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Miss Teenage America at All Faiths Thursday



WILLING TO GIVE and receive but often at odds in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" are Benedick, played by Pat Castle, and Beatrice, by Lucy Gravett. The Aggie Players' production continues in Guion Hall through Friday.

Freshman voting for runoffs set

Freshmen go to the polls again Thursday to decide four class offices they weren't able to in last Thursday's class election.

Runoffs for class president, vice president, social secretary and secretary-treasurer will be held from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Freshmen may vote either at the dorm 2 guard room or the Sbisa newsstand. Activity and student identification cards are needed.

Randy Maness, Pampa journalism major, and Mark Brakemore, Richmond geology major are running for class president. Longview pre-med major Jim Laferney and Arlington accounting major Don A. Webb seek election to

the vice presidency.

Political science major John Rosenbaum of Alvin and agriculture education major James K. Goode of Weimar make their second bid for secretary-treasurer. Dallasite Chris St. John, recreation and parks major, seeks election over fellow Dallasite Richard Chaplin, an electrical engineering major, for the office of social secretary.

Last week's election, aside from selecting runoff candidates, elected the five at-large student senators for this year's freshman.

Balloting Thursday will use the same IBM punch-card method employed in last week's election.

Ags charged \$190 for parade permit

AUSTIN (AP) — The cost for the Texas Aggies for their turkey day parade up Congress Avenue is \$190 — charged by the home of the Texas Longhorns, their football enemies.

About 3,000 uniformed cadets march up the avenue each Thanksgiving before the Texas-

University National Bank
"On the side of Texas A&M."
—Adv.

A&M football game when it is played here.

The \$190 charge is imposed under a parade ordinance adopted by the city council last year in which many view as an attempt to prevent peace marches.

The cost is computed on the basis of police expenses to supervise traffic during the parade.

And Austin still has peace marchers, too.

Survey shows

Young miss free speech idea

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — A national task force said Tuesday that a majority of American young people lacks "any consistent understanding or conviction about the exercise of free speech."

The results of year-long surveys of about 90,000 persons up to the age of 35 were made public by the Education Commission of the States a nonprofit organization set up in 1964 with funds from the Carnegie Corporation. Later financing has come from the Ford Foundation and the U.S. Office of Education.

In a random sampling across the nation, those interviewed were asked if they would permit Americans to hear these statements by radio or television — "Russia is better than the United States," "Some races of people are better than others," "It is not necessary to believe in God."

Sixty-eight per cent of adults from 26 to 35 said they would refuse to permit the broadcast. So would 94 per cent of boys and girls 13 years old and 78 per cent of youngsters 17 years old.

A separate "national assessment" of the ability of young people to write and understand was made public as 140 national educational leaders and U.S. governors, including Delaware Gov. Russell W. Peterson, chairman of the commission, arrived for three days of meetings of the commission's steering committee.

Besides Peterson, the governors were Harold LeVander of Minnesota, Tom McCall of Oregon and

Calvin Rampton of Utah. How the nation progresses in education is the major study of the publications and research performed by the commission's staff. The first cycle of "national assessment" ends in 1975.

The writing tests were given

to students in 2,500 schools and to nearly 8,000 adults interviewed in their homes. They showed marked improvement in writing through the years — until their formal schooling ended.

Sixty per cent of young adults said they read books regularly,

compared with 95 per cent who read newspapers. Seventy-eight per cent read magazines.

"Though they read a lot, they cannot compete with 17 year olds when it comes to writing something themselves," the summary said.

UT students halt suit action

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOK
Battalion Editor

University of Texas at Austin students seeking to file suit against their board of regents for violation of the Texas open meeting law have, for the time being, dropped their case.

A special meeting of the board last Saturday is a determining factor in the decision, Daily Texan Editor Andy Yemma told The Battalion Tuesday.

The stage was set almost three weeks ago, when the Texas Union Board, a student-faculty group, voted to reopen the Chuck Waggon — an on-campus eating establishment — to non-students. The facility was closed to all but students a year ago after a disturbance on the premises brought police to the scene.

The board of regents Nov. 16 overturned the Union Board's decision during a meeting over the telephone via a conference call.

The telephone meeting is what the students are upset about.

A group of law students and Yemma began plans to file criminal and civil suits against the regents, naming each of the nine

as defendants.

