

Grants open to (most) students

By MARGARET DOWNING

Editor-in-Chief

It looks like the only losers in the Texas Equilization Grant (TEG) fight that went on this summer will be students majoring in church related fields.

According to Logan Ware, director of Student Financial Aid, the only change will be that religion majors will no longer be considered eligible for the funds.

Attorney General John Hill's decision that TEG grants aren't unconstitutional means anyone

from Texas, taking 12 hours or more this fall, who isn't already on athletic scholarship and who has financial need is eligible for state funds, Ware said.

Last year's limitation of awards to students with less than 60 credit hours has been expanded to those with less than 90 hours. With an expected increase in appropriated funds, all "hour" limits will be dropped next year, Ware said.

Question was raised by the State Coordinating Board about

the constitutionality of TEG after the United States Supreme Court handed down two decisions putting an end to tax practices in New York and Pennsylvania that were favorable to parents whose children were enrolled in private schools.

The Court declared granting special tax deductions in New York and tax rebates in Pennsylvania was an unconstitutional mixture of church and state.

The difference between these cases and the TEG situation,

Ware said, is while these were aids to parents, the TEG provides aid to students.

A new funding program that went into effect this summer is the Federal Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program (BOG). This year it is only open to students who have not enrolled for any hours before July 1.

The grant, designed for students with large financial need, is awarded to selected students, no matter what school they go to, Ware said.

Originally the entitlement program was for all students who qualified, but since appropriated funds were much less than first planned on, Ware said the money has been limited to first year students.

Any student who needs help financially should make his way to the Financial Aid Office, Sadler room 101. And religion majors, don't give up. The state may not want you, but maybe the school or federal government does.



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Have you read the small print?

By LINDA WRIGHT

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Hundreds of 18-, 19- and 20-year-olds filled Fort Worth liquor stores and bars Aug. 27 to celebrate their newly-obtained "rights, privileges and obligations of majority," but few were aware of the full significance of Texas Senate Bill 123, just as University officials are unsure of the full effects the new law will have on University policies and procedures.

Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students, said there are two aspects to the rights bill. The legal aspect considers what an entity is legally bound to do by the law. The psychological aspect considers areas where action is not required but where the law may change attitudes.

She said administration members spent two hours in conference Aug. 27 with the University's attorney, Homer Price, discussing the legal aspect and the procedures that must be worked out to fulfill its requirements. She indicated much of the law will not be clear until there have been test cases in the courts.

The University has already begun changes based on the psychological aspect. According to Price, the University, as a private institution, may send grades to parents if it chooses, though it will not be doing so without student permission.

Mrs. Proffer said in the past grades were sent to parents of 21-year-olds only on request and this procedure is being transferred to those covered by the law.

If a parent calls and requests his child's grades, Mrs. Proffer said the situation will be explained to the parent and he will be advised to contact his child about signing a release. The grades will remain confidential.

She said the University of Texas at Austin does not think this right is implicit in the law and plans to continue sending grades home.

Health, disciplinary and financial records will also be affected by the new law. Prior to Aug. 27, discretion was used in releasing any health or disciplinary records and many records, such as counseling and testing files, were already strictly confidential. Now they are all strictly confidential.

Finances and financial records will pose a special problem for the University and Mrs. Proffer said this year it will "play the situation by ear."

Eighteen-year-olds are now legally responsible for their own debts, which is fine as long as they pay them or get their parents to pay them. But if a student's fees are not paid, the University could not legally sue the parents and would not want to sue the student because few of them have the money.

Mrs. Proffer mentioned the bookstore and meal tickets charges as areas where this problem may realistically arise.

A parent who is willing to pay normal board and tuition, but who suddenly finds he is not receiving his child's grades, may balk at paying bills run up in the bookstore or in the "black market" meal ticket business.

Mrs. Proffer said, "It (the new law) may make us be firmer in some areas, like charging, not because we want to, but because the situation demands it."

The administration is currently working toward the time when a student may be required to have a co-signer on his bills.

Other contracts may have to be changed because of the

rights law. The University housing contract currently states that persons under 21 years of age must live in a dormitory.

Mrs. Proffer said it will probably be rewritten to stipulate residents in some other way, though technically private schools may set any age limit they want in residential requirements.

