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## Jurisdiction boundaries defined

# New judicial system designed

By LISA DEELY

A proposal for a new judicial system has been drawn up by the Student Affairs Committee and was to have been presented to the Student House of Representatives Tuesday.

The system coordinates and defines the functions of the different disciplinary, grievance and appeals boards within the University. It also outlines formal procedures for hearings.

Dormitory, fraternity and sorority standards boards would have the original jurisdiction in cases originating within the dormitory or house under the proposed system. The Student Life Office would have first jurisdiction in other cases.

The University Grievance Committee is the lower-level grievance or non-disciplinary appeals board. It has the power to investigate grievance matters and to order specific action in a case. It would consist of three faculty members, two students and two administrators.

Discipline cases would be appealed to the Student Conduct Committee. This committee would be above all lower boards of disciplinary nature and individual cases. It would also help set procedures for all lower discipline boards to follow. Four faculty members and three students would serve on this committee if the proposal is accepted.

The University Court would hear only appeals which would come from the Student Conduct Committee or the University

Grievance Committee. It would also interpret University documents and policy.

The court would be high-level,

detached enough to balance the students' and-or organizations' interests against those of the institution, according to the

proposal. Three faculty members, three administrators and three students would serve on the court.

The final appellate jurisdiction rests with the chancellor. He retains the right to reverse any decision of the University Court. "He would in all likelihood, however, be concerned with only the most unusual and serious cases," the proposal stated.

Traffic and academic appeals boards are "special boards," and their decisions are subject only to review by the University Court.

No mention is made of how these boards would be appointed. In some cases, such as with standards boards, the procedure is already established.

All students are subject to all local, state and federal laws. A University judicial board would press charges only when there is "substantial disruption or material interference with the legitimate purpose and interests of the University."

The judicial boards could not fine or imprison students and their penalties could not add extra penalties to any imposed by government courts.

The proposal recommends "the use of informal discussions, exchange, counseling and persuasion; "but formal hearings can begin at the request of either

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## Rights rewrite planned

By LISA DEELEY

A new, simplified Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities will probably be written this summer by students "with the best legal minds in the University," according to Bob Stanley, member of the University Bill of Rights Committee.

Instead of "being contingent on committees," as he claims the present bill is, Stanley said this new bill would be tested "case-by-case" by a new judicial system.

Don Mills, director of University Programs and Services and a member of the committee, said last Monday he had "heard talk that this was an alternative way" of solving the Bill of Rights problems.

"Nobody has said anything official to me," he said. "I don't know how much of this is thinking aloud." A new Bill of Rights may be "an option discussed" at the committee meeting Friday, he said.

The committee decided at its meeting last Friday to review each committee and its policies before including any in the bill. They will look carefully at the policies of the Speaker Committee and the Student Publications Committee, since both deal with sensitive issues.

Both Stanley and Student Rights Committee chairman David Davis have called the present Bill of Rights "a University policy statement."

"The name 'Bill of Rights' is a misnomer," Davis said. "What happens to this thing is, sadly enough, in the hands of the administration. Legally, the administration has the final say."

The University Bill of Rights committee "is going to keep trying" in its efforts to modify the present Bill of Rights, Davis said, but he and other students on both committees "will make it our point now to get rights any way we can."

"I don't see how the University could act counter from the basic Bill of Rights in the Constitution," Dr. William M. Wiebenga, dean of AddRan College and member of the committee, said at Friday's meeting. He said the University was forbidden by law to do so.

However, he later said he has seen "a lot of bitterness" on college campuses, and he hopes a Bill of Rights would prevent this.

He also hopes a Bill of Rights would keep the University out of the courts. If the Films Committee were allowed to show anything, and chose to present pornographic films, the city of Fort Worth "would be in here and tearing up seats."

The new judicial system, Marston said, will help test the Bill of Rights. "Right now we have no group to decide whether the Bill of Rights has been violated. Right now you need a third party."

The system would coordinate and provide "specific procedural guidelines" for dormitory standards boards, fraternity and sorority judicial systems, the Student Conduct Committee, the University Appeals Board, the University Governance Board, the Traffic Appeals Board and Academic Appeals, Marston said.

This would give the dean of students' office a lesser role as a group defining guilt, he added.



## Be careful!

The owner of this car got a real surprise when he returned from a weekend away from school to find his vehicle stuffed with newspapers. Actually, with the price of newsprint soaring today, he had a gold mine of information and if he was sensible, thanked his friends for the bounty.

Photo by Margaret Downing

# Negativists only after changes

Those who criticize the status quo, disagree with the establishment or try to change systems or parts of systems are commonly rebuked by those in power as being too "negative."

