

Subcommittee mulls censorship issue

By STEVE BUTTRY
News Editor

Hypothetical extremes of administrative censorship and student irresponsibility dominated the discussion in a subcommittee meeting of the Student Publications Committee (SPC) Tuesday.

The subcommittee is meeting to formulate a new policy statement for the SPC, but it did not arrive at the final draft in yesterday's meeting.

The subcommittee met Monday, but student member Bob Stanley objected to closing the meeting and insisted on getting another student on the subcommittee. The faculty members asked for a day to consider the matter, and met yesterday in open session with another student member.

Lewis C. Fay, chairman of the Journalism Department, said he only knows of one case when an article was brought to the SPC for approval, and stressed that any talk of censorship is talk of hypothetical extremes.

"I do not feel it is censorship when a group of responsible faculty, students and administrators suggest that

something is not suitable for publication in the Skiff," said Fay.

Fay said he considered it essential that the student publications have a "backstop" to guard against the possibility of a future editor who would be irresponsible. He admitted that this, too, was a hypothetical extreme.

He pointed out that the Board of Trustees can stop publication of either the Daily Skiff or "Image" at any time. "Some kind of authority must be maintained or we will lose the Skiff or 'Image,'" said Fay.

"One unfortunate slip can cause the instant demise of the Skiff," he told the subcommittee. He maintained that the SPC must have power to stop publication of stories that are libelous or might "inflammate the powers that be."

Stanley agreed that the examples they were talking about won't be "the kind of overall censorship that none of us want." "Fair comment and criticism are part of the function of any paper," he said.

Any threat of pressure from the administration would be a kind of "insidious censorship" that would hamper a "great portion of education in journalism," Stanley said.

"If we're going to say stories that inflame cannot be published, I think that is censorship."

Subcommittee chairman Dr. R.C. Norris, head of the Radio-TV-Film Division, said he thought it is important to maintain checks and balances in the University. Fay pointed out that all education is supervised, and said he thought some controls are necessary.

Jim Lehman, director of Public Relations, emphasized that both sides were dealing in extremes. "We have to operate under the assumption that there will be good will on both sides."

The faculty members conceded that the possibility of an irresponsible editor is minimal, but maintained that there should be a check on editorial power. Stanley conceded that the possibility of administrative highhandedness is minimal, but he held out for keeping power in the hands of the editor.

Both sides admitted that final power, even power to override the Bill of Student Rights, rests in the Board of Trustees.

The subcommittee will meet again Tuesday, Nov. 27, to adopt a final draft to submit to the full committee.



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Hunt on for Tohill successor

By JOHN FORSYTH
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Wheels began to turn Tuesday afternoon in the University's efforts to find a replacement for fired head football coach Billy Tohill.

A committee was formed to set guidelines to be followed in selecting a replacement. Attending were athletic director

Abe Martin; senior vice chancellor Dr. Earl Waldrop; committee chairman Dr. Kenneth Herrick, vice president of the Southwest Conference; Dr. Ronald Flowers; three members of the Ex-Letterman's Association, president Ronald Clinkscale, Bruce Alford and Dick Lowe; and two University trustees, Sam Woodson and Lester Clark.

"I think we need to proceed as quickly as possible," Martin said, "but with a committee this big, you never know."

"I'd just like to do a good job for TCU and the TCU athletic program," he said. "And I'd like to get it done as soon as possible."

'We hope to find a successor as quickly as possible.'

I'd like to get someone who understands the program here and the traditions and can relate to the students and community."

Committee chairman Dr. Waldrop said the meeting was merely to get everyone's ideas on candidates for the job. "We try to choose men who know something about where we're going. It depends a lot on the athletic director's views since it is a job under him that we are trying to fill."

"We hope to find a successor as quickly as possible," Waldrop said, "but no announcement will be made before the SMU game. We are trying to show Coach Tohill as much courtesy and ethics as we possibly can."

The Dec. 1 SMU game in Dallas is the season finale, following this Saturday's battle with Rice here.

When questioned about the timing of the release, with two games still to be played, Martin said there were reasons for releasing it and for holding it.

"But after all the commotion a couple of weeks ago (when initial rumors spread), our coaches began to want to know whether they were in or out. They didn't

want to wait until the end of the season to be told," Martin said.

