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'Lenny:' Will we see him? Film issue to be reviewed

By ED TIMMS

The House of Representatives Films Committee voted Tuesday to go before the University Judicial System Public Presentations Committee to decide if the film "Lenny" will be shown this spring.

"Lenny" is a film patterned after the life of Lenny Bruce. The message which Lenny Bruce and the movie try to convey is that the suppression of words give them power. In the movie Lenny tries to prove this by using obscenities in his comedy routines.

"'Lenny' is a social statement," said films committee member Mark Reed, "about a time the student body as a whole was not aware of."

The committee received a request to "reconsider" its selection of the movie for the spring films series from the administration through Don Mills, University Programs and Services director.

Every semester a list of the films selected by the Films committee for the next semester is sent to Dean of Students Libby Proffer. The list is then passed on to Vice Chancellor Howard Wible for consideration.

The administration was asking the committee "... whether you have thought this through. . . is it something you really feel you want to see on campus or just something you picked out," said Wible.

After almost two hours of discussion, five films committee members voted to take the matter up with the Public Presentations Committee, four voted to withdraw the film from the spring series under protest, and one voted to withdraw the film with no protest. Mills estimates it will take about a week to ten days before the presentations committee will meet on the issue.

Student organizations "have the right to present entertainment productions. . . conducted in a manner consistent with an academic community and consistent with the philosophy and objectives of Texas Christian University," according to the Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Administrators are concerned "with upholding what they feel is the philosophy of the school. . . they might feel the movie is not what TCU is all about," said Sid McQueen,

assistant UPS director and programming counselor.

One of the problems which faces the committee is that it must make decisions on films with "criteria not written down, not precise," according to Mills. But also, he said, the committee needs to be able to justify its selections. The committee needs to be able to say "OK, here's why we picked 'Lenny'—this is why we selected this film."

Criteria for film selections is "not being applied equally to all films," said committee member Richard Brandt.

Mike Veitenheimer, House of Representatives president, suggested that guidelines for film selections should be established when the Public Presentations Committee meets. "The committee needs guidelines it can work under," he said.

He added that any guidelines "would have to be loose. . . they really can't be too specific when you're dealing with movies."

And the Films Committee would probably still be confronted at times in the interpretation of the guidelines, he said.

Veitenheimer said he didn't know the motive of the administration in asking to reconsider the selection of the

movie, but considered it wise that the committee was not told it could not show the movie. "By

that decision the administrators have shown they're concerned. . . but they left options for us to take it through channels."

Veitenheimer said he hoped a solution could be found in the Public Presentations Committee.

"I hope and think the administration will respect their decision," he said. "Likewise I hope the Films Committee will respect their decision."

Films Committee Chairman Anita Estridge said she hoped a decision would be made as soon as possible because of the problems in scheduling and publicity a delay will cause. "Lenny" has already been removed from the spring films series poster which will be distributed in about a week, according to committee member Margaret Bewley.

If the movie were shown, Bewley suggested that the committee could put up signs warning that "Lenny" contained obscenities so no one would enter unaware of the nature of the film. It was also suggested that I.D. cards could be checked to see that no one under 17 would get into the movie, which is rated R.



Attrition

University faces big student losses

Each year TCU is confronted with student attrition, a problem common in almost every college and university in the nation.

"Many incoming students are uncertain as to their major, said Dr. Howard Wible, Vice Chancellor and Provost. "After a period of time when the student does decide on his or her major, they may find that their school does not offer such a program,"—one major reason for attrition.

Another reason may stem from a bad academic experience which causes a student to look to another school for a fresh start.

The lifestyle offered in the university may also contribute to attrition especially if it doesn't fit in with the students' lifestyle. For example, a freshman student who wants the experience of living in an apartment may choose another college besides TCU that seeks to be a residential school by requiring freshmen to live on-campus.

There are many factors that lead to attrition but there is no easy solution, according to Walter Michael Bortz, Dean of Admissions.

In admissions, Bortz is concerned in portraying accurately the university to prospective students to reduce the chances of attrition. "Students come to a

university with a set of expectations," said Bortz. "They are disillusioned when the university does not meet these expectations, social or academic, so they leave."

Some studies have been done on the topic of attrition by Allan Dickes in Institutional Studies. Dickes found that in a given entering class approximately one-third dropout by the next fall. Then in the junior year the same class loses less than half. By the senior year, this class has 45 per cent remaining. This is a steady occurrence.

"Also, in terms of factors studied: sex, ethnicity, rank in high school, SAT scores; the groups that didn't return were virtually identical in terms to the entire beginning class."

So far nothing statistical has been found to show what actually contributes to attrition, said Bortz, "Which may evolve around the economic and social backgrounds of a person—two other factors to study."

