

Parking problems arrested?

By MICHAEL WEBB

The University Traffic Appeals Board, after two years of study, has proposed several revisions in campus parking and traffic regulations.

The revisions are now under consideration by Dr. Howard Wible, vice chancellor and provost of the University. Implementation may occur next fall. Dr. Spencer Wertz, co-

chairman of the board, said the most important change deals with the congested area in front of the Student Center, the site of many complaints.

The proposed revision would eliminate all parallel parking in front of the Student Center and move all restricted faculty and staff parking, with the exception of the reserved areas behind

Sadler Hall, to the front rows quadrangle parking lot.

"Viewing the entire University, we felt this would be the most equitable solution," Dr. Wertz said. He added the present system is doing nothing but generating confusion and revenue from people trying to go to the bookstore or Sadler Hall.

Dr. William Ray, also co-chairman of the board, said there

are now about 36 spaces in the area in front of the Student Center. He said the proposal would change the faculty spaces and 20 minute parking zones into 30 minute zones from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and make about 190 spaces available.

Other revisions call for the restriction of Colby Hall parking to commuters, visitors and staff, and Milton Daniel parking to commuters and visitors.

Dr. Ray said this change was designed to open up spaces occupied by "stored cars"—automobiles owned by dormitory residents who rarely use them.

To compensate for eliminating the dorm parking lots, Dr. Ray said, the Coliseum parking lots would be opened to all permit holders without restriction.

All other parking spaces on the west side of the campus would be open to all permit holders for temporary parking not to exceed 30 minutes.

Dr. Ray said strict enforcement of regulations would be encouraged since all students, faculty, staff and other University employees who operate a motor vehicle on campus would be required to hold a permit.

Further revisions call for a list of guidelines for making an appeal to the traffic appeals board.

Both co-chairmen expressed hope the proposed changes would prove feasible, because past parking and traffic situations had created many problems. "There's been an average of 30 appeals a week," Dr. Ray said.

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GERONIMO!

Barrett Goehring works up an appetite at the Carswell AFB picnic area before the scheduled feast of barbecued goat and armadillo. The

Geography Department sponsored the outing, Saturday, March 3.

Photo by Robert Hoover

Fund campaign sets record high

Development personnel announced this week that more than \$460,000, a record high, has been raised during the Fort Worth-TCU Campaign '72, which began last November.

The record amount will be divided between the TCU Research Foundation and the Annual Giving Program.

Money for the Research Foundation supports

research studies in basic sciences, humanities, business and management, social science, arts, education and nursing.

The Annual Giving Program helps to provide scholarships and supports annual operations. It enables the University to continue the Honors Program, Campus Ministry and the living-learning programs, among others.

Canal debate streams on

By GREGG KAYS

Voters will decide the fate of the Trinity River canal project March 13, an intensely debated program both environmentally and financially.

Two propositions will be placed before the voters. Proposition 1, if passed, will give the Trinity River Authority the power to levy a tax not to exceed 15 cents per \$100 assessed value of all taxable property under the jurisdiction of the authority.

Proposition 2, if passed, provides for the issuance of Trinity River improvement bonds. The bond issue amounts to \$150 million and pays for the nonfederal share of building the canal.

Revenue from the first proposition would be used by the TRA for any of its projects.

Port Worth

Modification of the Trinity River into a canal capable of handling barge traffic is the purpose of the Trinity River project. Fort Worth and Dallas would be converted into inland ports by the canal which would run to the Gulf of Mexico.

Supporters of the canal project include the Tarrant Citizens for the Trinity (TCT) organization.

Don Woodard, campaign manager for TCT, said benefits from the canalization of the Trinity could be classified into three main areas—economic, recreational and environmental.

Economic benefits would be increased employment due to construction and maintenance of the canal and also the influx of waterside industries, according to Woodard.

New Jobs

Dr. Floyd W. Durham, professor of economics, has researched the employment impact of the canal on the 17-county area through which the canal would run.

He estimated 134,000 new jobs would be created in the area.

Woodard said the construction of lakes and parks along the canal will increase the opportunity for recreational use of the Trinity. Woodard said the Trinity would become "one of the finest fishing streams in all America" because of canalization.

Pollution by accumulation of silts in the river would be eliminated, according to Woodard.

Canal Opponents

Opponents of the canal have concentrated their attacks on taxation and environmental effects.

Ev Harding, Citizens' Organization for a Sound Trinity (COST) member, said several matters concerning the bond issue have not been specified.

Of the \$150 million issue, Harding said no money has been allocated for the construction of additional sewage treatment plants.

According to Harding, improper sewage treatment from 12 sewage plants along the Trinity is the major polluter of the river.

Harding said since the \$150 million issue pays for only the canal's construction, money for the construction of Fort Worth port facilities must come from other sources. He said "nothing has been said on who will pay for Port Worth."

