



# THE DAILY SKIFF

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Ballet students were forced to take a break yesterday after a bomb threat was placed on the building. Emergency help was summoned but no bomb was detected.

## Threat ousts ballet dwellers

"There is a bomb in the building and it's going to go off at 12:15," an unidentified male said over the phone to Divisional Ballet secretary An Trimble at 11:15 yesterday.

Two Fort Worth fire trucks and the department's bomb squad responded to the threat. The building was searched, but no bomb was found.

"The guy talked real smooth," she said. "He sounded almost like a WRR (radio station) D.J."

Trimble called Security and was told by Assistant Police Chief Ed Carson to "sit there."

"I was terrified," she said.

After what "seemed forever," she said, Carson called back and told her to evacuate the 100 people in the building.

At about 12:15 p.m., District Fire Chief J.D. Joah decided to release the fire trucks to free them for other calls.

"There are two chances of finding the guy who called," he said, "slim—and none."

Noah said that over the last five years over a dozen bomb threats have been reported at the University.

"We get a lot during exam weeks," he said.

Each time the fire department answers a bomb threat it costs taxpayers roughly \$75 to investigate, Noah said.

But the real cost would be if the fire equipment was tied up answering a false bomb threat and another fire took place, he said. "Then it could cost several thousand dollars."

### Proposal dormant

## Book prices soar

Book prices at the University this year jumped at a rate half again as large as the national average.

Students who spent \$65 on textbooks last year, spent around \$80 for the same texts this year, said Bookstore Manager Mike Gore. That's over a 23 per cent increase.

The national increase is 14 per cent for books and periodicals, according to the Higher Education Price Index, up from last year's national increase of 12.4 per cent.

Prices will continue to go up, Gore said, averaging a 25 to 30 per cent increase on books every four months. "I've seen some book prices increase as much as \$3 or \$4 a year," he said.

About three years ago the average hardcover book sold for \$8 or \$9, Gore said. Now the bookstore has a handful of hardcover books for \$10 and many paperbacks between \$5 and \$9.

How much a student spends on books a semester depends on his classes and the number of used books he buys. The most expensive texts run in the areas of science and math, where few or no paperback texts are available, Gore said.

"Used book sales are also down, due to 65 per cent of the

courses being discontinued each semester," Gore said. "If a greater per cent of the classes weren't discontinued there would be more used books available and that would help cut cost."

Last year the Faculty Senate voted down by a four to one margin a proposal which would require professors to use textbooks for a minimum of two years.

However, the administration has the ultimate decision as to whether or not the proposal will become effective. The topic will be discussed later this fall, Dean of the University Dr. Thomas Brewer said.

The bookstore has a 20 per cent mark-up on books, but, Gore said, 17 per cent of that mark-up is spent putting the books on the shelves. Textbooks, he estimated, pay for 3 per cent of the bookstore's overhead which includes salaries and the processing of texts. He also estimated a \$5 cost to type each purchase order the bookstore sends out.

One reason textbook prices continue to go up is that ordering costs and freight charges have gone up. The more discontinued classes, or unused books there are, the more books that must be sent back, Gore said.

## Registration reform sought

By CAROL HOLOWINSKI  
Assistant News Editor

The University House of Representatives has recommended that the University Registration Committee plan a computerized pre-registration program.

The bill had been amended by the Academic Affairs Committee. In the original draft, the bill would have been sent to a University ad hoc committee. Steve Green, Chairman of Academic Affairs, said they changed it to the University Registration Committee because that committee has already studied preregistration to some extent.

In other House action, Academic Affairs Chairperson Steve Green presented a bill

asking that the semester housing option be extended to juniors. At present, only seniors and graduate students have the option.

"It appears the residence halls are near full capacity this year and one-semester contracts would not harm the University's income but expand its diversity," he said.

A bill to expand check-cashing services was also sent to the Student Affairs Committee. In presenting the bill, Don Klick asked that the Business Office "be required to provide full-time students more service" by cashing two-party checks.

The Business office "is the only facility that out of town students without in-town banking and a car have access to," he said.

Student Body President Jay Case appointed Eric Rishel House Parliamentarian position. Case also appointed Lynn Wadkins and Hugh Slatery to the Student Grievance Committee, Bill Cowan to the Public Presentation Committee and Steve Saunders and Becky Hanbury to the University Court.

