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Take charge, role model says

Professional advises future entrepreneurs

By Erin Glatzel
Staff Reporter

In order to get ahead in the business world, students should have tenacity, believe in themselves and be frugal with their money, a leading businesswoman said Wednesday night at a meeting hosted by the CEO Club.

Nancy Tartaglino Richards,

the founder and chairwoman of three different companies, told about 60 students how she worked her way to become the owner of the fourth largest woman-owned business in Texas.

For all three companies that she founded, Richards said she, "saw a pocket that needed to be filled, wanted to help exist-

ing businesses and thought that her company could do it better than the others."

Upon graduating from Baylor University and receiving a liberal arts education, she decided to go to law school. After a year of studying law, Richards went into the real estate business, which launched the idea for her first company, First Preston Management, she said. From
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TY HALASZ / Photo Editor
Nancy Richards, founder and president of First Preston Management, speaks about her path into entrepreneurship to CEO Club students Wednesday evening.

King dies, leaves her own legacy

By JACQUILEE KILLEEN
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Coretta Scott King not only carried on her husband's legacy but proved to be a leader in her own right, members of the TCU community said Tuesday.

The 78-year-old "first lady of the civil rights movement" died in her sleep Tuesday night at an alternative medicine clinic in Mexico, her family said. Doctors said the cause of death was respiratory failure.

Tracy Sylver-Jones, director of communications, remembered King as someone with strength and endurance.

"She had her work cut out for her," Sylver-Jones said. "Even in sorrow, she showed her strength to continue the legacy that her husband left behind."

NAACP chapter adviser Yolanda Hughes described King as a woman who was not vocal but had a "quiet strength."

"She was the strength and encouragement behind her husband," Hughes said. "She got to see a lot of things that her husband didn't and she elaborated to his life."

Some of King's greatest attributes, according to the Academy of Achievement, included running the King Center for 27 years, curbing gun violence, increasing AIDS awareness and fighting racial and economic injustice.

"She was a quiet, strong and elegant leader, and we have lost someone that has reminded us to keep ourselves strong and keep our values," said Darron Turner, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

According to the Academy of Achievement, King led a campaign to have her husband's birthday observed as a national holiday and achieved success in 1986.

Danisha Egans, a junior Spanish major and membership chair of NAACP at TCU, said King and her husband's ideas reflected each other.

"She was a strong person with or without her husband," Egans said. "If she hadn't been, she would have died with him, but she continued to do the work that she loved after he passed away."

Some information in this story was provided by the Associated Press.

Fires helpful when handled, director says

By DAN MCGRAW
Staff Reporter

"Smokey the Bear's 'only you can prevent forest fires' slogan educated citizens about fires, but alumni and students at the ranch management Roundup learned that smoke on the horizon isn't always a bad thing.

As the rain brought relief to dry conditions outside Saturday, Charles Taylor, the superintendent at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Sonora Research Center, and ecologist Jim Ansley discussed with more than 70 people the benefits of prescribed fires, including improving vegetation, increasing plant and animal biodiversity, and preventing wildfires.

"It's hard to use fire during these dry conditions because of political reasons," Taylor said. "But these are ideal conditions for prescribed fires."

Kerry Cornelius, associate director of the ranch management program, said controlled fires could reduce grass fires by limiting the dry fields that act as volatile fuels for dangerous wildfires.

In addition to reducing the risk of wildfires, prescribed fires can provide other ecological benefits for the land.

Cornelius said the vegetation growing after prescribed fires has been shown to improve the water cycle because the vegetation reduces the amount of runoff into rivers, lakes and reservoirs.

"When it does rain after a drought, a lot of soil is washed into our reservoirs that store our water supply; because of this build up, we can't store as much," Cornelius said. "That's why brush control is so important."

Despite these benefits, Texas has been slow to use prescribed fires because of a fire-suppressive culture sparked from the early settlement of Texas.

"The problem in Texas is we've had a long fear of fire," Taylor said. "Back when Texas was settled, there were no ways to manage fires because there were no highways or volunteer firefighters."

As a result, Taylor said, after a fire, many farmers were left with little or no grassland for cattle to eat and no way to transport the cattle to other farms. These experiences and the work of anti-fire campaigns have caused Texans to be afraid of fire.

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MICHAEL AINSWORTH / Dallas Morning News

A helicopter tries to extinguish a brush fire that charred hundreds of acres in Grafard, Texas on Jan. 13.

