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Council examines counseling No decision due until late March

BY STEVE BUTTRY
News Editor

The system of academic advising is being studied by the University Council, but any changes will come no sooner than late in March.

The council is studying a report from a committee chaired by Dr. Ronald Flowers, associate professor of religion. The proposals in the report, if adopted, would drastically change the advising system in most departments.

Some of the discussion in Monday's council meeting centered around the amount of responsibility that students would have to take. "What is the level of student responsibility that we want in the University?" asked Dr. Thomas B. Brewer, chairman of the council.

Dr. Brewer said he does not see the University's position on the issue as one of "in loco parentis." He said it is merely a case of "people who have been in this area for many years" being available to help students in making decisions.

One question that was left unanswered was whether advising will still be mandatory. Some committee members wondered if it might be best to make the student responsible and not require counseling before registration. Advisers would be available for those who wanted

it, but it would no longer be mandatory.

The advantage most people saw in this system was that those students who do not need advising would not be required to play the present game of chasing down advisers before registration to get them to sign the counseling slip. This would free the advisers to work with those students who really want counseling.

Some members said they thought this would eliminate the students who need advising most. They said the students who don't know what they are doing and where they are going probably would not get counseled if they did not have to.

Another concern voiced was weakness in the advisers. The members admitted that many instructors are not well-suited to be advisers and know less about requirements than the students.

Donna Embree, one of two student members present, said she thought a strong advising system is necessary at the freshman level. She said undeclared freshmen need better advising and "need to know what academic advising is."

Dr. Quinn McKay, Tandy professor of management, speculated that the best system might be to require counseling for the freshman year and make it available, but not mandatory in subsequent years.

Dr. John Hitt, associate dean of the University, said the solution might be a "new counseling form in line with the new core." He admitted that such an innovation "could be a gimmick." He said, however, if properly conceived and executed, a completely new form of advising might solve problems better than small changes in the present system.

The advising system will be under consideration again at the council's next meeting, tentatively scheduled for March 25.

Decisions on the spring calendars for 1976 and 1977 were also delayed. The main question seemed to be when to begin spring semester. Some members even speculated about going to a 4-1-4 calendar with a January

interim term sandwiched between two semesters.

The council decided to make July 4 a holiday during summer school, with finals scheduled for July 5. Approval was also given for a course in Centennial College to be strictly a pass-no credit, since the instructor did not feel that it adapted well to a grading system.



'Apollo's Trick'

A performance given by the Delphi Players of "Apollo's Trick" will highlight the Creative Writing Awards luncheon Thursday, Feb. 28, in the Student Center Ballroom. The 12:30 p.m. affair closes out

the week's events honoring campus writers. Winners in the Creative Writing contest will receive their awards during the luncheon. Rehearsing are Marc McCrary and Randy Hennings.

Photo by Margaret Downing

'Black like me' author

Bigotry: please set my children free

BY STEVE BUTTRY
News Editor

Author John Howard Griffin became a black person "in hopes that I could salvage my own children from being dehumanized the way racists are."

Griffin talked about his famous experiment and other experiences Monday night to a small group of people at Shalom House, telling them his biggest motivation was to keep his children free of prejudice.

White people view blacks as "intrinsically other," said Griffin, who gained national prominence in the early '60s when he shaved his head, turned his skin black and traveled through the South.

"I grew up with the horrible delusion that we were free of prejudice," said Griffin. "Many men are intellectually convinced" of the equality of all people, but the realization does not penetrate their emotions, he said.

Relating the experience the first time he saw his black face in the mirror, Griffin said he at first could not comprehend that the face in the mirror belonged to him.

"I came to this tremendous realization that this other was not other at all. I had to realize that that other is me," he said.

Griffin told the gathering that he experienced an entire new realization of the plight of black people. He had originally been working on a study of the rise of suicide rate among blacks in the South.

All the responses he got to the questionnaires he sent out to black psychologists told him that he could not understand the problem, no matter how hard he tried. "The only way you could understand is to someday wake up in my skin," wrote one of the respondents. Griffin decided that was what he would do.

