

Lack of leadership hurting International Students

BATT NEWS ANALYSIS
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The International Student Association, born in a hot burst of interest three semesters ago, is growing cold. Rigor mortis may set in tomorrow if their disorganization continues.

The enormous numbers of foreign students that come to TAMU because of its low cost, for the most part live together in groups. Once they were put together by the Housing Office, but now they stay together because they want to, thus perpetuating the stagnation of cultural enclaves.

This and the fact that the university has no set policy on the enculturation of international students stirred the organization into being in the Fall of 1972. Under the able leadership of Friedrich Mach, for a year the organization functioned through various activities involving problems of international students on campus.

BUT NOW? "Well now, you're talking about an organization that's practically non-existent," Colonel Gilbert Mayeaux, faculty sponsor of the ISA, began rapidly rambling. "The various groups involved get along fine as

long as they stay in their own corners. Right now we are to the place where our primary decision is, are we gonna do something or not?"

Charles Hornstein, foreign student adviser, says "just going to school here" will bring the various groups sufficiently together, yet the ISA was formed with the idea that a deeper involvement was needed.

The many nationalities are effective in their own individual groups, but contribute little collectively, according to a written statement by Sid Pandey, Indian delegate to the ISA.

Leadership is crucial to the organization, he says.

The current president, Shayan Hasan, is under vast criticism. He believes, however, that pointing fingers is more harmful than helpful to the organization and its problems. He is not happy that it has always been "run by only a handful." He also said many other things off the record.

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO tremendous momentum to get the ISA rolling, there are enough interested students around to give it hope.

Lalit Kishore Misra, head of the

Indian student organization, wants to get the students of India, Pakistan, and Bangla-Desh together in one group.

"This would be an example to the other international groups to get together."

"The purpose of the ISA should be two-fold," Misra continued. "One, to gather the international students. Two, to project their cultures among themselves and to the American students."

At TAMU, where every major custom and language is represented, there is an enormous cultural potential being wasted. Until something on a scale

appropriate for this potential is done, the international students may only be visible when they meet at the Lutheran Student Center to play ping-pong.

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THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION will elect officers on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 203 of the Zachry Engineering Center. The five-member executive committee will be elected by delegates from each of the countries represented at TAMU.

Foreign students who are not part of any national club are asked to meet with their countrymen and select a delegate from among themselves. Only one delegate from each country will be allowed to vote in the election.

To run for an office the candidate must also be the official delegate from his country.

Both delegates and candidates must register by noon Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the office of the Foreign Student Advisor in Room 302 of the YMCA Building.

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Psychiatric testing planned for helicopter pilot Preston

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army private who flew a stolen helicopter onto the White House lawn Sunday was returned to the Walter Reed Army Hospital's psychiatric center Monday after federal charges against him were dropped.

However, authorities said, Pfc. Robert Kenneth Preston still faces possible prosecution for violating military regulations, including the charge of theft of government property.

Preston, a 20-year-old flight school wash-out, remained mute Monday during his brief appearance in DC Superior Court. A U.S. attorney explained that the government did not wish to press charges because Preston was voluntarily returning to the Army.

The youthful-looking private, dressed in neat green Army fatigues, was immediately turned over to military authorities and hustled away in a sedan to the psychiatric center for further study.

Asked by reporters what prompted his wild, unpredictable aerial ride, Preston declined comment.

But asked if the ride was prompted because he was mad

over flunking out of Army flight school, Preston replied, "could be."

Preston was arrested amid a storm of gunfire as he brought the military helicopter down on the White House lawn Sunday about 2 a.m.

His aerial sojourn began two hours earlier when he stole an Army UH-1B "Huey" helicopter from the airfield at Ft. Meade, Md., about 25 miles north of Washington, authorities said.

