



Siepmann: Abolish Obscenity Laws

By DAVE BERRY

All obscenity laws should be abolished, according to a noted communications expert who spoke at the Memorial Student Center last night.

Charles Siepmann, speaking to 350 people at a Great Issues presentation, said that in determining the justness of any law, two criteria should be used: 1) The law as written must be perfectly clear; that is, the individual must know beforehand what he can and cannot do; 2) All laws must prevent acts which do demonstrable grievous harm to people; that is, there must be no purposeless law.

Obscenity laws, according to the visiting Danforth lecturer, fail the first criterion because of the varying definitions of "obscene;" the word is unclear, therefore the laws are unclear.

Obscenity laws fail the second criterion because there is no proof that obscenity causes demonstrable grievous harm. From this, said Siepmann, it is clear that other than legal means must be taken to regulate obscenity.

This problem concerning obscenity is indicative of the problem concerning freedom of speech in general, he said.

"If today the first amendment were put before the people in a referendum the majority would revoke it," he added. The reason for this is the absoluteness of the

amendment. It states, "There shall be no law . . ." made restricting free speech.

"Did the writers of the Constitution mean this?" asked Siepmann. "Can we claim absolute freedom of speech in all situations? We cannot."

Siepmann went on to explain. "Man is human and has, unlike other animals, the power to grow in mind and soul or not to grow. Man can choose to merely exist or to live his destiny.

"This applies," concluded Siepmann, "not so much to speech, as it does to the mind or the soul. Because the first amendment is directed more to the soul, then, than to speech, it is possible that in certain circumstances freedom of speech could be restricted."

Deadline Here On Permits For Parking

Today is the last day that students can pick up parking permits for the spring semester, according to Campus Security Chief Ed Powell.

No late fees will be assessed students who fail to pick up permits by 5 p.m. today but they will face the possibility of a \$2 illegal parking fine, Powell said.

Parking permits can be picked up in the basement of the YMCA between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Parking fees are \$5 a semester, \$9 for two semesters, or \$10 for both semesters and the summer session.

For illegal parking offenses, the fine is \$2, if the fine is paid within 72 hours after it is issued, noted Powell. If not paid in the time period, the student will be assessed \$5 more, he added.

The student is then given two weeks to pay the fine, or bring a valid excuse to the Campus Security office. If a student fails to do either, the case will be turned over to the College Station Justice of Peace, who issues a warrant for the student's arrest.

Student Senators Endorse Faculty Senate Formation



DELIVERS REPORT

Jim Finane, vice president of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate, gives senators a report on the progress of the MSC building expansion program at the Senate meeting Thursday night. (Photo by W. R. Wright)

Spring Orientation Planned By Grad Student Council

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
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The Graduate Student Council will hold an orientation Wednesday for all new graduate students.

The meeting, scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in room 113 of the Biological Sciences Building, will be the second of the year, following a similar fall program, according to Mitty Plummer, council president.

"The fall orientation was highly successful," Plummer remarked. "We had between 250-300 people present, with standing room only."

The main purpose of the orientation, according to Wallace Migura, a representative from the College of Agriculture, is to acquaint new graduate students with A&M's graduate school, along with its policies and procedures.

New students will be welcomed, and the members of the Graduate Student Council presented to them.

"This is so they will know who represents them and who they can take their questions and complaints to," Plummer said.

"This sort of thing is really helpful to the students," commented Migura, "especially when you realize that about 60 per cent of the graduate students here did not graduate from A&M."

Following the introductions, Plummer added, Graduate College Dean Dr. George W. Kunze will explain the requirements for an advanced degree. This will include setting up a research program, filing degree plans, and related matters.

"This is a good opportunity for people to get information straight from the horse's mouth," Plummer concluded, "as for what is required of them. It also gives them a chance to ask about policy or anything else they might want to know."

Pair Charged In Connection With Robbery

Two women were charged Thursday with being accessories to armed robbery in connection with the holdup of the Redmond Pharmacy, reported District Attorney Brooks Cofer Jr. They were identified as Lanell Marie Trimmer and Mary Corina Johnson, both of whom listed Houston addresses.

