

## Lost: One committee Who's got it?

In today's bureaucratic society, people feel the common man is lost. Sometimes whole committees seem to disappear.

Such is the fate of the Married Student Housing Committee.

According to Steven E. Johns, Coordinator of Housing Administration, the committee was formed approximately a year ago. However, he says the committee never met and that he "currently

doesn't know where it stands."

On the other hand, Bob Neeb, Director of Housing, said there never was a formal committee because they had difficulty in finding interested people. Although the need still exists for such a committee, no action has been taken, he said.

Housing might institute an ad hoc or study committee this year, Neeb said. However, everything is "still in the idea stage."



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## Sex discrimination found

By CAROL HOLOWINSKI  
Assistant News Editor

Sex discrimination exists on campus in areas ranging from athletics to Housing to Brite Divinity School, the University's Title IX committee said in a recently completed report.

All universities were required to study the year-old regulations and assess how they have been followed.

Housing was found to be in violation by the committee because women's dorms were locked and men's dorms were not, and recommended that both should be locked to achieve equality.

Other discrepancies were found within the dorms themselves, the committee reported. For instance, male dorms do not have private showers or kitchens as in women's dorms. Men's lounges are also inferior to women's lounges, they said.

Dr. Howard G. Wible, Vice Chancellor and Chairperson of the committee, said these inadequacies will be dealt with in terms of a long range plan.

Although it is found on campus, Wible said that sex discrimination was minimal. "Yes, we are in violation, but they are not major things. They're things that are

common to other institutions. We are not unique," he said.

Since the University made an effort last year to equalize the standards between men and women in athletics, the committee mainly called for a balance of expenditures, Wible said. The committee viewed the athletic department's efforts as a "nice start," but urged for more progress.

Although six courts are reserved for the men's varsity tennis team at the new tennis courts, Wible said there is no sex discrimination. He said the donor requested that the six courts be set aside for the varsity tennis team. Nowhere did the donor stipulate that those courts were for the use of men only, he said.

Due to scheduling problems, the women's team plays on the old tennis courts and the men's team plays on the new ones, he said.

According to the committee report, there are approximately nine student organizations on campus open solely to females or males, such as Women and Business and Men in Music. The committee recommended that such groups

modify their membership code to include both sexes.

Wible questioned whether or not the groups were discriminatory if there was a similar group of the opposite sex. For example, since there is a Men in Music and a Women in Music group, should they be charged with sex discrimination?

"If both groups were supplied the same office space and same materials, I would seriously question sex discrimination practices," Wible said. On the other hand, if there was only one group in a specific category which allowed only one sex to join, he would view that as discriminatory.

The committee reported that Brite Divinity School could be in violation of Title IX because they had no women counsellors. There was still a question whether or not Brite Divinity School has to adhere to Title IX because religious organizations are granted somewhat of an immunity, Wible said. Religious schools who limit or ban women for theological reasons are allowed to continue under the free exercise of religion.

Counsellors should refrain from discouraging students who wish to pursue fields usually dominated by one particular

sex, the committee report said.

For example, a counsellor should not attempt to discourage a woman who wishes to go into Ranch Management on the basis it is predominantly a male field. Also, the committee called for an abolishment of stereotyping wherever feasible.

The committee asked that records be kept on the number of men and women who apply to a particular school and the number and sex of those admitted.

This will help point out if any school is rejecting students on the basis of sex, Wible said. The committee asked that the same type of records be kept for those students who apply for University employment.

The committee has recommended that a permanent Title IX committee be created to go back and see if University policies are in fact the procedure, Wible said. The committee had no time to check this.

Wible said the administration will either act on the recommendations of the committee or state why they will not be carried out.

"This report represents the views of the committee not those of the administrators," he said.

## News Digest *By the Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Ford hopes to use the presidential debates to brush aside doubts about his intelligence and ability, White House aides say.

Preparing for the first debate, scheduled for Philadelphia on Thursday night, Ford has been rehearsing regularly with coaching from a show-business professional, his chief spokesman said today.

WASHINGTON—FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley testified Wednesday that in the past two years the number of domestic security cases under investigation has dropped 97 per cent.

As of Monday, Kelley told the Senate Intelligence Committee, the FBI's domestic intelligence section was actively investigating 78 domestic

organizations and 548 individuals.

WASHINGTON—The House ethics committee today refused to recommend that television reporter Daniel Schorr be prosecuted for failing to give the panel his copy of a classified House intelligence report.

The vote apparently doomed any effort to initiate legal action against the CBS reporter for refusing to turn over his copy of the document or reveal his source for the report detailing activities of U.S. intelligence agencies.

