

# 'Freedom Of Speech' Is Every Man's Right, Declares Smothers

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No man, regardless of color, can put a stop to 'freedom of speech,' said Clay Smothers to a sparse crowd in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom Thursday night.

Smothers, noted black conservative, chided the small audience for its manners. "I only get good coverage when I address a violent audience," he said.

In speaking of his hosts, the Black Awareness Committee, Smothers said, "This is the first black-oriented organization to in-

clude me to speak, and one of the few times I've been paid."

Continually speaking out against black militants, Smothers said, "I'm not going to burn anything. I don't even like to light a match."

"I love my country," he said. "The United States gave me birth. Here is where I intend to live and die, regardless of its injustices. No white man can claim more heritage and love for this country than I can."

"There is no such thing as black pride," he continued. "Pride

doesn't come through color, it comes through actions."

A graduate of Prairie View A&M, Smothers believes he has as fine an education as anyone from a larger school.

"Quality education comes only to those who want it," he said, "regardless of the condition of the school. You can't bus someone to a different school and expect them to get a better education if they didn't want it in the first place."

Nationally known for his opposition to busing and having recently led anti-busing demonstra-

tions in Washington, D. C. and Akron, Ohio, Smothers can't believe that busing is still used.

"Most whites are against it," he said, "and a recent Harris poll showed only 45 per cent of the blacks were for busing while 47 per cent were against."

Smothers was part of a team that inspected military installations across the country recently. "The racial situation is not as bad as it appears," he said.

Praising Nixon for his handling of the Vietnam war, Smothers said McGovern could be dangerous

if he were allowed to cutback the defense budget.

"We're on our way to becoming a third-rate power," he said.

Having received 80 delegate votes for vice president at the Democratic National Convention, Smothers said his next political plan will be to run for attorney general of Texas in 1974. It will probably be on the Democratic ticket, he said.

At the end of his speech, Smothers was accused by a black (See Free, page 2)



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## '72 Campaign Lacks Nixon Scandal Issue

By The Associated Press

If the old political maxim is true that "the people determine the issues," then a most curious feature of the current presidential race is not so much what the issues are as what they are not. Specifically, the scandal-in-government nonissue.

A Gallup poll in mid-campaign indicated that "only a small percentage of the electorate believe corruption in government to be one of the nation's top problems" and Sen. George McGovern has been unable to get the issue very high off the runway.

"I must say I'm puzzled," a dismayed McGovern said. "It would seem that what has come out would be enough to defeat a president."

"What has come out," replied a source close to President Nixon's campaign, "are merely unproven allegations not even directly connected to the President."

Putting aside the partisan interests of both camps, a brief glance at history shows that the howls of indignation that greeted high-level improprieties in the past, none of them directly connected to the president then in office—fur coats, deep freezes, five-percenters—plainly are unheard today.

Americans in factories, office buildings, rectories and homes around the country were asked why. They offered a variety of reasons.

One was the startling discovery that the public is simply not informed. Ray Morgan, a correspondent for the Kansas City Star, interviewed 50 persons in late September and found only a handful acquainted with the details of the alleged scandals.

The Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, suggests the deeper irony that it is the communications explosion itself that is in part responsible for the message not getting through.

"We have been so engulfed for (See Government, page 3)

## Exchange Store Funds Meeting Set At MSC

Aid-requesting organizations that have applied for sharing of Exchange Store profits and wish to plead their case should assemble in the Serpentine Lounge of the Memorial Student Center Oct. 31 at 7 p.m.

"We want those people to come who feel that what they have submitted on paper needs special emphasis and those organizations applying for the first time and (See Exchange, page 2)



RAIN AND SUN combined to make this unusual photo taken midafternoon Thursday by photographer Steve Ueckert from in front of the Krueger-Dunn commons. The day was one of those cold, rainy days when it just didn't pay to get out of bed.

## Civilian Council Looks At Offices For Residence Halls

The need for a university policy concerning an office for each residence hall to conduct its business was discussed at the Civilian Student Council meeting Thursday night.

Presently, only about half of the halls do have offices. These

offices are mostly vacant rooms in the hall that have been set aside for this purpose.

However, housing shortages experienced this year are expected to be even more acute next year. This would force these rooms to be used to house students.

The university does have a previous policy dealing with programmed dorms which states that each is entitled to an office. But this does not cover many of the hall which are not programmed.

Also discussed was the financial aspect of this issue. Having a room vacant would throw an added expense on the other residents who would have to pay for it.

This rent loss would vary from dorm to dorm, but would be about \$188 per semester or about one dollar per resident per year.

These offices are used for storing equipment and hall supplies. It is also used to store a hall's quiz file if it has one.

