

Ku Klux Klan Grand Dragon slated to speak

By MARCIE SMECK

A Ku Klux Klan Grand Dragon, David Duke is scheduled to appear at the University in the near future.

The Forums Committee and Creative Programming have invited Duke, youngest leader of the Ku Klux Klan, to speak on campus.

"Aims and Philosophy of KKK" will be the topic for his speech. As youngest

leader of the KKK, Duke is attempting to change the "old South" image of the group. He has spoken on college campuses across the country as well as the "Tomorrow" show and other national broadcasts.

NAACP leader Bronaugh Bridges compared this decision to that pertaining to the prospective appearance of Jane Fonda on campus several years ago. "If the Grand Dragon is allowed to speak on

campus, the administration is contradicting their prior decision against 'radical speakers.' I am totally against a speaker of this nature," said Bridges. He said he would withhold further comment until the remaining details of the proposal are available.

The original proposal for such a speaker was met with great debate in a Forums Committee meeting earlier in the semester. Obstacles such as negative

reactions from black students and black community members seemed to alleviate all chances for passage of the proposal. However, at a later meeting the proposal was passed.

Duke is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He became a KKK member at LSU and rose to be leader of Louisiana KKK. He was later named to the post of Grand Dragon. He is also National Information Director.



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The Republicans were out Thursday—and so were the Democrats, Government Careers, and "Image." The tables in the Student Center were

stacked with brochures, stickers and magazines for strolling students.

Photo by Diane Crawford

Politics not 'spectator sport'

Lobbyist urges public involvement

By BRUCE S. JASURDA
Assistant Managing Editor

The voting public can make its opinions heard by taking an active role in government, said Milton Tobian, Texas state director of Common Cause, here Wednesday.

Tobian was touring the Dallas-Fort Worth area this past week on a state membership campaign.

Common Cause is a citizens' lobby formed in 1970 to make elected officials at all levels of government more responsive to the voices of their constituents.

"A chief aim of Common Cause is to make people realize that government isn't a spectator sport. Rather, it is this country's largest business and we encourage people to seek an active hand in it," said Tobian.

He differentiated the non-partisan lobby group from such organizations as the American Civil Liberties Union in that Common Cause centers its attention primarily on the legislative functions.

The Texas arm of Common Cause, founded in 1972, has proven itself as one the organization's most effective chapters in the past year, claimed Tobian.

In the last session of the Texas State Legislature, Common Cause was the prime mover in influencing the passage of five major bills, regarded by Tobian as monumental safeguards to the public's interest in government. Two of the most significant reform bills urged by Common Cause were the Freedom of Information Bill, which forbids

the withholding of published records of a legislative meeting from public scrutiny, and the Open Meetings Bill which gives the public the right to view legislative meetings.

"None of the five reform bills would have passed through the legislature had it not been for Common Cause," claimed Tobian. "We have proved that the people can win."

Tobian, a former Dallas businessman and a Rice University graduate, is one of three salaried Common Cause employees in the state. Most personal contacts are made by members who volunteer their time and services, he said.

The national membership body selects issues, but no candidates in their election-like referendums. The selected issues

Jewelry stolen from Jarvis director

About \$400 worth of jewelry was found missing Sunday by Jarvis Hall director Jill Lanham, who hadn't seen the baubles since the previous Wednesday.

The missing items, all gifts, included a gold watch, a silver cross and chain and four gold rings. She wanted to wear them Sunday, but when she found they were not in the glass jewelry case on the bureau in her bedroom, she called Security.

Chief Wesley H. Autry said it wasn't a robbery because no breaking and entering or hold-up was involved. Instead, he said they were "stolen."

Autry said his men questioned Miss Lanham, a Student Personnel graduate student, and then turned the case over to the Fort Worth Police Department who will be checking area pawn shops for leads.

Miss Lanham said she thinks the missing items can be traced

if they were stolen since the watch was engraved and the cross was handmade.

"I can't believe it's anyone in the dorm. That's out of the realm of possibility," she said.

She said she would like the jewelry returned because it can't be replaced. She said she wasn't sure the theft would be covered by her parents' insurance.

'Personality' runoffs on tap today

Homecoming Personality runoffs will be held today. The finalists include Peni Atwood and Kristi McLain and Tom Oliver and Brad Nutter.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Student Center and Worth Hills cafeteria, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Sadler Hall and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Dan Rogers Hall.

Forum set for candidates

Candidates for University student government offices are invited to participate in an open forum on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Brite Divinity School.

The program, which will include lunch, will be held at noon in Weatherly Hall in the basement of Brite Divinity School.

Candidates will state their platforms and then be questioned by the Brite community.