"There's this real amount of love out there from people I don't even know."
— Marcy Paul, director of the Women's Resource Center



TY HALASZ / Photo Editor
Junior accounting major Kara Ficken carries a Lynn Hart painting into the Student Development Services office to await a silent auction set for this Friday benefiting the Samuel's Heart Organization's scholarship efforts. The auction will begin at 5 p.m. in Smith Hall.

Leadership class plans auction

By CHRISTINA LANE
Staff Writer

A silent art auction and reception will be held Friday to raise scholarship funds for Samuel's Heart, a leadership program that seeks to provide scholarships to educate children ages 6-13 in the arts, said Marcy Paul, program coordinator.

Paul said she became interested in starting Samuel's Heart after taking classes at Arts Fifth Avenue with art instructor Jo Dufo, who works with socially and economically disadvantaged children.

Paul said she knew she had to get involved when she saw

the artwork Dofu brought out of her students.

"I said, 'Gosh, we've got to do more,'" Paul said. "We've got to do more because they're taking art out of the schools."

This led Paul to set up Samuel's Heart. The name is in honor of her son, Samuel, who was born July 13, 1997, with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome. This means that his left ventricle did not develop and therefore, could not adequately pump blood through his body, Paul said. He died five days after he was born.

The shape of a heart is the symbol of the program, Samuel's

SAMUEL'S HEART SILENT ART AUCTION

When: Friday, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Smith Entrepreneurs Hall

Why: Provide scholarships for education in the arts to children ages 6-13.

Heart. Every art piece being auctioned off on Friday will feature a heart shape or design somewhere on it.

After she took art classes with Dufo, an idea started brewing in Paul's mind. Then one day, Paul's son, Isaac, now 7, made a heart box in his art class; he colored in a heart outline and, Paul said, he made the left side
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VISION IN ACTION

Wireless Internet available in dorms

Student: Main-campus lobbies better equipped

By ANDREA BEARCE
Staff Reporter

Newly installed wireless Internet allows students in all main-campus dorms to surf the Net, no strings attached.

The Student Government Association passed a bill last semester, allocating \$7,500 to the installation of wireless Internet, said former House Rep. Justin Brown.

Bill Senter, manager of Technical Services, said the university

paid an additional \$2,700 to cover what SGA could not.

Brown, who helped write the bill, said he noticed a need for wireless access before he was enrolled at TCU.

"When I first was given a tour at TCU, they advertised a greater wireless network than what existed and I wanted to help facilitate their claim," he said. "I think it can be a great selling point for recruitment."

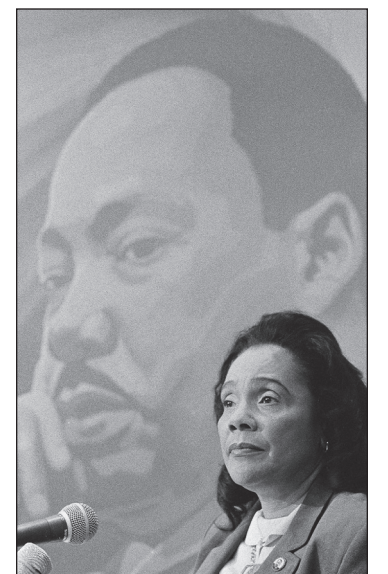
Austin Uebele, Permanent Improvements chairman, said wireless Internet had been too

limited in the past.

"The university does not have many areas that are conducive to studying wirelessly outside of the library, that is why we felt the need to have wireless (Internet) installed in many of the residence halls," he said.

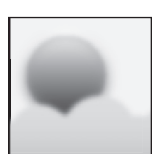
Patrick Washington, a freshman prebusiness major, said he thinks wireless Internet would allow him to study in the lobby but does not think he will take advantage of it.

"I have trouble studying in my
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RIC FELD / Associated Press

Corretta Scott King speaks at a 1986 news conference in front of a photo of her late husband, Martin Luther.



WEATHER

TODAY: Partly cloudy, 75/50

FRIDAY: Thunder showers, 71/42

SATURDAY: Sunny, 68/41

FUN FACT

County officials in South Carolina are reminding residents that while cans and bottles are recyclable, old guns and ammunition are not, after finding a bag of bullets. — ASSOCIATED PRESS

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