Preston, who was a helicopter flight mechanic with considerable flying time, began buzzing homes and cars along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

He was immediately pursued by Maryland State Police in two

helicopters. An hour after he ventured into restricted air space between the Washington monument and the Capitol, he lurched forward onto the White House lawn as security guards began firing shotguns at the chopper.

Preston was treated for minor shotgun wounds and sent to the psychiatric center for evaluation.

President Nixon, who was in Key Biscayne, Fla., did not witness the incident.

Preston, a native of Panama City, Fla., washed out of the Army's helicopter pilot school at Ft. Walters, Texas in 1973 after amassing 157 hours of flying time. His dismissal came because of his "deficiency in the instrument phase," authorities said.

MSC worries about censorship, liquor

By MARY RUSSO
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Liquor on campus and censorship weren't specifically mentioned, but the talk was mostly about those subjects during the Memorial Student Center Council meeting Monday evening.

Two committees, Arts films and Dance, were brought before the Council concerning problems facing the two groups.

Arts films has been advised by MSC director J. W. Stark that two of the films, "Luminous Procress," scheduled for March 8, and "Pink Flamingos," scheduled for April 26, had best not be shown. A number of complaints have been registered against the committee. Tim Manning, Arts films chairman, said a great deal of the problem is the type of films being shown.

Dance committee faces a \$400 deficit and claims the reason the committee's dances tend to fail is the competition offered by clubs which offer both liquor and dancing. A dance at Lakeview Club was suggested, but objections were raised about controlling entrance of patrons. Council members proposed that if liquor were served during social events on campus, a

greater number of students would probably stay on campus.

Last semester a resolution was passed by the Student Senate for open sale of liquor on campus. The resolution was turned down by the Board of Directors in accordance to a state ruling on liquor on state property.

BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE asked for \$800 more funding so that it could handle "Black Awareness Week," the last week of March. Council Comptroller David White said that the budget was too tight to give the requested additional money. Don Webb, president, pointed out that there remained a considerable amount (about \$400) in the Fall Freshman Open House Account. Tacking on \$300 more to this amount is also possible, added Webb. The council granted the additional funding as proposed by Webb.

The constitutional revision to have the voting Council composed of a president; three vice-presidents for programming, administration and finance; directors of projects, operations and public relations; the student senate president; two Directorate committee chairmen; two former students;

and five faculty members was passed. The revision cuts two student votes from the council. Applications are now being accepted for the v-p of finance and the three directors positions. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Tuesday.

THE SPRING LEADERSHIP TRIP was discussed. Several Former Students have offered to pay for meals for the 60 people attending, with an Aggie-ex hosting the party in his home for an 11 p.m. dinner.

Three speakers were approved for Political Forum representatives. They are Buck Woods, general counsel for the Common Cause of Texas; Edward Peck, special assistant to the under-secretary of political affairs; and David Morrison, economic officer, Arab-Israel desk, Department of State.

Several committee chairmen were approved. They include: Patricia Wilkinson, travel; Larry Herring, outdoor recreation; Phil Schraub, dance; David Gent, radio; Joe Lamm, camera; Mark Rankin, Great Issues; John Nelson, Political Forum; Robert Wooten, Black Awareness; and Kathy Rodenberger, Arts.

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Fair and mild today and
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warmer Wednesday.
High Tuesday 67°.

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Local student voters sought

Student Government voter registration drive for county and city elections will be Feb. 26 and 27 on campus.

Pam Jewell, head of the drive,

said they were trying to get persons to register in Bryan and College Station.

"Many students don't realize how much the city council affects them in issues such as telephone rates and bike paths," said Jewell.

Jewell noted that once students register in Brazos County they can no longer vote in their own county or city elections.

There is a March 2 deadline for voter registration for voting in upcoming College Station elections. Requirements to vote include being 18 years old within

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Stadelman tenure subtly approved

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Even though very few people seem to know very much about it, Dr. Bonnie Stadelman, assistant professor of history, has been granted tenure.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. John C. Calhoun said, "It is not our custom or policy to issue news releases on personnel matters. We don't think it is fair to our people."

