

# Amendment holds pitfall

By JEFF BOGGESS

In its attempt to protect the current power status of the Student Organizations Committee (SOC) through a Student Bill of Rights amendment, the administration has actually liberalized the rules concerning student organizations.

Under the changed amendment concerning campus organizations which was

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passed in the House of Student Representatives Tuesday night, no provision is made for SOC to have review power over organizations once they have been recognized.

The irony of this is found when the older form of the amendment is examined. Last Thursday, a group of House leaders met with Dean of Students John W. Murray and

Carol Swinburne, director of Administrative Services, in an effort to reach an agreement on the amendment's wording.

### Change Wording

The administration's position was that they didn't want SOC left out of the picture in regards to groups on campus.

So the wording was changed to read: "Organizations shall be recognized . . . upon submission of a constitution and a list of officers to the Committee on Student Organizations. Organizations shall be subject to review by the Committee on Student Organizations."

However, Col. Murray said when he showed this wording to several persons, including Vice Chancellor Howard G. Wible, and Dr. Gentry A. Shelton, chairman of SOC, he was told that the amendment did not mention the requirement of SOC approval before a group could

become a recognized campus organization.

### Review Power

Dick Price, Student Bill of Rights Committee chairman, said these persons would not compromise their viewpoint, and thus, a new wording had to be devised to include the approval power.

Apparently, when Price and Col. Murray put the new wording together Tuesday afternoon, they forgot to retain the phrase regarding SOC's review power.

The version that passed the House Tuesday night reads: "Students may organize . . . upon submission of a constitution and a list of current officers to the Committee on Student Organizations and upon approval of the Committee on Student Organizations."

This review power is important in disciplinary cases. Since there is no mention of subsequent authority, it ap-

pears once an organization is recognized, it is no longer subject to University control.

### No Discipline

Under the approved version, Kappa Sigma fraternity could not have been disciplined by SOC, nor could any other student group.

Furthermore, the administration has approved the new wording. Col. Murray said other persons to whom he has shown the amendment approve of the change.

Col. Murray said, "I can see no problem."

Price said the administration is committed to the new wording.

Thus, with such expressions of support by the administration to the House and the student body, it would seem the administration has boxed itself into a corner.

It will be interesting to see how it tries to extricate itself.

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**AND SIGN IN PLEASE**—Students went to the polls Wednesday, March 28, to elect a new slate of cheerleaders and decide the fate of 19 amendments to the Student Bill of Rights. However, the rights bill election outcome appears clouded due to a written

request for a new election, citing unattended ballots at election desks as the reason. House President Bill Stotesbery said a new election may be held on Friday, March 30, along with the cheerleader runoff election. Photo by Bill Bahan

## House OK's rights changes

By JEFF BOGGESS

The House of Student Representatives narrowly passed an administration-requested change of wording in a Bill of Rights amendment and then beat back several attempts to change the Finance Committee's proposed budget for next year Tuesday night.

Along with the controversial amendment change, the student assembly also approved two other last-minute changes to the Bill of Rights.

The wording change which caused the furor resulted from a meeting held between Dean of Students John W. Murray and Bill of Rights Committee chairman Dick Price.

Price told the House that the change, which differed from the wording agreed on last Thursday by House leaders and Dean Murray, had to be passed by the House in order to secure administration approval of the amendment.

The difference in wording concerned student organizations

and added a clause requiring a new group to be approved by the Student Organizations Committee.

The agreement last Thursday said University recognition would be granted new groups upon submission of a list of officers and a constitution to the committee; the new wording contains these two provisions, as well as one that says recognition will also be dependent on the committee's approval.

Price explained the reason for the sudden change: "He (Dean Murray) went and argued with 'people upstairs' for the amendment and they weren't receptive to his arguments."

"He also talked to people on the Student Organizations Committee, and they, too, weren't receptive. Dean Murray has flatly told me that the administration cannot accept this and he also mentioned that some faculty members are opposed to that particular wording."

However, Price also told the

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## Church aids gay community

By JON SHIPLEY

Ministry to the gay community was the topic of discussion at the March 27 gathering of the Homiletic Guild in Weatherly Hall.

Ken Cyr, church clerk of the Fort Worth Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), furnished background on the homophile community and answered questions about the role of the homosexual in Christianity.

MCC is a Christian church with a special outreach to gay people. It was founded in 1968 by a homosexual minister who felt the established church denominations had rejected the homosexual and, subsequently, destroyed the faith of many in the gay community. As one young man told the minister, "No one cares for us homosexuals. God hates us just like everyone else does."

### Denomination Grows

The MCC denomination was founded in Los Angeles and the mother church is now the third largest Protestant church in the city. Individual MCC churches have been established in 43 cities within the United States, as well as

in Canada and Great Britain.

