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Rights bill OK'd, Skiff KO'd

By SKIPHOLLANDSWORTH

Without a single word of debate, the House of Student Representatives Tuesday unanimously passed the revised Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.

Student Body President Jay Case told the House that "this has been considered from every conceivable angle, and there is little reason now to discard it."

The bill now moves on to the Faculty Senate, the entire student body and finally to Chancellor James Moudy for confirmation.

In other action, the House passed a resolution condemning the Daily Skiff for its March 26 story about a psychologically disturbed Brite Divinity student.

"It is obvious the Skiff wrote this thing to give us all an early-morning laugh. There was nothing newsworthy in it," said Jim Yarmchuck, a co-sponsor of the resolution. Chris Miller argued that the Skiff has no right to print

stories about "the private activities of a private person."

"I just hope they never print a story about me running naked through the dorm," she said.

Editor-in-chief of the Skiff Steve Buttry said the students' activities had become public. "We would never print a story about him if he did that in his room," Buttry said. "But it became public when he ran through the dorm and out onto University Drive, and had to be dragged off by five policemen."

Buttry pointed out the Skiff's duty is "to establish the facts and to stop the rumer mill, even though we do not take enjoyment out of printing that kind of story."

House member Janet Branch thought the story "read like a National Enquirer article, but it is not the House's responsibility to censor information."

The House also approved the cheating guidelines from

the Academic Appeals Committee. If passed by the Faculty Senate and University Council, the bill will establish a system of dealing with cheating on exams.

Several other bills were sent to committee at Tuesday's session. Jack Millins, Richard Lysiak, Jim Paulsen and Yarmchuck asked the House to pass a bill reducing the charge of copying machines to five cents per copy

The same group presented a plan to develop heavier plastic tableware in the snack bar because the "present eating utensils are barely adequate for egg salad, but incapable of fair combat against a piece of pie or a chili

Finally, a bill to reduce advertising rates of the Skiff was sent to the Student Publications Committee. It asked the Skiff to provide "substantially lower rates for publicizing student government activities."



PETE WRIGHT residents lounge in the "beach" they dedicated yesterday behind the dorm. The residents put a large sign on a wall of the dorm.

proclaiming "Welcome to Pete Wright Beach," and held brief ceremonies dedicating the beach before getting down to the serious business of sun bathing.

No suspects in bombing incident

Explosion near DTD house

A small pipe bomb exploded outside the Delta Tau Delta fraternity house Wednesday morning. No one was injured and no damage to the building was

"We have no suspects in the incident and we have no reason to believe any one individual is responsible for the explosion," said Buck Beneze, assistant dean of students.

Beneze said the impact of the bomb was so great, that "it would have blown down the walls" if it had been set off indoors.

Rumors circulating around campus that the Student Life office was going to search all the rooms in the DTD house are unfounded, Beneze

"We are not going to search the rooms. This is not the policy of the University in dealing with such matters. And I consider that a Gestapo-type approach to dealing with student discipline. I don't feel comfortable searching rooms and neither do the students subject to the search," he said.

Boller named to fill LBJ history chair

Paul F. Boller has been chosen as the Lyndon Baines Johnson professor of American history. concluding a two-year search for someone to fill the LBJ Chair.

Currently a member of the History Department at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, Boller will assume his postion in the fall semester. The postion is financed through a permanent endowment from the Brown Foundation in Houston.

"We have been searching for two years for the right person," said Dr. Maurice Boyd, chairman of the History Department. "The position is designed to be a research chair," he said, "but we were also looking for someone

who, enjoyed teaching and working with the students." He believes that Boller meets these qualifications.

In the fall, Boller will teach a freshman-sophomore level survey course in American history. He also will teach a junior-senior level course entitled "American Ideas." This course is currently titled "American Intellectual History."

Boller is the author of five books and many articles, reviews and essays. He has served as the contributing editor to the "Southwest Review" and "Social Science.'

Pellet gun confiscated; athlete must move out

The Student Conduct Committee voted Monday to uphold a ruling by the Student Life office expelling a student from his dormitory for an incident that took place over spring break.

The Student Life office had placed the student, a baseball player, on disciplinary probation and recommended that he be forced to move out of Milton Daniel. The student appealed the decision to make him leave the dorm.

The incident occurred March 16, when someone was reported shooting a pellet gun from an upstairs window in Milton Daniel. Campus police investigated the incident and obtained a warrant to search the room when the student was not there. The gun was found and confiscated in the search.

The student who was disciplined said other students were involved in the incident, but he did not reveal their names. His status on the baseball team was not affected by the probation.

