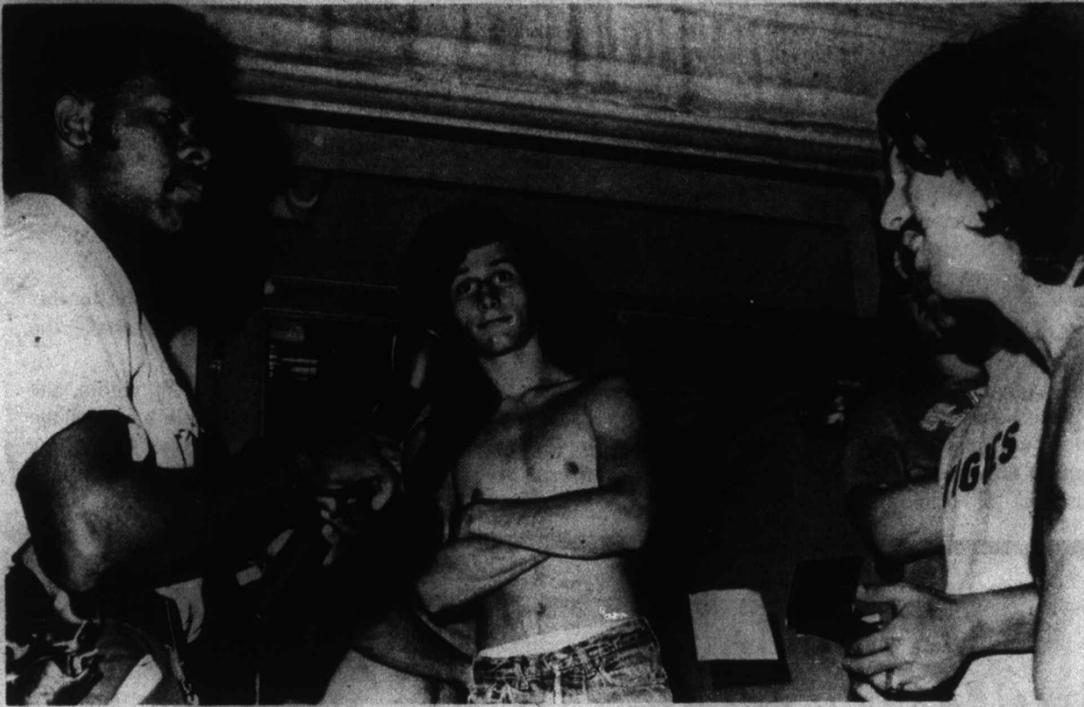




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IN A HEAP OF TROUBLE—Security officers came on the scene last week to break up the fun when the men's (or is the word "boys?") dormitories on the main campus engaged in a late-night shouting match. The law officers even checked identification of the scoundrels involved in the fracas. Tom Brown residents, at left, oblige.



Photos by Michael Gerst

WHO SAID THAT?--Campus cops broke up one of Tom Brown's community activities last week, when the four men's dorms on main campus had some dorm interaction, in the form of a shouting match. The security officers appear serious, but these Tom Brown residents at the right didn't get too upset. Several stories circulated about how the imbroglio began, but when the men in blue stepped in to halt the action, all four dorms were heartily participating.



The students above had a grandstand seat to view the action in the midnight follies. They were safely out of reach of the arm of the law, but in excellent position to join the slandering of the gentlemen in the University's history who had men's dorms named after them.

Core council sifts requirements

By STEVE BUTTRY
News Editor

The revision of core curriculum requirements dragged one step closer to reality Monday when the fine arts requirement was dropped from the revision before the University Council.

Junior Bob Stanley, who introduced the amendment that deleted the requirement from the core, said he was against forcing students into that field.

"I think providing opportunities for experience in the fine arts and other fields is fine. That's the job of the

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University. But enforcing experience is too much," said Stanley.

The amendment passed 11-9, but another Stanley amendment—to drop the religion requirement—failed 18-1.

Most of the discussion in the council meeting centered around the fine arts requirement.

Dr. Quinn McKay, Tandy Professor of American Enterprise Management, said he would favor the requirement if it were adopted to give the University

graduates a uniqueness," but not as a mechanical decision or one to "favor special interest groups."

Dr. William Wiebenga, AddRan dean, found the singling out of fine arts in the requirements "puzzling." He said, "I see no rationale for favoring it over philosophy or some other discipline."

Honors program director Dr. Fred Erisman said he favored the requirement in order to "guarantee exposure" to the fine arts.

Most of the discussion centered on keeping the requirement to maintain the "uniqueness" of the TCU graduate, and on the rationale of requiring fine arts over other disciplines.

"I think uniqueness should come in the form of the student," said Stanley, "not in the stamp of the University."

