

CAMPUS

TU hosts summer conventions

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During the sleepy days of a record hot San Antonio summer, Trinity became a melting pot for soldiers, athletes and clergy. Over 10,000 people visited the campus, 7500 of them living in residence halls, as Trinity played host to the World Council of Churches, the United States Junior Olympics and officers of the U.S. Fifth Army Reserve. Paid student volunteers and staff from the Office of Continuing Education coordinated these and other events, which boosted business at the bookstore and applications in the admissions office.

This is the first year the WCC conference, created in 1910, was held in the United States. According to Continuing Education Director Ann Knoebel, San Antonio was chosen as a host site because of its

multicultural setting and new ecumenical movement. Knoebel said Trinity was selected for its past conference successes.

Because 600 delegates from over 120 countries participated in the event, sessions were translated into French, German, Spanish and English by Trinity volunteers and interpretation equipment.

"The WCC wouldn't have been a success without the students," said Knoebel. "Every WCC participant left with a great impression of the university and the student body."

Students worked at 24-hour help desks, drove vans, and showed participants around town.

To Knoebel, the conference was "the most challenging, but the most rewarding personal experience I've had."

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spent the night in a hotel, but returned to Tiananmen the next day to visit campus. She described the sights as, "gruesome. Living there for a year you get a whole new perspective on human life. At the

time it didn't affect me... it's just now beginning to sink in. But this isn't the first time there's been a massacre."

Lisa said one of her greatest concerns about the whole situation

is that it will soon be forgotten. Unlike the 17 who died at Kent State, the hundreds who died at Tiananmen Square will scarcely be remembered. There is no non-Western documentation of the

massacre, and the Chinese government denies it ever happened.

To Lisa, such denial is one of the most frustrating aspects of modern China. She said everyone is so busy trying to blend in, to conform, that they cannot remember, worse yet, do not want to remember the tragedies that have occurred.

Although the protests ended in tragedy, Lisa found hope in the summer's events. Looking back on the protests, she remarked that they were, "really surprising, and very organized. The students were running the entire city." She said the sense of community, the union for a common purpose, "gave you hope. It was very encouraging."

Despite the danger, Lisa said she appreciated her experiences and was happy to have gained the added perspective on Asian culture. She plans to pursue Asian studies at the

University of California at San Diego this fall.

According to George Boyd, director of Trinity's study abroad program, a situation like Lisa's has never before happened to a foreign exchange student from Trinity. Her experience will certainly not be repeated this year, because Trinity is not offering any exchanges to China this year, and is advising students against programs in Peru, Brazil and Colombia. Accordingly, Lisa Dirks has cancelled her plans to study in Colombia, and Derek Surette and Sharon Brown will wait for a more peaceable time to explore China.

Boyd said that because incidents such as those in Tiananmen Square are so rare, he feels there will be little or no long term effect on the study abroad program.

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