

Energy saving top priority for freshmen

By SKIP HOLLANDSWORTH
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Energy conversation has replaced the environment as the top-rated issue among first-year college students, according to a major national survey released last week in which TCU was one of the participating schools.

Of this year's incoming freshmen, a great majority (81.9 percent) feel that the government should be doing more to discourage energy consumption. Moreover, about the same number (81.2 percent) feel the government is doing too little to control environmental pollution, and a slightly smaller number (71.2 percent) feel the government is not doing enough to protect consumers from faulty goods.

"This is bucking a trend," said Dr. Alexander W. Astin, a professor at UCLA and director of the survey. "It shows an increase in strong support for government efforts, particularly to discourage energy consumption."

The survey—the 12th annual study of entering freshmen in U.S. colleges and universities—was taken by the American Council on Education in Washington and the Cooperative Institutional Research Program at UCLA.

Data for the survey was drawn from questionnaires completed by 299,467 fresh-

men entering 548 colleges and universities in every region in the U.S. The project is intended to measure the effects of the college experience on students, and each class is tracked through college years and beyond with periodic follow-up questions.

TCU Dean of Admissions Walter Bortz said "800-900 of our freshmen complete the questionnaire." The survey of freshmen at TCU is only taken in the fall.

Among the major conclusions, the study found changing attitudes among freshmen in:

—Career goals. A very popular goal for the students in the 60's was to find a meaningful philosophy of life. "That attitude has declined since the turn of the decade," Dr. Astin said, whereas making money, being famous and becoming an authority is on the increase. It signals a clear shift away from philosophic goals to more practical, materialistic goals.

—Political belief. Like most other segments of society, students are moving from the left to the center of the political spectrum. More than half (56.6 percent, the highest in the history of the survey) describe themselves as "middle of the road." Approximately 34 percent who call themselves conservative.

—Legalization of marijuana. Despite more conservative political leanings, a majority of 1977 freshmen support legalized marijuana (52.9 percent, up from 19.4 percent in 1968), a majority for the first time since the survey began.

—Women's rights. In the 1960s, nearly half—47.8 percent of the freshmen queried—said they thought "the activities of married women were best confined to home and family." But in 1977, only 27.7 percent felt that way.

The study also shows tripled interest among women to pursue traditionally male oriented fields, including law, business, medicine and engineering (from 5.9 percent in 1966 to 21.7 in 1977).

A little over half the students polled feel that couples should live together before marriage and 48.6 percent believe homosexual relations should be prohibited.

In campus related activities, 36.3 percent say student publications should be regulated, and almost 25 percent believe universities have the right to ban speakers. Approximately three-fourths of those polled think students should help evaluate faculty performance and 19.2 percent think grades should be abolished.

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SOW WHAT?—While some had a rough riding day at the rodeo, others rested up from preparing their animals for the Fat Stock Show. The shows will run through Feb. 5 at the Will Rogers complex. (Photos by Mike Coffey)

Israelis say stalled talks will resume

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli-Egyptian military talks aimed at working out a formula for an Israeli pullout from the Sinai Peninsula will resume Tuesday night in Cairo, Israel announced yesterday.

A government statement said Defense Minister Ezer Weizman and his negotiating team will leave for Cairo Tuesday morning, where Weizman will face his Egyptian counterpart, Mohamed Abdel Ghany Gamassy.

The military talks recessed Jan. 13 in deadlock over the future of the 20 Jewish settlements established by Israel in the Sinai Desert. When Egyptian President Anwar Sadat broke off parallel foreign ministers' negotiations in Jerusalem on Jan. 18, President Carter prevailed on him not to suspend the defense ministers' parley. But Israel delayed the resumption.

There was still no indication when the foreign ministers would resume negotiations.

"That is up to Egypt," Israeli cabinet secretary Aryeh Naor said Sunday. "It wasn't Israel that broke off the talks."

As negotiations get under way again, U.S. mediator Alfred Atherton took a proposed blueprint for Arab-Israeli peace to Cairo.

Atherton, an assistant secretary of state, wants Egypt's reaction to an Israeli draft of a joint statement of

principles that would provide guidelines for future negotiations.

Atherton is to return to Washington in the middle of the week, to report to President Carter and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance before President Anwar Sadat arrives for his weekend meeting with Carter.

Agreement on the declaration of principles would be the first breakthrough since Sadat's trip to Jerusalem in November opened the door to direct peace negotiations. Israeli cabinet secretary Aryeh Naor said Sunday "agreement is coming closer." But Egyptian Foreign Minister Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Kamel said agreement should not be expected even during Sadat's visit to Carter.

Israeli Defense Minister Ezer Weizman was expected to follow Atherton to Cairo in a day or two following the decision of the Israeli cabinet Sunday to resume his negotiations with Egyptian Defense Minister Mohamed Abdel Ghany Gamassy.

Foster Hall evacuated for gas leak

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Residents of Foster Hall were evacuated for a few minutes Sunday afternoon when Maintenance had problems shutting off a gas leak in the hall's basement.

According to Edd Bivin, associate director of Housing, there was little danger. The evacuation, Bivin said, is standard procedure whenever gas is involved in a building. The electricity had been turned off in the dorm when the leak was discovered.

"We were all just sitting around in the dorm, around 3:00, when the electricity went off. Soon people were running around in the halls, saying, 'What happened to the power?' The RAs were all calm; they told us, 'Don't worry, everybody, it's just a gas leak. We know about it, and it's being taken care of, but the electricity will be off for a little while.'" Cindy Haszler, a resident, said.