The thinking goes something like this: "Sure, there are a lot of things wrong, but there are also a lot of things right. Let's give more attention to the good things instead of always being so negative."

There is some merit in that argument, but that kind of

thinking doesn't lead to constructive changes. More often, it leads to stagnation.

Student leaders and the Daily Skiff have often been subject to this criticism of "negativism." Several administrators have discussed the question with members of the Daily Skiff staff.

Chancellor James M. Moudy told House members before he left that they and some Skiff reporters "specialize in nit-picking and finding fault." This

was his excuse for not publishing the University budget.

It often seems those who "nitpick and find fault" are assumed to be out to tear down the University. Ironically, when these people are criticized for their "negativism," those who criticize are nitpicking themselves.

Part of the rationale for excluding two Daily Skiff editors from a meeting of the Committee on Student Organizations was because the Skiff tends to focus on the "negative" and doesn't print enough "positive" stories, whatever that has to do with open meetings.

The Daily Skiff had given extensive coverage the week before to Campus Chest activities and that day's Skiff was full of articles that even the critics would have to admit were positive.

Several House members and Daily Skiff editors whom some would say are negative have

been involved in recruiting efforts for the University and many would be quick to point out the good facets of the University.

Anyone who thinks any part of the University is above criticism is naive and foolish. Those who really have hopes for the University take a realistic look at the faults that do exist and constructively point them out and work to eliminate them.

Sometimes this leads to confrontations with those who defend the status quo. The "negativists" are accused of trying to tear down all that is good in the system. Many people look on anyone who wants change as someone who is trying to destroy the system.

Negativism is in fact a high form of positivism. Those who look closely at what is wrong and speak out loudly against it are doing the system more good than those who wave the flag, hide their heads in the sand and talk about negativism.

It is true that preoccupation with only the bad can lead to frustration and a negative outlook. What causes even more frustration is working hard for change only to be labeled as negative, bitter and vindictive by those who fear change.

Certainly not all the changes proposed by students are good. Some of them would be as bad as or worse than what we have now. But that doesn't mean all change should be arbitrarily stifled.

Improvement can come only with change, and for change to occur, we need more negativism. We need more people who are willing to take a long, hard look at what is good and what is bad with an eye to making both better.

It means frustration, hard work, being ignored and being insulted, but negativism is the only way positivism can be justified.

—STEVE BUTTRY

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## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

SPRING SEMESTER 1974

May 13-17, 1974

CLASS HOURS	EXAM PERIOD	DATE OF EXAMINATION
8:00 MWF	1:30- 3:30	Thursday, May 16
9:00 MWF	1:30- 3:30	Monday, May 13
10:00 MWF	1:30- 3:30	Tuesday, May 14
11:00 MWF	10:30-12:30	Tuesday, May 14
12:00 MWF	8:00-10:00	Thursday, May 16
1:00 MWF	8:00-10:00	Tuesday, May 14
2:00 MWF	8:00-10:00	Friday, May 17
3:00 MWF	10:30-12:30	Monday, May 13
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SPECIAL NOTE: Final examinations for classes offered during the evening hours are given during the regular class sessions.

## reader feedback

Editor:

Responding to your Skiff editorial of April 10 in which you were critical of my cooperation regarding the announcement of the recent decision on the housing option proposal, I want to make you aware that I have kept Bruce Jasurda, the reporter assigned to the housing office, informed about the existence of the proposal, its content and its status, (2) that I shared the recent survey and tabulated results of resident student opinions about housing options with Bruce, (3) that I initiated a special appointment on April 3 with Bruce because I thought a decision could be announced, however, it was not available until later, (4) that I returned a call to the Skiff offices at 8:20 a.m. on April 10 but got no answer and that I called later, as you note, at 11:00 a.m. and (5) that I had a standing weekly appointment with Bruce on the same day and had a preference to give the story to him since I knew he was informed about the option proposal.

I deny that I refused to return calls to the Skiff or that you were getting a "run around," but instead believe that I cooperated fully with the person assigned as a liaison with the housing office, and the person I judge to have "more background" for the story. Gladly I gave the story to Steve Buttry, news editor, when he called.

My experience with Skiff reporters has not always been rewarding; an example is the

difficulties caused last semester by a reporter who could not distinguish between my statement that "Pete Wright is the only hall on campus without sinks in the student rooms" and the printed statement that "the only difference between Pete Wright and other halls is the lack of sinks in student rooms."

After this reporter's error was printed, after the letters to the editor and the numerous articles about the Pete Wright "controversy" which the error prompted, and after your "dubious award" (for which I shall be eternally grateful), I prefer to make sure that any Skiff reporter who interviews me is well informed about the subject being discussed.

