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More endowment needed



CECIL WHITE

Despite "significant increases in endowment contributions," donations to the University would have to increase dramatically to avoid future increases in tuition, Chief Fiscal Adviser Cecil White said.

"Our endowment growth has been less rapid than our increase in expenses because of inflation and expenditures brought about by technological advancements, particularly computers and research equipment," he said.

"Tuition tends to go up every two years. No one knows what the future holds in that area."

White said the University has a reasonable financial base, having done the best it could but more endowment funds are badly needed if the University is to maintain and improve quality.

"We need to be in a position where we

can increase faculty salaries so we can hire a more distinguished faculty that will be better teachers."

Though the principal from endowments can never be spent by the University, the interest off them is used each year. The current interest earned from endowments is \$4.4 million a year, a small percentage of the \$25 million required for running the University.

The University also has money invested in stocks and bonds, with 50 per cent invested in bonds and 50 per cent in common stocks such as automotives, banks, and electronics.

"In this way we achieve a balance between bonds, from which we get a steady fixed income with no chance of an increased profit and between stocks, from which we can either gain or lose."

A good endowment level for a university of this size would be around \$100 million. The University currently has around \$59-60 million, White said.

The University will soon begin a financial campaign of which a major goal will be to increase the University's endowment base, he said.

"Obtaining additional endowment is hard. Many people are willing to give the money to build facilities because they can see the results. Few have the foresight to see the benefits of a strong endowment."

The money collected in last year's Tandy Challenge was put into endowment. The interest earned off that amount goes toward scholarships.

Endowment investment decisions are made by University fiscal advisers based on policies established by the Board of Trustees, White said.

Ford leading at area colleges

By SYLVIA A. FLORES and MELBA COLLAZO

If presidential elections were held today Ford would win by a narrow margin, according to student leaders at area colleges.

The Daily Skiff talked to student leaders at Texas Wesleyan College, (TWC) University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), Southern Methodist University (SMU), University of Dallas (UD) and Dallas Baptist University (DBU).

"A lot of people (at TWC) think Carter is cutting his own throat. He is ambiguous and reveals a weak character. With Carter as president there would be no

checks and balances—Congress would be in total control," said chief justice of the student government Dane Welsh.

"Carter needs to be specific on tax reform and other issues," said Clayton Daughenbaugh, president of SMU's Young Democrats.

"His emotional appeal will attract some people but will keep others away, especially the intellectuals who believe in rationality.

"Carter, however, will win support because he is more in favor of social programs; whereas, Ford is set on military programs," said Daughenbaugh.

Maureen Bozell, vice-president of the UD student government believes the majority on campus are "pro-Ford because the nature of the school is conservative. The debate had little impact."

"More students here lean toward Ford. In the debate both candidates were tied, but it really depends on how the individual viewed it," said DBU President Hal Ostrander.

But Dinah Crawford, Young Democrats president at UTA, said Carter was "a sincere man with political views in essence but whose personality is basically conservative. This will

help him win the election in Texas."

When asked to comment on Carter's "Playboy" interview Welsh said, "It was foolish for Carter to be involved with it (Playboy). His LBJ and adultery comments were disliked at TWC. In the Oct. 13 mock election, I think it will be very close but Ford will win."

"It really hurt him in his Bible Belt," Crawford said.

"I think there wasn't anything

wrong with the interview," Daughenbaugh said. "Carter told the truth when he stated that LBJ lied about Vietnam and his comment on adultery was just a conservative theological point-of-view."

"Neither candidate did well in the debates since neither offered new issues. Carter has few supporters at SMU where the majority are Republicans for Ford," he said.

News Digest By the Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa.—A Chinese nuclear bomb test has produced low-level radioactive fallout in portions of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Connecticut, officials said Tuesday.

Pennsylvania health authorities said the Sept. 26 test produced fallout "in significant quantities," but the only safety precaution they recommended was that Pennsylvania residents wash garden vegetables and fruit carefully before eating them.

WASHINGTON—The U.S. military assault of an island off Cambodia in the Mayaguez rescue mission last year was ordered despite pilots' reports that most of the crew of the merchant vessel were not there,

a congressional study says.

The operation cost a total of 41 American dead, including 18 Marines who participated in the island assault. In addition, 23 airmen, mostly Air Police being lifted from a base in Thailand to join the operation, were killed when their helicopter crashed as a result of mechanical failure.

NEW STANTON, Pa.—Volkswagen executives opened the doors to their first American assembly plant today.

