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## Alleged strangler

William Ross Singleton, 39, was transferred from Fort Worth City Jail to Tarrant County Jail Wednesday morning after being charged with burglary of a motor vehicle with intent to commit kidnapping in connection with three attacks on coeds. Singleton was arrested Tuesday afternoon after two of the three coeds identified him a police line-up. Singleton is shown here leaving the Fort Worth City Jail.

## House urges security emphasis

By GWEN BAUMANN  
Assistant News Editor

The "scarf strangler" may have been caught, but that doesn't mean emphasis on campus security should stop. Such was the statement in Tuesday's House meeting when President Mike Veitenheimer announced the creation of a Security committee.

Headed by legislative assistant Davis McCown, Veitenheimer said, "I don't think the apprehension of the strangler at all justifies our letting up on protection." McCown added the committee needed "to study the problem and recall the bill originating the committee (which was introduced to the House last semester) was written before this semester's event occurred."

In other action, the House passed a bill revising the Programming Council's bylaws. Submitted by the Council, the bill gives it the power to veto any committee spending it feels is impractical.

Diane Delaney, Vice-President of Programming, said, "In the four years I have been here no bylaws have changed and certain committees have been dissolved. I also think this (the revision) allows for a little control by the Programming Council on the whole. It cleans up some areas that are unresolved or questionable."

The revision also eliminated non-existing committees including CESCO, a service committee; the Fashion Council and the Spirit Committee, formerly associated with the cheerleaders.

Homecoming and Parents Weekend were added as full-time committees.

Under the new code any Council member with two unexcused absences from meetings may be released. The Vice-President will also coordinate Howdy Week activities over the summer.

Three bills were sent to committees for study. A bill for the investigation of the I.D. Meal Ticket Policy calling for a committee to investigate the reasoning of the new policy, relay the

## Man, 39, charged, held in 'Scarf Strangler' case

By DAVID BENNETT  
Staff Writer

William Ross Singleton, 39, is being held in Tarrant County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 bond on the charge of burglary of a motor vehicle with intent to commit kidnapping in connection with the attacks of three coeds during a five-day span.

Singleton, the man police believe to be the "TCU Scarf Strangler" was arrested Tuesday after two TCU coeds identified him from Fort Worth Police mug-shots as the man they believe attacked them.

Tarrant County Sheriff Lon Evans said Singleton is currently serving a 10-year probated sentence after being convicted of burglary of a habitation on Oct. 27, 1976, in Judge Charles Lindsey's court.

Fort Worth Police Lt. A.M. Patterson said that burglary Singleton was caught tearing apart women's under garments.

Sheriff Evans, after speaking with Brenda Buckner, Singleton's probation officer, said "His mother died when he was very young and he cried all the time. His father had him put in the Austin State School, which he escaped from in 1958."

Evans said Intelligence Quotient Tests, (IQ tests) had shown Singleton's IQ to be around 73 to 74. The average IQ is 100.

"He also spent 17 years in Rusk State Hospital after attacking a girl in Austin," Evans added.

Motions were being prepared by the District Attorney's Office late Wednesday for revocation of Singleton's probation.

Patterson said Det. R.L. Mullins of Homicide Division had felt Singleton was the alleged attacker since the early stages of the investigation. "None of the girls had identified the

attacker as having thick lips, though, so we couldn't be positive of the identification," Patterson said.

After a composite drawing of the strangler had been printed in local newspapers, Patterson said a citizen in the TCU area called police and said Singleton could be the attacker.

Tuesday, the two coeds picked Singleton's mug-shot from a series of five, Patterson said. Singleton was arrested and the girls positively identified him in a line-up as the man they believed to be the attacker.

Singleton was arrested at his home in the near Southside of Fort Worth. Patterson said Singleton had never lived in the TCU area and to the best of

his knowledge had never had any connection with the University.

Dean of Students Elizabeth Proffer said Wednesday that the University would continue the stepped-up security initiated when the attacks first started. "We want to get a better appraisal of the security on campus before we discontinue the foot patrol," she said.

Two additional men were hired from Bailey Security Service and a TCU Security Officer was placed on full-time foot patrol when the attacks began.

Individual dormitories will probably determine whether to keep locking their doors early, Proffer said. She

said she had not talked with Bob Neeb, director of Residential Living and Housing, about the situation. Neeb was unavailable for comment.