WASHINGTON — President Ford signed a record \$104.3 billion defense appropriation bill Wednesday that lets the winner of the presidential election decide whether to go ahead with full production of the B1 bomber. Ford said he was not com-

pletely satisfied with the bill, but that the measure means the nation's defense effort will not be "short-changed."

WASHINGTON—Most of the underdeveloped nations, including the very poorest, managed some economic growth in the past two years despite the world recession and high inflation, the World Bank reported Wednesday.

The bank's report appeared to end fears that the recession would force a halt in economic growth in poor countries and worsen the already impoverished conditions of their peoples.

POINTE-A-PITRE Guadelupe—An explosion deep inside La Soufriere volcano caused a 19-minute earth tremor Wednesday that jammed seismograph needles at the maximum position.

## House names new committee heads

The House of Student Representatives approved the appointments of Student Body President Jay Case for standing committee chairmen.

The chairmen are: Elections and Regulations Committee, Laura Shrode; Permanent Improvements Committee, Jim Yarmchuk; Academic Affairs, Steve Green; Student Affairs Committee, Mike Veitenheimer.

In other action, a bill was presented to establish a formalized agenda for plenary sessions by the Executive Board.

A plenary session is a special meeting called by the House for immediate action on a bill. In order to get a majority vote, those members who can not attend are temporarily suspended from the House so that a majority vote can be reached.

The bill was sent to the Elections and Regulations committee for further study.

The House still has openings for students on the Public Presentations Committee, the Student Grievance Committee, and the University Court. The House parliamentary position has also not been filled.

The Finance Committee is still accepting applications for non-House members interested in serving on the committee. Applications must be turned in by tomorrow.

# The debaters versus the tube

Tonight's debate on all the major networks at 8:30, the first in a series of televised contests between the two leading presidential candidates, could be an opportunity for a resurgence of participatory democracy.

But the public could also be tricked tonight into making a serious political decision on the basis of how a candidate comes across on television.

Television is a pervasive medium with great powers for persuasion and manipulation. It shapes our lives in ways of which we are not entirely conscious.

It is an entertainment medium. We expect quick answers because even the most serious crises are somehow solved within hour-long police and medical dramas.

But television debates can be another story, for a candidate charging head-on does not miss opportunities to expose the other candidate's weakness.

Carter and Ford are now pursuing volumes of evidence. They both say there will be no rhetoric, no evasions, no games. Amidst a medium that can easily package an attractive candidate, one hopes the clash will be solid and direct.

When we watch tonight's debate, will we judge the candidates on which one entertains us more? Will we expect quick solutions to complex problems? Will we let ourselves become a buying public for whom a candidate is packaged and sold?

Or will we decide on the basis of issues and which is really the better man to lead the country?

—THE EDITORS

# Poor denied free abortion

A little over a week ago, amidst red roses and twisted coat hangers symbolizing both life and illegal abortions, the House and Senate conferees deadlocked on whether or not to fund abortions for low income women.

Finally, after much discussion, the conferees decided to allow low income women the privilege of terminating their pregnancy only if their own life would be endangered. The option of an abortion now would become something only the rich can afford. The conferees' decision would be a regression to the very law women fought so hard against—the law that leaves the choice up to the doctor or the government to determine for the woman whether her life is in fact endangered.

In essence, the Federal government is telling us that women who are rich can choose, those that are poor are left to suffer with their "sins." It doesn't seem quite fair in a society that is suppose to be for the common man, or in this case the common woman.

Since abortion is such a controversial issue, some might argue that citizens shouldn't be forced to support something they're violently against. And yet, others who opposed the war actually funded it; those who are childless pay for public education; those against welfare supply money for its existence.— It is not a question of belief, but one of need.

Probably the best argument against funding poor women's abortions is the cost to the taxpayer. In the past, the Federal government appropriated 45-50 million dollars to states for abortions for lower income women. Approximately 300,000 women were able to terminate their unwanted pregnancies. If these women decided to keep their children, the welfare cost would be about \$25,000 per child for an 18 year period (this is with inflation taken into account). If that \$25,000 is multiplied by the 300,000 children those women would be forced to have, the cost to the taxpayer over an 18 year period would be \$7.5 billion, as opposed to the 900 million it would cost for abortions over that same period of time.

If this amendment is passed, the poor women of this country will be stripped of their right to choose. Is our society so insensitive to the needs of the poor women it would deny her the same rights to terminate pregnancy that richer women hold?

