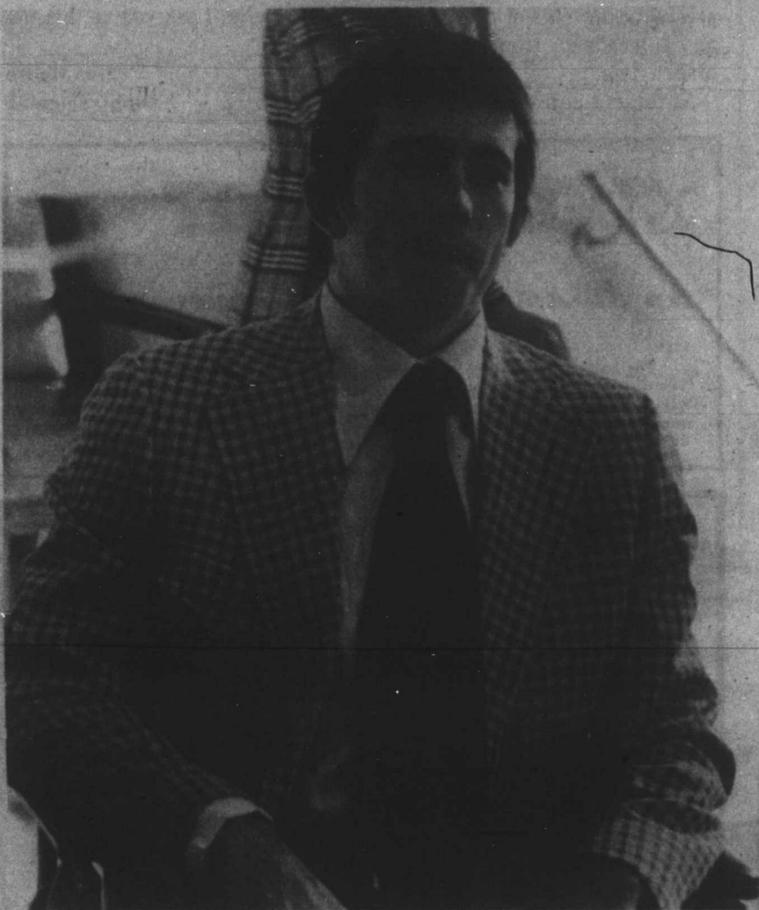




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KENT WALDREP, who was partially paralyzed last fall playing in the Alabama football game, came from his parents' home in Grand Prairie to attend the Horned Frogs' football banquet Tuesday. Waldrep received the Ralph Lowe Sportsmanship Award.

Photo by Frank Houx

Clark meeting draws more apathy than votes

By KEITH CLARK

Only one-fourth of Clark residents showed up at an all-dorm meeting Monday to vote on drawing up a new constitution for the hall.

Fifty students turned out to vote 40-10 on the proposal to create the new document. It was also decided that an open meeting will be held in Clark's lobby Thursday, March 20, at 2 p.m. to form a committee to write up the constitution.

"The turnout shows the interest of a few concerned people who care about a constitution for the dormitory," said Harry McClintock, the hall's president. "But it also shows how apathetic people are."

Of the 50 votes cast, 18 came from first floor north, according to Paul Schaefer, a member of the committee assigned to draw up the ballot which was put before the residents.

That is where the incident occurred which brought on the interest in a new constitution for the dormitory.

A resident was written up for "bad attitude" when he questioned the authority of his RA to tell him to be quiet. After he walked out of his counseling session with the hall director, his case was referred to

the Student Life Office. Some of the residents say they want a standards board reinstated to protect the residents' rights.

The hall's old constitution was suspended in the fall of 1973 when too few residents signed up to fill all the positions in the dormitory's agreement.

Last semester, the hall director started counseling with residents who were written up on incident reports before their cases went to the hall's standards board. The dormitory will not have a standards board for the rest of this semester, said Mike Hinson, hall director.

"It is obvious that a constitution should be written—anyone can see that," Hinson said. "The turnout for the balloting was basically typical. Clark is just not an active-type dorm. Voting on whether to write a constitution was kind of facetious. There is really nothing to vote on."

Hinson said he definitely thinks the dormitory should have a written constitution but would not offer any suggestions concerning what the document should contain.

Schaefer said he doubted that very much work on concrete proposals would be done before spring break.

Case to be reviewed by NLRB

University challenges union evidence

By STEVE BUTTRY
Editor-in-Chief

Evidence does not support objections to the University's conduct last fall in the election in which maintenance workers voted not to unionize, according to a legal brief filed by the University.