"I feel it is a good idea for people to keep up their guards just for general purposes," she said. "I don't want people to distrust each other, but I do think they should be cautious."

Three confirmed attacks believed to have been committed by the "scarf strangler" were reported in a week's span.

Patterson said currently the police intend to hold Singleton on only the one charge.

## Campus to host conference

### Literacy concerns TCU

By JACKIE BORROW  
Staff Writer

Complaints that TCU students cannot write and speak correctly have led to the formation of a conference on the state of literacy to be held on campus Oct. 20-21.

"We have had complaints from members of the School of Business, the Department of Physics, Brite Divinity School and the Sociology Department about students' writing and speaking skills," said Karl Snyder, acting dean of the English Department and moderator for the two-day conference.

The purpose of the two-day conference is to determine speaking and writing problems of TCU students and set plans for programs and solutions to these problems.

"The state of literacy in the country generates behavior ranging from marked unease to predictions of early deterioration in society," said Dr. Jim Corder, acting dean of AddRan College of Arts and Sciences. "Those who notice and think about the state of literacy have been more vocal and more influential in the last five years," Corder said. They are responsible for what is called the "back to the basics" movement that is widespread in schools at all levels.

"Literacy is one of those words people tend to define for themselves," Snyder said. "Many people can read and write but are not literate."

"Literacy is beyond reading, writing and correct grammar usage." The message must be clear, Snyder said.

The Journalism Department is also concerned about freshmen who are not trained in grammar, punctuation and usage, Dr. Elden Rawlings, chairman, said.

Vice Chancellor Thomas Brewer has suggested the development of a remedial program in writing and language.

The conference will feature outside consultants, including Edward Corbett, editor of *College Composition and Communication*, Dr. Richard Lloyd-Jones, chairman of English at the University of Iowa and a participant in the National Assessment of Educational Progress and Dr. Wayne Danielson, head of the School of

Communications at the University of Texas, Austin.

The conference will open with Corbett, Lloyd-Jones and Danielson meeting with English Department faculty to discuss the problems of writing on campus and some plans for programs and solutions.

In a second session that day various departments will present their concerns and proposals about freshman composition and problems related to writing and speaking.

Walter Bortz, Dean of Admissions, will speak on "Are we admitting students who are less well-prepared than formerly?" Andrea Miracle and Marjorie Lewis, English, will present "Does writing actually get done outside of freshman composition and does the quality count?"

Other topics for presentation the first day of the conference include "Does advanced placement exempt students with language problems?" "What is not getting done on the

campus to aid in the promotion of literacy?" "Does the English Department's conception of good writing differ from that of other units?"

The second day of the conference will feature a presentation by Gary Tate, TCU English Department, on "What alternatives (other programs and practices, other organizational patterns, other standards of performance) are available?"

Vice Chancellor H. Lawrence Wisley and Brewer will attend the presentations, and discussion-and-answer periods concerning: "Is the University serious in its concern about literacy?" "Is the University ready to decide what it expects of students who graduate, and if so, how will the University make that Decision?" "What happens if the general University decides on an approach to the teaching of writing and the English Department decides on another?"

## Utility cost to exceed University's budget figure

By BROCK AKERS  
Contributing Editor

Although the University has "under-budgeted" for its utility bills this fiscal year, Executive Vice Chancellor H. Lawrence Wisley said large rate increases will not cause fees or tuition and housing rates to increase.

The University paid out \$967,511 for gas, electricity and water for the 1976-77 school year. Before these figures were available, the current budget estimates were made—the budget for 1977-78 allows only \$966,000.

Wisley said this year's bills will "certainly exceed," the budget figure.

A proposed 27 percent increase in electricity rates, proposed by Texas Electric Service Co. (TESCO), would "impact substantially on our electric bill," Wisley said.

However, even that large an increase would not affect students in increased costs, he said.

"A difference of \$100,000 or \$200,000 against a \$28 million budget will not be a financial problem we could not handle. It is more in the line of a routine adjustment," Wisley said.

A portion of the budget has been left unallocated allowing for adjustments such as the unexpected utility costs, he said.

"Our hope is that we will have offsetting income from other sources to make up the difference," Wisley said. The University is in the "enviable position" of being both consumer and producer of energy, he explained.

