

His quest for the 'Near-10' never stops

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tight blouse. It seems to be standard uniform, as if they all belonged to some sort of Playboy Applicants Lodge, Local 344.

Chan gives us a wave as we leave the suite. "Let me know if there's any protest. And bring me a copy of the paper if you get any letters."

It is Saturday before we manage to make our way back to the Playboy Suite, with its giant king-size bed, its electric massage unit (25 cents a shake), and its Gideon's Bible. Sherral and Pepe and their clutter are gone. Now it's just Chan, and his white llasa-apsa, Ma-Ling, and the ever-ringing telephone, and the steady stream of applicants.

As promised, we've brought copies of everything we've published concerning Chan and his quest for the Near-10. A poll of students for their reactions, a cartoon strip and a letter from a group who found the quest to be disgusting.

"You know," Chan said, looking up from the paper. "I just can't imagine feeling like this. Here's a guy who says he's appalled at the thought of a naked woman." Chan points to one of the girls. "If we were sitting here and she was semi-nude, would you feel appalled? I'd feel pretty good. How could you be appalled?"

So far, Chan has interviewed more than 200 Texas A&M women. The good, the bad and the ugly. The search has been successful in terms of sheer numbers. More applicants showed up for interviews



Janet Dawn Burnan, and her sister, Bridgette, right, both decided to apply for the Playboy project.

than Chan expected to.

"I heard this was such a conservative campus," he says. "They said don't bother, that no one would

show up."

But out of that number, Chan has seen only two candidates for Playmate. And one of those was a girl he

found at the Dixie Chicken.

It is 1:30 p.m., and Chan plans to be out of town by evening. He's on his way to Houston, to search for

more women at Rice and the University of Houston. "That'll be four down and five to go. You see? These things take time."

Not all schools may welcome him with open arms

By ANDY WILLIAMS
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A Baylor University administrator says his office will "take action" against students who pose nude for Playboy magazine, though he is not sure what that action will be.

But TCU and SMU, the other two church schools that will be involved in the magazine's "Girls of the Southwest Conference" issue are unbothered by the prospect that their students may be photographed.

An interviewing team began touring the conference this month, searching for women to appear in the feature.

Dr. W. C. Perry, vice president and dean of student affairs at Baylor, said he was "concerned" about the idea of Baylor students posing.

"I think we'd take action without question," Perry said when asked what view his office would take of the issue. But he declined to say what would be done.

Jeff Barton, editor of the Baylor Lariat, said he doubted the administration would allow Playboy to advertise in his paper for women to interview with the magazine.

"I would say there's a good chance that the ad will be prohibited," he said. "(University President Abner) McCall is very sensitive about what kind of advertising we can accept."

Barton said this wouldn't be the first ad administrators have barred. The Lariat can no longer advertise the movie "The Life of Brian" and has been stopped from running H.E.B. grocery store ads for a sweepstakes. Barton said officials found the movie

sacrilegious and the contest too much like gambling.

Dr. Herbert Reynolds, Baylor's executive vice president and chief operation officer, did not say definitely that the Playboy ad would be prohibited, but hinted that it might be.

"I would not want to make a premature judgment on it, but I suppose my bias would be not to run such an ad," Reynolds said. "We are not reluctant to prohibit this kind of thing if we think it will present a bad image of our school."

Libby Proffer, dean of student life at TCU, sees things differently.

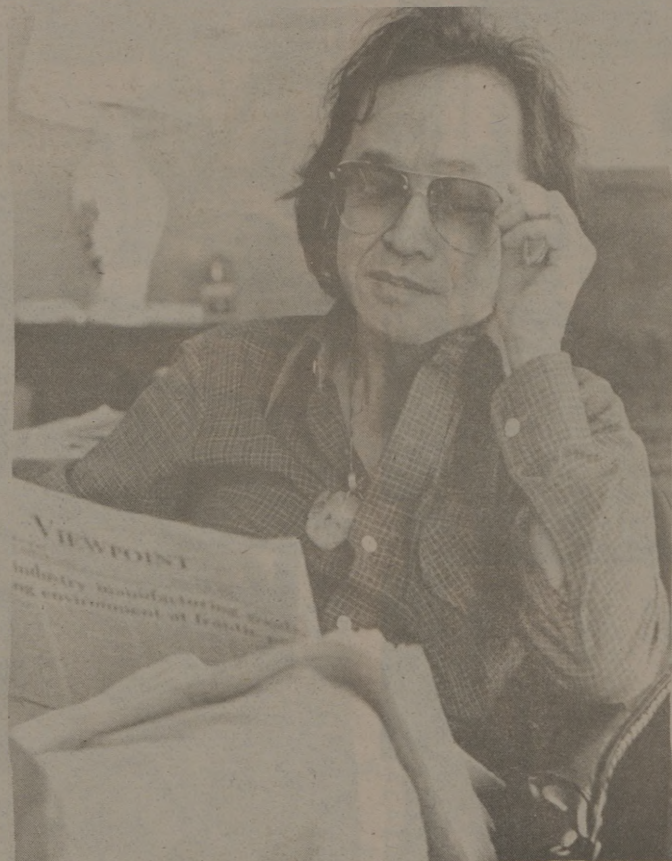
"That's really something women do outside of the university structure. The university facilities are not available to any commercial business and won't be to Playboy. But I don't think we can or should try to govern students' activities," she said.

Nor did Paula LaRocque, adviser to TCU's Daily Skiff, think there would be any problem with running the magazine's ad.

"Our student publications policy statement says merely that everything must be in good taste," she said. "We wouldn't run ads for, say, a strip place." She said that the Playboy ad would have to be carefully constructed, but could probably meet TCU's criteria.

SMU's President James Zumberge shares Proffer's views.

The student paper The Daily Campus quoted Zumberge earlier this month as saying, "I haven't got the authority to bar them (Playboy employees) from coming onto the campus, or to prohibit students from being approached."



Chan reads about local reaction to his visit to Texas A&M.