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WRITING CENTER LOGS 3,202 CALLS

The Writing Center's promotional video opens with a frustrated young man slinging his typewriter from a dorm window. Don't worry about that as you walk around campus. Struggling writers have a better option at TCU. The center has told its story well enough to finish an exceptional first year with 3,202 visits from 1,176 students, faculty and staff members.

According to Writing Center director Christina Murphy, the national standard for such visits each year is 10 percent of enrollment. The TCU total amounted to more than 16 percent of enrollment. The total is particularly impressive since the computers were not in place last fall. Computer use totaled 1,400 hours in the spring.

The ratio of center visitors to the number of visits averaged 2.79 visits per student--an ideal number, Christina said. "You don't want students to come just once, with no follow-up, but you also don't want to be dealing with 100 students each coming 30 times."

Christina and her assistants also are gratified by the large number of disciplines served by the Writing Center. Not surprisingly, students from all majors made 2,196 visits working on English assignments. Other totals included 300 visits from those in business classes, 90 from ballet/modern dance classes, 84 psychology and 63 political science.

Students from 70 majors sought to improve their writing in 1988-89. Largest numbers were 114 from accounting, business administration 267, computer science 109, elementary education 104, political science 159, pre-major 836, psychology 123 and radio-TV-film 111.

The center will be offering monthly workshops in 1989-90. The fall schedule includes fiction writing Sept. 20, resume writing Oct. 10 and Modern Language Association documentation Nov. 13. All are from 3 to 5 p.m., and advance telephone sign-ups should be made.

The Writing Center video may be borrowed for classroom viewing. Also available is a video on Using WordPerfect 5.0 that can be shown in a Rickel Center classroom. The center also offers what Christina describes as "a hot new piece of software teaching people to write from sources without plagiarizing." The latter fits well with the center's goal of helping students develop critical thinking skills.

SPRING GRADE AVERAGES SHOW INCREASE

Grade averages for the 1989 spring semester were higher than those of the preceding spring in five of eight general categories considered in a report issued by Dean of Students Libby Proffer. Ten of 14 residence halls achieved higher grade-point averages than in the spring of 1988.

According to the report, the most unusual increases included:

- Milton Daniel Hall's average rose from 2.596 for 1988 to 2.728 this year;
- Moncrief Hall's average rose from 2.364 in the 1988 fall to 2.569;
- Fraternity houses' increased from 2.640 last spring to 2.810. This figure, above the all-male undergraduate average of 2.753, is the highest since Dean Proffer has been keeping the records;
- Top honors for the highest grade-point average belong to Jarvis Hall with its 3.219 compared to the 1988 spring average of 3.188. This is the residence hall's highest-ever average.

The 1989 spring grade average for all residence hall students was 2.905 as compared with the 1988 spring term average of 2.886. For all undergraduate students living off campus, this spring's average was 2.860.

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
All Day Students	2.835	2.861	2.875	2.854	2.882
All Undergraduates	2.836	2.860	2.878	2.858	2.753
All Undergraduate Men	2.710	2.717	2.744	2.714	2.753
All Undergraduate Women	2.936	2.971	2.979	2.966	2.978
All Freshmen	2.705	2.871	2.839	2.778	2.729
Freshmen Men	2.564	2.673	2.745	2.648	2.560
Freshmen Women	2.822	2.935	2.903	2.878	2.841

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS:

Brachman	2.733	2.852	2.665	2.743	2.787
Clark	2.838	2.921	2.971	2.855	2.925
Colby Hall	2.978	3.029	2.970	2.941	2.932
Foster	2.973	2.996	3.048	3.028	3.047
Fraternities	2.696	2.731	2.737	2.640	2.810
Jarvis	2.943	3.038	3.145	3.188	3.219
Milton Daniel	2.447	2,461	2.590	2.596	2.728
Moncrief Hall					2.569
Pete Wright	2.832	2.813	2.821	2.756	2.792
Sherley	2.780	2.883	2.972	2.933	2.949
Sororities	3.009	3.118	3.092	3.069	3.044
Tom Brown	3.094	3.030	3.072	2.987	2.940
Waits	3.082	2.990	3.058	2.971	3.000
Wiggins	2.756	2.840	2.806	2.938	2.879

VIGELAND ASSUMES CHAIRMANSHIP

Robert L. Vigeland, associate professor in the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management since 1983, assumed chairmanship of the accounting department July 15. A member of the Minnesota faculty since 1977, the newly named professor was director of graduate studies in accounting there during 1983-87.

