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Blacks want blacks to join

By Quantalane Henry

Black students at TCU have the opportunity to do something that would not have been possible a generation ago—promote themselves on campus.

Although blacks were never denied enrollment at TCU, they were enrolled in only two of the several colleges before 1964.

In 1952, Brite College of the Bible included black students. Harris College of Nursing was integrated 10 years later.

Of the 5,829 undergraduates enrolled at TCU in the fall, 284 are black—roughly 4.8 percent of the student body.

Most black students said being black at TCU is just like being black anywhere else. TCU offers a person, regardless of race, an opportunity to obtain an excellent education. But some said that the social needs of black students at TCU are not being adequately met by the administration or student leadership.

Brian Gaston, a junior biology major and chairman of the Black Student Caucus, said blacks at TCU are outsiders.

"When you walk around campus, it seems as though everyone thinks you should act a certain way," Gaston said. "I feel that I am treated equally, but I have the feeling I have to do better than everyone else."

Although Gaston sees no deliberate

discrimination at TCU, he said there is the covert form where blacks are not invited to assimilate.

"There are few things blacks can do at TCU socially, other than go to parties," he said. "Programming Council sponsors activities that are interesting and fun, but the activities are not attractive to blacks."

Because Gaston wasn't involved in extracurricular activities in his high school, which was 70 percent white and 30 percent black, he has made it a point to get involved at TCU.

Former films committee chairman of Programming Council, Gaston is also on the selections committee of Tom Brown/Jarvis, is dean of pledges of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and has served on the permanent improvements committee of the House of Student Representatives.

"Alpha Phi Alpha helped me to be able to do more service and social events, and it has helped me to meet a lot of other people in the fraternity and it has strengthened me as a person," he said. "It was a group I could identify with."

Gaston is involved on campus, but said that many blacks are not interested.

"If people don't like what they see, they won't get involved," he said. "I don't think activities are planned with the black student in mind."

"I think they (TCU administrators) realize it's a problem, but as far as doing something about it, they're not acting," he said. "Maybe they don't

know what to do or how to do it."

The BSC is not solving the problems of black students on campus either, Gaston said.

"We're trying to get ourselves together right here on campus, and reach out to black students here and get them involved in order to make the BSC a more viable organization," Gaston said. "BSC can be more effective if more people would join."

He said he feels blacks should attend predominantly white colleges so they can associate with people from different backgrounds and become more well-rounded.

Gaston said he wouldn't come to TCU if he could choose again.

"The only time I enjoyed it here was my freshman year because I was away from home for the first time and I liked the new environment," he said. "As the years go by, it's been going downhill; the thrill is gone."

Jeffrey Richard, a junior double major in political science and economics, believes that being black at TCU is a valuable trip into other cultures.

"The fact that I am different means that I did have to adjust to TCU," Richard said. "But it also meant that the TCU community stands to learn a great deal from me because of my different perspective."

Richard graduated fourth in his class from Fort Worth's O.D. Wyatt High School, which is about 60 percent black, 35 percent white and 5 percent Hispanic.

He is a TCU Scholar, has a cumulative GPA of 3.8 and has been a participant in the TCU Honors Program since he was a freshman.

"TCU has not been a hindrance to my obtaining the fulfillment of my moral, financial and academic needs," Richard said. "And in fact, after I made a point to acquaint myself with the TCU administrators, I found they were helpful in assisting me to meet my college requirements."

Blacks are not being racially discriminated against at TCU, Richard said, but in many cases the barriers that exist apply to socio-economic groups rather than racial groups.

Richard is a very active participant in campus organizations. He is finance officer of BSC, vice president of the TCU Pre-law Association, a member of Pi Sigma Alpha national collegiate political science honor association, and the chairman of the University Relations committee of the Student House of Representatives. He was inducted into Mortar Board this month.

Richard said that blacks are adequately represented in student government and PG, but are not in the faculty, which includes two full-time black teachers.

Efforts to increase the number of black faculty members should continue if the university is committed to the pursuit of excellence in

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education, Richard said. Black professors, like black students, bring with them a unique background that contributes to the university's intellectual fertility in ways that white members of the TCU faculty cannot.

