

Police to cure run-down feeling

By KATHY MOTT

Fort Worth policemen will be periodically observing the new crosswalk for motorists violating the pedestrian right-of-way ordinance.

A complaint from a female staff member at the University touched off the added enforcement, a police spokesman said.

Motorists are supposed to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians in the crosswalk area. Traffic tickets

will be given to motorists violating the ordinance amounting from \$1 to \$200.

Students caught jay-walking will also be given tickets.

Policemen are also going to enforce regulations on illegally parked cars. Many students feel they are exempt from paying fines because they are from out of state, the spokesman said.

He said all traffic officers are being issued "John

Doe" warrant lists of students who have outstanding traffic fines.

Cars belonging to students with outstanding fines will be towed away at the owner's expense and students stopped by officers for any reason and found on the warrant list will be immediately taken to jail.

"Those \$2 traffic citations can become pretty expensive and embarrassing when a warrant fine is tacked on," the spokesman said.



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One of these six persons (a term new this year to talk of homecoming queens) will be crowned at the pep rally Friday night as the 1973 homecoming something-or-other. Queen, favorite, honoree, monarch and sovereign are all titles under con-

sideration since Steve Miller, top right, entered the race. Other finalists, clockwise from bottom left, are Cheri Hayes, Judy Brown, Gayle Stephenson, Claudia Colley and Judy Romer. The run-off election was held last Friday.

Miller breaks sex barrier

By DWIGHT CUMMING

Steve Miller is this year's only male candidate for homecoming queen. But he's not the first to try. Even if Miller doesn't win the title of homecoming queen, it seems that he has won his objective of breaking the sex barrier.

In 1967 there was a male candidate for homecoming queen—Mason Dickson—and he wasn't as lucky as Miller. Dickson was rejected by the Election Committee in 1967 when the committee deemed it "unreasonable that the eligibility requirements should be interpreted to invite anyone other than females to file."

Dickson appealed and lost to a special meeting of the Election Appeals Board by a vote of 4 to 0. The committee based its reasons on precedent and interpretation. Miller isn't worried about

performing duties of the homecoming queen if elected, such as kissing the student body president. "I don't know what coercions will be put upon me, but I'll do anything with appropriate modifications," he said.

Miller is an outspoken fellow who insists that he represents the majority feeling of students regarding homecoming queen.

"The idea of sex isn't important in any school activities," said Miller who refers to himself as a candidate for homecoming "person."

The run-off finalists are Miller, Judy Brown, Claudia Colley, Cheri Hays, Judy Romer and Gayle Stephenson.

The winner and two runners-up will be announced Friday, Nov. 9, during the Homecoming pep rally at Amon Carter Stadium.

Grade system gets low marks

By ROBERT HOOVER

The University grading system has come under fire again from the administration. Dr. Thomas Brewer, vice chancellor and dean of the University, said he believes instructors are "handing down too many A's and B's."

The Daily Skiff asked several students what they feel about the grades in terms of grading systems at other schools, the Dean's List and the academic preparation the University provides for students entering the job market.

Senior philosophy major Lanny Lawler said, "I would tend to agree with him that grades are

too high at TCU. I would disagree with him, however, on his method (of lowering grade averages) if it is going to be implemented on a bell curve."

"It's not good grades that make good standards," according to Linda Parker, junior. "It's what goes on in the classroom that matters," she added. Miss Parker said she feels she will make lower than average grades this semester since her instructors have failed to challenge her.

Lawler suggested that the way to avoid using a cut-off grade point average is simply to use the top five per cent of the University, even if 90 per cent of that

group had 4.0 averages.

A similar suggestion has come from Dr. William M. Wiebenga, dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences.

Miss Parker suggested, "If you increased the quality of teaching you would probably increase the grades and the performance of the student."

Comments like "Check whether the teaching is effective" and "Maybe the answer is in curriculum revision," characterized the majority of student opinion.

Scott Lennox, senior religion major, belittled the academic preparation at the University in terms of the competitiveness of

other schools. "Several persons I've talked to say they don't feel that after completing their education here they are adequately prepared academically, especially when they can look back at other schools they have attended."

Lawler gave a representative view of those students in the humanities who are not going into the job market immediately after graduation. He said, "It would be bad if all I sought out of TCU was preparation for the job market. There's a lot more to be obtained here."

'Felix' booked for dance

"Felix" will be the featured band for this year's Homecoming Dance which will be held Friday, Nov. 9, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Round-Up Inn.