"Everyone went back to their rooms, but then Susan Magdall (a Foster RA) came up the stairs, saying we had to evacuate. At first they pounded on everyone's doors, but soon they started using the fire whistles." The fire alarm system could not be used since it only works when the electricity is on.

Ronny Newman, an engineer at Maintenance, was called in after the operator on duty discovered the cracked pilot line. According to him, the pilot flame went out when gas from the line stopped coming, so there was no danger of an explosion. However, the operator had opened the steam valve, and steam was escaping into the boiler room "making a lot of noise." There was no other problem in fixing the leak, though.

Mrs. Evelyn Gordon, assistant hall director at Foster, said the decision to evacuate was made after Newman was called.

Business jobs head recruiters' lists

By WADE SWORMSTEDT
Staff Writer

The recruiters are here. The recruiters are here.

The cry is heard all over the campus, from seniors desperate to find a job before they graduate, and that is why TCU has John Scovil and the Office of Career Development and Placement.

Scovil said 135-140 recruiters come to TCU each year "actively seeking" graduating seniors; 75-80 percent of the recruiters are in business related areas, he estimated.

Besides business, Scovil said the most marketable areas now are in health-related fields, computer science and engineering, particularly petroleum engineering. Scovil said he based his observations on the number of active recruiters.

Scovil said Liberal Arts majors "shouldn't get discouraged at the lack of recruiters in their fields. It takes longer to get a job. They are there if they (students) work for them."

Offentimes a recruiter will call the career office about a single job opening. "The students must take the initiative in these cases," Scovil said.

For most Liberal Arts majors who come to Scovil, an initial move involves

"deciding on a game plan." This includes some instruction in the how-tos: how to be interviewed, how to write a resume and how to sell yourself to an employer.

The office provides 37 references on career development, planning a job search, resume preparation, job market statistics and projections, and information on graduate schools.

It also has credential forms with instructions to help graduating seniors develop a file. Pamphlets are available to students and employers to explain what can be provided.

A major function of Scovil's work is to help students find part-time jobs. "There are not a lot of on-campus jobs. They usually go in the first two weeks of a semester," Scovil said. The office has nothing to do with on-campus full-time positions.

More often part-time jobs can be found for students off campus. Currently the office has connections with 50 to 70 area businesses, Scovil said.

Scovil termed his work "Student-oriented," but added it also serves teachers and employers. In addition to bringing students and employers together, Scovil said the office tries to establish a "closer rapport" between

faculty, staff and students.

All former TCU students are "more than welcome," Scovil said. "One of our goals is to become more visible to alumni."

Scovil has no statistics to measure his Career Development Office's effectiveness, so he is mailing each TCU graduate since 1976 a questionnaire dealing with the employment

situation.

Scovil said the time lapse between the most recent (August 1977) graduation and the circulation of the questionnaire "is due to helping the Liberal Arts people." Business majors often get jobs soon after graduation, while "Liberal Arts majors usually have to wait longer to get the job they want."

Tech 58-55 winner

Frogs beaten as rally falls short

By CHRIS KELLEY
Staff Sports Writer

The Texas Tech Red Raiders squeaked by the TCU Horned Frogs last night, 58-55, in a game that had most of the 2,606 partisan fans on their feet for the last two minutes of play.

The Frogs were down by 10 points with 5:42 seconds left in the game, but battled back to within three points with 2:27 left.

Delonte Taylor canned an eight-foot jump shot with only :28 seconds left, and the Frogs moved to within two points, 55-53.

A foul on Tim Marion with 15 seconds left in the game put Tech on top 56-53.

But the Frogs fought back to within one point, 56-55, when Aurdie Evans sank a 20-foot jumper with eight seconds remaining.

In a last ditch attempt to win the

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game, Marion, with only 2 seconds left on the clock, fouled out of the game trying to get the ball from Tech.

Shaking his head with disappointment after the game, Frog coach Tim Somerville said, "We played as good as we can play. I thought we played tough," he said, "I could only be happier if we had won."

News briefs

Seven found dead

LAYTON, Utah (AP) — Blood tests were to be performed yesterday on seven members of a family found dead in a home where police said temperatures measured at least 112 degrees. Authorities said the seven apparently died of asphyxiation from a faulty furnace.

Based on the tests to determine if carbon monoxide was present in the blood, officials will decide whether or not to perform autopsies.

Report optimistic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans generally will be better

off in 1978, benefiting from a 5 percent increase in purchasing power, but the nation's economic future remains clouded by sluggish investment activity, Carter administration economists say.

Treaty revised

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee sent the controversial Panama Canal treaty to the Senate floor Monday after a last-minute revision aimed at avoiding the need for Panamanian voters to approve the pact a second time.

Both governments wanted to avoid a second plebiscite, fearing it would generate political problems in Panama and possibly result in the pact being scuttled entirely.

On twin votes of 14 to 1, the panel recommended Senate ratification of the two-part treaty with changes that would clarify U.S. rights to use and defend the canal after it is turned over to Panama in the year 2000.

Congress warned

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter told critics in and out of Congress on Monday that rejection of any phase of his tax, jobs and inflation-fighting programs could aggravate the nation's economic problems.

He said the success of his programs depends on "a very careful balance" between conflicting needs and priorities.

Car wreck kills 8

ROCKPORT, Texas (AP) — Two children and a teenager were among eight persons killed Sunday afternoon on a narrow creek bridge near this South Texas city in a two-car collision that Department of Public Safety officials called one of the state's worst in several years.