The University has appealed a report by Charles Steere, a hearing officer with the regional office of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Steere upheld two objections filed by the North Central Texas Laborers' District Council, charging the University with misconduct in the election.

Steere's report recommended that the election be set aside and another election be conducted. The University filed eight exceptions to the report. The case will be reviewed by the NLRB.

The two objections Steere upheld charged that the University "threatened employees with loss of benefits if they voted for the union," and that the University gave the union an inaccurate and incomplete list of maintenance employees.

The first objection was based on testimony from Charles Kennedy, an employe who had said two University officials had told workers they might lose their inclement weather benefit under a union contract.

In the brief accompanying the University's exceptions, it said the statements were made "only as an example" and in response to a direct question from Kennedy.

The brief was prepared by Thomas L. Farris of McDonald, Sanders, Ginsburg, Phillips, Maddox and Newkirk, the legal firm representing the University.

Farris said Kennedy testified that no other threats of loss of benefits were made in his presence. The brief also criticized Steere's conclusion that the statements (about loss of benefits) were not isolated in nature, though there

was no testimony of other threats.

"One witness out of 144 employees came forward to testify about whether or not the employer threatened employees with loss of benefit if they voted for the union," argued Farris in the brief. "In addition, this one witness, Mr. Kennedy, states that this is the only threat as to loss of benefits that was ever mentioned in his presence."

Bob Haubold, director of the physical plant and one of the officials who allegedly made the threats, said "that if the union was voted in, that the University would have to more or less go along . . . that the employer will go along with whatever the majority of the employees want," according to the brief.

Citing other cases where he claimed more coercive statements were ruled legal, Farris claimed the statements about loss of inclement weather benefits were not threats.

If Steere's report is sustained, "a new bench mark has been established for what constitutes an inherently coercive statement," argued Farris.

Kennedy was a "straightforward witness whose testimony did not contain any inconsistencies," according to Steere, who credited Kennedy's version of the facts. He had cited cases in which similar statements were ruled coercive.

The law requires the employer to supply the union with an excelsior list, containing names and addresses of employees. The list the University furnished omitted eight names, had 23 incorrect addresses and 14 names of people who no longer worked for the University.

Of the incorrect addresses, 13 belonged to employees who had quit working and one was the address of a temporary worker. Farris contended that this left only nine bad addresses, a six per cent margin of error.

He argued that the eight employees whose names were

omitted did not belong on the list, but several of them voted anyway.

Farris cited a case in which 22 per cent of the addresses on the excelsior list were incorrect and four per cent of the eligible voters were omitted. The election was not set aside in that case, and Farris argued that the University's list was better than the one in the other case.

He also pointed out that the union contacted 95 per cent of the employees who were eligible to vote, despite the faults in the list.

The list was hard to keep updated, Farris said, because of the high turnover rate among maintenance employees.

Steere had ruled that "the failure to make all possible efforts to correct the excelsior list indicates that a reasonable amount of diligence was not applied."

Elbert Turner, manager of the Laborers' District Council, said he doesn't think the NLRB will overrule Steere's report. If the NLRB upholds Steere's decision, another election must be conducted.

Two debaters qualify for national tourney

The debate team of Jim Paulsen and Barbara Gibson qualified for the National Debate Tournament by placing in the top six teams in the District Tournament at Southwest Missouri State this weekend.

The pair tied for sixth with the University of Houston, requiring a "debate-off" which Paulsen and Gibson won.

The National Debate Tournament will be held at Pacific College California in late April.

'We' shall overcome 'I' despite 'your' protestations

Actually, this is a response to the letter you will find elsewhere on this page, but it is too long for an editor's note, so we decided to run it as an editorial in its own right.

Please read the letter to the editor first, then refer back to this editorial if you so desire.

Good to have you back.

We're kind of glad this issue came up because we understand there has been some confusion on the part of several people regarding just who the "we" is we keep referring to.

A short lesson in journalism: editorials in newspapers across the nation commonly use the editorial "we." This is standard procedure.

The first person singular is reserved for columns, which are different from editorials in that they make no pretense of representing the newspaper itself, but merely represent the position of the columnist.

Editorials in the Daily Skiff do, as the editorial policy states, "represent the formal position of the Daily Skiff, but not necessarily that of each staff member."

