

# BULLETIN

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## WRITING CENTER DRAWS A CROWD

During the summer, fall and spring semesters of the 1989-90 academic year, more than one-fourth of TCU students visited the Writing Center. The total of 1,941 individuals visiting the center indicated the facility reached 27.7 percent of the student population, assuming enrollment of 7,000. The national norm runs between 5 and 10 percent annually, said Writing Center director Christina Murphy.

The 1,941 individuals actually made 8,017 contacts with the Writing Center, creating a return visit ratio of 4.13 visits per person. Christina termed that a "stable and effective use of the Writing Center."

The totals broke down into 330 tutorials, 49 workshop participants and 577:32 computer hours last summer; 3,191 tutorials, 665 in instructional classes, 331 workshop participants and 5,018:25 computer hours in the fall of 1989; and 2,852 tutorials, 457 in instructional classes, 142 workshop participants and 4,018:17 computer hours in the spring.

The figures represent a 138.5 percent increase in the use of the Writing Center over the 1988-89 school year and a 93 percent growth rate in the use of its computers. Christina pointed out, however, that the computers were not in use during the entire 1988-89 school year but only during the spring semester. A comparison of the two spring semesters shows 2,081 computer hours for the spring of 1989 as compared to the 4,018:17 this spring.

Rush hours at the Writing Center are between 1 and 3 p.m., when more than 2,000 tutorial visits were made during the academic year. Other high-traffic times are between 3 and 4 p.m. with 822 visits and 10-11 a.m. with 727 visits. These figures do not include workshop or instructional class participants, only individual visits.

Sophomores were the center's heaviest users, making 1,881 visits, closely followed by 1,802 freshman calls. The Writing Center also drew 1,136 junior visits, 1,018 senior visits, 402 calls by graduate students, 125 by faculty/staff and nine by continuing education participants.

Not surprisingly, pre-majors have been the biggest users of the center, making 2,836 visits during 1989-90. A total of 216 visits were made by elementary education majors, 207 by marketing majors, 204 by journalism/broadcast journalism majors, 169 by art history majors, 165 by English majors, 159 by accounting majors, 156 by biology majors and 151 by art majors. Smallest use came out to a five-way tie, with eight visits each made by majors in medical technology, physics, public relations/advertising, sports/recreation and urban studies.

JARVIS, FOSTER, WAITS LEAD GPA LIST

Jarvis, Foster and Waits halls led campus residence halls in grade-point averages for the spring semester. According to a report issued by Dean of Students Libby Proffer, their GPAs were 3.15, 3.11 and 3.0, respectively.

Six of 11 sororities had grade averages above the 3.0 level. They were Alpha Kappa Alpha with 3.45; Delta Gamma, 3.17; Alpha Delta Pi, 3.08; Chi Omega, 3.05; Pi Beta Phi, 3.04; and Delta Delta Delta, 3.02. In descending order, other sororities were Kappa Delta and Zeta Tau Alpha tied with 2.92, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Sigma Theta.

The highest-ranking fraternity was Lambda Chi Alpha with 3.02; other fraternities, all below 3.0 and in descending order, were Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Chi and Kappa Alpha Psi.

The average for all sorority actives was 3.08, while fraternity actives had a 2.81 average. Sorority pledges had an average of 2.79, and fraternity pledges averaged 2.55.

Students living in University residence halls and those living off campus last semester had the same GPA of 2.85. Ten of 12 residential units for which averages were available were lower than in the 1989 spring semester, while one was the same and one was up slightly, according to the report.

