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Business lacks female teachers

Women professors national minority

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The lack of female professors in the business school is noted, but not dwelled upon, school faculty and students said.

Women represent 16.9 percent of the full-time faculty in the School of Business, according to statistics provided by the Office of Institutional Research.

The college that is closest in numbers to the business school is the College of Science and Engineering, with females representing 25 percent of the faculty, according to the Fall 2004 Fact Book.

Daniel Short, dean of the School of Business, said people have to consider other factors while looking at the statistics to put them in the proper perspective.

Female students comprised 35.1 percent of the business school's enrollment in 2004, according to Institutional Research.

"It's not just TCU," Short said. "It is nationwide."

Short and William Dillon, senior associate dean at SMU's Cox School of Business, said less women pursue doctoral degrees, which contributes to the lack of women professors in business schools around the country.

At SMU, 25 percent of the full-time faculty are female, but the associate dean said the percentage has grown in the past seven years and will continue to grow.

In 2004-2005, 32.3 percent of full-time faculty at Baylor University were women, according to Baylor's Institutional Research and Testing.

David Gray, University of Texas at Arlington's associate dean of the College of Business Administration, said 30 percent to 35 percent of the faculty are women.

Barbara Wood, assistant professor of professional practice in finance at TCU, said when she taught at Baylor, she was the only woman in the finance department.

Short said students are less likely to go into a field if they never see faculty similar to them teaching that field. He said compared to marketing and management, finance tends to attract fewer female students.

The lack of female professors is representative of the business world, Wood said. She spent 18 years in the business field, and said there were never more than two women in upper-management.

"I think (female students) need to get used to it," Wood said. "They need to be able to deal with men and talk their language."

Dan Verboski, a senior entrepreneurial management major, said all he wants is the most qualified professor.

Short said the business school tries to employ quality professors.

"We hire, by and large, Ph.D. quality," Short said.

The individual academic departments within the business school do their own hiring, but ultimately, Short said, he has to approve.

He said nothing good will come out of hiring the same type of people with the same ideas.

"All healthy organizations thrive on new ideas and create more on BUSINESSWOMEN, page 2

Tailgate party controversy

New pre-gaming tradition receiving mixed opinions

By JENIFFER BERRY
Staff Reporter

TCU officials say they hope students will participate in the new student tailgate party, which begins Thursday, rather than parking lot tailgates, said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Don Mills.

Mills said students will not be prohibited from participating in parking lot tailgate parties around the stadium, but said he still encourages students to attend the new student tailgate party.

"We want to start the tradition of TCU students partying together before the game and then attending the game together," Mills said.

Starting Thursday, the turf practice field will be open two hours before and after the home football games for a student tailgate party that will include free soda, food, face painting and more, said Hyperfrogs president Kennedy Shuler.

With their ID, students who are 21 may bring their own alcohol.

Mills said students, the athletic department, student affairs and alumni worked together to organize the tailgate party.

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Stephen Spillman / Staff Photographer
TCU students tailgate behind Amon Carter Stadium before last year's football game against the University of South Florida.

TCU makes new Top 10

Greek scene earns controversial rank

By ERICA MAREZ
Staff Reporter

TCU finds itself again in a Top 10 national ranking, but not everyone is rooting for it.

This fall, The Princeton Review ranks TCU No. 10 out of 361 schools as a major fraternity and sorority scene, but it draws mixed reactions from administrators and students.

Jim Atwood, assistant to the dean of admissions, said the ranking can affect the type of students coming to TCU.

"Some students come because their parents came to TCU and were part of Greek life, but to others, Greek life is irrelevant," Atwood said.

Catherine Wehlburg, director of The William H. Koehler Center for Teaching Excellence, said some students may not come to TCU because of its Greek image.

However, Wehlburg said The Princeton Review's methodology for its book, "The Best 361 Colleges," may be flawed.

Sixty out of 62 rankings,

which range from beer drinking to campus facilities, are based on student surveys that can be taken anytime throughout the year at survey.review.com, Suzanne Podhurst, editor of the book, said.

In 2003, TCU ranked No. 15 for its Greek scene and in 2004 moved to No. 11.

"A university must have a significant number of student survey responses to be on the ranking list, and we're talking about hundreds of students," Podhurst said.

However, Podhurst was unable to provide the exact sample size of TCU students who took the survey.

According to statistical handbooks, a random sample of 400 yields a margin of error of about 5 percentage points.

Wehlburg said she believes that not only do editors pick and choose what to include in the book, but also said that only students who feel strongly about a situation will respond.

Forty percent of TCU is Greek, said James Parker, assistant dean of campus life.