The job of the associate editor is to write editorials, which he does rather ably. Presumably, he was chosen by the editor-in-chief to express a

consistent opinion in the Daily Skiff, which the editor knew that not each member of the staff would always agree with.

If the associate editor merely wrote editorials which consisted of a consensus of the opinions of the staff, no doubt they would approach the ultimate of mediocrity, mealy-mouthness and wishy-washery.

For, contrary to popular belief, views vary even in this iconoclastic corner of the campus.

Also, contrary to the belief of Mr. Moore, every editorial written by the associate editor this semester has been signed with his name.

No effort is ever made to hide the identity of the author of any editorial, especially in controversial issues. Only when each editor agrees with the content of an editorial is it signed THE EDITORS, and this has been a relatively rare occurrence this semester.

We hope this makes the situation as clear as mud. For further information, please see the editorial policy printed in the issue of Jan. 22. Copies of that edition are available in the Journalism Department office in Dan Rogers Hall.

—AL SIBELLO
(and friend)

—Reader feedback—

Dear Editor:

Many times I have read Mr. Sibello's editorials and I have often wondered to whom it is that he keeps referring as "we." "We know" and "we must disagree" are two examples of this lack of an antecedent from Tuesday, March 11th.

As far as I can see, Mr. Sibello

signed his name only once. If "we" has an antecedent, where is it?

Mark Twain once said, "... people with tapeworms have the right to use the editorial 'we.'" Mr. Sibello, I ask you, is this the case?

Dee Moore
Soph., Singular

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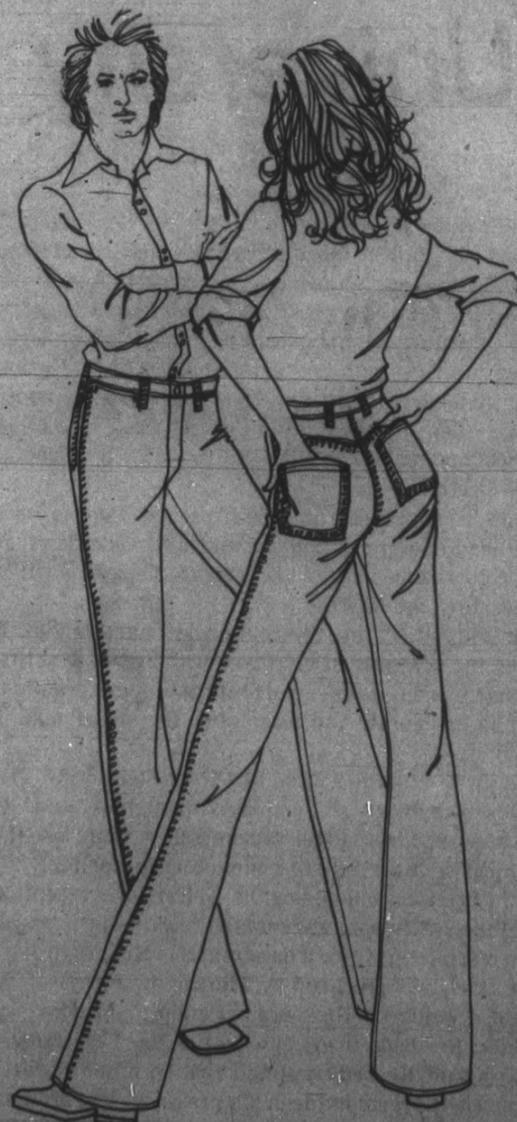
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House allocates \$300 for Rights Week costs

The House approved the appropriation of \$300 from the Reserve Fund to cover the expenses of Student Rights Awareness Week.

Jack Mullins, chairman of the Student Rights Awareness Committee, detailed how the money would be spent for that week of events. He said \$165 was allocated for the fee and transportation costs of the scheduled speaker, the student body president of Stephen F. Austin College.

A sign contest will be held for which \$64 was allotted to cover the cost of prizes. Mullins also said that \$20 was set aside for entertainment and \$50 for publicity.

Bob Hampton said he saw no reason to set aside a whole week for student rights awareness, much less spend money on it. "I don't think we must spend \$300 to relive the glorious days of the '60s. The whole thing isn't worth our time."

Jim Marston said he agreed with Hampton that material offerings shouldn't have to be part of student awareness of their rights. "However, we need to do something to get students off their butts and concerned about their rights."

Glendon Blount said that "\$300 could be used to help a lot of organizations at this University. Why should we spend all this money on sign contests?"

Student Rights Awareness Week will begin Saturday, April 5 and lasts through April 11.