There will be a free shuttle bus to take students to the dance and free refreshments will be served. Tickets are now on sale at the information desk in the Student Center. The tickets are \$4.50 a couple. Tickets sold at the door will be \$5 a couple.

Dorm closing moves vacant in reason

The University has every legal right to relocate Pete Wright residents, but that doesn't make it right.

Every Pete Wright resident has probably read and re-read the clause in the housing agreement that states the University "reserves the right to make reassignments when deemed necessary."

That is one of many unfair parts of the contract the University makes students agree to if they live on cam-

commentary

pus. The University can and undoubtedly will make their arguments about the necessity of each clause.

They can also look at their dorms and wonder why they are so empty. It doesn't take Joe Mannix or Sherlock Holmes to see the connection between empty dorms, transfer students and decreased enrollment and the attitude of the University.

The flocks of students who transfer away from this hallowed institution each year apparently didn't find here what they were looking for in a private university.

From grade school, many of us are told that private schools are much better than state schools because they care more about you as an individual. Certainly that is true on some levels here.

On too many other levels, such as housing, TCU tries hard to be big and aloof from the students and their needs.

After a while, students catch on that they can get the same treatment for less money at state schools, or better treatment for the same money at other private schools.

This University has a lot to offer. It just hides it behind the impersonal facade of Sadler Hall. Decreased enrollment is nearing crisis proportions. It is time the powers that be start caring for students as people, not units of income.

Pete Wright residents should stay in their palace until they get their demands met. All are reasonable and even practical.

First of all, it is unreasonable that the University is even considering moving them out in the middle of the year. The need for office space is not as great as the inconvenience to residents if it is closed.

The first demand, if they are ousted, is that the residents be released from their housing contracts. The University claims that could cost them \$25,000. Looking at it practically, it could cost even more if they don't.

If as few as two or three students transfer because this is last straw, the amount of money lost would probably surpass that figure. The figure is based on the assumption that no students will move into other dorms. The majority probably will.

The other major demand is that they not be charged any more than they pay for Pete Wright dorm rooms. This is certainly reasonable.

It would cost the University no more than \$5,000. If the students have to pay more, transfers, breakage of contracts, or moving off campus could easily cost the University much more than \$5,000.

Two other requests are that students be allowed to keep the same roommates and not be forced to join living-learning programs if they get moved into Brachman or Tom Brown.

No worthwhile living-learning program would force anyone to join it, so that probably will be no problem.

The roommate request is less reasonable and less practical. It would undoubtedly involve relocating many other students. A compromise could probably be worked out. The University could consider requests individually and try to work out agreeable solutions.

The University has too many other problems to handle without closing Pete Wright in the middle of the year.

If they insist, they better listen to the reasonable demands that are being made, or the other dorms might start emptying as well.

This University is too good to become a ghost town just because of some inflexible housing attitudes.

—STEVE BUTTRY

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The Middle East debate

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to point out what I believe to be an important journalistic oversight and request that you give attention to a very important development on the TCU campus, namely the English style debate on the Middle East issue held on October 24, 1973, in the Student Center.

Since the Skiff carried the notice of the debate in which two members of the faculty participated, I was distressed to note the absence of any coverage of the debate, which is important for several reasons.

First, this debate represented the beginning of an important series of "intellectual investigation of critical issues" which hopefully will be followed by debates on other important issues.

Second, the subject of the debate. The Middle East, is critically important to this nation, the whole order of world peace, and the issues discussed, and the results of the balloting following the debate represents an important stage in the climate of opinion on our campus, and indeed, in this nation.

For the first time, represented by the vote of the audience, it

appears that representatives of the campus indicated a revision in traditional views regarding the Middle East with 43 persons voting for the discontinuance of military aid to Israel, 34 persons voting for the continuance of military aid, and 5 persons undecided.

I do not advocate the partisan and emotional perspective advocated by many of the participants in the debate, but I do request that the Skiff, committed to the coverage of important news events on campus at TCU, would see fit to cover a story of this importance at the same time that it devotes a major story to campus parking, which continues uninterrupted as a vexing and unemotional issue.

Certainly, it would appear that an issue of world peace and rational foreign policy on the part of the United States should deserve some coverage at the same time that efforts are devoted to "solving the traffic problem."

It is ironic that, without the resolution of the Middle East issue, that problems may, for all time solve the traffic problem for us, by the limitation of gasoline and oil products for consumption.

I feel that the Skiff should at least attempt to cover the broad important issues which are confronted in an intellectual community equally—not exclusively.

