

# Rodeo Association Plans Event; Tickets Available

The Texas Aggie Rodeo Association has scheduled its 21st annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association rodeo for 8 p.m. April 30-May 2 at the Aggie Rodeo Arena.

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# Communication Key To Good Marriage

By David Middlebrooke  
Battalion Managing Editor

Communication between partners, more than anything else, is necessary for a successful marriage and one that is meaningful, an Austin marriage and family relations counselor said Wednesday night.

Dr. Robert Ledbetter spoke at the second session of the four-part Marriage Forum sponsored by the Student 'Y' Association. Forum programs are presented on consecutive Wednesdays.

Ledbetter said that lack of communication is the "most single basic problem" in marriages that go wrong.

"You have to know how the other feels," he stressed. "Don't be afraid to share your feelings, either. You're headed for trouble if you don't."

Other ingredients in the recipe for a meaningful marriage, Ledbetter said, are understanding, acceptance and affection.

"By acceptance," he said, "I mean don't marry with the thought of changing your spouse."

Affection, he said, is love and the expression of it, and is something that should grow throughout the marriage. Affection always includes romantic love, he said.

The Austin counselor cautioned against "dirty" fighting in marriage, saying that it is far better

to fight "clean."

A person fights dirty, he said, when he starts calling his partner names, and bringing up problems that he has been saving for just such an occasion as a fight. Sometimes, he said, physical blows are delivered.

It is possible, though, for couples to fight if they'll do it in a clean fashion, Ledbetter asserted. Clean fighting, he explained, means keeping the discussion focused on the problem at hand and trying to find a solution. Couples should watch, he warned, and make certain the fight doesn't come to the point of name-calling or blows.

Besides fighting, couples have other ways of "getting at" each other, Ledbetter said. They use different things as weapons against each other.

Among these weapons, he said, sex, money, food, in-laws, children, mutual friends, religion and common goals or interest.

In each case where one of the weapons is being used, he said, the particular weapon being used is not itself the problem. It is only manifestation of deeper problems, more serious ones.

For example, he said, a couple might try to work out their problems through their children, each spouse trying to use the children against the other spouse.



**READY FOR PLANTING**—Mrs. Harvey Winslow, greenhouse keeper, and William L. Vitopil, superintendent of grounds, examine greenhouse flowers which will be planted by May 15. More than 30,000 plants were grown in the new Grounds and Maintenance Department Greenhouse during the winter for spring planting.

# Flowers Bloom In Test Garden

The Floral Test Garden has 6,300 tulips and a variety of other early spring flowers currently in peak bloom, reports William L. Vitopil, superintendent of university grounds and garden supervisor.

Two-thirds of the half-acre Z-shaped garden is filled with color, Vitopil said. The garden is located east of Kyle Field on Houston Street.

"We have 126 varieties of tulips, 104 varieties of petunias and a large display of pansy, calendula and stock flowers blooming at the present time," Vitopil mentioned.

He said the garden will be replanted with spring-summer annuals before May 15. New plantings will include petunia, ageratum, snapdragon, salvia, coleus, geranium, dalia, lockspur, celosia, amaranthus, vicia, calendula, pansy, allysum, begonia, chrysanthemum and daisy.

Vitopil pointed out most of the new plantings will come from the 3,300-square-foot greenhouse completed in October at the Grounds and Maintenance Department headquarters near Hensel Park.

decke is continuing President (Earl) Rudder's open door policy," he said. "A small group cannot bring about change, but a large one can."

At that point, one man stood up and shouted, "Why don't you go to t.u. where you can have a system like you want?" The audience yelled him down. Sandy Broder then read a pe-

More than 30,000 flowers have been grown in the greenhouse for transplanting in the test garden and other campus flower beds.

Vitopil declared the test garden will have approximately 70 different varieties blooming in mid-May or early June.

"By commencement we will have a riot of color," said Adh landscape architect Robert Rucker, who heads the overall campus landscape program.

Sidewalks and a sprinkler system were completed in November, allowing all-weather viewing of the test garden.

The Floral Test Garden was funded by the Board of Directors in August, 1968.

Also scheduled this year is planting for the All-American flower testing program, a research project that leads to All-America Selection designation.

"Growing flowers under field conditions exposes the plants to the public. They can look over our garden and decide what they want to grow at home," Rucker added, "and we will find out which plants are best suited to this particular area."

tion asking that charges against the students taking part in the peace rally Wednesday afternoon be dropped.

He asked for 40 volunteers to collect signatures for them and had about half that number respond.

As the audience left, they were asked to contribute to a fund to pay the fine for Earl Brown, a non-student arrested at the rally.

# Davenport, Benson

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which we have in this country should be available to and applicable to all citizens, students or non-students," he said.

Benson said that when a student enters college he does not give up his basic rights, however it is a voluntary association. There is no basic right to enter any college. All universities assess a student's potential and decide whether he should be admitted. All have certain rules that students are expected to adhere to.

"When a student is admitted to a university he is duty-bound to obey the rules and regulations of that institution," he said. "He certainly has the right to protest those regulations if he does not like them and try to get them changed."

To maintain freedom of action, Dr. Davenport said, people can appeal to force, tolerance or selfish interests of others.

"An appeal to force is based on the principle that 'might makes right,'" he said. "I personally don't want to live in a world where we resolve moral conflicts by power struggles."

"An appeal to tolerance rests on 'when in Rome, do as the Romans do."

"I wonder," he said, "if the Romans ever said, 'If you don't like it here, the Appian Way runs both ways?'"

A student, Benson said, has the right of access to the faculty and should have the right to evaluate

the quality of education and teaching.

Responsibilities also go along with these rights, he said.

A student has the responsibility to obey the laws of his country, he said, and should conform to regulations. He also has the responsibility to look at all reasonable views of controversial issues.

During the question and answer period, they were asked about a student voice in the selection of a new president.

Benson said, to loud laughter, that if a group of students were to take recommendations to the board of directors that they would be glad to listen.

"If you have any proposals," he said, "bring them forward."

Dr. Davenport suggested that a faculty-student committee select a list of four candidates for the board to choose from. He said that the faculty was already making efforts to present recommendations to the board.

The meeting was disrupted only once, minutes before it was to be adjourned.

Maskal had been berating the audience for lack of action on the students part in attempting to change the university.

"You are to blame," he said. "There's been constant bitching, but you don't use the channels. The CCOC has gone through channels, but there are only 10 of us. You are as much at fault as the faculty and administration."

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