



BILL OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of this document is to enumerate the
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essential provisions of the student's rights and responsibilities

which he assumes as a student at Texas Christian University.

Students, administrators differ

Rights bill 'in effect,' but . . .

Is the Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities in effect? That depends on who you believe.

In developments Tuesday and Wednesday, representatives and administrators vied back and forth their interpretations of whether the rights bill is "in effect."

The House of Student Representatives passed a resolution Tuesday night supporting a statement expressing dissatisfaction with the administration's cooperation in the matter.

The statement on student rights, drawn up by several student leaders, was presented by former House president Bill Stotesbery merely for the House's general "reaction." He did not necessarily seek a blanket support. Stotesbery stressed the need for individual support of the statement by personal conscience.

It reads: "We the undersigned have come to recognize the general lack of desire on the part of the Administration to cooperate in the assurance of student rights at TCU. In this regard we wish to reaffirm our intent to do all in our power to secure basic individual rights for all students, and to the extent that these rights are repealed by the University, we will do all in our power to inform prospective students of the existing situation."

Stotesbery, who recently resigned as chairman of the House's Student Rights Committee, said there was "a lot of frustration on the committee"

due to the administration's attitude. There have been no breakthroughs where the committee thought there would be, he said.

It is up to the individual to interpret the statement, Stotesbery said, but he intends to write letters to newspapers and major high school counselors about the rights situation depending on the administration's reaction to the statement.

Stotesbery said he was also concerned that the Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities, which he was told is on a one-year tenure, may be repealed. Vice president Bob Stanley said Dean of Students Elizabeth Proffer told him the bill runs out in May.

House president Bruce Gibson claimed this was all a "misunderstanding." He said Dean Proffer told him it was possible to work on the bill during the summer.

Stotesbery then explained that last year the administration told him the bill was "in effect." Later, he learned it was in a lawyer's hands for an examination of the ambiguities, and eventually, changes were recommended.

Stanley said he understood from the administration that "if we do not make the proper changes, we will not have a bill of rights."

Dean Proffer, who was contacted by the Daily Skiff Wednesday, said that in a letter dated Jan. 23, 1974, Chancellor James M. Moudy said the administration will continue to acknowledge the existing bill of rights while the University's

rights committee is studying the document.

Acting chancellor Howard G. Wible, also contacted Wednesday, said, "I know of no reason the bill of rights shouldn't be in effect," as he cited Dr. Moudy's letter. Dr. Wible also said the rights bill has no "one-year" tenure and will not run out in May. He added that the

changes he and Dr. Moudy have suggested were made merely to put the bill into better focus by eliminating the ambiguities.

Stotesbery asked Wednesday if the administration acknowledges the rights bill, then "why are there deviations? If they don't acknowledge it, why don't they be honest and tell students and the press?"

"The administration has not cooperated in the negotiation of student rights. By "not cooperating," Stotesbery said he meant he feels the administration agrees to something and then goes against their agreement. He cited the University's policy on searches, a Student Conduct Committee

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Convention delegates seek means for solving problems

By BRUCE S. JASURDA

The duty of the delegates of the Texas Constitutional Convention is not to attempt to solve current problems, but to provide the mechanisms for dealing with them in the future, said Price Daniel Jr., convention president.

Daniel addressed a sparse audience comprised primarily of faculty members, local politicians and his convention entourage at the Leadership Forum-sponsored speech here Tuesday.

The impetus of drawing up a new state constitution arose from the high cost of amending the outdated 1876 constitution, Daniel said.

He estimated \$6 to 8 million had been spent on constitutional amendments between 1960 and 1972 alone. This figure makes the \$3 million tab of the present constitutional convention seem "like a drop in the bucket," he said.

"The people of the state of Texas must be deeply involved in and participating in the revision process," Daniel described the state's initial lack of enthusiasm in the revision as "disappointing and frightening," but quickly added current responses show increasing interest in the new document. The convention itself has received over 9,000 phone calls and 2,000 letters since January in addition to calls and letters received by individual delegates.

The new constitution will be shorter and more



PRICE DANIEL JR.

explicit than the 1876 document and is expected to contain approximately 18,000 words as opposed to the 50,000 in the present charter, Daniel said. It will contain only 11 articles instead of the present 17.

"The new constitution will be written in language that the layman can understand." The current constitution is sometimes difficult for lawyers to read and requires frequent judicial interpretation, Daniel said.

