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## 'Visit' guides spur protests

Tempers flared at Tom Brown Dormitory Monday over University visitation policies.

In a dorm meeting with William "Buzz" Crist, area coordinator in the Residential Living and Housing Office, residents aired their dissent and sought repeal of several policies.

Originally, the meeting was planned for residents to learn

how to register complaints in the new administrative office structure.

The topic soon shifted to the visitation question. Tom Brown residents have felt a great deal of dissatisfaction with the new visitation policies which are outlined in "Resident Hall Visitation and Open House," a booklet prepared by the

Residential Living and Housing Office.

The residents discussed their own visitation ideas and made several recommendations. The Dorm Council directed the Visitation Committee, headed by Eddie Coble, to make the recommendations into a formal proposal and give it to Bob F. Neeb, director of Residential Living and Housing. The decision to reject University regulations outright never came to a vote.

The Tom Brown set of standards differs with official policy in two major areas. Presently, a maximum of three days a week of visitation is allowed for each dorm.

Furthermore, visitation hours should not begin before late afternoon (except weekends) and should end before women's residence hall closing hours on weekdays and Sundays, and by 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The Tom Brown proposal, however, states only the days and times of visitation will be set by the hall council and president, with no mention of a maximum number of days per week.

In addition, the proposal which Coble expects to deliver to Neeb today states that unless action is taken on the proposition by Monday, Sept. 18, the dorm will consider the proposal passed.

Rumors were circulating in Tom Brown Tuesday that if the administration vetoed the plan, the dorm would implement it anyway. In response to these rumors, Roger Fowler, dorm president, and Jim Repasky, social director, replied "no comment."

Feeling for the changes seemed to be high at the meeting.

### SPB to write Rickel policy

The Division of Student Life has given the Student Programming Board authority to determine recreational policy of Rickel P.E. Building, according to Glenn Johnson, SPB director.

Two students and Allie White, director of the Rickel Building, have been added to SPB to provide coordination between activities in the Student Center and activities in the Rickel Building, Johnson added.

A sub-committee has been formed from members of the SPB and persons representing the Rickel Building to work on proposals for building use policy. The proposals will be presented to SPB for consideration.

Individual residents said they felt Tom Brown deserved the more liberal plan since it has shown responsibility.

They noted that all residents in the dorm were chosen by the University and have participated in the living-learning program.

## Dormitory elections delay visitation

The presence of hall councils is all that is needed to secure visitation, according to Bob F. Neeb, director of residential living and housing.

Visitation has not been suspended but delayed until hall councils, which are responsible for supervising visitation, can be formed.

This year's guidelines, which are essentially unchanged from last year's, are more explicitly set forth in the booklet "Resident Hall Visitation and Open House."

The booklet begins: "Traditionally, visitation and open house has been a privilege granted at this University, rather than a right."

"Texas Christian University feels that the residence halls on campus are not conducive to the kind of entertaining that one could do in his own home or apartment."

### "Original Compliance"

"The student who has a guest in his residence hall room does so within the policies of the University. For example, during the hours of visitation and open house, alcoholic beverages, drugs, and sexual intercourse are prohibited.

"As at all other times, consideration and respect for others is expected."

Neeb said the purpose of the more clarified visitation guidelines is to bring dorms into "original compliance" with the visitation policies of the University.

"Some dorms," Neeb said, "were running visitation under the guise of open house last year. We wanted to define last year's guidelines to distinguish visitation from other programs."

### Three Days

The Housing and Residential Living Office tries to become aware of the differences or uniqueness of the different halls, Neeb said.

Trying to deal with dorms equitably and fairly, and at the same time trying to allow each hall to develop its own personality is "a perpetual conflict we try to live with," Neeb said.

The administration committee had to draw a line where visitation could exist but still allow privacy to the individual, Neeb explained. Thus, three days of visitation was decided as enough.

"I think that if people are reasonable, they will realize there is a lot of visitation" under these guidelines, Neeb said.

