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CONSTRUCTION rolls smoothly in Worth Hills despite the mounds of earth to be drilled or shoveled away. —Photo by Jim Snider

22 Coeds 'Roomless'

By KATHLEEN TERRELL
For most dormitory students, the first week of school is spent buying matching bedspreads and curtains, ordering a telephone, and making a small room into a home. This year some 22 coeds arrived on campus only to be faced with the distressing announcement that there were no rooms available for them.

According to Dean of Women Dr. Jo Ann James, the 22 girls were given "temporary housing" in the lounges and study rooms of Foster, Jarvis, Sherley and Colby Hall Dormitories until room cancellations could be tabulated. Then the "roomless" girls would be moved into the

empty rooms.

"These girls all had low priority room reservation numbers," Dean James said. "Some were freshmen who had failed to send in their reservations. Others were returning coeds who had lost their priority by failing to re-sign their room applications."

Last Spring

Last spring the University set up a policy of allowing upperclassmen to live off campus with parental approval. Thus many girls did not reserve a room for the fall term.

However, during the summer, some girls decided to live on campus, but the room reserva-

tion rules at TCU state that a student loses her priority when failing to sign a reservation.

The dormitory staffs tried to make the "roomless" girls as comfortable as possible in the "temporary" rooms. Beds, dressers, desk and metal closets were moved into the lounges.

One "roomless" freshman, Kathy Wallace, is living in the 3rd floor lounge of Colby Hall Dormitory with two other freshmen, Sherri Partridge and Mary Ellen Deeves.

Empty Beds

"There are a lot of empty beds that girls have not moved in to," Miss Wallace said. "I hope we can move in those rooms soon. Until then, I am living out of a suitcase." Miss Wallace had sent her room reservation in around the first of August, giving her a very low priority number.

Miss Partridge was a victim of the U.S. Postal System, which lost her reservation in the mail. She arrived on campus with no priority at all.

"I'm not complaining," said Miss Partridge. "We have two things the other rooms don't have—a kitchen, which I must admit isn't ours alone, and a piano. I'm making the best of it though. I'm teaching myself piano lessons in my spare time."

Relief seems imminent for the 22 "roomless" girls. As of last Thursday, class registration closed. At that time, some 30 girls who were granted admission to TCU had either failed to register at their dorms or had canceled their room reservations.

Thus, 30 possible places may be made available to the girls. At least, that is what 22 coeds are hoping.

Deadline Set For Filing

All candidates filing for positions in the House of Representatives, freshman cheerleaders, and Spirit Committee must attend a Sept. 6 meeting from 12 to 1 p.m. in Room 222 of the Student Center.

Janet Schmelzer, elections chairman, emphasized the importance of the meeting, adding that only town students filing for House positions, and candidates for freshman cheerleader need applications, available in the House office in the Student Center.

Filing opens Sept. 6 and ends Sept. 10 at noon. Campaigning continues Sept. 12-15, with the primary on Sept. 15, and finals Sept. 17.

Freshman cheerleader candidates must pass a screening board Sept. 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The House meets for the first time his term at 5 p.m. Sept. 14

TCU Alumnus Publishes Book

A study of "University Students and Revolution in Cuba" by TCU alumnus Dr. Jaime Suchlicki, assistant professor of history at the University of Miami, ranks on the 1971 "Outstanding Academic Books" list of the American Library Association.

Dr. Suchlicki, born in Cuba and now a U.S. citizen, writes of Latin American student activism since 1920 both as researcher and participant. By conducting more than 50 interviews to reinforce his own findings, Dr. Suchlicki sheds light on the roots of the Cuban revolution and changes subsequent to Castro's rise to power.

Dr. Suchlicki, graduated by TCU in 1967, received the second Ph.D. granted in TCU's history doctoral program.

Mock Guerrilla War To Mark Vet March

By JOHNNY LIVENGOOD

Bringing the war home graphically, by using a guerrilla theater and a peaceful three-day march, will be the objective this weekend of the local and some regional Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

According to TCU student and Fort Worth co-ordinator David Robinson, the three-day march will begin in Fort Worth Saturday, Sept. 4, and will proceed through Arlington and on to Dallas.

