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DOC SEVERINSEN

Trumpeter "Doc" Severinsen is the upcoming Town Hall attraction Oct. 14 in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The show is billed as a Town Hall extra requiring all persons attending to purchase tickets. Season tickets

and activity cards do not admit holders to the performance. Single admission ducats are on sale in the Memorial Student Center Programs Office.

Draft Exemption Exams Scheduled

Applications for students desiring to take next month's nationwide Selective Service examination for draft exemption must be submitted by Oct. 21, Texas A&M Registrar H. L. Heaton announced today.

Heaton said his office has a supply of the application forms for students rather than having them write their local draft boards, as normally required by the Selective Service System. Also as a convenience for the students, Heaton said university officials have been successful in having A&M designated as a testing site. Originally, he explained, Huntsville was the nearest place the test could be taken.

Nov. 19 is the primary date for administering the test. Students with valid reasons for being unavailable that date may take the test a day early, Heaton said.

While stressing that the test is conducted on a voluntary basis, Heaton encouraged all students who have never taken it to do so.

"The test simply gives students a second opportunity to obtain draft deferment and complete their college education," he noted.

Heaton explained that a student can also be deferred if he has high academic standing. If, however, he has low academic standing but has passed this Selective Service examination, the

Purchasing Head Says Order Early

Texas A&M's Purchasing and Stores director urges departments to place long-range orders for equipment to keep pace with a seller's market.

"With very few exceptions," Wesley Donaldson said, "our suppliers are doing their level best to fulfill the university's needs. But it is literally impossible for them to deliver on short notice on many occasions."

Donaldson said manufacturer's lead times are growing steadily longer on almost all items A&M requires, from common office supply and hardware items to furniture and custom built equipment.

"For example," Donaldson explained, "we placed a large furniture order on June 15 to provide for faculty-staff additions. Delivery was promised by Aug. 15. The vendor was unable to meet the date. Fortunately, most of the furniture arrived before school opened in September, but the last items came the last week of September."

Donaldson pointed to an article in Purchasing Magazine which indicates normal lead times have doubled on a long list of commodities and more than tripled on some.

Grad Record Exam Registration Open

Texas A&M seniors scheduled to graduate in January should take the required graduate record examinations Dec. 2-3, Counseling and Testing officials have announced.

Auston Kerley, Counseling and Testing Center director, said registration should be completed in his office by Nov. 1. Students who cannot take the tests Dec. 2-3, he added, may register for the national testing program of the GRE set Dec. 17.

Kerley said each student will receive an admission card telling when and where to report for the tests. For the national testing program, all applications must reach Princeton, N. J., prior to Nov. 29.

Court Reverses Ruby Conviction

AUSTIN (AP)—The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned yesterday Jack Ruby's conviction for the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald and ordered that the pudgy, former nightclub operator be given a new trial outside of Dallas County.

The Warren Commission found that Oswald was the man who assassinated President John F. Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

Ruby shot Oswald before live television cameras two days later.

Dist. Atty. Henry Wade of Dallas, the original prosecutor, said Wednesday the state would again ask the death penalty for Ruby in a new trial. Defense lawyers expressed confidence, however, that Ruby would not receive another capital punishment verdict.

The conviction and death sentence were reversed by the highest state court in criminal cases. The reversal was based on two key elements:

1—That Ruby should not have been tried in Dallas.

2—That the trial court should not have allowed certain testimony by police officers which implied that Ruby killed Oswald with premeditation.

Wade said he would not agree to Ruby's now entering a guilty plea unless the penalty would be a life sentence.

"The defense attorneys have indicated they wouldn't plead him to anything unless there was a five-year sentence, and we are not interested in that," Wade said.

Joe Tonahill of Jasper, one of Ruby's original lawyers, had this comment:

"Ruby can walk free on a plea

of guilty to murder without malice."

A murder-without-malice conviction carries an imprisonment term of 2 to 5 years. Ruby has been in jail nearly 3 years already.

The court said Ruby's statements to police soon after the shooting—such as "I hope I killed the s.o.b."—were not spontaneous and therefore were not legally admissible at the trial.

Trial testimony brought out that such statements were made at least 10 minutes after the shooting. This proves he was "not speaking spontaneously," the appellate court said.

Council Approves Political Forum

Liberal Arts Head To Direct Group

The Texas A&M Academic Council's Executive Committee yesterday approved the introduction of a political forum to the university.

Liberal Arts Dean Frank W. R. Hubert, named chairman of the new Political Forum Committee, said names of government faculty representatives to comprise the committee will probably be announced today.

Hubert said Dr. Joseph M. Nance, head of the Department of History and Government, will submit a list of names to him and, following his confirmation, Hubert will contact Dean of Students James Hannigan. Nance said he plans to submit three names.

