

# Frank Peirce Awarded For Writing

J. Frank Peirce, associate professor of English, has been awarded a \$5,000 National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship Grant.

The grant will enable Peirce, chairman of creative writing, to spend three months writing and studying trends in contemporary fiction. These grants are open only to published, professional writers.

Peirce has published articles and short stories in professional journals, magazines and commercial publications. Eight of his stories have been published in Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine, and he is a member of The Mystery Writers of America, Inc., and a number of other professional English and speech organizations.

Three of Peirce's short stories and one of his poems have been anthologized. A fourth story, "The Hot Tamales Murder Case," will appear in The Mystery Writers of America anthology to be published later this year.

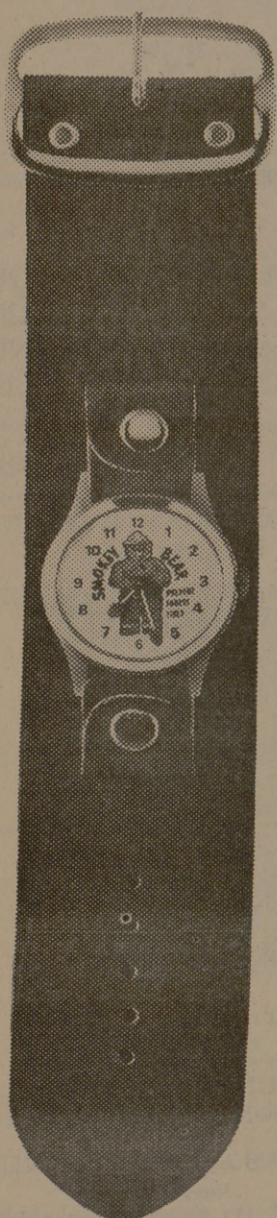
Some of his recent publications include "The Heart of the Matter: Writing Precise," in the Winter issue of English in Texas; "The Car as Symbol in Hemingway's 'The Short Happy Life of Francis Macomber,'" in the Studies issue of the South Central Bulletin, and "39 Shakespeares," in the March 1973 issue of The College English Association Critic.

Peirce read his article on precise to the Pedagogy Section of the Conference of College Teachers of English and the Hemingway article to the American Literature II section of the South Central Modern Language Association. He was the speaker at the annual banquet of the Byliners, a professional organization for women writers.

His poem, "The Colors in Shadows," is to be published soon in The Round Table, and his short story, "The Double Death of Nell Quigley, or Two Views of Murder," will be published in the November issue of Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine. The latter is the first of a series of stories in which Shakespeare is the detective.

Peirce is the author of two books, The Devil to Pay and Other Stories, a collection of his short stories which won the South and West award, and Organization & Outlining, a writing handbook.

He has been a member of the staff of the Southwest Writers Conference and the Pineywoods Writers Conference. Peirce received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois and the master's degree from the University of Iowa.



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# Urban And Regional Planning Set For Confab

Final plans are taking shape in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning for the American Institute of Planners (AIP) Spring Conference set May 31-June 2.

City officials, Councils of Government planners and governmental planning agency personnel will join private business developers to discuss current trends in planning and land use controls

and the outlook for planning and the environment.

Texas Land Commissioner Robert Armstrong and State Rep. Fred P. Agnich, R-Dallas, will be among the speakers featured at the conference, sponsored by the Gulf Southwest Chapter of AIP.

Members of the chapter task force will meet Thursday afternoon prior to general registration for the conference to discuss the

program for next fall's short course for planning commissioners. This has been an extremely successful short course, according to course officials, and next fall Professor Jack Kemp from the University of California at Berkeley will be featured speaker.

John R. Joyner, executive director of the American Institute of Planners, Washington, D.C., will lead off discussions in the

conference Friday morning with a talk concerning new directions for AIP. Joyner will be followed by Commissioner Armstrong discussing new planning legislation and land use controls.

Rep. Agnich, author of the Texas Land Management Bill, will deliver a dinner address Friday evening on "Managing Our Land Resources for the Future."

Other speakers at the event

will include R. H. Basden, senior vice president of 1st General Realty in Houston; Dr. Earl Cook, dean of the College of Geosciences at TAMU; Dr. Vergil Stover, Texas Transportation Institute, and faculty members from Texas A&M, Southwest Texas State University and LSU at New Orleans.

Displays on urban planning will be set up in the lobby of the

Architecture and Environmental Design Building during the conference, and films on environment and planning will be shown following Friday's session.

A \$5 admission fee will be charged to non-participants in the conference for each of the discussion and lecture periods. Tickets may also be purchased for the Friday evening dinner event.

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