The Code of Student Conduct forbids the use or possession of firearms on University property.

Controversial story defended * Student's privacy was not invaded

The Daily Skiff recognizes the right of individuals to privacy However, we also recognize our responsibility to report on public occurrences.

It is rather ironic that the people writing letters to the editor and passing resolutions condemning the Skiff for

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focusing attention on a student's private problems are only focusing further attention on the situation they say should not be a public matter.

The attention surrounding the incident probably would have subsided quickly after the printing of our original threeinch story. We met our responsibility to print the story, but we

had no desire to belabor the matter.

Some readers have responded with letters to the editor attacking our decision to report the incident, and the House of Student Representatives has passed a resolution condemning us and urging an investigation to insure that such stories are not printed in the future.

We would have preferred to let the issue die, but we now feel compelled to explain and defend our responsibilities in reporting campus news.

The criticism stems from a story printed last Friday reporting that a student had been taken to the hospital for psychological disturbances. The story included a brief account of the student's public actions that prompted the decision to call an ambulance to take him to the hospital. All evaluations and observations were attributed to witnesses and officials of the University or the hospital.

If we act irresponsibly in reporting an incident (which we haven't), our readers have every right to respond with indignation, and we will air their opinions in our reader feedback columns.

But the House of Student Representatives has overstepped its bounds of jurisdiction in passing a resolution condemring the Skiff as irresponsible. However, we are not upset about that part of the resolution passed Tuesday by the House. We merely consider the source.

The resolution is foolish for a number of reasons. First of all, a condemnation from the House means absolutely nothing. Of course the bill does urge the Student Publications Committee to investigate the matter, but then what is to come from the investigation? Are we to print a retraction? Are we to curl up and die from the humiliation and embarrassment that the House has condemned us?

An added piece of irony is the fact that the House, in the same meeting it approved a resolution urging a University committee to practice censorship, passed a Bill of Student Rights guaranteeing that student publications will be "free of censorhsip."

The House resolution passed Tuesday urges the Student Publications Committee to "investigate the matter so as to prevent its reoccurrance (sic)." To prevent something from being published is prior restraint, which is censorship.

So the House is simultaneously opposing censorship theoretically and approving it in practice.

Naturally, the student's behavior gave rise to rumors about his condition and exaggerated tales of what had happened. We agree that the student's problem was private and not newsworthy in itself. However, his actions were public, and therefore demanded that we report a factual account of the incident.

The incident and the student's problem were already public knowledge when we printed the story. We did not expose or disclose anything. We did not sensationalize the story. We printed the facts about an incident that was bound to generate inaccurate verbal stories. In so doing, we fulfilled part of our duty as a newspaper. We did not act irresponsibly and

we did not violate the Canons of Journalism.

We have great sympathy and concern for the student. We wish him well. We did not and do not mean to invade his privacy, embarrass or ridicule him or his problem.

We respect the opinions of readers who wish to write letters expressing feelings that we lacked taste in printing the story. We disagree with those opinions, but respect them as legitimate and we thank the writers of such letters for expressing their opinions in an appropriate manner.

In respect for the student's privacy, we withheld his name and did not report all the details of the incident. However, since his actions were expressed in public, we felt it our duty to report the incident.

It is part of a newspaper's responsibility to report on public incidents and issues. It is not part of the House's responsibility to attempt to censor instances when we exercise that responsibility in unpleasant situations.

-THE EDITORS

Reader feedback

Editor:

We at the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services respond with strong feelings and concern in regard to the recent Skiff story (March 26)

recounting a student's behavior in a Texas Christian University dormitory.

We feel that the story was of little use to the campus community and, more importantly, that it was potentially harmful to the particular individual.

Although we do not dispute the right of the Skiff to print such a story, we seriously question the appropriateness of doing so. We are interested in the health and well-being of the individuals of our campus community.

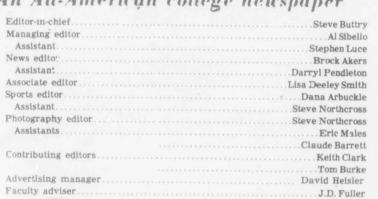
Thus, in considering the difficulties which this story will cause for the student, we frankly believe the story should not have been printed. Whereas your obligation is to keep the campus community informed of important issues and events, we feel that it also your responsibility to weigh the potential benefits against the potential damage such a story may incur.

Beyond that, quoting alleged statements made by the person during such acute distress does not serve a positive or constructive purpose.

We stand firm in our concern for the welfare of individuals and against what we perceive to be exploitation of people for sensational news.