Blacks get tough

RABAT, Malta (AP) — Black guerrilla leaders, pledging to push their war to end white rule in Rhodesia, left little room for compromise as they sat down yesterday with American and British envoys to discuss a plan to transfer power to the black majority.

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When you've gotta go...

Writing in *The Christian Science Monitor* the other day, columnist Roscoe Drummond voiced his concern about the deteriorating quality of elementary and secondary education. One answer, he said, is to discontinue (gulp) compulsory education.

"The consequences of such a policy could be massively beneficial," he said. "Teachers could begin to teach. Educators could resume educating. Students who want to learn would no longer be held back by teachers having to police the unwilling and recalcitrant." Hear, hear!

We can understand some of Drummond's reasoning: too many belligerent students, not enough good teachers, and indifferent or uncaring parents. Schools, he said, are too often regarded as day care centers.

Still, something must be said for the system in which each of us spent so many grueling hours, before somebody takes Drummond's arguments seriously.

Unfortunately, those young people who are most determined not to be educated are precisely those who need educating the most. As a society wallowing in teenage violence and unemployment, as a people prizing most our high standards of living and education, we can ill afford to allow those children who fail to see the need for a sound education to go their own way.

Drummond's point—that the educational system of today is in sore need of repair and that it is failing to produce the thinkers we need—is well taken. It is in his solution where we find fault.

Its flaw lies in the very fact that it may work, but may work only for those who choose to continue their educations. It won't work for those who don't.

Street crime could be expected to rise as thousands of youths—already belligerent and anti-education—found themselves with more time on their hands.

Furthermore, since many of those who would drop out are those who cannot or will not accept discipline, the chances of their disciplining themselves to find meaningful work and to contribute positively to society are not promising.

All this would eventually return to those who did choose to be educated, in the form of a less functionally literate society. Drummond's solution to poor education would nearly ensure an even greater gulf between the haves and have nots than exists today.

We cannot expect the abolition of compulsory schooling to cure our educational system's ills. That would be the easy way out, and one that would consider only the short run.

The answer lies instead in working harder to evaluate our educational needs and meet them, through the programs that are found to be the most successful.

The fault in our educational system today lies not in the inability of some students to cope with or accept it, but in its own inability to cope with or accept its students.

Short stuff

Itch for 'dillo

If something about armadillos makes your skin crawl, Louisiana health officials know what it may be: leprosy.

In the last two years, the Louisiana Department of Health and Human Resources has rounded up more than 50 of the tank-like critters with the disease.

It was known for some time that armadillos could carry the disease, but now the department plans to ask for \$75,000 from the state legislature to study the possibility of transmission to humans.

The department's greatest concern is for people who catch armadillos for dinner. Not only can scratching and clawing possibly infect the hunter, but, as one researcher said, "If you have to eat 'em, cook 'em well."

No bull.

All that crab

The newest addition to some more daring pet shops

and department stores is crabs—Hermit crabs.

Despite criticism from scientists who say removing the crabs from their natural habitat will lead to environmental disaster, entrepreneurs are cashing in on the back-to-nature pet.

While we don't think crabs will prove as popular as rocks, we just wanted to warn you: You don't necessarily need to turn your back on the next person who walks up at a party and says, "I have crabs."

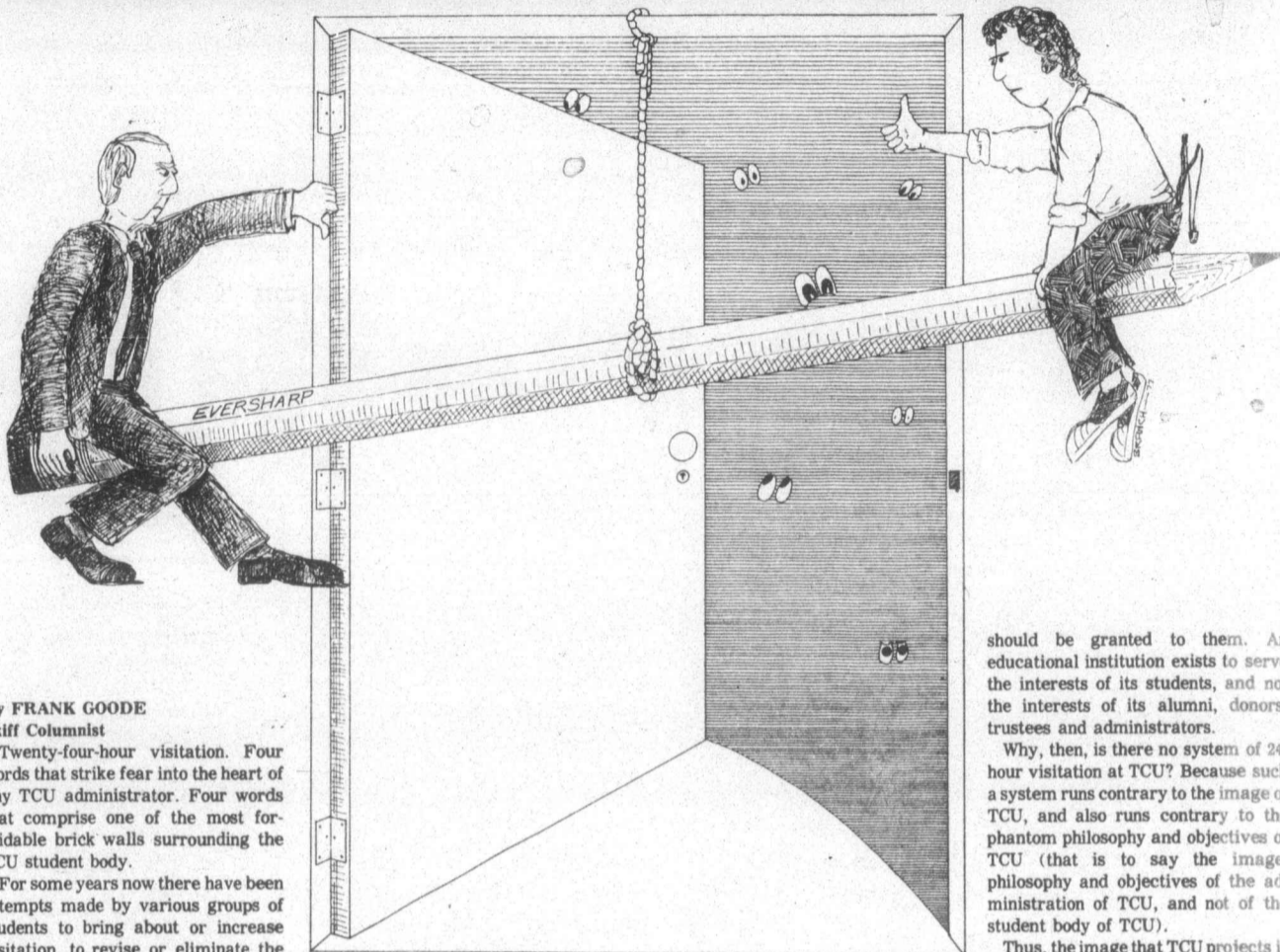
Ghost'a show ya'