MCC prides itself on being in the mainstream of Christianity, according to Cyr. While it has a special outreach to gay people, the church is open to all people. It does not try to be a civil rights organization or a gay social club, but seeks only to bring the love of Christ to homosexuals, Cyr explained.

### Counseling Function

Cyr said MCC regards Biblical references to homosexuality in the same light as passages which condemn women having authority over men.

These passages are thought to reflect the society of the Biblical writers and are not necessarily applicable to modern society, Cyr explained. "This is not enough justification for destroying a whole race of people who have as much feeling as anyone else," he said.

Cyr said counseling is one of the primary functions of MCC within the current social framework.

Many in the gay community suffer from psychological problems created by the oppression of society or by the

strain of living a dual life—being homosexual while living according to heterosexual norms, he said.

Cyr said MCC wanted all people to realize what they are and live to their full potential.

"Be what you are and live the way you want to, as long as you follow the laws of Christ," he said. "It makes no difference whether you are homosexual or heterosexual, for we are all children of God."

### Rejection

Cyr said MCC's outreach may be only temporary. "When other churches open their doors, MCC will close theirs. There will be no need for a gay ministry at that time."

As it is now, many homosexuals have rejected society, including religion, as much as society has rejected the homosexual. "MCC is trying to open the avenues of communication again," Cyr said.

The Fort Worth Metropolitan Community Church holds Sunday services and Wednesday Rap Sessions at 7:30 p.m. in the First Unitarian Church, 2800 Purington.



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You began: "I don't know what TCU is anymore." A few sentences later you've got it back in focus: "Yes, I know what TCU is."

No, by the next paragraph you've only got "suspicions about what TCU really is....I suspect it of being a corporation....I think TCU thinks it's a corporation."

Then you announce that you prefer that TCU "think 'university'" not "think 'corporation.'" And you toy, but never grapple, with what the difference is.

You may be very close to the truth of the matter, Eddie. So let's hear more. Tell us what a corporation is and what it is for, and tell it in terms so clear that faculty who deal in the theory of corporations will say you've got it right.

Then do the same for what a university is, what it is for, and how it might aim higher than any yet has done. But don't leave us so poorly taught as your all too short editorial left us.

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Meanwhile, may I offer an affirmation and a clue.

You concluded your editorial by admonishing "university" that "it must convince everyone else (beginning at the top) that TCU must be first and finally a 'university.'" My affirmation is

that I already believe this: first and finally a university.

The clue I would offer is that none—TCU, Yale, Antioch, Wisconsin, Scripps, Shangri-la—can be ONLY "university." For who would hunt for your scholarship money? Who would try to win friends and money support to pay what you don't pay toward a fine faculty and

library and places for visitation? (Was that a low blow?)

J.M. Moudy, Chancellor

P.S. You wrote: "Let society think what it wants." You don't believe that. If I know Eddie Coble, he'll spend his life trying to change people's thoughts. And he should. And so should I. Fight the good fight!

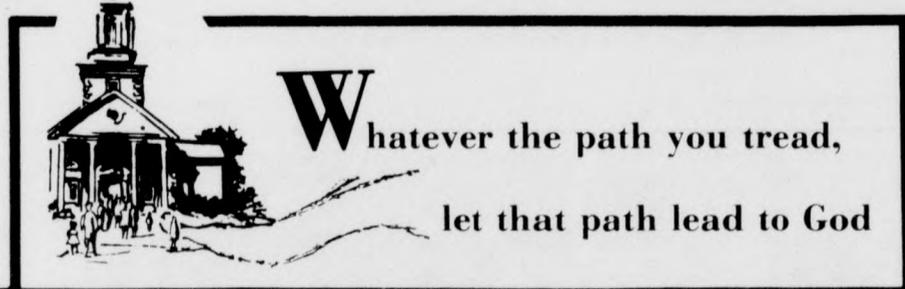
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# Proposed budget raises student fee

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 House, "He (Dean Murray) as much as guaranteed to me that if we pass these three amendments tonight there will be no problem in getting the administration to approve this."

In negative response, Steve Miller, town student representative, said the House should ignore the administration demand. "It's not the administration's bill of rights; it's the students' bill of rights," he said.

Thirty-two affirmative votes were needed to secure passage and the final count showed 32 votes.

The deciding ballots were cast by all four voting members of the House Executive Board: Vice President Bill Lane, Treasurer Steve Oatman, Secretary Debbie Veale and SPB Director Jeff Lyle.

The other two wording changes, which includes a grammatical change in the speaker policy amendment and a word substitution in a disciplinary amendment, were passed without debate.

The House also considered the Finance Committee's proposed student government budget for the coming year.