A training consultant for First National Bank of Minneapolis, the New York native completed the bachelor's degree in business and economics at Lehigh University. He earned the master's and Ph.D. degrees in business at Columbia University in 1976 and 1977, respectively. He also is a Certified Public Accountant.

Vigeland, ad hoc reviewer for The Accounting Review and Journal of Accounting Economics, has concentrated much of his research in the area of cash flow and bankruptcy. His studies have been widely published, and currently in progress is a text on intermediate accounting. A doctoral consortium fellow of the American Accounting Association, he has spoken at that organization's annual meetings. He is a two-time recipient of the outstanding teacher award of the Student Accounting Association.

Named to Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma and Beta Alpha Psi, Vigeland is active in the American Accounting Association, American Finance Association and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

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HELMICK ASSUMES INTERIM POST

Joe Helmick, whose titles include professor of communication pathology, has accepted appointment as interim dean of Graduate Studies and Research. Announced by Vice Chancellor Bill Koehler, the appointment is effective immediately.

"We are delighted that a colleague with Joe's experience and capabilities is interested and available to provide continuing leadership in this important division of the University," Dr. Koehler said.

Formerly director of the Miller Speech and Hearing Clinic and chairperson of the speech communication department, Joe succeeds John Mangieri, who held the post from 1987 until leaving this month to become provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of New Orleans.

Joe, holder of two degrees from West Virginia University and the Ph.D. from the University of Washington, joined TCU's faculty in 1977. The West Virginia native directed the speech pathology clinic at Brooke General Hospital before coming to TCU. He serves as the University's representative to the Southwest Athletic Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

SERVICES HELD FOR MARY V. MacLEAN

Funeral services were conducted July 6 at First United Methodist Church in Cleburne for Mary Victoria MacLean, member of the English department faculty from 1967 until her retirement in 1974. She died July 4 in Huguley Hospital.

The Kentucky native, holder of degrees from Memphis State University and the University of Louisville, formerly taught in the public schools of Pueblo, CO, the University of Louisville and Harpeth Hall School in Nashville. After retiring, she lived in Cleburne, where she was a columnist for the Cleburne Times-Review and Johnson County News.

Mary V, whose enthusiasm for both literature and travel was contagious, was Mortar Board sponsor and served as an alumni adviser as well as personnel adviser for Chi Omega social sorority. She was active in Twilight Garden Club and a number of civic organizations and held life membership in the Service League of Pueblo.

Survivors include her son, District Court Judge John R. MacLean; her daughter-in-law, Carol Turner MacLean; and two grandchildren, all of Cleburne.

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'UPSIDE DOWN WORLD' WAS CYF THEME

More than 400 young people and adults from Texas and New Mexico considered "Upside Down World--Which Way Is Up?" during the three-day Christian Youth Fellowship held on campus July 18-21. The annual assembly is hosted by University Christian Church.

Keynote speaker was alumna Holly McKissick, associate minister of Community Christian Church in Kansas City, MO. Worship leader was alumna Mary Lu Johnston, associate minister of Arlington's First Christian Church. Among others taking part were Jim Atwood (admissions), UCC minister Dr. A.M. Pennybacker and Jim Suggs of the Christian Church of the Southwest.

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D/FW YOUNG ALUMNI PLAN EVENT

TCU's Young Alumni Association members from both Fort Worth and Dallas will join Aug. 10 for a social event in conjunction with the Texas Rangers' home game with the Detroit Tigers. The reception/buffet will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Safari Bar, 944 E. Copeland Road in Arlington. Game tickets will be available there until 7 p.m., when they will be taken to Ranger Stadium.

Due by Aug. 3, the \$5-per-person reservations can be made by check, payable to TCU and sent to the alumni office, Box 32921.

PARKING PERMITS GO ON SALE

Parking permits for 1989-90 will go on sale Aug. 1 and must be displayed on vehicles using University parking areas by Aug. 31. Traffic citations for improper parking will be issued after that date.

