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Energy legislation

Texans don't like it

By Brock Akers

WASHINGTON—While the White House is optimistic over the potential of its emergency natural gas proposal, negotiated in House-Senate Conference late Tuesday, some Texans are not.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen said the bill submitted to Congress last week by President Jimmy Carter, is only a "band-aid" for the problem, warning that the bill will not alleviate the natural gas shortage, but only "spread around the nation a thin-spread of supplies."

American Gas Association Chairman Robert Seymour, while expressing his group's support of the bill, noted that the positions are "essential to assure equitable financial treatment for all parties to emergency transfers."

However, Seymour said that this emergency legislation does not give long-term answers to the nation's natural gas shortage.

The bill, which should reach the President's desk for signing by Thursday, gives Carter the authority to take corrective action on a declared natural gas emergency.

Legislation would allow Carter 180 days to order the pooling of interstate gas, order intrastate pipelines linked to interstate lines without bringing the former under federal jurisdiction and to authorize the sale of gas to interstate firms that aren't regulating prices.

FTC Chairman Richard Dunham said that U.S. pipelines will need from 300 to 500 billion cubic feet of natural gas this summer to replenish seriously depleted storage fields. Dunham noted that 13 percent more of the gas storage inventory had been used by mid-January than at the same time a year ago.

The storage problem is especially critical in the East, he said, but the South also faces problems ahead. Pipelines in the South have consumed 63 percent of total storage inventory, compared to the East's 43 percent.

Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, testifying to the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, said last Friday that the gas crisis is in crucial proportions in the nation's largest gas producing state. Briscoe blamed the nation's shortage on the reluctance of non-producing states to invest in gas production.

The natural gas shortage began back in 1971, when the gas surplus was dented for the first time. The Federal Power Commission explained the impact of the shortage has not been felt in previous years due to a series of mild winters.

The production of natural gas, generally found near oil production centers, has declined in recent years, partly because of the shift of oil exploration to the Middle East, the FTC said.

Enrollment increase slight

For the first time in recent history, women outnumber men in total University enrollment.

According to Calvin Cumble, registrar, 2,947 women are currently attending TCU and 2,925 men.

The total enrollment for the 1977 spring semester increased 1.2 per cent or 69 people since spring, 1976, now at 5,872. Fall enrollment was 6,028 students.

Undergraduate day and evening schools and Brite Divinity School all had increases from last spring. The enrollment in Brite is at an all time high of 229. Only the Graduate School had a decrease in enrollment from the 1976 Spring Semester.

The District of Columbia, 49

states and 35 foreign countries and United States possessions are represented in the student body the report shows. Rhode Island is the only state not represented.

The 227 new students are the largest number of new enrollments for a spring semester since 1961 according to Dean of Admissions, Walter Bortz.

A major reason for Brite's 8.5 percent enrollment increase, according to Dr. J. Cy Rowell, assistant dean of Brite, is the new Doctor of Ministry program. The program, began in January 1976, offers a professional theological degree and admits 20 new candidates each January, Rowell said.



Photo By David Bennett

It's Stock Show time!

Better watch your step at the stock show. . . you never know who's been horsin' around where you're walking.

Find fourth state of mind with transcendentalist tonight

"A fourth state of consciousness" can be found today in room 218 of the Student Center. Transcendental Meditation (TM), a program sometimes mistaken as an Eastern cult, is the subject of a lecture today at 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Speaking on the potentials of TM will be John Hornburg, a teacher from the International Meditation Society chapter in Fort Worth.

Hornburg has taught TM for four years, after taking a special teacher training course in Spain from Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the founder of the Science of Creative Intelligence and the Transcendental Meditation programs.

TM is called a "fourth state of consciousness", along with dreaming, deep sleep and waking. Hornburg said that it is "a technique of deep rest, which releases stresses and strains."

Hornburg began meditating seven years ago and decided to go into teaching because, he said,

"I noticed the benefits of TM to such a degree to become a teacher, so I could learn more and teach others."

In his lecture, Hornburg will discuss how TM can improve academic performance.

"TM increases a person's awareness," he said, which is important since "it's the amount of awareness which determines the amount of knowledge the person can absorb."

"Education has always been concerned with kinds of knowledge, the amount of knowledge," he added. "It's never concerned with expanding one's ability to gain knowledge." TM itself has been taught around the world for 18 years, and has been taken up by over one million people throughout the world. In the U.S. alone, about 850,000 people meditate regularly, according to Hornburg.

Hornburg added that nearly a half million of those meditating in the world have begun in the last two years. He noted that

even though people originally thought of the program as another Eastern movement of the late 60's, that "TM is broader in scope than the Eastern practices."

"It's a combination of Eastern thought with Western science," he said. "It's a system of universal principles."