The proposed constitution will retain the Preamble and Bill of Rights of the 1876 document.

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Wires cross once again

Should the Bill of Student Rights be made consistent with existing committee policy or should committee policy be made to adhere to the tenets of the Bill of Student Rights?

This seems to be the main point of controversy when one gets down to discussing whether the bill of rights is in effect or not. Yesterday, Deans William Wiebenga and Elizabeth Proffer and acting chancellor Howard Wible all assured the Daily Skiff the present bill of rights is in effect, until the House comes up with a new one.

Bill Stotesbery and Bob Stanley took some issue with this statement. They agreed the bill of rights is "in effect" but this is only a nominal effect at best. Citing the example of Student Life which recommended last week that no open hearings be allowed in student conduct investigations, Stotesbery said this committee's recommendations run directly counter to provisions in the Bill of Student Rights.

There's something lacking in a bill of rights, however "alive" it is, if no one pays any attention to it.

Another point of disagreement concerns Dr. Wiebenga's calling students "clients" of the University. Dr. Wiebenga said he meant this to mean a student has the right to demand certain things of the University in the areas of faculty and administrative services. He said he did not mean this analogy to extend to the bill of rights issue since this "client" character is only one of many facets of the student and is not to be applied in all areas.

Stotesbery and Stanley took issue with Dr. Wiebenga's point. They feel that if Dr. Wiebenga looks upon students as clients this will certainly affect his negotiations with them over revising a bill of rights.

There are two main flaws with this "client" designation according to Stotesbery and Stanley. One is that what recourse does a client have when he is dissatisfied with his company's policies? Stotesbery's answer to this, supported by the House (in theory) Tuesday, is to try to affect recruitment and discourage prospective students.

The other flaw with being a "client" is: what rights does this leave the student? According to Stotesbery, a person has to give up his rights as a citizen to come here. He said the House is being asked to justify its requests for rights, but the administration does not have to justify its denial of these rights.

It is a little hard to see how a student knows when he is a client or when he should consider himself a negotiating equal.

No one seems to know who stands where right now. Both Stotesbery and Stanley commented on the shifts in position of

administrators' opinions that have taken place over the last few weeks.

According to Dr. Wiebenga, the bill of rights is not being held up because of any dissension over whether a student is a "client" or a person with equal negotiating rights in the University, but because of the problem areas of student publications and private records of students.

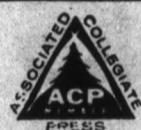
A bill of rights, no matter how "official," is just official hot air

if member committees are not made to adhere to it. A client relationship suggests a top hierarchy which will listen to the client's demands, but in no way is bound to obey them. And an administrator who assumes the right to assign terms in "certain contexts only" better make sure the people he is talking to know when he means what. It might save a lot of backpedalling for everyone.

—MARGARET DOWNING

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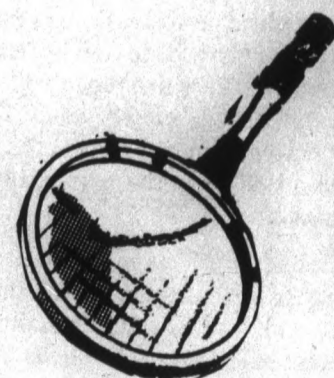
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11 reps lose jobs after bylaw change

(Continued from page 1) case now in progress, Dean Proffer's actions during the hearings for four alleged streakers and student publications incidents.

Tuesday, during the House meeting, town student Jeff Boggess proposed an amendment seeking \$2,000 "to implement the action called for in the statement if the bill of rights

is repealed" by the administration.

After much confusion concerning how much money is in the House's reserve fund, Stotesbery and town student Mike Garrett asked Boggess to withdraw his amendment so discussion on the resolution could continue. They said necessary funds could be allocated at any time.

Boggess would not withdraw his amendment, saying, "What good is being radical when all you do is shake your fist at Sadler Hall?" The House voted down the amendment.

A roll call vote passed the resolution of support 29 to 6 with three abstentions.

A bylaw change, approved 30 to 3, with one abstention, amended the wording of a bill on House attendance passed last semester. The bylaws now state, "More than one unexcused absence per semester shall result in the expulsion of a member from the House."

The previous bylaws said, "only one unexcused absence" would be permitted.