Robinson said they will conduct a mock search and destroy mission through the area for the purpose of bringing the war home and making it more relevant to local citizenry. The VVAW wants the public to see how the war is conducted in Southeast Asia and see examples of the atrocities that occur.

Robinson said this is not to say that all GI's commit atrocities and that their guerrilla theater presentations will be somewhat exaggerated. But he stressed that such atrocities have happened and VVAW members have

witnessed such actions.

Their guerrilla theater efforts will be in the vein of mock searching a Vietnam village's inhabitants suspected of being Viet Cong. The actors will interrogate and molest the suspects. The interrogations will be conducted by a VVAW member who did interrogation work in Vietnam.

The marchers will be from the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington area coming from other Texas and Oklahoma chapters. Some 200 veterans are expected to participate.

Robinson said there would be medical and legal help present during the march and that VVAW members would be carrying plastic M-16's to use in the pre-planned guerrilla theater presentations.

The VVAW is a young organization, especially in this area. The group gained fame during the April 28, Washington D.C. demonstrations this year because of the vets' grim determination: a non-violent, eloquent presentation of their opposition to the war. The most famous VVAW member is perhaps John Kerry, the veteran who made the eloquent plea to Congress to end the war last April.

Robinson asked that any Vietnam veteran interested in forming a TCU chapter or joining in the march call him at 923-6790.



Another helping of hospital food passes careful preparation, as Dorothy Morgan, dietetic intern, learns from instructor Jane Greenhill, center, and

Dorothy Hetherington, Texas Electric Service Co. representative, right. —Photo by Jim Snider

Because The Daily Skiff's contract printer does not work on Labor Day, Monday, the Tuesday issue will be delayed several hours. It will be delivered to campus pick-up boxes shortly before noon.

Speed Bumps Should Go

By LOUISE FERRIE
Managing Editor

Students driving their cars at moderate and reasonable speeds on Worth Hills street recently have been jolted by large, abruptly raised strips of asphalt which are termed "speed breakers."

Ineffective Device

These devices have been described by students variously as back-breakers, neck-lashers, axle-benders, shockdestroyers, and some even more colorful terms. The reason for these speed-breakers is presumably to slow down persons who would otherwise tend to go sailing through the Worth Hills section.

This hypothesis is shot, however, by those who come to a screeching halt just before cross-

ing one of the piles of asphalt, roll slowly but joltingly over them, and then tear out again.

The concept of the speed breakers is rather weak anyway, but these particular ones are detrimental to the well-being of occupants of cars forced to rumble over them, no matter how slowly they take the obstacles.

Crowded Conditions

Why use speed breakers? This is an unsophisticated method of traffic safety and control. To our knowledge, there are few if any speed limit signs up ed along the main drive through the Worth Hills section. If students were more gently reminded of speed limits by signs rather than an obstacle course, they might take the advice in a more constructive and serious vein.

Also, the need for such extreme slowness and caution in the section is created by the inadequacy of parking areas, especially at the east end. Because not enough space is made available, students in a hurry may be forced to illegally double park their cars or otherwise impede the flow of traffic. Men's dorms in Worth Hills are in especially crowded locations, and the condition can only worsen with the full occupancy of the new women's dorm under construction at the eastern edge of the area.

Therefore, we would ask the University to consider construction of ample parking areas and throughfares for the Worth Hills complex so that stop-gap safety measures like the speed-breakers will no longer be needed for safe passage of traffic and pedestrians.

TCU Wages Are Frozen

A few TCU employees won't be receiving the salary and wage increases they expected this September. L. C. White, vice chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, said.

President Nixon's executive order freezing wages, prices and salaries for 90 days does affect TCU, he said, and the school's attorney is working daily to obtain clarification of the current situation and keep advised of new rulings as they are made.

