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Students to decide on Bill of Rights

By STEVE BUTTRY
Editor-in-chief

The student body will vote next Wednesday, April 21, on a revised Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities which deviates substantially from the present bill.

Chancellor James Moudy said he is "very favorably inclined" to the revised bill, and probably will make it a definite University policy if the students approve it.

The University is "limping along with the present document," Moudy said, and it contains some details he doesn't agree with. He indicated his approval of the bill in 1973 in a letter to Vice Chancellor and Provost Howard Wible.

If he approves the revised bill, Moudy will notify the House of Student Representatives in writing and will have the bill published as a University policy.

The most significant change in the revised bill is the addition of a judicial system, which the original bill does not include.

The judicial system would include five committees that are now part of the University committee system, plus two new committees. The Student Organizations, Student Publications, Academic Appeals, Traffic Appeals and

Student Conduct Committees would handle their present duties, and act as quasi-judicial bodies to handle disputes in the areas implied by their names.

The committees would have the power to settle "disputes arising under the Bill of Rights and for the just resolution of grievances based on actions of University employes or groups recognized by the University."

In addition to those five committees, a Public Presentations Committee would be established to "hear cases regarding controversies in the areas of speakers, films, theatre, dance and art exhibitions to be presented by student organizations."

According to the revised bill, such entertainment should be "conducted in a manner consistent with an academic community" and "with the philosophy and objectives" of the University. The Public Presentations Committee would be empowered to decide whether entertainment meets these standards.

A Student Grievance Committee would be formed to resolve student grievances that do not fall within the jurisdiction of any other committee. An instance in which a student may file a grievance before this committee might be if the confidentiality of his records has been breached, ac-

ording to Student Body President Jay Case.

A University Court would be established to hear appeals from the quasi-judicial committees, providing "the dispute involves an alleged violation" of the Bill of Rights. The Court would be empowered to decide which cases it will hear.

The Court would include four faculty members, four students and three administrators. It would have power to delay implementation of University policies or decisions until it can resolve disputes over whether they may violate the bill.

The Court also would have the power to resolve jurisdictional disputes among the quasi-judicial committees, the Court and the committees would be able to establish their own procedures, as long as they follow "fair play" guidelines spelled out in the bill.

The Chancellor would have the power to reverse any decision of the court.

The "real strength of the document lies" in the court system, Case said. The court and the committees would have an "interpretive function" in deciding what the various clauses of the bill mean, he said.

The proposed revision also includes many changes in language from the present bill. Some of those changes were made to keep the University "in compliance with the law," Case said, and others were made to make the bill less specific or more clear, Case said.

The proposed bill contains a lot of "ambiguity," because the present bill is in places cumbersome and too specific, Case said. The ambiguities will be interpreted in individual cases by the judicial system, he added.

In provisions regarding student records, the present bill specifies that separate files will be kept for a student's academic and disciplinary records. The revision makes no such distinction.

The proposed revision also gives the University the right to release records to parents or guardians who have legal access to the records.

The subsection on campus expression in the present bill does not include the stipulation that entertainment must be consistent with the philosophy and objectives of the University.

The section on student communications media has been changed extensively. The revision only says the student media "shall be free of censorship," but the present bill adds freedom from "coercion and advance administrative approval of copy."

The revised bill also says the student media shall avoid publishing libelous statements and "show regard for the standards of taste of the University."

The present bill also omits clauses protecting editors and managers from arbitrary suspension and protecting student communications media from arbitrary suspension of funds.

The section regarding student rooms and property has been shortened significantly. The clause regarding searches of rooms in the proposed bill says, "Students have the right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure by University personnel and during the process of search and-or seizure the safety of personal effects will be protected."

The present bill includes five clauses stating the rights of students regarding searches of rooms. The first clause is basically the same as the clause in the revised bill.

The second clause states that dorm rooms may be inspected for fire or health hazards or for maintenance and repair purposes if the student is notified.

The third clause specifies that written approval must be obtained from the dean of students or a head of a student life division before a room can be searched for suspected violation of the law or University regulations.

That clause also assures students of the right to be present during the search, if he is available, and to be presented a written application "specifying the basis for suspicion and the objects sought." The clause also specifies that a witness to the entry and search is required.

A fourth clause in the present bill says a student's room may be searched without appropriate authorization, only "where imminent danger to life, safety or property is reasonably feared."