Cost of permits is \$25 for faculty and University staff members, while the charge for general staff members is \$20. Employees who use the coliseum parking area will receive permits at no cost upon request. Night students may obtain special parking permits for after 3:30 p.m. parking only.

Permits must be paid for in the controller's office, Room 104 of Sadler Hall. Then the receipt must be taken to the campus police office, 2905 Princeton St. Permits will be issued only upon presentation of the receipt; cash or checks cannot be accepted by the police office.

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COACHES WILL SPEAK IN DALLAS

Three Horned Frog coaches will be featured Aug. 3 for a TCU Dallas Association event for alumni and friends at Bent Tree Country Club. They are Jim Wacker of football, Fran Garmon of women's basketball and Roland Ingram of women's tennis.

Master of ceremonies will be alumnus Jim Brock, executive vice president of the Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic and former TCU sports information director.

Reservations, set at \$14 each for the Mexican buffet that begins at 6:30 p.m., are due by Aug. 1. These can be made through the alumni office, Box 32921.

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FENKER TO PUBLISH BIG BEND VOLUME

Rich Fenker's "mind's-eye approach" photographs of the Big Bend country will appear this fall in a book he and his wife, Dayna, are publishing under their own imprint, Tangram Press. The work, "Where Rainbows Wait for Rain: The Big Bend Country," is a collaboration between Rich and Austin poet Sandra Lynn.

The psychology professor said that for many years his photos of Big Bend were the ordinary kind. But 15 years of experimenting with different kinds of films and techniques have resulted in photographs that capture his feelings about the region. He eventually settled on a combination of infrared film and his own "mind's-eye" photography to convey a "lunar seeing" of the Big Bend.

"I try to produce photographs of the Big Bend as you would see it by moonlight because that's when the landscape takes on its most mysterious qualities," he explained. "Sunlight is bright and direct, but moonlight is indirect and more intuitive, so there's a softness to my photographs." Though he photographs in the daytime, most of his pictures have been inspired by the transformations that take place at night, when animals and other forms of desert life become more active.

NOTES ON FOLKS

A booklet on author Tony Hillerman by FRED ERISMAN (English) recently was published by Boise State University as part of its Western Writers Series. Fred earlier had written a work on Frederic Remington for the series. Fred's essay entitled "Hillerman's Uses of the Southwest" has been published in the Summer issue of The Roundup, quarterly journal of the Western Writers of America. The article considers how mystery writer Hillerman develops a sense of place in his novels of the Navajo Tribal Police.

The Tandy American Enterprise Center was the subject of InsideFocus in the July 3 issue of Fort Worth Business Press. "Our mission is to bring the businessman and the business school in league with one another," according to a quote from BILL CAMPBELL, the center's director.

Alumnus-trustee JAMES CASH, a professor at Harvard University, was named to the board of directors of Tandy Corporation early this month. The Fort Worth native's area of specialization is the use of information technology by large companies.

CAROL SAUNDERS (management information systems) has been notified that her paper entitled "The Strategic Contingencies Theory of Power: Multiple Perspectives" will be published in the Journal of Management Studies.

BOB GREER (management) has been notified that his paper with Yvonne Stedham of the University of Nevada-Reno entitled "Countercyclical Hiring as a Staffing Strategy for Managerial and Professional Personnel: An Empirical Investigation" will be published in the Journal of Management. His paper with Dana Jackson, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Jack Fiority, University of Iowa, entitled "Adapting Human Resource Planning in a Changing Business Environment" will be published in Human Resource Management.

Mohammad Vazeeruddin, India's leading journalist and editor of The Tribune in Punjab, was the guest of the journalism department earlier this month. Vazeeruddin spoke to journalism students July 3 on issues confronting freedom of the press in the Third World. He was in the United States as the guest of the Bush administration's project on the bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution. Terming his address as "splendid," chairperson ANANTHA BABBILI said: "I was extremely pleased that Mr. Vazeeruddin took time to visit TCU. It is imperative that our students get exposed to the Third World views of the world and of their professions."

JERRY GROTTA (journalism) and Tom Peck, marketing director for Harris Methodist Fort Worth, conducted a seminar on research methodology for the Greater Fort Worth Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America in June. In July Jerry addressed the Advertising Club of Abilene and the Waco chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. He also has been asked to speak at the Shreveport, LA, chapter of the Public Relations Society of America in September.