Our tax dollars are at work again!

The United States Travel Service, one of Uncle Sam's many agencies, has just put out a guide called "The Supernatural — Haunted Houses and Legendary Ghosts," a publication listing more than 20 ghosts in eight states and 29 sites.

Unfortunately for ghost fans, most ghost posts close at 5 p.m.—much too early for the shades' prime-time performances.

24-hour visitation: demolishing a brick wall



By FRANK GOODE
Skiff Columnist

Twenty-four-hour visitation. Four words that strike fear into the heart of any TCU administrator. Four words that comprise one of the most formidable brick walls surrounding the TCU student body.

For some years now there have been attempts made by various groups of students to bring about or increase visitation, to revise or eliminate the sign-in system, and to bring about 24-hour visitation. Some of these attempts have been successful; others have failed. The most recent attempt is still in the process of being taken through administrative channels. This attempt is being made by the Tom Brown-Jarvis Living Options Committee with the goal of 24-hour visitation and the elimination of sign-in sheets for Tom Brown and Jarvis dorms.

Why? There are a number of reasons. Included among these are:
—providing a more relaxed academic and social atmosphere in the dorms.

—providing adequate visitation for those students taking night classes and/or working nights.

—providing another living option for TCU.

—because students are adults and deserve to be treated as adults. Living in a restricted, unopen atmosphere

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and being told what one can and cannot do is not only nonconducive to a student's academic atmosphere; it also treats students as children, and not as the adults they are. Thus, the need to change the present visitation policies.

There is, however, still another, more important reason to establish 24-hour visitation. This is the simple fact that TCU students—TB-J students in particular—want 24-hour visitation.

This reason alone should be reason enough to grant 24-hour visitation to TB-J. I am not speaking of granting something to students every time they ask for something, and neither am I speaking of granting something totally ridiculous to students. I am speaking of a viable, workable system of

visitation that generations of TCU students have wanted, and have worked for.

Twenty-four-hour visitation is not a new and unique idea. It is an idea that a number of students have worked for over the years; it is an idea that is not a fad, for after I graduate—indeed after every student now at TCU graduates—there will be another group of students working for 24-hour visitation. Or accepting it with open arms it if has already been established.

Once students have shown that they want something viable enough to work for it, and once it has been shown that what they are working for will be acceptable to future TCU students, then whatever it is the students want

should be granted to them. An educational institution exists to serve the interests of its students, and not the interests of its alumni, donors, trustees and administrators.

Why, then, is there no system of 24-hour visitation at TCU? Because such a system runs contrary to the image of TCU, and also runs contrary to the phantom philosophy and objectives of TCU (that is to say the image, philosophy and objectives of the administration of TCU, and not of the student body of TCU).

Thus, the image that TCU projects is determined by individuals who could care less about, and who are out of touch with, the needs and feelings of those students currently attending TCU.

Ultimately, what is at issue here is not 24-hour visitation, nor the type of institution that TCU is to be. What is at issue here is the definition of a university. The issue is whether a university exists to serve the interests of its students, or whether it exists to serve the interests of its alumni, donors, trustees and administrators.

Only when this issue is finally resolved, and only when the administration awakens to the reality that a university exists to serve its students—the reality of the Twentieth Century—will such things as 24-hour visitation be instituted at TCU. Until that happens—and it will happen—we students must attack those brick walls brick by brick, for then the walls will come tumbling down.

Orange County: where right's moving left

By ROBERT LINDSEY
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Orange County, California, for years a national symbol of political conservatism, the spiritual home of the John Birch Society, is shedding that image these days. It is slowly turning Democratic while enjoying a population boom and a period of prosperity that is perhaps unrivaled by any large community in the nation.