The amendment takes another step toward a government of affluence; a government that has no compassion for the disadvantaged, but only for the bourgeoisie elite.

—CAROL HOLOWINSKI

## — Reader feedback —

Editor:

I would like to clarify a point made by the Skiff last Tuesday and offer an apology (if needed) to both the Political Science Association and the Young Republican Club.

In an article concerning this semester plans of the Young Democrats it was reported that the YDs and the PSA were jointly holding the mock election in October. This statement is wrong and is a disservice to the PSA. Although Walt Steimel and I are both members of the PSA,

the YDs will have no part in the handling of the mock election.

The intent of the PSA is to have an unbiased and politically open election to allow students to express their preferences. Both the Young Republicans and Young Democrats will be very interested in this pre-election outcome as some clue to November. However, both clubs have refrained from taking part to keep the election open other than to urge student voting.

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# Debates: What effect will they have?

By SKIP HOLLANDSWORTH  
Associate Editor

Two presidential candidates debate tonight but no one knows what to expect from the voter.

"You can only sit back, wait and guess at what the people are looking for," said Dr. Jim Kitchens, an expert on political communications from the University's speech department.

It is virtually impossible to decide which candidate won or lost, Kitchens said, "because the nature of voting behavior is so complex. Past record, family, all that goes into the decision.

"When all is said and done, when the political philosophies are mixed with the political personalities, then the voter will look at the general impression of the man."

Many voters might pick their candidate on the basis of the first-night performance, because initial impressions are usually what stick with a person.

Joseph Napolitan, one of the nation's top political consultants and campaign strategists, said that in the 1960 Nixon-Kennedy debates, the first response to Nixon, "with the sweat running down his cheeks and streaking his make-up, was one of a frightened, nervous politician, unable to stand the pressures of national debate."

Although many feel Nixon controlled the later debates, Napolitan said "voters could not relate to him simply because of his first performance."

People are looking at tonight's debate as an answer to

many unresolved questions.

A recent survey by Syracuse University found that many Democrats remain uneasy about Carter, and their only reason for watching the debate is to see if he shifts positions.

The researchers also discovered that Republicans are waiting for the vindication of Gerald Ford. They want to be assured that he will revoke his image of a bumbling, incapable officeholder, and be able to stand strong against his opponent.

So Philadelphia becomes a proving ground tonight, with both candidates desperately fighting for the uncommitted vote.

## All benefit from blood drive

One grateful parent of the University's Blood Drive is Art Department Chairman, Tony Jones. He knows the important life-saving effects of this drive.

Jones' six-month old son, Emrys has a rare blood disorder. Every six weeks fresh blood transfusions are required to sustain Emrys' life. Attempts to diagnose the disorder have been futile.

Adding to the trauma, Emrys was born with B-Positive type blood. It is not a rare blood type, but at times it is difficult to obtain. Each transfusion is free and has been made possible through the generosity of University donors.

Robert Agranoff, professor in political communications at Western Illinois University, said "it could be the undecided voters who determine this campaign outcome."

With the election developing into a close and unpredictable race, "unsure voters will rely on these debates to find their answers," he said.

It has been contended the 1960 debates elected Kennedy, yet in an election in which the popular vote margin was 113,000 out of 88.8 million votes cast, any factor could have made the difference.

The only known fact is that close to a million people will watch the debates, "and they are going to look for a strong figure of trust and honesty," Kitchens said.

With the annual Blood Drive scheduled to start Monday, all students, faculty and staff should be aware of the benefits of such a drive.

Participation by donors enables anyone connected with the University to receive free blood. Your chance to help save a life begins Monday and continues through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily in the Student Center lounge.

"It's every citizen's responsibility to give," Don Mills said, Director of University Programs and Services. UPS along with Tom Brown-Jarvis Social Concern Committee will sponsor the event.

## You don't like the movies? pick them yourself

Students who have been dying to see "Nanook of the North," "The Great Train Robbery," or perhaps a more recent film at the University can now have a say in film selection.

Margaret Bewley, Films Committee Chairman, announced at a Programming Council meeting Monday night that her committee has film suggestion forms and film catalogues available in the Programming Council office, Student Center, 225.

"Anyone on campus is welcome to look through the catalogues and make a suggestion," she said. "Just fill out a film suggestion form and put it in the Films Committee box."

Suggestion forms will also be available at the Student Center information desk for students who already have a particular film in mind, according to Sid McQueen, Assistant Director of University Programs and Ser-

vices and Programming Council adviser.

In other business McQueen announced a new policy for contracts made by committees with outside agencies.