A resolution was made asking for the university to establish a uniform policy giving each hall an office. The resolution was approved.

The Counseling Committee is currently working on a new constitution for the council, converting it to a residence hall council.

A dance will be held Friday starting at 9 p.m. in Sbis Dining Hall. It will feature a soul group, "The Ghetto Sounds," and will cost \$2 per couple and \$1.25 stag. The dance is co-sponsored by the Black Awareness Committee and the Civilian Student Council.

## A&M Television Station To Begin Broadcasting Again In December

The A&M educational television station expects to begin broadcasting again in December, reports Dr. Mel Chastain, ETV director.

KAMU-TV ceased transmission in March to move from Bagley Hall, a building demolished to make way for a new two-story classroom building, to the new ETV station southeast of Kyle Field.

Dr. Chastain said all equipment has been installed at the building. All that remains is construction of a 350-foot tower, installation of a 28-foot antenna atop the tower and conversion of a floriculture building to house the transmitter.

The tower and transmitter facilities will be in Hensel Park. Dr. Chastain said that work will

require approximately one month.

A Dallas engineering consulting firm, he continued, is completing the engineering portions of the Federal Communications Commission forms asking for an increase of power from 10,000 watts to 20,000 watts.

Dr. Chastain indicated the forms will be completed within a week. He will take the papers to Washington, D.C., and walk them through the FCC.

The antenna and transmitter cannot be installed until the station receives FCC approval, he added.

While working toward the return to normal telecasting, the Educational Television Department has been producing closed-circuit programs since the fall semester began.

## Communist Forces Speed-up War Attacks

By The Associated Press

Despite word that a peace agreement between the United States and North Vietnam is near, Communist-led forces stepped up their attacks across South Vietnam on Thursday and Friday in what allied officials said was an accelerated effort to establish their presence before a cease-fire.

The Saigon command reported 124 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong shelling and terror attacks across South Vietnam during the 24-hour period ending at 6 a.m. Friday. Sharp fighting erupted in the central highlands and in the northern quarter of South Vietnam below the demilitarized zone.

Democrats and Republicans in and out of Congress universally welcomed the prospect of a U.S.-North Vietnam peace agreement Thursday.

Democrats took the line that peace might have been achieved earlier, but if it comes on the eve of the election, and helps President Nixon, so be it.

Republicans joined in urging that the United States not let President Nguyen Van Thieu of South Vietnam stand in the way of an opportunity for a cease-fire, return of American prisoners, and U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam.

President Nixon said Thursday that differences blocking a

Vietnam settlement "can and will be worked out" in a way that brings "peace with honor and not peace with surrender."

Speaking at two Appalachian political rallies after a day of rapid-fire developments on the Vietnam peace front, Nixon said settlement of America's longest war would mean that chances for a generation of peace are "better than at any time in this century."

While Nixon delivered an optimistic assessment on settling

final details of the impending peace agreement with North Vietnam, he offered no timetable. His chief Vietnam negotiator, Henry A. Kissinger, earlier in the day had said "peace is within reach in a matter of weeks, or less."

Nixon brought a crowd of 3,000 jammed into the Ashland high school gymnasium to its feet when he said he is confident "we can succeed" in obtaining "peace with honor and not peace with surrender."

## Aggie Band To Give Baylor 'Thunder And Blazes' Show

The "thunder and blazes" specialty of the Texas Aggie Band will be part of the A&M-Baylor football halftime activities Saturday in Waco.

It will be the Aggie Band's fifth straight working weekend and the first out-of-town performance since the season-opening drill at LSU. The A&M bandmen under Lt. Col. E. V. Adams are halfway through a nine-game season that has no open weekends.

Produced by 288 musicians and drum majors Alan H. Gurevich of Valley Stream, N. Y., Richard W. Minix and Richard B. Stone of Houston, the Baylor game drill will tax the band's reserves. Six Aggie bandmen are side-

lined with injuries or for surgery including a puff-lipped baritone player assaulted last week in a campus parking lot.

"One band director is almost out with brain failure from battle fatigue," cracked Col. Adams, the dean of SWC band directors in his 27th season.

Adams has assistance this year, however, from a former high school director known around Waco. The Aggie Band's associate director, Maj. Joe T. Haney, fielded consistent award-winning Black Cat bands at Mexia. He is originally from Marlin.

Aggie Band music from the stands will include pieces arranged and composed by Maj. Haney, which he helps direct.

## In Campus 'Mock Election' President Nixon Soundly Defeats McGovern

Senator George McGovern suffered a resounding defeat at the hands of President Richard M. Nixon Thursday in the Political Forum—Great Issues Mock Election.

There were approximately 1,700 votes cast, announced Mike Lindsey, Political Forum chairman.