Carla Cunningham, a senior biology major from Maple Heights, Ohio, said that blacks are simply stereotyped at TCU.

Cunningham, with a cumulative GPA above 3.5, is treasurer of Mortar Board, a member of BSC, has been a member of the Student Center Advisory board, the TCU Marching Band and homecoming committee of PC. She is also vice president of the Alpha Angels at TCU.

"I've just recently seen a change in how the TCU administration reacts to the needs of blacks on campus," Cunningham said. "If it had not been for a strong BSC and Mr. Marvin Dulaney to carry out activities for black students, they wouldn't take place.

"A handshake doesn't mean you are accepted, because some of the administrators ask you your name and when you turn your back, they've forgotten it. I can't speak for all of them, but I truly believe Chancellor Tucker is sincere."

Cunningham plans to graduate this May and attend graduate school at Columbia University in New York, where she has already been accepted.

Ruby Poe, a junior accounting major from Houston, said that "there is no sense of black community at TCU."

Poe, who is a member of BSC, the TCU Residence Hall Association, and films committee of PC, was recently crowned Rose Queen of the TCU chapter of Delta Sigma Pi, the national business fraternity. Poe is the first black in the history of the TCU chapter to be given that title.

There are only four blacks in in the fraternity out of a membership of 48, but Poe said she has a very good relationship with her fraternity cronies.

"I feel a part of TCU because I've made myself a part of it," Poe said. "Blacks, I think, have to get involved, and if we don't, I think we are segregating ourselves."

Poe, a resident assistant (RA) in Sherley dormitory, said the social activities at TCU "are not structured to appeal to us. That is why more blacks should get involved—so those who are planning can have input from blacks."

Elizabeth Proffer, dean of students at TCU, said that black students are a concern of the administration. She said the reason there are not more black professors at TCU is a "question of dollars and cents."

"Many blacks will not accept the low salaries here, and they look elsewhere for employment. Companies are hiring many blacks and other minorities," Proffer said. "Also, there aren't as many blacks getting Ph.Ds," and professors need a Ph.D. to get tenure.

As far as discrimination is concerned, Proffer said TCU doesn't discriminate against minorities. But

that doesn't mean the university is satisfied with "what's being done with integration," she said.

"We try to promote integration, but it's hard to do at TCU because the students segregate themselves," Proffer said. "You can just look in the cafeteria and see all the blacks in one area, all the whites in one area, all the dance majors in one place and so forth."

She said she hopes the BSC and the Black Faculty Staff Caucus will participate more fully in the orientation program by having one BFS member, one BSC member and one freshman get together to help black students adjust to campus life.

Intercultural Affairs Adviser Marvin Dulaney said that there are not "too many social outlets" for black students.

Since there are only a few blacks on campus, Dulaney said, only a "handful are trying to get things together for themselves."

"There's a lot of apathy here and a bit more apathy now, than say, a year ago," he said. "The situation won't

change unless we get a good group of freshmen here for the fall."

Dulaney said that it is his role to identify students who have "a lot of ability, talent, are academically sound and have the time to participate in student government, PC and other decision-making groups on campus."

"It's up to the black students to become involved because student government and PC won't be sensitive to the needs of blacks unless the blacks students make them aware of their needs," Dulaney said.

"By working with the caucus (BSC), I get a lot of input as to what to do here in my job," he said. "The caucus could be more effective if it were more visible on campus, by doing more campus-related service projects."

Reva Bell, assistant professor of elementary education and one of the two black faculty member here, earned her master's degree in education from TCU. She got her Ph.D from Texas Woman's University.

