



'Disorganization' Thinkers' Guide

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Texas A&M has an informal philosophy discussion group which operates on the principle of ultimate democracy; thus it works in "ultimate disorganization."

According to Jim Turley of College Station, the group's informal leader, this is the way the group likes it. The senior philosophy major explains that the discussion group has no officers or leaders.

"I act only to get the meetings rolling," he said. "I introduce the topic and the speaker, then let the group go its own way. Generally, we branch out from the original topic into other topics. We might start by discussing free will and determinism but end by discussing some aspect of Vietnam."

"WE MAINTAIN a completely informal atmosphere — any student is free to speak up any time during the discussion," Turley continues. "Similarly, the students are free to leave at any time; there is no fixed stopping point."

"Meetings usually begin at 7:30 every other Tuesday night. Discussion on the prescribed topic is generally finished by 9:30; indeed, we may already be one or two subjects beyond it."

This philosophy discussion group began during the fall of 1967 when several students taking philosophy courses talked with Dr. Manuel Davenport about their interest in extending their class discussions.

DR. DAVENPORT, head of the Philosophy and Humanities Department, suggested that they begin informal "bull sessions." So the students called a meeting for November of that year and have been meeting regularly ever since.

"Although we originally had no specific purpose other than to discuss philosophy," Turley says, "it has turned out that we are accomplishing two things."

"First, the group is acquainting people who are interested in philosophy with each other so that they might continue discussions personally; second, the discussions are supplementing classes by expanding on their content."

Turley emphasizes that the group is not solely for philosophy majors—it is for anyone who wishes to participate. "Anyone interested can learn when and

where a meeting is to be by looking for announcements posted in the Academic Building or asking in the Philosophy Department offices there," he says.

'Lower Depths' Production Set In Guion Hall

Man's duplicity as seen by Maxim Gorki in "The Lower Depths" will be portrayed here by the Aggie Players.

The third major production of the fine arts group will open March 17 at Guion Hall and run six nights, announced Director C. K. Esten.

The Russian morality play originally titled "At The Bottom of Life" conveys its message through the actions of four former jailbirds and their conscientious, upright, hard-working counterparts. It is set in a Volga town at the turn of the century.

"The Lower Depths' is a parable of life that bares the truth and shows the value of illusion to people whose lives seem to have no worth or meaning," Esten said.

The Baron, portrayed by John Friedrich, Satin by Travis Miller and Peppel by Marc Fleishman are former prison inmates. Luka, played by James Dennis, also was imprisoned but apparently reformed.

Klestch, Screw and the Tartar played by George McCoy, Bill Hobgood and Don Henry typify the other end of the spectrum. Cynical Bubnov, with Bruce McKenty in the role, is honest in his peculiar way.

Other cast members include Lucy Bishop as Nastya; Thomas Emshoff, Actor; Irene Fazzino, Knashnya; Dodger Kloppe, Aleshka; Mike Link, Medvedev; Ann Martin, Anna; Carl Masterson, Kastyev; Michell Mayeux, Natasha, and Ruth Reeves, Vassilisa.

The play was first produced on the Moscow Art Theater stage. Under auspices of the Stage Society of London, it was presented again less than a year later. Arthur Hopkins produced the first English version on Broadway in 1919.

Senate Calls Referendum On Voting Age Measure

Changes Proposed In University Regs

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The Student Senate voted Thursday to allow women visitation of men's dormitories, and will send the recommendation, along with other proposed regulation changes, to the University Rules and Regulations Committee for final action.

The Senate also empowered Senate President Bill Carter to speak on its behalf favoring a lower voting age in Texas and called for a student referendum on the issue by March 18.

Most of the regulation changes were in the form of rewording existing sections to update the bluebook and enumerate student rights. Some changes, however, will significantly alter student campus life.

WOMEN in men's dormitories was one of the bigger issues. The proposed change allows women in dormitories from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on weekends, in addition to special occasions. It was passed after much debate by a 4-vote margin.

"I feel this is in the poorest of taste," stormed Robert Edgecomb, College of Business senior representative. "It will give Aggies a bad image. We have more noble and glorious things to devote our energies to than this."

Dormitory room search was another proposed change. The change requires that one occupant and the unit commander or resident adviser be present whenever a room is searched by a university official. Despite a small minority, the senators believed this was protection for the student.

