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FRIDAY—Partly cloudy. Winds southerly 10 to 20 m.p.h. High 72, low 42.

SATURDAY—Partly cloudy to cloudy. Winds southerly 15 to 20 m.p.h. High 78, low 56.



TALKING ABOUT BEING PINNED, and she already is, is Sharon Harrison, a junior at A&M. Being pinned isn't all it is usually taken to mean, she told a Man Your Manners panel and audience Wednesday night. (Photo by Randy Freeman)

New morality, Playboy 'spirit of age,' Blum says

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What sort of a man writes Playboy?

This question was answered Wednesday night in an MSC presentation which pitted Jesus Christ against Hugh Hefner in a Look at the Playboy Philosophy.

Speaking was Dr. Ed Blum, who holds doctoral and master's degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary and is pursuing another doctor's degree at Rice.

Blum described Hefner, creator of Playboy magazine, as "a very clever fellow, exploring the spirit of the age."

"He exemplifies, but doesn't exhaust a philosophy which says man must see life as a happy time," Blum said.

Blum cautioned the audience that he was not present to criticize Hefner personally, but to deny his philosophy.

"We are not opposed to Hefner's flirtation with pornography," he said, "we are worried about what he's trying to say."

Describing Hefner's views as hedonistic, Blum said the current revival of Hedonism is "nothing new—not a new morality."

"You only go round once in life, so live it with gusto" is the type of view Blum said he feels is being accepted by many because they lack a philosophy of

their own, and Hefner's find an easy one to follow.

Commenting on the distribution of Playboy, Dr. Blum said "there are 20 million readers or at least lookers, giving it the widest circulation of any magazine of its type."

At one point, he asked the audience who hadn't seen a copy of Playboy. Not a single hand was raised.

Blum likened the importance of having a philosophy to the position of an umpire in a baseball game. He said though everyone watches the players, it is the umpire who runs the game.

Hefner's philosophy consists of two points, according to Dr. Blum:

First, "to thine own self be true." Dr. Blum said he believes Hefner interprets this to mean you should do whatever gives you pleasure, as long as no one gets hurt.

"But who knows what effect the birth of one bastard child has," said Blum. "And wasn't Aolph Hitler true to himself?"

Blum said his position was that "as long as man is finite, you can never tell if no one has been hurt."

Hefner's second point, according to Blum, is that a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what is heaven for?

Dr. Blum sees views such as

this as destructive to our society which "is going to get worse as it is." He stated a belief in the eventual legalization of prostitution in the United States as an example. He cited Nevada as recently granted a license for legal prostitution.

Besides his educational degrees, Blum defended his authority to talk on the subject by saying he is "married, with 5 children, so I know what I'm talking about."

"I'm not against sex," he added, "I enjoy getting in the sack, too."

As to his own beliefs, Blum said, "if you must put me in a camp, I suppose I'm an Evangelist, or perhaps a Calvinist."

He said Playboy makes too little of sex, that it should be a joining of two people from which they come away better or worse, but not the same.

Blum stated that the average college student thinks of sex five times more often than of religion, and attaches too much importance to it.

"When you're 75," he chided, "it won't be all that important to you."

"Get married earlier," was Blum's advice to a question from the audience on ways to prevent pre-marital relations between students who expect to marry but are waiting for financial reasons.

"You know," he said, "you can live on love."

Tuition, tax bills get approval by House

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House members tentatively approved Wednesday a \$492.5 million two-year tax bill composed mainly of sales taxes and a \$79 million state college tuition increase measure.

The tax bill advanced on an 85-59 vote, setting it up for final action Thursday.

Republican Rep. Walter Mengden of Houston urged rejection of the bill, saying "the people of this state are bent and broken" by taxes of all kinds.

A two-year revenue package is needed because of big increases in state spending, estimated at anywhere from the \$420 million figure by Gov. Preston Smith to more than \$800 million.

The tax bill consists of \$431.9 million in items recommended by the House tax committee, plus \$60.6 million added by floor amendments.

Representatives twice rejected a corporation income tax, but

gave it 61 votes each time, about 12 more than it logged last session.

The tax bill has an effective date of July 1, and its revenue estimates depend on taking effect that early. But it would take a two-thirds final vote in the House and Senate to put it into effect then.

In its present form, the bill would:

- Increase the state sales tax from 3.25 to 4 per cent, for a two year revenue gain of \$179.8 million.
- Raise the motor vehicle sales tax from 3 to 4 per cent, \$69.75 million.
- Boost the hotel occupancy tax from 3 to 4 per cent of the price of a room, \$6.3 million.
- Impose a \$1 tax on each transfer of corporate securities, \$10 million.
- Levy a 10 per cent tax on tickets to plays, operas, concerts, professional athletic events, tour-

ists attractions and other amusements, \$26.6 million.

- Increase the corporation franchise tax from \$3.25 to \$3.75 per \$1,000 of assets, \$39.5 million.

Floor amendments added these other items:

- Increase taxes on shell, sand, marl and gravel taken from submerged lands, \$10.6 million. The amendment, by San Antonio Rep.

Nelson Wolff, passed by a narrow 73-70 vote.