In the presidential race, Nixon polled 1,338 to McGovern's 309 votes. Six votes were cast for the Socialist Workers Party team of Linda Jenness and Andrew Pulley.

John Tower won the senatorial race with a 2 to 1 margin polling 1,100 votes to Sanders' 505. Tom Leonard of the SWP and Flores Amaya of La Raza Unida ran far behind with only 19 and 30 votes, respectively.

Dolph Briscoe suffered a close but surprising defeat at the hands of Republican Henry Grover in the Governor's race. Grover polled 799 votes to Briscoe's 703. SWP

candidate Deborah Leonard received only 36 votes and Ramsey Muniz of LRU did slightly better with 98 votes.

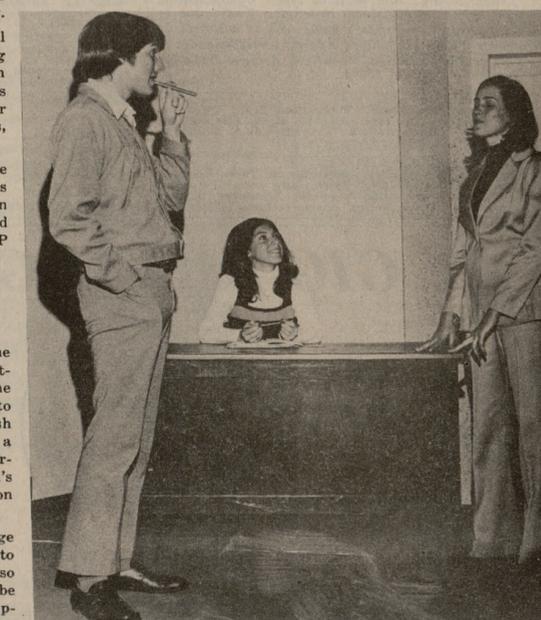
Incumbent Jesse James narrowly defeated Maurice Angly in the state treasurer race. James polled 770 votes to Angly's 724. LRU candidate Ruben Solis gathered 65 votes.

Both the constitutional amendments on the ballot passed overwhelmingly.

Amendment No. 4 which concerned revision committee consisting of the 63rd legislature, passed 1310 to 306.

Amendment No. 7 providing for legal equality regardless of sex, race, color, creed or national origin drew 1,430 votes in favor with only 220 against.

Schmitz of the American Independent Party drew 12 write-in votes for president and Wallace received 11.



'FORTY CARATS' stars Pat Castle (left) Judie Chimento and Mary Hanna put the finishing touches on the Aggie Players' production Thursday night. The opening performance is slated for 8 p. m. Monday at the Consolidated Middle School Auditorium and will run through Saturday. (Photo by Steve Ueckert)

## Aggies: Relax By Transcendental Meditation

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If you notice a lonely looking Aggie staring off into space, it might be that he isn't day-dreaming, but is involved in the science of transcendental meditation.

"Transcendental meditation, or the science of creative intelligence, is actually an accredited course at some universities," said Charlie Senning at a recent organizational meeting of the A&M transcendental meditation group.

"TM, practiced a few minutes every morning and evening, gives the body deep rest while the mind

expands in awareness," said Senning.

He said that transcendental meditation is a process of direct experience rather than one of intellectual analysis.

"Man only uses six to ten percent of his mind. With the advances in science in our modern age, this ten percent usage of the mind just doesn't cut it any more. Man must expand the mind and use it to its full potential." Through TM, he said, man can achieve this goal.

The technique of TM allows the attention to be drawn automatically to refined levels of thinking, which are found by experience, and to be increasingly pleasant. The immediate result of this process of refinement is that the

mind "transcends" the subtlest activity of thinking, reaching the source of thought, a state of pure awareness.

Through proper instruction, anyone can become familiar with these subtler levels of thought and directly contact the field of pure creative intelligence. TM expands the mind and heart and makes available ones full potential. Regular practice brings about a balanced development of all aspects of individual life.

Besides unfolding full mental potential, the head of the transcendental meditationists on campus said that TM can also improve health, social behavior, and can ultimately lead to world peace.

During TM, said Nancy Worst, a TM follower who has been meditating for a year, the metabolic rate of the body is reduced 16-20 percent, compared with the eight to ten percent decrease during deep sleep.

"Oxygen consumption, carbon dioxide elimination, cardiac output, heart rate and respiratory rate also all significantly decrease while skin resistance greatly increases," she said. "You can get more rest during meditation than during a deep sleep."

She compared TM to other forms of meditation like yoga and hypnosis. "TM is easiest to learn and practice, and takes less physical strain."

"Anyone can meditate," said

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"On the side of Texas A&M."  
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