. 7792.

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ALLEN TO SING WITH SYMPHONY

Mezzo-soprano Sheila Allen will be soloist with the University Symphony in a TCU Music Series performance at 8 p.m. Monday in Ed Landreth Auditorium. The concert, conducted by Candler Schaffer, will include "Jubilee" from G.W. Chadwick's Symphonic Sketches, Antonin Dvorak's Legenden and Gabriel Faure's Pavane. Sheila and the orchestra will be joined by a men's chorus from the University Chorale to perform Alto Rhapsody by Johannes Brahms.

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IMAGE, MINAI RECEIVE AWARDS

New honors have come to IMAGE, the student quarterly magazine, and to journalism student Leonora Minai.

In competition based on 1988-89 issues, IMAGE has been recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association with its first-place certificate. The award was given at Columbia University in its annual contest for 1989. The issues judged were edited by now-senior MariCarmen Eroles of Mexico City.

A senior from Somers, NY, Leonora has been cited by American Express as one of the top 11 college journalists for the year. The three top-ranking student journalists will be announced at the College Media Advisors conference in New Orleans in October.

MOORE SERVICE HELD SEPT. 25

Funeral services for Ruby Scott Moore, widow of Dean Emeritus Jerome A. Moore, were held Sept. 26 at University Christian Church. She died Sept. 23 after a lengthy illness.

A native of New Hope, Mrs. Moore was graduated from TCU and named a yearbook favorite in 1928. She and Dr. Moore, also a TCU graduate and ordained minister who joined the TCU faculty full-time in 1943, were the first couple married in ceremonies held in the Mary Coats Burnett Library in 1928.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome A. Moore II of Tulsa; a grandson, Michael, of Carlton; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Debra and John Clegg of Tulsa; and a sister. Memorials are being made to TCU, University Christian Church and the Juvenile Diabetic Association.

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FIRST TUESDAYS TO BRING ENTERTAINMENT

Tonight Carl Rosen will launch Mardi Nights at TCU with piano, satire and singing. Appearing in the Student Center Lounge at 7:30, Rosen will be the first of a series of professional entertainers who will perform on the first Tuesday of each month. Admission is free.

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GOLF EVENT IS FOR FACULTY

The Fall Break Golf Classic set for Oct. 13 is planned for faculty members, since classes will be dismissed that date for fall break, rather than for faculty and staff members as announced in last week's bulletin.

Entry cost will be \$25 for the tourney at Lost Creek Golf Club. Additional information is available from the recreational sports office, sponsor of the competition.

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TV TAKEOFF TUNES IN ON AIDS

"Tic Tac Whoa! Educate Yourself and Stop AIDS," a take-off on the Hollywood Squares television show, is planned by the AIDS Awareness, Information and Discussion Society (AAIDS) for 7:15 p.m. Thursday in Room 205 of the Student Center. Hosted by Jim Werth, the program will feature contestants from the audience and a panel of "celebrities" from various TCU academic disciplines.

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JUST A REMINDER...

..that Oct. 8 is the date for the faculty/staff-student play day at Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center, beginning at 3 p.m. Registrations due at center office, Ext. 7960.

CHILDREN'S AFTER-SCHOOL ART SET

Two after-school art activities for children are being offered by the Office of Extended Education this semester. Not listed in the Learner's Guide, they are "Messing with Media/Art" and "Art Works." Both are taught by art education majors under the supervision of their instructor, Kathie Robinson.

Planned for children ages 4 to 10, "Messing with Media/Art" began yesterday and will continue on Mondays through Nov. 13. Meeting on Wednesdays from this week through Nov. 14, "Art Works" is designed for students ages 11 to 18. Each class will meet from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.

Both classes, normally \$25 each, are being offered for half tuition for dependents of faculty and staff members. Registration details are available by calling Ext. 7132.

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BARTLETT SERVICE TO BE OCT. 7

A Service of Thanksgiving in celebration for the life of Lou Bartlett, wife of Professor Emeritus Paul Bartlett of the chemistry department, will be held Saturday at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church. The 11 a.m. service will be conducted by interim minister W. Robert Martin Jr., and music will be provided by Mark Scott, St. Stephen organist, and the Schola Cantorum.

Members of the immediate family will be present.

Mrs. Bartlett died Aug. 6 in Boston.

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NOTES ON FOLKS

ALEXANDRA KUREPA (mathematics) has been informed that the paper she co-authored with R. Waschka II (UNT) entitled "Using Fractals in Timbre Construction: An Exploratory Study" has been accepted for publication in the Proceedings of the 1989 International Computer Music Conference and will be presented at the conference in November.