With neat, smokeless industrial parks and "new towns" carved out of farm lands, Orange County has become in many ways a laboratory to test concepts of living that sociologists and futurologists have written about for decades. People and industries have flocked here, showing their approval of the concept.

But along with its growth, prosperity and change, Orange County has been bedeviled by corruption that seems all but ignored by apathetic newcomers seeking its pleasant way of life.

This corruption is rooted largely in the most precious coin here—land—and the booming quest for space to build more homes. It also involves a political struggle for power in an amorphous community that is neither country nor city, but where rising land values can make a millionaire quickly.

"Rapid growth is the problem," said Cecil Hicks, the Orange County district attorney, who has prosecuted most cases. "There are lots of people and lots of money moving into Orange County, and that brings instability. A lot of people here and elsewhere go into politics with the idea that having a political office should make them a wealthy person."

Besides corruption, there are other problems in the 782-square-mile county, 25 miles south of Los Angeles: increased smog, congested traffic, soaring prices for new homes, and shortages of moderately priced housing.

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Last year's torrid demand for housing was abated somewhat, and there are indications that there will be a substantial surplus of homes this year in the \$80,000-\$120,000 range. Still, Orange County's economic boom seems far from over. Its unemployment rate in December was 3.9 percent, one of the lowest in the nation, and almost half the rate in the rest of California.

The county produced new jobs in 1977 at a rate of almost twice the national average. Many are within a 15-minute drive of housing develop-

ments, although traffic congestion is beginning to make the trip longer for some newcomers.

What accounts for the county's robust growth? New residents cite various factors, such as job opportunities, shorter commuting time than in Los Angeles, disenchantment with urban sprawl to the north, the region's feeling of "newness" that is missing near Los Angeles and, for some, an ocean-oriented way of living.

Orange County is still the home of Richard M. Nixon and John Wayne, Dineyard and drive-in churches. But an influx of new residents is slowly changing its political outlook.

Dr. Richard Baisden of the University of California-Irvine, who has studied some of the changes occurring in the county, said that the recent migration of newcomers had diluted the county's old right-wing strength. Many of its very conservative former leaders have died, left the area, or retired from politics.

Orange County is still California's only major county with more registered Republicans than Democrats. But the gap has been narrowing in the last five years. In fact, some political analysts predict that the balance will tip within a year or so.

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Challenging EPA mileage ratings

By DONALD WOUTAT
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Motorists who are burned about getting much less fuel mileage than advertised by automakers with Environmental Protection Agency endorsements have some company now: the EPA itself.

The EPA has reported that the average discrepancy between listed and actual mileage ranges from 7 to 16 percent for all sizes of cars, foreign and domestic.

The higher the posted mileage, the bigger the drop, with 1977 sub-compact testing 19 percent—about seven miles per gallon—below the figures recorded on prototype cars and listed on showroom models.

Eric Stork, an EPA official, said the finding does not mean manufacturers are deliberately misleading the government by offering specially adjusted cars for testing.

"I don't accuse anybody of doing anything illegal," he said. "The motive of the manufacturer is to do



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whatever is not illegal and get the best possible results."

Stork said it was the EPA's first comprehensive comparison of the agency's much-criticized fuel economy rating with the mileage actually recorded by assembly line automobiles.

The EPA is reviewing its fuel economy testing program in light of protests from motorists who get poorer mileage than does the EPA in its laboratory tests. The study was described as the first step in that review.

Manufacturers must submit cars for EPA approval of emission levels—the same tests from which fuel economy are compiled—before they can build and sell the cars. So there is "no

physical alternative" to using prototypes in the tests, Stork said.

To make the fuel-economy comparisons, the EPA borrowed privately-owned 1975, 1976 and 1977 cars at random and ran them through the same simulated driving tests it conducts on prototype cars. In some cases, engine adjustments were changed to the original manufacturers' specifications.

The assembly line cars had from 2,500 to 9,000 recorded miles on various portions of the complex test. Prototype cars used in EPA's mpg-rating tests have 4,000 artificially recorded miles.

The city driving test showed less difference between assembly line and prototype cars than did the highway driving test.

For the car buyer reviewing the EPA rankings of cars based on fuel economy, the report said the ranking remains accurate as long as the cars being compared have a combined city-highway mpg difference of 2 to 5 mpg.

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Writer's block victimizes all

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Along with colds, strep throat and hangovers another occupational hazard afflicting college students is writer's block. That fear-inducing, stomach-churning, palm-sweating disease which results in mental constipation for the normally healthy and lucid college student when he faces a typewriter.

Writer's block afflicts some students more severely than others—those enrolled in Freshman Comp or Creative Writing courses and Journalism majors, in general, are probably more prone to writer's block than others. But all students having to write a term paper, a letter or take an essay test are subject to writer's block. No one is immune. Not even professional writers.

Just what is writer's block? It is more frustrating, more nerve-wracking, more dehumanizing than... (Than what? Time for a coffee break.) Writer's block is a condition that... (Turn on the radio. Straighten up desk. Reread last week's Newsweek. Remember the best way to start is to begin. Put paper in typewriter. Empty wastebasket. Call home.)

The oft spouted cures for writer's block include a change of scenery, a change of work habits or to drop everything and go the Stables. One writer having taken 45 minutes to type "to" on an otherwise empty sheet of paper, decided he needed a change of scenery. After shifting the scene to a local bar with some friends, the writer returned to his room and typed "To... hell with this." So much for a change of scenery.