That is the reason I spend much time each week in conversation with student reporters and have met on three occasions this semester with Skiff editors.

I am sorry that the gathering of the news story about coed living was not as fast as you preferred and that it was as frustrating to

you as your editorial indicated. It is difficult to make an announcement to everyone first; I heard criticism from hall presidents and hall staffs that they were not informed first also.

There was no deliberate attempt to be uncooperative or to give you a run around. I am aware of your daily chore of deadlines, inexperienced reporters and plain hard work; I appreciate the final story being accurate, well-written and typical of the improved editorship of the Skiff.

B.F. Neeb, Director  
Residential Living & Housing

### Spring Elections

Primary April 24

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# Legal plan offered

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party. Formal procedures are like those used in government courts. The plaintiff would file charges with the appropriate judicial board, with the names of the accused, the rule allegedly violated, a summary of the violation and the name of the plaintiff.

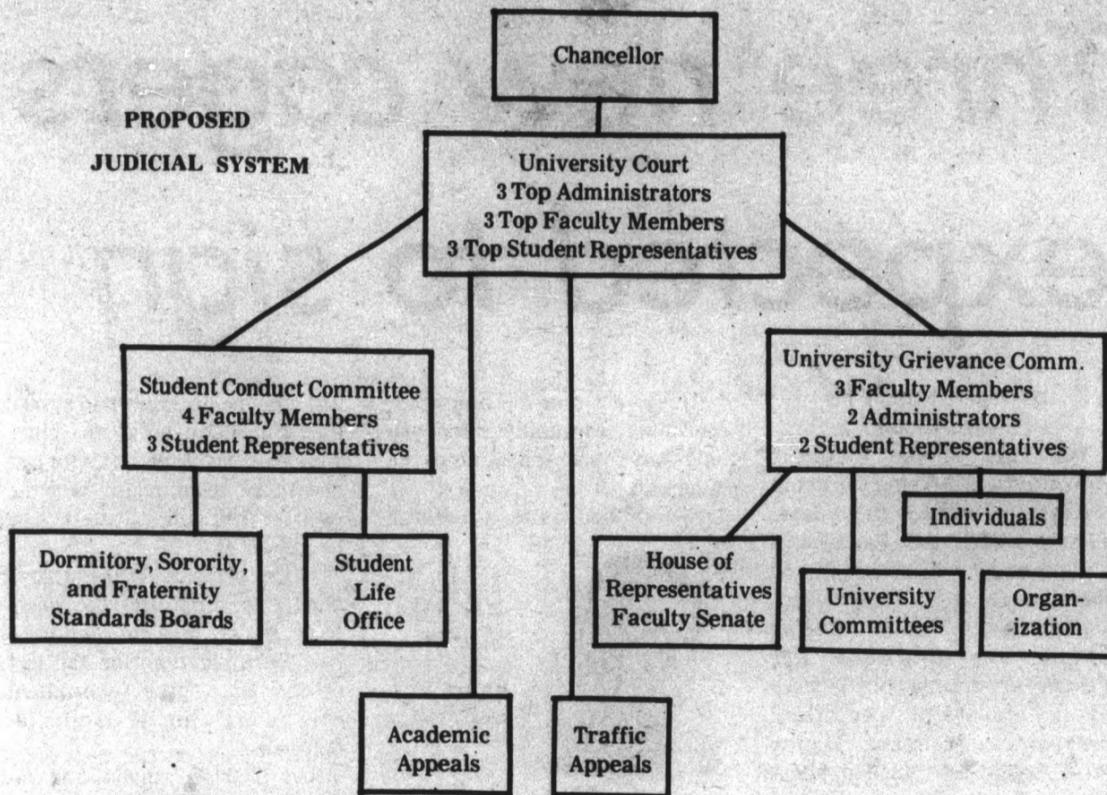
The defendant has the right to counsel, who can argue for the defense and cross-examine witnesses. Both the defendant and the plaintiff must provide each other with names and addresses of witnesses and copies of affidavits to be used in the hearing, the paper said.

The plaintiff must do this five days prior to the hearing, the defendant three. The defendant must have a week's notice of the charges and the trial date.

The hearings are open, provided there is seating room, but no persons other than those directly involved with the hearings have a right to object to their exclusion under the proposal. Photographs, radio and television broadcasting and recording with the intent for later broadcast are forbidden. The proposal does not specifically mention newspaper reporters.

The judicial boards can impose sanctions ranging from warnings to expulsions. The final results of any meeting are to be reported to the Dean of Students.

Committee chairman Jim Marston said this system would have to pass the House, the Faculty Senate and the administration before it would go into effect.