- Impose a 5 cents per gallon tax on jet aviation fuel, \$50 million. Rep. Jim Nugent of Kerrville won voice vote approval of the amendment after an attempt to table it failed, 24-117.

Amendments that failed would have taxed snuff, advertising, timber and sales to government units.

Prairie View beginning classes again Monday

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex. (AP)—The president of Prairie View A&M College said Wednesday the college, shut down last week after two nights of disturbance, will start classes again next Monday.

Dr. A. I. Thomas said the campus will be opened Sunday in preparation to starting classes the following morning.

The 4,000-student college was closed last Saturday after violence led to the burning of one building and fire damage to another.

Meanwhile, attorneys for two students jailed on charges of acting to promote damage to campus property complained Wed-

nesday of the students' high bond.

Quincey Brooks and Leonard Baker were arrested and placed in jail at Hempstead. Bond of \$100,000 was set for each.

Students returning to the predominantly Negro school have been given forms which must be signed. With one exception they are similar to forms used previously.

The exception is that the forms include a pledge not to participate in any violence. Those not signing the pledge will not be permitted to return. The form pledges full support of the goals, rules and regulations of the college.

Sen. Tower cancels out Tuesday Political Forum

Republican Senator John Tower cancelled a Political Forum address here Tuesday.

Forum chairman Charles Hoffman said the Texas legislator's address was to have been one of the Memorial Student Center committee's noon series presentations.

Tower will be in Bryan for a Monday evening meeting. He reported he had to be back in Washington Tuesday afternoon for important committee work.



Dr. Ed Blum compares Hugh Hefner's philosophy with that of Jesus Christ at an Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship presentation Wednesday night. (Photo by Larry Martin)

Dallas symphony here next week

A repeat of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's popular "four-in-one" concerts will be staged Tuesday and Wednesday in Bryan and College Station.

Presented as a feature of the Artist Showcase Series of the Town Hall program, the Dallas Symphony conducted by Anshel Brusilow will play four concerts between 1 p.m. Tuesday and noon Wednesday.

Daytime performances conducted by Charles Blackman will be for elementary school children, junior and senior high school students. These concerts are at 1 p.m. Tuesday in White Coliseum, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Bryan Civic Auditorium, respectively.

Brusilow will ascend the podium in G. Rollie at 8 p.m. Tuesday for an Artist Show case program of classical music familiar to just about anyone who has ever heard any classical music.

The Dallas Symphony will perform Dvorak's "From the New World" Symphony, excerpts from "Carmen" by Bizet, Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" Overture and the Polovtsian Dances from "Prince Igor" by Borodin.

Last year's unprecedented four Dallas Symphony concerts in less

than 24 hours was well received, according to Town Hall officials, Blackman and Mrs. Gilbert Plass and Mrs. Eugene Van Arsdell who provided support for the unique event.

More than 6,000 attended the 1970 spring concerts, of which 3,500 were school children and young people.

Blackman said the school-agers were "very responsive."

Town Hall chairman Bill Leftwich of Dallas said the 1970 evening performance was the committee's most successful.

He announced that Town Hall season ticket and A&M activity card holders will be admitted free to the Tuesday evening performance, for which there are no reserved seats. Other general admission tickets are available at the Student Program Office in the MSC.

Next week's concerts package will be the Dallas Orchestra's second appearance of 1970-71 in Bryan and College Station. Brusilow conducted a Rotary Series concert here last fall.

Brusilow follows Donald Johanos this year as head of the Dallas Orchestra. A native of Philadelphia, Brusilow was concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra with Eugene Ormandy.

Air Force Sweetheart to be selected this weekend



Lisa Little



Jackie Barret

Music, pageantry and all the pretty girls your eyes can drink in will be present in the form of the Air Force Ball Friday.

The dance begins at 9 p.m. in the Ballroom with music provided by the Chaynes from San Antonio. Uniform for the event will be Class B Winter with ascot for the cadets; semi-formal for their dates. Admission is free.

The action really starts at 7 a.m. with the interviewing of the finalists for Air Force Sweetheart.

The applicants:

Blue-green eyes, blonde hair, 5 foot 10—these features describe escort Pierre Normands date, Laura Fitch. A graduate of the Fashion Merchandising College in Dallas, 19-year-old Miss Fitch is a native of College Station interested in aquatics and horses.

Brunette Lisa P. Little is the 5 feet six inch entry of Michael J. Buckley. A love of horses and

dancing characterize the green-eyed resident of Dallas, attending Southern Methodist University. She is 20 years old.

An English major at North Texas State University, Jackie Barret has blue eyes, brown hair, and a height of 5 feet 6 1/2 inches. Mike Cunningham is escorting the 20-year-old native of Comanche.

Skiing, painting, writing, and cooking are the interests of Terrie Melaine, 18, a hazel-eyed freshman at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Escorted by Lynn Bennie, the 5 foot 5 1/2 inch-er hails from Columbus, Ohio.

Another beauty with hazel eyes, Tracee Chenoweth of Tyler, will be escorted by Mike Boles. The 18-year old finalist has auburn hair and stands at 5 feet 4 inches tall, and is interested in dancing and sports.



Laura Fitch



Terry McClaine



Tracee Chenoweth

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