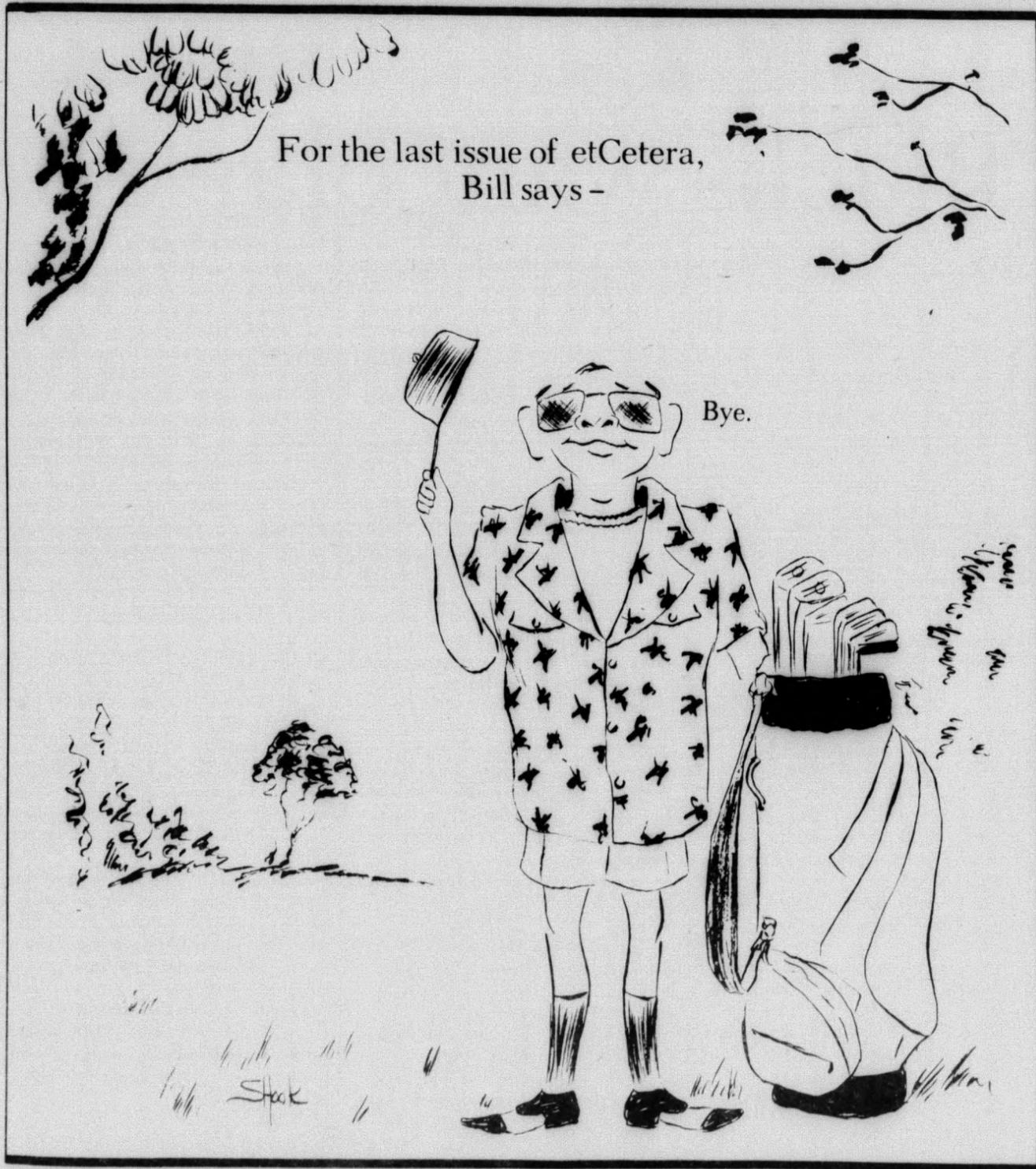
When she was working towards her master's in the late '50s, Bell said, she had to go to graduate classes in elementary schools in black neighborhoods because of TCU's integration policy. TCU professors had to go off campus to teach blacks.

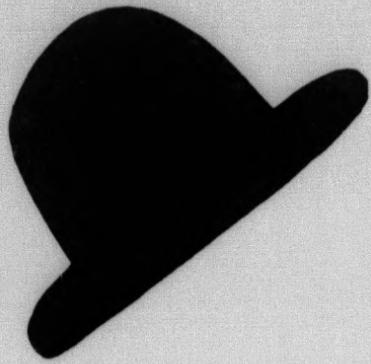
"I was not allowed on campus in the late '50s, but after we were allowed on campus during the early '60s, there were few problems I had to deal with," Bell said.