Harding said three sites for the port have been examined, and

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Duo to perform at Coffeehouse

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Editor:

We've heard from Greeks denouncing independents and free-lance cartoonists, and we've heard from independents denouncing Greeks and their functions. Now, should this letter be published, we're all going to hear from an independent who was once Greek. Since the controversy in the Daily Skiff has lasted this long, why not add one more comment?

I was a pledge on this campus for about seven months. I remember Col. Murray catching over a dozen actives and pledges drinking in the house one Friday afternoon. I remember a rush party featuring the good old stag movies everyone hears about, and another party that starred a stripper who would "add to her act" for a little extra money. And I seem to recall doing "exercises" until the wee hours of the morning.

I also remember being made to participate in organized study sessions, taking part in a party held for orphans, working on a float to dress up the campus for homecoming weekend, and enjoying the comradeship of other men with many of the same goals and interests.

Now, as I write this, I'm in my third year as an independent. I've seen a lot of drinking in the dorm, women going up to men's rooms in violation of university policy, dope smoking, and destruction of dorm property.

I have also been able to live with a wide variety of personality types, I've been able to study on my own time instead of having to work on certain group projects, I've chosen my own friends, and I have been free to speak and

think as an individual—not a part of a group.

As a Greek and as an independent, I've seen the good and the bad. Each system has its faults and each has its merits. My point is this: What's the difference anyway? Why should either side criticize the other for faults that both have in common? For that matter, why should there even be any "sides" at all?

CRAIG MERRELL
Senior

Editor's note:
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Novelist 'born crazy'

By STEVE BUTTRY

Novelist Fred Gipson explained the source of his talent Wednesday night, saying, "Some of us are just born crazy."

"Old Yeller," the classic Walt Disney film based on Gipson's novel about two boys and their yellow dog, was viewed in the Student Center Ballroom by about 100 people during the final night of Centennial.

Following the showing of the winning 16 mm film in the university division, Gipson, the aged sage of children's adventure stories asked for questions.

Predictably, the first question came from a little child, who asked if the author had ever had a dog like Old Yeller. "Yeller was a composite of dogs I've had and known and heard of," Gipson said.

He described writing a novel as "a highly emotional experience." "Writing is just as hard as picking cotton or breaking wild horses."

Immortal Disney

"I've been disappointed with most of the movies that have been made from my books," he said. "That wasn't the case with 'Old Yeller.' In fact, there were some scenes in the movie I wish I had written into the book."

Gipson had several contacts with the immortal

Disney, and compared him favorably to the other producers he had worked with. "Most producers when I was in Hollywood were just big-time gamblers, and they didn't know much about writing. They considered the writer a necessary nuisance."

"Disney was one of the few producers who knew a good story. He was interested in all aspects of production."

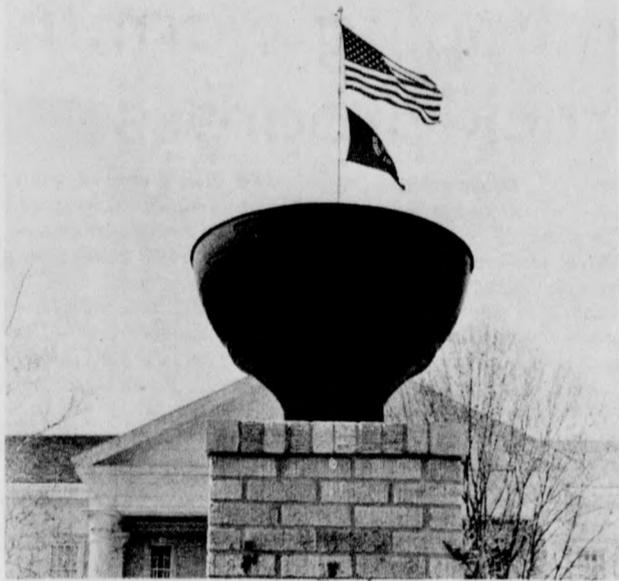
Sticky-Sweet

The Texan author prompted several outbursts of laughter from the audience when he started talking about his experiences with children. "I started writing because all the books children were getting at that time were this sticky-sweet, goo-goo stuff."

"There was a big uproar at the time about, 'Why can't Johnny read?' After reading some of those books, I knew why Johnny couldn't read. He didn't want to. I decided that I could write some adventure stories that children would like."

Gipson said he still had several stories in his mind, but physical problems have forced him to retire from writing.

After listening to his wit and humor, the audience didn't find it difficult to believe the creator of "the best doggone dog in the West," could make children happy with some more adventure tales if his body would let him.