"Since such a great portion of our endowment income derives from our oil and gas holdings, as the oil price goes up, so does our endowment income," he said.

However, Wisley said the increased oil and gas dividends do not make up for the larger utility bills and would fall far short if the TESCO proposal is adopted by the Public Utilities Commission.

## Senate holds all-night session over gas prices

By JOHN LENGEL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—The Senate struggled yesterday to break a deadlock on natural gas pricing after holding its first all-night session since the epic battle over the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Sleepy-eyed lawmakers shuffled to and from the Senate floor for a seemingly endless chain of minor votes. Except for a breakfast break this morning, the Senate had been in continuous session for 27 hours as of noon.

Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd has been unsuccessful in attempts to break the filibuster led by two senators who want to block a vote on an industry-supported plan to lift price controls from natural gas.

"We've had about enough of this foolishness," Byrd declared at dawn. But by mid-day there was no sign that the West Virginia Democrat was making headway in steering the Senate toward a final vote.

One natural gas amendment unrelated to the filibuster was approved 74 to 18. Sponsored by Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., it would allow utilities and industries to sell natural gas at high prices to make it economically possible for them to switch to crude oil expected in large amounts from Alaska's North Slope.

The Senate faced a decision on whether to vote to replace President Carter's plan for continued price controls with a deregulation plan favored by the industry.

Unlike earlier talkathons, where senators could steal away for several hours of uninterrupted sleep, this filibuster was being waged with votes instead of words.

Nearly all of the senators had been present, at least from time to time, during the night.

Sens. James Abourezk, D-S.D., and Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, leaders of the stalling action, called for repeated rollcall votes, forcing legislators to engage in the arduous task of taking up separately some 500 amendments to the bill.

As the morning wore on, senators primed themselves with coffee and shuffled back and forth between the Senate floor and nearby rooms where cots were set up. But few caught much sleep.

"This is barbaric," grumbled Senate Republican Leader Howard Baker of Tennessee. "These cots are useless with these votes coming up every 15 minutes."

Byrd said failure to act on the gas-pricing bill jeopardizes passage of Carter's entire energy package. He added that the President is likely to call Congress back into session if it adjourns without reaching a decision.

Even though the Senate voted earlier in the week to limit each senator's speaking time to one hour a piece for the remainder of the debate, the tactic failed to deter either Metzenbaum or Abourezk.

They just switched tactics, stopped talking and began demanding votes.

The aim of the two senators is to stall for time while pushing their proposal to continue federal control of natural gas prices with as low a price as possible.

Oil and gas industry lobbyists and sympathetic senators want an end to controls. They think they will prevail if they can sweep away the parliamentary tangle and put their proposal to a vote.

In a preliminary test shortly after midnight, the Senate refused by a vote of 47 to 40 to table the latest deregulation proposal managed by Sens. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, and James Pearson, R-Kan.

Carter says he will veto any plan that lifts federal controls.