Because salaries were adjusted in January and most are the same as those planned for the budget year starting Sept. 1, only a few person's salaries were affected, he said. If the freeze ends Nov. 12 as scheduled, those persons will benefit from the new salary rates, "as far as we know at this time," White said.

There have been no complaints to the administration about the freeze because "people knew about it as soon as we did," he said, adding that the administration will work to protect the interests of employees.

"It's a legal matter and we can only find out what has been said and comply," he said.



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TCU Bookstore Called Rip - Off

Editor:

The entire TCU student body was thrilled to learn that the bookstore has acquired a new manager. We read the glowing report of the manager's plans to improve the greeting card section and the health and beauty

aid section. There would also be some candles and cheaper (?) records.

So what? The bookstore's main task is to sell textbooks to students. Our new manager made no remarks about lowering book prices. The

students are tired of being victims of a huge rip-off run by the school.

When prices on books come down or the resale value goes up, then some progress has been made. When an adequate stock of textbooks is maintained, then progress has been made. Until then the TCU bookstore remains a rip-off.

Bill Gensert

Editors' Note: Bookstore manager Michael Gore said all area bookstores sell textbooks at the manufacturers' suggested prices, so probably no competitors would undersell him. This statement was inadvertently edited out of Tuesday's story.

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'Enforce Penalty': Dr. Spain



DR. AUGUST G. SPAIN
Capital Punishment is Ineffective

By JUDY HAMMONDS
Capital punishment is not an effective deterrent because it is not enforced, Dr. August Spain of the Government Department maintains.

"Statistics show that most people found guilty of murder are not sentenced to death," he said. Instead, prison sentences are imposed, and prisoners are often paroled after only a small part of the sentence has been served. As a result of parole, the average term for murder in at least one state is seven years. "Conduct is influenced by this," Dr. Spain explained.

To Enforce Laws

Dr. Spain disagrees with those who say capital punishment is

not a deterrent. If it were routinely carried out it would be a deterrent. "The desire to live is innate."

"We've got to learn to be willing to enforce laws," he said, "Just passing them is not enough."

The Supreme Court has consistently avoided a decision on the constitutionality of capital punishment.

Dr. Spain doesn't expect a clear-cut decision any time soon. "Even the Charles Manson case, as sensational as it is, will probably not affect the situation, even if it reaches the Supreme Court. They might reverse the conviction and remand it for retrial on the basis

of procedural errors," Dr. Spain says.

Ruling Would Cause Uproar

The capital punishment question is a real dilemma for the Court. A definite decision either way would cause an uproar. Some have speculated that a ruling that declared the death penalty constitutional, once and for all, would result in a wave of executions. Dr. Spain says, "If the Supreme Court decides it is cruel and unusual punishment, there would be an immediate outcry from all the Doomsday criers: 'How evil our society is!'"

He criticized the features of the American judicial system that

make "endless appeal" possible. "Our system of justice is too full of grounds for error, appeal," he pointed out. "I don't know that we get better justice by prolonging it."

He cited the case of convicted murderer Caryl Chessman, who studied criminal law in prison awaiting execution and became such an expert in finding loopholes in the law that he managed to prolong his life a decade.

Dr. Spain admitted, "Some Supreme Court decisions might be changed with profit."

But, he emphasized, "I don't think we should try too hard to find perfection in these matters—we're never going to achieve it."