Finance Committee appointments include Lana Ebanks, Ken Daily, Jay Scheideman, Allen Bryson, Clark Harris, Elizabeth Bettis, Bryan Jones, Walter Steimel and Scott Harvey.

According to Laura Shrode, Administration Assistant and Chairperson of the Elections Committee, the revised Election Code should be out sometime next week.

## News Digest By the Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—Convicted bank robber Patricia Hearst filed a motion for a new trial in federal court Wednesday, claiming the government suppressed facts favorable to her and knowingly used "false and misleading evidence."

The petition states that prosecutors failed to give defense lawyers a transcript of grand jury testimony that conflicts with a statement made by government witness Anthony Shepard who claimed Hearst pointed a gun at him during a robbery.

WASHINGTON—The House today voted to override President Ford's veto of a bill to finance automobile fuel efficiency research and also approved tougher controls on lobbyists as Congress hustled to adjourn by

the weekend despite a calendar still crammed with major issues.

A 293-102 vote by the House, 29 more than necessary to reject Ford's veto, left final action on the auto research bill up to the Senate. The President had claimed the \$100 million measure duplicated programs already under way to find cars that guzzle less gas.

WASHINGTON—The cabinet-level committee responsible for coordinating the government's efforts to cut off the flow of narcotics into the U.S. has not met in nearly three years, a House committee was told Wednesday.

"That is unconscionable in light of the problem" of drug addiction, Rep. Lester Wolff, D-N.Y., chairman of the select

committee on narcotics said.

BEIRUT, Lebanon—Syrian tanks pushed forward steadily behind heavy rocket and artillery barrages Wednesday, the second day of their offensive to dislodge Palestinian and leftist Lebanese forces from mountain positions above Beirut.

In Cairo, the Egyptian government called for a limited Arab summit within 48 hours.

PHILADELPHIA — The Pennsylvania Supreme Court took under consideration today the question of whether Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo will have to face recall on the general election ballot Nov. 2.

The seven justices gave no indication when they might make a decision.

# Blood drive ends in "painful silence"

The tables that filtered through the Student Center are gone, the nurses have disappeared and all that is left of the University blood drive is a painful silence.

It was rather depressing to watch the students wander by, squinching their faces and then quickly rushing away. The whole thing must have been repulsive—those white sheets, red bottles and sterile odors. The sight sickened them, so they left. The result was disgusting in-

difference; it was a painful silence.

The silence described missed opportunity, neglected duty and responsibility. The students marched to class, forgetting the ugliness of blood and the trauma of the needle.

They went away and added to one of the growing dangers in the field of medicine—commercial blood.

Because the shortage of hemoglobin undermines any effective hospital treatment,

doctors must rely on any source of blood they can find. The usual place they turn to is a commercial blood bank.

A commercial blood center will pay \$5-10 per pint. The ready cash attracts people who have no other source of subsistence. Their diet and sanitary habits are poor and they are therefore likely to have contracted serum hepatitis.

The commercial bank has to cater to the indigent population—skid row derelicts and penniless

addicts—because no one else will give blood.

The middle and upper classes, those that do not live in the conditions to contract hepatitis, simply refuse to donate the time it takes to give.

So, 1.3 million units of blood each year is collected by commercial banks and study after study has concluded persons who sell their blood are those that carry serum hepatitis. A survey by Stanford University researchers discovered that the

volunteer has 10 times less chance of contracting the disease than a paid donor. The University of Chicago Medical School came up with the same results.

But the shattering evidence comes from the preponderance of death statistics that continue to increase year after year. The Food and Drug Administration estimates that last year, hepatitis in blood caused 6,000 deaths and 24,000 cases of injury.

A program in Seattle, Washington found that when commercial donors were excluded from giving, hepatitis decreased by 82 per cent. Nationwide, the cost for treating hepatitis is \$260 million.

Despite the most diligent screening, doctors cannot discover any procedure to indicate the presence of hepatitis in human blood. The hospitals must buy, and they can only hope the blood is safe.

One must wonder why the all-volunteer system was not instituted years ago. The University blood drive has undoubtedly demonstrated the answer.

The painful silence precludes any chance that hospitals will have a reliable and secure source of blood. They are desperately cutting back operations and helplessly subjecting thousands to the viciousness of hepatitis.

