

Mandatory make-up labs under scrutiny

By BRUCE S. JASURDA

Since the Department of Modern Languages and Literature issued a directive two weeks ago concerning class absences of first-year language students, mixed emotions among faculty and administrators have been expressed concerning the 45-minute mandatory make-up.

Dr. Anthony Rivaes, professor of Spanish, neither condemned nor justified the directive. "It was not my position to advocate or ridicule the announcement. However, I do suspect that the announcement was made to impose another rule on students," he said. "I don't think it was implemented for that reason at all."

Dr. Rivaes said he believes such an announcement was made only to benefit students. "It was mentioned that a lot of money is paid by the student for these language courses, so why not make the most out of the opportunity?" he asked. "When a student misses class, he misses the instruction for that day, he misses the opportunity to better his knowledge of the language and he is not getting the benefit of the money he has paid. In the long run, he is the one who loses," Dr. Rivaes said.

Dr. Rivaes also said that the language students should take advantage of the new equipment in the language labs. "We now have excellent facilities at this university where the student can enhance his knowledge of a language on an informal basis and at his own rate," he added.

Dr. Thomas B. Brewer, vice chancellor and

dean of the University, said he was "interested" in the directive. "I wouldn't say we're conducting any investigation or anything like that, but I am going to talk to Dr. William M. Wiebenga, dean of AddRan, about the matter," said Dr. Brewer.

"Speaking as an instructor and not as an administrator, I myself couldn't enforce such a policy," said Dr. Wiebenga. "In my opinion, the responsibility of attending classes rests on the shoulders of the students," he added.

"Suppose, on the other hand, that I was an instructor and I told my classes that the weather tomorrow was going to be nice, so I was going to skip my classes. The lazy student would probably be elated, but the industrious student would feel deprived," said Dr. Wiebenga. He said this hypothetical situation "puts the shoe on the other foot."

The Department of Modern Languages and Literature is offering the students a service, he said. "Unlike some other courses, you can't always gain what you missed in class by simply reading a chapter in a textbook." Dr. Wiebenga said learning a language was more "like learning a skill."

"A number of faculty members believe it is the mark of an educated man to have insight into the language and customs of a foreign country. However, we should ask ourselves, 'Is this mark so important that it should be required of every educated man?'"



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Foster dorm back on 'fix-up' list

By BRUCE S. JASURDA

The obvious question after the rejection of the proposed renovation of Foster Hall is "Where do we go from here?" Bob Neeb, director of Residential Living and Housing, does not claim to have all the answers, but he is optimistic about the hall's future.

"Our office and almost everyone connected with Foster were disappointed about rejection of the proposal," said Neeb. The students and everyone else involved with the hall will have to be patient and try to "live with the situation," he said.

When the proposal to renovate Foster was submitted, the hall was taken off the routine repairs schedule, Neeb said. In anticipation of a complete

renovation this summer, Foster was left practically in its present condition, he said. Even though minor repairs were made as the need arose, much of the work was left in expectation of the renovation in the summer when the residence hall would be unoccupied.

In contrast to the originally planned renovation where various groups of skilled craftsmen spend three months in the facility, the hall will be put back on the routine work schedule and repairs will be made where the situation warrants, said Neeb. "At this time, we're not going to conceal the exposed heating and water pipes and it is doubtful, at this time, that we will install carpeting."

Despite the recent rejection of

the proposed renovation, Neeb said that interest in Foster by students was still high. "We have already received many requests from girls who expressed a desire to live in Foster next fall," he said. Neeb said the hall was "ideally located on campus," but added that its major drawing cards were the character of its residents and the building itself.

According to the new University general bulletin (not yet available), the rate for those students wishing to live in Foster is set at \$265 per semester, said Neeb. He quickly added this rate was set with the belief that the renovation proposed would be approved. "I expect that rate to be reduced by some \$30 or \$40 per semester, in view of recent

developments," said Neeb.

"We were disappointed that the plan to renovate Foster did not go through, but we're not completely pessimistic about the situation," added Neeb. "These evaluations are done pretty much on a year-to-year basis, and I am sure that Foster is high on the list of priorities for repairs."



Kappa Deltas were "popping" in the Student Center Wednesday as Campus Chest activities continue full-steam. Thus far, about \$3,000 of the desired \$6,120 has been collected through various

group activities. A carnival will be held today from 5 to 10 p.m. in front of the Student Center where students can further contribute to the drive.