Drinking on campus, an area of concern for many students, will not be affected at all by the new law, according to Mrs. Proffer. The rule forbidding alcoholic beverages on campus is not based on age and, thus, will not change.

She said the concept of "in loco parentis" (in place of a parent) enters the psychological aspect of the law.

"The University doesn't believe in 'in loco parentis,' but we do believe in helping out students with problems. And problems don't have anything to do with age," she said.

For instance, in the past, area law officers have cooperated very closely with University officials, often not booking students or showing leniency in other ways when students were released into University custody.

Mrs. Proffer said the University will continue to act on behalf of students in such cases, but she wondered if attitudes of law enforcers will change because of the new adult status of most students.

Mrs. Proffer said she hopes student attitudes toward themselves and their responsibilities will change with the newly-acquired rights. "I hope that some of our organizations will not indulge in some of the juvenile behavior that they have in the past, and they will begin to see their members and others as people worthy of respect and dignity," she said.



GODSPELL!

The Hypocrites, an acting-singing group from the University Christian Church, presented "Godspell" for Howdy Week Chapel. The group's 28 members, ranging in age from 9 to 20, performed a contemporary version of the Passion According to St. Matthew, written and directed by Dr. Ralph Stone. More than 500 people attended the service.

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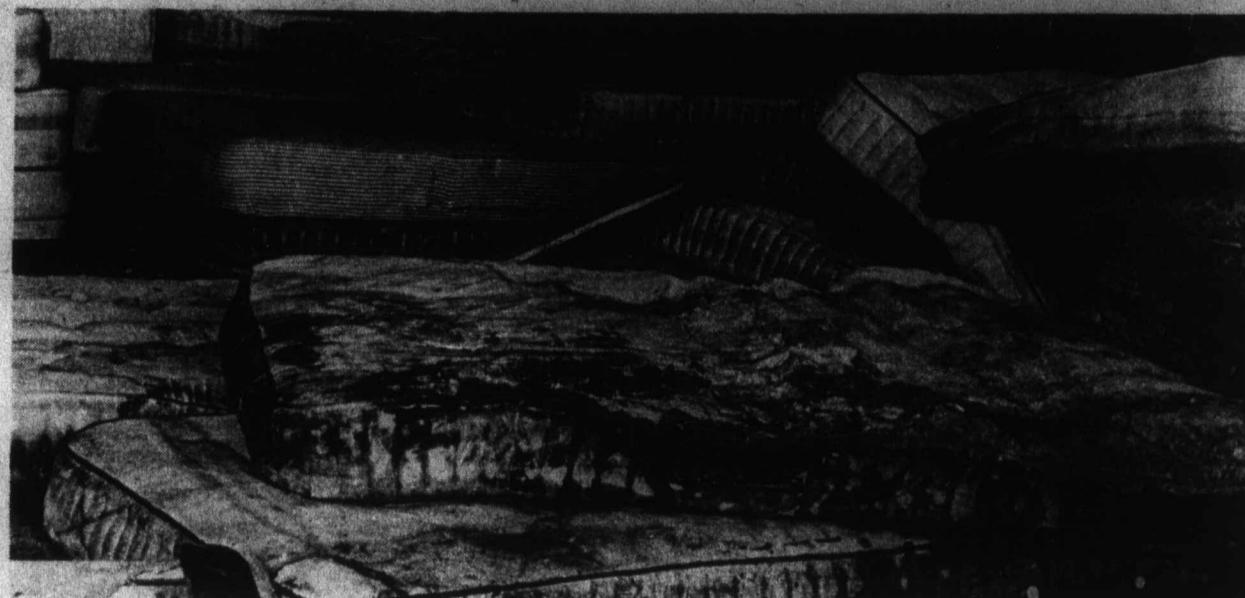


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. . . and after

BINGO! IT'S A BUTTERFLY!—After this summer's metamorphosis, the athletes' abode appeared to be an entirely new building. Several rooms were knocked out to make this lounge, equipped with two pool tables, two televisions and two other game tables. New carpet, paint jobs, kitchens, study rooms, sinks, central television antenna, furniture and laundry rooms also met the returning residents.