She said black students should stop complaining and realize they need to work together for "common good." She agreed with Proffer that the main reason there are only two full-time black professors at TCU is because of salaries.

"Blacks can make more money at other institutions and I am here at TCU because I live in Fort Worth. I like what I'm doing. I like TCU's size and I feel I can make a contribution," she said.

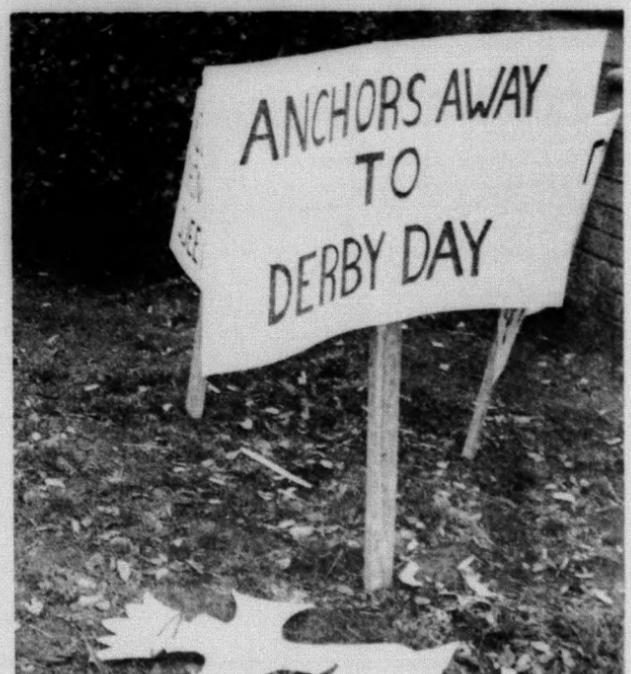
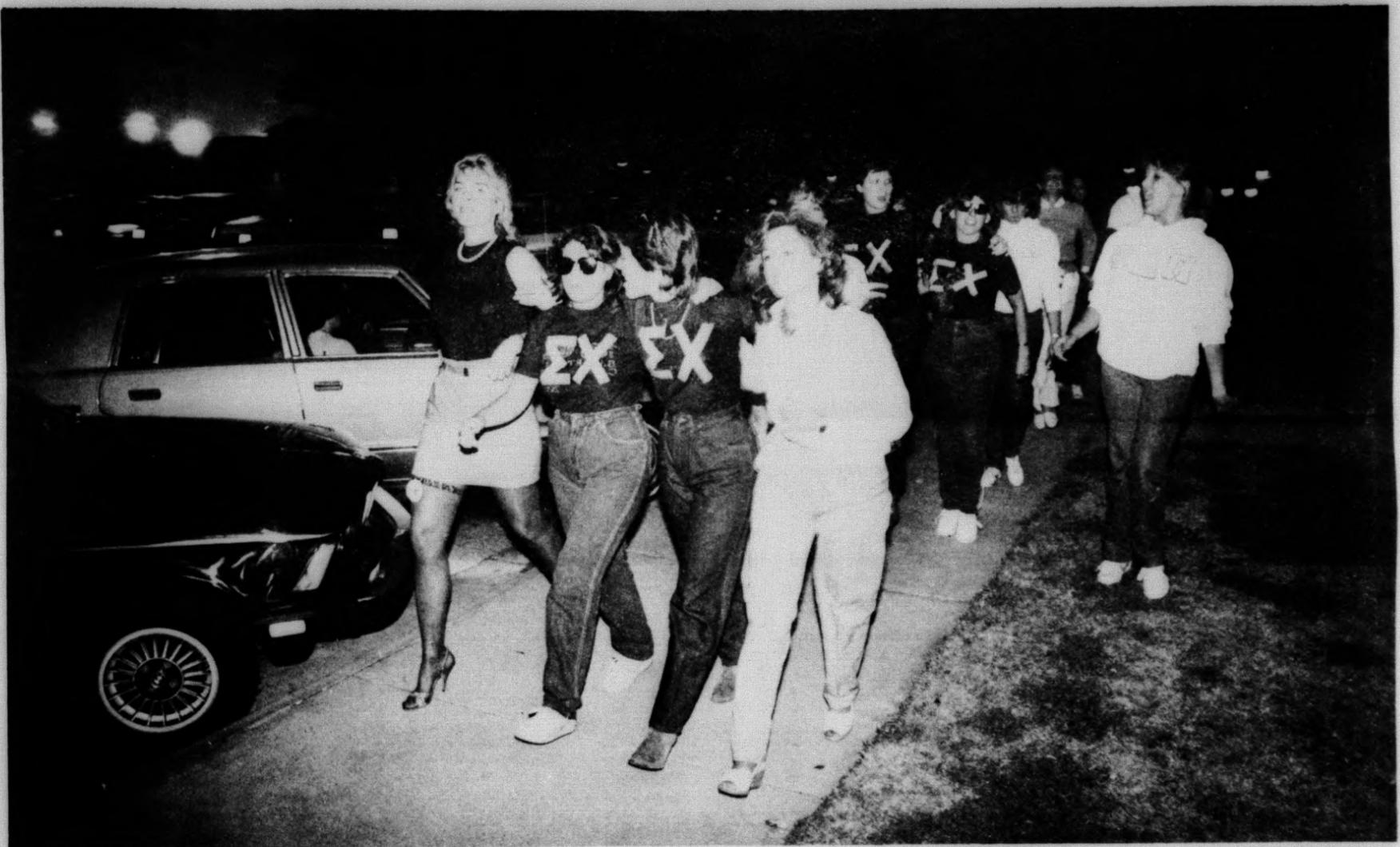
Many students agree with Bell, and that's why they're at TCU, where blackness is the same color as it is anywhere else.





