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## New executive position discussed

### Vice chancellor needs 'interest in quality'

By ED TIMMS

Faculty Senate Chairman William D. Hall believes if an executive vice chancellor is appointed, he must be "someone familiar with TCU tradition and interested in the quality of education on campus."

Chancellor James M. Moudy indicated the possibility of adding a vice chancellor to the administrative staff in his State of the University Address three years ago.

In this year's address he announced the University plans to make that administrative change.

Dr. Moudy, his staff, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees are discussing the qualifications and criteria for the position. Dr. Moudy said he expects to complete the search by the end of this academic year.

"If it was just adding another vice chancellor to the staff for no reason, I would be against it," said Hall, "but an executive vice chancellor will make it possible for Chancellor Moudy to devote more of his time in development, seeking funds for the University."

There has been little adverse reaction from faculty members concerning the new position, said Hall, and it is commonly regarded as a necessary appointment.

Hall said he would not like to see ad-

ditional administrative positions added at the cost of losing faculty members, but in talks during the summer Dr. Moudy gave him no indication that faculty would be dismissed to cut down costs.

"Any move TCU makes in that direction," said Hall, "would probably be taking advantage of attrition, by not filling positions when faculty leave the University for other positions or because of retirements." It would then be possible to raise the salaries of remaining faculty, he said.

"Of course how well attrition would work would probably vary for each department of the University," Hall said. Departments which are growing rapidly, he said, would have to replace faculty who leave.

"The administration and the faculty are still interested in keeping the student-teacher ratio down as low as possible," said Hall. But the administration is concerned that small classes be compatible with the University's budget, said Hall, while the faculty wants the classes as small as possible so they can be more effective.

The University has the image of being a "personal school" because of the size of the classes, and this makes it attractive to prospective students, said Hall.

### Blaisdell wants honesty, moratorium on building

By DANA ARBUCKLE

Absolute honesty, a skepticism of building programs and recognition of students as adults are qualities Chuck Blaisdell, vice president of the House of Student Representatives, would like to see the new executive vice chancellor have.

"I think the creation of the new position was a very good idea. It should take the heavy work load off Chancellor (James M.) Moudy," said David Davis, president of the House.

"It is a good idea if the person who is picked for the job is given real power," Blaisdell said.

Davis had not talked to Dr. Moudy on what qualities Dr. Moudy is looking for in the new vice chancellor. "Until I can talk to Chancellor Moudy more, I haven't really thought about what the qualifications of the executive vice chancellor should be," he said.

Blaisdell, however, has drawn up his own list of qualifications for the executive vice chancellor. His qualifications are as follows:

—The new executive vice chancellor should have a healthy skepticism for new programs. The programs should be things that the University can do the best.

—The person should have a firm belief that the University's goal is teaching and

learning and that his primary publics are students and faculty.

—He should be committed to increasing faculty salaries and should declare a moratorium on building any more buildings until salaries are raised.

—He should be absolutely honest with students and faculty.

—He should recognize that by law students are adults and that the University shouldn't intervene in their rights as much as it does.

Neither Davis nor Blaisdell thought that it mattered whether or not the new vice chancellor comes from within the University or from outside.

"I would like to see William Sloan Coffin get the job. He comes from Yale where he was the chaplain. I think he would do a great job," Blaisdell said.

## Amnesty dinner to be held Friday

The Amnesty International dinner will be held Friday, Oct. 24, not Thursday as reported. The dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, with a \$2.50 donation.

## Soph still in therapy after bone operation

Sophomore John Witherspoon remains in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas today undergoing therapy after a successful bone graft operation Friday.

His brother, Richard, reports that John has regained some movement of his arms as a result of the therapy, but he said the doctors believe the spinal cord was damaged by John's dive into a shallow pond on Oct. 11.

The doctors believe the cord was injured "because the paralysis set in so quick," said Richard.