## News digest

### —from the Associated Press

NEW YORK—A delegation of peace activists prepared to leave for Hanoi Wednesday night to escort three American prisoners of war back to the United States. Relatives of two of the POWs also were to make the trip.

The makeup of the delegation was completed Wednesday when a federal appeals court in Chicago granted David Dellinger

permission to make the journey. Until then the status of the long-time pacifist had been in doubt.

WASHINGTON—The United Automobile Workers announced Wednesday it is withdrawing from public hearings on auto pricing practices, calling the sessions a "political hoax" put on by the Nixon administration.



BEDTIME STORY—Lee Ritchey and Suzanne Morgan star as Michael and Agnes in the three-act comedy, "The Fourposter", which opens tonight at 8:15 p.m. in University Theater. Photo by Jay Dee.

### Season kickoff

## 'Fourposter' opens

"The Fourposter," by Jan de Hartog, will open the 28th season of theater productions at the University. The play will be staged Sept. 15 through 17 and Sept. 20 through 23 at the University Theater.

Dr. Henry Hammack, theater professor, will direct the three-act comedy. All performances except the one on Sunday, Sept. 17, are scheduled for 8:15 p.m.

This Sunday's performance, set for 3:15 p.m., will be the first in a series of matinee features planned for the season during the University's 100th year.

### Award Winner

Winner of the Tony Award when first produced with Hume Cronin and Jessica Tandy on Broadway in 1951, "The Fourposter" was issued in film version in 1953 starring Lili Palmer and Rex Harrison.

More than 10 years later the play was the inspiration for the Robert Preston-Mary Martin Broadway musical, "I Do, I Do."

The two-character cast must age 35 years during the course of the play, which traces the life of a couple from wedding night to twilight years. The characters of Michael and Agnes will be played by sophomore Lee Ritchey and senior Suzanne Morgan.

### Ever-present Bed

The set, with an ever-present fourposter bed, is designed by James Monroe, technical director. Doubling as assistant to the director and stage manager will be graduate student Jim Covault. LaLonnie Lehman will direct costume design and production.

Tickets for the performance are free for University students and faculty. Prices are \$2 for adults not connected with the University and \$1 for students from other schools.

Tickets may be purchased at the University Theater box office from 1 to 6 p.m. daily. Reservations may be made by calling ext. 243.

## More frightening than grades

# Students shun P-NC

Well, we finally got it gang, or at least we think we've got it—that highly praised, alternate grading system, pass-no credit.

The rationale behind the system is to allow students to take courses for which they have no background but which interest them without fear of hurting their grade point average.

This is all well and good, but it appears students are more afraid of P-NC than the courses. As of Tuesday only 75 students have opted for P-NC out of a total enrollment of 6,595.

Why does there appear to be such a lack of interest after such a long battle to obtain P-NC? Most likely it is due to the apparent complexity of the system and the ingrown habit of wanting to see those A, B, Cs (but

hopefully not the Ds and Fs) on the semester grade reports.

### Undergraduate Only

The P-NC option, offered only to undergraduates, rests with the individual student whose A, B or C becomes an P while D or F an NC.

If a student desires the P-NC option, he must notify the

## Opinion

Registrar's Office in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Neither the P nor the NC will be counted in the student's GPA.

How P-NC will affect honor societies is still up in the air. Mrs. Telete Lawrence, vice-president of the campus Phi Beta Kappa chapter said neither the executive committee nor the membership has discussed how P-NC will be handled.

Once the P-NC option is taken a student cannot change his mind. The only instance in which the original letter grade can be reinstated is when a student changes to a major that does not allow P-NC.

### Departments Decide

Those who plan to attend graduate school should consult with graduate school officials to learn their stand on the P-NC option.

There is no limit on the number of courses a student can take under P-NC and no minimum GPA is required.

Individual departments decide whether to allow majors to take the P-NC option in their major and minor fields.

Dr. Brewer, vice chancellor and dean of the University, gives this example: "The biology requirement covers biology majors and the field in which they are minoring. If the minor is chemistry, the biology student is governed by the decision of the Biology Department, not by the requirement of the Chemistry Department for its majors."