Some writers and English professors recommend beating the block by reading and copying passages of already established writers. Typing, word for word, passages from the like of Faulkner or Fitzgerald, other than being intimidating, is said to start the creative juices flowing.

This is fine if one wants to write a religion paper in typical Faulknerian style or if Fitzgerald's prose is not readily identifiable to an English teacher. While not guaranteed to unplug writer's block, this method does teach the typee something about the style and sentence construction of the masters. That is perhaps its one redeeming feature.

In short, there is no infallible cure for writers block. Every would-be writer needs to find their own solution to a universal problem among all writers. It is said T.S. Eliot broke his block by writing poems in French. Creating in another language supposedly removes the pressure of performing in one's mother tongue. And Tom Wolfe, blocked while writing an article on customized cars for Esquire, wrote the article in the form of a memo. His editor printed the memo as the article and Wolfe, reportedly, now writes all his articles as memos.

Most psychiatrists agree there is no one cause for writer's block. Each would-be writer has their own reasons for writer's block, just as each murderer has their own reasons for committing their crime.

But Los Angeles Psychoanalyst Martin Grotjahn offers one explanation. "People who have strong needs to love or fight are more prone to writer's block." Grotjahn, who discusses the problem in his book *Beyond Laughter*, believes hostility is

the fundamental reason behind writer's block.

Good reviews, good grades even, can bring on writer's block by paralyzing the writer's thought and creativity by awakening as before unnoticed expectations. Author Cyril Connolly summed it up with, "Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising."

Writers of every shape and form are at some point subject to what psychiatrists call the "grandiose fantasy." This fantasy centers around receiving the Nobel Prize for literature or any other writing award. This imagined acclaim is described as being a neurotic compromise between the writer's scared, limited self and an ideal self—a literary conqueror.

The "grandiose fantasy" has also been known to produce writer's block. "The fantasy of playing Carnegie Hall may be so gratifying that you can't manage to practice your scales," said Manhattan Analyst Donald Kaplan.

But this fantasy is not to be confused with what Kaplan calls "the Nobel Prize complex." This complex he described as a compulsive perfectionism driving the writer to type the opening line of a book (on paper) 403 times. Every word has to be as good as Shakespeare's, or there's no point in writing at all. A subvariation of this complex is that the paper-manuscript has to be perfectly typed. This reportedly occurs most often when the writer, the student, is less than confident of the paper's substance.

The opposite of first-line perfectionism is last-lap paralysis. Writers nearing the end of a project, and believing it is either the best or worst thing ever done in the English language, often find their creativity lagging near the projects completion. This stifled creativity materializes on paper in short sentences, a loss of previously established rhythm and general forgetfulness in the workings of the English language. It is a form of writer's block.

Despite writer's block afflicting students and writers at varying stages during their respective careers, there isn't a solution that is quite so universal. Whatever the causes, whatever the reasons, students, and would-be writers, need to find their own solutions to writer's block which will allow them to face the typewriter fearlessly.



ROUND UP—Present and former TCU Ranch Management students gathered Saturday in the Student Center for a reunion and seminar.

(Photo by Kent Spoons)

Baylor president stops gay meeting

WACO, Texas (AP)—Action by the president of Baylor University has stopped an on-campus presentation by the Dallas Gay Political Caucus.

D. Floyd Baker, a spokesman for the gay group, said the group was notified of the cancellation by Robert Hopkins, a member of the Minority Affairs and Student Rights and Responsibility Commission, at Baylor.

A news release by the caucus quoted school president Dr. Abner McCall as saying that a Christian university cannot provide a forum for a "way of life not sanctioned by the scriptures."

Contacted at his home Sunday night, Dr. McCall said the release was "substantially correct."

He said the presentation was cancelled after the dean of students vetoed the idea and it was appealed to him.

"I told them (gay leaders) that it goes contrary to the standards at Baylor," he said.

McCall said it was the first such

confrontation between school administrators and a gay rights group he could recall.

Gay spokesman D. Floyd Baker said plans are already underway for an off-campus presentation on the issue of gay rights in early March.

CALENDAR

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Art Department faculty will exhibit their work today through Feb. 11. David Conn, William Galyean, Harry Geffert, Linda Guy, Anthony Jones, Richard Lincoln, McKie Trotter III and James Woodson will display their works as well as graduate teaching assistants David Fiegenschue and Joe Guy. The display will be in the Brown-Lupton Student Center gallery. Admission is free.

Wednesday

2:00 to 9:30 p.m.—Southeastern Regional Association of Family Economics will host its annual meeting Wednesday through Friday. Conference Chairperson is Dr.

Marilyn Eigsti, Home Economics Dept., ext. 474. The meeting will be held Wednesday and Friday at the Holiday Inn—Midtown; Thursday it will be held on campus. Cost is \$35.00 for full registration; \$6 for a half-day; \$12 for partial attendance and \$5 for graduate students.

Thursday

11:00 a.m.—Dr. Robert H. Neilson of Duke University will speak on Silicon Nitrogen-Phosphorus (V) Compounds in SWR lecture hall 4. Free Admission.

8:00 p.m.—Dr. S.B. Sells, IBR director, will present a symposium entitled "The Interactional Paradigm in Psychological Theory and Practice." It will be in SWR Lecture hall 4. Admission is free.

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Intramurals gives hoop schedule

Men's intramurals has released the following schedule for five-man basketball. See tomorrow's Skiff for the schedules of Wednesday and Friday.