Finally, Dickes feels that an emphasis on academic and non-academic advising is an effective means to reduce attrition.

Another may be in the setting up of retention committees, a step being taken now, according to Bortz.

TCU attracts upper crust

Fifty-seven percent of TCU students last semester came from the top quarter of their high school graduating classes, according to Jewel C. Potter, assistant dean of Admissions.

Most students ranked in the top half she said further. In fact, class rank carries a large weight for admissions counselors eyeing prospective students.

The admissions office also checks over test scores, types of courses taken, the type of high school attended, and counselor's recommendations.

Potter said on the average TCU students have scored 1005 on the SAT and 21 on the ACT tests. "These are just averages," she says, "We consider each person individually."

Although the university has no quotas to fill, Potter said Admissions tries to find students from various ethnic and geographic backgrounds.

Opinion

Dodgers' pardons unusual contrast

An unusual contrast developed last week when President Carter pardoned Vietnam War draft evaders. Those who declared Carter a traitor, mostly war veterans, were the same people who for the most part supported the pardon of Richard Nixon.

It always seemed mysterious that Gerald Ford could pardon Nixon in order to "put a bad moment behind us," but at the same time he could not put a worse moment—the Vietnam War—behind us forever.

The men who evaded the Vietnam draft were doing so as a matter of conscience. They abhorred killing another human being for no reason. The results of the war show clearly that the conflict was nothing but a political game played by those who have the power to determine whether men in our armed forces will live or die—Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon.

It's not as though the draft evaders have not been punished. Many have been running from the FBI and living outside of the United States for up to 12 years. Their reputations have been ruined and their lives have been radically changed. But at least they are still alive.

Over 50,000 Americans died, along with countless Viet Cong and North Vietnamese. Why were we there? To stop Communist aggression in Southeast Asia? The only question remaining is: Who now controls all of Vietnam?

Over 20 years ago the seeds of the Vietnam conflict were sown. If only those in charge could have had the foresight to evade the Vietnam war.

News Digest By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Griffin B. Bell was sworn in as attorney general today after he and President Carter opened the long-locked front door of the Justice Department and said that was symbolic of the department's future openness.

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger administered the oath to the 58-year-old Atlanta lawyer who was Carter's most controversial Cabinet nominee.

Carter told the crowd of about 700 dignitaries and department employes, "this is a great day in the life of our nation."

WASHINGTON—Joseph A. Califano Jr., secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, announced today a "comprehensive study of welfare reform" aimed

at producing reform proposals for President Carter by May 1.

At his first news conference, Califano said a welfare reform consulting group is being established to examine the welfare system "from scratch." He said he would take an intense personal interest in the study.

Califano also announced that F. Peter Libassi, the first director of HEW's Office for Civil Rights, will return to Washington to study the office and recommend ways of improving its efficiency and enforcement.

MADRID, Spain—Tens of thousands of workers went on strike across Spain on Wednesday to protest violence by diehard Francoists as the government worked to ease

political tension threatening to undermine its plans for democracy.

Reinforced police in Jeeps and buses guarded key spots in Madrid to head off possible fighting between left and right extremists. Police reported only scattered clashes with leftist students.

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Parole Commission has ordered Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt released from prison Feb. 25 if he pays his fine, it was announced yesterday. Justice Department spokesman Dean St. Dennis said the commission approved Hunt's parole request on the condition that he pay a \$10,000 fine still pending against him.

Campus Digest

Forums Presentation
Sociologist-criminologist R.F. Ralston will speak on "The Cppnsyracy that Murdered John F. Kennedy" tonight at 8 p.m. Ralston works for the National Committee to Investigate Assassinations and was a member of the legal defense team who defended James Earl Ray, convicted murderer of Martin Luther King. His presentation will include rare slides related to the Kennedy assassination and the Zapruder film of the actual murder.

House of Representatives
Tuesday the House delegated Davis McCown as administrative assistant. President Mike Veitenheimer informed the House that the two party check cashing policy was approved by the administration and the option should begin as the end of this week. However, the policy is on a trial basis and can be rescinded if problems develop, Veitenheimer said. The bill to legalize alcohol was resubmitted to the House by John Cowles and Steve Saunders, and sent into the

Student Affairs Committee. Cowles also submitted another bill calling for the formation of a House and Ways Committee.

Brown Bag Series Tony Jones, chairman of the Art Department, will give a speech and slide presentation entitled "Hieronymus Bosch- The New Maps of Hell" in the Student Center Art Gallery Monday 12-1 p.m. The series is open to the public; bring your own lunch. Food and refreshments are available in the gallery for \$1.00. A Brown Bag Series is scheduled for every Monday.