Photo by Margaret Downing

Blood donors sought for dorm receptionist

Blood donations from students and faculty are needed for a University employe who recently underwent an operation.

Mrs. F. G. Conoway, Wiggins receptionist, was operated on Tuesday. Due to the nature of the operation, she will require many blood transfusions.

The drive began in Wiggins dormitory last week and any student is welcome to give blood for Mrs. Conoway.

Interested donors should contact Carter Blood Center, at 1263 Rosedale or call 335-4935, specifying that the blood given be credited to the account of Mrs. F. G. Conoway.

\$26 paint job 'billed' as unfair . . .

Editor:

I got a bill from my hall director stating that I owed TCU \$13 for a paint job done on my wall. My hall director inspected the wall while I was not present, and he told me nothing about the repainting of the wall.

Then one day a painter appeared on the scene, saying that he had orders to paint the wall. I agreed naturally. Boy was that a mistake! (I did not even put a mark on the wall, but I guess that I am responsible for it.)

The real shot came yesterday

when my roommate found a bill in his mailbox for \$13 also. In all they charged us \$26 for painting one wall.

We could have done it for about \$8 and, I know, we could have done a better job.

The wall had two good size

marks (put there by another student) and one small mark on it. Nevertheless, I don't care if there were 100 marks on that wall, there is no way that it should cost \$26.

I've talked with Steve Maxon, my hall director, but he just passed me on and so did everyone else.

I am not going to let this case

rest. I am going to fight it because I do not think that we were treated fairly.

They think that they are dealing with a bunch of kids. Well, let me tell you one thing, there is no way I am going to pay that bill when I know I did not put a mark on that wall.

Billy Keefer
Freshman

. . .others find (finally) justice in the bureaucracy

We sympathize with Mr. Keefer's dilemma. News editor Steve Buttry and his roommates from last semester got billed similarly for nails in their closet doors. They refused to let the work be done, and Buttry decided to fight the Housing bureaucracy to rectify the situation.

Buttry appealed to his resident adviser, who could not help him, so he went to Bob Neeb, director of Residential Living and Housing. Neeb said after a 45-minute discussion that Buttry had a point, but suggested he talk to the others farther back down the line, saying it would be easier to straighten things out that way.

Talks with Maxon and area coordinator John Huntley proved fruitless. The next time Buttry

showed up in Neeb's office, he brought a 10-page typed letter to Chancellor James M. Moudy and statements from the Residence Hall Handbook, the General Information Bulletin and the housing agreement.

Neeb acquiesced to the demands of Buttry and his roommates, which was probably a good thing, since Buttry would have mailed the letter to the chancellor.

Neeb told Buttry the work would not be done until the end of the semester, and then it would be at the expense of the University. He was even so impressed by Buttry's logic that he agreed to have hooks put on the inside of all the Milton Daniel closet doors.

The next week, the workmen came to Buttry's room and removed the nails—as Neeb had told Buttry they would not—and left the doors sandpapered and more damaged than before. Painters came later to finish the job. They were sent away until Buttry could make sure that the work was not being done at his expense.

He talked with Neeb and found out that the nails were being removed, despite the fact that they were serving useful purposes. Buttry and his roommates were not being billed, though.

Take heart, Mr. Keefer. Somewhere in the bureaucracy, there is justice. You just need a lot of time, patience and maybe a screwdriver to find it.

Roadblocks, copters aid Nixon's popularity rally

President Nixon is not as unpopular with the American people as all of those left-wing pollsters would have the country believe. In fact, he is so popular that people just can't stay away from him.

Why in just the past few days, the President has had to turn away many eager admirers.

Over the weekend, a somewhat disgruntled representative from

the armed forces went so far as to steal a helicopter from a nearby base and fly to the White House.

It takes a special sort of President for a soldier to steal a helicopter and to go AWOL just to try to spend a pleasant few moments chatting with the President on the White House lawn.

Those always-eager-to-please Secret Service agents let fly several shotgun blasts to let the soldier know where to land the chopper. And on top of that, the agents gave him a personal escort away from his craft.

President Nixon's upsurge in popularity continued into Monday. With the President in Alabama to speak at a rally, one of the locals tried to drive through a roadblock to get to the place where Nixon would speak.