Fares Lahoud
Senior

The Homecoming person

Editor:

Just the other day I was sitting on the "couch" in front of the cafeteria in the Student Center as the candidates for Homecoming Queen were having their pictures taken. It was evident by this time that one of the run-off candidates was, in fact, a male.

At this time six guys sat down on the couch beside me. They soon caught on as to what was going on amidst the "pretty" girls and one guy.

The six guys began laughing and making comments like, "Does he have a brush to comb his hair?" or "I think his hair is prettier than the girls!" or "Is he going to run for Miss

Texas?" and other such comments.

It seemed to me very strange that these guys were so disturbed and showed so much interest in the fact that one male was running for Homecoming "Person," when they could care less about spending too much money on turf, not enough lighting for the campus, a crosswalk crossing University, and other such recent incidents.

It seems to me that they have their priorities confused, for if they have so much time and energy to waste on hassling some Homecoming candidate, they could at least devote some of this energy to some other much-needed policy change around here, but I guess they're just too apathetic to do anything but sit in groups and criticize those who are a little different.

I must add that I voted for the male, not because of looks, hair,

or personal taste, but because of the complete absurdity of the entire Homecoming Queen tradition. It is ridiculous that anyone should be placed on a pedestal such as this, signifying that one person is any better looking (or better, period!) than anyone else.

So the reason I voted for the male is simply because he's trying to vocalize that absurdity. I'm not with him because I know him, because I don't, but simply to support him in bringing about some changes in the traditional structure of this institution.

After all, we've spent 100 years doing it one way; it's about time for a change, and it seems that our "couch" friends are going to sit back and laugh and jeer while the world changes around them.

Randy Jay

Letters

The Daily Skiff welcomes reader response in the form of letters to the editor. All letters must be typed, double spaced and should not exceed 200 words.

Letters must be signed with name and classification or title.

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ROTC brass says program in shape

By BRUCE S. JASURDA

The University's ROTC program measures up to the Army's standards in all areas of program and curriculum, according to Col. Paul M. Fletcher, deputy commander of the 3rd Army ROTC Region of Texas.

Col. Fletcher visited the University recently to evaluate the military science program. Enrollment and curriculum were the areas of most concern to him.

He said ROTC curriculum is not standardized. "In some schools, physical conditioning and practical application are more popular. At others, theory is more popular. We are striving to maintain flexibility in our curriculum on college campuses nationwide," he said.

Col. Fletcher seemed particularly concerned with the ROTC enrollment figures. He pointed out the decrease in ROTC enrollment here was due in part to the overall decrease in University enrollment.

"The cost of any private college or university inhibits the number of students, thus having a direct bearing on ROTC enrollment," Col. Fletcher said.

"The decrease in total enrollment here is reflected in the 24 per cent ROTC enrollment decrease," said Col. William A. Bearden, professor of Military Science. In a more commensurate perspective, the

'We are striving to maintain flexibility.'

national ROTC effort suffered an enrollment decline this year of 15 to 20 per cent, according to preliminary reports.

Col. Fletcher attributed some of this decline to the national attitude towards the armed forces in relation to the Vietnam conflict.

"If the attitude of the public was more favorable towards the

armed forces, I'm sure the ROTC program would enjoy a greater amount of prominence on the college campus," said Col. Fletcher.

Army ROTC, according to some indications, is becoming more popular on college campuses across the nation.

"Many colleges and universities in this area are experiencing increases in ROTC enrollment by as much as 50 to 100 students," said Col. Fletcher.

While Col. Fletcher was reluctant to make a premature assessment of the reported increase, he did single out an extensive recruiting program as one of the rudimentary determinants of the upswing.

"Many of these colleges and universities have recognized and applied probably the most ef-

fective recruiting technique. . . personal contact. We can assure the student the program we have to offer is a sound one."

Despite the somewhat erratic

'The Army will never abandon its need for quality.'

pattern of ROTC enrollment, Col. Fletcher emphasized the Army would not lower its standards to compensate for the inconsistencies.

"The Army will never abandon its need for quality. Unfortunately, some campuses will

lose their senior ROTC units because of deficiencies in quantity and quality. Twelve senior units are currently in an 'evaluation status.' "

Col. Fletcher pinpointed the more significant aspects of the program itself as it relates to the student. "The two most tangible benefits a student can obtain from the program are experience in leadership and management.