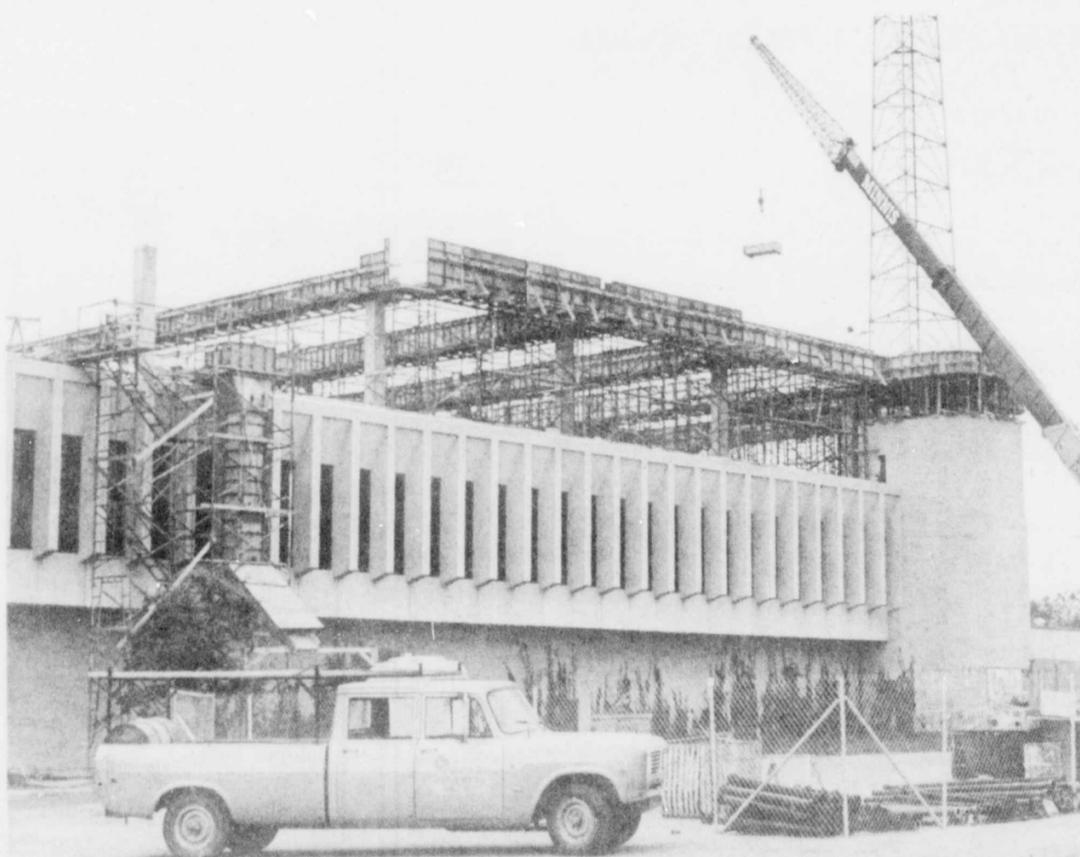
In the operation Friday, doctors removed a piece of bone from Witherspoon's hip and grafted it between his damaged fourth and fifth vertebrae.

Several bone fragments and a slipped disc that were pressing on the spinal cord were removed at the same time.

Richard said he expects his brother to remain in therapy at St. Paul's for at least three or four more weeks.

Witherspoon, a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, was on his way to a fraternity retreat when his group stopped near Sherman. He dove into a shallow pond there and hit his head on the bottom, crushing several vertebrae in his neck.

He was pulled to safety by a pledge brother and immediately taken to a nearby hospital in an ambulance. That evening he was transferred to St. Paul's Hospital to undergo treatment.



Construction continues on the third floor addition of the Annie Richardson Bass Building. The addition will add classroom and office space to the over-

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**Opinion Page**

## Bicentennial spirit misplaced

Editor:  
As the 200th anniversary of this country draws near, I've become totally appalled at the response Americans are taking towards it. It looks to me like the country is trying to raise the fallen flag, but nobody can really understand why.  
What did the American revolution mean in the first

place? Did it mean life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Was it equality? Perhaps the most important question, did it mean freedom? There the questions stand, but who knows for how long they can remain.  
Those that say "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" may find themselves entangled in a contradiction. Life! What about those draftees that died in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam? Were they guaranteed protection of their life? Hell no, they were not!