Cadets earn Ranger black and gold

Three senior Army ROTC cadets learned how not to act lost when they really were, climbed up and down the mountains of northern Georgia and tromped through the swamps of Florida, earning the black and gold Ranger tab this summer.

Lisle Brook, Larry Hoskins and Dave Wise successfully completed the nine-week U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., Aug. 10 and were awarded the Ranger tab.

Only 178 of the original 287 in Brook's, Hoskin's and Wise's class completed the course.

Capt. Michael T. McNeight, Ranger-qualified Army ROTC instructor, said the aim of the intensive nine-week course is to develop tactically proficient small-unit leaders. Men from all branches of the Army participate in the training.

"It is not only for the infantry. The Ranger-trained

officer is a better officer, no matter if he is in one of the combat arms or in the Judge Advocate General Corps," Capt. McNeight said.

Capt. McNeight said one objective of the Ranger School is to see how the individual soldier will stand up under combat pressure.

"They cannot shoot at the Ranger students, so they must find other ways to make it difficult on the individual. They starve you. They keep you awake for 75 or 100 hours at a time.

"There is tremendous pressure on the individuals to pass their respective patrols. It is a tremendous challenge. Most men who go through it and earn the tab say it is the hardest thing they have ever done and one of the things they are most proud of having accomplished."

The Ranger training is divided into three phases: the Benning, Mountain and Florida phases.

The first phase is conducted at Fort Benning and is

devoted to rigorous physical conditioning and developing navigational and hand-to-hand combat skills.

The second phase is conducted at Dahlonega, Ga., in the Smokey Mountains. In this phase, the Ranger student learns mountaineering techniques along with combat patrolling in a conventional war environment.

The final phase is conducted at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. It also emphasizes individual techniques and patrolling, but the setting is different. The training, conducted in Florida swamps, is designed to put men in conditions very similar to Vietnam.

Brook, Hoskins and Wise were selected from an order of merit list based on their ROTC and academic performance.

The three cadets also attended the U.S. Army Airborne School at Fort Benning for three weeks prior to Ranger School. All three earned the Airborne qualification badge at the jump school.

Students scarce

Urban Studies decaying?

By DIANE CRAWFORD
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The Urban Studies program is in shaky condition right now and may eventually be phased out due to lack of student participation.

"The Urban Studies program isn't in or out at the moment—it's just in limbo," Dr. Robert H. Talbert, sociology professor, said.

The program, started several years ago, offers classes in city planning and development to give students a practical orientation to city planning and other government aspects. The courses are taught by officials in city planning and urban development departments in Fort Worth.

Students majoring in sociology, government,

economics, or geography may choose the Urban Studies program as a second major.

"This course may only be taken as a second major, which is probably the main reason for the

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program's unpopularity," Dr. Talbert said. "Most students find that having a second major is too demanding."

The original idea for the program was to offer a graduate course and master's degree in

Urban Studies, Dr. Talbert said. "We had to concentrate on an undergraduate course because the University did not have the resources for a program on the graduate level.

"There are plans to revise the program, its course format and curriculum, in the next year to make it less demanding and more exciting to the students."

Two courses were specially designed for the program dealing strictly with urban affairs. "Elements of Urban Design" and a "Seminar in Urban Affairs" are required classes for students choosing this second major.

Since the program's origin, 15 students have completed the course and graduated with a second degree in Urban Studies. Two students are registered to enter the program this semester.

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Yearbooks available

The last survivor of a long-term tradition at the University is being distributed in the Student Center this week.

The 1973 edition of the Horned Frog yearbook can be obtained free by last year's students at a table outside the Student Center cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. until the end of this week.