"THIS protects both the student and the university from accusations concerning a room check," noted Collier Watson, chairman of a four-man subcommittee studying regulation revision.

A third change proposed by the Senate concerned the activity points system, designed to keep a student from becoming involved in more extracurricular activities than he can handle.

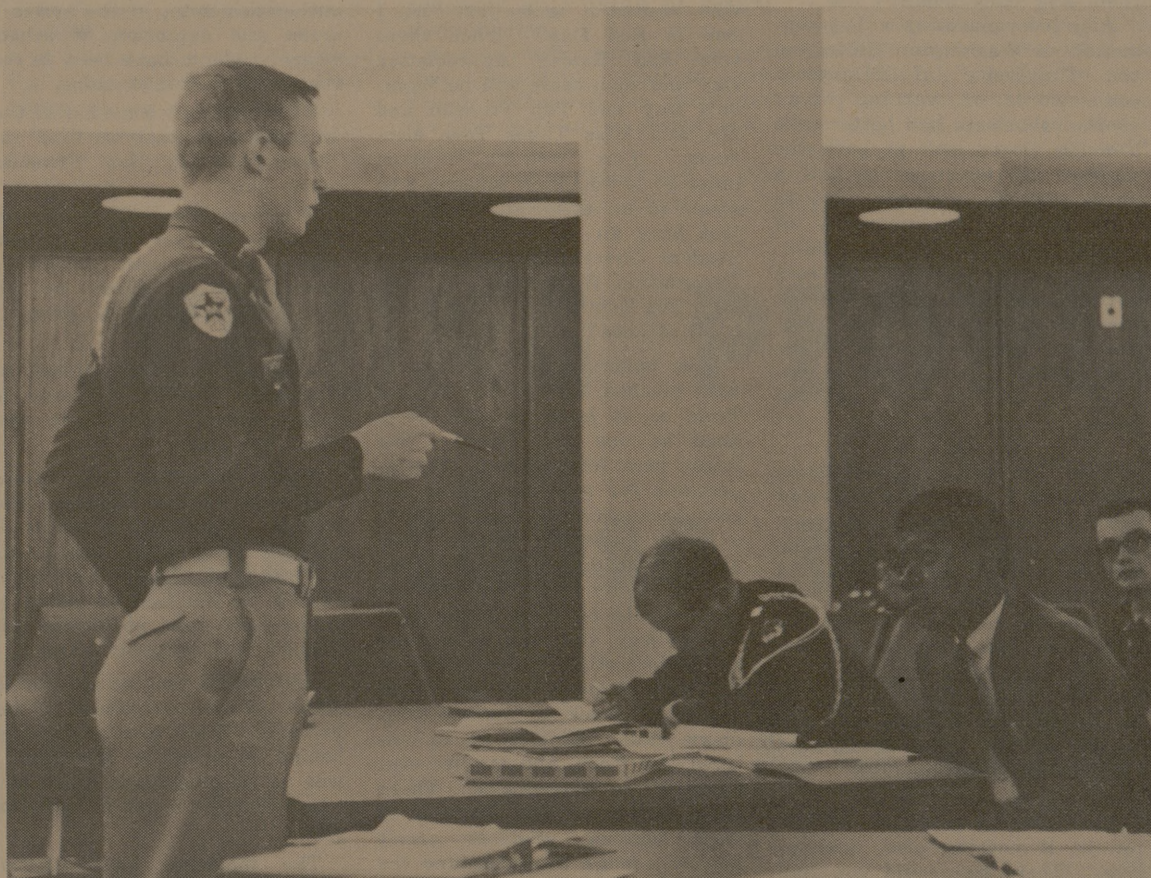
At first the Senate was content to reclassify some campus positions. Then David Howard, Senate Welfare committee chairman, and others noted that the list failed to include some offices. Others wanted to reclassify the reclassifications.

Gary Martin, sophomore class president, advocated awarding band members two activity points due to their heavy load in after-hours effort on behalf of the school. The end result was a recommendation by the Senate that the entire section be stricken from the regulations.

Carter told senators that he would be before the State Legislature March 18, and he asked the Senate for power to speak for the A&M student body in favor of a lower voting age in Texas. A storm of protest followed, with some senators claiming that without some sort of poll Carter could not speak for the students.