He told of having his entire lifestyle altered by being forced to plan the activities of each day around when he would be hungry and thirsty and in need of a restroom, conveniences he had taken for granted when he was white.

Black people felt greater tension than whites, he said, because they know every white person they met viewed them as "intrinsically other" and somehow inferior. He felt fear and tension as a black man, because he did not know what degradation he would be subject to with each person he met.

As a black, he said he became more concerned with his physical rather than mental existence, because such

things as eating, drinking, staying alive and other physical necessities became all-important.

Griffin said he often would try to go to a church where he had visited in the past. The first such church he went to had been one where he had been well-received the past

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Drive raises \$5,000

Campus Chest returns slowly trickled in Tuesday, bringing the final total to more than \$5,000, still below the \$6,210 goal.

The final figures were released at the Texas Tech basketball game Tuesday evening in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Christie Brunson of Kappa Alpha Theta was crowned Campus Chest queen during half time. Her sorority donated \$1,364 to the drive.

Pi Beta Phi's Mary Anderson was second with \$900 and Chi Omega's Cynthia Gallaher was third with \$704.

The money collected during Campus Chest week will be donated to eight charities.

Crisis? what crisis?

America was treated to a first rate display of governmental scrabble Monday night as President Nixon addressed the nation on television.

Billed as an unrestricted press conference as far as questions were concerned, the President opened with a short statement in which he informed the public that the officially declared energy crisis of the last several months was now over.

Instead, the nation would pursue a course designed to meet the ever-present energy "problem."

Not that this came as much of a surprise. Anyone who has been reading the comic strip "Doonesbury" with any regularity knows that the calling off of the energy crisis was destined to occur.

While many have long suspected that the key to government operations was lurking in the comic strips of America, this is the first real indication as to which comic strip best portrayed governmental thinking, in advance.

In the coming weeks, Americans may expect to first discover the real news of government operations from the sweet nothings Dagwood whispers into Blondie's ear, the conversations between Snoopy

and Woodstock or the high-level writing of Limpid Lizard of the "Tumbleweeds" strip.

President Nixon also scrambled the English language in his revelation about the state of the American economy. While vowing to keep America out of a recession, the President did admit that the nation was suffering through a mild "economic downturn."

The dictionary defines a recession as "a moderate and temporary decline in economic activity."

It is good to know that with the nation mired in an "economic downturn" that President Nixon has thrown caution out the White

House door and flatly stated that this country will not suffer through a recession.

America has solved its energy crisis, and is strenghtening its economy against recession. But we face a nagging energy problem and a mild economic downturn.

The public can be thankful that the President did not feel it necessary to inform us that the wheat problem was being solved and the Middle East was cooling off rapidly. We could not have withstood the good news; but unfortunately, it may yet appear on the funny pages.

—GREGG KAYS

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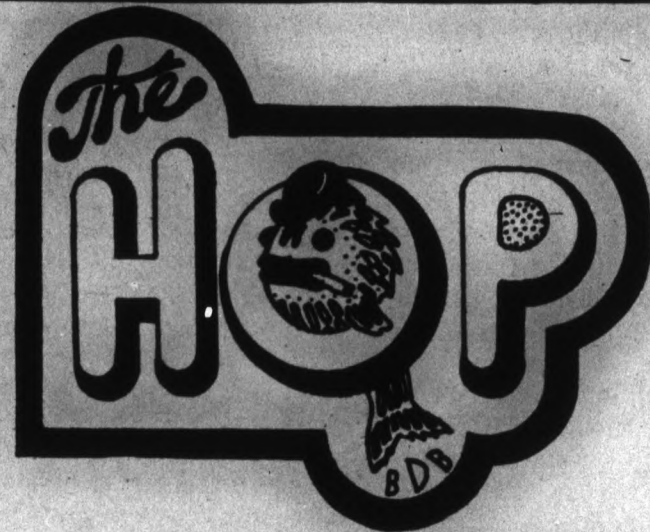
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Bigots live with 'false view' of man



JOHN HOWARD GRIFFIN

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year and had been told when he left to drop in if he was ever in the area again.

