

RA's advise fellow students

By DAVE WISE

Any outgoing person—willing to invest time and effort helping other people—should be glad to know that next spring, the Office of Residential Living and Housing will accept applications for resident advisers (RA's) for fall semester 1974.

The amount of counseling and personal assistance given by RA's depends on dorm situations and the individual personality of the RA.

The basic responsibilities of an RA are to advise and counsel students, even though students often are unwilling to seek aid.

Charlene Johnson, an RA in Waits, said, "I try to establish a good relationship with the girls in my wing. I try to be a friend to them. Usually, the girls are not afraid to come to me for help, but most of the time I try to seek out their problems if something seems to bother them.

They don't seem to resent this."

Bob Harman, an RA in Milton Daniel, has basically the same problem. "It just seems to me guys are very reluctant to come to anyone for help, whether they need it or not. I try to roam the halls and drop in and visit the residents and find out how things are going with them.

"This year, only about three or four guys have come in to ask me for advice, but this was just usually general information. Every once in a while someone will ask me about classes, but this is primarily restricted to freshmen."

Jerry Smith, another Milton Daniel RA, said, "Hardly anyone comes to me for advice, so my job is principally one of a disciplinarian. Just the usual stuff of keeping the noise down and breaking up fights.

"Usually the residents only come to me for maintenance problems such as broken furniture, burned out light bulbs or the temperature is too hot or too cold in their

room. The only personal problems I get are when guys want to borrow money."

According to the "Residence Hall Adviser Job Description," the applicant is required to maintain a 2.2 GPA and his RA job is to be his primary extracurricular activity.

RA's assist in coordinating any activities the students may want and need. The RA is also to aid in the administration of the residence halls, such as working the dorm switchboard for a specified number of hours a week.

Administering any punitive measures as determined by the dorm Judiciary Board and the Office of Residential Living and Housing is also a responsibility of the RA.

Anyone interested in helping other students adjust to university environment and earning at least \$90 a month should contact the Office of Residential Living and Housing, Sadler Hall room 111 for more information.



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Ex-hero recalls Vietnam nightmare

By BRUCE S. JASURDA

In another time, another place, another war, Lieutenant Anthony B. Herbert was a hero.

Now, Lt. Col. (Retired) Anthony B. Herbert is a bitter refugee from the Army, claiming he was driven out of the service. Herbert will tell his story at 8 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

Herbert, who joined the Army at age 17, went to Korea and emerged as that war's most highly decorated enlisted man. Some of his decorations include four Purple Hearts, three Silver Stars and a Bronze Star.

At one of the many ceremonies in his honor, a bayonet that had been run through his side had been polished and ritually presented to him by Jennifer Jones.

When he was finally sent to Vietnam in 1968 for a regular tour of duty, he was a lieutenant

colonel, one of the best-trained, most highly respected officers in the Army.

After four months of desk work at brigade headquarters, Herbert finally got what he wanted . . . the command of an infantry battalion. He quickly turned into the model for the whole brigade. As other commanders supervised their units' actions from a helicopter, Herbert was pounding the ground along with his men, "closing and killing the enemy just as it says in the manual."

He objected to the use of artillery bombardments to do the killing. Herbert once commented, "I want results with enemy soldiers, not kids, not women, and not old men."

His battalion tallied more kills of enemy soldiers and more prisoners than the other four combined—due mainly to Herbert's brash tactics.

Suddenly, a startling change set in. One minute Herbert was a hero, about to be put up for the Distinguished Service Cross. The next, he was stripped of his field command, packed off to a stateside desk job, and allegedly was harassed and humiliated until he was "forced" to retire.

Exactly why he was supposedly treated in this manner is

still uncertain. According to Herbert "it was because I was continually reporting war crimes and atrocities to my superiors."

Herbert claims to have witnessed American interrogation experts presiding over whippings, water tortures, amputations and electric shock therapies on Vietnamese prisoners. He maintains he saw

fraggings and profiteering run rampant in Vietnam.

The Army has accused Herbert of creating friction, insubordination and poor leadership. Charges made in Herbert's book "Soldier" are heatedly denied. The Army and Herbert's former fellow officers call his allegations a myth.

Admission is free to Herbert's speech.