Fun Hobby courses Courses on subjects ranging from backpacking to the basics of fishing are included in TCU's special courses program for the spring semester. The special non-credit courses start Feb. 14 and will meet once a week from 7 to 9:40 p.m. Tuition varies from \$25 to \$35 per course. For additional information contact Continuing Education, ext. 313, 314.

Friday Film The Films Committee will be presenting "The Wind and the Lion" starring Sean Connery and Candice Bergen Friday at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Admission is 75 cents.

KTCU Increases Transmitter Power KTCU has been given permission by the Federal Communications Commission to increase its transmitter power from 10 watts to 3,000 watts. Installation of a new transmitter is planned this summer.

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Laura Shrode—

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By RITA MILLER

Laura Shrode, vice president of the House of Student Representatives, thinks she and Mike Veitenheimer make a good team.

"Mike and I work really well together because we're different enough to not agree on everything, yet our basic philosophies are pretty much the same."

Shrode discussed her role as the new vice president and her hopes for the Veitenheimer administration in a recent interview.

Increasing student involvement, she agreed with Veitenheimer, is their major goal. One way for them to become involved, she said, is to join committees and take an active part in student government. She realizes not every one can do that.

What each one can do, though, is make themselves aware of what's going on. "Any student can make themselves aware. They can read the Skiff or find out who their representative is and ask them what the House is doing."

House members also have a responsibility to draw people in. "People in the House have to ask others to do things. Usually they are the type of people who have a lot of contacts anyway."

The campus is apathetic, but we can blame it on the times, she said. "Vietnam, visitation, and liquor are not big issues anymore. We live in a more relaxed atmosphere and more of us are affluent. We've gone back to the all-American boy and girl image. But that's not necessarily bad."

Shrode's basic job is to fill all committees and has set that as her goal. "I want to fill all University committees with a diverse group."

"I also want to keep in close touch with the committees and have the chairmen report back regularly. This wasn't done in the past and doing it will help."

Shrode is the only member of the executive board



LAURA SHRODE

who has served on it before. The sophomore business major wanted to run partly because of her prior experiences.

"I wanted the job because I served as an officer before and enjoyed it and this seemed the logical route to choose. I wasn't ready for the presidency, but that may well be a possibility for next year."

The people Shrode feels responsible to are those who elected her. "The only people I am responsible to is the student body. I can't please everyone but I will do my best for them and hope they'll trust me to do so."

She'll try to do what her constituency wants but says that may not always be easy. "I have access to information and reasons that most students don't have. I hope I could present my opinions to them when we disagree and have a sort of forum. I would try to do what they want."

One program she feels would benefit students is pre-registration. "I'd like to see it implemented. The system now is slow and inefficient. It takes too much time for the students and faculty. I'd like to see a report on the feasibility of computer registration."

Liquor and visitation are old issues and policies on them won't change, she said. "Liquor is not a pertinent issue. Rules are broken and that's not going to change. Unless the violation is flagrant, nothing is done. We shouldn't spend time on something we can't change."

She does not think, however, the House is without power. "Through influence and lobbying we have power. If you assume we do not have power, you assume students have no power. And that's not true."

"The main problem the House must deal with is determining where we are on campus and why we're there." Laura Shrode hopes to help solve that problem.

Temporary work to start on mall

Work on the Reed and Sadler Hall Mall project is scheduled to begin around the first of June, but some temporary changes will be made soon by maintenance personnel, Vice Chancellor and Provost Howard Wible said.

A "kiosk", a structure for bulletin boards used to post announcements and containing racks to hang banners on, will be put in temporarily.

According to Wible, the Permanent Improvements committee of the House has not seen the plans, but Jim Yarmchuk, chairman of the committee, urged the kiosk be included in the first phase of the project. He hoped it would serve as a "signature" and "touch of distinctiveness" for the area.

Yarmchuk's committee will review the design before maintenance begins building it, Wible said.

The contract for the work was

awarded to The Craftsmen, Inc. of Fort Worth.

The contract plans include a watering system for plants in the first phase of the project, Wible said.

The landscaping work will wait

until summer to minimize "upsetness" and "disruption", Wible said.

The signed contract came to Wible's desk January 3. "It was important to sign it now so prices don't go up on us," he said.

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Gym Shorts

by Chuck Ault

The intramural basketball season tips off next Monday, but all are reminded of important meetings this week and next.

Today at 5:00 representatives for Greek and Independent men's teams must attend an organizational meeting to go over rule changes and intramural regulations. This meeting is very important and any team not represented will be dropped. No exceptions.

Calling all zebras!

All men who wish to officiate intramural basketball must attend a meeting at 4 p.m. today in room 238 of the Rickel Center.

