

Greek problems sprouted early but branched now

By CHRIS KELLEY
Staff Writer

The second in a series

In 1954, TCU trustee Carlos Ashley was angry that his fellow 39 board members were even considering allowing national fraternities and sororities to colonize on campus.

"There is no demand for fraternities and sororities except from a mere handful of misguided souls who have never been imbued with the democratic principles and Christian precepts of TCU," fumed Ashley, a TCU graduate of the class of '26.

"Why, after 81 years, should TCU embrace a decadent, outmoded system which is gasping for breath all over America?"

Ashley, of Llano, also was a state senator and considered an influential board member.

He called reporters to his Austin office on Sept. 2, 1954, and shared his feelings about the issue the TCU



board was scheduled to consider in nine days. Since March of the previous semester, a board subcommittee had been studying the matter, and the senator said he could no longer hold his tongue.

"The democratic spirit of TCU's campus life is her greatest treasure," Ashley began. "The student body has always been like one big family, no divided royalties, no class distinctions. Forcing fraternities and sororities upon TCU will be a rank

betrayal of her historic traditions.

The bottom line, said Ashley, was that only a rich, elite few of Fort Worth wanted fraternities and sororities at TCU.

"Certain persons close to the university have suffered mild embarrassment because members of their families attended colleges other than TCU," Ashley said. "The excuse given is that the youngsters wish to join a fraternity or sorority, and since TCU did not offer them this opportunity, they felt impelled to seek their education elsewhere.

"It is my belief that this small group—this handful of people—are the ones who have instigated the quiet campaign to force fraternities and sororities upon TCU. I believe the reasons for this are frivolous and contrary to the best interests of our school."

The Senator said he thought most board members agreed with him. "But," he said, "they probably will not speak as bluntly about the matter as I have."

The TCU board voted 19-7 to

permit the establishment of national fraternities and sororities on campus.

Said former Chancellor M.E. Sadler: "The deliberate action of the board in the matter of fraternities and sororities will mean new opportunities and possibilities for TCU."

New opportunities and possibilities, perhaps.

But it is doubtful Sadler, who died in 1966, would have thought that 26 years later such deliberate action would be the center of controversy at TCU.

Within the last year, the question of whether TCU's white traditional fraternities and sororities are racially discriminatory in their membership practices has mushroomed into an issue of widespread attention.

Most agree, including Chancellor Bill Tucker, that by its strictly white complexion, the traditional Greek system, in which no blacks have been pledged since the board allowed its establishment, raises the question of racial discrimination.

Members of TCU's white sororities and fraternities themselves disagree over whether the reason is a subtle but persuasive form of discrimination or just the lack of interest in the Greek system on the part of the small number of blacks on campus.

Only one or two blacks at one time have ever tried to enter the white Greek system, but some of those who have tried since integration in 1964—and haven't made it—should have, say those trying to change what they call a racially discriminatory system.

And because fraternity and sorority members reside in campus housing and are recognized as university organizations, they also are effected by university and federal non-discriminatory guidelines, they say.

Fraternity and sorority members say it is hard to prove they are racially discriminatory in their membership practices because their social organizations are based on a selectiveness that admits only those who fit in.

"We discriminate every time rush

rolls around," said one fraternity member. "We're a private social organization and have that right. Hundreds of guys rush each year. We have to discriminate."

Some Greeks say that if more blacks would go through rush at one time, their chance of being more fairly evaluated would be enhanced. "If only one or two (blacks) go through at a time, they don't have a chance in hell making it," said one fraternity member who did not want to be identified.

