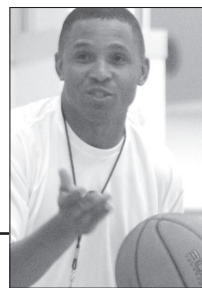


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Rosa Parks leaves lasting impact



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Rosa Parks smiles during a ceremony where she received the Congressional Medal of Freedom on Nov. 28, 1999, in Detroit.

Civil rights icon dies of natural causes Monday

BY TIFFANY MORALES
Staff Reporter

Although Rosa Parks went to jail for defending her own dignity, her actions influenced the TCU community 10 years later. In 1964, the TCU Board of Trustees allowed the university to accept students of races other than white.

Rosa Parks died Monday of natural causes at the age of 92.

James Riddlesperger, chairman of the political science department, said Rosa Parks is a testimony to

an average person making a difference in the world.

"She never set out to be a civil rights leader," Riddlesperger said. "She just was a common working wife and mother."

History professor Ken Stevens said Parks' dignity is what people will remember.

"Even though some see it as accidental, her tremendous courage changed the minds of many," Stevens said. "Several people began to rethink their attitudes."

In 1955, on a bus in Montgomery, Ala., Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white man.

Then, public transportation had

laws requiring blacks to give up their seats to whites. When Parks refused to yield her seat, she was arrested.

"She was a catalyst of the civil rights movement," Riddlesperger said. "She was not involved in political action, but she was forced into it because she decided not to sit in the back of the bus."

MaryEllen Strong, a sophomore premajor, is grateful for Parks' courage.

"It's amazing that a common everyday woman can change the world," Strong said. "It now allows us to be in a public place with colored people without even thinking twice about it."

Conference localizes global issues

Discussion addresses topics of media, genocide, religion

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From a student standpoint, the seventh annual TCU Inclusiveness Conference presented issues that aren't commonly discussed in the classroom setting, and from the faculty and staff perspective, it gave students the opportunity to grow, said Greg Treviño, director of intercultural services.

Students attended sessions on genocide, the role of the media, the impact of religion in the United States and women in developing worlds.

"I've learned more at this conference than what I hear from word of mouth and the media," Clede Wang, a sophomore biology major, said.

Students attending the genocide session were presented with examples and a discussion about the progression from classifying the differences of others to the dehumanization and extermination of those groups.

Senior Tim Nullan said he found the conference interesting, especially as a social work major.

"I honestly didn't know anything about genocide before I attended the session," Nullan said.

The "Women in the Developing World" session discussed the roles of women throughout society and the economic effects of globalization on women in the third world.

Women are seen as a wasted economic expense by many in the third world because the family must pay for a daughter's care, education and wedding, even though she will not return any benefit to the family after marrying, said Carrie Liu Currier, the professor running the session.

She went on to say that many women are tricked into prostitution in developing countries not only by men, but by other women due to a lack of economic options.

Other sessions were about the sensational nature of many news stories and the effect of the media circus mentality, as well as a discussion about the role of religion in the United States.

Wang said she feels better informed about the issues discussed and found it beneficial to hear other people's comments.

Approximately 180 people attended the conference, said Darron Turner, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs.

Turner said the large turnout could be attributed to the speakers at this year's conference.

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TRICK-OR-TREAT

Students continue tradition with annual Colby Halloween

By RACHEL COX
Staff Reporter

Ghosts, goblins, popcorn, haunted houses and enough candy to feed a small country. All this can mean only one thing at TCU — Colby Halloween.

"It's the 33rd year to hold Colby Halloween, and we are expecting at least 600 people to go through," said Missy Nauman, hall director for Colby Hall.

The Halloween festivities are held once a year by residents in Colby Hall, and this year residents from Clark Hall pitched in to create a haunted house in Colby's basement.

Marcy Paul, director of the Women's Resource Center, attended Colby Halloween for the third year in a row with her 7-year-old son Isaac.

"He always has a fun time, and it's a great way for the TCU community to come together," Paul said. "I think it's one of the greatest times of year when this campus is involved with faculty and staff from all over campus."

"This year, the festivities included a "scary side" and a "nice side" in the dormitory," Nauman said. "Each room provides 500 pieces of candy so we make sure there is enough to go around."

LeighAnn Weaver, a fresh-



Emily Goodson / Photo Editor

Sophomore geography and Spanish major Jeff Meyer, dressed as a toucan, leads parents and children through Colby Hall on Tuesday during Colby Halloween, a trick-or-treat event for the children of TCU faculty and staff.

man broadcast journalism major, played the roll of the scary clown in the haunted circus wing, which won for best decorated wing in the "scary side."

"All the girls in the wing agreed

that clowns can be scary so we wanted to decorate with a circus theme," Weaver said. "We got all of the decorations up in about a day and it looks pretty good."

Sofia Rios, a resident assistant

and junior radio-TV-film major, was dressed accordingly as the Invisible Woman from the Fantastic Four for the superhero wing. The superhero wing won for best

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Drummers pick up the rhythm

Percussion group aims for exposure

By ERICA MAREZ
Staff Reporter

The sound of Indian and African drums bounce loudly and freely off the front walls of the Brown-Lupton Student Center bringing another flavor to the TCU campus.

The rhythms come from a drum circle formed every other Wednesday night by members of the TCU Percussion Club.

"People wanting to get a late-night snack can come, jam and hang out," said Manny Arciniega, senior music education and music theory/composition major.

Darrin Hicks, president of the TCU Percussion Club, said he brings a bag full of shakers, tambourines and cowbells for anyone to play.



Stephen Spillman / Staff Photographer

A group of students pound on drums and other percussion instruments every other Wednesday in front of the Brown-Lupton Student Center.

The club also picked the location in front of the Student Center to get students to notice and gain exposure and promote different percussion events on campus.

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Brite professor inaugurated

Long-time mentor acknowledged for dedication, work

By JENNIFER BICKERSTAFF
Staff Reporter

The "encouraging" Brite Divinity School professor Russell W. Dalton was inaugurated Tuesday as the associate professor of Christian education during his second year at Brite.

"It's been a while since Brite has had a Christian education professor," Dalton said. "I want to inspire students to be aware of Christian education."

At Brite, Dalton has taught classes such as youth ministries, ministries with children, ministry in the digital culture and faith and film.

"I feel that his teaching

has kindled a life-long love of religious education in me," Susan Martin, a Brite student, said. "I'm glad that I had the opportunity to take classes from such a knowledgeable person."

Brite is waiting one year for most new faculty to be inaugurated. Waiting before being inaugurated gives new staff time to adjust to the school, Dalton said.

Dalton's inauguration service took place in the Robert Carr Chapel and family, students and faculty attended. The inauguration was organized by Nancy Ramsey, executive vice president and dean of Brite, and Susan Bond, lecturer in homiletics and practical theology.

"The highlights of the service is the liturgical dance

performed by my daughters, Anna Grace and Maria, and my son Nathan is reading scripture," Dalton said.

"This will be a model for students and professors to see how kids can lead worship services."

The service also included a scripture reading from Dalton's friend Dr. Tyron Inbody, professor of theology at United Theological Seminary, an academic address from Dalton and service participation from other Brite faculty.

Before teaching at Brite, Dalton was a professor at United Theological Seminary.

"For me, he has been a mentor, a guide and an example of the kind of human I hope to be someday," said Wesley Mullins, a Brite student.