Derby day prelims

DERBY GRABBING: RIGHT: Members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority head to the Sigma Chi house on Wednesday night to bring the guys over for a "real" party. **BELOW:** In the lobby of the Sigma Chi house the ZETAs play up to Sigma Chis Bill Eyre and Dan Shoevlin. **BELOW LEFT:** Joe Dugan, a freshman from St. Louis, fraternizes with sorority girls after they do a song and dance. **BELOW RIGHT:** The Sigma Chi house is decorated from inside to out by Wednesday. PHILLIP MOSIER / TCU Daily Skiff



Computers basically a Communist plot

By Susan Thompson

My loved ones have been telling me for years that I'll eventually die of high blood pressure because I use so much salt. People ought to save their breaths. Long before salt ever even hits the blood in lethal amounts, my pressure will already be inflated by a deadly little virus called Xelda.

Actually I'm not sure of the name. I've been exposed to it for three months now, and I can't even figure it out well enough to know the name. It seems that its aliases include COBOL, PASCAL and my own infectious strain—BASIC.

I once tried to learn a foreign language. It was in the 11th grade and the language was German. After a year I had figured out how to excuse someone after a sneeze and that verbs go at the end of a sentence—usually.

That memory was miserable enough to convince me not to get a bachelor of arts degree in college. I was even willing to pay the ransom for not taking any foreign language—statistics and computer science.

Of course I had no idea that computer science involved the learning of a language far more foreign and far less rational than German. In this language the verbs go after the line number, before the end of the program, and inside the little rhombuses—usually. I think.

My first direct confrontation with the terminal (that is the only appendage of the computer I can identify with at this point) was totally frustrating. People do this volun-

tarily, to save time, and pay millions of dollars for the privilege?

It took me only five minutes to figure out how to turn the thing on. Then I spent 20 minutes saying hello while it spit ampersand symbols at me across the screen, line after line. The little sign on the wall said to "break" it if it acted up in this way.

Finally it asked for my official hello. It said: "LOGON." I logged 12 times before the computer asked for my secret name. Then it asked me for a "filename." It would probably take less to get admitted to the Pentagon.