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Court rules Quinlan's dad may let her die

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J.—The New Jersey Supreme Court appointed Karen Anne Quinlan's father her legal guardian Wenesday and said the comatose young woman may be allowed to die if competent medical authorities agree with him that there is no reasonable possibility of her recovery.

The court said that in cases like Quinlan's a medical point is reached where the individual's rights to privacy and to choose death take precedence over the interests of the state in preserving human life.

Quinlan, 22, has been kept breathing by a mechanical respirator since shortly after she fell into a coma almost a year ago.

"We think that the state's interests weaken and the individual's right to privacy grows as the degree of bodily invasion increases and the prognosis dims," the court said. "Alternately there comes a point at which the individual's rights overcome the state's interests."

The court issued its unanimous 7-0 ruling in the case in response to a "right to die" suit brought by Quinlan's

parents, Joseph and Julia Quinlan of Landing, N.J. The parents had sought to overturn a lower court ruling forbidding them from removing her from the life-sustaining respirator.

The high court said, "We believe Karen's choice, if she were competent to make it, would be vindicated by the law." But it added, Quinlan's prognosis is "extremely poor, she will never resume cognitive life."

Thus, the court said, Quinlan's legal guardian can make the decision for her.

WASHINGTON—Solicitor General Robert H. Bork urged the Supreme Court on Wednesday to overturn its 1972 ruling that the death penalty may not be inflicted by juries which are given little or no guidance for its imposition.

Bork, the lawyer responsible for presenting government cases before the nation's highest court, said the 1972 decision had required states to adopt "second choice" systems to preserve capital punishment.

"They ought to be permitted to go back and choose the

system that they think is best and fairest," Bork told the court.

In contrast, Stanford University law professor Anthony G. Amsterdam argued that even a life term in solitary confinement with no chance of parole is constitutionally preferable to the death penalty.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Civil Aeronautics Board said today there is insufficient evidence to establish that former Army Secretary Howard (Bo) Callaway violated CAB regulations in obtaining special landing rights for charter planes near the Colorado ski resort he controls.

But the board said it is sending its report and materials it gathered during its investigation to the Department of Justice for use in its investigation into the matter. The CAB said the Justice Department had requested the report and materials.

The board also said it was sending its report and investigative materials to the Defense Department because Callaway held the Pentagon post.

To capture mood of play

Marat-Sade cast visits hospital

Fourteen cast members from the upcoming play Marat-Sade visited the Wichita Falls State Hospital Saturday to talk to the patients and learn how they live, according to director Harv Barkowsky.

Marat-Sade is a play dealing with the persecution and assassination of Jean-Paul Marat, as performed by the inmates of the Asylum of Charenton, under the direction of the Marquis de Sade.

Yoga lecture set for tonight

Psychological control over physical functions such as heart rate and blood activity will be discussed by Dr. Elmer Green of the Menninger Clinic today at 7:30 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium.

Green's lecture, entitled "Biofeedback and Yoga," is the second in a series of lectures on the study of human consciousness. The lecture is designed to be of interest to conpsychology majors.

During the iecture, Green will show a film of his recent work in India where he studied physiological control by yogis in various meditational states. Green's current studies focus on the maintenance and establishment of psychosomatic health.

Allen to speak in lecture series

"Evangeline's Great Grandchildren and Louisiana's French Heritage" will be discussed by Ernest Allen at 7:30 p.m. today in Sid Richardson lecture hall 1.

The program, which will include a slide presentation, is the next in the Bicentennial lecture series of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

The students saw the facilities of the hospital, were told the history of the hospital and talked to the patients, relating to them and learning how they moved and lived, said Barkowsky. "We toured eight wards and saw patients who were geriatrics, to those who were rehabilitated and almost ready to leave and enter society."

Most patients were around 60 years old but they were open and ready to communicate with the cast, he added. Most of the 850 patients were recognized as being nearly rehabilitated, Barkowsky said, and the hospital

works with each patient as an individual.

During the period in which the play is set, more physical and psychological drug therapy was used, Barkowsky said.

A doctor from John Peter Smith Hospital will be working with the cast throughout the play to help them create the essential moods and atmosphere of the production.

Tonight at 7:30, Student Center Coffeehouse: Rich Feterson, Penny Smith and maybe Fred Helveston Everyone is invited!

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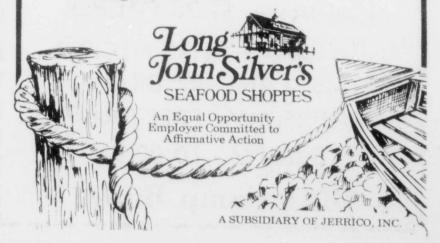
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Women scholarships nearing reality

By TOM BURKE Contributing Editor

A letter from Senior Vice Chancellor Earl Waldrop to women's tennis coach Ken McMillan has confirmed that one scholarship of \$3,600 will be available for a woman tennis player next school year.