One of the major steps in the development of the program has been the "World Plan," designed by Maharishi to make the benefits of TM available to one percent of the world's population. If this number can be reached, he says, there will be a notable positive change in the world's attitude, as well as in individual societies.

Hornburg added that TM has been most widely accepted in the "progressive countries, where people are less tradition bound." He noted that, because of this, there hasn't been much effort to enlighten the Eastern Bloc countries, since "the atmosphere there is pretty resistant to change."

OU attacked

TCU is in the midst of rebuilding its football program. However, the University has the right attitude in that it should provide its students with an education before a winning football program.

One university in this country has the exact opposite philosophy and two sportswriters are feeling the wrath of its football fans.

The University of Oklahoma President George L. Cross has been quoted as saying, "We want to build a university the football team can be proud of."

The Sooners won back-to-back national championships while on probation and this last year was the first in several that they were playing under normal conditions.

Then Oklahoma City Times' sportswriters Frank Boggs and Jack Taylor reported that "the NCAA is investigating allegations that football players at the University of Oklahoma had sold game tickets at inflated prices through coaches to generate a 'payrole' for players."

Soon Boggs and Taylor had to be put under police protection because of the wrath of Sooner fans. Both received threatening phone calls and hate mail.

Oklahoma officials denied the report but nine days after it appeared the NCAA confirmed that it was conducting an investigation of allegations concerning the OU football program.

What does this situation show? First of all it shows that President Cross' statement is quite true. The university administration appeared to play second fiddle to the football team.

Secondly, should a sportswriter be any different than any other reporter on a newspaper? Sportswriters often become good friends of coaches and when a coach is under heavy attack, they feel double saddened. But sportswriters are also newspapermen, and they must be newspapermen first and sportswriters second.

Managing editors and editors need to realize that the sports department is an integral part of the paper and should meet the same standards as any other part of the newsroom. It has been shown that most people pick up a newspaper and turn to the sports page before any other part of the paper.

Sports departments are getting better and sportswriters are becoming sports reporters. Slowly but surely the notion is vanishing that the sports department's job is just to cover games and make sure that the pure image of American sports is maintained.

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By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON—A group including Medal of Honor winners and former prisoners of war filed suit in federal court yesterday challenging the legality of President Carter's pardon for draft evaders.

The suit said the pardon is vague and ambiguous, illegally delegates the President's constitutional pardon authority to Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell, offends the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment and violates federal laws governing citizenship. President Carter and Bell were named as defendants in the suit.

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans on Wednesday proposed a \$26.2-billion, two-year economic stimulus that would include an across-the-board reduction in individual income-tax rates.

The 38-member Republican conference approved the plan as an alternative to what GOP leaders called the gimmicky, one-shot tax rebate of \$50 per person proposed by President Carter.

WASHINGTON—After a 10 month review, a team of Justice Department lawyers has concluded that James Earl Ray acted alone in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, informed department sources said today.

The lawyers rejected theories that Ray was only a cog in a conspiracy to assassinate the Nobel Prizewinning civil rights leader, the sources said.

The team of lawyers from the department's Office of Professional Responsibility delivered its report to former Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi shortly before he left office Jan. 20.

WASHINGTON — President Carter sent Congress his first supplemental appropriation request yesterday. His action was prompted by the weather, not the current Eastern cold wave but rather a midcontinent drought.

Carter asked for an additional \$6.4 million for the Interior Department so the Southwestern Power Administration can buy thermally generated electric power because reservoirs operated by the Army's Corps of Engineers in Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas are running low as a result of a drought that began last July.

WASHINGTON—Two meat packing firms were charged yesterday with bribery and conspiracy for allegedly filling military mess halls with low-grade knuckle cuts of beef disguised as choice sirloin steaks.

The indictment was returned by a federal grand jury in U.S. District Court in Boston.

Federal authorities said the two firms were major suppliers of beef to the Pentagon in 1975, the year of the alleged bribery and conspiracy.

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa—The Roman Catholic

Church came under strong government attack yesterday for racially integrating its schools in South Africa in defiance of the government's apartheid policy.

In a hard-line address, Cape Province Administrator L. A. P. A. Munnik demanded government action at the "highest level," declaring: "The authorities cannot be flouted—they must act to maintain discipline, law and order."

Reasons for pardon feeble

Editor:

Your editorial of Jan. 27 contained several reasons why the Daily Skiff supports Jimmy Carter's pardon of the draft evaders. Those reasons were feeble at best.

If President Carter wanted to put the Vietnam war behind us, he has failed. If anything he has reopened a healing wound and has renewed bitterness in families of those 50,000 Americans who sacrificed their lives.

Whether the war was right or wrong has nothing to do with the issue.

The argument that the Vietnam war was "immoral", therefore it was "moral" to break the law is ridiculous. Try to use that as a defense next time you are in court.