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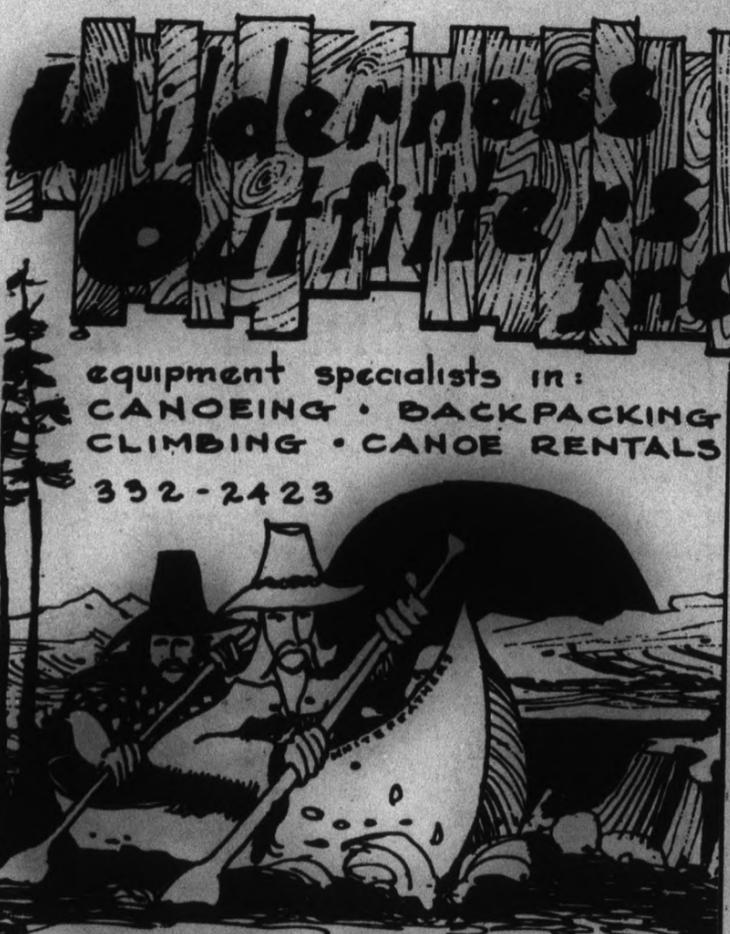
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Stretching things

TCU tailback Mike Luttrell had trouble at both ends Saturday in Waco as Baylor Bear defensive tackle Joe Johnson (79) was pawing him from the rear while tackle Coy Zunker (85) butted heads with him in front. Luttrell still made a four-yard gain on the play early in the second half of TCU's 34-28 win. Other players in the picture are Baylor's Derrel Luce (55) and Phil Perry (75) and the Frogs' Sidney Bond. (70).
Photo by Cliff Sistrunk

Carlen's nightmares

Frogs won 17-6 in '71, 31-7 in '72

By JOHN FORSYTH
Assistant Sports Editor

The last two times Texas Tech head coach Jim Carlen sent his troops against TCU's Horned Frogs, they came home on the stumpy end of the decision—when they weren't supposed to.

This has given Carlen a bad case of weak knees and one of his least favorite places is opposite the Toads on a gridiron. After downing Rice 19-6 last weekend and toting a 7-1 season slate to a possible bowl invitation most men would be feeling mighty healthy.

"I don't think this year will be any different," the Tech coach said yesterday when asked if TCU would be as excited as in TCU-Tech contests of yesteryear. "Billy Tohill does a fine job of coaching and inspiring his football players. It's homecoming for TCU and they have beaten us rather handily the last two years. I think their attitude will be the same it always is."

Carlen's seniors have never downed a varsity Frog squad, falling 17-6 in 1971 here.

Carlen had no thoughts as to whether the rumors concerning Tohill's job would have an effect on the TCU gridders, as it apparently did in last week's 34-28 squeaker over the Baylor Bears.

"I've just got one thing to say about that," the Raider coach said. "I would like to see the man step forward who started those rumors. I've got the greatest admiration for Billy as a coach and as a man. I want to beat him awfully bad, but I do think the world of him."

"It's a sad commentary," he concluded.

Although the top football coach in Lubbock admits a rematch with the University of Texas would be nice, he said that he is not worried about trying to catch the Longhorns at the top of the league heap. And neither are his players.

"We're not worried about Texas at all," he said. "Sure, I'd like to play them again, but you would always like to play the ones you lose over and forget the ones you win. I'm sure Darrell Royal would like to play Oklahoma again."

"No, we're not thinking about Texas. We're just worried about TCU this Saturday."

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