MONDAY

Feb. 6:
3:30- Trailblazers vs. D's & C's
4:30- Milton Daniel vs. Army
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Feb. 13:
3:30- Milton Daniel vs. Brite
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Jan. 31:
3:30- KS vs. SX
4:30- PDT vs. PKS
5:30- SAE vs. DTD
BYE- LXA

Feb. 7:
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4:30- SAE vs. SX
5:30- SX vs. LXA
BYE- KS

Feb. 14:
3:30- SAE vs. KS
4:30- DTD vs. LXA

5:30- PKS vs. SX
BYE- PDT

Feb. 21:
3:30- DTD vs. PDT
4:30- PKS vs. KS
5:30- SX vs. LXA
BYE- SAE

Feb. 28:
3:30- PKS vs. SAE
4:30- SX vs. PDT
5:30- LXA vs. KS
BYE- DTD

Mar. 7:
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4:30- LXA vs. SAE
5:30- KS vs. PDT
BYE- PKS

He saw ump mugging

Fan was good judge of character

NEW YORK—The recent death of Judge Samuel Leibowitz recalled a story of his that should not go to the grave.

The judge was a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers and, like all Dodger fans of the 1940s and 1950s, he remembered how excitement boiled over in Ebbets Field the day a customer, infuriated by a decision, sprang out of the stands, leaped upon George Magerkurth, the umpire, and struck him with repeated blows.

It was a humiliating experience for Maje, for he was the tallest and burliest umpire in the business, he had boxed in his youth, and his assailant, though stockily constructed, didn't come up above George's wishbone.

Yet his impetuous attack caught Maje by surprise and carried him to earth. Newspapers all over the country published a photograph of the massive umpire flat on his back with a guy in a polo shirt astride his abdomen, punching down.

Maje was a big man in every sense. Painfully embarrassed though he was, he refused to press charges after the law dropped a net over his adversary.

"I have a boy of my own," he said, spicing magnanimity with non sequitur. However, it turned out that the guy was a parole-breaker so he did time, anyway.

Several years later a pickpocket appeared before Judge Leibowitz for sentencing. There was no question of guilt or innocence. The dip was no special credit to his profession.



Red Smith

His level of skill was approximately that of the pickpocket acquaintance of the late Wilson Mizner, of whom Mizner said, "he couldn't dip his hand in the Hudson without knocking over the Palisades."

The man in Leibowitz's court had a police record that testified to the stone-fingered character of his work. He had made the mistake of trying to operate alone, which should be attempted only by polished professionals who take pride in their craft. As a result, he had been grabbed with his hand still deep in a pocket.

He should have realized that he needed a confederate to create a diversion. Only once in a long time do circumstances make the game easy for a loner.

Joe Palmer wrote that the racetrack was an ideal training ground for pickpockets because if you came upon a horse player studying the past performances with 10 minutes to post, it was possible to remove his coat and vest without attracting his attention. Usually, though, you need a partner to jostle the mark and distract him.

As Leibowitz regarded the prisoner,

he felt a vague stirring of memory. The man had never been in his court before, and yet . . . He took a shot in the dark.

"Are you a baseball fan?" he asked. The prisoner brightened, nodding vigorously.

"A Dodger fan?" the judge suggested.

The prisoner was grinning now. "One of the best," he said.

"You," the judge said, "are the fellow who jumped George Magerkurth that day! I though I recognized you."

"That was me." The guy was beaming, reliving his hour of glory.

"Well," Leibowitz said, "I'm giving you three years. You won't find it so bad. They've got a ball team up there, a pretty good one, I'm told."

"But tell me something," the judge said. "I'm a Dodger fan, myself, and I know what the umpires can do to us. But to jump out on the field and slug one of them! Are you really as hot a fan as that? Did that decision—I forgot what it was—did it make you lose your head altogether?"

The pickpocket smiled tolerantly. "I'm a good fan," he said. "I can get excited. And I was sore that day. I was sore as hell. It was a lousy decision and it burned me up."

"But to tell you the truth, Judge, I had a partner working in the stands that day."

New York Times News Service

Physical high school play prepared Frevert for SWC

By WADE SWORMSTEDT
Staff Sports Writer

Freshman center Larry Frevert may achieve success in his collegiate basketball career, and if he does, he will give most of the credit to his Raytown South (Mo.) High School coach, Bud Lathrop.

"He's probably the reason I'm here. Virtually everything I know about the game I owe to Coach Lathrop," Frevert said in an interview on the eve of TCU's 66-59 victory over Texas A&M last Wednesday.

Lathrop coached at a summer basketball camp. "He would have me out there at six in the morning working on things, ball handling, things like that," Frevert said.

Coming from the high school with "the best basketball program in Kansas City," Frevert said his high school career was good preparation for collegiate competition.

"Our high school (competition) was very physical. College is still more physical. You can get away with more elbowing and shoving," Frevert said.

Frevert is still adjusting in other areas in the transition from high school to college. Frevert plays more of a high post at TCU than he did in high school, which places him farther away from the basket. "The guys are much bigger now," said Frevert, who, at 6'9" is the tallest Frog.

Switching from the 1977 Missouri high school champions to the last place Horned Frogs is another transition Frevert faces. "It's been hard. I'm not used to losing. I hope I never am." From the beginning of the season to now though, "I can't tell you how much we have improved," Frevert said.

In the season opening 125-63 loss to Clemson, Frevert said "Everyone was nervous." As for the 90-41 loss to Texas, "Everyone was tense, I could feel it."