"I felt that we should tell them. This way, they won't be on needles and pins for the rest of the season," he said. "They can begin to make plans now about what to do in January. Plus, this way will help TCU get a coach quicker."

When Chancellor James Moudy was contacted moments after Monday night's 7 o'clock release, he said, "The decision has been being made quite a while, but the final decision was made today."

Tohill, whose tobacco chewing and cussing on the field have been cited as an "embarrassment to the University," was told about 2 p.m. Monday by Martin. Tohill called the team to a meeting before practice, a few minutes before the announcement was released.

"He just told us he was fired,"

... they won't be on needles and pins ...'

said stellar defensive tackle Charlie Davis after the meeting. "He just laid it on the line. He said if we could win the last two,

then he'd go out with a .500 record, 13-13.

"And I don't see any reason why we shouldn't (win them)," he said. "But, there have been a lot of things this season that I didn't see any reason for."

Davis thought the firing could have an effect on the team's effort against SMU and Rice. "I

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don't know, but it probably will. It's hard to say how those things work."

Tohill agreed. "They could really join forces and get after it in these last two, but then they could just fall apart. We'll just have to wait and see."

Meanwhile, everybody else waits to see who will move into Tohill's Daniel-Meyer office. Frog-ex Jim Shofner's name is still tossed around as a likely candidate. He headed a list of rumored possibilities two weeks ago when the rumors first surfaced.

Shofner said he would be "interested" in the job Monday night upon hearing the news, but the San Francisco 49er defensive backfield coach said no one from TCU had contacted him.



BILLY TOHILL

Photo by Bill Bahan

Skiff quits cold turkey

Because its staff members do not function well under the influence of turkey, cranberry sauce and other Thanksgiving delights, the Daily Skiff will not be published Tuesday, Nov. 27.

The staff will be sufficiently recovered (hopefully) to put out the paper the Wednesday after the long-awaited holiday. Our next issue will be published Wednesday, Nov. 28.

New cars: safe to the very last bzzz

Editor's Note—Millions of Americans are killed annually on the nation's highways. In an attempt to reduce the high death rate, the federal government has instituted safety features in the newer cars such as mandatory seat belts and shoulder straps. The following is a humorous look at problems the safety features unintentionally produce.

Recently, I was introduced to a 1974 model car, safety features and all. The car was impressive looking, compact and a convenience—that is until I tried to use it.

I had been able to cope with the seat belt buzzers of the 1973 model cars.

But what faced me in this 1974 car was something completely foreign—it just wouldn't start unless you followed a prescribed routine, no cheating allowed.

Probably for very good reasons, the ignition key now

does not unlock the doors. That's left up to the trunk key (which still opens the trunk).

But once you get into the car your troubles begin. You must negotiate with the shoulder strap and seat belt—they are combined into one mechanism. Now getting a seat belt on sometimes is a chore but have you tried coordinating pulling a seat belt and shoulder strap at the same time—it ain't easy.

After you have reached back groping for the seat belt-shoulder strap combination you must pull in such a way that you prevent any unintentional strangulation from the shoulder strap.

If you don't get enough seat belt it locks on you and you have to let it fall back behind the seat. After finding the gadget again you pull it so hard you bring enough out to fit around two-ton Tizzie. Once it's buckled the strap excess is reduced and the

shoulder strap made comfortable.

Buckled up now? Time to close the door. Key is in the ignition and buzzzzzzzzzz.

You sit there and scratch your head. All the buzz does is buzz. It doesn't tell you what you are doing wrong. So you have to back track and try again.

You grope for the seat belt and shoulder strap release only to strangle yourself with the quick withdraw action. After un-tangling yourself you take the

simultaneous attempts by everyone to eliminate the buzz—the driver goes it alone and attempts to start the car without any passengers. The car starts right on the button.

When the passenger gets in and doesn't buckle up, surprise no buzz, but when he buckles up—buzzzzz. Hum. Well, modern technology wins another. Now passengers sit up off the seat while I start the car and then sit in relaxation not strapped in.

One can only feel sorry for people like Joe Mannix who make their living by making fast exits in their cars. I want to tell you it's not that easy no matter what Hollywood says.