Unfortunately, the man did not make it, and he wound up in a heap of trouble. Not only was he carrying a rifle in the back of his car, but he was charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.

So the next time one of the pollsters says the latest survey shows President Nixon's popularity scraping bottom, just remember that persons have stolen helicopters and crashed through police roadblocks to try and see the man. What higher tribute is there?

—GREGG KAYS

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One of the most desired prizes of Campus Chest Week is being offered by the Vigilantes. If a student happens to hold the lucky raffle ticket he will be the

proud owner of a keg of beer and more friends than he thought he had.

Photo by Margaret Downing

Meetings opened

Reps OK budget

By STEVE BUTTRY
News Editor

The budget and two major pieces of legislation were passed by the House of Student Representatives Tuesday in a meeting dominated by long, confusing and heated debate.

Gaining House approval along with the budget were a bill to provide for open meetings and a resolution that may eventually ban smoking in classrooms.

The fireworks began early as the rules were suspended to consider the budget, which had been tabled twice. Two amendments concerning allotment of money for a sports council were passed after much discussion. As passed, the council will have \$945 to conduct tournaments and buy equipment for general student use.

Vice president Bob Stanley then moved that a fifth budget category be created, giving \$2,000 to the debate squad. Jim Luck, director of forensics, was present to answer questions and tell the representatives how the money would be spent.

Town student Jeff Lyle and former treasurer Steve Oatman argued the amendment was being handled poorly and should

be reworked so the money would be under student control. They also argued that it was a dangerous precedent to give funds to one "narrow special interest group."

After lengthy debate, a count of hands showed the House was divided on the issue, 20-20 with five abstentions. President Bruce Gibson broke the deadlock by voting to give the debaters the money.

Lyle attempted to get the budget resubmitted to the Finance Committee, expressing his discontent with the alterations to the framework. His effort failed and the House approved the budget, 25-13.

Discussion on the open meetings bill centered around two amendments dealing with the bill's potential effect on investigations into disciplinary charges brought against organizations.

Lyle maintained that the bill would allow for invasion of privacy, since individuals are often discussed in investigations of organizations.

The bill passed, 21-8, with the amendment that excluded organizations from the list of exemptions. If approved by the Faculty Senate and administration, the bill will provide

for open meetings of all bodies charged with policy making or implementation for the University.

The only exemptions allow for closed meetings if the body is discussing discipline or employment of an individual.

Speaking for the anti-smoking resolution, town student Steve Miller said no one has the "right to inflict nauseous odors on other people."

The resolution would ban smoking in classrooms during classes, in the Student Center Ballroom during films and during House and committee meetings. The ban could only be lifted by consent of all people present at any time.

The resolution was passed. On the first vote, all clauses but the one banning smoking in House meetings were passed.

Stanley moved that the House reconsider that clause, calling it "just a little bit hypocritical" to ban smoking everywhere but in the House. On the second vote, the clause passed.

MORTARBOARD APPLICATIONS

are available in Dean of Students Office. Any Freshman woman with a 3.00 overall GPA is eligible to apply. Deadline March 1.

Application for Freshman Orientation Counselors

are now available in Dean of Students Office. Deadline March 1.

Minority committee formed

An NAACP committee will begin work on "Operation TCU," a five-point program designed to make the University aware of minority problems.

The program was proposed by Bronaugh Bridges, NAACP president, Tuesday.

The program's five points include: to make the Admissions Office aware minority students need to know academic and scholarship opportunities; not to accept "token gifts," such as a black culture center or an all-black dorm "which compound segregation which already exists here;" and to endorse minority students "who wish and desire to go through rush."

Also, to invite faculty and administration to NAACP meetings "to confront us on issues" and to support candidates for student office who have given "visible support" to minority students.

The committee will meet in Pete Wright Dormitory Thursday at 7 p.m.

Dean of Students Elizabeth Proffer has been invited to the NAACP's next meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m.

Security probes mugging, thefts

By TOM BURKE

During the past week, Security has been investigating a mugging and robbery in the Milton Daniel parking lot, a soft drink machine burglary and two bicycle thefts.