On Sept. 21, ARDEN HOPKIN (music) presented a choral clinic for the FWISD for those students preparing for the all-state choir auditions.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 23 in Austin for W.D. "PAT" PATTON, retired Air Force senior master sergeant who was a maintenance supervisor for 23 years until his retirement in 1973.

An article by LINDA HUGHES (English) entitled "Turbulence in the 'Golden Stream': Chaos Theory and the Study of Periodicals" appears in the Fall 1989 issue (vol. 22) of Victoria Periodicals Review. This essay is one of five in the first special issue of the journal ever devoted to critical theory. Linda explores elements of chaos theory as analogues which can be used to conceptualize key features of periodical publication.

MORE NOTES ON FOLKS

ROBERTA CORDER (academic services) directed a day-long workshop on teaching and learning styles for the faculty at Nebraska Wesleyan University on Sept. 22. JIM CORDER (English) lectured on the personal essay for English faculty and students on Sept. 21 and gave a reading from his new book, "Chronicle of a Small Town," for faculty and students the following day.

Jim's essay, "I Can't Get Away From Hoppy," has been accepted for publication in the New Mexico Humanities Review. His paper, "Another Geography Course?," has been accepted for publication in Perspectives.

PAUL KING and RALPH BEHNKE (speech communication) have had their paper entitled "Video Audience Simulation Technique: A New Tool for Communication Instruction" published in a recent issue of The Southern Communication Journal. The study outlines the pedagogical benefits of video audience simulation in terms of student speech rehearsal, instructor control of feedback and portrayal of audiences not usually available in normal instructional settings.

To her friends across campus, LINDA MOORE (sociology) sends this message: "I am absolutely overwhelmed at how wonderful people have been. I've always believed TCU was a great place with super people, but the past six weeks have proven just what a blessing it is to be part of this community. I am doing well and hope to be back to work very soon. The support and love I have gotten consistently from TCU has made the recovery much easier."

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TCU IN THE NEWS

"Ex-McKinley Star Windegger Has Worn Many Hats for Horned Frogs since '53" was the headline Sept. 5 in the St. Louise Post-Dispatch. The lengthy feature traced FRANK WINDEGGER's career from his St. Louis high school through the committees and titles he has held as TCU's athletic director.

Eva Peron's influence for Argentina's working class and that nation's regard for her was the subject of a Star-Telegram feature on Sept. 17. In discussing the tempestous life of Argentina's first lady, WILLIAM BEEZLEY (history) described her as "a genius at public relations" and noted that four decades after her death people still go to her grave with flowers and to pray. Quoted, too, was MIKE DODSON (political science), who noted that Eva and Juan Peron appealed to that country's immigrants from southern Europe.

Trustee ANNE MARION was the subject of a lengthy feature in the Sept. 18 Star-Telegram titled "Natural resource: In business, ranching, cultural and social spheres, Fort Worth's Anne Marion reaps a multitude of praise for her vitality." Among those quoted was Chancellor BILL TUCKER, who called attention to her many contributions to TCU's progress.

"Outgoing, active kids actually may be lonely" was the headline in the Sept. 11 Dallas Times Herald about the research project completed by alumna LORI RILEY. Based on findings from an eight-month study of kindergarten pupils in a private Fort Worth school, she found that "the loneliest kid on the block may be the friendliest and most active." Lori is a doctoral candidate at the University of North Texas.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 3 --Center for Academic Services Workshop: Surviving Essay Exams, Student Center Room 202, 2 p.m. Call to register.
 --Last day students may withdraw from a class.
 --Men's soccer, TCU vs. Oklahoma City, TCU soccer field, 4 p.m.
 --Mardi Night at TCU, music and satire by Carl Rosen, Student Center lounge, 7:30.
- Oct. 4 --University chapel, Robert Carr Chapel, noon.
- Oct. 5 --Faculty Senate, Sid Richardson boardroom, 3:30 p.m.
 --Men's soccer, TCU at North Texas.
 --Kodak videoconference featuring photographer Jay Maisel, 6-8 p.m., Dan Rogers Hall. Admission free.
 --Public presentation, "Research in Universities," by Visiting Green Professor Dr. Jules B. LaPibus of the Council of Graduate Schools in the U.S., 7 p.m., Moudy Building 132 North. Free.
- Oct. 6 --Film, "Eight Men Out," Student Center ballroom, 7 & 10 p.m. \$1.50.
 --Entries due in Recreational Sports Office for Faculty Fall Break Golf Classic Oct. 13 at Lost Creek Golf Club. Cost is \$25. Call Ext. 7945 for information.
 --Women's soccer, TCU at Wags Tournament, through Oct. 8.
- Oct. 7 --TCU Young Alumni tailgate party, Amon Carter Stadium, 6:30 p.m.
 --Football, TCU vs. Arkansas, Amon Carter Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 8 --Faculty/staff-student play day, Lard Tennis Center, 3-4:30 p.m. \$3.50.
- Oct. 9 --Monday at TCU.
 --TCU ballet and modern dance brown bag performance, Student Center ballroom, noon. Visitors are welcome to bring a sack lunch.
 --TCU Music Series concert by University Symphony, Ed Landreth Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Oct. 10 --Mark Smith: Constructions, Moudy Building Exhibition Hall, through Nov. 3, open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Free.
 --TCU Writing Center Workshop: Resume Writing, 3-5 p.m. Call to register.
 --TCU Woman's Club brown bag lunch, 11:45 a.m., Student Center 211. Speaker Betsy Colquitt to discuss "A Woman and Her Poetry."