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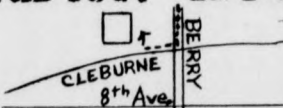
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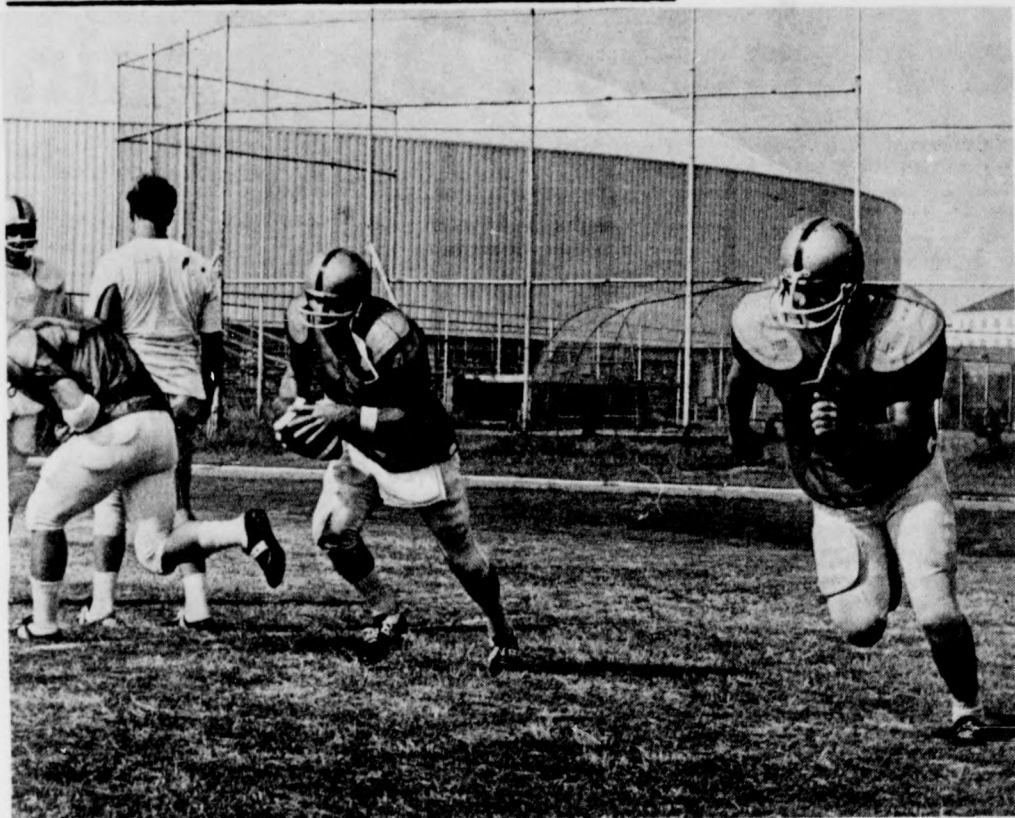
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WISHBONE WORK — Quarterback Steve Judy takes the ball on a quarterback-option as the Frog backfield works on execution from the wishbone set. The formation, growing in popularity around the country, is expected to be widely used at TCU this season.

Frog Running Backs Young, Aggressive

"We don't have blazing speed. We have a depth problem. And our little running backs will probably take a pounding."

That's the way TCU coach Jim Pittman assesses his corps of ball carriers.

"But they're the type that will get after you all the way," he adds and it is evident that there is no pessimism over the situation in the Frog camp.

The big back is noticeably absent this year. Of the top five, only one weighs over 200 pounds and none stand taller than 6-0.

Bobby Davis, senior fullback, is the veteran and the Frogs' biggest running back (5-11, 202). Davis' 247 yards against UTA in the squad's opening game last season won him national Back of the Week honors. A broken collarbone three weeks later put him out for the year, however.

Davis was still in command of the number one fullback spot this week, although senior team mate Ken Balfanz is applying pressure for the starting berth.

A fifth year player, Balfanz is a 5-9, 190-pound bowling ball who impressed the coaches this spring.

Junior Larry Harris and sophomore redshirt Bill Sadler will be competing for the starting half-back roles along with Steve Patterson.

Harris, the most experienced of the three, is a 9.5 sprinter and in his initial varsity appearance

rushed for 107 yards against UTA last fall.

Sadler also has good speed (4.6 in the 40). "He's got a lot of punch for his size," Pittman says. Patterson, a true sophomore, stands 5-11 and weighs in at 178. He's another Frog who impressed the coaches this spring.

"He reminds me of a rag doll

the way he runs," says Pittman. "He's just kind of wilts off tacklers."

Others who could see action in the backfield are sophomores Ronnie Webb and John Ott.

Webb was hampered by injuries as a frosh and again last spring and Ott has been shifted to the backfield from his freshman position at tight end.

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