The Vietnam war was probably a mistake from the start, but the mistake was a strategic one, and eventually a political one, but not a moral one.

It is unbelievable that anyone can see the suffocating oppression in South Vietnam and massacres in Cambodia and still say that it is "immoral to oppose the extension of Communist dictatorship."

The pardon is a dangerous precedent that our enemies were probably glad to see.

The President is allowing "men" to return to a home that they will leave again the next time their country calls them.

This country called on the people to help. The draft evaders didn't answer. They deserted their country. They do not deserve a pardon and they do not deserve to live in America.

If they don't wish to serve their country they can live elsewhere.

Chuck Ault
Sophomore

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It takes two to replace old time religion prof.

By Pam Burns

Dr. George P. Fowler of the religion department plans to take a leave of absence next semester and retire in December. Fowler has taught at the University for thirty years.

According to Fowler he was originally hired in 1947 as an Old Testament teacher. The administration discovered he

possessed the ability to teach New Testament Greek and as he says, "by accident I started teaching the course."

Fowler, an ordained minister for the Disciples of Christ, began his ministry preaching in Kentucky and Indiana. While in Kentucky he met the girl he would wed. Fowler says jokingly, "if you cannot be from Kentucky the next best thing is to marry someone who is."

After obtaining his PhD from Yale Fowler applied for a job at this University. From 1947 to 1964 he was the Foreign Student Advisor. In 1964 he was awarded the Student Activities Council's Professor of the Year Award. In the spring of 1974 he received the Honor's Professor of the Year Award.

In 1965 Fowler took a leave of absence to "study first hand world religions," and spent much of his time in Asia.

Rumor is that it will take two professors to replace Fowler. He explains that it is not their incompetence but that he has had a wider scope of training than the two new professors. He continues explaining saying he had a double major. Now, he says "it is difficult to find a combination of the skills I was taught."



Retiring prof

Dr. George P. Fowler is retiring from the religion department of the University after over 30 years service.

The last few years deafness has bothered Fowler. He can read lips but teaching a foreign language such as Greek remains difficult, he said.

After retiring Fowler plans to do the things he has not had time for before. One of his hobbies is woodworking and he made the grandfather clock in the faculty lounge.

Fiscal policy passed

The Student House of Representatives passed a fiscal policy bill stating that any deposits not reported to the Treasurer with the name of the account will be credited to the general fund.

In other action Tuesday, a book buying bill was sent to student affairs. The bill called for the formation of a committee to set up a resale book store. Such a resale store, according to the bill, would operate under several restrictions.

It would first operate under a zero budget and sell books on consignment. Also the store would operate only on the first day of registration to the third day of classes.

Surplus on books is deficit in reality

By Gwen Bauman

University auditors showed the University operated in a surplus last year, but Vice Chancellor H. Lawrence Wilsey said we actually operated in a deficit.

"With a change of the fiscal year, only nine months' expenses were included, while a year's income was."

Presently Wilsey is uncertain about this year's budget. However, an estimate made by Chief Fiscal Advisor Cecil White indicates a close balanced budget. "And when we're speaking of a \$20 million budget," said Wilsey, "that is \$100,000 or one half of one percent either way."

As a result of these fiscal problems, tuition will be raised to \$80 per semester hour next fall.

Faculty salaries, physical maintenance and financial aid will be affected by the hike, he said.

"An increase in cost was inevitable after the projection of potential income and expenses," Wilsey said. "The salaries we pay are far below the regional average. A change in the minimum wage law affected some of the staff. There are utilities who don't consult us before raising their prices."

He hopes the increased cost

does not result in a loss of students. "We don't want to lose students because of a change in family income," Wilsey cited an example where a high academic student had enrolled in a state institution while wanting to attend TCU. Financial aid was available here but the student simply failed to apply. Ignorance of available resources is a common problem among students.

Still the state schools are much cheaper. Public taxes provide for the financial stability of state universities, where TCU receives none.

"Out of 39 major universities surveyed, TCU placed thirty-seventh regarding financial condition (faculty salaries) whereas Texas Women's University held first place. We just don't get any government money," added Wilsey.

"We took into account other institutions and found our tuition rates still below that of schools of equivalent quality. While you are

required to pay market price for new people, you aren't required to raise salaries of senior faculty. We tried to this year."

There is a threat of losing outstanding professors to other universities which offer higher pay. "However," noted Wilsey, "teachers not doing outstanding jobs and failing to get raises are unlikely to receive offers from other universities. They might be better off with different careers. They may be miscast."

"We don't want education to come off the rack. We want it tailor-made. When you look at the student-faculty ratio you can see the difference. Very often a small, very advanced class is taught by a senior faculty member who is being paid more while teaching fewer students."