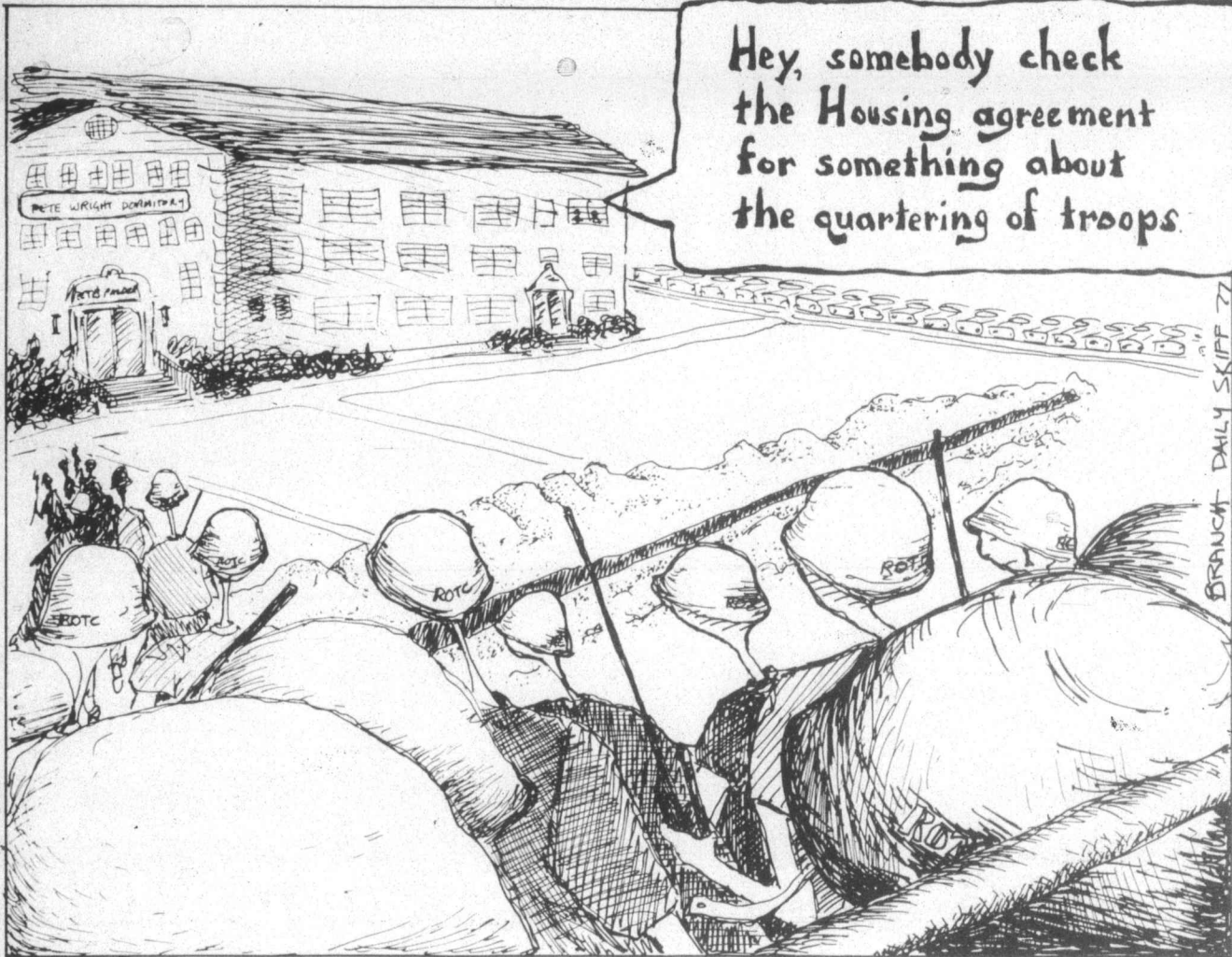
Deregulation proponents claim the controls have kept the price of gas artificially low, discouraging development of new supplies. But Carter contends that the controls are needed to protect consumers from soaring gas bills.

In Austin, Gov. Dolph Briscoe said Wednesday the U.S. Senate is on the right track in moving toward deregulation of gas prices, but President Carter is dead wrong in threatening a veto.

Carter's energy bill, as passed by the House, preserves price regulation but at higher levels than now. Senators, in preliminary votes, have opted for gradual deregulation.

The president has announced he would veto an energy bill sent to his desk without some provision for continued natural gas price ceilings.





David Sugimoto

## 'Lord of the Flies' hides in snack bar

I almost hate to do this. Food Services has come under a multitude of tirades in the short time that school has been in session this fall. Most of them were legitimate, though I do seem to vaguely recall one which was not. I think it had something to do with rice in the salt shakers, or at least something of that degree of significance.

I feel I must register this complaint and perhaps Food Services and ARA can be left alone for the remainder of the semester.

I have a certain aversion to flies, especially when I am attempting to put food in my mouth. Perhaps I'm being unreasonable, but I have noticed an overabundance of them in the snack bar.

At the start of the year I thought they would eventually all die out. How long can one generation of flies live? I was wrong.

The snack bar's population of flies has not decreased one modicum in over a month. This leads me to believe one thing. They are breeding down there (and any student who has had a high school biology course or has lived on a farm can tell you where flies breed, but I won't go into that).

Many a time down there I would have felt more comfortable with a pair of binoculars and a copy of *The Daily Racing Form*, talking with Lucien Laurin and Ron Turcotte about the field in the fourth race. I take that back — a six million dollar racehorse would never be subjected to that much irritation.