Anyway, I typed in what I thought to be a computer program that would eventually give me a copy of two report cards. The system did not see it just that way.

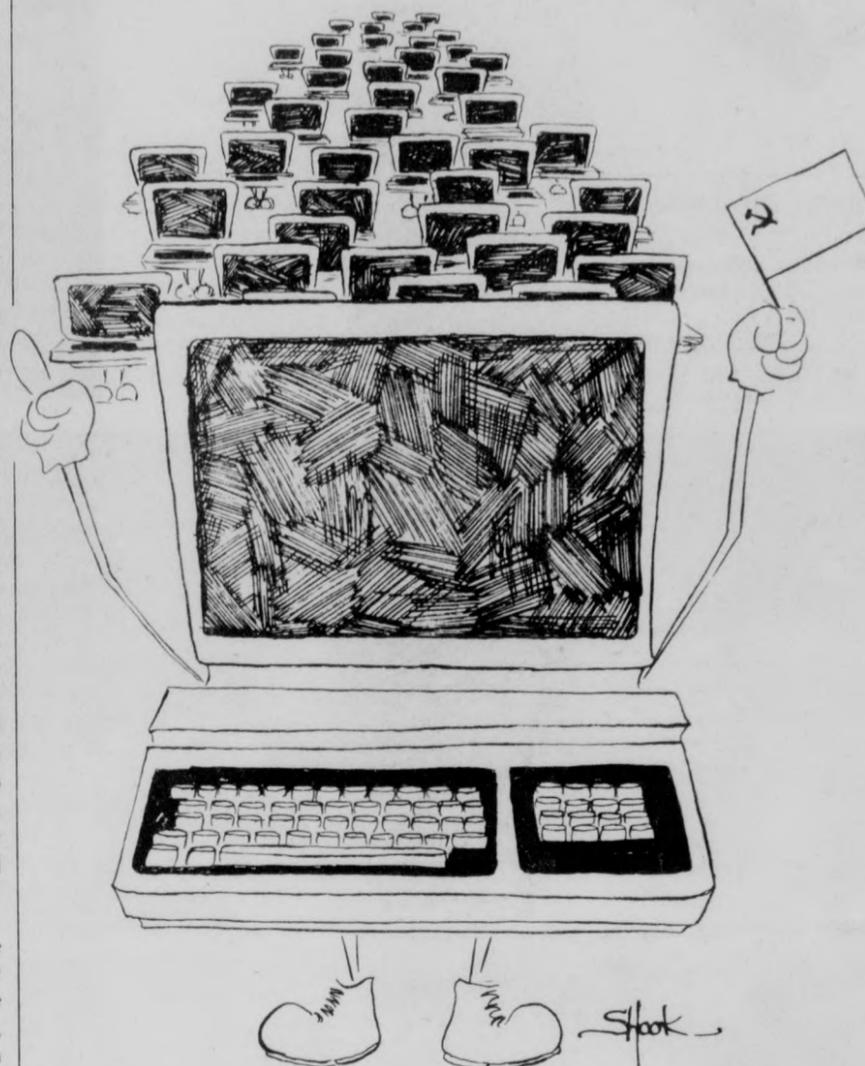
I said "run," and Xelda said, "YOU MESSED UP LINE ONE," "YOU MESSED UP LINE TWO," "YOU MESSED UP LINE THREE," . . . Oh, of course, it gave me a hint on all my mistakes. It squirted out an abbreviated reprimand just vague enough for me to have no idea what was wrong (not that I would have known how to fix it even if I knew what was wrong).

Three hours later, as I uncramped my fingers and my mind, I realized that I could have typed my two report cards in about 10 minutes on a good old-fashioned typewriter. For that matter, I could have chiseled them in granite in about two hours.

This is an effective tool. When people say computers are taking over the world, what they really mean is that the Russians have planted computers in our country, propagandized us into thinking them worthwhile, and are just waiting for

us all to start flipping our lips with our fingers and answering our own images in bathroom mirrors. That is

when they will punch the button—when we are all too silly-minded to care.



events etc.