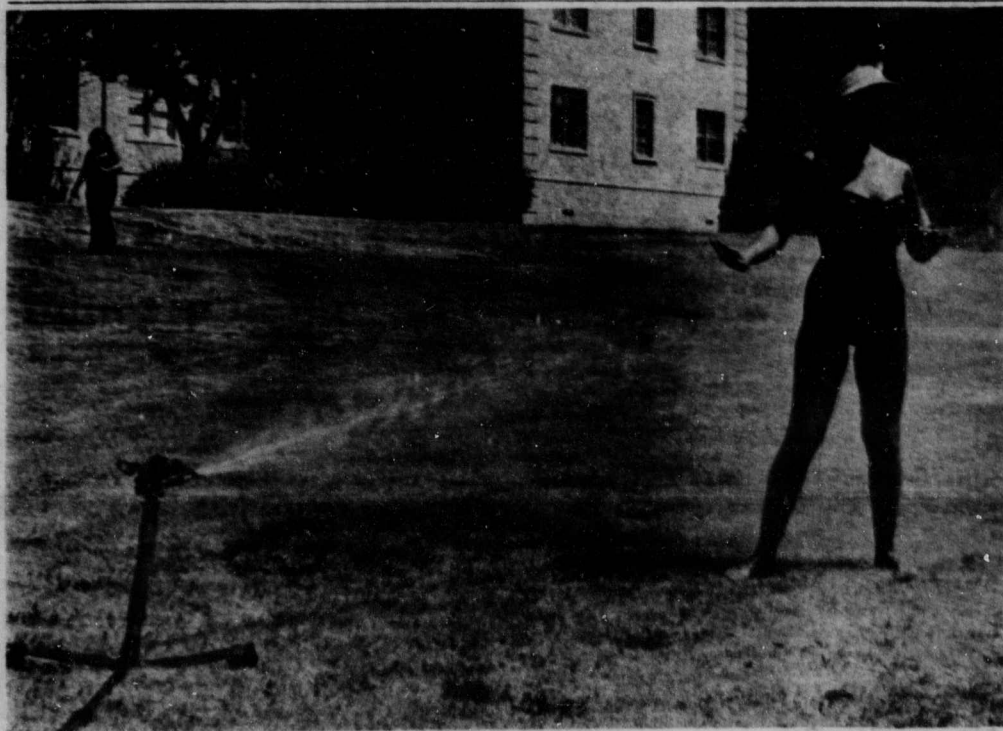
While most of the 250 blacks on campus have little or no desire to go through white rush, they still believe those blacks that want to should have the chance.

Although some blacks who have gone through white rush have been ostracized by other blacks, the attitude appears to be changing. "We used to call blacks that went through white rush 'oreos,'" said one black. "That's not fair. A lot of the blacks here have grown up with white kids."

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Skiff photo by Dan Budinger

HEAT RELIEF—TCU's thirsty grass isn't the only ap-Cheryl Cordits, a freshman interior design major, cools it. Precipitate recipient of the water sprinkler's wet spray.

Polish miners end strike; government freezes prices

KATOWICE, Poland (AP) — Victorious Polish miners started returning to work Wednesday and the Polish government announced a price freeze on meat and other foods, consumer items, rents and public transportation fares in an effort to meet worker complaints about rising living costs.

The miners agreed to return to coal pits after winning concessions from Poland's beleaguered government in an agreement that signaled an end to the country's two-month wave of crippling strikes.

In an announcement in the Warsaw daily *Zycie Warszawy*, the government listed a price freeze on meat and 46 other basic food products, on 55 consumer items such as shoes, toothpaste and television sets, and clamped a lid on rents and fares for buses, trains and streetcars.

The action was seen as a move to fulfill government promises of economic reforms and to defuse worker complaints about rising living costs that had fueled the strike movement.

A few mines in Poland's industrial heartland resumed operation following a pre-dawn agreement with

government negotiators to end the five-day walkout by 250,000 workers in the vital mining industry.

The bulk of the miners were to return to work Thursday.

In reports that could not be confirmed, a Warsaw dissident group said some miners were still holding out in some Katowice area mines and there was a report that workers walked off their jobs at a foundry near Katowice in a dispute with management.