"Last spring over 400 Greek students earned a 4.0 GPA,"

The Princeton Review

Parties: Major Frat and Sorority Scene

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| 2. Washington and Lee University | 7. Bucknell University |
| 3. Birmingham-Southern College | 8. Wabash College |
| 4. Wofford College | 9. SMU |
| 5. Elon University | 10. TCU |

Graphic by Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

said Parker.

TCU students interviewed by the Skiff say Greek life provides great social connections, however others feel it creates isolation.

George Cassin, a pledge for Lambda Chi Alpha, said the ranking is great.

"The school is mainly Greek. If you're not Greek, there's not much to do," said Cassin, a freshman business and marketing major.

But Janna Pate, a non-Greek senior philosophy and English major, said the Greek ranking does not do much for TCU's academic reputation. She also said non-Greeks can feel left out.

"Walking into class you see Greek shirts talking to more Greek shirts, all pre-established cliques that you're not a part of," more on PRINCETON, page 2

Froggie-Five-O: accepting only the best of the best

New employees trained to recognize, deal with danger

By JAMIE CRUM
Staff Reporter

Froggie-Five-O is hiring a new class of drivers to ensure safe escorts across campus.

Sara Kinney, a freshman advertising/public relations major, said she is excited to be one of the newest additions to the force.

"I really like being the only girl driver for Froggie-Five-O," Kinney said. "Everyone is really nice. But my favorite part is definitely driving in the golf cart."

Froggie-Five-O is a student escort service operated by the TCU Police. The drivers provide safety to female students only by giving rides around campus and, at the same time, act as extra eyes and ears for the TCU Police.

Police officer Pamela Christian is responsible for hiring Froggies and is enthusiastic

about having a new female driver on staff.

"I had a female driver who graduated two years ago," Christian said. "She worked for me for five years and was one of the best employees I have ever had."

Christian said she makes her hiring decisions based on applications, references and extensive interviews.

"I look for a good person who is extremely responsible," Christian said.

Head supervisor for Froggie-Five-O, Adam Richardson, said only one out of 30 applicants is accepted.

"Because we get so many applications, we are able to be more selective about who we hire," Richardson said.

Kinney is one of four new Froggie drivers hired so far this fall.

After accepting the job, drivers go through training. The drivers learn how to recognize potentially dangerous situations and how to properly respond Christian said.



Courtesy of Sara Kinney

Kinney said she thinks she will make a good Froggie driver.

"I have police officer in my blood," said Kinney, whose mother is a patrol officer at TCU. "I am pretty sure I can take care of myself."

Froggie drivers usually work three nights a week from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Kinney said she is not scared during her late-night shift.

All Froggies are provided with a two-way radio and are able to contact the TCU Police immediately if needed. She also said it is comforting to see the other Froggies around and occasionally, even her mother, who patrols the campus at night.

Female students are urged to call Froggie-Five-O at 817-257-7777 when they are in need of assistance.

Students react to new driver

Some doubt female capability to protect

By AMY HALLFORD
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The employment of a female Froggie-Five-O student escort driver has drawn mixed reactions across campus, with some in favor while others doubt her capabilities.

Pamela Christian, TCU's crime prevention officer said Sara Kinney, a freshman advertising/public relations major, was selected among some 30 applicants to escort women across campus based on her communication skills and her conscientiousness.

"I hired Sara because she is a student in the College of Communication and should be able to interact nicely with those who ride with her," Christian said. "Also, she was the first to apply."

Diana Maddox, a senior advertising/public relations major, said she appreciates

Froggie-Five-O, but said she feels that hiring a woman to escort women defeats the program's mission.

"I rely on male students to protect me as they escort me across campus," Maddox said. "Honestly, I don't think there is anything a female student could do to protect me that I couldn't do myself. I might as well walk with a buddy."

Katie Teichelman, a freshman early childhood education major and frequent Froggie-Five-O user, disagrees with Maddox.

"I feel just as protected being escorted to my dorm by a female," Teichelman said. "This is her job and it shouldn't make a difference whether she is male or female."

TCU Police Chief Steve McGee said "most stranger sexual assaults are man against woman," but also said students should not worry about being escorted by a woman because TCU is a safe campus.

"We haven't had an incident

in 10 years and all of our Froggie-Five-O drivers go through training," McGee said. "There are a lot of women that can handle themselves."

Talor Ross, a Froggie-Five-O student escort driver, said he is "all for a female driver."

"Besides the fact that some women may feel uncomfortable with a woman escorting them across campus, it is a pretty easy job that most anyone can handle," Ross said. "This is my third year as a driver and I am lucky to say that we haven't had any major problems on campus."

Christian said she understands students' concerns with a female Froggie-Five-O student escort driver, but said not only is every golf cart equipped with immediate access to TCU Police dispatch, but there are several cameras across campus being monitored by security.

Maddox said it is going to take more than a radio and a more on REACTION, page 2