Charges of attempted murder and armed robbery were filed earlier against Melvin Smith Jr. and Clarence Jones by the district attorney's office.

At the same time, two other men, Billy Brown and Carl D. McDonald, were charged with accessory to armed robbery, and accessory to assault to murder.

All of the suspects are listed with Houston addresses and are being held in the Brazos County jail.

Joe Shaffer, manager of the Redmond Pharmacy, wounded in the robbery when he refused to surrender narcotics to the robbers, was reported in good condition today by Methodist Hospital officials.

The four men were arrested by College Station and Brazos County law officers Tuesday afternoon on Farm Road 2154 five miles south of College Station, only one hour after the robbery occurred.

Shaffer was taken from Bryan General Hospital to the Houston hospital Tuesday night. He was listed in poor condition Wednesday, but was improving Thursday, according to hospital spokesmen.

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Registration Poll Results Reviewed

By TOM CURL
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The Student Senate Thursday night strongly endorsed a resolution supporting formation of a Faculty Senate to represent academic personnel here.

In introducing the resolution, Vice President David Maddox pointed out that the Student Senate represents the student body and the Academic Council represents the administration, but there is no existing organization representing the faculty.

The Academic Council is made up of heads of the different academic departments on the campus.

"I think it is a great step forward in improving relations at the university," Maddox commented.

AT THIS TIME, most faculty committees are appointed by the administration.

Maddox said he would request Academic Vice President Horace R. Byers to allow members of the Student Senate to appear before the next meeting of the Academic Council to explain the Senate position on the matter.

Senator Al Reinert recapped the results of the student poll on automated registration taken Tuesday in the dining halls. The poll showed general approval of the new system but reflected students' unhappiness with the add-drop procedures and no choice of professors or time schedules.

A BREAKDOWN of the results showed seniors the most satisfied and sophomores the most disappointed in the procedure.

"I want to discourage anyone accepting the poll as a mass vote of confidence for the system," Reinert said.

"The real sore spot is the add-drop procedure. I had to pick up my sixth schedule this morning," he continued.

Reinert said that most of the complaints were really simple and he was surprised they could not have been solved before registration began.

"THE SIMPLEST part of the thing was getting what the students wanted; and they (registration officials) didn't do it," he concluded.

Senator David Howard, chairman of the Student Welfare Committee, recognized the top three organizations in contributions to

the Campus Chest Fund. First place went to Company F-1. The Army ROTC unit contributed more money per capita than any other campus organization. Company G-1 was second and Squadron Five was third.

The Senate Committee on Educational Procedure and Excellence will conduct open meetings each week at 7 p.m. in the MSC to discuss possible innovations in the academic procedures at A&M. Items being considered are courses taught on a "pass-fail" system and published teacher evaluations. Any student with ideas, or those otherwise interested, are invited to attend the (See Senate, Page 2)

State Alert Out For 4 Escapees From Brazos Jail

A state-wide alert is out for four men, two of whom are charged with murder who escaped from the Brazos County jail at 3:30 a. m. this morning.

Brazos County Sheriff J. W. Hamilton identified the four men as follows:

Del Monte Whitehurst, 41, charged with accessory to murder in Harris County. He is 5 ft. 7 inches, weighs 140 lbs., has brown hair and a dark complexion.

David McEndorffer, 25, charged with murder in Brazos County. He is 5 ft. 10 or 11 inches, weighs, 200 lbs. and has brown hair, blue eyes and dark complexion.

Gene Bryan, 26, charged with burglary.

Michael Chafa, 29, charged with interstate car theft.

Sheriff Hamilton said no description was available on the latter two men.

He added that all four are white and that it is not known whether they are armed.

The four escaped the jail by cutting a hole in the ceiling and climbing to the roof by means of a rope made from blankets, Hamilton said.

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At Saturday's Dance

Aggie Band To Pick Sweetheart

By JANIE WALLACE
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Saturday's annual band dance will be highlighted by the crowning of the Texas Aggie Band Sweetheart from five finalists.

This year's dance will salute Lt. Col. E. V. Adams, band director, according to Charles Eads,

combined band staff operations officer.