There are laws that protect everything from a man's money to his most neglected possession, but there is nothing in the books that says anything about a man's life being his own. Life! Washed thoroughly in blood, it is life and life only.  
Liberty! Liberty is only a word. The law says liberty, but they don't even know what it means.  
One has the liberty to speak as he feels, but what about phone tapping? The illegal opening of personal mail, breaking and entering, "the plumbers," all elements of a broken liberty.

about some sort of broken equality.  
Martin Luther King knew equality. He found it one afternoon in 1968. When he lay on the ground with his life pouring out of him, then he saw equality as it is. He died in vain. He died for equality that has never been.  
Freedom is to be immune of restrictions. Freedom to work, freedom to play. Free to assemble. Ah, but how history again seems to brand itself into our memory.  
Did the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti in 1927 reveal America's freedom? Did every former slave that died by the hands of aristocratic lynch mobs die through his guaranteed freedom?

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What is the pursuit of happiness? Words saying that anybody-everybody is guaranteed the right to pursue happiness? All except for those dead soldiers that were out in search of their liberty. They'll never be able to pursue happiness. They're already dead.  
Equality is fallacious. America knows nothing about equality. I could point out hundreds of instances throughout history to prove my point, but a few simple words in themselves are all I need. Boston, Louisville, Montgomery. One can't even open up a newspaper without reading

The very culture that we have built ensures us that we are not completely free. That we will never be free. From my warehouse point of view, freedom is the graffiti on every crumbling wall.  
You are free to go into the jungle, but there freedom is not the issue. It's more a game of survival.  
One note on freedom. If say, Jane Fonda, or perhaps Allen Ginsberg were considered as possible guest speakers at this university, how long would it take for the administration to strike their names down?  
This university would never hear of allowing such dissident speakers on their platform. Is this not a boundary on freedom?  
The Constitution states that all people are allowed the freedom of speech, but there is nothing in there that says anything about the freedom to hear. One can say anything they please, but make sure that nobody hears.  
So, here I base my complaint on the commercialization of the Bicentennial celebration. A celebration of decaying laws, broken freedom, blind equality, and a crumbling tablet of liberty.  
And now, after I mail this letter I will again have to blend into the walls and stand silent. But in those walls my eyes will always remain open. Every flag that I see celebrating the Bicentennial is bloodstained. I most certainly don't need a weatherman to tell me which way the wind is blowing.

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# Professor pursues life-long interest in Indians

By DANA ARBUCKLE

Indians and their history isn't just a profession for Dr. R. David Edmunds, it's a way of life.

Dr. Edmunds is a new history professor at the University who specializes in Indian and frontier history. He came from the University of Wyoming.

"I have been interested in Indians since I was just a boy," he said.

This interest in Indians has led him to write a book called the

"History of the Potawatomi." He is currently working on a new book based on the life of the Shawnee Prophet.

"The Shawnee prophet was an Indian messiah who appeared right before the War of 1812. He was working to try and alleviate Indian problems," Dr. Edmunds said.

He decided to write a book on the Shawnee prophet because of his interest in Tecumseh, the prophet's half-brother.

"Tecumseh has always fascinated me because he is one historians have attached the label, 'the noble red man' to. In my studies I found that the prophet was the instigator of the Indian resistance and that Tecumseh really just took up the cause," he said.

Dr. Edmunds is using material from the Fort Worth branch of the Federal Archives for his book. He is planning on going to

Canada to use British material this summer.

After he finishes this book, he plans to write another one. The next one will not really center on a historical subject but will involve something that is still a problem today.

"My next book will be about the history of the Indian boarding schools. Indians have been forced to attend white schools and speak English even though many of them can't," he said.

Dr. Edmunds has traveled extensively throughout the Midwest and other regions he has

written about in order to get a feel for what he is teaching and writing about.

"I came to TCU because of the Federal Depository which offers a lot of information I can use for my books and because I have always liked the Texas-Oklahoma region," he said.