Monday 25

Residence Hall Staff 9 a.m., Student Center Room 214
Relaxation 11:30 a.m., Student Center Room 204
IPC noon, Student Center Room 211
Research Committee 2 p.m., Student Center Room 214
Southwestern: Career Development 3 p.m., Student Center Room 204
Academic Affairs 3 p.m., Student Center Room 202
University Benefits Committee 3 p.m., Student Center Room 203
Performing Arts 4:30 p.m., Student Center Room 202
Films 5:30 p.m., Student Center Room 202

Tuesday 26

Wednesday Night Bible Study 7 a.m., Student Center Room 202
Housing 9:30 p.m., Student Center Room 222
TCU Band 11 a.m., Student Center Lower Lobby
AHE-Library 12:30 p.m., Student Center Room 209
Traffic Appeals 2 p.m., Student Center Room 202
MLA Advisory Committee 3:30 p.m., Student Center Room 214
Alpha Phi Alpha 4 p.m., Student Center Room 204

Parents Weekend 4:30 p.m., Student Center Room 202
Public Relations 4:30 p.m., Student Center Room 203
Delta Gamma 5 p.m., Student Center Room 207
Recreation and Travel 5 p.m., Student Center Room 214
House of Student Representatives 5 p.m., Student Center Room 222
Angel Flight 5:30 p.m., Student Center Room 205
Campus Chest 6 p.m., Student Center Room 203
BSU 6 p.m., Student Center Room 218
University Ministries 7:30 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

Wednesday 27

Supervisory Development 8:30 p.m., Student Center Room 207
Touchstone Galleries 9 p.m., Student Center Lower Lobby
TCU Band 11 a.m., Student Center Lower Lobby
Books Alive 1 p.m., Student Center Room 222
SOC 3 p.m., Student Center Rooms 202, 203
RHA 4:15 p.m., Student Center Room 202
International Students 5 p.m., Student Center Ballroom
Programming Council 5 p.m., Student Center Room 211
Alpha Phi Omega 6 p.m., Student Center Room 218

Circle X 6 p.m., Student Center Room 205
Firebreaks 8 p.m., Student Center Room 205
Wednesday Night Bible Study 8 p.m., Student Center Room 207

Thursday 28

Purchasing Policies 8:30 a.m., Student Center Room 207
Touchstone Galleries 9 a.m., Student Center Lower Lobby
Career Placement 9 a.m., Student Center Lower Lobby
TCU Band 11 a.m., Student Center Lower Lobby
AAUP 3:30 p.m., Student Center Room 202
Arnold Air Society 4:30 p.m., Student Center Room 205
DAC Dinner 5:30 p.m., Student Center Room 211
Fullbright Meeting 7 p.m., Student Center Room 218
Church of Christ 7:30 p.m., Student Center Room 202
Tour Group 7:30 p.m., Student Center Room 203
Kappa Alpha Psi 7:30 p.m., Student Center Room 216
Lutheran Ministries 8 p.m., Student Center Room 214

Friday 29

Friday on Campus 8 p.m., Student Center Lower Lobby

Student Life Staff 8:30 p.m., Student Center Room 214
Alpha Kappa Alpha 10 p.m., Student Center Room 206
Cornerstone 7 p.m., Student Center Room 205

Saturday 30

Black Student Leadership Conference 8 a.m., Student Center Lower Lobby
Pre-Law Association 8:30 a.m., Student Center Room 222
Chi Omega 9 a.m., Student Center Ballroom
Career Change for Teachers 9 a.m., Student Center Room 207
Delta Sigma Theta 5 p.m., Student Center Room 205
Upsilon Phi Epsilon 6:30 p.m., Student Center Room 207
Chinese Bible Study 7:30 p.m., Student Center Room 218

Sunday 1

Delta Sigma Theta 1 p.m., Student Center Ballroom
RHA noon, Student Center Room 203
Delta Sigma Theta 4 p.m., Student Center Room 207
Tau Chi Upsilon 7 p.m., Student Center Room 202