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### Secrecy

The Registrar's Office makes three copies of the student's option—two stay in the Registrar's Office and one is given to the student.

Calvin A. Cumbie, registrar, said some students have voluntarily informed those professors whose courses they are taking under P-NC. Thus many students do not hold with the theory of secrecy.

After a professor reports the letter grades to the Registrar's Office at the end of the semester, the registrar will then advise the

professor that a certain letter grade was changed to either a P or NC.

As to whether the P can be transferred to another school, the standard answer is "almost any school that will accept a C should accept a P." The catchword, though, is "should." This is a risk that many face when opting for P-NC.

The P-NC option is being tested for the first time this semester and both students and faculty will learn the pros and cons of the option. Mistakes will be made in the process, but experimentation is the basis for improving the educational system.

—M.L.

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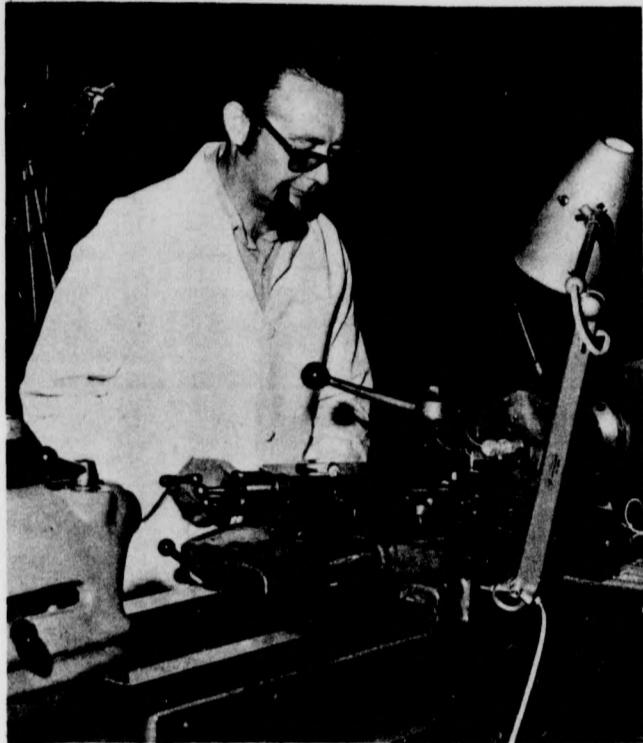
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## Research apparatus

# Shop builds un-buyables

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A \$200,000 machine shop is housed in one of the rooms on the first floor. This shop, one of the best equipped in the area, is used primarily for production of machinery which cannot be bought.

Used by many departments on campus, the machine shop is run by Jim Williams and Steve Murdock under the direction of Dr. Joseph Morgan, research coordinator for the University. They essentially design and produce machines and research apparatus.

One of their more recent projects was to develop rubber and stainless steel parts for a mechanical heart which was used as a demonstration model.

A second project involved building an animation machine for the radio-television-film division. Because this machine is being built by the shop, its cost is lowered by almost half.

Other products include cage hangers for rat cages in the Psychology Department and

modifying an antique letterpress for the Art Department.

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# Intramurals have their hazards

By ROB CLIFFORD

Touch football can be enjoyed with safety and good sportsmanship by young and old (if there is no heart condition involved), violent and non-violent, rich and poor, agile and clumsy.

Yet, every year, when fraternities break out their matching jerseys and Canterbury wins the school title, there are multiple broken bones and lost tempers. Referees need unlisted telephone numbers and hospitals need extra emergency room facilities.

Attribute these disasters to high-scale competitiveness, lack of conditioning on the players' parts, or a mere twist of fate; regardless of the origin, accidents do occur on the intramural field, causing experienced participants to wear mouthpieces, rubber padding, and/or wrist and head sweatbands (the former to keep hands dry, thus preventing a pass from slipping through your hands and breaking your nose; the latter to keep hair from covering the eyes, thus preventing an otherwise

Teams interested in signing up for the 1972 intramural football season should be represented at the Thursday Sept. 21 meeting in room 223 of the new Rickel Center. Greek negotiators will convene at 11 a.m. and open leaguers at 3 p.m.