According to Security Officer Robert Thedford Jr.'s report, who investigated the mugging with the Fort Worth Police Department, a man reported he was mugged and robbed after he allowed two men to drive him to the parking lot from a bar on Camp Bowie Blvd.

When the original three arrived at the parking lot, two other men met them, he claimed. The victim said he was kicked and punched and his wallet, which contained \$300 and other valuables, was taken. He also said the men kicked out his truck's taillights and outside mirrors.

The victim said he could not remember anything else and could not give investigating officers a description of the men.

Wiggins Hall was the scene of a recent "heist" when a soft drink machine was vandalized. Only the dimes and nickels were missing; the quarters were left behind.

Apparently, someone had a key. "There were no forced entry marks on the machine and no other damage was done to the machine," Lt. Dave Hernandez of Security explained. He added that thefts from soft drink and cigarette machines have become a problem lately.

Two girls reported to Security their bicycles were missing. Hernandez said the girls did not report the thefts until about a half an hour after they had occurred, even though they said they saw their bikes being carried away by two men.

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Hogs deck hot-shootin' Frogs

By JOHN FORSYTH
Sports Editor

With a 99-point effort at Fayetteville's John Barnhill Fieldhouse Tuesday night, the Horned Frog basketballers broke this old record and set that new one, but they continued to hear a broken record of another kind: they lost. Again.

This was just one night the Frogs were not to be victors, despite sacking 53.1 per cent of their field goal efforts. Arkansas also was hitting from the bleachers and beyond at a 55.1 clip, in a tough shooting duel that was decided, 109-99, by the fight on the boards and at the charity stripe.

The Frogs need not look for charity when they travel across the turnpike Saturday to face SMU in a 2 p.m. televised affair (WBAP-TV), though. The Mustangs reside in third place on the conference standing sheet, only one game behind co-leaders Texas Tech and Texas, and they aren't due to let the Frogs off easy.

The Porkers, led by Dean "The Tree" Tolson and his 25 points, edged to a 21-point lead at 70-49 and again at 74-53. Purple reserves Alonzo Harris and Johnny Blakney entered the contest about then and averted a runaway.

Harris began a surge with two

20-foot jumpers, followed by a jumpshot by Lynn Royal and then a Blakney layup, assisted by Royal's screen. The Hogs could feel the breathing on their necks and began to boost their lead again when Blakney, who totaled 12 on the evening, hit a jumper, stole a pass and scored a tip-in seconds later.

Tolson countered with two field goals and a blocked shot, but traveled to give up the ball with the Hogs leading 90-71. Harris, Hensley and Ted Jones waged war against Tolson and the Porkers' Ricky Medlock to shrink the difference. A Gary Landers field goal pulled the Christians to within 10 points, the

closest since minutes after the half.

Medlock hit two free throws at 2:19, boosting Arkansas over the century mark, with a 101-91 margin. Jones sank two countering free throws. After a timeout and strategy session, Hensley stole a Porker pass for the chance to get within six.

A whistle blew during TCU's possession, however, and confusion reigned while the officials decided a Porker fan had blown a whistle of his own. Then, without explanation, the home folks were awarded the ball, and they had a 10-point edge seconds later.

"It was a big call," said a disappointed Frog coach Johnny Swaim in the dressing room afterwards. "I felt we should have gotten the ball or maybe the two points." The ball was pinned against the board on a Purple shot during the confusion.

"The fact that we had the ball when the whistle blew is the reason we should have gotten the ball. It was a great play by Rick and Alonzo," Swaim said.

Hensley stole the sphere again after a turnover, resulting in a fast break layup by Harris—but the argument was settled. Arkansas' lead went to 12 at the 1:05 mark, and Harris' follow shot at the buzzer trimmed it back to 10.

The 208 total points recorded in this one stands as a new aggregate high score for a TCU-Arkansas battle. The previous

high was 199, result of a 110-89 Hog win here in 1955. It also is the highest aggregate in Southwest Conference play this season.

The Frogs' 99 is their largest since the 10th game of the 1971-72 season, when they floored Tarleton State 101-85. Their highest total so far this year was 93-93-68 over Wayland Baptist and 93-109 against North Texas State.