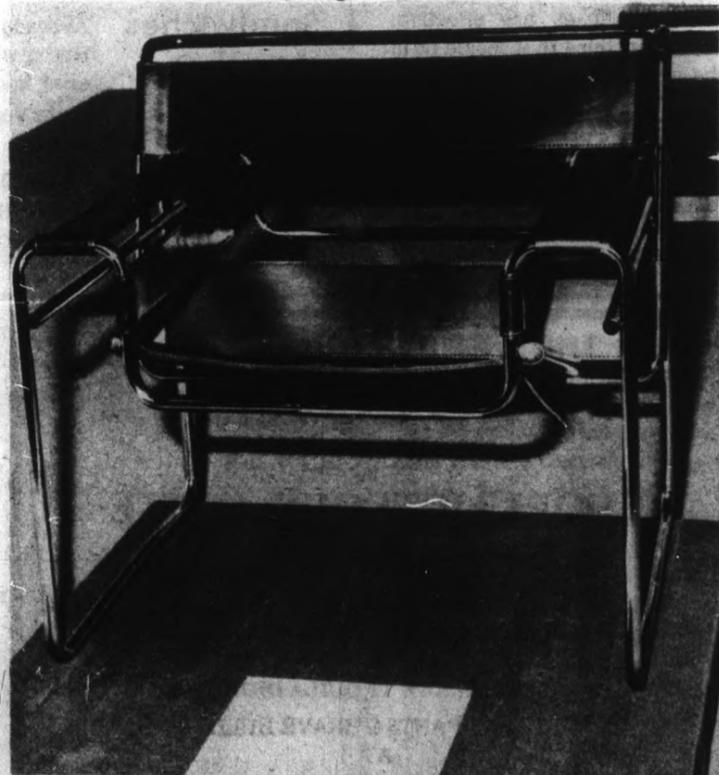
MOSCOW—The Soviet Union has made a "resolute protest" to the United States over the shooting of a Soviet Embassy employe at a Washington supermarket on Saturday, TASS reported Tuesday.

Washington police have said

the employe, Sergei Stepanov, was shot twice in the head during a robbery at the supermarket and was in serious condition at George Washington University Hospital.

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—Chinese Foreign Minister Chiao Kuanhua told the U.N. General Assembly yesterday that war between the United States and the Soviet Union is inevitable, saying the Soviet "social-imperialism is the biggest peace swindler and the most dangerous source of war today."

Also yesterday, in Moscow, Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev accused unnamed Western governments of "putting spokes in the wheels" of East-West cooperation by



One of eight 19th and 20th century chairs currently exhibited in the Student Center Art Gallery. The chairs are part of a Smithsonian Institute travelling exhibit, sponsored on campus by the Home Economics Dept. The exhibit will be shown through Oct. 14.

Air bag can solve the highway death

A 17-year-old Fort Worth girl died last weekend in a head-on collision. She was the editor of her high school annual, recipient of several college scholarships and popular with her classmates.

And she could still be alive, the coroner said, if an air bag was in her car. That's right; not a seatbelt, nor a better bumper; nothing else, but an air bag.

The whole tragedy could have been averted if the girl's car had a strong plastic bag under the dashboard that would fill with air at the moment of impact.

This accident hits horrifyingly close to college students. The long drives home for holidays, the reckless trips after a night at the bar, the auto races back to the dorm—they are all part of the student's life.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy, one that far transcends the young girl's death, is that no one understands the safety of an air bag.

The simple mechanism has overwhelmingly been proven to save thousands of lives. The Department of Transportation estimates that if every car in the country had an air bag, over 85,000 lives could be saved between 1977 and 1985.

The air bag deploys in a fraction of a second, quickly enough to restrain the occupant before he or she slams into the windshield, instrument panel or steering wheel. The bag then quickly deflates, freeing the occupant to recover from the collision.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Commission, the major governmental research agency dealing with highway deaths, said in its 1975 annual report, "Even the major car companies admit the bags are effective. There is nothing that should be in the way of their adoption."

But the auto manufacturers estimate that mandatory air bags would add perhaps \$200 to the cost of a car, so they vehemently oppose a requirement to place bags in every new car.

The barrier to legislation is the government's belief that it should not intrude upon the private marketplace. Secretary of Transportation William Coleman explained in recent Congressional hearings, "We have no business requiring the manufacturers to exorbitantly raise the price of their cars for an air bag that is already optional."

If that is the case, the federal government had no business setting the limits on how much a car can weigh, mandating certain headrests in all new models or specifying the type of metal that must be placed on the car's body.

The only fact is that thousands die needlessly on the highways because of government ineptitude and inaction. The time to act is now, else the tragedy of the 17-year-old victims may never end.