The other clause that has been omitted from the revised bill specifies procedures to be followed if anything is confiscated during a room search.

The present bill says students may not be harassed to "coerce admissions of guilt or information about conduct of other suspected persons." The proposed bill extends that guarantee only to coercing admissions of guilt. However, it assures a student the "right to remain silent about any incident in which he is a suspect."

The proposed bill also says students must answer honestly "any questions posed to them in disciplinary hearings" unless they claim the right to remain silent because of possible self-incrimination.

The present bill also places the burden of proof in disciplinary matters on the person bringing the charges. The revised bill does not mention who has the burden of proof.

The revised bill includes a section detailing an amendment procedure, which the present bill does not have. Proposed amendments are referred to a special committee of faculty, students and administrators.

Amendments recommended by that committee become ratified when approved in elections by the faculty and students, and approved by the Chancellor.

Next Wednesday's Daily Skiff will include the texts of the present Bill of Rights and the proposed bill.



Laura Sundt and Tom Havens rehearse a scene from "Marat-Sade," a drama of marxism, idealism, lunacy and revolution in an insane asylum. The play will run at the University Theatre April 21-25, and tickets may be obtained at the theatre box office or by calling 926-4051.

Some findings on living one's faith

Students who shared in an informal conversation group at Jarvis will not be surprised at the heading of this column. They may be a bit stunned to sense how much they have contributed to what it will try to say.

One of the big shifts on the campus scene these days is from what Harvey Cox calls "exteriority" to "interiority." Those terms describe a phenomenon a good many people have been watching the past five years.

Students who talked and worked on behalf of political, activist, issue-oriented, social and institutional change now appear to have turned very much inward. They are more concerned and preoccupied with themselves and how they can affect life in a way that has to do with belief and meaning and the lives of other individuals.

They are more preoccupied with prayer, meditations, the Biola, new sectarian and secular cults—with the aim of acquiring a firm sense of spiritual and emotional

assurance. This change in the look of the campus and what students (and to some degree faculty) are here for is striking,

Guest opinion

though not uniform in its style or substance.

I have some concern, even apprehension, about this shift, and that is what I want to take some soundings on.

I feel this shift from outside to inside has both enlivening and escapist possibilities. Positively speaking, "the new piety," as it is sometimes called, has the capacity for getting all of us to ask why and to what purpose we want to involve ourselves in the world we share with other humans.

Too much of what are usually labeled as "liberal social schemes" lack this self-critical and a thoughtful philosophical or faith-oriented basis. It is not irrelevant to note that any such programs which deny or ignore the Judeo-Christian tradition, which give rise to the values they seek to implement, are to be questioned—and if tested and found wanting, are to be reexamined and replaced.

But mark the last phrase of the above sentence. I did not say, "tested . . . reexamined . . . and abandoned!" The deadly possibility of such "interiorizing" is what might be called—and often appears in reality to be—THE GREAT ESCAPE.

Turning toward God, "inviting Jesus into your life," leaning from the Sufi or Zen of the Enlightenment about a new sense of your own worth or the need for meaning in the very midst of being who you are is no justification for allowing wrong to go unchallenged, or considering poverty and hunger irrelevant to your responsibility to witness and pray.

We can hardly value confronting others with our faith if we break the connection between that and our behavior, our priorities and our treatment of persons.

To exploit the vulnerability and need of another in the name of Jesus, is an insult to both Jesus and a disservice to our witness.

I believe it is essential to maintain this connection—which is, incidentally, very Biblical—between what we say about our belief and values, and what we care about in our common human and, unavoidably shared life.

I am also convinced that there is no better place or time than now and here so sound as honestly and openly as we are able the meaning we want to find in ourselves and the trust in which it is rooted, along with what we are willing to do with that meaning for all others we shall touch in our living.

—ROY MARTIN

Dr. Roy Martin is the minister to the University.

Public prof ratings not best way

Some faculty members and students want the student evaluations of faculty members to be published. Their reasons are good—they think publication of the evaluations would help instructors improve the quality of their classes.

However, publishing faculty evaluations probably would do little to improve the quality of teaching here, and would not be fair to teachers.

The present evaluation form is standardized and simply cannot do justice to any faculty member, good or bad. Since a different group of students judges each faculty member, and since the questions on the evaluation form can apply differently to each instructor, comparison of the results could not be valid or constructive.