## Five more days

# Nixon asks for delay on subpoena

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon asked on Tuesday for five extra days to respond to a House Judiciary Committee subpoena for 42 taped presidential conversations. Early indications were that he would get the extra time.

The White House, in announcing Nixon wanted to delay a response from this Thursday until next Tuesday, said committee Chairman Peter Rodino, D-N.J., had agreed to the request.

However, some committee members later expressed doubt Rodino had the authority to grant

a delay. But they indicated they would expect the panel considering Nixon's possible impeachment to go along with the extension if it were put to a formal vote.

Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary, attributed Nixon's request for additional time to "the pressure of business at the White House and the demands on the President's time."

Warren would give no clue as to the likely nature of the eventual reply to the subpoena, saying, "the President has not

finally decided on the form and content of the response."

The committee voted 33-3 on April 11 to subpoena tapes it had been seeking since February.

Nixon also faces a second subpoena, with a May 2 deadline, for additional tapes and other materials sought by special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski.

Asked if the President might not also seek an extension of the May 2 deadline, Warren said, "I know of no such request."

A reporter suggested Nixon may already have reached a tentative decision to supply the committee with edited transcripts of at least some of the tapes, perhaps to be accompanied by a "white paper" that

would in the end be made public.

Asked if he could rule out the surrender of any actual tapes, Warren said, "I am not in a position to rule anything out or anything in."

The White House spokesman said he knew of no plans for Nixon to seek network television-radio time to discuss his planned response to the subpoena.



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Photo by Bill Blaze

## Thinclad weekend still up in the air

TCU track coach Guy Shaw Thompson faces a tough decision about what to do with his "Guess Who's Running on the Relay Team Now Gang" this weekend.

His choices include traveling to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, sending his freshmen to a junior college meet at Ranger or staying at home to work on some fine points of the business.

Frosh half-miler Billy Keefer is out of the picture no matter where the rest of the squad goes. He has a recurring thigh muscle pull that will keep him out for the rest of the season.

The Guess Who Gang almost pulled off an upset last Saturday, but a Southwest Conference champion kept them from realizing their goal.

In the Baylor Invitational in Waco, Jim Knezek led off the 440 relay, which included Bill Collins, Phil Delancy and Gary Peacock. As Peacock took the final handoff from Delancy, he had a slight lead on last year's

100-yard dash champion, Wayne Johnson of the University of Houston.

Johnson bested the TCU senior at the tape to win in a clocking of 40.9. The Purples' second-place finish was caught in a time of 41.0.

# Three new cagers expected to sign

By JOHN FORSYTH  
Sports Editor

The folks in the southeast corner of Daniel-Meyer Coliseum are satisfied with life these days. That's where the basketball office is and it's all smiles around there.

Head cage coach Johnny Swaim and assistant Lee Pestana are grinning big because of a successful recruiting campaign. Assistant Danny Whitt, while also thrilled about the new hardcourt prospects, has a new prospect of his own that makes him giggle: a brand new baby boy.

Swaim's brand new babies include two recent signees and three more expected to ink the dotted line by the end of this week.

The pair already nabbed are 6-7 Thomas Bledsoe and 6-4 Dirk Hoyt. Bledsoe averaged 21.6 points per game and 15 rebounds this winter at Howard County Junior College. Hoyt is a high school All-American at Houston Westchester who averaged 22 points and 11.5 caroms last season.

"I think we're going to have a good year recruiting," Swaim said yesterday. "Of course I can't say for sure because it's not over yet, and you never can tell.

"But we have three more good ones verbally committed. I'll be crushed if they don't decide on TCU.

"It's a tough business, recruiting, especially when you only have six scholarships to hand out.

"We've had quite a number

If the committed trio agrees that Daniel-Meyer is its future workshop, Swaim is left with just one more scholarship. Who he goes for then will depend on who he gets now.

"It all depends. If these guys don't sign, it changes the whole thing. If they do sign, then we'll look for a big man for the last scholarship. These (committed ones) are small and in-between."

And if those smalls and in-between think purple and white will look nice on their quick and agile bodies, the smiles in Swaim's office will remain large ones.



DANNY WHITT

Father of new Frog

visit the campus," Swaim said. "I guess close to 20. And we've got to make a decision whether we want large ones, small ones or in-between ones."

## TCU archers wax all comers at six-team Austin target meet

The TCU archery team won every event if entered last weekend in an invitational meet at the University of Texas in Austin.

The team of sophomores Robert Massey and Sue Joiner and freshmen Tom Michero and Ann Kilby totaled 2,084 out of a possible 2,160 to best two teams from Texas, two from Texas A&M and one from Southwest Texas State.

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