—SKIP HOLLANDSWORTH



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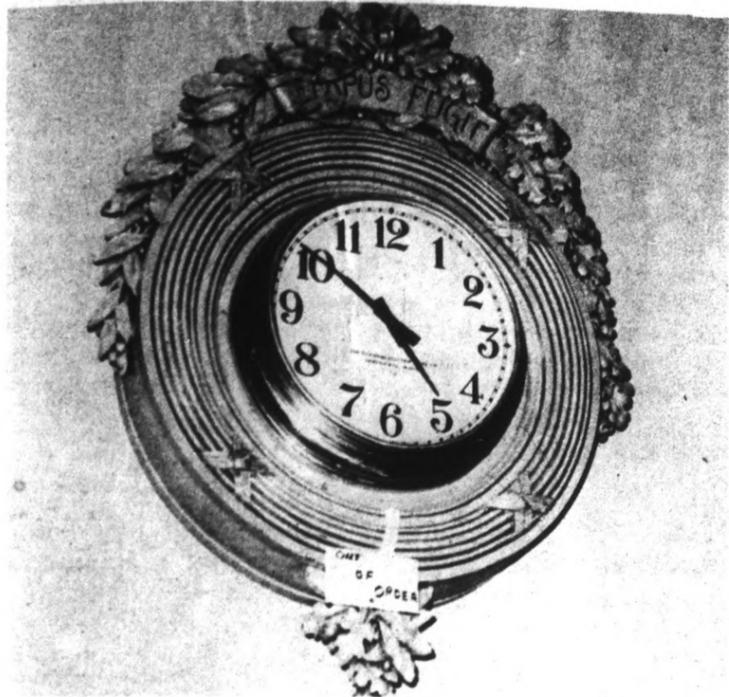
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Clocks arrive

For the past three months time has stood still at 4:50 in the library, but soon it will be ticking away.

New clocks for the library arrived Monday and will be installed within a month, according to Buck Fielding, physical plant assistant director.

One 15-inch and sixteen 12-inch clocks will replace the twenty-three now in the library. All 17 new clocks will be in easily visible locations, Fielding said.

The total cost of the clocks is \$497.50. This will be paid out of the building repair fund, a physical plant account.

Catch lizards for credit

Students can dive for coral in the Carribean and capture reptiles in the Honduras for credit during next semester's spring break.

Tropical Biology 5903 will go to Roatan Island, Honduras, during spring break where students will make a general survey of corals and terrestrial vertebrates, particularly reptiles. They will complete such individual research projects as observation of vertebrate social behavior to lizard population distribution after returning from the trip.

Leading the expedition are Drs. Joseph Britton and Gary Ferguson, assistant professors of biology. Both are optimistic about surveying unexplored areas of the island. "The two

previous classes (in this course) have established a solid informational baseline and on this trip we plan to explore some new localities and continue to collect data," Ferguson said. Ferguson, a herpetologist, will focus on collecting island reptile species.

Britton will collect coral and an unusual example of species' succession in grass flats. "There are caves on the island that we would like to investigate, so we hope to attract some expert divers. This will be an interesting and exciting biological experience—something not often seen," Britton said.

The biologist's collections began two years ago and, according to Ferguson, have drawn the interest of several large museums including Harvard.

Students need to have two semesters of freshman biology completed or in progress to be eligible, Ferguson said. In special cases this requirement may be waived. The trip costs \$600 plus tuition.

The two biologists plan to give details on the course in a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Sid Richardson Lecture Hall four with a multimedia presentation of previous classes on Roatan Island.

Tourists looking for a bargain will find the drop in value of the English pound will only be temporary, said Dr. Caron Richard Waits, the University's

international economics expert.

This drop will, for the time being, give tourists a bargain—but to offset this drop, English businessmen will raise their

prices. I would not go to England expecting to find any real bargains," Waits said.

The pound was worth \$2.40 only 18 months ago. It slipped below \$2 on March 5 and has since steadily declined as the British economic plight has worsened. Some experts think the pound will drop to as low as \$1.50 in the near future.

England's inflation is among the highest in the world at 13.8 per cent and is suffering record-high unemployment of 6.2 per cent.

"The effect on investments of the drop of the pound and the rise in inflation is not clear at all. People with investments already in England will find them more profitable than they had anticipated. If the rate of exchange stays the same, profits will be less, so now there is no new incentive to invest there," Waits said.

RHA still dead

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) won't be revived because of a "lack of interest," said Ann Cowan, one of the founders.

RHA ended its seven month's existence last April with the

members hoping the organization would start up again this semester.

There has been no attempt to reorganize the group.