The two things that could be accomplished by publishing the evaluations have already been accomplished. Students can learn how good or bad (or how easy or hard) an instructor is by asking other students. This is an age-old method that is more reliable and fairer than computerized evaluation forms.

The evaluations should be continued in their present format, so individual faculty members can see evaluations of themselves that might help improve their teaching.

But those evaluations should not be published, because computerized comparisons of teachers can not produce fair or constructive means for comparison, and would do little to improve the quality of education here.

—STEVE BUTTRY

Letters

The Daily Skiff welcomes reader feedback in the form of letters to the editor. Letters must be typed, double-spaced and not longer than 300 words. They will be edited for space, grammar, libel and taste. They must be signed with name and classification or title.

Guest opinions must be cleared with the associate editor before submission. The deadline is Wednesday morning of each week. These, too, will be edited.

Letters and guest opinions can be brought to Dan Rogers Hall room 115, or sent to the Daily Skiff through interoffice mail.

—Reader feedback—

Editor:

I suspect that I may be representative of the TCU community in becoming slightly bored by the Daily Skiff's noble crusade for freedom of the press. I greatly admire the courage shown by journalists through American history, from the Zenger case to the "Pentagon Papers" controversy, but find it hard to translate this respect to the Skiff's whimpering at proper indignation toward shabby examples of the journalistic trade.

Few would deny the Skiff's right to print such articles, but

fewer still would respect the Skiff for exercising that right in the irresponsible, sensationalist manner that characterized the original article that generated this "controversy."

Our campus journalists appear unable to recognize the fact that freedom of the press can best be defended by demonstrations of maturity and self-restraint, rather than rabid editorial rantings.

As a first step toward development of this attitude, perhaps the Skiff could expand the standard of "taste" it currently uses for printing letters to its own news articles and

editorial commentary. I hope that the Student Publications Committee would not have to take action in this matter, but if it should, I doubt that its actions would be taken as a vote against Constitutional safe-guards, but rather as a much-needed effort to bring the campus newspaper closer to campus standards of decency.

Jim Paulsen
Senior

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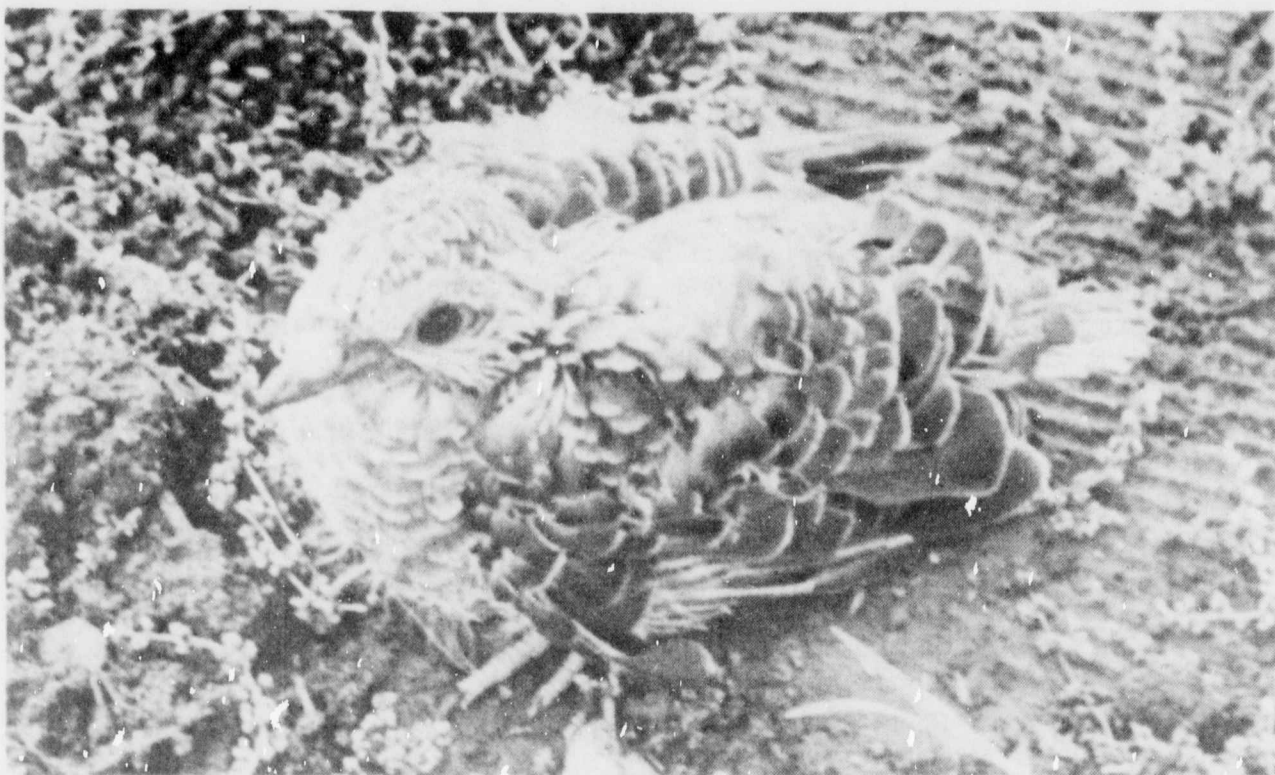
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gray skies yesterday, were high winds which separated this baby dove from its nest.