Some topics of discussion at the caucus will be scheduling of games, officiating, eligibility of players and playoff plans for the upcoming campaign.

unseen pass from breaking your nose).

#### Basic Rules

Probably the greatest cause of injury, controversy and defeat, is not knowing the fundamental rules of the game.

Each of the eight offense players, with one exception, the two guards, is eligible as a pass receiver. Nevertheless, as soon as one team's center catches a 75-yard touchdown pass in the first game of the season for either team, the defense will

surround officials to protest, not only that particular play, but the entire game.

Absolutely no blocker may leave his feet in order to keep his opposition away from the quarterback ("I accidentally tripped" also calls for a 15 yarder).

Once past the line of scrimmage, there will be no blocking (downfield blocking prohibited). This rule covers—punts, interceptions, fake field goals, a free kick after a safety, blocked punts, double reverses and quarterback sneaks.

#### Tackling Contrary

Tackling is contrary to the basis of touch football. This rule is continually misunderstood by coaches, players, coaches' and players' girlfriends, sunbathers, and innocent passersby.

If a defensive man holds the ballcarrier in any fashion, (grabs his jersey, pulls his hair, holds onto his belt loop, or performs a head-up NCAA-sanctioned tackle) he is guilty of stopping his opponent illegally.

Last of the "big five" fundamentals of touch football involves stopping a ballcarrier legally. All that a defensive man must do is touch his adversary with both hands to bring him down.

If the defense does not touch the ballcarrier with both hands, he is still free to advance the ball toward your goaline.

A necessary evil involved with that rule (and all the others) is the referee must blow his whistle, endorsing you as "tackler of the play." If you do not hear his whistle, you just thought you tagged the offense with both hands.

For additional rules of thumb

for touch football "intramural style" you might check an official (Oh! there is that word) rulebook.

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## Firm defensive line

# Steel moves up to first team

By JERRY McADAMS  
Sports Editor

Now a senior, Ken Steel may finally be on his way to a great season. The 6-5, 245-pound tackle has been one big mass of potential for the Horned Frog defense for the past two years. But a succession of injuries and knee problems has kept him out of the spotlight he merits.

But Steel moved back into the starting lineup this week and hopefully has his ailments licked.

"Ken and Tommy Van Wart have been having one heck of a race for the starting spot," line coach Tommy Runnels says. "And they've stayed pretty even all through two-a-days."

#### Top Sophomore

Van Wart, 6-5, 250, was an all-conference freshman last season and now ranks among the Frogs' top sophomores.

"Ken is in as good a shape as he's been in a long time," Runnels said, "and he's really been pushing. He had a little better scrimmage than Tommy last week, so we moved him up."

Runnels said Steel would remain on the first unit as long as he does a good job, but cautioned that there were still several

workouts and another scrimmage this Saturday to consider before a started is decided on.

"Being a starter is a prestige thing," Runnels continued. "But we're going to play both Steel and Van Wart, no matter who gets to be the starter."

At the other defensive tackle slot, "Big Charlie" Davis, a 6-3 252-pound junior, is nothing but impressive.

#### High GPA

"I graded Charlie (on films) after our last scrimmage," Runnels marveled, "and on 21 consecutive snaps, he graded 100 per cent. He did everything he was supposed to do and that's pretty rare for that many plays."

Behind Davis is sophomore

Tom Mraz, who Runnels says "should be able to spell us some."

And for defensive mean-ness, everybody points to sophomore linebacker Dede Terveen. He's so mean, he has to tie one foot up to comb his hair. He has to slip up on a glass of water to get a drink. And mean-ness is a good asset for a linebacker.

At the remaining linebacker spots are senior co-captain Tookie Berry, junior Dale Ladner and sophomore reserve Gene Moser, who Runnels feels will make a fine linebacker with experience.

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