The fly problem seems to be eternal until some sort of remedial action is taken to terminate it. Since the problem has been defined, we can now launch into a discussion of possible solutions.

The installation of an electronic trap that attracts flies with a light and electrocutes them as they make contact with a mesh screen would be both effective and entertaining. However, these are probably not cheap and the cost control accountants for ARA and Food Services might become unduly appalled at such an expenditure. I would hate to see the price of those packages of Melba toast escalate to eight cents apiece.

Another possible solution would be to equip snack bar employees with gas masks and "jungle-tested" Yard Guard. On Sunday, when the snack bar is closed, a major gas eradication program could be deployed. If Food

Services played their cards right, they might persuade Raid's advertising agency to film a commercial down there on location. If they can do that we might be able to bet Melba toast for free, as is the case in most restaurants.

A third possibility would be to remove all those plastic, artificial plants and replace them with Venus Fly Traps. Venus Fly Traps are not very expensive, and in the spirit of fair play, it does give those flies a sporting chance. Biology classes would have an excellent opportunity to study insectivorous plants at close range. They require no electricity and emit no fluorocarbon propellants — environmentally safe in all respects.

The eradication strategies illustrated here are but a few of many ways that Food Services could cope with the problem. Being so responsive to the student's needs, I know they will attack this problem with full thrust.

David Sugimoto, a senior economics major, will be writing a column for the Skiff this fall.

### Suspect arrested

## Caution still wise policy

Fort Worth police have arrested a man they believe to be the "TCU Scarf Strangler."

But the campus community should not let down its guard simply because a suspect is behind bars. The suspect may indeed not be the "Strangler." Or if he is, there is always the possibility that some other individual on this campus might have similar thoughts of doing injury to others.

It is unfortunately human nature to react to a problem rather than try to prevent it. Before the "Strangler" came along, the campus community was asking for trouble.

But once threatened, the TCU community put on its armor and lessened the chance of an attack.

Men's dorms offered escort service for women at night. Women began walking in groups, for safety in numbers.

Women were advised by the Housing and Residential Living staff or preventative measures coeds should take so they do not invite attack. These measures should still be followed:

- Do not go outside at night alone.
- Keep doors, windows and screens locked at all times.

Barry Morris

## Dorm invaded by U.S. military forces

The hallway in the Sadler basement is quiet. Gone are colorful posters depicting the glory of battle, the comradery of khaki clad, All-American boys and girls, studying their infantry manuals. The "new" ROTC has packed its gear and invaded a new installation: Pete Wright Dormitory.

Just a few years earlier, the Housing Office began boasting of their new "high" occupancy rate. This was the same year the entire first floor of Foster Hall was besieged by Housing and Psychological Testing.

This year, the tune is the same one. In the September 7 Skiff, Housing boasted a 90 percent occupancy, which forced residents who had requested private rooms to live with other residents who had requested private rooms. It permitted some lucky students to get to know their RAs

extremely well—by living in the RAs' very own rooms.

Eventually, as construction crews quit their incessant pounding, some students decided that a private room wasn't worth the hassle. But for some upperclass students who had been hoping this year would feature the peace and quiet of their own "place," the struggle goes on.

Pete Wright Dorm has been the ideal location for these single rooms. But, as the first floor was quickly converted into ROTC battle stations and storage spots for assorted living luxuries, private rooms went out the window as the dorm filled quickly.

The remodeling is nearly complete downstairs. Residents are still gaping at the spacious rooms (formed by knocking out walls of former rat holes), a comfortable lounge (with seats that don't fall apart) and carpeting in every office.

— Report immediately suspicious persons. Campus security stopped up its patrols and began locking the doors in the women's dorms early. And the University hired an outside security service to aid the campus police.

The additional security personnel hired by the University during the crisis should be either retained or efforts should be made to enlarge TCU Security.

And the extra patrols made by campus police when the "Strangler" was still attacking women would become standard procedure.

A police force's success or failure cannot be measured with statistics. But one thing is certain — the more patrolmen out on the campus, the safer the campus will be.

Everyone can sleep easier now the "TCU Scarf Strangler" is believed to be behind bars. But students should not let this knowledge create a false sense of security. TCU is not immune from the dangers of the "real world." It is conceivable, even probable that the likes of the "TCU Scarf Strangler" will terrorize this campus again.