A green-eyed blonde, Roxie Ash, is a freshman at Sam Houston State majoring in home economics. She is from Dayton and her escort is Jim Otto.

Valeria Anderson, a senior at Belton High School, has long blonde hair and blue eyes. She is from Belton and her escort is Craig Pearson.

A MEMORIAL Student Center secretary, Mrs. Linda Day, is a blue-eyed blonde from College Station. Her escort is her husband, Mike Day.

Linda de Masters has blue eyes and long brown hair. She is a senior at Bellaire High School in Houston. Her escort is Herbert S. Hilburn.

A junior at Sam Houston State majoring in business, Nancy Whitman is a brown-eyed brunette. She is from Dayton and her escort is John Otto.

THE SWEETHEART will be chosen by all band members present at the dance by secret ballot, Eads said.

The sweetheart selection com-

mittee which chose the finalists consists of Jimmy Natho, executive officer of the white band; David Howard, executive officer of the combined bands; Callan Oltman, executive officer of the maroon band; Richard Garrett; Larry Farmer; Richard Sanchez; Ralph Jenke; Stan Garner; Darrel Tate; Bob Clayton and Eads, committee chairman.

Preparing the Memorial Student Center Ballroom for the dance, the band architecture students will work all day Saturday decorating it in the San Francisco theme. Throughout the dance, slides of San Francisco will be projected on the walls.

ACCORDING to Eads, the entrance way will display the bugles and pictures of the band in all half-time performances.

Starting at 8 and lasting until midnight, the dance will feature the Maynard Gimbel orchestra, a ten piece dance band from Houston. Dress for the dance will be Class A with black bow tie and dates will wear formals.

"In presenting the finalists to the guests, band members and

dates, they will be escorted by members of the combined band staff," Eads noted.

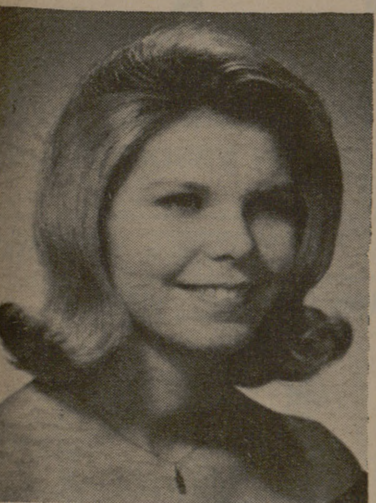
The dance is by invitation only. A few of the guests include President and Mrs. Earl Rudder; Dean and Mrs. James P. Hannigan, dean of students; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stallings, athletic director and head football coach; Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Metcalf, head basketball coach; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Waldrop, a former student, and the college deans.

Also invited is the Texas Aggie Band Association executive committee: Tom Murrah, president; W. T. Reidel, A&M Consolidated Schools superintendent; Dr. Martin McBride, veterinary medicine professor; and Joe Buser, former assistant to A&M President Earl Rudder.

The executive committee recently adopted a policy of supporting the band financially on an extensive football trip every four years. Implementation will begin next fall with the band's appearance at the Oct. 4 Texas A&M-U. S. Military Academy game at West Point, N. Y.



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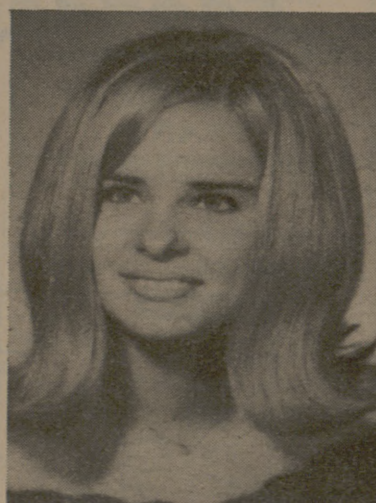
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GETTING READY FOR MARDI GRAS

The Ross Volunteers, the oldest student organization on the A&M campus and the elite honor guard of the governor of Texas, bone up on their drill routines before they lead the Mardi Gras parade Feb. 18. Photo by W. R. Wright)