Students interested should get in touch with Sandy Harris at 926-8758 or Walter Scott at 923-7233 no later than Thursday, Oct. 31, to make reservations for the \$1.50 meal.

Are minority views forced on majority of students?

After attending House of Student Representatives meetings for more than one hour, one comes away with the distinct impression that this hallowed body does not truly represent a majority of the students at the University.

The general mood and concerns of the campus are not often expressed within the House chambers. It seems that one or two small groups of like-minded students dominate proceedings and railroad legislation which conforms to their own minority viewpoints.

Last year, several representatives fought long and hard to change the procedure for the Homecoming elections and eliminate the time-worn posts of Mr. and Ms. TCU. The post of Homecoming Queen was thought to be discriminatory against males, and the titles of Mr. and Ms. TCU were considered sexist.

Now we have two winners at Homecoming time, a male and female "Personality" (whatever that is). Members of the House did not like the time-worn tradition so they changed it. Yet, can we be sure that this is what the student body wants?

Apparently, not all students do, for at the House meeting of Oct. 15, a petition was introduced with 651 signatures (more than one-tenth of the entire student body) which called for a return to the old Mr. and Ms. TCU and of a single Homecoming Personality.

A few indignant representatives immediately demanded that all the names be verified by the registrar's office. They must have been shocked that not all students at the University agreed

with their preconceived ideal.

Since all of the signatures were proven valid a referendum will be held to determine the consensus of the student body. It's about time they were consulted. And won't the House be even more indignant, and embarrassed, if their freshly-minted legislation is overturned?

If the House membership is non-representative of its constituency, how did it get that way? There are two main causes of the problem.

The first is the election process. Many dorm students never got the opportunity to vote for their representatives, either because the representatives were appointed by the hall director or because only as many candidates ran as there were positions open and no election was held.

A new filing procedure was tried for the first time in the town students election and as a result a coalition of former House members and friends with similar views swept all but one of the openings. Many ran uncontested in their places and were assured a spot in the House even if no one wanted them in.

Another factor leading to non-representative student government is in local and national elections only a rare type of individual decides to run for office. This is especially magnified at an institution like TCU where most students are uninvolved, unaware, uninterested and largely apathetic.

This presents a problem to the elected representative. Should he, in House activities, follow his own conscience and interests attempt to argue, campaign and vote in the best interests of his constituents. Most members have opted for the former.

The only course available to students who feel that minority views are being forced on them is to rise from their lethargy and take matters into their own hands. Many University committees still have openings which any student can fill. House meetings can be attended and contributed to.

Representatives can be ferreted out and given suggestions, criticisms, or just a piece of your mind. Students can be sure to vote if not run themselves in upcoming elections.

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—LETTERS—

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By STEPHEN NORTHCROSS

If you're looking forward to an extended Christmas vacation as a result of the energy shortage, forget it. There is no natural gas shortage in Fort Worth.

Neal Hall, vice president of the city's division of the Lone Star Gas Company, says this area of the southwest is in no danger of a natural gas shortage as are other parts of the country.

Fort Worth has a 15-year supply of natural gas to date based on a rolling figure which

increases as new fields are found and more money is available to spend on supply, Hall said.

Lone Star has just completed a \$72 million pipeline into the area increasing the number of available gas fields to 110, said Hall.

"Deliverability and system design have a lot to do with curtailments which only happen about one and one-half days a year," Hall said. "So why waste money to improve the system? You don't build a church just so

you can worship on Easter Sunday. It's not very economical."

Steve Nelson, manager of technical services, said if the gas company does run out of supply fields, they can still produce the methane gas from sewage treatment. Lone Star buys approximately three quarters of its gas from suppliers and produces the rest, he said.

The University consumes six million cubic feet of natural gas a month on the average amounting to a total of \$5,800, said Nelson.

Both men agree the Fort Worth division is in far better shape than the rest of the gas industry. In the northeast, natural gas is misused by industry where coal can substitute as the energy supplier, Hall said.

"Gas is not available at too low

a price," he said. The Lone Star Gas Company has not had a rate increase in the last two years, while wholesale prices have gone up considerably, Hall said. Some relief from the fixed price is expected sometime in November when the company will return to Austin and plead with legislators for a price increase not allowed so far by the Federal Price

Commission, he said.

Environmentalists contribute to the lack of natural gas in certain areas by insisting industry use it because of its non-polluting products when burned, Nelson said. "Natural gas only gives off carbon dioxide and water vapor, and is three times more efficient than electrical energy," he said.

Council offers cash to raise frat GPAs

In an effort to raise their overall grade point average, the Inter-Fraternity Council decided recently to offer a cash prize to the fraternity showing the greatest GPA improvement.

