



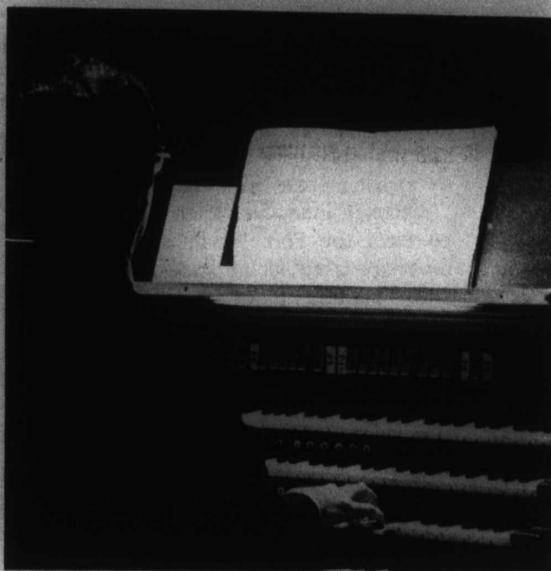
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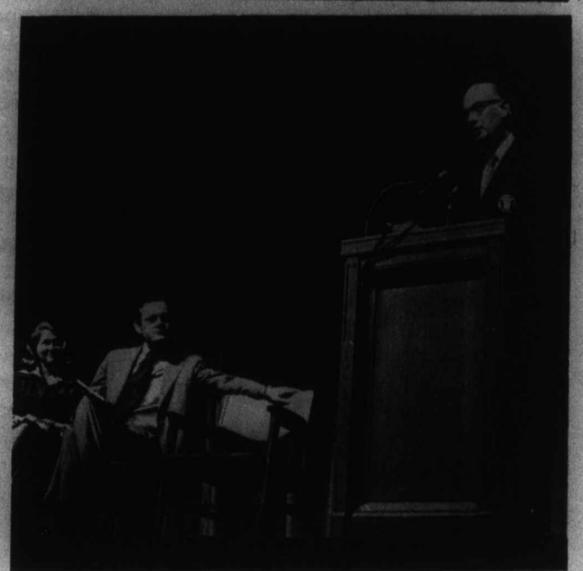
Friday, September 7, 1973



Preparing to sing the Alma Mater at Thursday's Convocation are Dr. Thomas B. Brewer, vice chancellor dean to the University, and Dr. William M. Wiebenga, dean of AddRan College.



Music at Thursday's Convocation was provided by Emmet G. Smith, shown here at the organ. The Convocation was held in Ed Landreth Auditorium.



Dr. James M. Moudy gave thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schieffer, seated at the left of the Chancellor, for their attendance at the Convocation.

Photos by Michael Gerst

Schieffer slams Watergate

By ALSIBELLO

The people involved in the Watergate scandal "didn't understand or didn't care about the democratic process," said CBS News Pentagon correspondent Bob Schieffer at Fall Convocation Thursday.

Schieffer, speaking before a near capacity crowd, evoked laughter when he referred to the "bedlam" of the federal government that will not be daunted by the controversy.

The TCU graduate praised the two Washington Post reporters who exposed the break-in, Robert Woodward

and Carl Bernstein. This proved, he said, strong and honest reporting is not only possible, but the most powerful asset of the press.

Schieffer, "The CBS Sunday News" anchorman, said several benefits derived from the scandal include campaign reform legislation and reduced secrecy in the Executive branch as evidenced by more frequent press conferences.

Finally, he said Watergate has caused us to refocus our attention on the democratic process, and "let us examine what our country is and what it should be."

The former Fort Worth Star-Telegram and WBAP-TV

reporter said if public officials violate the public trust, they deserve criticism by the press. He didn't claim all such criticism was factual, but expressed confidence that somehow the public would be able to perceive the truth.

Schieffer said individual involvement and concern are necessary in an effective government.

"Cynicism should not replace idealism" in our federal system, he said.

Schieffer called idealism "the bedrock of our freedom," and said Watergate showed us that we need more of it.

Surprise!

Rights bill approved—since April

By STEVE BUTTRY
News Editor

Unknown to House president Bill Stotesbery, the Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities has been in effect since last April.