The criminal suit was to punish the regents (they could be fined up to \$200 and convicted of a misdemeanor), and the civil suit was to obtain permanent court orders against the regents, prohibiting them from holding meetings by telephone again.

Travis County Attorney Ed Granger Thursday had advised the students to strengthen their complaint and resubmit it Monday.

The regents met for 90 seconds Saturday, Yemma said, during the halftime of the Texas-TCU game in Fort Worth. They again overturned the Union Board decision, Yemma said, and repealed their own special meetings rule. The rule said the board was to give a five-day notice of the time, place and reason for special meetings.

Regents Chairman Frank C. Erwin Jr. Saturday — contrary to his former stand — said the Monday conference call had simply been a poll of the board, Yemma said, not an actual meeting.

Yemma said he and the law students felt the Monday meeting

had been a legal meeting, one violating the open meetings law. The Saturday action makes the case difficult to press, he said, and Granger has refused to take the case anyway.

The civil suit also has been dropped, Yemma said.

The students will keep a close watch on the board, Yemma said, and will be ready to file suit if future violations appear to have taken place. He said the Saturday meeting was a "victory" for the students, and an indirect admission by the regents they had been wrong and were guilty.

He said he believed the suit prompted the Saturday meeting, since it was without precedent.

Record mid-term graduation has 333 masters, 139 Ph.D's

A record 1,166 students have applied for mid-term graduation at Texas A&M, Registrar Robert A. Lacey announced Tuesday.

Commencement exercises will be conducted Dec. 12.



Debbie Susan Patton

Talk scheduled by minister on origin of rights

A member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship will speak on women's rights, civil rights and the right to dissent Thursday night at 7:30 in All Faiths Chapel.

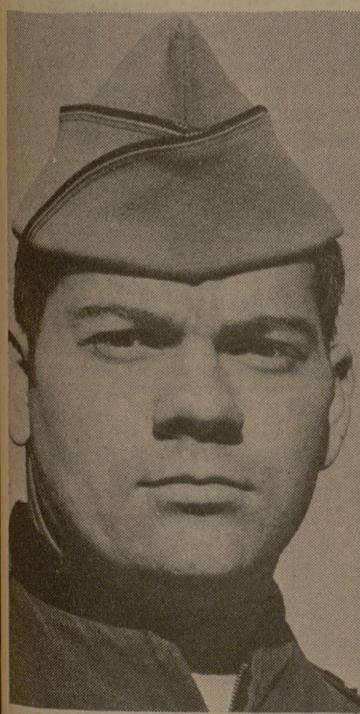
James Spencer, C. S., of Detroit, sponsored by the Christian Science College Organization at Texas A&M, will speak on "Where Do Our Rights Come From?"

"Recognition of the source of our divine rights enables us to experience a greater sense of human freedom in every area of our lives," Spencer says.

Spencer will relate spiritual experiences in overcoming loneliness, sickness, prejudice and restrictiveness.

Spencer, a graduate of Principia College, Elsah, Ill., was a lieutenant in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. Later he served for three years as Chaplain with the United States Army, and then for ten years as Christian Science Minister for the Armed Services.

Do you think A&M should get a new football coach?



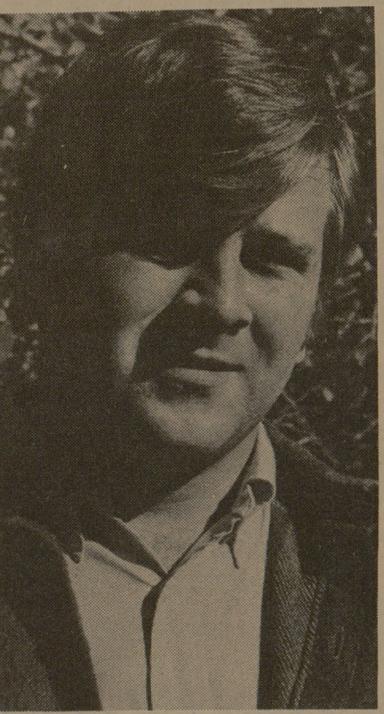
Keith Stephens
senior

"I don't know. Coach Stallings is a fine person, but the football team doesn't seem to be motivated enough. Something definitely is wrong."