Another example of military might was the recent incident of a military commander who noticed an uncomplimentary sign in the window of a resident which read "Junk ROTC." The hall director was in a bind, trying to decide whether to keep on good terms with the military by forcing the residents to remove the sign, or protecting the resident's right of freedom of expression.

The hassle continues. The brand new doors which partition off the ROTC program are closed to traffic at night, eliminating passageway in the dorm. Other evidence of ROTC infiltration is the number of file cabinets and uniform boxes stored up in Pete Wright's attic. Residents aren't allowed to store their possessions on the fourth floor, according to housing regulations.

All in all, the movement of the ROTC program to the dorm may have been a bust. The administration has cramped Pete Wright residents into much

tighter quarters than in years previous. The ROTC offices may not have been the roomiest in the world, but, with a little carpet in the old offices, the administration could have (1) saved on an exorbitant remodeling fee, (2) been prepared for the 135 students who "took the Residential Living and Housing office by surprise" by signing up for a dormitory, (3) had room for expansion with a few empty dorm rooms and (4) had enough space to give private

rooms to those who request them. As it stands, the University stands to gain an additional \$135 per student who lives alone—why deny students the privilege?

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# Moorer sees Soviet threat if canal relinquished

By LAWRENCE L. KNUTSON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—The Panama Canal could fall under the influence of the Soviet Union if the Senate ratifies a treaty relinquishing control to the Republic of Panama, a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff told Congress yesterday.

"It is vital to U.S. interests to retain complete ownership and control of the canal," retired Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, told the House International Relations Committee in testimony directly at odds with that given by the nation's current top military leadership.

Referring to the regime of Gen. Omar Torrijos, the Panamanian chief of state, Moorer said there is a potential threat to U.S. national security interests in giving control of the canal to a "leftist-oriented" government.

"There exists the potential danger for giving this U.S. advantage to a man who might allow or might be persuaded that it was in his best interest to allow Soviet power or influence to prevail by proxy over the canal, in much the same manner as happened in Cuba," said Moorer.

"I was convinced as chairman of the joint chiefs—and I remain convinced today—that if the Soviet Union ever gained even proxy sovereignty and control over the U.S. Canal Zone and canal . . . U.S. security as well as U.S. prosperity would be placed in serious jeopardy."

Moorer said Panama is allied with the Communist regime of Fidel Castro in Cuba and asserted that the main reason that the Soviet Union provides heavy support to Cuba is its interest in the canal.

"We have in fact a Torrijos-Castro-Moscow axis," he said. ". . . Do not be

surprised that if this treaty is ratified in its present form to see a Soviet and-or Cuban presence quickly established in the country of Panama."

Moorer said such a presence would seriously complicate any rights the United States believes it has under the treaty to defend the canal or maintain priority access to it.

Moorer's testimony came a day after Air Force Gen. George S. Brown, the current chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a Senate panel that the treaty assures the United States every right it needs to maintain the perpetual neutrality of the canal.

Brown and Defense Secretary Harold Brown also stressed that there will be a far more dangerous military threat to the security of the canal if the treaty is rejected than if it is ratified.

## Exxon accused of foreign bribes

By MICHAEL DOAN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—Exxon, the world's largest corporation, also holds the record for payoffs to foreign officials, government investigators say.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said in a civil complaint Tuesday that the Exxon Corp. paid at least \$56.5 million to foreign governments, most of it to Italian officials.

Previously, the \$38 million by the Lockheed Corp. was the largest total to come out of the government's four-year investigation of bribes paid overseas by American companies.

Exxon, while not admitting any guilt, agreed to a permanent injunction barring it from violating securities laws.

There is no U.S. law prohibiting bribery of foreign officials. The SEC complaint charged Exxon with failing to disclose the payoffs in its regular statements, which are required by the securities laws.

So far about 360 companies have reported paying off foreign officials. The SEC has taken 32 firms to court.

Most of the bribes have been to get government contracts or to speed up action on contracts, and are illegal in many of the countries involved.

The SEC said Exxon made payoffs in at least 15 countries. Some \$55.2 million was allegedly channeled through Italy by Esso Italiana, from 1963 until at least 1972.