The report showed the following figures for the last five spring semesters:

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
All day students	2.861	2.875	2.854	2.882	2.86
All undergraduates	2.860	2.878	2.858	2.753	2.85
All undergraduate men	2.717	2.744	2.714	2.753	2.71
All undergraduate women	2.971	2.979	2.966	2.978	2.96
All freshmen	2.871	2.839	2.778	2.729	2.63
Freshman men	2.673	2.745	2.648	2.560	2.52
Freshman women	2.935	2.903	2.878	2.841	2.70
<u>RESIDENCE HALLS</u>					
Brachman	2.852	2.665	2.743	2.787	2.74
Clark	2.921	2.971	2.855	2.925	2.86
Colby Hall	3.029	2.970	2.941	2.932	2.77
Foster	2.996	3.048	3.028	3.047	3.11
Jarvis	3.038	3.145	3.188	3.219	3.15
Milton Daniel	2.461	2.590	2.596	2.728	2.67
Moncrief Hall				2.569	2.51
Pete Wright	2.813	2.821	2.756	2.792	2.55
Sherley	2.883	2.972	2.933	2.949	2.88
Tom Brown	3.030	3.072	2.987	2.940	2.91
Waits	2.990	3.058	2.971	3.000	3.00
Wiggins	2.840	2.806	2.938	2.879	2.85

FACULTY, STAFF CONTRIBUTE \$84,778

A total of \$84,778 was contributed to the University's Annual Fund by faculty and staff members during the fiscal year which ended May 31. Of this amount, \$45,739 was donated by 123 faculty members and \$39,039 by 135 staff members.

Ron Flowers and Don Mills co-chaired the faculty and staff divisions, respectively, for the March campaign. The number of employees who made gifts to the University rose from 239 to 258 and gift income increased by \$10,245 over the previous year.

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ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE OPENS TONIGHT

More than 400 teen-agers from Texas and New Mexico are due on campus today (Tuesday) for the opening of the annual assembly of the Christian Youth Fellowship of the Southwest, which has its opening session at 7:30 tonight in Ed Landreth Auditorium. With "Mixing the Right Ingredients: The Thyme Is Now" as its theme, the series of workshops, sessions and activities will continue until Friday morning.

Featured personalities will be songwriter/motivational speaker Jim Newton, president of Celebration Shop Inc., who is a consultant for churches, hospitals, colleges and universities across the nation, and Dr. Roger William Wedell, TCU alumnus who is director of Arlington Ministries in Higher Education, a cooperative ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Church of Christ at the University of Texas at Arlington.

To present the keynote address at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Ed Landreth Auditorium, Newton is a graduate of McMurray College, holds the Master of Theology degree from Southern Methodist University and is working toward the D.M. degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. A director of the Texas Association for Children of Alcoholics, he has produced nine record albums. His latest, "Friends of the Family," is a collection of therapeutic songs for severely, chronically and terminally ill children.

Wedell, who earned the B.A. and master's degrees at TCU and the Ph.D from Berkeley's Graduate Theological Union, will be worship director for the assembly. Formerly administrative assistant for Thanks-Giving Square Foundation in Dallas, he served in 1986-89 as dean of the School of Theology for the Laity. Author of several books, he is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Mimesis Institute and is past chair of the art, literature and religion section for the Southwest Regional American Academy of Religion.

Four of the nine 1989-90 executive youth officers of the Southwest Region of the Disciples of Christ will attend TCU. They are Talitha Covington of Alpine, Todd Emmons of Tyler, Laurie Love of Corpus Christi and Cari Medrick of Garland.

Assembly plans were coordinated by Melissa Graham, director, and Cheri Kendrick, youth ministries coordinator of the Christian Church in the Southwest. On-campus coordinator is Jim Atwood of admissions.

TCU IN THE NEWS

"TCU committed to staying competitive" was the Star-Telegram headline for the June 23 story regarding TCU's role in the Southwest Conference in light of reports of other schools joining another conference. Quoted extensively was Chancellor BILL TUCKER, who noted his belief "that athletics are an attractive part of the life of this university, provided we do it in a way that is compatible with our sense of what a university is. And what it ought to become." Quoted, too, were trustees and TCU football lettermen RONALD CLINKSCALE and BUDDY DIKE, both of whom prefer the Frogs remaining a SWC competitor.

William Safire's Sunday column, "On Language," for the July 1 New York Times cited "They Never Said It" by PAUL BOLLER (emeritus, history) and John George in a discussion of the famous Humphrey Bogart quote, "Tennis, anyone?"

Paul also was the author of an Op-Ed page article entitled "Let's hear a big round of silence" that called for giving the silent treatment instead of an amendment to flag-burners. The article was in the June 24 issue of the Star-Telegram.