The elders of the church met him in front of the door when he returned and told him he was not allowed to come in, that he should go to a church where there were other blacks. As he walked away, he could hear the congregation inside singing "Walking in the Paths of Jesus."

Education has nothing to do with a person's prejudice, said Griffin, who said many people think intellectuals are not bigots. "I soon realized that education didn't have anything to do with it," he said.

The victims of prejudice are

not the only ones who are dehumanized by it, Griffin told the group. He said it also hurts the bigot, who has been "given a false view of what man is."

Talking about the effect prejudice has on children, he told of a time when he was black and was staying in the home of a black family. The woman of the house took him to the window to show him a little white child playing.

"Isn't that the most beautiful child you ever saw?" she asked him. He said he agreed and the woman then asked, "Doesn't it make you sick to think what they're going to turn her into?"

Griffin talked about many stereotypes of blacks, none of

which are always true, he said. He said people often ask him how he could pass as black without common physical characteristics of black people, or speaking in a dialect.

His lack of dialect or physical characteristics were never suspected, he says, because many blacks do not fit the common stereotype. "Most white people think that if you don't sound as if you're reading Uncle Remus, you couldn't possibly pass," he said.

His experiment was not an attempt to bring about social change, said Griffin, because, "I long ago gave up hope of doing anything in hopes of changing society."

Griffin worked in the French underground during World War II, helping Jews flee from Germany. "White people are saying the same things about black people that they (the Germans) were saying about Jews," he said.

He is about to finish a biography of Trappist monk Thomas Merton, so Griffin told the group about Merton and his association with him. Griffin has been working on the book for more than five years.

Rocky optimistic about world's future

BY MARY MASON

Calling for national-level planning, former New York governor Nelson A. Rockefeller said he feels "a tremendous sense of optimism about the future."

Rockefeller addressed a two-day food and energy conference in Dallas last week.

"This is one of the most exciting times in the history of the world," said Rockefeller, who spoke about the "Roles of Government and Free Enterprise in Meeting the Challenges Ahead." His talk, sponsored by the Dallas Council on World Affairs, was attended by 16 TCU students.

Most speakers called for a free market and little government interference in the economy. Rockefeller cited a need for national-level, planning to overcome the current crises. As a nation, America has not been conscious in terms of national planning, he said. "This nation instead has reacted and responded to needs and crises by pouring in more money, but we are now running out of money," Rockefeller added.

We can no longer keep moving from crisis to crisis with unlimited resources; we now have to look at the hard realities about our country, he said.

A major purpose of the conference was to inform citizens about the current food and energy crises facing the nation and world today. Eight experts from various fields spoke on topics ranging from "Military Balance in a Troubled World," to "The Magnitude and Complexity of the Energy Problem."

"We are still in Phase I—trying to convince the majority of people we have a problem," said Jack Bridges of Georgetown University. Using a series of plastic models and graphs, he outlined the energy crisis, its

causes and feasible solutions. The United States uses the equivalent of 37 billion barrels of oil per day, according to Bridges.

Robert Gow, who spoke on "World Wide Food Shortages," said food problems are caused more by the developed world's demand for meat than the underdeveloped lands' demand for grain.

According to Gow, it takes four times as much grain to produce one pound of beef as it does to produce one pound of chicken. "Clearly a shifting of tastes from beef to chicken could allow for a quadrupling of use for grain," he told the large audience which received beef dinners at every conference meal.

A solution to the current problems will be to arrange the free market so that raised prices will stimulate production of grain, Gow said.

Deputy Secretary of Defense William P. Clements Jr. spoke of the need for the United States to have a sufficiency of ready military forces, land, air and sea if we are to maintain national stability.

His speech, "Military Balance in a Troubled World," called for decreasing military forces along with the Soviets. The Soviet Union could launch a nuclear attack against the United States at the time of its choosing, he said. "We must negotiate from a

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Shof pleased with grid crop

By PHIL JOHNSON
Sports Editor

With the Southwest Conference first-day grid signing date of Feb. 12 now two weeks behind in vague memory, TCU master strategist Jim Shofner can afford to uncoil a little and evaluate his selections.