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FOR SALE: Panasonic KX-P1091i printer plus paper and ribbons, \$125; Amana microwave oven, \$100. Call 246-7851.

WANTED: Quiet, responsible individual to sublet and care for lovely furnished apartment in near southside Fort Worth neighborhood; no children or pets; non-smoker; washer/dryer available. \$150/wk, responsible for own phone calls (weekly and monthly rates available). Call Nancy 923-6710.

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OFFICIAL ABSENCES

Sept. 27, 1989

Students listed below must make up any class assignments that were missed. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange with his/her professor for the make-up. If you have any questions, call 921-7855.

Men's Soccer Team members who missed classes Sept. 21 and 22 to participate in a soccer tournament at Las Vegas, Nevada:

Ali, Huvishka	Duppstadt, Eddie	Mungioli, Armando
Amos, Blake	Frauenheim, Darrell	Netherland, David
Blocker, Truman	Groth, Todd	Poer, Evan (Trainer)
Burnam, Trip	Hall, Ryker	Villella, Jerry
Chaney, Bill	Helling, Troy	Wallace, Stephen
Danford, Chase	Malachino, Joe	Whitten, Jack
Davidson, Vance	Mestanzo, Pedro	

TCU String Quartet members who missed classes from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wed., Sept. 27 to play at the Fine Arts Guild luncheon:

Sabin, Amy	Kotzer, Milissa
Stubblefield, Ken	Yeh, Min-Hua

Men's tennis team members who left campus at 11:30 a.m., Sept. 27, and missed classes on Sept. 28 and 29 to participate in LSU Show Case Tournament at Baton Rouge:

Ruette, Luis	Stolle, Sandon
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Women's tennis team members who left campus at 12 noon, Sept. 28, and missed classes on Sept. 29 to participate in the Westwood Tournament at Austin, Texas:

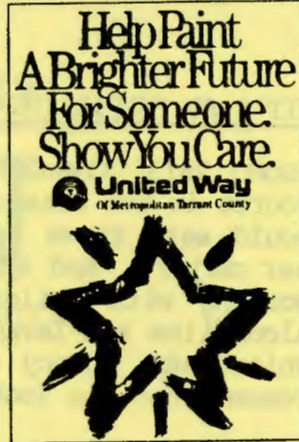
Hoosen, Karen	Ramirez, Claudia	Terrell, Nancy
Martin, Terry Ann	Smith, Lee Ann	Van Overloop, Margot
Podvalova, Sally	Svensson, Camilla	

Men's tennis team members who left campus at 1:30 p.m., Sept. 28, and missed classes on Sept. 29 to participate in a 4-way match at Texas A&M:

Bujan, Toni	Meyer, Jeff	Tjia, Mark
Hounsell, Alan	Ronan, Gerard	Vozeh, Tim
Jeffrey, Sean	Rubio, Ricardo	

Men's golf team members who left campus at 4:00 p.m., Sept. 27 and missed classes on Sept. 28 and 29 to participate in the New Mexico State University Tournament at Las Cruces, New Mexico:

Budde, Rene	Magee, Chad	Tinning, Ben
Cooper, Robert "Beau"	Massengale, Terry	



YWCA—YOU DON'T GO TO BE SEEN

The friend who persuaded Kathy McDorman to take a seat on the YWCA board made a strong point of assuring her, "That's not a place you go to see or be seen."