He hopes the University will offer more Indian and frontier history in the future.

"I would like to see reading and writing seminars in Indian history be offered and the frontier history expanded," he said.

## House responding to complaints

In response to sporadic complaints from students over the proposed landscaping-parking lot renovation, House of Student Representatives Permanent Improvements Chairman Jim Paulsen plans to solicit student opinion on the matter.

Last semester, when the project study was completed, an opinion survey indicated student support for the proposal. However, this week Paulsen received more than 40 letters from the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority expressing their opposition to

any proposal removing parking places on campus.

At Tuesday's House meeting, Paulsen indicated he will hold hearings to determine the project's desirability among students. Paulsen requested \$30 from the House for advertising purposes, and this appropriation bill will emerge from the Finance Committee next week.

"The ZTA's are not the only group to complain to me," Paulsen said. "I feel that we need to have the student support before we undertake a project of this magnitude and expense."

No other business was conducted at Tuesday's House meeting.

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# Weekend action jumbles statistics

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SMU's hard-charging wish-bone offense passed for almost three times as many yards as it gained on the ground. The Rice Owls cooled their aerial game and unleashed two 100-yard-plus rushers on the Mustangs for the first time in a generation. And Texas and Arkansas gave up four times as many fumbles as they normally do in their game at Fayetteville.

Probably the most astounding

news of the day came when Texas Tech's offense, ranked only sixth in the SWC, ran up four touchdowns and 522 yards total offense against a nationally-ranked unbeaten team that leads the nation in scoring defense, and still lost.

The Frogs surprised the statistic keepers too as TCU's defense, ranked seventh in the SWC, held unbeaten A&M's offense to 3.7-yards per play, the Aggies' worst showing of the year. And to make things even stranger, the Frogs' quarterback, Lee Cook, doubling as a punter, boomed a 76-yard punt

against the Aggies.

With the season halfway over for most Southwest Conference teams, the Frogs still hold the lead in passing offense with 86 completions out of 198 attempts for a total of 1,083 yards passing. Texas Tech is second in that category with 52 completions in 97 attempts for 660 total yards.

Texas and Arkansas are involved in a see-saw battle for the leading rushing offense in the conference as Texas is averaging 356 yards per game behind Arkansas' 358.2 game average. In total offense, the Longhorns hold a slight lead over the

Razorbacks with 428.3 total yards per game while the Hogs hold a 402.5 total yards per game average.

Cook still leads all conference quarterbacks in passing as he has thrown the ball 133 times and completed 59 of those passes for a 44.4 per cent average and 706 total yards. Jimmy Dan Elzner boosted his rankings in the passing category with his fine performance against Texas A&M last Saturday. Elzner has taken

over the fifth spot in passing with 27 completions out of 65 attempts for a 41.5 completion average.

The Frogs also boast three receivers among the top seven in the conference. Mike Renfro leads the conference with 26 catches for 423 total yards. Vernon Wells ranks sixth with 14 catches for 250 yards, and Ronald Parker is seventh in the conference with 14 catches for 190 yards.

## Purple sportscope

### Renfro nears reception leader

Horned Frog quarterback Jimmy Dan Elzner's thumb, which was injured in the Texas A&M game, was still swollen Wednesday. Ronnie Littleton is the Frogs' leading rusher now, the first to go over 100 yards for the season. Split end Mike Renfro, with 26 catches for 423 yards, has five games left this year to get another 147 yards and

replace Jerry Miller as TCU's all-time one-season reception yardage leader.

The Horned Frog women's tennis team had a match against SMU yesterday. Results were not available at presstime.

The college football polls for this week were released Tuesday, and Ohio State is still number one. Oklahoma is 2nd,

followed by USC, Nebraska and Texas A&M, rounding out the top five. Alabama, who the Frogs face this Saturday, is ranked sixth.

There will be at least one car of TCU supporters going to Birmingham for the game. Four of the University's cheerleaders are making the 13-hour drive. The other five cheerleaders will fly with the team, because they drove to Lincoln, Neb.

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