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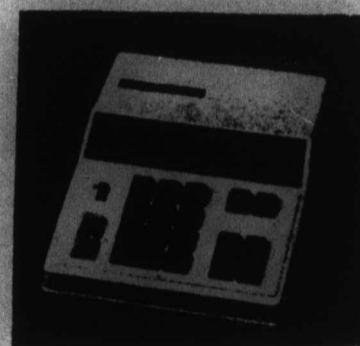
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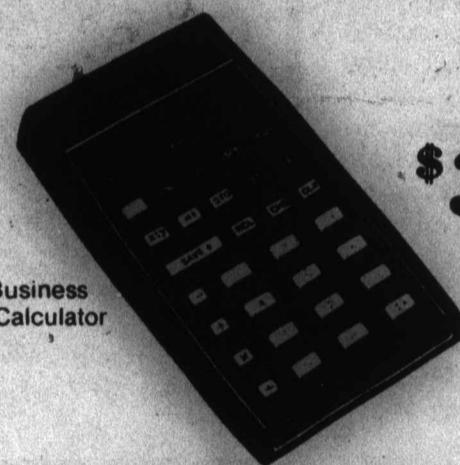
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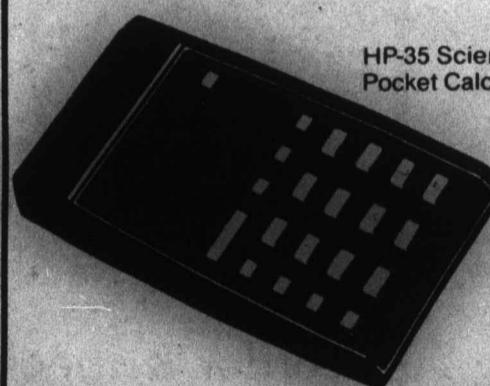


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Martin upset by report

'Town meetings' scheduled for October

By BUD KENNEDY
Sports Editor

TCU athletic director Abe Martin, who's been saying grace over the Frog athletic program for quite a long time, was more than surprised yesterday when he heard that a University committee report suggested TCU consider withdrawal from major intercollegiate athletics.

To him, it was a little like being told that his new Lincoln had been recalled for not having any brakes.

"Bein' a man that's been in athletics for a lifetime," spouted the Texas Sports Hall of Famer, "that just doesn't make me feel real good."

"Athletics is just as much a part of life, and education, as anything else. We're not like an appendage that has to be cut off just because we're not making money."

The report came from the Future Priorities Committee, commissioned in the fall of 1971 to study possible future goals for the University. Dr. Paul Wassenich chaired the panel, which included four other faculty members, four administrators and four students.

The results of the 18-month study were published in June in a 96-page booklet available to faculty members. The committee recommended the athletic department balance its budget within three years, and hire at least one minority group coach. It also suggested the University reevaluate athletics and consider TCU's withdrawal from major intercollegiate sports.

"I don't get excited about that," said Martin. "They have to go raise money for other things, why not for athletics?"

"There's a lot of great things about athletics. I don't want to enumerate them, and all that jazz---you've heard all that before. English and all that are important, too. There's great things about all of them."

Vice Chancellor and Provost Dr. Howard Wible, who himself has a son, Mark, playing basketball at West Texas State, explained the importance of the recommendations.

"The value of this report has yet to be felt," said Dr. Wible, himself a member of the panel. "I think it's important. We spent 18 months on it."

"But it's not a final decision. I would assume the chancellor would pretty much have the final say-so, but not in isolation."

Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students and another committee member, called the report



ABE MARTIN
...talks about athletic cutback

"simply the findings of a blue-ribbon committee. The next step is to have widespread study and discussion on the new policies."

"We're going to have 'town meeting' sessions, (slated for

October 5, 15, and 19) and that's when interested students or faculty members should come forth to discuss and evaluate the report. If there is overwhelming opposition to any proposal, then I would say we would not implement it."

"There was general concern about the amount of money spent on athletics--you know, you try to pay for the whole thing out of football. Some people felt it should be self-supporting; some of the big schools have gone this route."

"There were people who said we should take a stand against Tartan turf, and the \$300,000 expenditure (eventually paid by private contributors). We did not."

Dr. Wassenich could not be reached for comment.

The report concluded its athletic appraisal, "Other universities are reevaluating

their sports programs and personnel for the same reason. This committee would be remiss

did it not insist that our own administration and Athletic Committee do the same."

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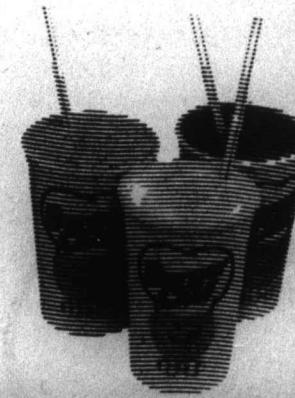
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