According to University records, the overall average of men's grade points were slightly higher than the average for Greek men.

Many fraternities have said they have tried to improve their grades by having study halls for pledges and actives. All the fraternities have made some type of scholarship program, with the hope of raising GPA's.

Records from last spring show that the average grade point for pledges was 2.5, much lower than the average University male.

Last spring semester the fraternity having the highest grade point was Delta Tau Delta. For the most part, fraternities have been suffering from falling GPAs for the past few years.

The IFC decided that giving a monetary reward to the fraternity showing the greatest GPA increase would prove to be an incentive. The prize will be a \$50 check.

This new plan will go into effect this semester after the grades of all members have been turned into the registrar's office.

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Frogs try to dam Tide

By JOHN FORSYTH
Sports Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The Horned Frogs face their annual non-conference biggie tomorrow at 1:30 p.m.

Alabama's Crimson Tide lugs a 6-0 record and third- or fourth-place national ranking, depending on which wire service poll you patronize, into the battle while the Purples stand 1-5.

Last week the Tide romped over Tennessee, one of two biggies on the Frogs' 1973 program, by a 28-6 romp. The Frogs, meanwhile, played Texas A&M a tough defensive ball game before falling 17-0.

They may see a little of the Aggie offense in the Tide. Bear Bryant's offense averages 409.7 yards total offense per game, mostly on the ground. But quarterback Richard Todd, who Bryant expects to be back healthy after an injury, hit 10 of 16 pass attempts against Vanderbilt in a 23-10 win.

Robert Fraley has been a successful fill-in for Todd and also will play.

Calvin Culliver will be the main target for Frog tacklers, having gained 440 yards on 60 carries for a 7.3 average.

This game could be a sportswriter's nightmare as both

teams have regulars named Cook, Duncan, Patterson, Hanna (Hannah) and Washington.

Weather is expected to be fair with no chance for rain, temperatures in the mid 70s.

Bears go for big loop win

Baylor gets its big opportunity to prove that they are for real this week—they meet the Texas Aggies at 7:30 p.m. in Waco tomorrow.

Both teams are undefeated in SWC play, with A&M sporting a 5-1 season ledger, 2-0 in loop action. Baylor stands 3-2 for the year and 1-0 in conference play.

Earlier in the day at 1:30 p.m., SMU, with record identical to the Aggies', takes on a rebounding Texas Tech team in the Cotton Bowl. Tech's record is 4-1-1, 1-1 in the SWC.

Another survival fight goes on in Houston, with kickoff 7:30 p.m., as Texas visits Rice. A loss by either will virtually eliminate them from the race.

Besides the conference action, two non-loop games are scheduled. Houston hosts Cincinnati and Arkansas entertains Colorado State in Little Rock. Both are 7:30 games.

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Soccer team tries, tries again

The Frog soccer team will attempt to put some points on the board for the first time this year at Dallas Baptist College tomorrow. Even though the Frogs haven't had much luck in the past, this contest should be even tougher since forward Mark McClintock and fullback Pete Roe are sidelined.

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Women netters to participate in invitational

The women's tennis team participates in the Schreiner Collegiate Invitational Tennis Tournament tomorrow in Kerrville.

Frogs making the trip will be Cindy Braswell, Nan Cox, Karen Harpstrite, April Manning and Sue Wright.

The squad finished third out of 10 schools in the Navarro College Tournament in Corsicana a week ago. The doubles team of Braswell and Manning paced the team by making it into the finals.

First-year coach John Poppell views the two-day contest, in which nationally ranked Trinity is expected to participate, as a "tough one."

"Our team has had partial workouts throughout the fall and they will be working out full-time in the spring. But, two of our better girls won't be making the trip, which could really put us in a tough spot."

Clintock's broken arm has rendered an out-for-the-season verdict. The junior from Denver, Colo., broke his arm last week while ice-skating. At that time doctors said he should be out of the line-up for three weeks.

Roe will be out of action because of a suspension he received in last week's game against North Texas State for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Tad Carter will be moved from halfback to forward to replace McClintock. Bob Brake will take over full-time chores at halfback.

Coach Curt VonDerAhe says the Purples' second game against the Baptists will be much

different than their 4-0 loss three weeks ago.

"We'll play a much tougher game," says the 22-year old boss. "We've had a good week of practice and even though we are without two of our best players, I think we have the personnel to make up the difference."

After five straight scoreless performances the Frogs must prove they can come back, says VonDerAhe. "The players get down on themselves after losing. Scoring that first goal has become a mental block, but once they do, scoring will come a lot easier," said the St. Louis, Mo., native. "We can only go one way and you know which way that is."

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