And the boss man's subjective analysis rates the names on his list, now standing at 26, four short of the maximum, as a pretty fair crop.

"I've been very pleased, particularly with our recruiting in the Fort Worth area," says Shofner in reference to his six Tarrant County draftees—end Mike Renfro of Arlington Heights, tackle Marshall Harris from Southwest, Dunbar's split end-defensive back Michael Milton, Richland running back Jimmy Grant, guard Mark Krug and quarterback Reuben Tomlin, both out of Arlington Sam Houston.

All were inked early among Purple signees, but more recently Shofner has taken a short course in shinnying out on a limb by going after the ever-elusive "potential hoss." He's corralled two of this variety in Kerrville's Willie Fifer (6-5, 265) and Rodney Skelton (6-5, 225) from Caprock High in Amarillo—both of whom figure to wind up in the trenches of line warfare.

And both have intriguing backgrounds. Fifer apparently can't understand that a youngster of his stature doesn't belong on a basketball court, but his Kerrville cage mentor isn't about to explain the situation to a ball player who can pump home 32 points in a game—which is exactly the total Willie accrued in a recent contest.

Skelton, meanwhile, being a rather large specimen of sound mind and body, had nevertheless passed up the call to take helmet in hand and descend to the gridiron until just last season—whereupon he found his active duty limited to only six games due to injury. He still managed to make his all-district team.

The question of why Shofner would offer pen and scholarship to such "misfits" has to have entered a few inquisitive minds by now. "Potential," the Purple leader explains succinctly. "We figure there's enough of it in these two that it's worth the chance."

Besides which, Shofner has articulated a firm desire to use his remaining scholarships on the Frogs' most crying need coming off the 1973 season: linemen. That's not to say, of course, that Shof would turn first-rate prospects like Dallas Roosevelt end John Washington away because they don't have interior line potential.

Recruiting in general has turned out to be a pleasant experience for the rookie college head man. "It's probably not quite as hard as I'd heard," Shofner relates. "People—college coaches I knew—told me how hard it was.

"But I didn't find it that way at all. Matter of fact, had it not come after a long professional season, which started in July, it wouldn't have been as hard as it was.

"I'm looking forward to next year's recruiting now, with the season starting in September. Of course, I'm looking forward to seeing what we have on the field, but I think we've learned a lot about recruiting this year, too."

Tut's netters take court today

The Horned Frog tennis team, under new tutor Tut Bartzen, today pulls the wraps off its new creation, a squad that hopefully can better last season's 1-41 Southwest Conference record.

Powerful East Texas State comes to visit for a match beginning at 2 p.m.

Bartzen, hired as Frog net leader in December, sees promise in this year's group even though it's virtually the same as the 1-41 team of a season ago.

"I feel that for the first time these kids are optimistic about their chances against some of the teams they'll face this year," Bartzen says.

"Our strong point lies in the fact that we're so well balanced. In practice everyone has beaten everyone else."

Jim Hansen stands as the Purples' top-seeded player after intrasquad challenging rounds last week. John Poppell is

second, followed by Max Falls, Cliff Gridley, Tom Harris and this year's only newcomer, freshman Jack Irvine.

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OUTTA MY WAY, PONY—Frog guard Alonzo Harris (21) drives around SMU guard Zack Thiel during Saturday's Mustang victory in Dallas. Pony

forward Oscar Rean, also a football standout, and TCU center Lawrence Young jockey for position at left. Photo by Phil Johnson

Church award to Marshall

Horned Frog quarterback Kent Marshall has been named recipient of the Bishop Frank A. Juhan Trophy, given annually by the Churchman's Sports Hall of Fame in Tullahoma, Tenn.

Marshall was presented the award at a banquet in Tullahoma by Shirley Majors, famed coach at the University of the South in Sewanee.

The award is symbolic of the Hall's selection as the best college football player in America who is outstanding in church leadership. Marshall earlier had been named a member of the CSHF's 24-member All-America squad.

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