Dr. Howard G. Wible, vice chancellor and provost, said he and Chancellor James M. Moudy approved the bill in April. "I

have assumed that it is in effect," said Dr. Wible. He said he thought his approval and Dr. Moudy's made it official.

Stotesbery said he found out Thursday through the grapevine that the bill was in effect, but said he had received no official notification. "Twice I've asked for letters about it, but I haven't received any word."

Dr. Wible said he received a letter from the chancellor April 18 indicating general approval. April 18 was during spring break, and apparently the bill quietly became official without general knowledge, or even a note to Stotesbery.

Stotesbery said action on summer censorship of the Horned Frog and in loco parentis

attitudes may be forthcoming since the bill is official.

The bill says, "The student communications media shall be free of censorship, coercion, and advance administrative approval of copy."

The nine-page bill includes clauses safeguarding freedom of access to higher education, classroom expression, student

records, student affairs and rights in disciplinary actions.

"The University shall be open to all applicants who are qualified according to its admission requirements," says the bill, specifying there shall be no racial, religious, sexual or national discrimination.

Rights of students to freedom of expression and freedom of assembly are guaranteed in the bill. Freedom of choosing speakers and forms of entertainment without censorship are guaranteed "provided that the facilities have been adequately secured."

Procedures and rights involving searches in the case of suspected violation of criminal laws are spelled out.

Procedure for hearings and appeals in the case of disciplinary actions is covered in the bill.

The bill points out that other rights and responsibilities may be retained by students although not included in the bill.

Football coach causes SMU unrest

By JEFF BOGESS
Assistant News Editor

With unrest lingering among Southern Methodist University students over controversial actions regarding the football team, plans were finalized Thursday morning for a massive assembly that night.

Source of the discontent is two administrative actions taken at the request of new head football coach Dave Smith.

According to a spokesperson for the SMU newspaper, The Daily Campus, the discontent began last Saturday when 36 students were moved out of the third floor of the football players' dorm to make room for freshman players.

The displaced students are upperclassmen who have had room reservations for that residence hall since last spring.

The spokesperson said additional animosity was created Sunday when the cafeteria policy was changed. Smith requested—and received—one of the four serving lines to be reserved for football players only.

Some 600 students were forced into the other lines, while 130 athletes had their own line.

Tuesday night the Student Senate voted 23-4 to censure the administration's approval of Smith's requests, but it rejected a proposal to boycott SMU's first football game of the season Sept. 15 against Santa Clara.

However, a proposal was adopted urging students to wear black armbands for two days preceding the game.

The meeting Thursday night was expected to discuss alternative means of protest. The Daily Campus said the boycott motion was expected to be raised again.

Howdy Week \$'s: up, up and away

The final tally of Howdy Week expenses will not be available until later this month, but it will probably reach the \$10,000 mark—before subtracting the income.

The Howdy Week Committee paid \$3,250 plus about \$390 in rental costs for a balloonist that never gave his promised "concert in the sky," and \$2,000 for a David Frye show lasting about 45 minutes.

There was a barbecue, and with meat prices the way they are. . . . Vince Vance and the Valiants put on a good show, but still cost a pretty penny. And the costs will keep mounting.

Somewhere along the line student representatives and University officials seem to have lost their sense of priority. With the University operating barely above the red, wasting money on

a one-time event seems foolhardy.

Howdy Week is a tradition, but we should reevaluate what is considered appropriate.

Having a balloonist perform on campus must have sounded like a novel idea—something to make this Howdy Week different from previous ones—but contracting an event that depended on specific weather conditions to operate was a dangerous move. The balloon venture was handicapped from the start.

Scheduling the balloonist to reappear free of charge next year appears to be some kind of consolation but not a satisfactory one. When the balloonist returns, if he does, seniors will have graduated, the balloon may not be such a novel idea and the whole issue may be forgotten. Even if the balloonist returns,

somebody somewhere along the way will have lost money needlessly.

Instead of spending tremendous sums of money on one event, future Howdy Week planners should consider contracting smaller activities which provide just as much pleasure and probably more benefits than an expensive one-time event.

Although many freshmen may be from the Fort Worth area, most are from out of state and know nothing about the city.

While many students aren't artistically inclined, many would have enjoyed visiting the Kimbell Art Museum during the Russian paintings exhibition if they had had transportation. A very inexpensive form of entertainment compared to ballooning.

