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Gameroom not open during playtime hours

If playing pool in the evening or on weekends is your thing, you'll have to play off-campus.

The Game Center is not open during these times and some students are angry about it.

"They oughta have it open on weekends and at night. It's never open past 6 p.m.," said Freshman Bill Groeneveld. "I've come by and wanted to play when it was closed. I imagine it's because they don't want to spend the money to pay someone to keep it open. If they're going to have this thing they ought to keep it open. There's no way most people can come here during the day. It's only open during class time."

Mike Garner, the Game Center's sole employe, cited cost as a reason for the Center's lack of popularity. It used to be 90 cents an hour for up to four people. Now it's a penny a minute for each person. Quite a few students come in here and they want to play. Then I tell them it's sixty cents a hour and they look in their pockets and don't have the money. They all say, 'That's a ripoff. We pay so much for school.' There's been a great change in the number of people that used to come in here."

The Center has 10 pool tables, an air hockey table, two foosball tables and four pinball machines, yet there are seldom more than three tables in use at any given time.

Don Mills, director of University Programs and Services, said, "The room was opened two years ago for 84 hours a week. We could not afford to staff it. A survey was made to determine when the Center received the most use." Mills added that the present hours—11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday—are a result of the survey.

"At one time the game room paid for itself. When Spencer's Corner opened our income dropped," Mills said. He noted that the availability of alcohol at Spencer's Corner probably contributed to the Center's decline in business. "Our income dropped 40 percent the first year Spencer's Corner was open. We started to put in pinball and electronic machines," Mills said. "Seventy-five percent of our present income comes from electronic games."

Plans are now being formulated as to possible solutions to the problem. "One of the things we're considering is a mall project which will tie in with the game room," Mills said.

Other plans under consideration are updating of the room and a change in the hours of operation. "I'm not opposed at all to looking at different hours," Mills said, adding "I'd be delighted to know (what's keeping people from playing). Our biggest problem is language. Some people don't go in there because of the pool hall atmosphere."

Costs soar

Grade inflation coming down

By CHERYL-ANN ALBERTO

"Grade inflation... begun in the late 1950's when the Russians launched the first Sputnik," said Dr. Keith Odom, honors director. "It took us a long time after that to get one. It was then that we decided that we had to improve our education, and sure enough students started making better grades."

Grade inflation has been a problem for many years in the United States. But lately the problem has settled down at the university level.

"I'm not sure if the grades are really going up. Students might be getting fewer 'C's, 'D's and 'F's and more 'A's and 'B's but the answers to this are not simple, there are no easy answers. This problem is very complicated. Recently students have been told that they really don't need to go to college," said Odom. He also said that he wouldn't throw the blame on anyone. If he had, he'd throw the blame on everyone.

"When I say everyone I mean: students, parents, instructors,

administrators and people in government.

"Everyone in education is worried that fewer children will reach the college level," said Odom.

Freshman Mark Wood, who is an honors cabinet representative said, "In my experience, 'grade inflation' is the result of differences in grading procedures among instructors. 'A's mean little in some courses but are the result of great effort in others. Many teachers are reluctant to give poor grades. The present grading system is arbitrary and capricious."

William Wiebenga, Dean of AddRan College, didn't think that the problem was as bad as in recent years. "I think the problem is settling down at the college level and at the University. It's not as bad as it was, it seems to be stabilizing. But it's even worse at the high school level," said Wiebenga.