Exxon had maintained the payments were legal political contributions, but the SEC charged much of the money went to political parties and government officials to influence governmental decisions.

At least half the money, it said, was spent by Vincenzo Cazzaniga, who was fired as president of the Italian subsidiary in 1971. The SEC said top-level management knew about these payments, which were allegedly channeled through 40 unrecorded bank accounts or overdraft accounts.



'A salute to the big bands'

The TCU Jazz Ensemble number 1, winner of the 1977 Wichita Jazz Festival, will present their debut concert in front of the Student Center at 12 noon, Friday, Sept. 30. Launching the Parent's Day activities will be such tunes as

Stan Kenton's Malaguena and a version of Barbara Streisand's Evergreen plus other big band charts including a tribute to the Big Bands of the 30's and 40's. The band is directed by Curt Wilson, Assistant Director of Bands.

## Federal funds pay city's gas bill

CRYSTAL CITY, Tex. (AP)—The use of more than \$300,000 in federal funds to bail out a South Texas city that would not pay its gas bill has upset officials in cities that also founded themselves facing unforeseen gas price hikes.

But Crystal City Mayor Francisco Benavides, a migrant worker like many other workers, says he still thinks his impoverished town of 8,000 is justified in accepting federal aid to get the gas supplies restored and buy electric appliances for its residents in the meantime.

"They give a lot of foreign aid to places like Israel. At least now it will stay in the country," he said.

Lo-Vaca Gathering Co. shut down Crystal City's gas supply last Friday after the courts ended a 30-month dispute ruling that Lo-Vaca had the right to shut off the valves for non-payment of past bills totaling \$800,000.

## Students to run chapel service

This year's Parents Weekend Celebration Service, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Robert Carr Chapel, will have a new twist—it will be an entirely student-run service.

Highlighting the service will be theater-religion major Craig McElvain's sermon, "Run the Race."

The service will also feature the gospel singing group "Voices United" and "Joy," the Wesley Foundation singing group.

Kyle Allen and Jim Agee will sing "Jubilee," and "Somewhere over the Rainbow," while Terri Wolf will play the piano for the service. Calvin Rolarch, music director, will lead the hymns.

Danny Kasper, Tisa Fitzhugh and Jeff Mott will present the scripture readings and prayers.

The student-presented Parents Weekend service was the creation of Julie Bates and Marcie Smeck, Parent's Weekend Chairperson.

"This service will be a good time for parents and students to worship together. We are hoping that many students, as well as the parents, will attend," Smeck said.

Following the service, coffee and donuts will be served in the chapel cloisters.

The unpaid bills were amassed as Lo-Vaca tried to pass through to the city-owned gas utility increased costs of gas production with the approval of the Texas Railroad Commission. In three years, the rates went from 36 cents to \$2 per thousand cubic feet, but the city insisted on paying only at the old rate.

The surrounding towns of Uvalde, Del Rio and Carrizo Springs also had refused to pay the higher rates but had placed the disputed funds in escrow. Carrizo Springs paid its bill after the Friday shutdown.

Uvalde City Mgr. Jack Caffall believes his town should also be considered for federal aid.

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# Arkansas-TCU game rescheduled due to heat

Saturday's football game between the Arkansas Razorbacks and the TCU



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Horned Frogs has been rescheduled from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., due to unseasonably hot weather, TCU officials announced Wednesday.

Dr. H. Lawrence Wilsey, executive vice-chancellor of TCU, made the change after conferring with Arkansas and TCU officials.

"Because of the uncertainty of a break in this unseasonably hot weather and the worry about players' and fans' well-being and comfort, we feel that it is imperative that we change the time of the game," said TCU Athletic Director Frank Windegger.



TCU freshman safety Mark Labhart demonstrates the proper way of tackling a ballcarrier in last week's game against USC. Allan Roberts (right) is about to put his "two-cents worth" in. Photo by David Bennett

## Mayor Beame proclaims

# 'Babe' comes home for 50th anniversary

By WILL GRIMSLEY  
AP Special Correspondent

Many years ago a nameless old dray horse outlived his usefulness and was shipped to the slaughterhouse where his hooves were turned into gelatin and slivers of his skin were dispatched to Chicopee, Mass.

At Chicopee, the tough hide was cut into two pieces of leather and sewn around twine tightly wound over a rubber core center.