When you've got the car running, but the driver un-

buckles, gets out, gets back in and buckles up the buzzer screams when you try to take off.

You have to turn the ignition off, unbuckle, get out, get back in, buckle, close the door and start the car. Mannix would be dead before he could get past the first buckle. At least he would go out with a buzzzz.

But the government's reasoning behind the new 1974 safety standards is easy to see—if you can't figure out how to start your car you save gas helping the gasoline shortage. Now, if I could only figure out how to keep the air bag from inflating everytime I hit the dashboard when I get mad at the buzzer.

—MELISSA LANE

commentary

key out of the ignition, open the car door, step out of the car and ignore the snickers and stares from persons passing you in their older model cars—especially from the guy waiting for your parking place.

You get back in the car, fight the seat belt-shoulder strap struggle, close the door and with bated breath start the car. To your surprise and bewilderment the motor purrs. You win some, you lose some.

But what do you do with passengers? With more people involved to solve the buzz question there is a process of elimination. After more than five

Letters

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Letters must be signed with name and classification or title.

Guest editorials must meet the same requirements and not exceed 400 words.

All contributions will be subject to simple editing and printed on a space available basis. Contributions can be mailed to The Daily Skiff or brought to room 115 Rogers Hall.

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The University's big birthday candle, the Centennial Flame, was doused Tuesday morning in an effort to conserve energy. The flame was lighted in a public ceremony last Jan. 26 and originally scheduled to burn until the end of this semester. Taking part in the ceremony was Dr. George Tade, Centennial Commission chairman; Dr. Manfred Reinecke, Faculty Senate chairman; and Chancellor James Moudy. House vice president Bill Lane "blew" the candle out.

Photo by Melissa Lane

Gays combat stereotyping

By BRUCE S. JASURDA

"We haven't figured out what causes heterosexuality yet, but we're still working on a cure," said one of the speakers Thursday, Nov. 15, at a rap session for Brite Divinity students.

The session was arranged to give Brite students more of an insight into the lives and

'Homosexuality is not a sickness.'

religious attitudes of homosexuals.

The panel of three men and three women responded quickly and frankly to questions asked by the audience.

Ken Cyr, chairman of Awareness, Unity and Research Association (AURA), a Fort Worth organization, acted as the moderator of the panel.

"In the heterosexual community, people look at homosexuals as stereotypes," said Cyr. "This is a common misconception, but it simply isn't true.

"Homosexuality is not a sickness," he said. "Many famous men such as Plato, Michelangelo and DaVinci were known homosexuals." Cyr pointed out that the gay community functions under the assumption that homosexuality

'Who is to say what is natural and what is not?'

is a normal alternative to heterosexuality.

One of the women on the panel, said homosexuality does not conflict with the natural order of life. "Who is to say what is natural and what is not?" she asked. "Almost anything, just because of the mere fact that it does exist, exhibits qualities of naturalness."

She stated she saw no conflict between homosexuality and

religion. "I was a divinity student and in my studies, I saw no mention of God loving heterosexuals more than homosexuals.

"I'm not putting down heterosexuals, but I know quite a few homosexuals who have a very close feeling towards God. I see the real sin not as being a homosexual, but by being promiscuous," she said. "God did not say, 'Come unto me all you heterosexuals.'"

Another panel member said it is very difficult for homo-

'It takes a lot of guts to be a homosexual.'

sexuals to learn to live with the fact that are homosexuals.

"It seems somewhere I heard that if you were a homosexual you couldn't be a Christian. This disturbed me very much, I prayed to God to take away my life if being a homosexual was wrong. It was then that I promised God that if he would help me lead my life, I would live my life as a homosexual as best I could."

One woman told the audience gays are not religious outcasts because they are gay. She said gays are kept out of church by the hostile reception they receive there. "If two gay guys walk into a church and the people there know they're gay, they are told, 'Give up your evil way of life or you'll be doomed to the depths of Hell forever.'"

Another woman of the group claimed the hardships gays suffer within the church are primarily due to its social structure. "Gays run into a lot of resentment because of this. They

try to match males and females up because its activities center around couples. Gays just don't want to be paired up this way," she said.