The miners' strike broke out as Communist leader Edward Gierk was settling an 18-day strike by some 600,000 Baltic port workers who were promised independent trade unions and economic reforms, unprecedented concessions from a Soviet Bloc government.

The massive strikes shook the Gierk leadership, led to sweeping government changes and caused deep concern in the Soviet Union and other communist allies of Poland.

The Soviet news agency Tass reported Wednesday that work in

Polish mines had resumed but that "anti-socialist forces in the country are incessantly continuing their subversive activity." Using the device of quoting the Polish press, Tass stressed that "the leading role of the Communist Party" and Polish-Soviet ties must not be impaired by events in Poland.

The Kremlin fears that if Polish workers do win completely independent unions a key element of communist power will slip from the hands of the Polish leadership and that the gains of Polish workers could serve as a rallying point for dissatisfaction in other Soviet Bloc countries.

The miners were the last holdouts in the strikes which swept Poland since the government raised meat prices July 1.

The end came after midnight Wednesday when Deputy Premier Aleksander Kopec signed the agreement in the smoky auditorium of the July Manifesto mine in Jastrzbie where miners set up a strike committee.

Prof reinstated, satisfied

Dr. Susan Gore, the assistant professor in the psychology department who filed a formal grievance last April over the procedure followed after her job was eliminated, has been reinstated by the university.

Gore said she and her lawyer reached an agreement with administrators in June that calls for her to be reappointed for the fall semester, although officially she will be on administrative leave at half pay.

"It (the appointment) seems to be the most satisfactory resolution of an unpleasant situation," Gore said of the agreement.

In May 1979, administrators notified Gore that her social psychology slot was one of ten TCU

positions being eliminated because of financial considerations.

Gore's grievance protested the subsequent appearance of an ad for eliminated position in the *American Psychological Association Monitor*.

Gore said that although the ad appeared only three times in the journal, it hurt her job search because she had told prospective employers that her position had been cut for financial reasons.

The primary point in Gore's grievance was that procedural safeguards were ignored.

"If the university can do this, then it can refuse to renew contracts to untenured faculty and list financial considerations as the reason. They could then reopen the position on an entry level at a lower salary," Gore said.

Dr. William Koehler, interim vice chancellor and dean of the university, said the search to replace Gore's position was not authorized by university procedure.

"The problems in this case are multi-dimensional," Koehler said. "It would be incorrect to isolate one event and say that is the cause of the problem."

The agreement reached with Gore is a "reasonable, equitable solution to what was viewed as a problem," said Koehler.

Although Gore recently was offered a full-time faculty position when the psychology department's Dr. Frank Terrell resigned for a position at North Texas State University, Gore said she turned it down, choosing instead to pursue job contacts along the east coast.

SOC meets today on racism complaints

The Student Organizations Committee will meet today at 3:30 p.m., probably in open session, to determine the guidelines it will use in its upcoming investigation of alleged discrimination in traditional Greek fraternities and sororities.

SOC Chairman Tom Badgett, who could not be reached, will open the meeting in Room 211 of the Student Center.

The committee voted last May to investigate allegations of discrimination in TCU's Greek system.

Former chairman Steven Cole has

said that the investigation probably won't be finished before December.

The allegations most recently appeared as a campus issue in February when political science professor Don Jackson urged students not to support any group that discriminates. Student petitions and Faculty Senate resolutions supporting Jackson followed.

The SOC can force integration requirements on fraternities and sororities and can remove the campus affiliation of any group that does not comply with university regulations.

Dean of Students Libby Proffer has said.

Cole has said that the committee would probably work with any group in which changes are needed.

Proffer has said that she would prefer not to remove campus affiliations. "Where this has happened on other campuses—telling them they have to pledge a black or two blacks within a certain time—they moved off campus."