"We're fooling ourselves if we think a three-hour requirement in fine arts or religion or anything else will give us uniqueness," said Dr. Ted Klein, philosophy chairman.

Dr. Virginia M. Jarratt, dean of the Harris College of Nursing, moved that the suggestions for Courses of Study Committee's general course requirements be adopted. Her motion, along with Stanley's approved amendment, is still before the committee.

The core will be studied by the committee in weekly meetings until a final revision is adopted.

The requirements, as they are now before the committee, require 12 hours from English, foreign languages, philosophy, religion, or fine arts. An additional three hours of fine arts was required, but the council felt this general requirement was sufficient.

Twelve hours from economics, geography, government, history, journalism or sociology are also required.

There was discussion of changing the third requirement, which calls for 12 hours from biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, physics or psychology. At least six of these hours would have to be in a lab science.

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English Department. Three hours of religion and two of physical education are also required.

Discussion in the meeting indicated that the writing workshop and lab science requirements would not pass without further discussion.

The revised core has been under study for two years, but finally appears to be on its way to passage. Dr. Thomas B. Brewer, dean of the University, said he hoped the Council could approve the new core in time to make it effective next fall.

Drug censors slap student rights

"I have assumed that it is in effect," said Dr. Howard G. Wible, vice chancellor and provost. The "it" in Dr. Wible's assumption was the Bill of Students Rights and Responsibilities, and the effect has been to cast doubt on the legality of an official University action under the bill.

A provision of the bill reads, "The student communications media shall be free of censorship, coercion and advance administrative approval of copy."

An article, written by Randy Grothe, was censored from this year's Horned Frog yearbook. Grothe's article was

commentary

based upon an interview with a TCU drug user. The story was censored by the Student Publications Committee (SPC) during the summer—and after the bill was in effect.

The committee's bylaws give two reasons for censorship: libel or violating a Canon of Journalism.

The committee passed a motion simply stating the article would be censored. No justification for the censorship was given or included in the motion.

Without justification, this censorship is illegal in regard to the Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities. It is

possible that the committee was unaware that the bill of rights was in effect. Most of the University, including House President Bill Stotesbery, were not notified of the bill being in effect until this semester.

The SPC is supposed to consist of 14 members—or is it 17. The committee bylaws state that there will be 14 members, but the faculty-staff handbook says the membership should be 17.

Whatever the correct number, only eight members were present at the censoring meeting. Of the eight members, only one, David Davis, was a student.

According to Davis, no effort was made to notify the other five students of the committee about the meeting. Dr. Fred Erisman, SPC chairman, said the other students were sent notifications of the meeting. However, these notifications were sent to the addresses the students held while they were in school during the spring.

The decision to send notifications of the meeting to addresses the students no longer used was highly questionable. What constitutes proper notification is debatable, but if notification was lacking, a serious question of legality is raised.

The composition of the committee supposedly

represents an effective balance between students and faculty. The summer meeting had no such balance with only one student in attendance.

The student segment of the committee was not given fair representation, unless seven-to-one is considered an effective balance.

But these questions of notification and representation are secondary to the violation of the student bill of rights. After the bill's long and successful fight for acceptance at the University, it was thrown aside over a drug story.

The fears of grand jury action against the writer and editor were not unfounded, but both of them signed releases freeing the University from any responsibility. Another fear could not be signed away.

Bad publicity—drugs don't exist at TCU. To shatter this image would be blasphemy, and it would shake the University right down to its eternal flame.

With the passage of the student bill of rights, the University must change. Students are adults now, and the University must regard and treat them as such. New parents aren't needed—new responsibilities are.

—GREGG KAYS

Chilean revolution foreboding for all

The recent coup in Chile bodes no good for people at either end of the political spectrum.

Leftists should take note that the only freely elected Marxist administration in history ended on a blood-soaked sofa in the palace dining room in Santiago.

Whatever redeeming value leftists find in other Communist regimes, all began in violence and came to power after the exile or extermination of the opposition, not because the people wanted them in power. Allende came to power because the people of Chile elected him in a supposedly free election.

His victory margin wasn't very big, and the legislature was stacked against him, but he was fairly elected by the people.

The three years Allende was in office plunged Chile deeper into the economic trouble that he inherited.

The most staunch leftists must admit that the Allende experiment was a failure. The people chose him, but he just didn't work out. Americans have made the same mistake in the past, but if they had made it on George Washington, he'd have lasted about as long as Allende did.

Right-wing thinkers can take

no satisfaction in the fact that the Communists are out of power in Chile. As miserably as things were going for Allende, there is little doubt that he would have met defeat in three years anyway—within the system.