The body defeated town student Richard Lysiak's proposed amendment making

the bill retroactive, thereby automatically expelling several House members guilty under the new interpretation.

A resolution calling for fractions to be counted when determining "more than one" unexcused absence from House meetings was defeated 12 to 15, with three abstentions.

The fractions come into play when a representative is late for a House meeting (three tardies constitute one House absence) or is absent from a committee meeting (two such absences constitute one House absence).

Following the House meeting,

secretary Becky Rambin said the approved bylaw change means 11 representatives would lose their positions in the House.

Saturday deadline for race entries

The registration deadline for the First Annual Charity Bicycle Race, a community service project sponsored by Sigma Chi, is noon, April 13.

The race will be held April 20 around the quadrangle. Registration fee is \$10 per team.

For more information contact John McKenzie at 921-2733.

Revision needs 'input'


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The new charter will guarantee that at least once every 30 years, the people will have the right to approve or refuse considerations of future constitutional conventions.

Daniel estimated the convention will wrap up its work in Austin by mid-June at the latest. The convention officially has until July before it will be forced to terminate business or to seek an extension.

"This whole process began with the people in 1972. It will end with the people at the polls in November."

Daniel encouraged citizens to express their views by calling 1-800-292-9600 (toll free) during the convention's current recess.



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Frogs in 'must' series

By PHIL JOHNSON
Sports Editor

It'll be back to the old South-west Conference grind for Frank

Windegger's Purple club-wielders tomorrow and Saturday, as the Arkansas Razorbacks come out of a non-conference

Busy weekend schedule set for Purple netters, thinclads

The TCU tennis team was smashed Tuesday afternoon in Lubbock 6-1 by the Texas Tech Red Raiders, knocking its South-

Fencers in SW, national tourneys

Members of the Itinerant Fencing & Chowder Society, composed of TCU students and independents, finished 1-2-3-4-5 in women's foil at the divisional fencing championships at TWC over the weekend.

By doing so they qualify for the Southwest sectionals, scheduled for Houston next month, and the nationals in New York in June.

TCU-ex Lois Goldthwaite finished first, followed by Horned Frogs Judy DeName and Beck Field. Jeannette Duke, another TCU-ex now living in South Carolina, took fourth, followed by city independent Olinda Sawyer.

west Conference record to 0-5 and its season record to 13-6.

The Frogs have a busy weekend ahead, playing East Texas in Commerce tomorrow, Gustavus Adolphus here at 1 p.m. Saturday and Wisconsin University here at 3 p.m. Monday. Tut Bartzen's troops return to SWC competition here at 2 p.m. Tuesday against the Texas Aggies.

The women's tennis team, meanwhile, plays in the district championships at SMU today and tomorrow. The girls' dual mark stands at 4-3 on the year.

They took North Texas last Thursday 10-2 and blew Central State University of Edmond, Okla., off the court 6-3 Saturday despite gusts up to 35 m.p.h. and no wind screens.

Guy Shaw Thompson's TCU tracksters go to the Texas Relays in Austin Saturday. Both Bill Collins and Lee Williams are hobbled by leg injuries.

shell of long standing to make their Fort Worth league debut.

And if there will ever be an occasion when the Frogs desperately need to sweep a three-game set, it has to be now.

TCU, standing 8-7 in fourth place, is five-and-a-half games behind the Texas Longhorns (15-3), who are technically leading the SWC despite having lost one more game than Texas A&M (13-2). The Aggies play Texas Tech in Lubbock this weekend while the Steers take a break from loop action.

With nine games left on their league docket the Frogs are down—but not out. "There's always a chance until the mathematics say you're out," says Windegger. "If we play like we did against Pan American we'll beat anybody in this conference."

"At least we've got three starters who can win for us."

Those three will form the rotation for the Hog series, with senior Frank Johnstone (9-3, 2.61) hurling tomorrow's 3 p.m. single game. Freshmen Randy Owens (6-2, 2.77) and Steve Hill (4-0, 3.86) are slated to work Saturday's 1 p.m. twin bill. Owens will be shooting to lower his 1.64 conference ERA—already a league low.

The Frogs follow up the Porker series with a northward pilgrimage to Norman, Okla., where they'll play a Tuesday doubleheader with the Sooners. It'll be a pair of nine-inning affairs starting at 2:30 p.m.

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