"We will then establish collaboration with the Political Forum subcommittee of the Memorial Student Center Great Issues Committee, as soon as such a committee is formed," Hubert said.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE will be made up of students, as stated in the Academic Council's draft describing the proposed forum activities.

"When both committees have been formed, I will recommend a strategy planning meeting of the groups," Hubert went on. "We want the student committee to start with the planning as soon as possible."

He emphasized that he wants maximum student participation in program planning.

"We want the students involved from the very outset," he said.

ACCORDING TO the draft, the forum will have a threefold purpose. The three points are the following:

"To bring important county, state, national, and occasionally international personalities to the Texas A&M University campus to speak on contemporary political processes and issues;

"To provide a forum for the discussion of political issues by both students and faculty;

"To bring to the campus the practitioners of the art of politics for a series of lectures on party organization, procedures, manipulation, and responsibility."

The forum will be sponsored by the government section of the Department of History and Government. Students for the advisory subcommittee will be nominated by the Great Issues Committee and approved by the MSC Council.

A budget of \$5,750 was fixed in the draft, of which \$5,000 will be provided for "four to six prominent speakers" and the remainder for receptions, travel, promotion and expenses of running the forum.

HUBERT SAID it would be hard to predict when the first forum would be held, due to the problems of organization.

"It depends on the quickness

and soundness in getting this vehicle in motion," he explained, adding that "as soon as the subcommittee is known, we'll start planning."

As to the identity of speakers, Hubert said he could offer no speculations.

"I don't want to rule out any possibilities," he explained. "I do know that one of the suggested topics in the Academic Council meeting was the 1968 presidential election."

Hubert pointed out that the prospects and forecasts of the election should provide "tremendous activity" this year and the next.

"There will be other topics at the state level, of course, and these should provide quite a bit of interest as well," he noted.

The idea of starting a forum was originally suggested by Rudder last spring after the Student Senate repeated its request for the admission of political clubs to the campus.

Fall Enrollment Totals 10,706

Fall enrollment totals show a record 10,706 students.

Registrar H. L. Heaton said 10,283 are enrolled for classes on the main campus, 340 in the College of Veterinary Medicine, and 83 at the Texas Maritime Academy in Galveston.

Heaton noted 9,744 men and 539 women in main campus enrollment. Thirteen women are registered in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Statistics do not include 225 persons taking extension courses. Current reports reflect a 1,185 increase over the 1965 fall enrollment of 9,521.

Foreign student enrollment has increased to 633 compared to 545 last fall, according to Robert L. Melcher, head of foreign students.

Melcher said the enrollment has risen steadily for the past seven years.

India has the largest number of students with 81. Mexico runs a close second with 58, followed by Pakistan with 57 and China with 55.