Photo by Brock Akers

House tables constitution

By SKIP HOLLANDSWORTH

The House of Student Representatives tabled two constitutional amendments Tuesday due to a lack of members at the meeting.

One of the amendments would change the selection procedure for Greek representatives to the House. Members would be chosen from elections run by Panhellenic and IFC, instead of appointed from certain fraternities and sororities.

The second would add five at-large members to the House, and according to McCown, "keep the constitution up to date with some minor changes."

Only 27 representatives were present, and a constitutional amendment requires two-thirds of all House members to approve the change. The House, therefore, needed 25 of the 27 votes to pass the amendments.

President Jay Case thought that "the vote margin was too close to insure the amendments passing," so the House passed a motion to table the resolutions.

Now the constitutional changes will have to be postponed until next fall, said House legal adviser Scott McCown, because the student body will not have a chance to vote on the policies. The constitution requires that all amendments be approved by a majority vote of the student body.

Originally, the students were to cast their ballots for the changes April 21, but McCown said the House would not have another opportunity to consider the amendments this semester.

A surprise issue also came up at the meeting over whether the Executive Board, composed of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, has the right to review bills as a special legislative committee.

The debate specifically centered on a bylaw proposal, authored by Jim Paulsen. If approved, it would eliminate some House committees and limit the size of the others.

The bill was permanently tabled in the Executive Board, because "it simply did not deal with the true issue and was not a good bill," said McCown.

For the Executive Board to act as a committee, Case must designate it as a special committee. However, said Paulsen, "the minutes prove that

nothing was said about the committee by the president or anyone when the bylaw was given to the Executive Board."

Paulsen said this parliamentary procedure was invalid, and his bill should be put on the floor for discussion.

McCown said that regardless of what action had been taken, the Executive Board was a special committee. "Historically, bills have gone and come from the Executive Board. Since the House met in 1975, seven bills were sent to it," he said.

"For as long as anyone can remember, it has been functioning as an Executive Committee. This is assumed. It's part of the informal structure of the House."

Paulsen then officially challenged the ruling and the House voted against McCown.

When asked why the Executive Board needs to consider legislation, McCown responded: "Because it is the House leadership, and to facilitate it considering legislation, it needs to be a committee. Some matters are just for the Executive Board."

"The House did not know what was going on when they voted against my ruling. They did not understand the thrust of any of the arguments," he said.

The only votes for McCown's ruling were from the two voting members of the Executive Board.

Paulsen also said that if the Executive Board believes they presently have the power to act as a committee, "then why are they proposing a constitutional amendment to give them that authority. Obviously, it is because they know they do not have it."

But McCown asked, "What kind of conscience does he have if he deliberately attempts to hurt the board by making this kind of move?"

Reagan here today

Former Gov. Ronald Reagan will speak today at noon downtown in Burk-Burnett Park at the intersection of W. 7th, Lamar and Burnett.

The candidate for the Republican presidential nomination is concluding his three-day tour of Texas today, and then will head for his home state of California tonight.

Brachman carnival to fight cystic fibrosis on April 24

Brachman Centennial College will sponsor its 2nd Annual Carnival to benefit the Fort Worth Cystic Fibrosis Foundation on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in front of the Student Center.

Brachman plans to have eight booths at the carnival and other dorms, fraternities, sororities

and other groups on campus will participate as well.