Wiebenga believes grade in-

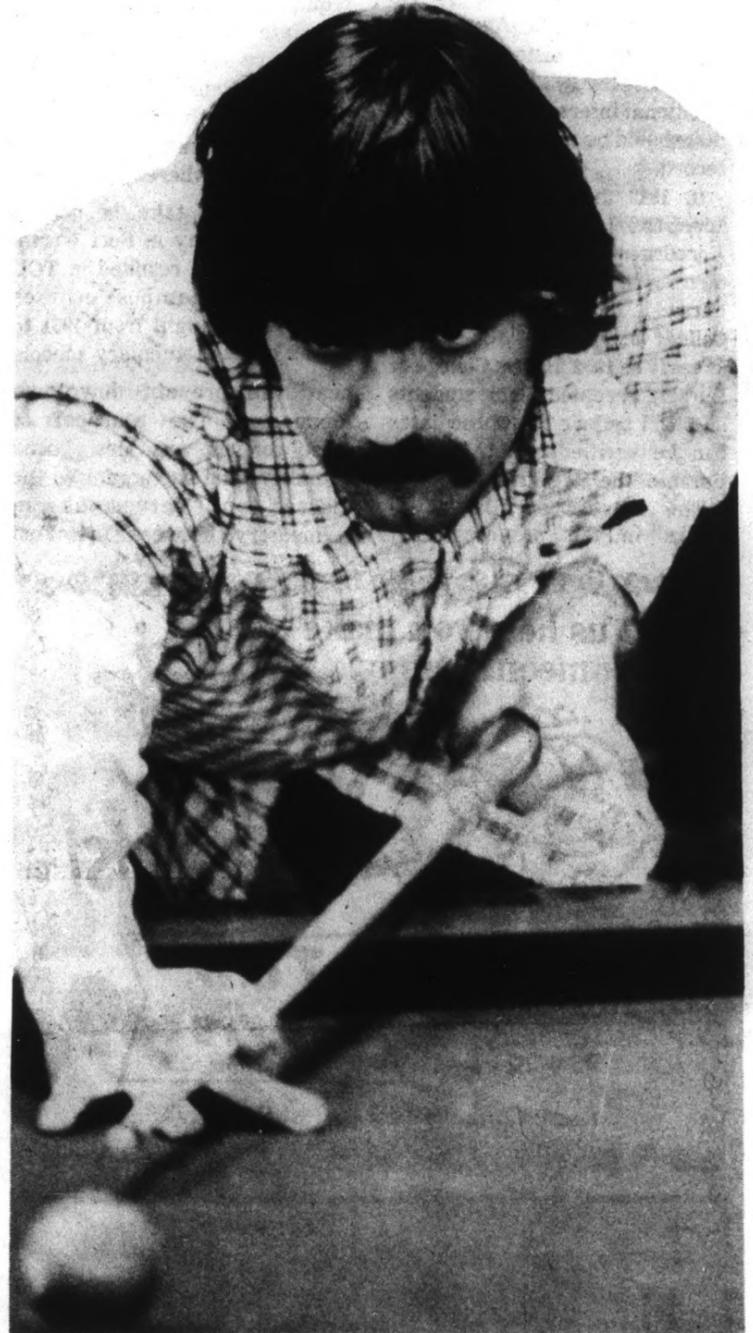
flation began in the 1960's during the Vietnam war. When students flunked out of college they usually were drafted. Teachers felt pressured to keep their students out of the war by not flunking them.

Emphasis has shifted to professional education also, he said. People want jobs and if professors give out low grades, Wiebenga said, jobs are more difficult to get.

"Faculty are reluctant to participate in the process designed to identify an elite group," Wiebenga said. "Instead they take a more democratic approach."

House President Mike Veitenheimer said he hasn't seen a change in grading since he's been here.

Grade inflation was a big problem in the past, Wiebenga said, but it seems to be settling down.



Rack 'em up!

The University game room is not as busy as it could be for several reasons.

Hiss to hit campus

Former State Department official Alger Hiss will be on campus Thursday and Friday to take part in the Political Awareness Workshop on "Individual Rights and State Power."

Hiss will deliver an address Friday at 8 p.m. The topic will be "The Role and Influence of the Press During the McCarthy Era and Watergate." A reception will follow at 9:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

Hiss's career began in 1933 when he went to Washington as Assistant General Counsel of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

He then moved to the Office of the Solicitor General in 1935. After becoming involved with officials of the State Department, he entered the department as assistant Secretary of State Frances Bowes Sayre's assistant.

In 1944, Hiss acted as Secretary of the Dumbarton Oaks Conversations, where the outline for the United Nations was prepared. He accompanied Roosevelt to the Yalta Conference in 1945 and was named as Director of the Office of Special Political Affairs.

In 1947 Hiss resigned from the Department of State to become the President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Reader feedback

Teacher relates blacks' rise

Editor:

I enjoyed the article by Ed Timms on Black Awareness Week, and the history of black students at TCU. There is some additional information, however, that should be made a part of the record.

In 1942 the Evening College accepted black students. Enrollment came primarily from men who were stationed at Carswell Air Force Base. Brite College accepted a Black student as early as 1952. Harris College of Nursing accepted Black students in 1962. I believe that these dates can be verified by Mr. Calvin Cumbie, the Registrar.