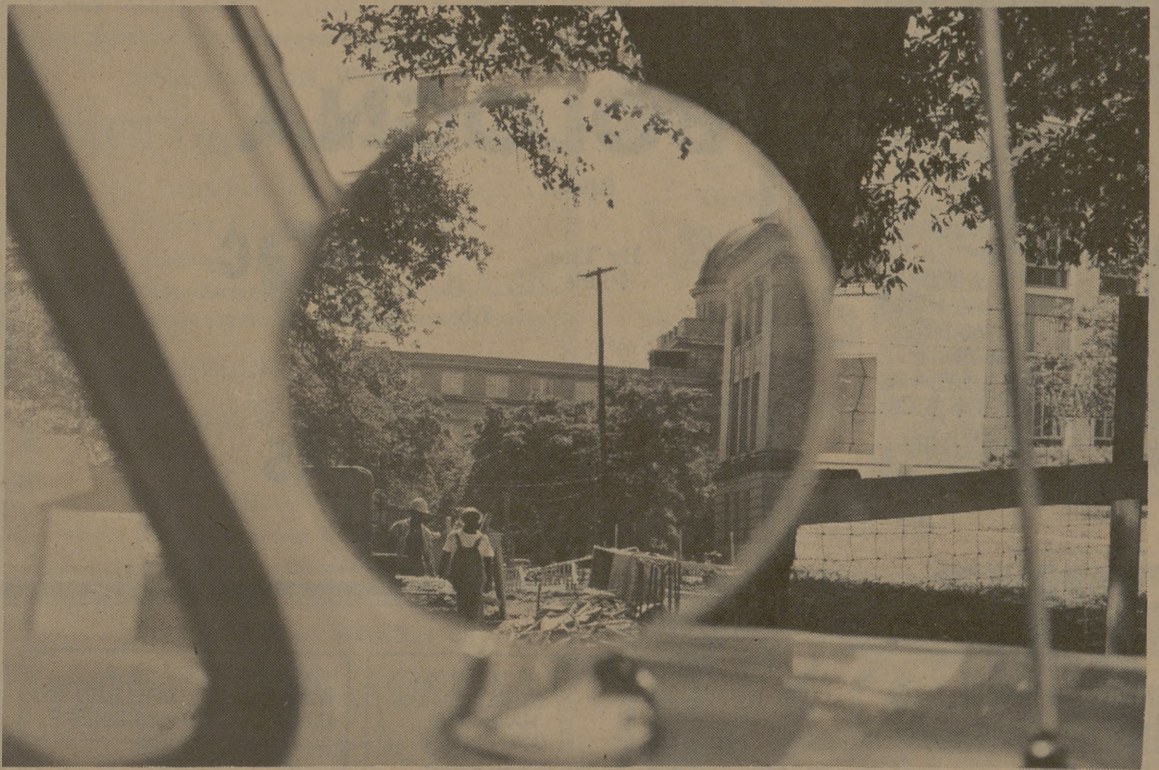


IMAGE OF PROGRESS

An automobile mirror provides this unique view of construction being conducted on the Cushing Library addition. This is a direct reflection of the general condition of the

campus. The library expansion will cost around \$3.6 million and will provide an additional 200,000 square feet when completed by late 1967.

FORUM TEXT

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY POLITICAL FORUM

In order to promote throughout the academic year a better understanding among students, faculty, and staff at Texas A&M University of the fundamental issues and processes in the American political system, the Texas A&M University Political Forum is hereby established. To accomplish these objectives it is proposed

1. To bring important county, state, national, and occasionally international personalities to the Texas A&M University campus to speak on contemporary political processes and issues;
2. To provide a forum for the discussion of political issues by both students and faculty; and
3. To bring to the campus the practitioners of the art of politics for a series of lectures on party organization, procedures, manipulation, and responsibility.

SPONSORSHIP

The Political Forum shall be sponsored by the Government section of the Department of History and Government and advised by a Political Forum Committee of Students nominated by the Great Issues Committee of the Memorial Student Center Council and approved by said Council.

METHOD OF OPERATION

Representatives from the Government faculty, nominated by the Head of the Department of History and Government and approved by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, shall constitute an Academic Committee to give guidance to the Political Forum.

The Academic Director of the Forum shall be designated by the Head of the Department of History and Government and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts from the Academic Committee. The Academic Director shall perform for the Department the academic leadership for the Forum, approve all recommendations in respect to program and plans of action, including expenditures, and shall be responsible for the operation of the Forum through established academic channels.

The Academic Committee shall be advised by and work closely with the Political Forum Committee in developing and implementing the Political Forum. The Political Forum Committee, as a subcommittee of the Great Issues Committee of the MSC Council, shall be responsible for the initial planning and design of the program of the Forum. The Political Forum Committee shall, through established rules and procedures of the MSC Council, be responsible for preparing a prospective list of speakers, recommending budget requirements, arranging for physical facilities, publicity and other activities essential to the success of the program, subject always to review by and approval of the Academic Committee through its executive officer, the Academic Director.

Insofar as possible the Political Forum Committee shall, in consultation with the Academic Committee, propose the theme and format for a program on an annual basis. A list of proposed speakers and the budget requirements to support the developed program shall be recommended by the Great Issues Committee to the MSC Council.

All actions of the Political Forum Committee shall be subject to the same procedures and review as those of other committees of the MSC Council. The Council shall forward its recommendations to the Academic Director of the Forum for approval, recommendation, and implementation, through established channels.

FINANCES

For the 1966-67 academic year the Political Forum will require the following financial assistance of an estimated \$5,750:

1. \$5,000 for four to six prominent speakers (see suggested program below). Because of the type of speaker we expect to invite, not all of this amount will be expended. Some important government figures, for example, will come for no fee. We must, however, be prepared to offer an honorarium.
2. \$750 for receptions, travel, promotion and expenses for running the Political Forum.

VALUE OF THE FORUM

The benefits of the Political Forum to Texas A&M University and our nation will be manifold:

1. It will make more meaningful to students the actual operation of government, as well as increasing their knowledge of the theory of government.
2. It will enrich the political education of the technical student who does not have the time in his formal studies to take as many courses in the social sciences as he would like.
3. It will provide a healthy, informed outlet to those student interested in politics.
4. It will stimulate the intellectual atmosphere on the campus.
5. It will stimulate a greater interest in the study of Government (Political Science) for more enlightened citizenship and increase student interest in entering government service as a profession.
6. It will, in the classical sense, help create a community of scholars by bringing together faculty, staff and students in the practice of civil virtue.

Rudder To Address Senate On Student Publications

Texas A&M President Earl Rudder will speak to the Student Senate about student publications policy at 7:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Senate President Barney Fudge said yesterday the meeting was originally scheduled for Room 3D but had been rescheduled because a number of students had expressed a desire to attend the meeting.

Fudge said he invited Rudder to address the Senate last week. He added that he expected the president to explain and clarify recent changes in administration policies regarding student publications.