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Golfer ready for pro tour

By Chuck Ault

Horned Frog golfer Bill Murchison thinks low. A low score is his only goal every time he steps on the course. But once he puts his clubs away the sky is the limit because he has plans to join the Professional Golf Association tour.

This summer Murchison plans to earn his PGA card which will allow him to join the tour. The senior business management major hopes to join Charles Coody and Don Massengale as another TCU grad who has made it big in professional golf.

Murchison has been playing golf for seventeen of his 20 years. When he was three he received his first set of clubs. His father was a big help in teaching the game.

"My dad had a 2-handicap and he took me out to play everyday. I never played cowboys and Indians," Murchison recalls.

The golf courses in Iran where he was raised weren't the best in the world, but learning to play them helped Murchison improve his skill.

"Since the greens were so small I had to hit them accurately, and because the fairways were dirt, and not grass, we had to hit through the ball well because we wouldn't get a good roll."

"So I hit the ball as well as or better than most of the pros today."

The Frogs have a better team this year than last, but lack of experience has hurt some of the freshmen. Therefore Coach Mel Thomas is giving them as much competition as possible.

"He cares more about the freshmen because he feels responsible for bringing them in. This has resulted in two tournaments exclusively for the freshmen," Murchison explained.

In the past, the top two golfers didn't have to qualify for tournaments, but this year everyone has an equal chance.

"But I think the way that the coach is handling the program is good. We have some good freshmen and with the guidance Coach Thomas can give, I believe we will have a strong team in the future," he said.

Frogs, Hogs and Owls to meet in Rickel pool

We may get a chance to see TCU beat Arkansas and Rice tomorrow when the Horned Frog swimmers take on the Hogs and Owls in a 4 p.m. tri-meet at the Rickel pool.

Arkansas is favored to win the meet, but the Purples have the home pool advantage. The race to watch could be the 50 meter freestyle when Frog Bryan Austin, who has not lost a sprint race in the Rickel pool since he was a freshman, will go against Doug Wilnes of Arkansas, two-time SWC champ in the event.

The Frogs lost to Texas A&M last Thursday 75-39, but the Purple swimmers are calling the dual meet, "our best of the season."

Three Frog tankers recorded their first wins of the year at A&M. Freshman Bruce Heeter came from behind to win the 200 meter backstroke. Another freshman, Jimmy Davis, routed his opponents as he won his first college race by taking the 200 meter breaststroke.

Sophomore Harris Masterson outpointed three Aggie divers to win the three meter diving event. The win was the first for the Frogs in four years.

Bryan Austin recorded wins in the 50 and 100 meter freestyle events to remain undefeated in dual competition this season.

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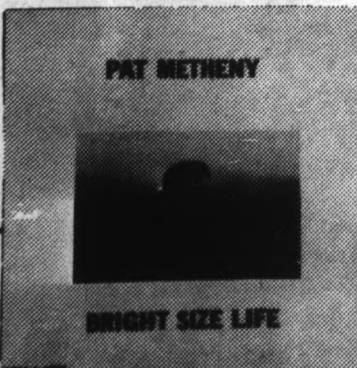
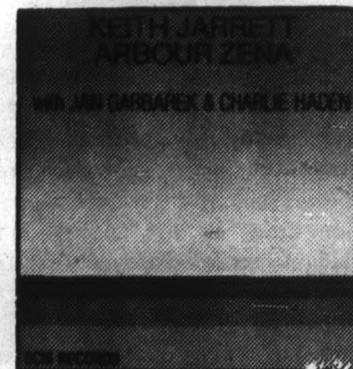
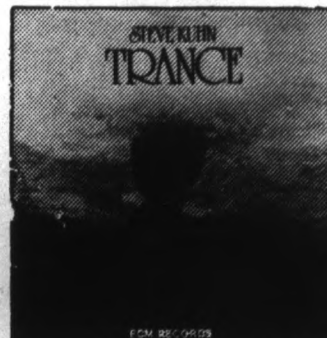
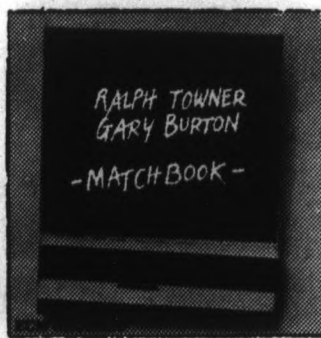
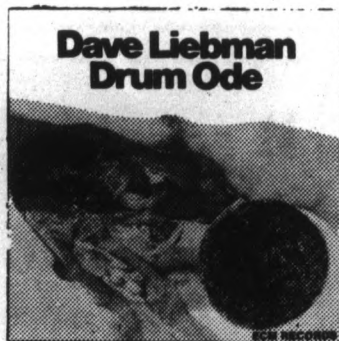
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