Over two years ago, Proffer called on fraternities and sororities to examine their membership criteria and live up to their charters.

around the world

Compiled from Associated Press

Councilman's son arrested. Ky Andersen, son of Fort Worth City Councilman Dick Andersen, was arrested in Fort Worth late Tuesday after he allegedly attempted to sell trophies belonging to retired golf pro Ben Hogan to an undercover police officer.

Andersen, 18, Tommy Williamson, 19, and Mark Fielder, age undisclosed, are accused of taking the trophies, including a belt buckle which was made with three pounds of gold, from Colonial Country Club.

Andersen was sentenced to a five-year probated sentence in 1979 for driving a bulldozer through an area high school field house causing \$10,000 damage.

Police are still searching for an unidentified suspect who eluded them.

State could collect millions. Attorney General Mark White said today an agreed judgment has been entered in district court here that would enable the state to recover nearly \$5.9 million in franchise taxes from bank holding companies.

The judgment was entered in the case of National Bancshares Corp. of Texas and others against State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

White said State District Judge Hume Cofer entered the order Friday.

Violence could mar Ugandan elections. Ugandan police are preparing for possible violence around the East African capital amid reports of a likely delay in balloting scheduled for Sept. 30.

Uganda's Democratic Party, a major faction in the election, announced Tuesday that it had received in-

formation saying the balloting would be delayed for one month.

The elections will be the nation's first since 1962.

Carter wins endorsement. President Carter won an endorsement for re-election from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the nation's largest union of government workers.

Leaders of the million-member union had threatened to remain neutral in the contest because of unhappiness with Carter's economic policies, but they decided to throw their support to the president following a meeting at the White House.

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Houston to begin spraying for mosquitoes. Houston health officials say an intensified county-wide spraying program to control mosquitoes carrying St. Louis encephalitis will begin soon.

A sixth confirmed case of the disease, better known as sleeping sickness, was reported Tuesday.

City and county officials estimate from 300 to 400 workers have been recruited to spray ditches containing stagnant water where the mosquitoes tend to breed.

OPINION

Priority: end discrimination

On Tuesday Aug. 26, Bill Tucker spoke passionately to the student leaders of TCU's Greek organizations. He appealed to the hearts of the Greeks and asked that all join hands to overcome the 26 years of a segregated Greek system at TCU. Offering no specific solutions, saying only, "I believe that people who are reasonable can get something done," he left the job in their hands.

The *Skiff* supports Chancellor Tucker's call to action, as far as it goes. But the *Skiff* sees the need for workable solutions and not merely exhortations for actions that have not worked in the past. Some very workable solutions have been offered by the Campus Relations Committee. Among the suggestions were to:

Delay rush, allowing incoming freshman to discover all opportunities on the TCU campus, establishing themselves emotionally and academically.

Ask existing groups at TCU (Student Organizations Committee, the Inter-Fraternity Council, Panhellenic) to investigate individual complaints of racism and correct any problems found.

Ask the Inter-Fraternity and Panhellenic Councils to examine how they and their systems discriminate and reinforce forms of racism, and to discipline those discriminating on the basis of race.

Provide an educational program on race relationships and the Greek system for each chapter at TCU including people from the campus and alumni.

The *Skiff* stands behind these suggestions. We, the students at TCU, have an uphill battle ahead. The battle against racism and discrimination at TCU does not end quietly with the admission of the first black to the Greek system. The battle against racism must be fought until attitudes and disparaging actions halt. The administration, student organizations and the student body must work to wipe out racism on the TCU campus. The administration must aggressively monitor TCU organizations for signs of discrimination. Discrimination requires action.

Let's join hands.

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Television perpetuates America's hedonistic reputation

By John Bohon

"Welcome to Fantasy Island!" says the man in the white suit. "What will it be today—eternal youth, a Nobel Prize, a bag of gold?"

Escapism in its many forms has been around as long as recorded history and is still very much part of the human condition. We all indulge in a little day dreaming now and then. Even religion is seen by some as an opiate.