The most outstanding feature of the budget is an increase in its size, to \$72,000, and an "assumed" \$1.50 raise in the student government fee assessed all students. The new fee would be \$7.50.

However, a series of unsuccessful attempts to change the proposal began. Jim Marston, Tom Brown representative, proposed an amendment that would cut the appropriation for luncheons held twice a month by the Executive Board.

Treasurer Oatman said the appropriation was \$388.

Speaking against the amendment, Glenn Johnson, former SPB director, said Elizabeth Proffer, University Programs and Services director, had told

him if the House cut the funding for the luncheons her office would fund them using money originally allocated for student programming.

After Johnson's speech, debate was closed and the amendment failed.

Marston moved to cut the appropriation for "congressional relations." This fund is used to send students to represent the University at various national student government conferences.

The motion was defeated.

Marston then turned to the Activities Council's proposed budget and offered an amendment to delete funding for some Fashion Fair Committee activities and transfer the money to

the Films and Forums Committees. These functions included appropriations for a "Glamour Magazine" contest for girls and for three programs that deal with modeling. The cost of these activities totaled \$1,280.

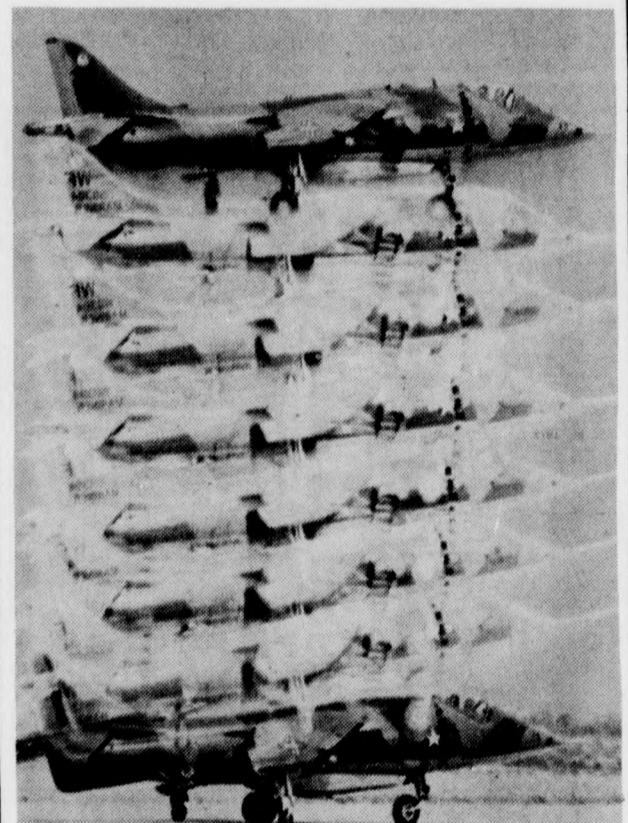
Marston said the programs discriminate on the basis of sex

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Two other amendments were offered to portions of the appropriation. One failed and the second wasn't voted on due to lack of a quorum.

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Photo by Jerry McAdams

# Tracksters preparing for 'preacher' meet

Fresh from their best showing of the 1973 cinder season, the Texas Christian University track team journeys to Dallas

Saturday for the annual "Preachers Meet" with SMU and Baylor.

Coach Guy Shaw Thompson's

charges recorded three firsts in a meet at College Station last Saturday night, including a school record 16-0 by freshman Mark Thomson in the pole vault.

## Louisianans control women's gym tourney

Southeastern Louisiana University dominated the National Gymnastics Qualifying Meet held Saturday, March 24, in the Rickel Center by sweeping all events.

Other teams in the meet included second place South West Texas State, third place TCU, University of Southwest Louisiana, Texas Woman's University, Texas Wesleyan College, Tarleton State College, and Amarillo College.

Southeastern Louisiana was the only team to qualify for the National Gymnastics Championship Meet to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, April 6-7. SLU earned the qualification by winning in total team points and capturing top honors in all events (uneven bars, balance beam, floor exercise, and vaulting).

TCU sophomore Carol Knight posed the only threat to SLU's domination, by placing fourth in vaulting.

Other Purple victors were Chuck Kourvelas, with a season best 4:16.1 in the mile run and a 3:14.5 by the mile relay quartet of Charlie Fails (49.5), Gary Peacock (48.0), Lee Williams (47.5) and Andrew McKinney (49.5).

Sprinter Gary Peacock almost pulled off an upset victory in the 100, recording an electronically-timed 9.58.

The Fort Worth junior again will be TCU's main hope in the sprints as ace dash man Ronald Shaw is still slowed by an injury and will compete only in the 880.



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## Coeds due tennis action here today

The women's tennis team meets SMU in a 3:30 p.m. contest here today in what looms as the district championship contest.

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