The largest enrollment of blacks in the pre-integration

period was a group of Fort Worth teachers. Changes in teacher certification laws in Texas necessitated additional college work of most teachers. Black teachers had difficulty in meeting the new certification requirements since all colleges in the state were segregated, and there were no nearby institutions for blacks. Representatives from the Fort Worth Public Schools asked TCU to make some kind of arrangement whereby the black teachers could take the needed courses and stay in Fort Worth. The conference resulted in TCU offering off-campus courses which were taught from 1951 to 1956 in black elementary schools near the present downtown mixmaster. The principal of these schools was Mrs. Lottie Hamilton, and she organized the classes and served as intermediary between the Fort

Worth schools and TCU. Members of the faculty of the School of Education taught classes throughout these years. The usual class size was twenty to thirty students, and about sixty different students took one or more classes. One of the students was Mrs. Juanita Cash, the mother of James Cash mentioned in Mr. Timm's article. Another was Mrs. Reva Bell, now a member of the TCU School of Education faculty.

Two members of the beginning group, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Bertice Bates, took every course that was offered, and accumulated thirty hours toward a Master's degree. They requested that they be permitted to enroll for the remaining courses that would complete their degree requirements. I taught them the remaining courses on an

arranged basis. Both received Master of Education degrees in 1956, admittedly on an in absentia basis, and on a segregated basis, but for the time it was a step, although a small one, forward. After TCU became integrated, many of the black students returned to the campus, and completed their master's degrees, among them Mrs. Cash and Mrs. Bell. At the time of official integration, I was Associate Dean of the Graduate School, and it gave me great satisfaction to shift the records of the black students from their segregated niche to the regular alphabetical files; it gave me more satisfaction to follow my students of those segregated years to the completion of their graduate degrees.

Sandy A. Wall
Professor, School of Education

OU fan responds

Editor:

My, my, what interest the University of Oklahoma, my dear alma mater, is raising. Scandals are interesting, after all, and the ones concerning nationally ranked football teams are especially fascinating. However, the Skiff seems to be giving this matter undue attention.

To me, scandals are nice warnings. OK, TCU, don't do things to get the NCAA on your tail. However, TCU might look elsewhere for lessons.

OU's athletic department is essentially self-supporting. Such financial success comes from the drawing-power of a winning football team. But there are other reasons for such success; alum cooperation and money management. The school supports the athletic endeavors it can afford. Perhaps TCU should follow such a habit.

This self-supporting nature of OU's football program allows the University to apply money in other areas. Besides the new stadium and arena on campus, a new law center has been built, the dorms and classrooms have been renovated, the library is being enlarged, and salaries have been increased.

Perhaps the alums and, consequently, city news reporters are primarily interested in football. However, the administration of Oklahoma University, a university where the enrollment is increasing, has not forgotten academics. Such a balance, in itself, is a lesson to utilize.

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The
CO-RESPONDENTS
Are
Coming!

Attacks related

An off campus attack Wednesday on a TCU student is believed to be related to the attack that occurred on Greek Hills according to Detective Mullins of the Fort Worth police.

Detective Mullins said the same officer made the call on both incidents and he "seemed to think there might be a connection. The description of the attacker given by both girls was real close."

The off campus incident occurred at approximately noon. The on campus attack at 2:30 p.m. Detective Mullins would not comment where the first attack happened, saying only that it was "no where near TCU."

According to police reports the man approached the girls and pulled up their dress. When the girls began to struggle he knocked them to the ground.

Detective Mullins said Friday he had not started an investigation.

Filing easy if calm

Overcoming psychological fear is the hardest part of the new Internal Revenue Form 1040A, according to Internal Revenue Service spokesperson Pam Perry.

Most people make mistakes because they do not read the instructions carefully, Perry said.

She offered some advice for students trying to prepare their returns.

Students can claim themselves

as dependents even if their parents claim them, if the student has over \$2,000 in wages, interest and dividends, Perry said. Failure to claim self as a dependent is a loss of \$750.

Students living off campus should make sure their name is on the mail box, according to the IRS spokesperson, because the Post Office will not deliver the check if it is not.

Copies of returns should be kept because it is the first thing

the IRS will ask for if you have a complaint, Perry said.

The IRS needs verification of your identity when checking records because of disclosure laws and they consider possession of the return verification.

