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Inclusiveness conference to address diversity, global issues

Discussion to focus on issues outside the TCU "bubble"

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Students and faculty will have the opportunity to discuss the media, diversity and issues impacting the TCU community today. The seventh annual TCU Inclusiveness Conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. "The purpose of the conference is to engage TCU faculty,

staff and students in conversations dealing with issues of diversity in the U.S. and in the international community," said Darron Turner, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs. The task force is one of the hosts of the conference, said Emily Dunn, a junior communication studies major and president of the Inclusiveness Task Force. "The issue is that we really want students to think outside of TCU, outside of our little bubble," she said. The Office of the Chancellor is also hosting the conference.



Turner

Boschini

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he hopes the conference will promote unity in the minds of those who participate in the discussions. "I'd say the best reason for any student to attend the inclusiveness conference is that it deals with a topic that will affect each and every student for the rest of life: The ability

to understand and work with people who are each uniquely different than we are," Boschini said via e-mail. Dunn said the focus of the conference will be educating students on issues affecting the United States and the world and how the media portray those issues. "This year is different because we're not necessarily talking about TCU," Dunn said. She said she hopes students will become more aware about what is going on in the world around them. "Students think that if it's out of the media, or we

don't talk about it, then they shouldn't know," Dunn said. Turner said various topics of diversity will be addressed through speakers and discussions between faculty and students. "Everything from religion, to gender issues, to how the media promotes the issues, and how Americans view media in the world, to genocide," Turner said. Professors will be leading interactive sessions to encourage discussion of opinions from those in attendance. Four TCU professors will be leading discussions in areas

in which they have personal experience, Dunn said. "Students, faculty and staff have more options to discuss issues they feel are important," Turner said. Those attending the conference will have the opportunity to attend three of the four discussion sessions hosted by the faculty. Dunn said registration is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., followed by guest speaker Anthony Walker, a TCU graduate student. Turner said he is expecting between 125 and 200 students, faculty and staff to attend.

Former student shows film to raise awareness

Speaker comes as Texas vote on gay marriage nears

By ADRIENNE LANG
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A TCU alumnus and filmmaker returned to TCU Monday to promote his documentary about lesbian grandmothers, in time for the proposed amendment banning same-sex marriage and civil union on the Texas state ballot Nov. 8. Keith Wilson, a 1997 graduate, came back to present his documentary, "Lesbian Grandmothers From Mars," a film chronicling two lesbian grandmothers from Mars, Pa., who bicycle across the United States in support of same-sex marriage and civil union. Even though the general sentiments in Texas are against gay marriage, Wilson, who is gay, said he felt it was necessary to do something. After the presentation in the Sid Richardson Building

by women's studies and the sociology, criminal justice and anthropology departments, the documentary was followed by a discussion with Wilson, who started his own production company, Walleye Productions. Casey Hines, a freshman theatre arts major, said the documentary portrayed the injustice against gays in America. "I thought it was really effective in showing how people can build a life and a family, and their country doesn't recognize it," she said. "It's not fair." Jean Giles-Sims, a TCU sociology professor, said she brought Wilson to campus because he is an alumnus and his documentary is pertinent to the upcoming ballot. The screening was intended to open up discussion on the amendment and further foster the idea of liberal arts education, she said. "We're not showing this to convince students this is right," she said. "We're show-

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<http://www.tarrantcounty.com/evote>

ing this so students have a greater understanding of the individuals involved and the issues involved, so they can make up their own minds." There were about 100 people at the screening, but Wilson said the numbers at his showings are not his main concern but that his film is exposed, especially at his alma mater. "I've heard the response is better than anticipated," Wilson said. "This wouldn't happen when I was there." Most of the people who have seen the film have given Wilson good feedback but only because the people who watch the film are already in support of same-sex marriage, he said.

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It's in the game



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

Lee Owen, a freshman communications major, dribbles toward the basket Monday in the practice gym next to Daniel-Meyer Coliseum as head coach Neil Dougherty offers advice. Dougherty held a practice session for approximately 12 residents of Brachman Hall as part of a wing social organized by their resident assistant.

See story later this week on SPORTS



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

A banner hanging Monday from the second-floor balcony of Smith Entrepreneurs Hall announces Neeley Week, a series of seminars and events aimed at promoting the School of Business.

Neeley school talks business

Clubs, organizations invite professionals to share knowledge

By KRISTA HUMPHRIES
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All students can paint pumpkins with preschoolers, listen to business professionals speak

and eat free food during Neeley Week, planned by business school organizations. This is a week for business clubs and organizations to attract speakers onto campus and spread the word about themselves and what they have to offer, and each club has a day to advertise, said Aisha Torrey-Sawyer, assistant

director for the Neeley Student Resource Center. "They're always excited to get their name out to students," Sawyer said. Today, the Collegiate Entrepreneurs Organization and the American Marketing Association will present a speaker, who

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MBA program ranked in top 10

School of Business receives high spot in Princeton Review

By KRISTA HUMPHRIES
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The Princeton Review ranked The M.J. Neeley School of Business' MBA program among the top 10 schools for campus facilities and opportunities for women, based largely upon TCU students' perceptions. The Princeton Review's 2006 edition of "Best 237 Business Schools" features 11 categories, with results based on institutional data and 16,000 MBA student surveys, said Jeanne Krier, publicist for Princeton Review Books. All MBA students have the opportunity to fill out the survey, sent through an e-mail by a campus administrator. Robert Franek, publisher for Princeton Review Books, said, "(The survey) is student-driven — and that is really the most unique part."

TCU's MBA program was ranked No. 2 in best campus facilities, based on student answers to survey questions concerning the quality of classroom, library and gym facilities, Krier said. Dan Short, dean of the business school, said graduate program rankings should not be interpreted to reflect undergraduate programs as well. But he said campus facilities is a category that can be applied to both programs. Short said the team rooms in Smith Entrepreneurs Hall have made a big impact. He said that on most nights, 60 to 70 students are still in Smith Hall at midnight. In the category for the greatest opportunity for women, TCU is No. 9. The results for this category were based on the percent of MBA students who are female and percent of MBA faculty who are female. At TCU, 29 percent of the MBA students and 15 percent of the faculty in the MBA program are female, according to its profile in "Best 237 Business Schools."

This category also considered students' answers to survey questions, including assessment of resources for female students, whether the school offers coursework for women entrepreneurs and whether case study materials for classes proportionately reflect women in business. "We think that there is incredible value in listening to students and their experiences both inside and outside of the classroom," Franek said. Franek said rankings should be considered as one indicator to inform students about a particular school. From the profiles in the book, students can produce questions to ask when they get onto a campus to visit the school, he said. Short said rankings are nice, but agreed with Franek. "To us, it's not the simplicity of the rankings, but the complexity of the individual programs," he said. Billy Eagon, a first-year MBA student, said he looked at rankings before he came to TCU for

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