There is nothing for anyone to applaud in the present military dictatorship and reign of terror. Chile had been one of the few relatively stable governments in the political circus of South America. Only Argentina, Columbia, Venezuela and Guyana are not in military control, and none of them are models of stability.

No one has come up with a solution to the problems of government in South America. Marxism's test balloon got shot down. Democratic-Republicanism has had several go the same way.

Historians of future centuries may well look at the dilemma of South American government as one of the major mysteries of our century.

While we should indeed show our concern for the many problems and deficiencies in our system, let's count our blessings, that we have it and that, more or less, it works.

—STEVE BUTTRY

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PSI — no risk learning

By WANDA HARRIS

Some conventional University classes could assume less conventional atmospheres this year with the assistance of Dr. Fred S. Keller, prominent psychologist and holder of the Cecil H. and Ida Green Honors Chair this fall.

Dr. Keller is one of four men who developed the Personalized System of Instruction (PSI), which enables a student to move at his own pace. A student is not penalized for being slow or fast, he is simply required to learn the material. The slow student is

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able to grasp material completely before moving on, but the faster student is not held back.

"There are only two grades in PSI," he asserted, "'A' and incomplete." Some universities object to the necessity of holding incompletes from one semester to the next, but he said he believes the end result to be more rewarding to the student.

Textbooks are divided into small units, and when a student thinks he has mastered a unit he is tested on the material. Dr. Keller said students should completely master each section before moving to the next one.

Each student is tested separately, therefore it is essential that classes be relatively small. Professors are assisted by monitors in grading and other areas.

A report on PSI written by Dr. Keller asserts, "PSI is not to be identified with token economies, programmed textbooks, learning for mastery, the open classroom, or the audio-tutorial system."

Economically, he said it is argued among experts that PSI is actually less expensive than conventional systems after initial expenditures needed to get started.

Dr. Keller, a small, elderly gentleman, received his initial **He found that with his retirement work had just begun.**

degree in psychology from Tufts College in Merrill, Mass. and his doctorate from Harvard.

Following his graduation, the New Yorker said he spent "seven lean years" working as an instructor at Colgate University during the Depression without a

single pay raise. Later he became an instructor at Columbia, where he remained for 26 years until his retirement.

However, he found that with his retirement work had just begun. Dr. Keller said he accepted an invitation to the University of Sao Paulo and spent a year working on research projects.

It was here that he met two Brazilian professors who worked with him on PSI. They were later joined by Dr. J. G. Sherman of the University of Arizona.

Dr. Keller said he and the three other men were later commissioned by the University of Brazilia to establish a department of psychology at the new university. There was a great deal of dissatisfaction with conventional teaching methods at that time.

He said, "We were told we could teach any way we wished. We would be given all the money, space, equipment and facilities we needed to make it work." PSI was the result.

The American framework of PSI began in 1965 at Arizona State. He said the first course in the United States was a course in elementary psychology, although it is most often and successfully

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employed in the hard sciences.

Since then the program has been widely disseminated throughout the U.S. and Canada. The program is now gaining momentum in Europe and is used as far away as New Zealand.

The Carnegie Foundation and the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare recently funded a one-half million dollar project for dissemination of information concerning PSI.

Headquarters will be centered at Georgetown University. They hope to establish a clearing house for PSI courses in the future.

However, he said he finds Fort Worth a pleasant place to live and the campus students relatively mature.

A tale of woe

Typewriters in one wing of Milton Daniel have been rendered inoperative. The residents have nice desks to use them at, but no desk chairs were ordered for that wing. The wing is occupied by non-athletes. Bob F. Neeb, director of residential living and housing, said the situation would be remedied.