If the blood drive proved anything, it is that people refuse to care about a critical social obligation. The call for blood goes unheeded in this country. We have to go to class; we must study; it's time to eat. If that is the attitude, then a blood crisis is surely upon us all.

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# Purple sportscope

The women's tennis team will kick off its 1976-77 season against SMU Saturday at 2 p.m. on the Leo Potishman courts.

It will be the first of several matches scheduled this fall for the Frog netters.

SMU is one of the top ranked women's teams in the country and is probably the next best team in Texas behind national champion Trinity.

The women will be playing six singles and three doubles matches against the Mustangs Saturday.

behind Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. The games are free to University students with their IDs.

Students and faculty are asked by the Frog Club to attend football practice Thursday at 4 p.m. to show their support for the Purple football team. Practice will be on the practice field behind Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

The Frogs return to Southwest Conference action Saturday traveling to Fayetteville to take on the Arkansas Razorbacks.

The Razorbacks are the defending SWC and Cotton Bowl champions.

The Purples will carry a 0-3 mark into the game with the Hogs but coach Jim Shofner is looking for a victory Saturday in Arkansas.

This will be the last away game for the Frogs for a while as they return to Amon-Carter Stadium next Saturday to play the Rice Owls. It will be the first action for the Frogs at home and it is Parent's Weekend.

The University Student Bowling Leagues are underway at Forest Park Lanes with eight teams bowling Wednesday's at 3:30 p.m.

Students interested in entering a three-person team should contact Bob Mitchell at the Rickel Building.

Teams can be composed of either sex or both.

There are openings for new teams in the Monday afternoon league. Contact Mitchell if interested in joining the Monday league.

The Frog soccer team will be home this weekend for a pair of games.

They will face Richland Junior College at 2 p.m. Saturday and West Texas State at the same time on Sunday. Both the games will be played on the soccer field

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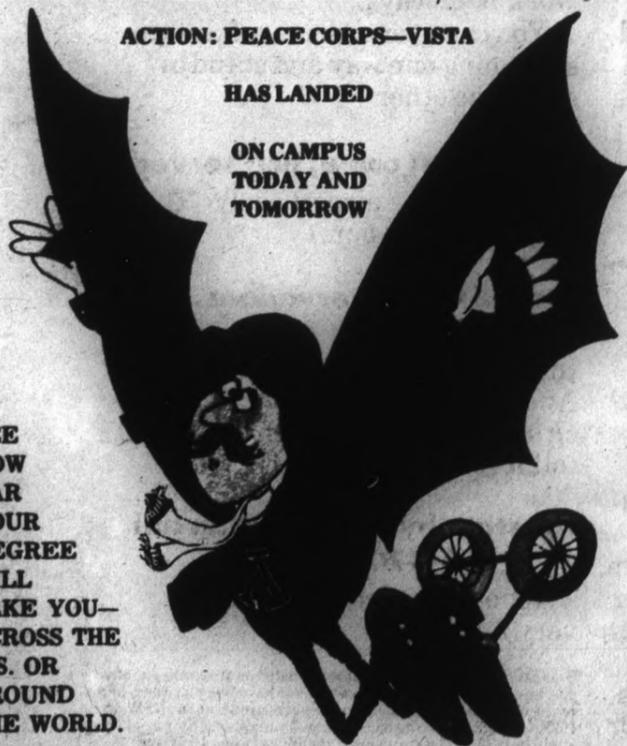
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# Bishop likes games

Senior tight end Bill Bishop likes to view all of the Frogs' non-conference games as "exhibition."

"Those games are the ones which enable us to practice executing our plays in preparation for our main foes, namely those in the Southwest Conference," he explained.

The 6-4, 225 lb. native from Killeen has two jobs for the team, acting as their back-up punter, but hasn't seen action in that capacity.

Bishop said he favored the idea the coaches had in making conference victories their main priority for the team, with the other games serving as warm-ups for the showdowns.

Although the majority of the Frogs' games are on the road this season, Bishop feels there are still advantages to the situation.

"Financially, we'll be benefiting rather well from the large crowds our opponents have drawn for our games," he said.

He added though, that he felt more comfortable playing before a home crowd since it was a more welcoming type of environment.

Bishop is forced to play in the shadows of the Frogs' other tight end, James Wright, but added he still gets his share and that it's worth the experience.

Bishop said that he has always had a lifelong ambition to play in the pros, but as of now, doesn't know if his chances are that good, and isn't about to worry over it.

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