The friend was right. After her first year of board service, the TCU historian was convinced that the YWCA does work in Fort Worth that nobody else will touch. "The association courageously addresses such problems as the needs of teen parents and developmental child care services for disabled youngsters," Kathy said. "YWCA staff and volunteers are willing to take on projects that are not high visibility, socially rewarding jobs."

In Fort Worth, one in four live births is to a teen-age mother, which represents the highest percentage of Texas' eight major cities. Texas ranks second in the nation in births to teen girls and first in the number of births to girls 14 and under. At Polytechnic High School, the YWCA operates a day care program in coordination with the Fort Worth Independent School District. The YWCA Teen Parent Program also provides such support services as tutoring, counseling and parenting workshops in an effort to help teens continue their education and at the same time improve their parenting skills.

"The YWCA is one of the few agencies that didn't simply close its eyes to the problems of teen parents," Kathy pointed out. "Instead, the association offers instruction all the way from pre-natal care and nutrition for the teens to caring for their children."

The association's Polytechnic Area Center also offers special needs day care for infants through pre-school along with before-and after-school tutoring and community activities.

The YWCA has terrific funding problems, she said, and is heavily dependent upon gifts because the association primarily serves a constituency that is less able to pay. Of the association's six major program areas, the United Way funds downtown pre-school day care, Poly YWCA pre-school day care and services to adolescents.

The downtown YWCA offers supportive living services to residents who often are new to Fort Worth. Services include information and referral, short-term counseling, employment assistance and group activities in a safe environment. There also is a Downtown Wellness Center which provides fitness assessments, afternoon aerobics, massages and special group exercise.

The downtown agency also offers unique developmental child care services for both disabled and non-disabled children in a therapeutic play environments. School-age children may take part in mainstream summer day camp activities aimed at providing extraordinary adventure in learning, sharing and growing.

'IT'S SO FULFILLING' FOR STUDENT VOLUNTEER

"SOWO 2813" Community Agency Placement, Volunteer Service" was just another course in the catalog, representing to psychology major Susan Hargis a way she could earn three hours of elective credit in an area which dove-tailed with her major. And when she agreed to spend Tuesday and Wednesday evenings working with children the Sunshine Club, a program at Tarrant Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, she thought that her volunteer efforts within the United Way agency would fit nicely under the "experience" heading on her resume when she looked for a job working with the chemically dependent.

What she has found has been eye-opening. Working with a Tarrant Council staff member, Susan will spend a total of 45 hours with children from chemically dependent families. "We try to help them get in touch with their feelings," she said. "We don't just ask them about their families. We have them to do something to help them explore their feelings, like drawing a picture. Sometimes they will talk about their experiences; sometimes they won't."

The children in Susan's group range from a five-year-old to a seventh grader. What they have in common is parents with alcohol or drug abuse problems who may be in recovery or in in-or-out-patient programs. "These little kids are so aware of what's going on," Susan said. "One seven-year-old girl found her father unconscious from a drug overdose. Can you imagine finding your father like that? It's amazing to me how much they understand."

"The class is designed to teach students about some of the demands on persons in the helping professions," said Charlene Urwin, director of the social work department. Placements this semester range from the Rape Crisis Center to John Peter Smith Hospital, from the Psychiatric Institute to Ronald McDonald House. "It's a course popular with non-majors as well as majors," Charlene said. While many of the non-majors plan to go into helping professions, as Susan does, it is not uncommon for students from totally unrelated disciplines like business to enroll.

"The Volunteer Experience" helps students; it helps a variety of agencies and their clients as well. Volunteers are an important resource in the Tarrant Council's program, said Wendy Fox, its director of development. The council provides a gamut of services for those with alcohol and drug problems, including awareness, education, case management, assessment, intervention, advocacy and prevention. "We're involved in just about everything except direct treatment," she said.

Volunteer opportunities with Tarrant Council are numerous. In addition to the Sunshine Club, volunteers assist with Project Charlie, a drug education program for children in kindergarten through the sixth grade in local schools, and they stage puppet shows and serve as co-facilitators in the family education series. Those with time for more intense training can work on the council's 24-hour hotline which provides information and referrals. "A caller can ask for the time and location of an AA meeting or say 'Help! I'm in trouble,'" Wendy said.

"All that's necessary, she said, "is a willing heart." Those who would like to find out more about volunteering with the Tarrant Council can call 332-6329. Like Susan, they might get more than they expected. "I really love it," she said. "It's so fulfilling."