The mural painted by sophomore ALFONZO YANEZ of Mexico City and presented to the City of Fort Worth "to show his appreciation" was featured in a color photo in the June 27 Star-Telegram. Mayor Bob Bolen, who said the painting would be hung outside City Council chambers, presented Alfonso a key to the city.

The July 1 appearance in Dallas of RON SHIREY directing the Dallas Symphony Chorus in Rachmaninoff's Vespers drew a near-capacity crowd, enthusiastic ovation and high praise from Wayne Lee Gay in the Star-Telegram. Gay wrote that Ron "proved as skilled as any international superstar at shaping the intricacies and subtleties of this complex score." The chorus, Gay added, "was in flawless form."

"Educated Guesses for the 1990s" was the headline in the July-August issue of THE FUTURIST for the story about the News Service's booklet "Into the '90s," which was published in January. From the booklet of TCU resource persons taking a look ahead, the journal "of forecasts, trends and ideas about the future" quoted FRED OBERKIRCHER (interior design), CHARLENE URWIN (social work), DON JACKSON (political science) and NELL ROBINSON (nutrition).

Summer orientation counselors TISHA COLEMAN and TOM WACKER of Fort Worth along with coordinator KAY HIGGINS were shown in a photo in the July 12 issue of the Star-Telegram's Tarrant Southwest section. The program for incoming freshmen was described in a story. Photos and stories have appeared in hometown papers of most of this summer's student orientation advisors.

NOTED PIANIST JOINS FACULTY

John Owings, winner of the Robert Casadesus International Piano Competition, the London Liszt Society Competition and Chicago's Musical Arts Competition, will join the piano faculty in August. He comes here from Indiana University, where he has been a faculty member since 1976. He also taught at Oberlin Conservatory from 1970 to 1976.

Owings has played with major American orchestras, including the Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Houston, San Antonio and National symphonies; the Cleveland Orchestra; and the Boston Pops. He also has been a soloist with the English Chamber, BBC Scottish and BBC Welsh orchestras and with other orchestras in England, France and Switzerland. His performances have been broadcast by CBC Television and Radio in Canada, NPR and APR in this country, BBC, Irish Radio, Radio France and Radio Veronica in the Netherlands.

In 1987 Owings was a guest artist at the Pan American Music Festival held in conjunction with the Pan American Games in Indianapolis. He has presented solo recitals at New York's Town Hall and in such other major cities as London, Paris, Brussels, Chicago, Washington, DC, and Taipei. Much in demand as a chamber music performer, he has appeared frequently with the Chester String Quartet.

A native of San Antonio, Owings earned the Bachelor of Music degree with special honors in piano performance in 1965 at the University of Texas, where he studied with Dalies Frantz. He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at London's Royal College of Music. He received his master's degree in piano performance from Juilliard in 1970, studying with Rosina Lhevinne and Martin Canin. He has had additional postgraduate study with Menahem Pressler and Claude Frank.

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MAYAN FESTIVAL TO AIR ON CITY VIDEO 45

Sammons Cable will air videotapes of the third Festival of Yucatecan and Mayan Culture held on campus in March. The programs will run from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. July 29 and Aug. 4 on Channel 45, the community access channel. The schedule includes:

- 11 a.m. - "In Search of the Mayan Cities, Past and Present" (lecture/slide presentation by Luis Ramirez Aznar);
- 12:30 p.m. - "Opening Fiesta and Reception";
- 1:30 p.m. - "The Mayan Equinox: Solar Magic and Agriculture" (lecture/slide presentation by Carlos Villanueva Castillo);
- 3 p.m. - "The Mayan Woman Today" (lecture/slide presentation by Adda May Montejo);
- 3:48 p.m. - "Festival Highlights."

The festival, coordinated by Don Frischmann of modern languages and literatures, received the praise of TCU students, faculty and the Metroplex community. Additional information about the broadcast is available from local cable guides and TAGER TV/Telecommunications at Ext. 7632.