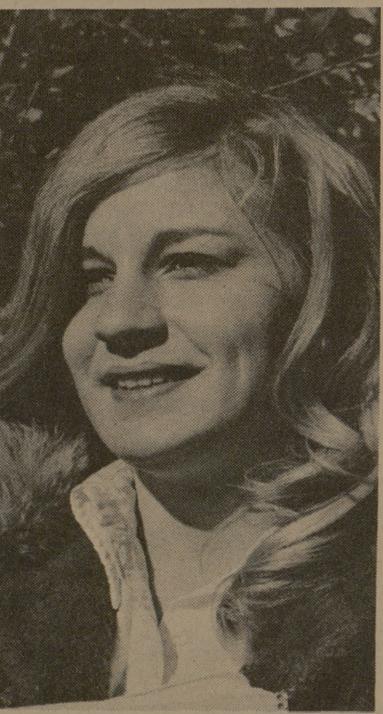
Chuck Cogswell
senior

"I still have faith in Stallings. After all, he's the same coach who won the conference and the Cotton Bowl in '67."



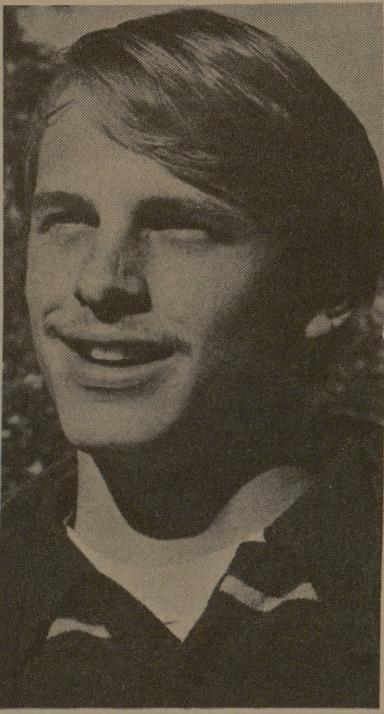
James Borders
senior

"I don't know all the facts, but I think a change is needed somewhere. We are capable of having a much better team than the record shows."



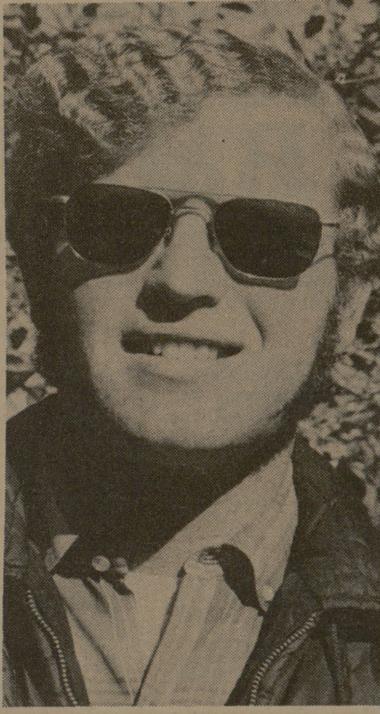
Judy Brown
freshman

"A&M has the material to make up a good football team but doesn't have a coach to hold it together. We could definitely use a new one."



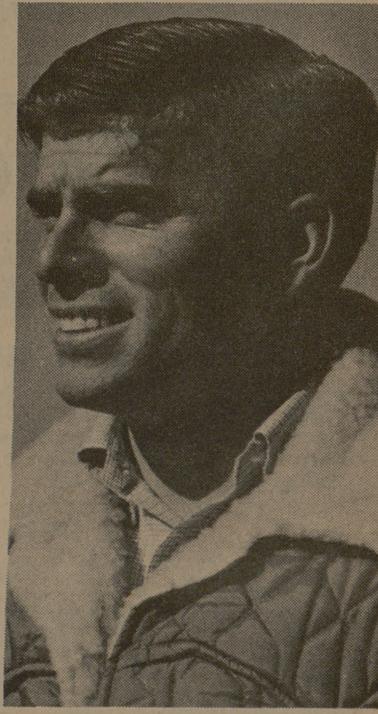
Smith Cornielie
senior

"It's not for me to say. No coach is ever very popular when his team is losing. In '67 they were putting Stallings up for president."



Joe Phillips
junior

"There seems to be a good deal of concern over our team's record. I don't know if a new coach is the answer, but it is quite possible." (Photos by Patrick Fontana)



Dan McQueen
junior

"No, I believe Gene Stallings is as fine a coach as A&M has ever had. Our only problem is some young, inexperienced sophomores who should make a great football team next year."