On Saturday, Jan. 29, there will be a referees clinic from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. A Southwest Conference official will be on hand to answer questions and to discuss techniques. Intramural officials will be paid for this meeting.

On Monday, January 31st, women's independent reps will meet at 4:30 p.m., and the Greeks meet twice; February 3, and February 8, both at 4:30 p.m.

All men's meetings will be held in room 238 of the Rickel Center, and room 245 for the women.

New women's net coach named

Debbie Highnote, a 1975 TCU grad, has been named the new women's tennis coach. "The girls are really going to be a team this year," the coach says. "They are really coming together."

Highnote, who played at the Paschal High tennis factory and one year at TCU, was formerly ranked no. 4 in Texas doubles.

While serving as head coach of the women's team she will also be teaching at Woodhaven Country Club.

Women working up 'one step at a time'

By DANA ARBUCKLE

Although men's sports have \$1,462,470 more in their budget than the women do, the director of women's athletics doesn't see a need for equalization—at least not yet. When Title IX of the Educational Amendments Act was passed in 1972, people began to fight about budgets. Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in any activity in any school that receives federal funds.

Advocates of Title IX demanded that the men's and women's budgets be the same when the bill was first passed. Now the women are supporting the idea of having a sufficient program equal to the men's.

The University Women's Athletic Director Carolyn Dixon agrees with the current stand on Title IX.

"We have to work up a step at a time. The women

accordance with interest in the program," Dixon said. "I think our budget is quite fair. We have 30 to 35 girls participating in six sports and the money covers them pretty well.

"The men need more money than we do because they have more participants, need more equipment and travel expenses are greater," she said.

The football team is budgeted \$1,017,567 for this year. It has 53 participants and seven of its 11 games were on the road.

Although this is the third year that the University has offered women's sports on an intercollegiate level, Dixon says it is the first year that each sport has been analyzed.

"In the past coaches have asked for as much money as they could get. Now they must prove they need the money and if a sport isn't doing well, we want to know why," she said. Dixon attributes some

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have to think in terms of how the men built their programs up," she said.

The University offers six sports for women which share a budget of \$17,904. The seven men's sports—football, baseball, track, swimming, golf, basketball, tennis—have a budget of \$1,480,374.

Dixon isn't upset with the disparity in the budgets. She believes that the University is in complete accordance with Title IX.

"A school has to file a report each year showing that it is making progress towards equalization. The idea is to build up the women's program in

of the disparity to the fact that the women started out with six sports instead of a smaller number.

"We should probably have started out with just four sports. We would be beyond the competition level that we are now because we could emphasize the sports more. When you start out with a small budget, you will grow small," she said.

"We are not demanding equalization of budgets because we don't have the interest yet that the men do. As the number of participants in women's athletics increases, I'm sure the budget will increase," she said.

Purple Sportscope

An encouraged Horned Frog basketball team travels to Dallas tonight to play SMU. The women's team edged Texas Women's University last Tuesday 64-60 after losing to them earlier in the season by 17 points.

The Frogs led by 5 at halftime and kept a one point lead during the remainder of the game. Bonnie Durham led the Purples with 16 points while Sharon Reaves had 13 and Elaine Taylor contributed 11.

The Frogs are now 2-1 after

smothering Rice 81-23 and falling to Abilene Christian 55-51. The team plays SMU there tonight and the next home game will take place Feb. 1 against Midwestern at 5:00 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

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Men's tennis coach "Tut" Bartzen and Board of Trustee member Bayard Friedman journeyed to New Orleans last week to offer the Mary Potishman Lard Center as the site for the 1978 NCAA Tennis Finals. They made a presentation to the NCAA Tennis Committee and Bartzen said he thinks "it went over well although we won't know the results until March." The NCAA finals have produced Jimmy Connors, Bill Scanlon, Brian Gottfried and other stars in recent years and the finals have been held in Texas only three times previously.

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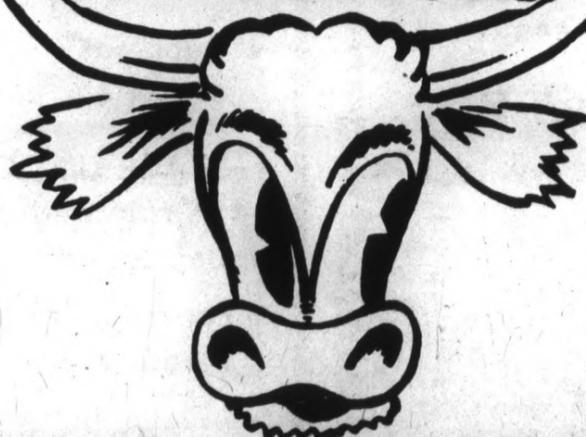
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