Moreover, without the mind's ability to filter out the painful parts of the past, day-to-day life would become psychologically intolerable. In this way, war veterans, gathering thirty years after the event, recall even fondly the soldierly camaraderie of past campaigns and only rarely the suffering. Memories of one's childhood, too, usually conjure up exaggerated conquests and victories, hardly ever the defeats or the pain of growing up.

Escapism nevertheless has produced some remarkable achievements, as evidenced by the works of literature, art, music and other examples of human creativity rooted in fantasy.

America has been linked to escapism from its beginning. The term "New World" carried for

centuries the implication of a place to flee from the inequities and injustices of the older, more rigid societies. And for those dissatisfied with life on the East coast, there was the frontier and the promise of a new beginning.

The "American Dream" has come to mean not only life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness but the right of every citizen to home, job, education and credit card.

In the 1930s two events intersected to revolutionize escapism and made it increasingly difficult to separate fantasy from reality. One was the Great Depression, which derailed American prosperity and plunged millions of people into despair. The other was the evolution of technology which, to satisfy the desires of a despondent people, transformed the manufacture of dreams into a giant industry generating tremendous profits and resulting in unanticipated and profound social consequences.

America as a Hollywood image has a history of a half century. This image was recently commemorated when the U.S. Government presented a medal to the late John Wayne, a movie star with mediocre acting ability at best. Although he never served in the Armed Forces, he made a fortune portraying military heroes in numerous war movies.

But more significantly, the ideal projected by Wayne and others was that America won its wars because it

always fought for what was right, euphemistically referred to as "the American Way." The clear implication was that America was God's instrument. This image of life as good versus evil, with no moral area in between, was a major Hollywood theme in the 1930s and 1940s and climaxed with the western movie in which the good guy and bad guy shot it out at high noon. And it will come as no surprise that despite nuclear weapons, Vietnam and in-

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ternational terrorism, the John Wayne view of history is still alive, even in the current pronouncements of American politicians. Moreover, as the problems of the world grow more complex, millions yearn-ne, beg—for the simple, for return to John Wayne's America, which really existed only on the movie screen.

Another Hollywood contribution to modern American mythology was the

Doris Day road to marital bliss. As with John Wayne's patriotism, a whole generation of youth was led to believe that successful marriages were founded on romantic love. Boy meets girl; the thunderbolt of passion (or Cupid's arrow), the wedding and they live happily ever after. It was that simple. One only had to add the corollary that in the battle of the sexes the man always won or was allowed to win, and the Hollywood formula for matrimonial rapture was complete.

The lesson was taught by top rate instructors: Clark Gable, Cary Grant, Claudette Colbert, Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn, Doris Day and Tony Curtis, and the list goes on. In this fantasy world, the sexes were frozen into the rigid, traditional social slots with a one-dimensional love consisting only of real or imagined eroticism. Until the last few years, such nonsense saturated popular culture. Not only the movies, but popular music were shot through with such song titles as "When Did you Leave Heaven," and "Moon Love" and many magazines carried titles like "True Romance" and "Rare Love."

Little wonder, then, that the current attitudes on feminism, abortion, and homosexuality provoke such strong reactions from those conditioned in an earlier time by the makers of fantasies.



College kid goes west to TCU

By Dale Hopper

A child left his family at 8 a.m. on August 27, 1978. He came to TCU in a land and town he had never seen. He came on American Airlines and touched down in the adobe heat of D-FW.

"Is this Texas?" with the hurting blue sky and dry heat?

A bus ride, and dry grass turned white-brown, and brittle. Ninety-seven degrees CONT HOT. He was tired, but he liked the heat.

On campus, the same dry adobe huts.

"What an ugly color." And the sun and dry grass worn to dirt. He liked the dirt. The buildings depressed him.

Into the hut, a large one called Milton Daniel. It was grey and cold, and the puke-stained carpet didn't match. He was tired and unhappy with the aesthetic abuse.