"We're on the verge of starting to play well," Frevert said. Concerning his personal progress, "the biggest thing is getting more relaxed, starting to move more."

Frevert said he didn't feel affected by the pre-season coaching change resulting in Tim Somerville's replacing Johnny Swaim. Frevert said however, "Swaim was one of the reasons I came down here."



LARRY FREVERT—muscles his way through the conference.

He said he was particularly impressed by Swaim's courteous manner.

Frevert compares Somerville to Lathrop, saying each believes in hard work. "I thought he (Somerville) did a good job of telling players where they stood."

In an earlier analysis, Somerville said, "Larry Frevert is big and strong and a tremendous worker. He knows the game well. He lacks jumping ability, but will get his share of rebounds and improve weekly."

Frevert hasn't been a big scorer this season, but ranked second on the team in rebounding prior to the Texas A&M game. Frevert was in the midst of the Frog defense that held the Aggies scoreless for the first three and a half minutes of the game, while building up a 35-22 halftime lead.

In the locker room after the upset, Frevert said, "It's a great feeling. It's a hell of a lot better than losing." Frevert wouldn't point to one factor. "We just decided we were going to play ball. We played well, played relaxed, we had confidence."

Looking at the future of TCU basketball, Frevert, one of six freshmen on the squad, said, "We will have one year for (Aurdie) Evans and (Steve) Scales to baby us."

Scholastically, Frevert said straight lectures were the hardest thing to adjust to.

"Like in biology, I'm not used to just sitting there taking notes for an hour," Frevert said he received "just under a 3.0 for his first semester in college, but hopes to get a 4.0 this semester as a pre-med major.

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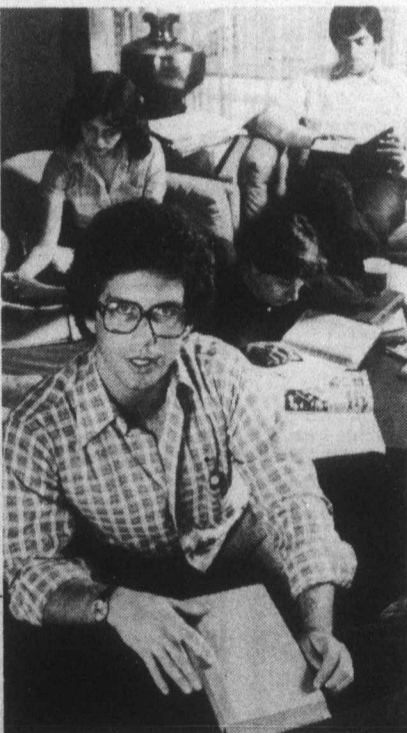
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Mermaids take fourth

The women's swimming team travelled to Lubbock this past weekend for the Texas Tech Invitational.

Tanya Irving took the only first for the mermaids as she swam a 200-yard butterfly in 2:25.8. Irving also took a third in the 100-yd. butterfly with a 1:04.7. Debbie Szucs took second in the same event with a 1:04.6.

Szucs also finished second in the 100-yd. freestyle at 57.05 and sixth in the 50-yd. freestyle with a 27.0 time.

The team finished fourth in the 400-yd. freestyle relay with a 4:04.7 time.

Also placing for the Frogs were Janan Rabbiah, 2nd, 100-yd. backstroke- 1:06.5, Babbie Robinson, 6th, 50-yd. backstroke- 1:15.1 and Stephanie Lane, 4th, 200-yd. butterfly- 2:30.8.

The final team standings saw Wyoming grabbing first, Texas Tech second, New Mexico State third, TCU fourth and Texas-El Paso fifth.

Texas nips Cougars 73-72

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tyrone Branan flipped in two pressure-packed free throws with 18 seconds remaining Monday night to give 12th-ranked Texas a tense 73-72 victory over Houston and enable the Longhorns to remain unbeaten in the Southwest Conference.

The unranked Cougars had led 48-39 at the half and led the entire second half until Branan, who had missed a free throw that would have tied the game with 1:02 remaining, was fouled by Charles Thompson.

The victory upped the Longhorns' SWC mark to 9-0, setting up Wednesday night's showdown in Fayetteville, Ark., with second-ranked Arkansas, 7-1 in the SWC and 19-1 for the season. Arkansas was idle Monday night.

SWC basketball

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A&M 58, BAYLOR 56

COLLEGE STATION, Texas—Freshman Rynn Wright hit two free throws with one second left Monday night to give Texas A&M a 58-56 Southwest Conference basketball victory over Baylor.

Wright was awarded the free throws after being fouled as he drove to the basket for a dunk. Seconds before, Wright had snared a Baylor pass at midcourt.

The game left both A&M and Baylor with 3-6 records in SWC play. A&M is 10-9 overall Baylor is 9-10.

The Aggies led 35-27 at halftime and were ahead by as many as 10 points early in the second half. Baylor tied it at 47-47 with 11 minutes left. There were never more than three points separating the teams the rest of the way.

SMU 76, RICE 73

HOUSTON—Southern Methodist's Jeff Swanson scored 20 points, including 13 straight in a tight second half, to lead the Mustangs to 76-73 Southwest Conference basketball victory over Rice Monday night.

SMU, who improved their SWC record to 4-5, broke into a 10-point lead early in the second half before Rice's Alan Miller came off the bench to lead a surge that tied the game at 63-63 with 6:36 to play.

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