OTHERS retorted that, as representatives of the student body, a vote by the senators would give an accurate reflection of student feeling on the campus. Paschal Redding, senior College of Science representative, moved to empower Carter to speak for the Senate in favor of a lower voting age. James Stephenson, junior Liberal Arts representative, then moved that the Election Commission hold a poll to discern student opinion on the issue. He chastised the Senate for "shaking it off" in regard to taking student opinion when the chance presented itself. Both motions passed.

Howard told the group that the (See SENATE CALLS, Page 4)



REGULATIONS CHANGES EXPLAINED
Student Senator Collier Watson, left, explains one of his committee's proposed University Regulations changes to Public Relations Chairman Bob Burford, right. At center is Welfare Chairman David Howard. (Photo by John Fuller)

House-Senate Battle Looms Over Campus Disruption Bill

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AUSTIN (AP)—A House-Senate battle shaped up Thursday over a bill outlawing violent campus

disruptions as Sen. Oscar Mauzy of Dallas accused Rep. Joe Shannon of Fort Worth, the sponsor, of "trying to demagogue it."

The House did all of Thursday's legislating, including final passage of a bill raising benefits for injured workers, as the Senate failed to muster a quorum.

Shannon got quick approval, 136-7, of a conference committee report on his bill making it a misdemeanor to take part in violent disorders at private or public schools or colleges. But Mauzy, one of two Senate conferees who refused to sign the report, predicted the Senate would reject it and call for a new conference committee.

MAUZY said the three senators who signed "withdrew their signatures last night" and both Shannon and Speaker Gus Mutscher knew it.

"He's just playing games. He is just trying to demagogue it," Mauzy said.

The bill went to conference because Shannon objected to an amendment by Mauzy that replaced a House provision guaranteeing students the right to protest peacefully.

Mauzy's amendment incorporated language from a U.S. Supreme Court decision issued last month in the case of a Des Moines, Iowa, school girl who was disciplined for wearing a black armband as a protest against the Vietnam War.

THE MAUZY statement said: "This act does not apply to any person who expresses his opinion without materially and substantially interfering with appropriate discipline in the operation of any private or public school or institution of higher learning. This act does apply to any person who materially disrupts or involves substantial disorder or invasion of the rights of others."

The conference committee changed this to: "Nothing herein shall be construed to infringe upon any right of free speech or expression guaranteed by the

Youth Drugs Use Topic Of Seminar

Use of drugs among teenagers will be discussed here Tuesday in a Health Education Seminar.

Dr. Joe Tupin, psychiatric research director and associate dean of medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, will make the 4 p.m. talk in the library seminar room, announced Dr. Carl Landiss.

The Health and Physical Education Department head said interested students and faculty are welcome.

A 1955 University of Texas at Austin graduate, Tupin received his M.D. at Galveston and interned at the University of California in San Francisco.

He was resident in psychiatry at Galveston two years and served as clinical associate at the National Institute of Mental Health at Bethesda, Md., from 1962 to 1964.

Nominations Open For Vanity Fair

Nomination forms for Vanity Fair semi-finalists will be available until through March 31 at the Student Publications Office, Information Services building, according to James Creel, Aggie-land editor.

Creel said that any member of the senior class may nominate a girl for the honor.

A 5-man selection board will narrow the nominations to 12 finalists who will be invited to the Student Publications banquet May 16. Guests at the banquet will then vote on six girls for the honor.

Members of the selection board are Edwin Cooper, director of civilian student activities; J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center; Gene Stallings, head football coach and athletic director; Dr. William C. Gibbons, head, department of Political Science; and Gene Sutherland of AggieLand Studios.

Study Of Ocean Presents Promises, Problems: Geyer

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"The study of the sea provides both promises and problems for the earth's future," Dr. Richard A. Geyer, head of the Department of Oceanography, told the Apollo Club Thursday.

"The sea's largest contribution is minerals, especially petroleum, from which it produces 16 per cent of the free world's total production," the committee member of the Academy of Science on oceanography noted. He added that within the next 20 years, the sea will probably produce 30 per cent of the world's total.

