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# No Mao departure; Over the wall China policy same

America may at last know where it stands in diplomatic relations with China, now that Chairman Mao Tse-tung is dead, thinks an internationally recognized historian.

Dr. Betty M. Unterberger of Texas A&M University believes the death of Mao should finally "let us know where we stand."

The distinguished professor and international author said there has been a prevailing uncertainty of American-Chinese relations since the aging Mao and former President Nixon normalized those relations earlier this decade.

Mao Tse-tung's death is the most unique event in Communist China's history says Unterberger, but a radical departure from the chairman's longtime policies should not be expected.

She believes the historical tradition of struggles for dominance will prevent any better relations with the Soviet Union, which has seized more Chinese territory than any other nation in history.

Nor should observers expect a departure from Maoist doctrine, as Mao has been steadily turning over the reins of power to hand-picked proteges in recent years, she said. However, what will happen now is anybody's guess.

"The Communist Chinese, unlike the Soviets, have never faced a problem of succession," she continued. They may well use the Soviet example as a guide and have less trouble with the transition.

From a Chinese historical viewpoint, said Unterberger, the people have not overthrown those in power while things were going relatively smoothly.

However, when crises occur — such as drought, famine or unsuccessful warfare — the Chinese people have traditionally felt the right to rebel.

"The Chinese are the most rebellious people in history, but the least revolutionary," she said.

"They throw out the person and keep the system."

"But I don't think we can anticipate they will follow the Soviet example or return to Soviet normal relations. Regardless of who is in control, both the Soviet Union and Communist China are Asian powers. And as long as they are, there will be conflict of interest," Unterberger said.

China won't be happy until it is allowed to return to its historical dominance of Asia, she claimed.

Unterberger said that Mao had been one of China's earliest students of Marx, studying the doctrine while enrolled at the University of Peking. He had been a member of the Communist Party since 1918.

Mao led the Communist takeover of mainland China in 1949 and dominated the world's most populous nation for nearly three decades.

Western observers and journalists note that his recent demotion and firing of former Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping was a display of power.

Editor's note: Over the wall will be a regular weekly column in The Battalion dealing with problems or activities students on other campuses are involved in. The information will be compiled by LeAnn Roby from reports in other campus newspapers.

By LeANN ROBY  
Battalion Staff

It appears to be just simple human nature that always makes people think their problems are worse than the next guy's. Those bright young figures roaming around our country's college campuses are no exception, either. Students here on our own campus are continually guilty of this, too. More often than not, though, if you would just look around — possibly over the wall — you would find that other campuses have just as many problems as ours does.

Right now, out of all the problems our fellow colleges and universities are having, the most controversial seems to be the shuttle bus issue at the UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS (UT). On Wednesday, Sept. 1, 115 to 120 shuttle bus drivers went on strike for better working conditions and higher wages.

The dispute arose over the Amalgamated Transit Union's (ATU) demand for a starting wage of \$4.50 per hour, which is \$1.50 more than Transportation Enterprises, Inc. (TEI) is willing to offer. ATU also demanded cost of living adjustments every three months rather than semi-annually as they are now.

Other factors in the dispute include demands concerning health insurance, a sick leave program and vacation pay, along with a policy allowing ATU to negotiate for all shuttle bus drivers.

Scott Keller, president and owner of TEI, said he would be cutting his own throat if he agreed to the wage increase. The union, on the other hand, claims TEI received a sufficient increment in its three-year contract with the university to substantiate the wage increase. Although Keller would not allow the company books to be audited, he said that the approximate \$4 increase in the university contract was necessary due to increasing costs of running the business.

On the first day of the strike, only 16 buses were on the road during the morning rush period, a time when the normal load of 55 buses is filled. Waits on shuttle bus routes were reported to be anywhere from 20 minutes to one hour longer than the normal 5- to 15 minute waits. According to the Daily Texan, the student newspaper at UT, an average of 18,000 to 20,000 students, faculty and staff ride the buses daily.

