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Consumerism rears head here

Consumerism will have found a niche at the University if a proposed local chapter of Public Interest Research Group (TexPIRG) becomes firmly established.

TexPIRG is an effort to provide a focus for students to join in and take action on consumer and environmental problems which concern them.

Since the conception of TexPIRG a year ago, several campus chapters have been formed including one at the

University of Texas, Rice University and the University of Houston.

The University of Houston chapter of TexPIRG revealed the results of a survey of Houston drug prices Tuesday. The researchers found that prices for the same prescription varied as much as 900 per cent between pharmacies.

Major Changes

"A PIRG will be good for TCU students and also for the community," said Barry Johnson,

one of the main advocates of the program.

TexPIRG should be educational for both students and faculty, Johnson said. It involves many areas of research and may offer some credit in directed studies.

Many students always think another organization on campus will take away from the duties of the present ones, but Johnson explained "no PIRG will become involved in internal campus disputes, but will concentrate on

consumer and environmental issues."

Student energy will be coupled with professional skills to accomplish major changes. "TexPIRG will serve at times as a citizen's lobby to counteract the special interest lobbies in Austin. The average citizen should be heard as clearly as the special interest," Johnson said.

Refundable Fee

If the formation of a TexPIRG is successful at the University, students will pay a fee of \$1.50

per semester to fund the organization. Johnson said PIRG is voluntary and any student who wishes his money back will be entitled to a full refund upon request.

The PIRG organization is explained in a book called *Action for a Change*, written by the originators of the idea, Donald Ross and Ralph Nader.

Ross will speak to interested students Thursday, Feb. 1, at 8 p.m. in Student Center room 207-209.



Trio to perform

The Marlboro Trio, an internationally famed group of musicians, will appear Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 8:15 p.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium as a Select Series presentation.

Violinist Gerald Tarark, pianist Mitchell Andrews and cellist Charles McCracken will perform works by Haydn, Beethoven and

Schumann. Each of the musicians, two of whom have recorded with Leopold Stokowski, is an artist in an artist in his own right. "This is no ordinary trio... They play with the intensity of soloists but with the intelligence of superb musicians," said the Washington Post after a recent concert.

Ministers OK abortion rule

By GREGG KAYS

Citing the right of personal choice, three campus ministers each expressed their approval of the Supreme Court's recent decision allowing for a legal abortion in the first six months of pregnancy.

Roy Martin, minister to the University, Paul Jones, director of the Baptist Student Union, and Father M. Gayland Pool, Canterbury Association sponsor, supported the Supreme Court in its "right of privacy" doctrine as applied to abortions.

The 7 to 2 Supreme Court decision handed down Jan. 22 struck down a Texas law which allowed only abortions to be performed to save the life of the mother.

According to the ruling, the state may interfere in the "right of privacy" only in the final three months of pregnancy when the child is developed enough to survive outside the mother.

Four developments

Martin said he felt the decision was good because it gave the mother the right to decide for herself concerning an abortion.

He said four developments will probably occur due to the decision.

First, Martin said, abortions will be moved to a legal footing where a safe abortion can be obtained. Martin said abortions would be "removed from a legal cloud."

The second development Martin said he expects will be the freedom of doctors to make decisions concerning the physical and mental health of the patient in regard to the pregnancy and abortion.

Thirdly Martin said he foresees the addition of abortion to the list of options a mother has in deciding about her pregnancy. He said abortion, while not a total solution, can work for women who are mentally and physically capable of handling the experience.

Emotional Problems

The last development from the decision Martin said he expects is the reduction of the price for an abortion. In recent years, some abortions ran as high as \$1,000 which prevented some women from having one performed.

Father Pool said he is pleased another civil right has been won by the public. By allowing women the option of pregnancy fulfillment, he said he feels an achievement in moral attitudes has also been won.

While Rev. Pool does not necessarily approve of abortions, he said the personal right of making one's own decision on the abortion is important.

Individual's Choice

Father Pool said his major concern about the ruling is whether abortion will become available to all segments of society. The recent high costs have made abortion open only to the rich.

The Supreme Court's decision also pleased Jones, who said he believes the final answer on abortion should be left up to the individual. Jones said the decision concurs with his Protestant ethic as the final yes or no on abortion is left to the individual who must use his own judgment and conscience.

According to Jones, it is the person who must resolve his own problem and bear the responsibility for his actions.

None of the ministers agreed with the notion of an increase in sexual promiscuity or a decline in the nation's general morals because of the Supreme Court's ruling.

Cram clinic cures study ills

A "cram clinic," with the purpose of helping students improve their study habits, has proven successful for many students during the last two semesters.