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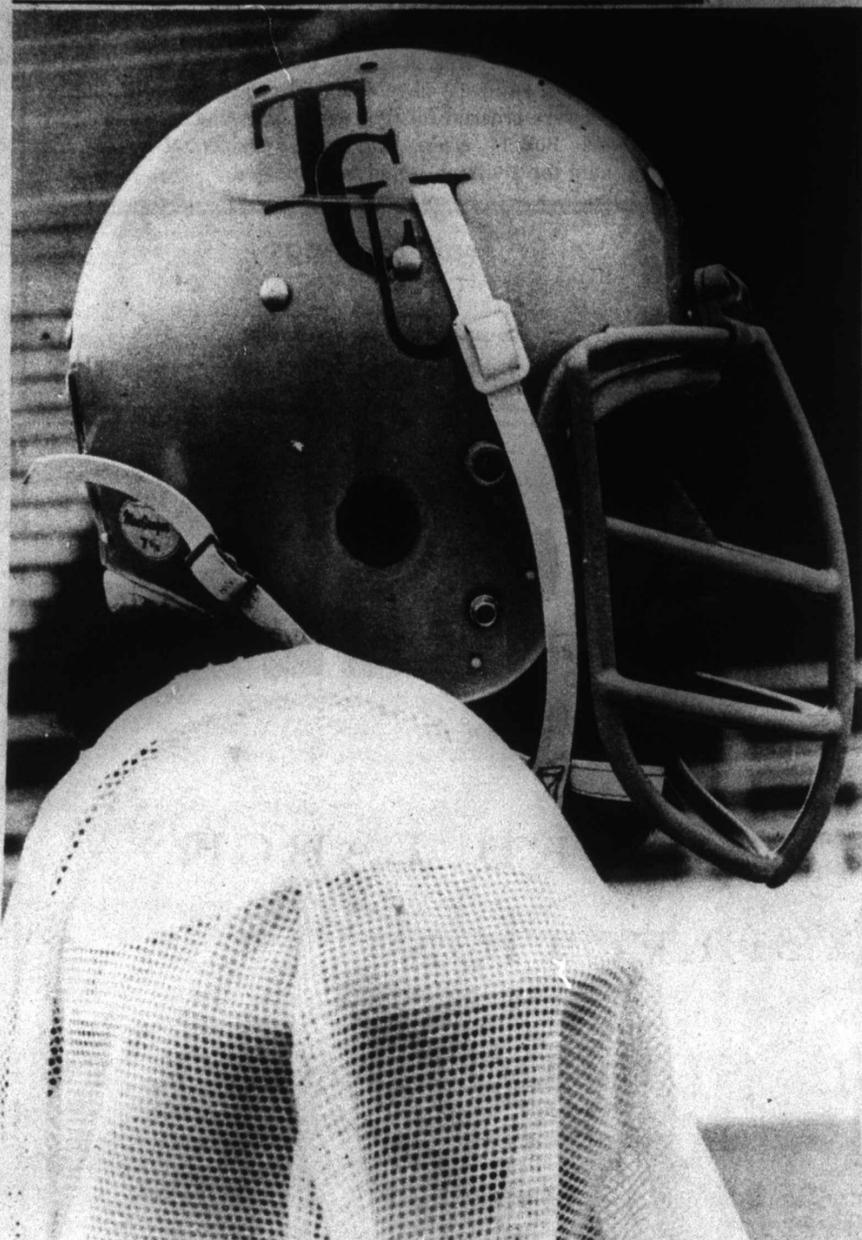
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Tohill to the stand

Williams is 'Fightin'est Frog'

By **BUD KENNEDY**
Sports Editor

A panel of judges curious about the future of TCU football this fall held hearings at Jetton's Monday afternoon and the first man on the witness stand was Frog coach Billy Tohill.

Tohill made his opening statement, then was cross-examined extensively by the panel, which actually was 100 or so Purple supporters gathered together for the premiere Frog Club meeting of the season.

Spring sports awards were parceled out one by one, then it came time for Tohill to deliver his analysis on the Frog football fortunes. Most of the ideas had been heard before—"we think our offensive line and secondary have been replaced real well," and so forth—but a few new questions were raised.

One concerned Frog Clubber asked about Ronnie Littleton, the all-everything quarterback from Wichita Falls who is now a year older and wiser at TCU but has not gained a starting spot.

"Ronnie plays a big, big part in our plans now," said Tohill. "He had a knee operation and missed spring training and that's what hurt him.

"We started him out at third string flanker and then this morning we moved him up to second team. He looks as good as ever and really he's our backup man at three positions. He'll play extensively both at flanker and split end. And if anything happens to (Mike) Luttrell, we'll move

Ronnie there (to tailback) and make a few other changes."

Tohill also discussed the current freshman crop, noting that first-year linemen Jerry Cailler and Scott O'Glee have already been stolen from the Wog squad and given a set of varsity clothes.

"We've had a real good effort from our freshmen so far," said Tohill. "The Dauphin kid (Mike, a local boy from Catholic school Nolan) has looked sharp at quarterback and linebacker and our running backs, Bobby Floyd and Bobby Forrest, have both looked real sharp.

"Then we've got a fella named George Washington from over at Garland that runs something like a 9.5 in the 100. He's working now at split receiver and defensive back and he covers our varsity split ends like a blanket. He just flat runs by people."

Spring sports awards given out at the luncheon went to the outstanding performers in each category: Don Bodenhamer, baseball; Phil Turner, baseball; Pat Carden, baseball; Tommy Butler, baseball; and Sonny Cason, baseball (top squadman).

Other winners were: Eddie Vossler, top golfer; Mike Epperson, top swimmer; John Poppell, top tennis player; and Lee Williams, top track man and recipient of the only overall award, the Pop Boone Fightin'est Frog Award given by the Fort Worth Press. Williams scored 17 points in the spring SWC meet with a 102-degree temperature.

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