Faculty panel seeking funds

A greatly expanded faculty improvement program is being planned by the University's Faculty Development Committee.

The committee, headed by Dr. Larry Adams, chairman of the Sociology Department, is responsible for upgrading teaching methods and developing new teaching materials. Currently, it is working on securing a \$250,000 grant from a foundation to establish a center for such activities.

Although the proposal has not been submitted to any funding agencies, Dr. Adams said the chances for getting the money look good.

The committee now functions on a budget of \$15,000 a year. This money is given out in the form of grants to faculty members who submit proposals for teaching innovations.

One of the most recent projects funded by the committee was for the development of teaching materials for a new nursing course. Money was also allocated to Religion Department Chairman Dr. Kenneth Lawrence, enabling him to stay an additional month in Italy this summer to conduct research. Dr. Jim Chambers of the History Department also received some funding so he could research at the University of Texas library.

Over the weekend the committee sponsored a workshop on improving lecture and teaching methods. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Kenneth Eble, a nationally recognized expert in the field of teaching, from the University of Utah.

About 65 faculty members attended.

Dr. Adams said the workshop proved "very beneficial. Teaching is something that most of us engage in, but something that few of us really talk about."

Pulido's to host Nancy Corbett Day

You can contribute to the Nancy Corbett Fund by eating today at Pulido's Restaurant at 2900 Spring St. (one block west of Jack Williams Chevrolet).

Corbett suffered a severe head injury last semester when she fell from a scaffold in University Theatre. All the money from the restaurant's food sales today will be donated to her rehabilitation fund. Pulido's is open from noon till 10 p.m.

Mills fears more burglaries

SC checking may get bounced

Check-cashing at the Student Center Information desk may be terminated permanently, according to director of Programs and Services Don Mills.

The Feb. 21 burglary at the desk which caused the suspension of the check-cashing service is still under investigation.

"We are presently finding out how many students need the service," said Mills. "We are running an informal survey based on the number of people who ask for their checks cashed. If there is still enough interest, the service shall be resumed. If not, it won't."

Mills said that the Business Office is still leary of giving money to the desk with the possibility of another burglary so great. "UTA just got robbed last weekend," said Mills, "so the people in the Business Office are concerned that this might happen again."

In the two successive burglaries, Feb. 21 and 24, \$635 was taken. The second burglary resulted with the arrest of a suspect.

The check-cashing service has been suspended for the past three weeks. "I just think we need to be careful with our money," said Mills.

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Newell gets honors as Brewton ponders

By FRANK HOUX
Sports Editor

Frog swimmer Linda Newell again has been named All-American, although she didn't swim as well as she is capable at the NAIWA national meet in Tempe, Ariz., over the past weekend.

Newell finished ninth in the 100-yard backstroke and tenth in the 50-yard backstroke. Freshman Sue Marks also swam in the meet and turned in her lifetime best time in the 50-yard backstroke, but failed to qualify for the finals.

At any rate, Newell's accomplishments the past two years have given tank coach Rufe Brewton a ray of hope. Hope that because of the reputation and example set by his swimmers competing in national meets and being named All-American, that he will soon get funds to field the competitive team he wants so desperately.

For several years Brewton has waged a war with athletic officials at the University, trying to get more money for scholarships to supplement the working facilities he has in the Rickel Center.

Brewton had only eight varsity swimmers this year, and scholarships are rare, almost non-existent.

Each year the coach gets a little more money for his program, but still goes over his budget and must reach into his own pocket to cover the difference.

"The athletic department is continually trying to improve its program, and that's what I'm trying to do. We're both fighting for what we believe in," Brewton said yesterday.

"They're limited in what they can do, just like I'm limited. We're just down on the bottom where money is concerned, and when they realize the program could be better than average, we'll get some improvement.

"We could make a reputation for the school with the work of the kids and myself. We're enthusiastic and we want to do something for the University," he said.

"Having an All-American the past two years is a good indication that swimming is coming. I can't help but feel things will get better," he continued.

Brewton said he has received 60-70 letters from prospective college swimmers about to graduate from high schools throughout the country, but the only alternative he has currently is to write and say that he has no scholarship program.

The coach intends to attend this weekend's state high school meet in Austin to scout a few recruits, but without money for scholarships, the signing of many is unlikely.



PUT OUT—Frog first-sacker Tommy Crain awaits the throw from shortstop Robert Broyles in third inning action of Tuesday's second game of a

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