Heavy suitcases and—"My room!"—"my bed?" (a bare mattress on a bent gray frame). This guy is watching TV all over the puke-stained purple carpet.

"This is my closet." He wonders at what will transpire within this room's walls.

Posters everywhere. "STP WELCOME RACE FANS." And a shocking one. "Colorado—Ski the Big Ones"—a black and white shot of

a girl's large breasts. Each breast serves as a slope for little black drawn-in skiers.

He's tired and naps on the sagging grey mattress. It's nice in Texas, with the heat and broken air; no blanket but sweat.

He is lonely as a college kid. He has never been west of the Mississippi, he doesn't know a single person in the state of Texas.

That night at the orientation banquet he finds an older girl who will listen and she tells him that he will like it here and that within seven weeks he'll be only a little homesick. He wonders if this is true. He imagines he will never be happy here. He knows he will never transfer his lifelong loyalty to this place.

His friends in Ohio took years to develop. Here, friendship was offered, but only on a superficial level. He wasn't sure that it would lead to anything. His friends were the products of shared experience, and he was never aware of their beginning.

Here, he had a chance to find the best possible friends and he was going to do it. That was his mission.

He was concerned about joining the wrong group, at the risk of losing his option on a better one. He was afraid to find a job because it might not be the best for him. He considered himself responsible and would not want to be faced with the prospect of leaving an employer for a

better job—he would have regrets either way. He was afraid to have a girlfriend because there might be a prettier girl with equally appealing traits whom he wouldn't be able to date. He liked himself, so he spent a lot of time alone—options open.

He would not approach anyone. Instead he was willing to let Providence provide him with the best possible alternative. The first person to speak to him was a young man with Germany on his tag and a Greek fisherman's hat on his head. He was concerned that maybe this wasn't the Right One—that maybe he was necessary to time the meeting of the Right One. God would point the way. He didn't pay much attention to the young man's stories. The young man moved on.

His hero had a thought, hidden even to himself. "See, I was led here, and each incident will either directly or indirectly lead me to the Right One. I must be careful not to miss it." When he discovered he was waiting for nothing, he became upset with God, and blamed the superficial TCU characters for his unhappiness. He has since discovered the thought and has no concern that it will ever harm him again.

Mr. Hopper, a former TCU student, and now a happy college drop-out, will contribute weekly to this page from his home in Austin.

Traveling with a Reaganite

By Kevin Owen

He had just returned to D-FW Airport from the Republican Convention in Detroit's Joe Louis Arena. "Best black fighter ever in the ring."

How was the convention? "Great. And when Donny and Marie go to singing, well... those two are my favorites. Next to Roy and Dale."

A blue and white "Reagan, '80" sticker wound about his Stetson. Brown juice stains spotted his "best" boots. And his Levi's bore the brand. The circle, the Skoal circle.

"Ronnie Reagan will kick this country in the butt," he said. "He'll show them Communists an army."

You mean increased defense spending? We already have six times the aircraft carriers, more fighter jets, MX missiles...

"Propaganda. Red propaganda." He slides a wad of tobacco under his lip. "We have to defend the old Stars-and-Stripes with might. More guns, more tanks, more men."

The draft?

"Well, I risked my life for the U.S. of A. When I was drafted, I went right off with honor."

Where?

(Spit) "Fort Dix." New Jersey is a rough place but... "Horses. The U.S.S. of R. has 70 percent of the world's horses."

Fascinating, but...

"The Bible," he says smugly, "says that the conquerors of the world will ride in on horseback."

I'll get my spurs.

"Reagan's right. It's things like ERA and abortion that are running clear away with all our American morals. And now we're soft, too. Why, we should have blown Iran off the map months ago!"

"You know, our gut is soft. We need a war. It's been close to 40 years since the last good one."

(Spit) "If Ike were here—or Gen. Douglas MacArthur—they'd have marched into Iran, Russia maybe, the next day."

On horseback?

