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International students make plans for holidays

Residence hall closure prompts search for housing

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When the residence halls close at the end of the fall semester, not all students have the opportunity to go

home and spend time with their families.

For several international students, going home is not an option, and they are left to make other living arrangements until campus reopens.

"They either stay with family or with other students," said John Singleton, director of International Student Services. "Some travel."

Dimitar Zlatkov, a sophomore computer science major from Bulgaria, said he spent Winter Break last year in a motel.

"It is an inconvenience because you have to pay extra money, and I have to find a place and move all my stuff," Zlatkov said. "I am also isolated because I don't have a car."

For students who could be displaced during Winter

Break, the closing residence halls are no surprise.

"We notify them at the onset there will be no residence space for them," Singleton said.

Though some students are forced to make other living arrangements, Singleton said that it is better than the alternative.

"No international student would want to stay here with no one on campus," Singleton said.

ton said.

He said there are typically only three to four students who are unable to go home and must make alternate plans. For those few students, Singleton said, campus would not be a desirable place to stay when there aren't any other students around and without dining services running.

Barbara Hawkins, associate

director of residential life, said her office has researched the possibility of keeping a residence hall open for 12 months but didn't receive any positive student feedback on the idea.

Zlatkov said although campus would be quiet, it would be preferable to be placed in a residence hall with the few other students affected rather

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Employees will have free busing

Sodexo staff to receive TCU IDs that will allow them to ride the T at no cost

By JENNIFER BOONE
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Sodexo employees will now be able to enjoy one of the perks TCU students, faculty and staff often take for granted — the use of TCU identification cards to use Fort Worth transportation for free.

As of last week, Sodexo employees who work with TCU Dining Services did not have university IDs.

Chancellor Victor Boschini said he was not aware that the employees did not have IDs.

"I thought everyone had them," Boschini said.

Shelley Story, assistant dean of Campus Life, said she realized the problem while having a conversation with an employee in Frog Bytes.

"She was fretting because she needed to buy a bus ticket and didn't have enough time," Story said.

Story said university employees will receive ID cards that will allow them to ride the T bus service free of charge, a service neglected by many in the TCU community.

"It hit me that if she were a TCU employee, she would never have to buy a bus ticket," Story said.

Demise Woodard, an

employee in Frog Bytes, said the bus is more convenient for those who lack a car to drive to work in the mornings and said many of the Sodexo employees do not have a car.

After asking around, Story said, she discovered that there was no reason why TCU could not offer IDs as a benefit to Sodexo employees.

University employees said the IDs will provide more convenience on their way to work.

Woodard said there is a need for the IDs because there is a substantial number of employees that do take the bus to work.

The university IDs will have the same look of the student and faculty/staff IDs but will say "associate."

"It will not offer them access to buildings or any of the other privileges that come with a student ID," Story said.

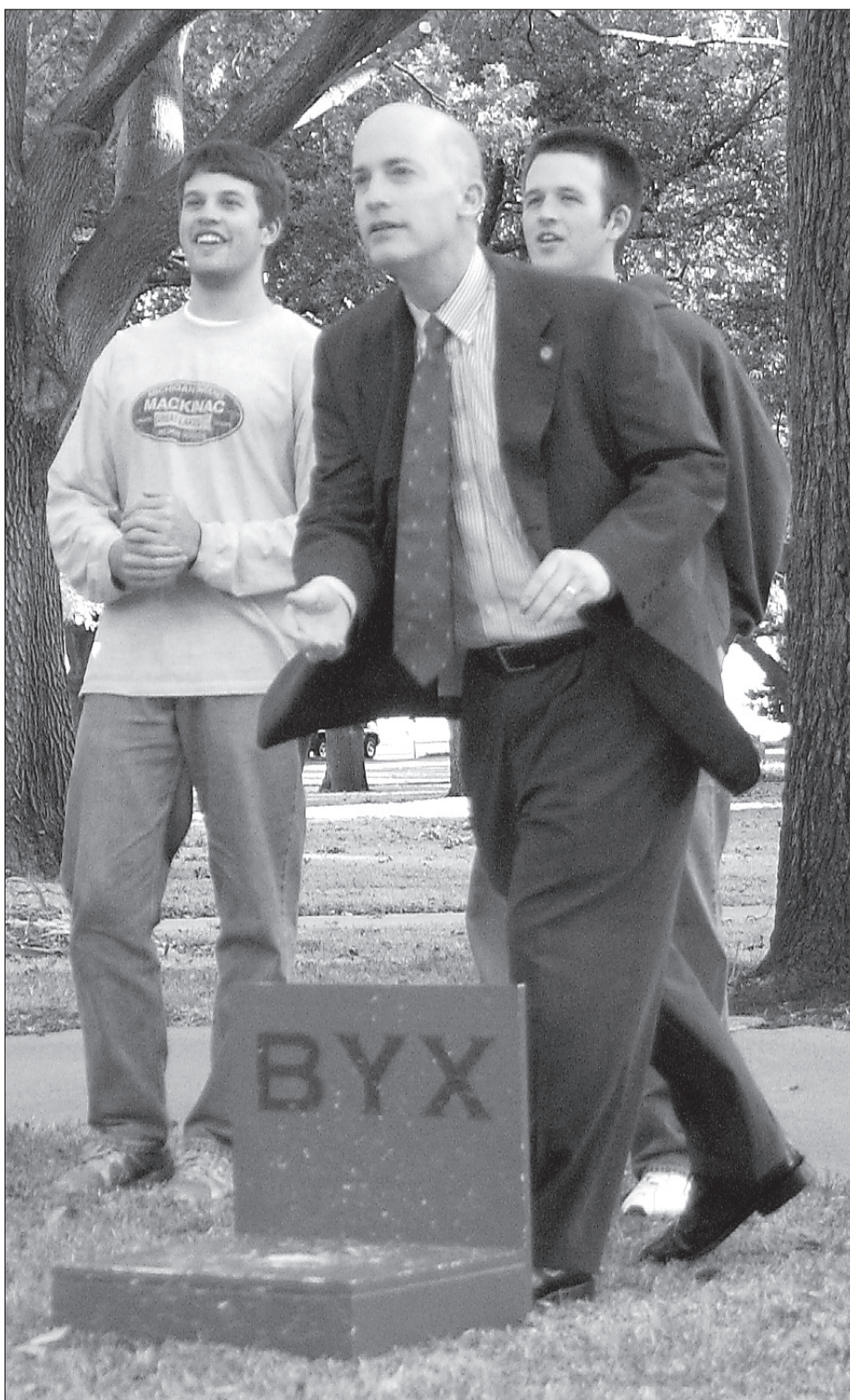
Story said the IDs will mainly be used for riding the bus.