The panel moderator directed a question to the audience. "Have you ever stopped to think what it would be like to never be able to show any affection for the one you love? This is the paradox which gays face."

One woman panelist said, "Homosexuality has taken on this sexual connotation. Despite the beliefs of many heterosexuals, our primary goal is not sex. What homosexuality really means is simply loving someone of the same sex."

Another woman was particularly disturbed by the current legal restrictions imposed on homosexuals. "Under the current laws, a maximum fine of \$200 can be levied for certain sexual activities, but these laws are aimed almost exclusively at the homosexual community. In my opinion, this is a flagrant violation of our rights and it is morally wrong."

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question of the cause of homosexuality. One panelist claimed homosexuality was an inborn trait. He said he believed it may develop in a child at a very early age, but probably develops in the pre-natal stage.

One woman panelist said, "It takes a lot of guts to be a homosexual. My mate and I are

raising a 13-year-old son and we are raising him to be a heterosexual because being a homosexual carries tremendous pressures. We do tell him that there are other alternatives open to him. It's hard to live as a homosexual and for males it's even harder. Yes, it takes a lot of guts to be a homosexual."

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Frogs pick up the pieces, face Rice

By PHIL JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Any time a football team loses its head coach before the end of a season, the effect has to leave all concerned—players, coaches and opponents alike—with a sort of awkward feeling.

Such will be the situation this Saturday at 2 p.m. in Amon Carter Stadium when TCU's Frogs take on the Rice's surging Owls.

And the week after, Dec. 1 at Dallas, the circumstances will be repeated when TCU plays SMU in the Cotton Bowl—because Billy Tohill has been given his walking papers by the powers that be.

The emotional possibilities are infinite. "I'll put it this way," says TCU offensive tackle Merle Wang. "We're gonna win these last two.

"Coach Tohill's done so much for us: this is the least we can do for him. If we don't, we sure don't have much pride as a team."

Tight end John Ott sees Tohill's dismissal as a team loss. "When the coach leaves, a large part of the team goes with him," says Ott. "I just think this is gonna set our program back again."

Guard Johnny McWilliams takes the firing somewhat personally. "I've always liked Coach Tohill real well, and I don't think they gave him a fair chance," says McWilliams. "I think he got a raw deal."

Not everyone who feels a personal loss in the Tohill dismissal is to be found inside the TCU community, though. And one example is none other than Rice head football coach Al Conover. Tohill's next-to-last opponent as Purple mentor.

"I'm very disappointed over the fact that Coach Tohill's been relieved," says Conover. "Of all the other coaches in the Southwest Conference, I've always considered Billy one of my closest friends."

Conover sees rough sailing ahead for his Owls as a result of the Frog coaching circumstances, even though Rice has managed to storm back from a miserable record in the first half of the season to a 3-6 mark now—by virtue of stunning upsets over Arkansas and Texas A&M on successive weekends in Rice Stadium.

"We've just come off two tremendous efforts," says Conover. "We're tired and beat up, and we've scrapped and scraped all year. We're due for a letdown.

"I know how the TCU players have felt about Coach Tohill, and it's just gonna make things that much tougher on us."

If freshman quarterback sensation Tommy Kramer is still unable to go this week because of a leg injury, Conover will call on

junior Fred Geisler to lead the potent Rice barrage—a job Geisler performed admirably in the Aggie ambush last Saturday. And Billy Tohill would have

been concerned about the peculiar problems involved in stopping the Owl attack regardless of the week's misfortunes. "Rice really likes to sling that

football," says Tohill. "Gosh, they run from so many different sets. And they'll run the reverse, the double reverse—all kinds of crazy things."

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Mr. Tohill has not put it all together in ways that meet the many expectations of TCU. That he is a fine coach is a fact, and it is likely that he can fill the role of head coach at some institution where the demands and traditions are different from those at TCU.

At TCU the head coach's responsibilities go beyond recruiting and coaching, and must include close relationship with the public, ex-lettermen and other alumni, and attention to the best elements in the tradition of TCU. His accident has made his task at TCU even more difficult of fulfillment and has lessened the likelihood of its accomplishment. In our judgment, therefore, the interests of TCU must be paramount and a change made.

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