The Testing and Guidance Center began the clinic in the spring, 1972, and since then

several hundred students have enrolled and obtained positive results.

Many students who received warning notices joined the clinic, and most were able to pass their courses by the end of the semester. The Testing and Guidance Center believes this is

due to the "cram clinic."

The clinic is interested in getting students to join early in the semester, when it is most effective.

Students interested in participating in the clinic should contact Roy Maiden at the Testing and Guidance Center.

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Editor:

Originated in 1970, the competency-based Teacher Education Project has as its basic goals, the improvement of teacher education and the teaching profession. One necessary component to attaining the articulated goals is an adequate conceptual structure on which to build teacher education programs.

It is this framework that provides the grounds for creativity and critical appraisal. These two trademarks facilitate the necessary scrutiny and modifications that ought to characterize any curricular-instructional enterprise.

Another related aspect which is crucial to the amelioration of teaching and teacher education is exposed by the question, should a teacher act as a professional or technician?

It is the claim here that the only avenues for pedagogical advance are opened when the teacher's action is characterized by interrelated sets of values, principles, and a sincere commitment to teaching.

The above characteristics are ascribed to those of a professional. A technician, on the other hand, leads a life of expediency and immediate interest. When asked for justification of his actions, he does not appeal to a set of principles but rather to the authority of others. Clearly, it is impossible to operate as a technician under this limited framework, and concomitantly expect advance.

Since there is a concern with both curricular and research aspects of teaching, a final dimension towards the achievement of the goals is the construction of a research-development system. To initiate such a system, there is an 'open-search' on the part of preparatory and certified teachers. This search is aimed at significant problems built into the conceptual foundations and curricular-instructional aspects of the program.

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The lack of interest and concern, on the part of students and faculty toward the project, deserves several comments.

This described behavior seems to run amiss of one of the basic objectives of the University—to build and maintain a community of learning which encourages interchange and testing of ideas. If teaching and teacher education are to improve in the future, a hospitable atmosphere must be constructed, so that the creativity and convictions of others can be examined.

Despite the United States Office of Education's decision to cease funding after the current academic year, for those who have been in the program, I expect it has been a fruitful venture; and one that will affect them for the remainder of their lives.

As a research assistant, my

association with the project has made a lasting impact on me; and will provide the foundation for my future professional endeavor. Despite acknowledged limitations and deficiencies

which beset any "beginning" program, the competency-based teacher project provides the steppingstone to success for the serious student and future teacher.
Richard L. Sinatra

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The University of Houston chapter of Students for a Democratic Society recently honored the Houston Chronicle with an award of Special Recognition for Racism.

An SDS spokesman said the award had been made to protest "consistent racist reporting." The presentation followed a protest march from the Houston Federal Building to the Chronicle offices.

A wildcat by any other name would smell as

Second editions

sweet? Somebody recently kidnapped the Kansas State wildcat mascot from a Lawrence, Kansas, zoo and hid him in a fieldhouse at the University of Kansas—at least, the rustler thought he did.

Actually the missing mountain lion was the mascot's look-alike cage-mate and stand-in. It seems K-State caught KU "cat-napping" on the job.

Around \$5 million in federal funds are riding on an overhauled version of the University of Texas at Austin's anti-discrimination plan, rejected once already.

The plan must conform to the federal "Higher Education Guidelines" governing federally funded schools. Women, one of the minorities the guidelines seek to protect, currently comprise only about 12 percent of the faculty, but a UT vice-president expects that number to be increased soon.

Suppose they gave a meeting and nobody came—except maybe the Fourth Estate. Kansas State Collegian reporter Jack Huttig was the only one to attend the first of five information sessions concerning a student recreational complex referendum.

The panel went on with their discussion nevertheless, noting with obvious delight each time Huttig made a note.

Chinese New Year

Dragon to march

A 35-foot dragon will be among the attractions in Fort Worth's first Chinese New Year Parade to be held Saturday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m.

The parade, which will begin

Board to aid minority grads

The Graduate Records Examination Board has started a locator service for minority students to aid promising minority students in finding a graduate school.

Graduate schools are attempting to enlist minority students who excel academically. The locator service assists the minority student who is interested in finding these schools and helps study their requirements to find which school would relate more effectively to the student's individual needs.

All qualified minority students interested in attending graduate school should contact Roy Maiden at the Testing and Guidance Center.

Placement

Walter P. Roach, director of the Placement Bureau, has announced the following organizations will have representatives on campus to interview degree candidates on the following dates:

Feb. 5—U.S. Navy, City of Dallas—all majors.

Feb. 6—U.S. Navy—all majors; Lybrand, Ross Bros. and Montgomery—accounting majors.