"It will allow them to show to the bus drivers that they work at TCU so that they can ride for free," Story said.

Story said she had been working on getting the

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Work hard, play hard



Nick Bendian / Staff Photojournalist

Chancellor Victor Boschini learns how to throw washers after work Monday outside Sadler Hall with Brothers Under Christ members (left) Michael Haveman, a junior math major, and (right) Andrew Sullivan, a freshman radio-TV-film major.

Spanish professor compiles anthology of works in native Mexican languages

Frischmann finds passion with indigenous cultures

By AMY KOPSEA
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He has traveled foreign lands, learned foreign languages and witnessed what most people thought was ancient history. Now Spanish professor Donald Frischmann unveils what he calls the truths behind the indigenous Mexican cultures, which he says are still very much alive today.

Frischmann's anthology, "Words of the True Peoples," is being published in a three-volume format covering poetry, prose and theater of contemporary Mexican indigenous writers. The multilingual books contain works by 33 authors who represent 13 different Mexican indigenous, or native, languages.

"This project represents years of study, research and meeting with authors," said Bonnie Frederick, chairwoman of the Spanish department. "It is a culmination of studying and learning about Mexican indigenous people and literature."

Frederick is just one of the many supporters of Frischmann's work, which is gaining attention as a "groundbreaking" accomplishment.

Frischmann's interest in Mexico began during his summer trips to Mexico City in high school.

"I was awestruck by the pyramids at Teotihuacan, the treasures that were contained in the museums, and the antiquity of the culture," Frischmann said. "At that point, I had no idea there were still indigenous languages."

Frischmann continued pursuing his interest with the research work he did for his master's degree at the Universidad de las Americas in Puebla, Mexico. There, he researched the Nahuatl people. "That was the first time I was in contact with Mexicans who didn't speak Spanish," Frischmann said.

Frischmann said writers began a movement about 25 years ago to move away from the oral focus of native languages. He said indigenous writers bound together to form an association that created the beginning of new writings in Mexican indigenous languages.

Mexico's 10 million indigenous people started to widely emerge, but this did not mark the first time these cultures had a written language, Frederick said.

"There was a very active literary scene before the Spanish conquest," Frederick said. "Culturally, their literary tradition was interrupted, but interrupted is not the same as vanished."

Frischmann said the written language began with cave paintings, evolving into the first texts, known as glyphs. He said the Aztecs and Mayans had books made

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Brite dean pursues call of God in job

Former pastoral counselor prepares divinity students

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Brite Divinity School Dean Nancy J. Ramsay said she is not doing what she does simply for the sake of the students at Brite. Ramsay explained that those students only get the benefit: She feels called by God to the work.

"A call suggests that God calls us to do something that uses our gifts and passions," she said. "I had the sense that my calling could help me keep my faith."

Ramsay, an executive vice



Ramsay

president and dean of Brite, is extremely qualified and committed to Brite, said Brite President

Newell Williams.

Ramsay came to Brite with an extensive background in pastoral theology and pastoral counseling, and she is dedicated to her in-depth research in intimate violence, child sexual abuse and domestic violence.

"I am passionate about assuring that students at Brite are well equipped to serve congregations in an able way, because I believe that congregations are called

to witness to God's love and justice," Ramsay said.

As a friend, Ramsay is a genuine treasure, said Karen Anisman, Ramsay's friend and TCU staff member.

Anisman met Ramsay in the summer of 2001, where they were attending a prejudice reduction "train the trainer" conference.

"We immediately connected and spent time together at the conference," said Anisman.

They kept in touch through e-mail until Ramsay came to TCU this past year, she said.

"Dr. Ramsay's work and her life are reflections of her values. She is a person of integrity who not only 'talks the talk' of inclusion and tol-

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News Brief

Shipment of vaccine arrives at Health Center

TCU's Brown-Lupton Health Center has received an additional 100 flu vaccines to be available to students.

"We are encouraging students to get their flu shots as soon as possible," said Marilyn Hallam, assistant to the director of health services.

The Health Center will be issuing flu shots on a first-come-first-served basis, Hallam said.

It takes about two weeks for the antibodies to develop once the shots have been administered, according to the information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to this information, once these antibodies develop, they will protect against influenza.

"Getting the flu shot is the most effective way to protect against the flu," Hallam said.

Shots are available from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Health Center.

— Leslie Winchell

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