Toy faults to be eyed

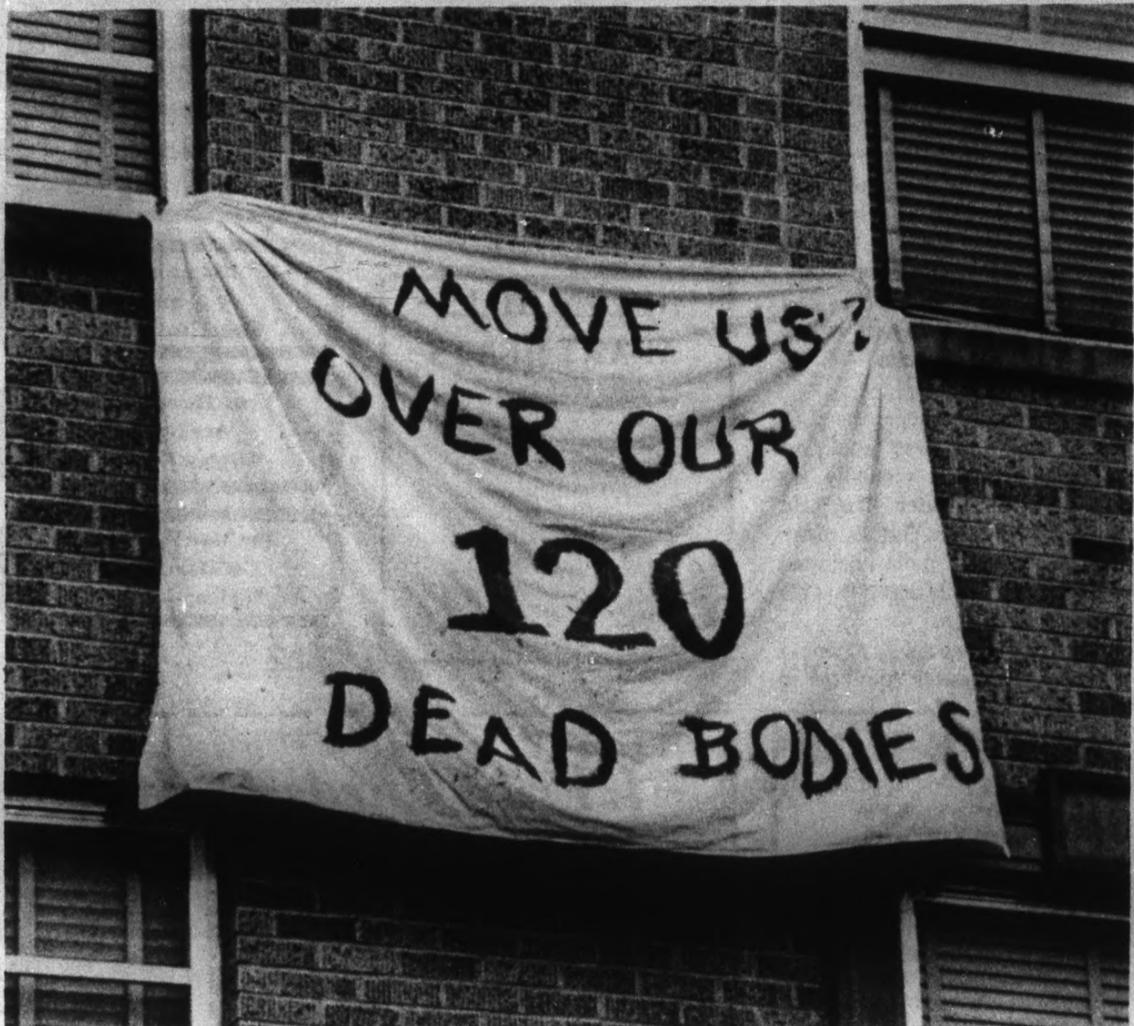
A look at unsafe toys will be offered by Larry Blend, Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission's Dallas representative, in a lecture in Student Center room 207 Thursday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Blend, speaking about "Unsafe Toys—What to Look For When You Buy," will examine the three harmful faults that the commission looks for in merchandise.

Sharp points, sharp edges and small parts are the usual culprits. Toys are thoroughly tested to see if dangerous features will be exposed with normal wear and tear.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has reported the number of banned toys has almost doubled since last year. It also said about 80 per cent of the nation's toy sales take place in the Christmas rush during October, November and December.

Blend will show slides, pointing out hazards to watch for when buying toys and will distribute the commission list of banned toys. This list is available at the regional and Washington offices at no cost.



PETE WRIGHT RESIDENTS VOICE THEIR SENTIMENTS

Motivation under apathy's thumb

Whispers are screaming from every corner of the House Chamber about the attitude of apathy that is swelling within the University on the topic of governance.

And if the metaphors are mixed, they're intended to be!

It is true that a few students are in control, but not by their own decision. Someone has to do it.

Open discussion in the House of Student Representatives is maintained by the same members meeting after meeting. Tuesday night meetings are rarely—if ever—visited by non-members despite the fact that meetings are open.

Committees, with what should be a sufficient number of members, often find projects difficult to organize and operate because members say they don't have the time to spare. Or members say they will help in

one way or at a certain time but then they do not.

Student apathy makes attending conflicting meetings extremely easy. Usually one of the committees will have only three members present so the meeting waits until the next week.

What is the purpose of being a member on a committee if active participation to some degree is not planned? What is the use of complaining when something is changed within the structure of the University when individual students have not taken the time to voice their opinion?

It doesn't take but one finger to dial any representative and voice an opinion, or better yet to find out what is going on. It doesn't take but a few minutes of time to stop before or after class to vote.

Two possible factors for the lack of student motivation, according to Bruce Gibson, co-

chairman of the Student Regulations Committee, are the feeling of futility towards student government and a lack of communication.

Approximately five years prior to the establishment of the Bill of Student Rights most of the decisions made by the House were in the area of social activities.

