

Student finds pride in job

By TONY BAKER

Tom Harris has grown accustomed to the surprise shown by those informed of his career choice. He has been called "crazy" by some, "suicidal" by others - but most call him "brave."

Harris wants to be a policeman. "I first became interested in law enforcement about five years ago, when I became acquainted with two cops that owned a filling station in Tulsa," Harris said.

Through this friendship he said he learned in detail the sometimes difficult, occasionally hazardous lifestyle of the police officer.

But the motive that seemed to drive these men toward success in their work was seldom talked about, but Harris said he knew what it was - pride.

Pride that is earned by knowing you have helped someone in some fashion and pride because you know you have put forth your best effort.

"I KNOW IT SOUNDS old-fashioned, but I just want to help

people. I would like to focus my energy and abilities on service not money," he said.

Harris said he plans to begin his formal training this summer and hopes to enroll in the Tulsa Police Academy.

The training in the Academy will consist mainly of the techniques used by police officers including comprehension of details, marksmanship and pursuit in a patrol car.

Harris said physical training, combined with the mental preparation he received in his Corrections degree at Oklahoma State University will hopefully enable him to "think rapidly and act rationally" in a dangerous situation.

A policeman's life is constantly filled with danger but this poses little threat to Harris.

"A COP CAN'T LIVE IN fear, because this fear would negatively affect his performance and endanger his life. None of the cops I know think of the danger," he said.

"You see a lot of tragedy as a police officer, especially the higher up the ladder you are. When you have seen something bad you try to put it out of your mind, but it is extremely tough," he said.

Encouragement from his family and friends has been inspiring, he said, and he anticipates no major changes in his personal life.

"I may lose a few acquaintances but my real friends will still be around," Harris said. He added that the police force is similar to a business in that many new friends can be made at work, and often these relationships are "stronger because of the nature of the job."

HARRIS SAID HE is aware that the police officer's job is extremely demanding and often thankless. He said that many times the job may become "boring and routine," but he is prepared to accept the challenge offered him.

He said that by thinking in "realistic rather than idealistic" terms he is able to perceive what he thinks to be an accurate picture of his career in law enforcement. He said he sees no major difficulties ahead as he changes from his somewhat care-free life as a student to that of a strictly regimented police cadet.

He said this is a transition he is looking forward to because of his genuine concern for others and his search for satisfaction and pride.

telephone interview Thursday.

Elkins is scheduled to speak Sunday at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Stillwater.

His autobiography, *Heavenly Deception*, was released nationwide by Tyndale House Publishers Friday. A movie by the same title, which was released last month, will be shown at 5:30 and 8 p.m. at the church.

"Cults' vigorous recruitment techniques are not the problem," Elkins said. "It's more our (traditional churches) fault than theirs."

"I WAS RAISED in a church and committed my life to Jesus Christ when I was 10. But my church never provided the background and spiritual strength to stand up against all the falsehoods I was introduced to as a 'moonie,'" Elkins said.

"Over 70 percent of America's cult members were raised in churches. I was typical, not exceptional."

A lack of spiritual stamina to guard from the onslaught of cult mis-doctrine is the primary problem, he said.

"Cults like Moon's church draw more people in because alleged Christians aren't living what the Bible says. As a cult member, the only church-goers I met slammed the door in my face or shouted at me."

Those church members are more frightened of their inability to understand the cult's purpose than a cult-member's weird costume or actions, Elkins said.

"If 'Christians' only lived what they purport, cults would disappear."

INSTEAD 2,000 NEW cults

else cares for me like Moon?"

Cult group leaders facilitate recruiting with effective communication skills, he explained.

Southern Baptists do not understand such skills, Elkins said.

"Southern Baptists spend \$10 million a year on boring sermons broadcast from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. And nobody watches them," he said emphatically.

"Some religious groups, who are probably cults in the early stages, buy 30 seconds of prime time and communicate a fantastic spiritual concept to 100 million people."

ALTHOUGH HIS PARENTS hired kidnapers to "rescue and brainwash" him, Elkins said he does not favor psychological deprogramming of cult members.

"To say I was brainwashed is a cop-out. Being it that, I'm not held responsible for my actions and my church is off the hook for allowing me to be led away."

"Cults are the result of our churches' laziness. And persons who sanction government control, kidnapping or deprogramming are justifying elements that would destroy our present church structure," he said.

Churches created the problem and must eradicate it, he said.

"Contact (cold medicine) doesn't cure colds. Similarly, deprogramming and government intervention just disguise ill-effects."

"Besides, I don't believe brainwashing is an accurate term. Dependence is."

"When I think of brainwashing, I think of World War II men in trench coats sticking bamboo shoots under finger nails."

Film not average Hollywood musical

A Review

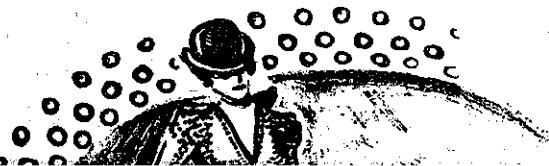
By RODNEY ECHOHAWK

Any film that follows a Busby Berkley style dance production with a shot of a corpse being zipped into a body bag might not appear to be an average Hollywood musical. But then Bob Fosse's semi-autobiographical tour-de-force *All That Jazz* is anything but average.

Fosse is the noted choreographer and director of such films as *Cabaret* and *Lenny*. The new offering is an account of his own career in show business, fictionalized with a fascinating combination of black humor, dazzling dance numbers and superb acting from Roy Scheider.

Scheider delivers what may be the performance of his career in the role of Fosse's alter ego Joe Gideon - a hard driving workaholic who pushes his body and private life to painful limits.

Gideon has a notoriously unquenchable appetite for booze, amphetamines and showgirls. These vices result in his sacrifice of the



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Cloudy and cool

Mostly cloudy and cooler Saturday. Friday's heavy rains should end Saturday morning. Fair and warmer on Sunday. The high on Saturday should be near 55 and the low that night will be near 40. The high on Sunday is expected to be near 64. The extended forecast calls for generally fair conditions through Tuesday. Cooler temperatures will move into the area Wednesday. By Tuesday, highs should be back near 76.

er says, 'scrubbed' rescue won't hurt Carter

By LISA TROW-ZUCHA

President Carter has not committed political suicide by authorizing a rescue attempt in Iran, an Oklahoma State University science professor said Friday.

Bert Spurrier, associate professor of political science, said he "rescued" Carter's authorization of the ill-fated rescue attempt won't damage the president's chances for re-election, but "it's not to be said at this point."

"The rescue had been successful President Carter 'would have been my hero,'" he said.

"The mission, which cost the lives of eight American servicemen, is easy for Carter's opponents to take 'pot shots,'" Spurrier

Frank Church, D-Idaho, has suggested Carter violated the War Resolution.

"The resolution, passed in 1973, states that the president cannot engage troops into hostile situations without the approval of Congress. There's no way under the sun they could say he's in violation of the resolution, as I understand it," Spurrier said.

"The War Powers Act is an ambiguous statute," he said. "The president must procure the approval of Congress within 30 days