The new policy is designed to protect committee chairmen if any problems come up over a contract, McQueen said. "Having an employe of the University sign a contract gives it added clout."

A committee can draw upon the resources of the University if any legal problems come up, he said, provided the signature of a University employe is on the contract.

Jeff Molenda, Coffeehouse Chairman, said he thought the new policy might give the UPS staff advisors "veto power" over committee decisions.

The policy is not meant to give advisers the power to veto committee decisions, McQueen said.

If a situation occurs in which a chairman feels an adviser is

using the policy to veto decisions, he said the chairman "always has the recourse to go up the line," to take the problem to a higher authority.

The new policy should prevent any contracts from being "lost" McQueen said, as has happened in the past.

Mary Phelps, vice-president for Programming, urged the committee chairmen at the meeting to turn in evaluations of all Programming Council events to the Programming office. "We need to know what kind of response we are getting from students," she said. Budgeting might be different this year, she said and "we may have to fight for our budget."

"We need to have something to show that what we do is worthwhile," she said.

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# Women look for competition

By DANA ARBUCKLE  
Sports Editor

An expanded budget and a thirst for competition has resulted in a tough schedule for the women's tennis team this year.

The women will travel to Louisiana, Florida, maybe Mexico and extensively in Texas.

"We wanted to play tougher competition this year and I think we have a schedule that will really get the girls some good experience," tennis coach Ken McMillian said.

Competition is what the Frogs will get on their trips. LSU, ranked in the top 20 last year, will be the Purples major opponent in the Southwest and SMU will be their Texas rivals.

"We had a good team last year and I think we will have as good a team or even better this year," McMillian said.

Last year's squad sent two singles players and two doubles teams to the state tournament. It was the strongest showing ever for the Frogs in the state tournament.

Last year's success has helped McMillian in recruiting and scheduling matches with tougher teams.

"The interest from other schools in our program has really increased over last year. I have been contacted by a lot of schools this year that didn't last year," McMillian said. "It also helped me in recruiting as we got some good freshmen."

One of those freshmen is Janie Bowen from Garland. Bowen is currently ranked in the top three players in the state. Other freshmen who McMillian has high hopes for are Jackie Burrow, Sue Langston and Rosemary Henry.

The freshmen will have the opportunity to step right in as McMillian has only three returning players. Marilyn Lewis, Ann Clark and Michelle Herzig are the only players back from last year's predominantly freshmen and sophomore team.

Devon Abbott, the top player on the team last year, transferred to Arizona State and Karen Harpstrite will graduate in December.

"We are just about two players away from being a tough team," McMillian said. "But with experience we may not need those two players."

The Frogs will have three dual matches this fall with the first on Oct. 2 against SMU at the Leo Potishman courts. They will also compete in four tournaments.

Lewis and Bowen will compete in the Texas Sectional Adult Championships Friday through Sunday in Fort Worth. The team will travel to Baton Rouge Oct. 15-17 for the LSU Invitational.

The Frogs will host the TCU Invitational for Southwest Conference schools. The tournament is scheduled for Nov. 12-14 and all of the Southwest conference schools will compete.

"Texas and SMU will be the teams to beat in our tournament for Southwest Conference schools but I think we will be right behind them in the final standings," McMillian said.

# Wells is perfectionist

By PETER POSS  
Assistant Sports Editor

Vernon Wells is a perfectionist.

Despite making ten catches against Tennessee and setting a single game record of 204 yards for the Frogs, his reply when asked how he felt afterwards

stronger offensive punch, with the quarterbacks and receivers hooking up well.

He added that he was proud to see the way the team came together for the game, despite last week's loss to SMU.

"The team reaction was one of togetherness, with us trying to come back from last week's game with no letdowns," Wells said. "I was disappointed in our showing against SMU because

we're a much better team than they are."

As far as success, Wells feels there is none unless the team wins. He added, however, that it is still a plus from the team if their showing improves over the previous week, which he felt was indicated at Saturday's game in Knoxville.

Wells is a Radio-TV major but hopes to get a shot in the pros after graduating in May.



VERNON WELLS

was, "I didn't get into the end zone."

The senior flanker, who transferred here in the spring of '74 from Ranger Junior College, had been playing in the shadows of All-Southwest Conference performer Mike Renfro.

However, with Renfro sometimes being triple-covered by the Vols, Wells was open for business most of the night.

Although the Frogs didn't get on the scoreboard, Wells felt the strong points in Saturday's game included a better overall showing by the defense, as well as a

JV open here tonight

The Frogs junior varsity football team will open its season Thursday against Ranger Junior College.

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