A baseball was born.

Friday, Sept. 30, 1927, exactly 50 years ago this Friday, umpire Bill Dinneen, behind home plate, plucked that ball from the pocket of his blue jacket and handed it to catcher Muddy Ruel of the Washington Senators. Ruel lobbed it to a big left-handed pitcher named Tom Zachary, who then served it to a pot-bellied man with pipestem legs named Babe Ruth.

Wham!

Bat came against ball and the ball soared lazily into the right field bleachers of Yankee Stadium — home run No. 60 for the Babe, a milestone in baseball history.

There have been transcendent events which provide unforgettable moments — Charles Lindbergh's landing in Paris, the stock market crash, the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, VJ Day, the Kennedy assassination, the first walk on the moon.

In sports, oldtimers clock their memories by the ball that Babe Ruth hit for No. 60.

At mid-day Tuesday, New York Mayor Abraham Beame stood under a huge portrait of Martin Van Buren in the Blue Room at City Hall and read from a parchment proclaiming Friday, Sept. 30, 1977 as "Babe Ruth Day."

"I moved from Manhattan to Brooklyn when I was 21," the little, lame-duck mayor said. "I became an avid Dodger fan but I never ceased to be a Babe Ruth fan. He was the greatest sports hero in baseball."

Hall of Famer Monte Irvin, now an aide to Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, said he never would lose those boyhood visions of the Babe circling the bases after one of his towering shots.

"He had a perfect home run stroke," Irvin recalled. "He lofted the ball, giving it a tremendously high trajectory. What impressed me, a bug-eyed 11-year-old, more than anything was how such spindly legs could support so massive a man."

A reporter stayed around to learn that the ball was caught by a 40-year-old fan named Joe Forner, who lived at 1937 First Avenue, Manhattan.

The fan later rushed to the dressing room and presented the ball to a grateful Babe. Ruth kept it among his mementos until the ball finally found a permanent home in the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., where, now yellowed, it resides under glass along with Ruth's famous Louisville Slugger bat, his No. 3 pinstripe uniform and other effects.

## Aggie MVP may decide SWC title

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

It was a safety blitz in September that probably will help write the final chapter in December on the Southwest Conference football championship.

Junior Carl Grulich blazed into the Texas Tech backfield from his position as Texas A&M's free safety to nail quarterback Rodney Allison last Saturday. They both went down in a tangle and Allison suffered a broken bone in his left leg.

"I just contained him, wrapped him around the waist while he was twisting," said Grulich. "The weight of my body landed on his foot at an angle ... it was a freak thing."

Grulich added, "I'm sorry it happened but it wasn't even a hard tackle."

The 6-foot-1, 200-pounder from Richardson Pearce made 13 solo tackles, seven assists, tipped three passes and sacked the quarterback two times for minus 37 yards in A&M's 33-17 victory.

For Grulich, it earned him The Associated Press Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Week award.

Grulich is a converted quarterback and lasted six weeks at that position as a freshman at A&M. "I'm really happy back there now even though I'm probably the slowest guy in our defensive backfield," said Grulich, who runs a consistent 4.6 in the 40. "I love playing for Coach (Melvin) Robertson. He seems to have a knack for putting people in the right place."

Grulich is the second leading tackler on the Aggie team although he occasionally uses technique that makes Robertson cringe.

"I've always tackled with my head down and the coaches have tried to get me to change," said Grulich. "They're afraid I will get hurt."

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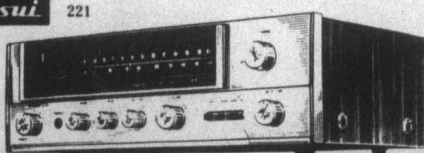


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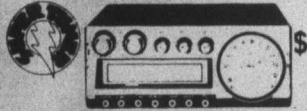
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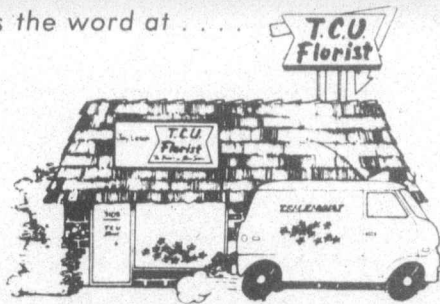
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