With more activities students

could be more selective and become more acquainted with their adopted home town. On the last night of Howdy Week a concert or major entertainer could kick-off the school year.

Howdy Week planners should look around and utilize available

inexpensive resources. There is nothing wrong with saving money.

The balloon fiasco should prove at least one thing—the best things are not always the most expensive.

—MELISSA LANE

Alleged kickbacks cause possible press backlash

Not too long ago, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew claimed he was being unjustly "indicted" by the press in conjunction with alleged kickback schemes which occurred during his tenure as Maryland governor.

Political pundits and scribes predict Agnew's reputation may be indelibly stained by the possibly premature release of damaging news leaks.

Maybe a few of you can remember a speech in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1969, in which Agnew indicted the press for being, as he claimed, under the control of a few "effete" Eastern liberal snobs. Overnight, fear of potentially crippling governmental regulation and covert or overt censorship spread throughout the mass media.

Nixon administration policies toward the Fourth Estate have made more than a few journalists feel those fears are slowly coming true.

A case of revenge?

There is no room in the government-press relationship for selfish vendettas, but there is even less room for back-

scratching in times of national crises.

The primary function of the press is to inform the public about the maneuverings of public officials, not to keep quiet and adopt a "wait-and-see" attitude when there may be a violation of criminal statutes by men sworn to uphold the laws of the land.

If there is the slightest possibility the public may have misplaced its trust, the media should employ any means necessary to explore that possibility and to either uncover the wrongdoing or aid in the exoneration.

To do less than report every available scrap of information would be ignoring a primary responsibility.

Agnew has not been indicted as he claims. As even he admits, most stories about the ongoing grand jury investigation have been "leaked" to the press. Those leaks are usually attributed to the mysterious "sources close to the investigation." Public officials relinquish their right of privacy when they enter the limelight, but even so, no conclusions have

yet been drawn by the media.

Serious questions have been raised and a potentially catastrophic incident has been brought to the level of public awareness.

The stories issuing from clandestine leaks can be taken for what they're worth by the discerning reader.

And if they're true, and there are criminals officiating in the highest levels of government, they're worth a bundle, Spiro.

—MICHAEL GERST



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House changes proposed

By PHIL JOHNSON

Several proposals for bylaw changes, constitutional revision, and committee reorganization were drawn up during the summer by a House of Student Representatives committee and will be presented to House members for approval.

House President Bill Stotesbery said the proposals involve abolition of bylaws, changes in the constitution preamble and impeachment procedure, a change in the grade point requirement for House officers and the formation of some new committees.

Stotesbery said there will be a recommendation by the committee to abolish the House bylaws and substitute standing rules, in order to provide a greater amount of flexibility in House meetings. Currently, the bylaws either restate parts of the constitution or set down obvious rules.

There is a proposal to change the Constitution's preamble as a written commitment by the student government to "shared responsibility," Stotesbery said.

Additionally, the impeachment procedure would

be altered to provide what Stotesbery labels a "quasi-judicial system," under which the House as a whole would act as a jury, with a plaintiff-defendant advocate format. "The idea is to eliminate some of the political aspect," Stotesbery said.

Reduced grade point requirements for House officers is also among the committee's recommendations.

The panel will recommend the formation of several new committees, including a Procedural Enactment Committee, described by Stotesbery as "a head-butting committee intended to relieve some of the burden on the executive authority."

A House Rules Committee would be designed to devise rules that will facilitate the more efficient movement of House meetings.

Assembling committee members during the summer when they are widely dispersed is difficult or impossible, Stotesbery said. He added, however, that the committee has been able to meet as a whole twice within the past two weeks. "Now that everybody's back, we can start meeting more in groups again."

Scribes to gather

The seventh annual High School Journalism Institute, designed to help high school publications advisers and staff members cultivate creative ideas as well as refresh the basics, will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, at the University.

An expected 200 newspaper and yearbook staff members from North Central Texas will register in Dan Rogers Hall at 8:30 a.m. The Institute is sponsored jointly by the Journalism Department and the Fort Worth professional chapter of Women in Communications.