The Bill of Rights was approved last spring.

Since then, the House has been working on their own organization so that soon—probably next spring—students will see better implementation of their rights, and more tangible issues such as parking regulations and core curriculum will be under investigation.

Students who live on campus, according to Gibson, have better access to notices of events and issues, as notices are posted on dormitory bulletin boards.

Not enough notices are posted in the proper areas for town students.

The second problem of motivation will decrease as administrators allow more responsibility to students. Gibson sees a gradual change toward students; the University is moving away from a paternal attitude.

A few students were given the opportunity and responsibility to work on the newly revised core curriculum, Gibson pointed out.

Despite the students that might be stimulated to action, there is still a lack of involvement with students now.

The saddest part of the entire problem of student apathy, is that it not only supports the point made by many people that students are irresponsible, but if students as people are not concerned about the environment in which they live now, what is there to make them change when they graduate?

—SONDRA ENGLAND

reader feedback

Editor:

A governing agency has actually attempted to contact the public. Last Tuesday the Trinity River Authority held public hearings at the Inn of the Six Flags in what appeared to a commendably sincere effort to consider public view.

Mr. Bill Brown, a project planner, opened the hearings in an informative way and with the help of Dr. Richard Browning presented facts and posed questions concerning Trinity water quality. The Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex dominates the river that serves it in a way few cities dominate their rivers.

Dr. Browning explained how the metroplex exerts its demands on the river where its flow is smallest, the rainfall the least, and its basin the widest. The heaviest demand then is where the river is stretched to its weakest.

As a result, where the East Fork joins the river south of Dallas the flow is virtually 100 per cent waste water. The East Fork, which serves Dallas, ranks as the state's most polluted watercourse while Fort Worth's West Fork is third.

The TRA is presently planning to improve water quality in

compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The TRA needs public response so that they can move in the public interest despite special interest pressure.

I was impressed with the conscientious and competent effort of a public official in the person of Dr. Browning. Dr. Browning is the project biologist and has worked closely at times with faculty members of TCU's Geology and Biology Departments.

He comprehensively developed a framework of natural law, pointing out that water quality controls effective 90 per cent of the time were unsatisfactory and would in fact probably result in only larger fish kills.

Perhaps students who can see fit to discontinue honoring one another on purely sexual grounds can also see fit to make their river 100 per cent clean and useful.

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By GARY STEPHENSON

Musicians who perform in Ed Landreth Auditorium can now be assured they are performing in an auditorium that "compares very favorably with the best auditoriums in the world."

So states an evaluation report on the auditorium's acoustics prepared by Dr. Richard J. Lysiak and Dr. Prem P. Mahendroo of the Physics Department.

Both men conducted tests in the auditorium to determine **Welfare reform draws attention**

Welfare reform's future will be looked at Thursday when Mike Wiseman of the University of California discusses the subject in Dan Rogers Auditorium.

Wiseman, a TCU alumni, is being sponsored by Forums and the Economics Department. The lecture and discussion will be at 7 p.m. followed by an Honors fireside at 8:30.

acoustical efficiency during recitals and speeches.

The report is based on a rating system employed by Dr. Leo Beranek, a world-renowned authority on acoustics.

Dr. Beranek measured 54 of the world's finest performing halls and had musicians and

critics rate the halls. The measurable properties were then correlated with the feelings of the artists to obtain a rating yardstick.

"In a listing of concert halls by Dr. Beranek only 16 halls in the world have a higher rating than Ed Landreth," said Dr. Lysiak.

The report states the auditorium's liveness and warmth were zero and one, but the ratings are now 12 and 13 respectively.

The auditorium's main problem area is the loudness of the echo, Dr. Lysiak said. If the volume were increased to ac-

comodate the size of the auditorium an imbalance in another area would result, he said.

The final evaluation of the auditorium should be based on the ratings of the performing artists, critics and audiences, Dr. Lysiak said.

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Cook gets big chance

By PHIL JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

His first starting role looking him squarely in the eye would normally be enough to shake up the calmest of icy-blooded college quarterbacks, but when the game is against the Steers of Texas the emotion must be close to that felt by Tom Dooley.

TCU sophomore quarterback Lee Cook assumes the Dooley role Saturday afternoon.

"I'm sure he'll be nervous," says Frog chieftain Billy Tohill. "You always are until you get a few licks. But he'll get some of those pretty quick in this game."

Cook's sudden ascendancy was dictated last Saturday when Purple field general Kent

Marshall had his left thumb broken and dislocated early in the Texas Tech game. Marshall's damaged digit was pinned in surgery yesterday, and Tohill is skeptical on the question of whether Marshall may be able to return for the Frogs.

"I know from experience that those pins are painful," says Tohill. "It'll just depend on how

much pain is involved as to whether Kent will be able to play at all the rest of the season."

At the same time, the Frog mentor has confidence in Cook's ability to take over.

"Lee's the same type football player as Kent," says Tohill. "He runs pretty well, he throws pretty well—they operate basically the same. So we won't have to change

our offense at all.

"And Lee's a competitor—he's done well in the games he's played in this season."

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