Another founder, Ken Mac Intosh, said the organization "is out of my hands."

Cowan decided to institute an RHA on campus after attending a meeting of the organization at Stephen F. Austin University last fall.

At the time RHA organizers had hopes of influencing residence hall staff elections and

possible Greek moves to off-campus housing.

But the group "couldn't get off the ground," Cowan said. The meetings were concerned only with RHA's constitution and number of representatives from each dorm.

Funding was also a problem. The group considered taxing each dorm, but never acted in this area.

LP committee lends tunes

Students may now check out the latest rock, disco, soul, and folk albums at a nominal fee.

The record loan, sponsored by the Dance Committee, begins Oct. 8 in the Coffeehouse. Records may be checked out for a limit of two days at a rate of 25 cents per day. Students will be required to leave their ID's and if records are damaged while on loan the record will be re-purchased at student expense.

Once the record loan gets off the ground, the committee hopes to acquire 45's, tapes and classical music, chairperson Jackie Julks said. Students can fill out request slips for items not available.

The committee will post check-out hours and record lists in the Student Center.

Couple fights for dog

GOBLES, Mich AP-Ronald and Judy O'Connor are preparing to wage a bitter custody battle over a 3-year-old, 65-pound Siberian husky.

The O'Connors say the Kalamazoo Humane Society sold their dog, Nyak, to new owners and they have filed a \$11,500 lawsuit to try to get him back.

Mrs. O'Connor said Wednesday she would even buy the new owners another husky.

But the Humane Society will not release the names of people who buy dogs, so the O'Connors will go to Kalamazoo Circuit Court to force the society to identify the new owners, Mrs. O'Connor said.

"It's a screwy situation," she said. "But I want him back. He's just like a part of the family."

She said her family had raised Nyak, named after an Alaskan river.

He disappeared from their home in this small town near Kalamazoo on July 20.

"We don't have the people to fill the leadership roles," member Nancy Dunahoo said when RHA dissolved in April.

In mid-August, a Gobles resident told the family he had found the dog but turned it over to the Humane Society in Kalamazoo, in the next county.

But the society had given Nyak to another family after the four-day waiting period required by state law, Mrs. O'Connor said.

The new owners told society officials they would not return the husky, she said.

Thomas Huff, the society attorney, called the O'Connors' lawsuit "frivolous."

"It's Mr. O'Connor's fault for, No. 1, not having identification on the dog, and, No. 2, not having control of the animal," he said.

But Mrs. O'Connor said her children, Rodney, 8, and Wendy, 5, pray every night that Nyak will come home.

"My little girl said, 'If it was me, and I had some little girl's dog, I wouldn't keep it,'" Mrs. O'Connor said. "She wants to call and ask them nice if they'd give us our dog back."

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'We have to beat Rice,' declares Modzelewski

By DAVID BENNETT
Assistant Sports Editor

"We have to win the Rice game," stated Frog fullback Gerry Modzelewski. "A lot of people are saying that this will be our easiest game for the rest of the season, so we just can't lose this one."

Modzelewski remembers the thrill of victory from last year when the Frogs downed the Owls 28-21 in the season finale.

"It was great. I had never experienced it before in college football," Gerry said. "Rice just wasn't that good on defense and some of our offensive plays were working for a change."

Modzelewski, a junior who attended high school in Cleveland, Ohio, rushed for eighty yards last year in the winning effort against the Owls.

"Winning the last game of the season was great," he said, "but it obviously didn't bring us any momentum."

Modzelewski, who strangely enough is nicknamed 'Mo,' has the Frogs problems this season well diagnosed, but he is not sure of the cure.

"Everybody was confident going to Fayetteville," he said. Everybody thought that we could

beat them. I think that we just try too hard. When we fumble they recover and when they fumble they recover. And when they intercept they score.

"We were surprised in the SMU game, but we were able to forget that," Mo stated. "We improved in some phases of our game against Tennessee and Nebraska. But the Arkansas game was a real disappointment."