NOTES ON FOLKS

Friends here have been notified of the death of JOHN ARNN, formerly assistant dean of the School of Education in charge of graduate education. John collapsed while playing racquetball July 5 in Radford, VA, where he had been dean of Radford University's College of Education and Human Resources since 1986. The alumnus of North Texas and East Texas state universities died July 6.

BOB BOATLER (finance) recently returned from San Salvador, El Salvador, where he served as a financial analyst in the Strengthening Achievements in Basic Education (SABE) project. Bob's three-week involvement in SABE, which was sponsored by the Academy for Educational Development, concluded July 13.

MIKE BUTLER and EDWARD McNERTNEY (economics) have been notified that their article, "Election Returns as a Signal of Changing Regulatory Climate," has been accepted for publication in the January 1991 issue of Energy Economics.

"Diction for Singers: A concise reference for English, Italian, Latin, German, French, and Spanish pronunciation" was published early this month by Pst...Inc. of Dallas. SHEILA ALLEN (music) provided the German references, serving as co-author with Tracy Gavilanes and Joan Wall.

JEFF McGRORY, junior music education major from Fort Worth and a student of Sheila's, won first prize in the collegiate voice division of the Texas Music Teachers Association Student Affiliate Competition at the TMTA state convention in San Antonio last month. Jeff received a trophy, a cash award and a chance to perform in the awards recital.

JOHN HARVEY (economics) has been notified that two of his articles have been accepted for publication. They are "Institutions and the Economic Development of Black America in the 1980's" in the Journal of Economics Issues, March 1991; and "Teaching the Dirty Float" in the WIU Journal of Business, Summer 1990. John recently presented a paper entitled "A Post- Keynesian View of Exchange Rate Determination" at the University of Tennessee International Workshop in Post-Keynesian Economics in Knoxville, TN.

GAIL DAVIS (nursing) made a presentation, "The Chronic Pain Experience: Measurement and Management," at the Rheumatology Update Seminar for health care professionals sponsored by the North Texas chapter of the Arthritis Health Professions Association in Dallas June 23. On June 25 Gail presented a research colloquium, "Chronic Pain: Measurement Approaches," at the School of Nursing, University of Texas-Austin.

Economist MARGARET RAY is author of three articles to be published in 1991. They are "Regional Economic Development and Pari-Mutual Racing: The Odds" in The Review of Regional Studies; "The Determinants of Breeding Regulation in the Horse Industry: An Empirical Analysis" in Journal of Behavioral Economics; and "Advertising and Pricing Policies in the Equine Breeding Industry" in Applied Economics. Margaret is a co-author of "Computerized Simulations and Tutorials in the College Economics Classroom," published in the most recent issue of an Italian journal, Golem: Newsletter Di Technologie E Processi Formativi.

MORE NOTES ON FOLKS

JANE MACKAY (management) and CHUCK LAMB (marketing) have just been notified that their manuscript entitled "A Framework for Addressing End User Training Needs" has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Microcomputer Systems Management.

"Arthur Ransome, Children's Play, and Cultural Literacy," an article by FRED ERISMAN (English), has been published in England in the International Review of Children's Literature and Librarianship. The essay discusses how the fantasy play of Ransome's "Swallows and Amazons" series books illustrates E.D. Hirsch's theories of cultural literacy.

CHUCK LAMB (marketing) attended the 1990 American Marketing Association Faculty Consortium in Flagstaff, AZ, July 14-17. Chuck was program chairman for the conference, which was entitled "Enhancing Teaching Effectiveness."

Sympathy is extended to SHIRLEY HEARD (Dean of Students office), whose mother, Vera Prater of Hico, died July 9 after a lengthy illness. Services were held July 11.

JIM COMER (computer science) has been selected by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) to serve as the assistant contest director and finals director for the 1990-91 ACM Scholastic Programming Contest. Jim has been involved with the contest since the mid-1970s and has participated at the regional level since 1980.

It may be unbelievable, but Coach JIM WACKER is a grandfather! Christopher Michael Wacker (8 pounds, 7 ounces) was born at 5:45 a.m. Friday, July 13, to Mike and Susie Wacker. The family lives in San Antonio, where Dad is head basketball coach at Judson Converse High School.