By Wednesday of this week, TEI had hired enough additional drivers to bring their service up to capacity. As of yet, however, no settlement has been reached between TEI and the union.

### Student Death

TEXAS TECH officials are conducting an investigation into the

death of Samuel Mark Click, 20 years old and a Pi Kappa Alpha (Pike) sophomore. A Sante Fe freight train struck and killed Click on August 23, two miles east of Shallowater, Texas, about 2:30 a.m. Investigators are attempting to determine whether or not hazing was involved in the incident.

The Texas Education Code defines hazing as "any willful act by one student alone or acting with others, directed against any other student...done for the purpose of submitting the student to indignity or humiliation...or physical violence."

Active Pike members allegedly accompanied pledges to a pasture near the train tracks late Sunday. Pike initiates were counting railroad ties looking for a letter before the accident occurred. Police officers had ordered the group to leave the area shortly before the incident happened.

Tech's Pike President said the incident did not involve hazing, initiation rites, or even fraternity activities.

### Housing

Students at A&M have coped with a serious housing problem for years now. There are just too few dorm rooms available for the amount of students we have. But at least our administrators have never made the serious mistake that BAYLOR'S administrators made this year regarding fall dorm room assignments.

About 100 freshmen, 90 women and 10 men, had to set up housekeeping in study halls and dorm basements because officials at the office of Student Affairs promised rooms to 237 students beyond capacity. They figured that a certain percent of the students who were assigned rooms wouldn't show up in August for one reason or another — homesickness, emergencies, transfers to other universities, and marriage — and after last November's cut off date, they began a waiting list to fill these vacancies.

Much to their dismay, there was merely a trickle of cancellations. Needless to say, the administrators misfigured. What a way to start a college career.

Actually, temporary dorm room assignments and overcrowded conditions seem to be the trend this year. TEXAS TECH is also experiencing housing problems as 145 women were temporarily assigned rooms in one of the older dorms on campus, which is being slightly remodeled to better accommodate the students.

Unlike Baylor, however, Tech at least has somewhere to put their overflow of students.

Also, 25 women and 20 men have been temporarily assigned to rooms in various dorms on campus usually reserved for staff members, some students are living with resident as-

Highway 6 runs both ways

assistants and non-handicapped students are living in rooms reserved for the handicapped. Like officials, Tech administrators are trying to solve their housing problems. This fall's 3,016 dorm requests can be attributed to shortage of apartments and in Denton and to the competitive prices for on-campus rooms according to Jim Peterson, assistant director.

EAST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY in Commerce Texas, the opposite problem. Office apartments are packed with a number of students living on campus. A check with local management managers revealed a vacancy in off-campus apartments. University dorms and apartments held 2,016 students as of Sept. 1, compared to 2,096 at the same time last year.

### Parking

Coupled with too many students wanting dorm rooms, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY has too many students for street parking permits. More than 1,500 decals for the 500 to 550 street parking spaces were issued to the registering students. As a result, the red decals for on-street parking are no longer available to students. However, there are still plenty of parking spaces available at the football field, and shuttle buses from there to campus every 15 minutes.

### Film Controversy

At UT this summer, alleged were made that various groups campus were pocketing their profits from films they show and also counterfeit films.

Beginning this fall, because policy instituted by University President Lorene Rogers, student organizations other than the Union, Student Government or departmental groups are banned from showing films for a profit.

An independent committee created by the Student Government has recommended that student organizations still be allowed to show films for a profit, but offered possible guidelines for profit.

The recommendation unanimously passed the student senate and awaiting action by the administration.

### On The Lighter Side

On the lighter side of things, TEXAS TECH begins this fall with new president, Dr. Cecil Mader, been inaugurated as Tech's president replacing Grover Mader who occupied the office for the 10 years.

Also at Tech, the University Police Department has come with a revolutionary way to catch those offenders on bicycles. Bicyclists must now beware of policemen on two wheels — bikes that is — who ride around enforcing the school's bicycle regulations.

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