"If they want to give out infor-

mation on matters they can do so themselves," continued Calhoun, "but we try to protect the individual faculty member."

Calhoun did confirm that he sent a "favorable" letter to Stadelman concerning her employment.

Stadelman had been denied tenure in the fall of 1972 after six years of service to the University. In April, 1973, Stadelman filed a suit with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on the basis of sex discrimination. Around the middle of January, the EEOC ruled there was a possible case of sex discrimination at TAMU in connection with Stadelman.

A little over three weeks later, Stadelman was notified of a reversal in her employment decision.

"I got a letter from Dr. Calhoun this morning (Feb. 13)," said Stadelman. "It just said they

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Resident artists boost fine arts

Foster one of three scheduled this term

By BRAD ELLIS
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A technological attitude toward art was the preoccupation artist Don Foster had of the cultural atmosphere at TAMU.

Foster is here as part of the Environmental Design Department's artist-in-residence program, which exposes those students to practicing and respected artists working among and with them. The program is part of wide-ranging efforts by TAMU to promote the pursuit of the fine arts on campus.

According to Graham Horsley, member of the Environmental Design faculty, these programs reveal the spirit of the recently formed University Committee on Fine Arts, established by President Jack K. Williams and Vice President for Academic Affairs John C. Calhoun, Jr.

A sculptor, Foster has done recent work involving neon light tubes. Two of his works are on display in the Architecture Bldg. lobby.

He will speak to the university Wednesday night in the Architecture Bldg. auditorium presenting 'Chan Kom, Big Balloon, Rodney's Dog and the Calf Fight,' a lecture about the Mayan village of Chan Kom in the Eastern Yucatan.

He mentioned that the Mayans had the concept of zero from very early on, and demonstrated their numerological concern by building their temples as coded monuments to the order of the universe.

Foster said in discussion Friday that in order to do something successful about the laws of chance, one must know something about structure. He said people should be open to new forms of experience without particular care for the context of them, realizing that things can happen in different ways.

In his relations with students Foster feels they all work together rather than a "me and them" situation existing. Monday

afternoon students of an ED 104 class participated with Foster in his first film, shot in Super 8 on the roof of the old hospital, where his studio is. The film plays with concepts of space and motion, as students change position within the frame in rigid stop-motion.

Foster hit upon his film idea while exploring the building to find a nook he could be comfortable in. His search took him from the basement to the roof, before settling on a second floor room. His studio contains most of the things he needs around him in his everyday work, as he views architecture as the design of feedback machines with which people can work effectively, having all their necessary facilities located handily around themselves.

As he views the regular world apart

from many preconceptions, Foster feels an artist is looked on as a sort of outsider by people who cannot safely categorize him and thereby comfortably predict the person. Man has a desire to create in some way, and people are somewhat frustrated individually if they cannot. When basic needs are not met, Foster wonders how people concern themselves with the natural workings of things. Artists sometimes appear above worrying about basic needs as they travel about seeking experiences to use as input for artistic works.

Foster is joined by Houston printmaker Dick Wray participating in this semester's program of three resident artists. Wray is particularly interested in a computer art program he is experimenting with at TAMU.



ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE Don Foster checks everything out as he and some environmental design students shoot a film experimenting with space-time relationships, on the roof of the old hospital building. (Photos by Steve Ueckert)



Monday fire wipes out nightspot

Fire totally destroyed Archie's nightclub at 706 N. Texas Ave. early Monday morning.

The three story brick structure, formerly known as WC's, caught fire in the early morning hours and was reported to the Bryan Fire Department at 4:40 a.m.

During the course of the blaze, traffic was detoured off of N. Texas Avenue. The fire was brought under control about 6 a.m. according to a fire department spokesman. Fire trucks left the scene about 8 a.m.

Exact cause of the blaze is not yet known but it is believed that the blaze started in the top floor of the attic.

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