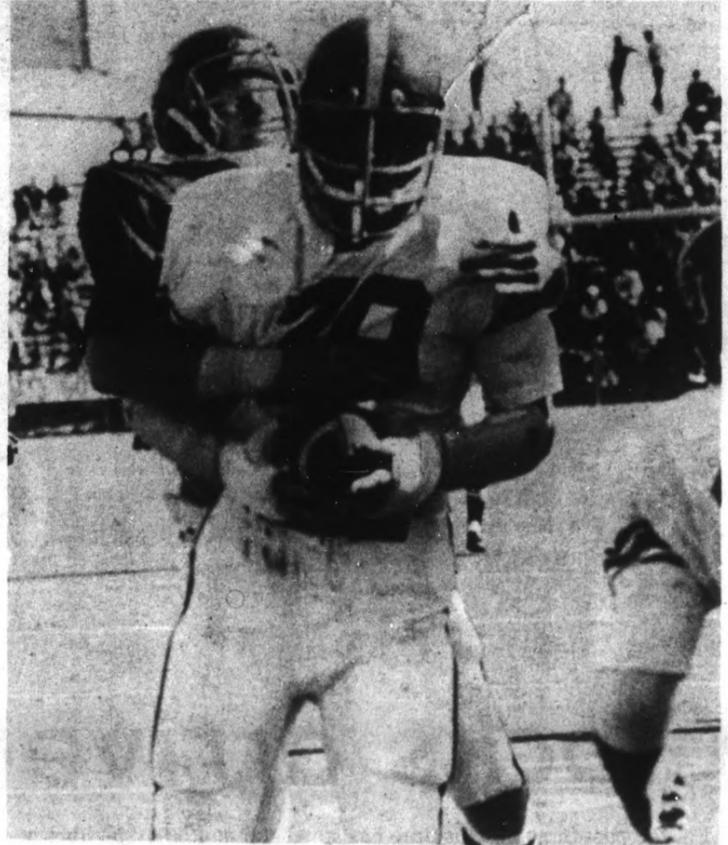
"There is not that much difference between any college team," Mo believes. "Other teams just have a winning attitude and we don't. They have more confidence. We just don't believe in ourselves."

"Right now everybody is trying to be a coach," Gerry stated. "They should just leave Shofner alone. He knows what he's doing."

Modzelewski was the Frog's number two rusher last year. He carried the ball 36 times and gained 136 yards for a 3.6 average.

So far in the four games of the 1976 season, Gerry has carried the ball 19 times for a total of 50 yards gained. He has scored one touchdown against Nebraska and is averaging 1.8 yards per carry.

Modzelewski has football in his blood. He is the nephew of former All-America and pro standouts, Ed and Dick Modzelewski.



Defensive end Marshall Harris (with ball) recovered a blocked punt in Arkansas Saturday and then forgot that he could run with it. "I had a chance to score six points and blew it," Harris said. "It was just a matter of not having my head in the ball game."

Photo by David Bennett

Purple Sportscope

The men's tennis team blanked East Texas State 10-0 in a dual match over the weekend.

Randy Crawford started the Frogs out on the right foot as he beat Steve Starleaf 6-3, 6-2. Tom Mott followed with a 6-2, 6-3 thrashing of Dan Hurst. Tut Bartzen Jr. topped Tom Adcock 6-2, 6-2.

Rick Meyers tripped Mike Norton 6-1, 6-0 and David Kelly stopped Zaheer Abid 6-2, 6-4. Jim Allin defeated Robert Snodgrass 6-2, 6-4 while K.C. Miller beat John Johnson 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

In doubles action Crawford and Bartzen stopped Hurst and Castillo 7-5, 6-3. Mott and Meyers blanked Norton and Snodgrass 6-0, 6-0 while Allin and Kelly topped Adcock and Caldwell 6-2, 6-1.

The last Red Cross Water Safety Re-Training Course in this area will be held on Nov. 14 and 21, according to Janet Murphy of the P.E. department.

The fifteen hour course is free and will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. both days. Persons who now have their certification must renew it by Dec. 30, 1976.

Persons wishing to enroll should call the Red Cross at 732-4491.

The Purple Barbell Club will host a quadrangular meet Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Rickel Center weight room.

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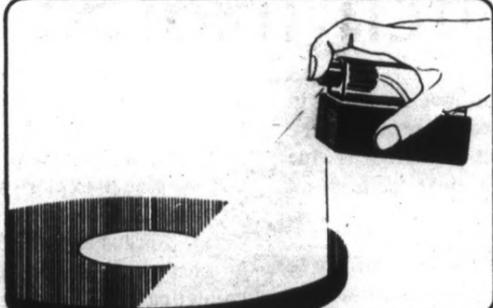
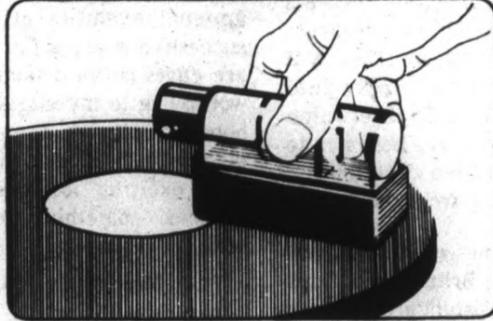
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