Feb. 7—General Services Administration—all majors; Olivetti Corp. of America—business majors.

Feb. 8—Xerox Corp.—all majors; U.S. Air Force—all majors; Aetna Life and Casualty Co.—all majors.

Feb. 9—U.S. Air Force—all majors; United Fidelity Life Insurance Co.—all majors; Swift and Co.—business and accounting majors.

on 1st Street and end in Burnett Park, is co-sponsored by the University's International Student Association and International Students Community Relations Committee.

The parade's purpose is to celebrate the Chinese New Year and to promote international understanding and cooperation between Fort Worth and the University's 100 international students from 36 nations.

Participants in the parade, besides TCU internationals, will be the Shriner's Clown Unit and international students from UTA, SMU, North Texas State University, Texas Women's University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and University of Texas at Dallas.

Parade queens include Rebecca Liang, a University Ph.D. candidate in physics and Margaret Huang from Southwestern Seminary. North Texas State University and Texas Women's University have also selected queens to participate.

Internationals from various countries who are students in the Dallas-Fort Worth and Denton areas will be carrying their countries' flags in the parade.

A Chinese New Year's dinner will be served at University Christian Church Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Entertainment during the dinner will include Chinese songs sung by Miss Huang and Tom Yu, a TCU graduate student in geology, who will perform traditional Chinese dances including a sword dance.

After the dinner, a traditional Chinese lantern parade around the Frog Fountain at 7 p.m. will climax the day's activities.

Tickets for the dinner are \$2 for students with I.D.'s and \$3 for adults, and are available at the TCU International Student Office in Sadler Hall. Tickets can also be purchased at UTA, SMU, NTSU, TWU, SW Seminary, and UT at Dallas.

Snack Bar jazz

The University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Preston Thomas, will perform Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Student Center Snack Bar, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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By JERRY McADAMS
Sports Editor

This is the campus. Texas Christian University. Everyday, some 7,000 students attend classes here in everything from badminton to ballet. They come from all walks of life and represent a wide range on the social spectrum. Once in a while someone does something newsworthy. That's where I come in. I carry a pencil.

It was a Tuesday. It was cloudy in Fort Worth. I was working the day watch out of Rogers Hall. My partner is Richard Halyard. My name's McAdams.

8:22 a.m.—I arrived at the Daily Skiff newsroom and opened up. Outside the door was Greg Regian, a special assistant in TCU's sports information bureau. He was reading a Skiff. He was laughing.

I went inside and checked my typewriter. The margins had not been reset. Everything appeared to be OK.

I opened my desk drawer and pulled out a page dummy. I had been handed it the night before. There were 21 inches left on the page not counting the advertising. My job was to fill the page.

8:45 a.m.—Regian, Bobby Yates, and I left Rogers Hall headed downtown. All three of us were on a special assignment for a course in public affairs. We were to spend an hour observing a civil court trial. It wasn't going to be pretty.

10:42 a.m.—Yates, Regian and I arrived back at Rogers Hall. We felt we had accomplished our assignment. We looked at one another and nodded knowingly, then went our separate ways.

Back inside the Skiff newsroom, time was running out. By now my partner Richard had arrived.

11:10 a.m.—We went to a nearby Mexican restaurant for lunch.

We each ordered a hamburger, then stuffed our gut on chips and tortillas. We got out for under a dollar. As we payed our check, the cashier said, "Was everything all right?"

"How's that again?" I responded.

"The food," he said. "Was it all right?"

"Suppose you tell me," I quipped. Richard and I looked at each other and nodded knowingly, then left.

12:06 p.m.—We arrived back at the Skiff room and I still had half a page to fill. I decided to try the photo lab. Photographer Bill Bahan said he understood my problem but there was nothing he could do to help. I nodded my head knowingly.

1:15 p.m.—It was not much to go on, but I decided to check the mail. There was one press release which had arrived that morning. But the postmark was dated Oct. 6, 1967. It wouldn't be of any help now. If only it had arrived yesterday.

2:47 p.m.—It looked like we had a break. I had remembered something Greg Regian had said earlier in the day. It was a long shot, but it just might turn something. I called Regian at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

My hunch had paid off. Regian knew something all right. Baylor's junior varsity basketball team has a 6'5" guy from Monterrey, Mexico. That was news.

3:09 p.m.—I wrote the information down, turned it in to the print shop, and nodded knowingly to myself.

Former Frog runner dealt to Philadelphia

Baltimore Colt running back Norm Bulaich was traded this week to the Philadelphia Eagles for an undisclosed draft choice.

The former TCU star lettered for the Frogs in 1966, '68 and '69 and was the Colts' number one draft pick in 1970.

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