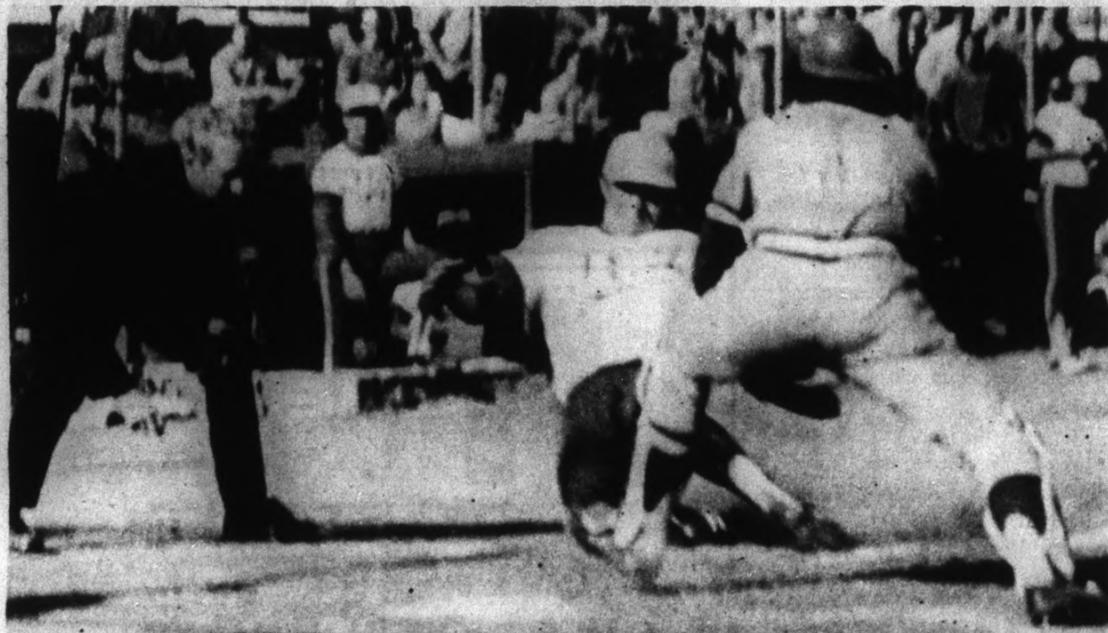
Wayne Wayman led the Purples Tuesday night with 17 points. Harris' late surge garnered him 16, Landers got 14 and Jones, Blakney and Jeff Wright each had 12.

Collegiate meet on barbell slate

The Horned Frog barbell club, state title winners in 1973, will compete in the Texas State Collegiate Championships Saturday in Stephenville. Hosting the tourney will be Tarleton State.

Members of the club, coached by John Pettitt, and their lifting weight categories, are senior Clark Terry, 123; freshman Mike Spence, 132; junior Rex Wilcox, 148; freshman Steve Reynolds, 165; senior Randy Morris, 181; sophomore Vaughn Bailey, 198; junior Keith Williams, 220; senior Richard Henderson, 242; and sophomore Richard Roberts, super.

Morris, Bailey and Henderson were 1973 state champions.



CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR—TCU's Tom Riordan (sliding) is about to be tagged out at the plate by UTA catcher Bill McConnell in the fifth inning of

Tuesday's nightcap, won 6-3 by the Frogs. The Mavs took the first contest 3-0 at TCU's diamond. Photo by Phil Johnson

Southwest Rec Meet on tap for Purple thinclads, golfers

By FRANK HOUX

TCU golfers and thinclads will have a full schedule this weekend in the Southwest Recreation Track and Golf meets.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday Frog tracksters will attempt to qualify for the finals to be held that afternoon. Coach Guy Shaw Thompson says the best chances for Purple success will be in the 440 and mile relays.

According to Thompson, "I think we'll be looking better, but we may still be a long way off. In the invitational division we've got SMU, UTA, Louisiana Tech, North Texas and ourselves, and Louisiana must be the team to beat. They've got a real fine outfit."

In the world of TCU golf, freshmen Steve Locke and Bill Murchison and soph Sale

Omohundro are already set to tee it up Friday and Saturday with two more Frog golfers to join them.

Qualifying is underway among freshmen Craig Harper, Kevin Grunewald, Dean Fikar and Nick Giachino along with sophomore Tom Meley for the remaining spots.

The five golfers who play in this tourney will also travel to Laredo Tuesday for the Border Olympics. The track team will also make the trip to the Rio Grande.

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