"Then we could work on these lazy welfare cases back here. Sitting around, doing nothing, paying no taxes from their jobs 'cause they won't get on." Proudly, "Gov. Ronald Reagan will change all that."

Wait a minute. When Reagan took office in California, unemployment and taxes increased like never before—or since.

Propaganda. (More tobacco) Why...are you a Democrat? If you were one of those McGovern...

Do you pay taxes?

"Damn sure do. For the country's sake. Any American who doesn't should be shipped out."

Then, why didn't the eight largest American banks pay one cent in U.S. tax back in 1975?

"That's different. That's business. You know, our gut is soft. We need a war. It's been close to 40 years since the last good one." Spit. "Those were the good old days. Mr. Reagan will see to it that we get them good old days again if it's the last thing he does."

But what about today?

"The people we got around today—the murderers, atheists, liberals—can just..."

Love it or leave it?

"Bully."

Bull.

Tomorrow: Reviews of Walker Percy's latest book by Diane Price of Sigma Tau Delta and of the *Blues Brothers* by Richard Brandt. Also, more *Escapism* by Dr. John Bohon of the history department.

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Greek segregation firmly rooted

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We shouldn't hassle them for trying to fit in a system they grew up in."

However, some fraternity and sorority members maintain that there is no place for any black in the white Greek system.

"If we pledged a black girl, our alums would have a fit," said one sorority member who requested anonymity. "They'd probably pull their (financial) support. A lot of the girls want to pledge blacks. But we can't."

And said one one fraternity member who also requested he not be identified: "It's always been separate but equal. Why should it change?"

Although he did not single out white fraternity and sorority presidents, Tucker told student leaders last week that if they fail to deal with the problem of racial discrimination, "you will be forced to in time."

What is done to grapple with the sensitive issue, will probably come as a result of Tucker's comments last month to student leaders and fraternity and sorority alumni advisors.

Also, action, if any is taken, by the Student Organizations Committee investigating charges of racial discrimination within the white Greek system, could have some effect. Although a similar investigation

three years ago by the SOC's predecessor, the Campus Organizations Committee substantiated similar charges, virtually nothing was done to correct the problem.

In the meantime, groups such as the Campus Relations Committee, whose members spent considerable time last spring developing recommendations to grapple with alleged racism on campus, are reevaluating their effectiveness.

"We wonder if we are knocking our heads against a brick wall," said one CRC member.

Tomorrow: More of Tucker's comments and what's likely required to change the racial status quo.

More than 1,000 participate

New students taste TCU in orientation

By VIRGINIA VANDERLINDE
Staff Writer

The idle conversation between two wide-eyed strangers was interrupted by the dimming ballroom lights and an audible fade-in to an instrumental rendition of TCU's Alma Mater.

The screen at the head of the ballroom hosted a series of faces and scenes hardly familiar to the attentive audience.

Most of that audience had been in Fort Worth but a few hours; many had come for the first time.

Over 1,000 students and parents participated this summer in the freshman orientation program, a program initiated 20 years ago by Dean of Students Libby Proffer. The final three-day session in August brought nearly 500 participants primarily from out of state and the outer reaches of Texas to TCU.

Originally designed to orient town students to campus life, orientation is now required for all new students. It is designed to help familiarize the students with

university life, provide them academic advisement and aid them in registration for classes, said Bonnie Hunter, student development coordinator.

The crux of the three-day orientation sessions were the individual group meetings and informative seminars for both students and parents. The group discussion sessions were led by student counselors selected in the spring while a separate special session, led by Don Mills of Student Life, was given for parents.

The faculty and student counselors involved in orientation stressed growth, academic, social and cultural involvement and responsibility at college.

"This is a learning and growth experience, not just academically but in so many other ways..." Patty Rember told her group.

Parent participation is optional for the incoming students how ever it is encouraged. "We want them to know the campus well and feel confident in leaving their son or daughter at TCU," said Hunter, who has headed orientation for the last two years.