Anyone having problems can call the Dallas regional office at 334-3811. This is not a toll call. The Fort Worth office maintains a "self help" room on the eleventh floor of the Federal building, 819 Taylor.

Ministers week Calendar

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 a.m.:McFadin Lecture I "Enslavement and Release" Dr. Samuel Sandmel, Dr. M. Jack Suggs, presiding.

10:00 a.m.:Announcements

10:10 a.m.: Coffee—Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m.:Scott Lecture I "The Parables of Kierkegaard" Dr. Thomas C. Oden, Dr. Kenneth T. Lawrence, presiding.

12:15 a.m.:BRITE DIVINITY SCHOOL LUNCHEON

Ballroom, Brown-Lupton Student Center, TCU, Mr. Eugene K. Brink, presiding, Speaker:Dr. James O. Duke

2:30-3:30 p.m.:Sacred Music Concert, The TCU Concert Chorale and Instrumentalists, Prof. Ronald L. Shirey, Conducting. Dr. Kenneth T. Lawrence, presiding; Prof. Shirey, commentary.

8:00 p.m.:Service of Worship, Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker. Wells Sermon II. "The Isolated Event," Dr. William Muehl.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 a.m.:McFadin Lecture II, "The Wilderness Wanderings", Dr. Samuel Sandmel; Dr. M. Jack Suggs, presiding.

10:00 a.m.:Announcements

10:10 a.m.: Coffee—Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m.:Scott Lecture II, "Can the Pastor Learn from Kierkegaard?", Dr. Thomas C. Oden; Dr. Harold L. Lunger, presiding.

12:15 p.m.: MINISTERS WIVES LUNCHEON

Weatherly Hall—Brite Divinity School, Speaker: Mrs. Wanda McGrede; Mrs. Maxine Palmer, presiding.

2:30-4:00 p.m.:Talking Shop: Theological Education at Brite, Led by Brite Faculty

8:00 p.m.:Service of Worship, Dr. Albert M. Pennybacker; Wells Sermon III, "The Autonomous Individual," Dr. William Muehl

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Tomorrow is the day that will help determine future fortunes or the lack of them because high school football recruits will sign their national letters of intent.

Most of F.A. Dry's prayers will concern Pampa running back David Caldwell who gained 500 yards last season on 103 carries before suffering a knee injury after the seventh game. He has had surgery and doctors say that he is fully recovered. As a high school junior he was district 100-yard dash and shot-put champ.

Caldwell was in New Orleans last weekend visiting the campus of Tulane University.

Other running backs are Chester Strickland, the 6-3, 225-pound fullback from Pittsburg, Robert Hoot, the highly recruited 5-11, 185-pounder from Houston Cypres-Fairbanks and Algia Jones the 6-1, 190-pounder from Dallas Hillcrest.

Dry will not be the only coach battling for the ink.

In Houston, Bill Yeoman will be sweating out the signing of Odessa High's Derrall Shepard, the most highly recruited quarterback in Texas. Shepard had committed to the University of Texas and shocked the Longhorn's Fred Akers last Tuesday by signing a SWC letter with Houston. Shepard has also

visited Oklahoma recently where his older brother Woody is a halfback for the Sooners.



David Caldwell

Sooner head coach Barry Switzer is locked in another dual with Baylor's Grant Teaff over Big Sandy running back David Overstreet. His prized signature rests on the letters of both schools and no one is certain which way he will go on the national letter.

SMU head coach Ron Meyer is still not releasing his list of signees, but it's common knowledge that he does have the signatures of two of the state's blue-chip prospects—tackle Billy Don Jackson and running back Worley Taylor of Houston Washington. Jackson is reportedly interested in UCLA and

Taylor double signed last week, going with the Mustangs and Big Eight Oklahoma State.

The Aggies also have double signee problems in lineman Ben Landry of Port Arthur Lincoln with Kansas State and lineman John Osborne of Long Beach, Miss., with Mississippi State.

Horned Frog Randy Boyts drives in for two points in last week's action against the Longhorns. In Houston Saturday, Boyts scored eight points and eventually fouled out against the Cougars. The Frogs lost by 40, 114-74.

The Frogs play tonight against the conference leading Arkansas Razorbacks at 7:30 p.m. in Daniel-Meyer Coliseum. Every game that the Frogs play now sets a record for the most consecutive losses.



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