Sympathy is extended to trustee BOB SCHIEFFER of Washington, DC, whose mother, Gladys Payne Schieffer, died July 15 at her Fort Worth home. Funeral services were conducted July 17 at Ridglea Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS SCANTLIN (facility services) was recently awarded professional certification by the National Executive Housekeepers Association. The award was presented by facility services director JOE LASTER in a departmental meeting July 13.

Sympathy is extended to MELISSA McINNIS, senior secretary at Harris College of Nursing, on the death of her son, John Allen McInnis Jr., 17, in a July 13 automobile accident. John Allen starred as football quarterback and baseball catcher at Arlington Heights High School. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery after funeral services July 16 at McKinney Memorial Bible Church.

Services were conducted July 20 at Fort Worth's Greenwood Cemetery for Delia Hendricks, widow of the late LEO HENDRICKS, emeritus professor of geology. She died July 18 in an Abilene hospital. Survivors include a daughter, Delia Hendricks Elliott of Abilene, and a son, Charles Hendricks.

NEW FACULTY, STAFF APPOINTMENTS

ROBERT M. MECKNA, an award-winning writer and musicologist, has been named associate professor of music beginning in the fall. The California native holds the bachelor of arts degree from California State University at Long Beach and the Ph.D. from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Since 1984 he has been a faculty member at Ball State University. A frequent contributor to music journals, Meckna also is the author of "Virgil Thomson: A Bio-Bibliography," which earned a Choice magazine Outstanding Academic Book Award in 1986.

FREDA JOYCE MURPHY, nursing education manager at Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center since 1978, assumed her duties as assistant to the dean of Harris College of Nursing July 9. The Fort Worth native, staff nurse for a Honolulu medical center in 1975-78, earned her nursing diploma at Brackenridge Hospital School of Nursing and both bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington.

A vice president/account supervisor with Tracy-Locke Inc. since 1984, LESLIE NEUGENT of Dallas assumed her duties as the Neeley School's M.B.A. director of admissions June 25. The former Marsteller Inc. account executive earned bachelor's and master's degrees in speech and advertising, respectively, at Northwestern University.

JOHN D. HORNER, postdoctoral research fellow and faculty associate since 1988 at Bucknell University, will join the biology faculty as assistant professor in late August. Author of works in such publications as Journal of Chemical Ecology, Oecologia, Biology and Fertility of Soils and The American Naturalist, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University, where he received academic awards in general studies and biology, and holds master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of New Mexico. He is active in Sigma Xi and American Society of Naturalists.

Alumna MONA RAY FIELDS of Aledo, former associate professor of medical science at the University of Arkansas, has been named assistant professor of nursing. She has served on the faculties of the universities of Oklahoma, Texas at El Paso, the UT System of Nursing and Baylor. She earned the master's and Ed.D. degrees at the University of Colorado and New Mexico State, respectively. Her studies have been published in the Arkansas Journal of Medicine.

AMY CHRISTINE STURHAHN, chapter consultant for Alpha Gamma Delta sorority for the last year, will join the staff Aug. 1 as Greek affairs program director. An alumna of William Jewell College, she is a former resident of Springfield, MO.

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CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Two-bedroom, one-bath brick home, large den with picture window and fireplace, large fenced back yard, all in walking distance of TCU. Call Cindy at 924-2862.

DUPLEX FOR LEASE: Two miles south of TCU, prefer mature grad students or faculty for three bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, central heat/ac, fenced yard, washer/dryer hookup, dishwasher, refrigerator, storage; \$500/mo. Absolutely no smoking and no pets. Call 924-7887.

WANTED: American host family for 17-year-old Swiss male student, speaks four languages. For more information, contact Becky Kubiak, 346-4541.

FOR SALE: Upright freezer, 20.3 cubic ft., excellent condition. Call Sylvia, 921-0064.

FOR SALE: 1981 Honda Accord and 1986 Chevy Nova; great cars, extra clean. Must sell, moving overseas. Call 782-4884.