After a 9 a.m. assembly welcome from Lewis C. Fay, Journalism Department chairman, publications personnel will take their choice of eight discussion sessions, each offered at 9:25 to 10:25 a.m. and repeated at 10:50 to 11:50 a.m.

Professionals directing the sessions will be Fay, newswriting; Lloyd Stewart, woman's editor for the evening Fort Worth Star-Telegram, feature writing; Tommy Love, Fort Worth Press sports writer, sports; J. D. Fuller, Daily Skiff

adviser, editorial problems; Ron Heflin, Fort Worth Star-Telegram photographer, photography; Claudia Bengel, executive vice president of Goodman and Associates, advertising; Robert Lynch of Taylor Publishing Co., yearbook production; and Emily-Mae Stafford, make-up editor of the evening Star-Telegram, newspaper make-up.

Mrs. Doug Newsom, journalism instructor, will direct a morning teachers' roundtable for advisers. Bobbi Wygant, WBAP-TV program hostess, will give tips on interviewing.

Frog Calls deadline here

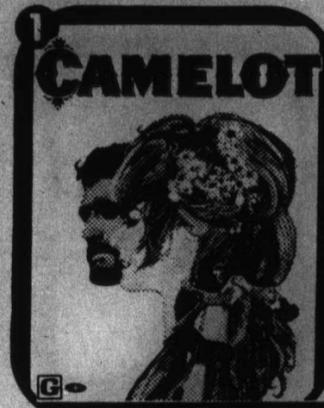
The deadline for registering telephone numbers for Frog Calls is Friday, Sept. 7.

Students who had their phones at the time they registered will get their phones listed if they put their numbers on the data cards at registration.

Those who have changed phones or had them installed since they registered must supply their correct listings to the TCU News Service in room 306 of Sadler Hall by 5 p.m. Friday.

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Collins, Bryant came back; Guy Shaw's glad they did

By JOHN FORSYTH
Assistant Sports Editor

Horned Frog track coach Guy Shaw Thompson welcomes back two returnees this year that he thinks could make the difference in his team's record.

Bill Collins and Greg Bryant, both juniors this fall, left campus last winter besieged by personal problems. The pair had been arrested and charged in connection with theft in Milton Daniel Hall, but charges were later dropped in the case.

But now they're back, and Thompson is ready to forget the past and get on with the future. "I know they'll make me proud of them," Thompson said after he learned of their return.

But the Frog mentor noted that they've got a little extra work to do outside of just making the team. "I think they've got to prove they want to be back," Thompson said. "They've got to prove that they're worthy of a second chance."

"They know they're fortunate, and I think they'll do real well," he said.

Collins will run in the sprints while Bryant labors in the 880. Although both will help, it is Collins who has Thompson smiling big.

The Frog coach thinks Collins, who has run a 9.3 in the 100, is one of the top sprinters in the nation and hopes he shows his stuff. "If he takes advantage of this (second chance) and does well," Thompson figures he'll be a first-rate trackster.

And his absence was felt. "I felt that if I'd had him last year we would have finished real high" in the national standings, the coach said.

Something other than his dynamic duo that has Thompson worried is his cross-country team, or lack of one.

"We've only got two kids to run cross-country right now, so I don't know what we're going to do about that," he said.

Frog intercollegiate sports safe

After consulting with a few other members of the faculty and administration, TCU athletic director Abe Martin seems semi-confident that the Frog sports programs have not been threatened by the report of the Future Priorities Committee.

"I think it's fine to study athletics," Martin said yesterday, "but I don't really think they did it with the intention of cutting it out, just to find ways of financing sports better and alleviating the budget problems."

The report had suggested that TCU follow the form of some other universities and consider the elimination of major intercollegiate athletics due to its high expense.

"But football carries itself well," Martin says. "Only once in the past 15 years has it lost money. And generally it helps out our other sports."

"The NCAA helped us this year by reducing the scholarship limit to 30 per year and limiting high school athletes' recruiting visits. We could break even if we dropped all our other sports and

kept football and basketball, but the kids are going to play something no matter what."

Attendance has been off in recent years after TCU broke its all-time home mark with a crowd of 44,415 for the 1966 Arkansas game, which the Frogs dropped 21-0. Since then crowds have

declined a bit while the team has compiled a 28-40-2 won-lost mark.

—BUD KENNEDY



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