Some of the Brachman booths include a jail, an arts and crafts booth, a candle shootout with water pistols, bean bag throws, miniature golf, an information booth and a booth with children from the foundation.

Any organization wishing to participate should call Beth Brandis or Nancy Dunahoo.

All of the proceeds will go to the Fort Worth Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

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Tut Bartzen Jr. leans into a forehand against his Houston opponent in a match played Saturday. The Frogs traveled to Little Rock Wednesday for a SWC match against Arkansas and will be back at the Mary Potishman Lard Tennis Center Saturday. The Purple netters will host Texas Tech at 2 p.m. in another SWC match.

Photo by Dana Arbuckle

Purple sportscope

The Alpha Gams and Tri Deltas will square off against each other for the title in the women's Greek softball league Tuesday at 5 p.m. on the intramural fields.

The Kappa Deltas will play the Zetas at 4 p.m. Tuesday and the Thetas will face the Chi Omegas at the same time. The winners from the 4 p.m. games will then play at 5 p.m. for third and fourth place.

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The Frog sprint relay is one of the favored units in the Kansas Relays in Lawrence, Kan., Friday and Saturday.

The 440-yard quartet will be trying to bounce back from a disappointing performance in the John Jacobs Relays in Norman, Okla., last weekend. The Frogs had one runner fall down and they were disqualified.

Curtis Linson was the only Frog winner from the Jacobs Relays as he took the gold medal in the 400-meter dash with a time of :47.38. He will be running in

the same event in the Kansas Relays.

Coach Guy Shaw Thompson will also enter an 880-yard relay team and Ken Sweat in the high hurdles in the Kansas Relays.

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Frog baseball players Danny Twardowski and Gene Burton took the lead in two categories of Southwest Conference baseball after the successful Tech series.

Twardowski leads the conference in hits with 27, while Burton regained the RBI lead with 18. Twardowski is third in the stolen base department with eight.

Burton is tied for first in the race for the home run crown with Mike Macha of Rice. Both players have hit five round-trippers this season.

The Frogs will travel to Dallas Friday to face the winless SMU Mustangs in a three-game series. Texas will be at Houston is an important match for the conference crown.

Frogs land 'big man'

By DANA ARBUCKLE
Sports Editor

The Frog basketball program got a shot in the arm Wednesday when the Purples signed Rick Ashley from Mineral Wells.

Ashley, 6-9 center, was the first to sign his name to a Frog letter of intent on the national signing date.

The Mineral Wells standout was all-district for two years and set a season and career scoring record at his high school. His high game was 38 points. He is the only Mineral Wells basketball player to surpass 1,000 points in his three-year varsity career.

"We have been searching for a big man and Rick gives us a good start," said Frog head coach Johnny Swaim.

Ashley was the only player to sign with the Frogs Wednesday but Swaim flew to California with a letter in hopes that Mike Wysong from Cerritos Junior College would add his name.

Wysong is 6-1 and the quarter-back type of guard the Frogs are looking for.

"I expect to have all six of our

SWC standings

Texas	13-2
Houston	14-4
Texas A&M	10-5
Baylor	11-7
Arkansas	8-7
Rice	9-9
TCU	6-15
Texas Tech	4-8
SMU	0-18

spots filled by the middle of May," said assistant coach Danny Whitt. "It seems like the kids are making up their minds faster this year."

Four players will be touring the University campus this weekend. John Hunter, 6-7 post man from Independence Junior College of Kansas, has narrowed his choices down to Middle Tennessee and the University.

"Hunter is a strong rebounder and the type of post man that we want to come in and give us quick help," Whitt said.

A pair of players from Long Beach City College, Guy King, 6-6 forward, and Dean Decker, 6-0 guard, will also be making the rounds.

"King and Decker were the main reason why Long Beach won the California state junior college crown this year. King is a hardnosed player who will give you 110 per cent the whole game," Whitt said.

Kurt Nimphries from South Milwaukee High School in

Wisconsin will be the fourth visitor. Nimphries is 6-9 and very high on the Purple list.

"It would be really great if we could sign two high school postmen at 6-9," Whitt said.

Three Texas schoolboys have drawn the attention of the Frog recruiting staff. Phil Hale, 6-3 guard from Grand Prairie, Norvell Brown, 6-6 forward from Waxahachie, and Steve Sylestine, 6-1 guard from Clear Lake in Houston, are rated high by the Frog coaching staff.

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