MORE NOTES ON FOLKS

A note from JOAN ROGERS (admissions) reads: "My sincere thanks for all the cards, calls, flowers I received from my TCU friends following the death of my mother. Your love and support helped immeasurably during some very difficult days."

Chapters by WAYNE JOHNSON (education) and former education faculty member CAROL MCGREVIN are included in "Texas Public School Organization and Administration: 1989," a project of Texas professors of educational administration edited by James Vornberg of East Texas State University. Wayne's chapter on regional educational service centers deals with the philosophy, governance and function of such centers, their relationship to local districts and with county units of administration. Carol's chapter discusses vocational education.

"Presidential Wives," the 1988 book by PAUL BOLLER (history, emeritus), has just been published in an Oxford paperback. The work also was a Book-of-the-Month Club selection. In June Paul appeared on a panel at his Yale class reunion discussing his activities since retirement. Then he went on a promotion tour for "They Never Said It," a book of fake quotes also published by Oxford. Paul co-authored the volume with John George, political scientist at Central State University in Edmond, OK.

"They Never Said It" got a nationwide plug July 13 when Johnny Carson showed the book on the Tonight Show, quoted from it and then made up his own funny fake quotes.

An essay entitled "Realism and Human Values in Children's Literature" by FRED ERISMAN (English) has been published in PHAEDRUS: An International Annual for the History of Children's Literature. The article examines a range of British and American works for children, tracing elements in them that, existing independently of time or national culture, are common to all human experience. The journal is edited jointly by scholars in Germany and the United States, published in Germany and circulated to libraries and scholars worldwide.

The latest issue (March) of Teaching Philosophy includes an article by SPENCER WERTZ (philosophy) entitled "On 'Sport Inside Out': A Rejoinder to Feezell," which is a spirited defense of the philosophy selections in the anthology.

Texas Lutheran College's Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to MILDRED HOGSTEL (nursing) during a Clifton College alumni reunion June 24 in Clifton. The award is designed for those students of Clifton College, which later became a part of Texas Lutheran, who have established outstanding records for themselves.

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FOR LEASE: Large condominium, two bedrooms, two baths, study, large walk-in closets, 1900+ square feet, located in Bellaire House Condos, utilities paid; \$700 mo. Call Ext. 7957.

FOR RENT: Efficiency, one- and two-bedroom apartments, close to campus, reasonable; \$250 and up. Call Ext. 7957.

FOR SALE: Great home in historic area near TCU, four bedrooms, three baths, formal living/dining room, den, solarium, two WBFP; double garage with storage space, automatic door opener; huge pecan trees; \$127,500. Call Ruth at Ext. 7602 or 923-3448.

SMALL COTTAGE FOR RENT: Furnished bedroom, kitchen and bath; bills paid except electric; private entrance; \$150 per month with \$50 deposit. Call 927-2512.

FOR SALE: Baldwin console piano, four years, pecan, \$1,400; Smith-Corona XV electronic typewriter, two years, \$150; brown cloth queen-size hide-a-bed sofa and matching love seat, \$250. Call 571-1051.

HOUSEMATE WANTED: Female non-smoker to share two-bedroom, one-bath house approximately five minutes from campus. Call 923-0021.

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

FOR SALE: 1983 Pontiac Bonneville station wagon, fully equipped. Contact Leigh Secrest, Ext. 7815 or 923-5790 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: Bassett baby crib, \$40. Call Beth at Ext. 5123.

FOR SALE: Two medium-size ceiling fans, brand new; \$45 for both. Call 294-2578.

FOR SALE: Toro self-propelled lawnmower, \$150; two black velvet custom occasional chairs, \$300; octagonal end table, \$75. Call 292-8290.

FOR RENT: Three-bedroom, two-bath home with central heat and air, gas range, dishwasher; located one block from campus at 2552 Stadium Drive; one-year lease, \$550 per month; available Sept. 1. Call 927-0122.

FOR SALE: In walking distance of campus, large two-bedroom, two-bath home with living and dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, study, garden room, central heat and air, many windows, double garage; landscaped with sprinkler system. Call 921-3927.

WANTED: Apple IIE, minimum 128/80 column. Desire upgraded model. Call after 5 p.m. 551-5177.