Despite this optional quality the attendance rate at TCU is more than twice the national average, said Carole Adcock, assistant dean of students, who previously handled orientation. "The response has always been very positive," she said.

A banquet opened each session and was followed by a slide show about the university prepared by a TCU Radio-TV-Film student. The small groups met in a classroom atmosphere twice in the three-day program, first to familiarize the students with each other and with orientation, and then with college life as a learning experience.

Orientation seminars and interest group meetings concerned various aspects of campus living and activities including residence hall life, commuting lifestyle, financial aid, student organizations, tips on studying, career planning, employment while in school and values clarifications.

Also included in the orientation program were tours of campus, Fort Worth and athletic facilities and a trip to Six Flags over Texas in Arlington.

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Fritsch sentenced. Houston Oiler kicker Toni Fritsch has been given an eight-year probated prison sentence following his guilty plea on a manslaughter charge in the death of Mrs. Nelda K. Burks of Plano. Mrs. Burks died May 16 when the car Fritsch was driving jumped the median of a Dallas expressway and hit an oncoming car.

"The Bird" wins. Mark "The Bird" Fidrych says he now can look forward to a future that many thought didn't exist as recently as a month ago.

Fidrych, the American League's Rookie of the Year in 1976, won his first game in nearly two and a half years Tuesday night, seven-hitting the Chicago White Sox for an 11-2 victory.

"People were writing that I was finished, but I don't read the papers that much," said Fidrych.

TCU coach urges women to sign up for track. TCU track coach Mel Thomas said all women interested in track and field or cross country should contact him at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum (921-7965) by Sept. 15.

Cornerback Bell heads young secondary

By ROBERT HOWINGTON
Sports Editor

When TCU's Class of '79 graduated last May, with it went the Frogs' entire starting secondary, including veterans like Ray Berry and Chris Judge.



Bell

teams like SMU are going to have as much trouble throwing against this

year's secondary as they did against last year's. Maybe even more.

One of the reasons is because of players like Thomas Bell. As a freshman, Bell starred as a member of TCU's record-breaking junior varsity, intercepting two passes.

"We're going to be young," Bell said. The only senior in the backfield is Scott Warren and he's listed third-string at the strong safety position.

"We can play just as well as anybody else with more experience," said Bell, a 5-11, 175-pound starting left cornerback. "We want to win. We've got that determination."

But Dry, though confident of his green secondary, still will spend restless nights waiting for Bell and his

buddies to prove themselves.

"The secondary is an unknown quality as a unit," he says. "They're inexperienced. But they'll have to perform. I expect them to."

So does Bell. "We're going to have a good secondary," he says. "The team, we're going to have a good year. I'm going to have a good one with them."

The main reason for Dry's optimism is speed. When Dry was at Tulsa his team won four straight Missouri Valley titles because his players were fast and quick. Now, after three years of recruiting, he's finally getting players of similar speed.

"Bell has the speed to do the job,"

Dry says. Bell runs a 4.5 40 as does sophomore Ken Bener, a challenger for the free safety spot that is currently occupied by junior college transfer Tracy Philyaw.

"We've got some of the fastest guys on the team playing in the secondary," Bell says. "It's gonna be hard for team's to throw deep on us. Our speed will help out a lot."

JC transfer Lawrence Johnson, who Dry says, "is the best pass defender right now," will start at the right cornerback spot. Sophomore Robert Lyles will start at strong safety.

"They can certainly improve our defense if they do perform well," Dry says. "We'll have a better defense than last year if they do."

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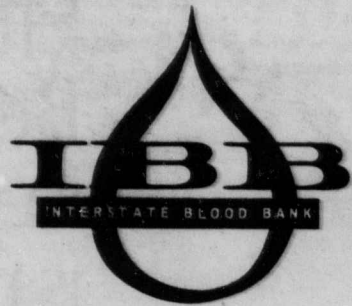
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