Although no official announcement has been made concerning scholarships for other women's team sports, it is believed final confirmation is near.

Waldrop's letter, dated March 19, was not made public.

Accompanying Waldrop's letter was a letter to Waldrop from Trustee John M. Grimland of Midland. Grimland's letter concerned the possibilities of Carol Reger, a tennis player attending Midland Junior College, transferring to the University this semester and playing on the team.

Waldrop's letter stated, "I would appreciate you (Mc-Millan) folk wing up on this lead and letting her know that you are interested in getting tennis players. You will have one full scholarship, \$3,600, to recruit on this semester. I wish it could be more, but at the present it cannot be. Please send a copy of your communications to me. Thanks for taking care of this for me."

"Yes, in a practical sense the scholarships for the women have been confirmed. I believe the final approved budget will contain requests from the special committee— one scholarship for each varsity woman sport," said Chancellor James Moudy.

The budget was supposed to be presented for approval by the Trustees at their meeting last

Softball meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting with all softball team representatives for the men's intramural softball league Friday at 4 p.m. in room 223 of the Rickel Center.

Rules and scheduling will be discussed in the meeting. Play will begin on Monday.

Friday, but it wasn't completed.

Athletic Director Frank Windegger said, "We are waiting for the budget to be approved before we release any information regarding scholarships."

Asked if he felt assured the scholarships would be included in the final approved budget, he replied, "You're never sure of what's going to happen. I feel the school and the Trustees will do all they can to get them."

Janet Murphy, coordinator of women's athletics, was not available for comment.

If confirmed, the one scholarship for each sport will be a step towards bringing the University's women's programs up to par with other major schools.

While in Louisiana with the team during spring break, McMillian said he was interested in having two "very" talented, local players on his team next year. Reger is one and Janie Bowen of South Garland High School is the other.

Earlier this week, McMillan said he did not have confirmations from the girls, because he did not know the status of the scholarships.

"Both girls are really interested in attending TCU, but both of them have been offered full scholarships by other universities. If I get one scholarship I will give half to each of them and this will almost cinch them coming here," Mc-Millan said.

Reger was a member of the Wrightman Cup Team from 1971-1973. She was ranked fourth in the state last summer and has played for Midland, the number one ranked junior college in the nation, for the last two years after graduating from San Antonio Churchill High School in 1974.

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Bowen was ranked 51st in the United States last year, and will be playing in the National 18 and under Hardcourt Championships this summer in California.

Since returning from the Louisiana trip and a tournament in Kerrville, a new spirit has been evident in the women's tennis team. The girls are syched up about playing tennis, as at least six of them have indicated they will be playing in major tournaments this summer.

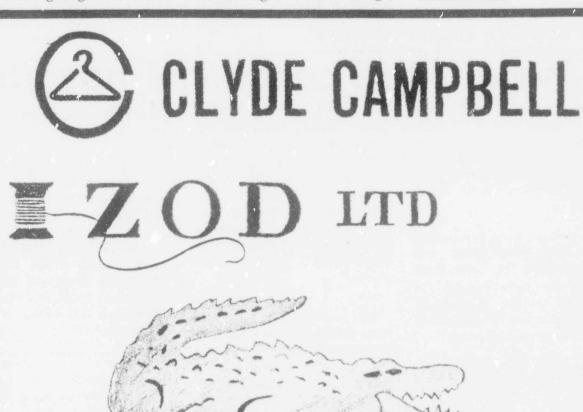
"Yes, there is definitely a new spirit among the girls. I think the Louisiana trip and the upcoming tournament in Mexico has made them realize how much fun tennis is," McMillian said.

"My tournament play and contacts I have made across the nation have also been an influence upon the girls. They see how much dedication I have and this rubs off on them," McMillan explained.

Dean Martin Jr. has played an exhibition on campus, Marita Redondo of the World Championship Tennis circuit has spoken on campus, an exhibition was arranged in Baton Rouge,

La., through a professional McMillian knows and a tournament in San Luis Potosi, Mexico has been scheduled for mid-April. All of these even's have been made possible through the connections McMillian has made while a professional.

"I think it is important to keep the girls busy, but not just with incidental tournaments and mach play. You need variety and excitement, and I think these combinations will be instrumental in persuading Reger and Bowen to come here," McMillan said.



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