"The sea on a limited basis is also providing gold from the coastlines of Alaska, diamonds from the coastlines of Africa, and tin from the coastlines of Bolivia," the New York State University graduate pointed out. "As the demands for these items grow," he said, "mining operations in the sea will increase."

SAND IS another product the sea contributes to industry. He said new methods are going to have to be found for obtaining sand if found in large enough quantities.

"Hydro-electric power is another field in which the potential of the sea is increasing," Geyer said. He noted that France was the first nation to build a hydro-electric plant to obtain power from tidal waves. Geyer said that when electric power was needed more than at the present time, more nations will probably de-

velop their own electrical plants from the sea.

"Pollution and priority conflicts are two problems that we must solve if we are to use the sea to our advantage in the future," the former chief oceanographer of Texas Instruments pointed out.

"POLLUTION is largely due to the dumping of city wastes into the ocean, and the discharging of hot water from nuclear reactors, a special problem because it lowers the temperature of the ocean and causes changes in its environmental processes," Geyer explained. Shrimp spawning in the Gulf areas are now having to find new areas due to this discharging, the oceanographer added.

Conflicts in the use of the sea is an increasing problem, the internationally-known researcher said. "We must find ways of solving the problems of commercial developments interfering with coastal residents, he added. As an example, he cited the California coastline where oil wells distracted the residents' view of the ocean.

He said this had been partly solved by building artificial sand bar islands for the derricks.

Geyer noted that A&M's Oceanography Department has a modern laboratory, and in the future plans to build a new complex in Galveston on Pelican Island, with a \$1 million Moody Foundation grant recently awarded the department.

He added that the Navy planned to donate another ship before 1972 to go with the Alaminos, the vessel presently used for research by the department.

Constitution of the United States or the State of Texas."

All House conferees and Sens. William Moore, Bryan; David Ratliff, Stamford; and H. J. Blanchard of Lubbock signed the report.

MAUZY said the three signers had come around to his point of view that the only way to guarantee the bill's constitutionality was to retain the Mauzy amendment. Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes said he would talk to the Senate conferees Monday. None of the three could be reached for comment.

Shannon's bill would make it a misdemeanor to participate in a violent campus disruption, including occupying buildings, breaking up classes, blocking campus gateways and preventing passage through corridors. Penalties include fines of \$1-\$200 and/or jail sentences of 10 days to six months.

Marriage Counselor To Talk At YMCA's Forum Tuesday

A University of Texas at Austin lecturer whose interest in family and marriage counseling took him back to school for advance studies will address A&M students Tuesday.

Dr. Robert Ledbetter, the second in a series of four Marriage Forums' speakers sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association, will discuss "Making Marriage Meaningful."

Editorships Open For Applications

Applications are now being accepted for 1969-70 editorships of six student publications, announced Jim Lindsey, Student Publications Board chairman.

Lindsey said application forms, available in the Student Publications Office in the Services Building, should be completed and returned by April 10.

New editors will be formally announced at the annual Student Publications Banquet May 16.

The positions include editor of The Battalion (also summer editor), AggieLand, The Review, the Texas A&M Agriculturist, The Southwestern Veterinarian and the Texas AM Engineer.

Freshman Dies While Taking Exercise Test

An 18-year-old freshman in the Corps of Cadets collapsed and died Thursday afternoon while undergoing physical training with his unit.

The youth was identified as Lyle Thomas Stein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Stein, Route 1, Hondo.

Air Force Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies, said Stein collapsed about 5:25 p. m., just as he and several other cadets completed a one-mile run. The run was part of the prescribed and closely supervised Air Force 5BX training program, the colonel noted.

Fellow students said Stein "just stopped breathing." He was rushed to the university hospital before being transferred to Bryan's St. Joseph Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. He was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation enroute to the hospital, Col. Head said.

Justice of the Peace Jess McGee ruled death due to natural causes. Stein, a graduate of Hondo High School, was majoring in agricultural engineering. He was a member of Squadron 6.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Callaway-Jones Funeral Home in Bryan.

Commission Posts Without Candidates

"Sophomore and junior positions on the election commission still need candidates to file for them, according to Gerald Geistweidt, commission president.

Deadline for filing for any class office is 5 p.m. today. Applications are available at the Student Program office in the Memorial Student Center, he said.

Geistweidt added that at least one person had filed for each of the other positions on the ballot.

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