MAKE A WISH AND BLOW OUT THE CANDLE—Scheduled to burn for the entire year, the Centennial flame apparently met with foul play Thursday and was temporarily extinguished. M.A. Doss, superintendent of grounds, said, "There's no reason why it should go out. Someone had to tamper with it." Photo by Richard Halyard

Vote to climax debate

(Continued from page 1.) The one recommended will cost some \$59 million.

Alice Killian, secretary of Let's Improve Foul Environments (LIFE), said LIFE opposes the bond issue "because statements on canal cost or environmental impact have not been released."

She said voters favoring the project would be endorsing the canal without being adequately informed.

Revised statements on costs and environmental effects will not be released until after the

election, according to Miss Killian.

Miss Killian said the aspects of parks and wildlife reserves have been incorporated into the project to enhance the canal.

She said such parks and reserves could be constructed easily and cheaply without having to build the Trinity canal.

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Baseball today

Teachers to test Purples

By BUD KENNEDY

After needing six or seven Nytols to get to sleep for a while, Frog baseball coach Frank Windegger has been dozing more peacefully of late. Some wayward teachers from the Great Plains, though, would love to ruin his naptime.

TCU, after a shaky start, has upped its diamond mark to 8-4 with the first SWC series against Texas just a week away, and the Toads'll try to stretch that to 12-4 this weekend with a pair of afternoon doubleheaders against Kearney State Teachers College.

Means Greeting

The Antelopes arrive this morning, and freshman Ricky Means (0-1) will greet them from the mound today at 1 p.m. in the opener of a twin bill at TCU's McKinney Field.

Gene Duckworth (0-0), another fastidious frosh, will hurl the encore.

Then, tomorrow, Windegger hauls out the big bazookas, with junior Frank Johnstone twirling the first game and Tom Ladusau hurling the second in another 1 p.m. doubleheader with the

transient Antelopes, who hail from Kearney, Neb.

The strength of Kearney State is an unknown, an x-factor. A Thursday call to asst. sports information director Greg Regian for information produced little, except the word that the Teachers' dugout will be crowded.

Zilch Info

"Well, they've got 50 players on their roster," Regian allowed. "That's all the info I have. We've gotten zilch from them."

Thompson hoping warmth will aid track progress

By JERRY McADAMS

With a quadrangular meet-slashed Saturday in Austin, Frog track coach Guy Shaw Thompson is hoping the warm weather will last long enough for his crop of runners to blossom.

"I suppose our kiddos' legs are in real good shape by now," Thompson says. "But as far as having them ready to sprint, we've been bringing them along slow. With this warm weather now, we're beginning to pick up the pace some, though."

Despite Thompson's gradual buildup in workouts, injuries have already taken their toll in the Frog camp. Half-miler David Hardin, suffering from a

foot injury, did not enter the 880 last week at Laredo's Border Olympics.

While Hardin did run one leg of the mile relay, lead-off man Ronald Shaw was also sub-par. Andrew McKinney made up some ground and Lee Williams whipped out a 46.6 on the last lap, but the Frog foursome still slipped to a disappointing 4th with a 3:12.5 clocking.

Hardin's week-old foot injury has team trainers baffled. X-rays reveal no broken bones, but the soreness is persistent. He'll miss one week of work and possibly two.

"I went ahead and ran David in the mile relay at Laredo,"

"We didn't do too well," Thompson continued, reviewing last week's overall performance. "And that might have been a little bit my fault."

"I'm sure Lee could have scored in the open quarter, but we didn't run him. He's sort of a hot-weather man. He's been getting a lot of over-distance work, running the half-mile. But I have no intentions of making an 880-man out of him," Thompson said.

Meanwhile, the Frogs will contest Baylor, North Texas State and Texas tomorrow afternoon in Austin. Field events are set for 2 p.m. and running events are 3 p.m.

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Vigies breeze to title

By RUDY PURIFICATO

Over 200 students crowded into the Rickel Center gym Wednesday to witness two undefeated teams battle it out for the Independent League intramural crown.

In a struggle in which the lead changed hands several times, the Vigies (7-0) finally upended the powerful Monday league champion NAACP (7-0) in a close 47-41 contest.

NAACP did not play a consistent game, rather they scored in sporadic spurts and did not exhibit their excellent rebounding and shooting ability.

Meanwhile, the Vigies capitalized in regard to playing their type of slower paced game. Vigie center John Blabe led the offensive attack with 18 points, and was helped by Ted Marshall in grabbing most of the rebounds.

In other Wednesday playoff action, Canterbury (5-4) broke BSU's famous full court press and beat them by a 64-54 score, thus capturing third place in the Independent intramural playoffs.

Next Tuesday, Lambda Chi Alpha (7-0) is matched against the Vigies (now 8-0) and NAACP (now 7-1) will play Sigma Alpha Epsilon (6-1) in the all-school intramural playoffs.