

Campus Briefs

Israeli librarian

Dr. Roy M. Mersky, former director of the Jewish National and University Library in Israel, will speak Friday at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Mersky will appear here through a TAMU Library Lecture, at 2 p.m. in the Library Conference Suite. The lecture on the Jewish library is a public-free event, announced Henry Alsmeyer, acting director of TAMU libraries.

Mersky is a distinguished American law librarian, Alsmeyer noted. He is professor of law and director of research at the Uni-

versity of Texas at Austin School of Law.

Dr. Mersky was interim director of the Jewish National and University Library in Israel during 1972-73.

The TAMU speaker has been at UT since 1965. He earlier served at academic and state law libraries across the U.S. A native New Yorker, he has bachelor, jurisprudence and library science degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

Mersky has also studied at the London School of Economics, the Faculte de droit of the Sorbonne, Oxford and Yale Universities.

Aggie heads SWTSU

An A&M graduate, Dr. Lee H. Smith, has been named president of Southwest Texas State University.

Smith, 39, received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from TAMU in 1957 and a Ph.D. in statistics in 1964. He also holds a master's in engineering adminis-

tration from Southern Methodist University.

He succeeds Dr. Billy M. Jones, who resigned from the San Marcos school last August to become president of Memphis State University.

Dr. Smith is currently vice president at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Computer course

The department of Industrial Engineering has announced that it will offer C.S. 458—Introduction to Digital Computers—the first summer session.

The course was originally going to be offered the second summer session only.

The proposed time and place of C.S. 458 is 1 p.m.-3 p.m. daily in Room 104C, Zachry Engineer-

ing Center. The instructor will be Don Warner.

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Summer fitness

able.

Before entering the program, a registration/health evaluation form must be signed by the participant's private physician. A registration fee is \$25.

Introduction to the program including of lockers and clothing is set for 7 a.m., June 3 in the Letterman's Lounge in G. Rolie White Coliseum.

Prospective participants should contact Dr. Jessup at 845-6841 for fitness evaluation appointment.

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Vermont college asks voluntary tuition

Anonymous mail payments save bureaucratic costs

A non-bureaucratic voluntary approach to tuition is being tested at the Community College of Vermont, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education.

At registration time, students are advised that the college needs money and that \$30 per course is the target, but it's up to the individual to decide how much he or she can afford to pay, The Chronicle says.

Along with this information, each student receives a bank-by-mail envelope for sending in the payment, anonymously, to the college's bank account.

"We save ourselves a lot of bureaucratic hassle," said Peter P. Smith, director of the college.

The voluntary and anonymous system doesn't bring in a lot of money, but it's more than the previous tuition collected, which was nothing. However, when the college didn't charge tuition it didn't pay its faculty, either.

The Community College of Vermont is not any ordinary college. It was established in 1970 with a grant from the federal anti-poverty program and nursed along with later grants from foundations and the U. S. Office of Education, and with some small state appropriations.

The college has no campus, no buildings, no permanent faculty, and 1,500 students scattered around the state.

For most of those students, any other college is economically or geographically out of reach. More

than half of them are learning new or improved job skills, taught in their home towns, in community buildings, by part-time instructors who are sharing the skill by which they earn their own living.

Two-year degrees are awarded on the basis of individually contracted learning programs and demonstrated competence.

The board of the Vermont State Colleges system decided last year that the Community College of Vermont should start charging tuition, The Chronicle says.

Smith said that, based on the income level of the college's students, it was estimated the college could get about \$100,000 in tuition, which would be about 15 per cent of the yearly budget and would provide some money to pay the part-time instructors.

The question, said Smith, was how to get the \$100,000 without spending \$40,000 or more collecting it. There would be offices to rent in multiple locations around the state, records to keep, record-keepers to pay, people to nag students who didn't pay, and so on.

The board approved, on a one-year trial basis, the non-bureaucratic approach.

The theory was that if they could collect \$60,000 without spending any money to collect it, the college would be as well off as if it had collected \$100,000 at a conservatively estimated cost of \$40,000.

"I know for sure that more than

half of the students sent in money," said Smith. "A few—not many, but a few—paid more than \$30."

A lot of bank-by-mail envelopes have come in with \$10 or \$15, but there's no way to tell whether

these are full payments or installments on larger amounts.

For the fall session, Smith said, the college received \$18,000 in tuition, compared with \$33,000 budgeted as tuition income for each of the year's three sessions.

For the spring session, collections so far are running ahead of the fall figures, the director said, but whether it will be enough to make the voluntary system worth continuing has yet to be determined.

Not all of the tuition income comes from voluntary payments. Part represents accountable, recorded payment of tuition from student-aid funds. Some represents tuition paid for on-the-job training programs.

Smith said that after two full terms of experience with the voluntary and anonymous tuition system, the college will try to sort out the figures to see whether students who could afford to pay the \$30 per course are taking unfair advantage of the system.

Even if the voluntary system should bring in sufficient money it should not be continued if it's unfair, Smith said.

"It was a reasonable idea to try," he said. "If it doesn't work it was still worth it."

Ex-vet dean dies in Temple

Dr. I. B. Boughton, former dean of veterinary medicine at Texas A&M University, died Tuesday morning in Temple.

A member of the Texas A&M faculty five years, he was 67 years of age. Services are being held at Callaway Jones Funeral Home.

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Applications for TAMU show increase

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rejections as freshman enrollment limitations.

Other reasons mentioned less often included: Financial restraints, greater retention of current students and the admission of transfer students.

A long-range look at applications for freshmen since 1963 (the first year NASULGC conducted a freshman survey) shows several years of large increases, followed by a leveling-off period and then several years of a steady drop in the rate of change, starting in 1970 with a new upswing in 1974 (see graph).

The only decrease in applications, according to the survey, was in 1973 when NASULGC reported a four per cent drop. However, the 3 1/2 per cent increase in 1974 applications is the largest since 1971.

Suicide service checked

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floor of the Sid-Richardson Building on the Rice campus. At this time he promised to set up the suicide plans.

Time was to prove, however, that Linnenman would break his promise because his "moral conscience just would not permit it."

Awarded that I had not backed out of the meeting and still had firm resolutions to go through with the suicide, Linnenman admitted at the meeting, "I never expected anyone to take this seriously.

We've had some calls, but it was always just a joke. I kind of talked my roommate, Morteze, into going along with me on this because I can understand how frustrated the students get around here during exam time. It was sort of like a happy spot in a crying time.

"You have to understand that here at Rice, we have a perverted sense of humor," said Linnenman. Then, with tears welling in his eyes, he asked me again to think it over and reconsider before taking the final plunge.

Then once again this reporter asked if he was going to "chicken out" or live up to the trust that I had placed in him. Then for the final time he refused because he "could never live with himself afterwards." Admitting that it had all been a very bad joke in very bad taste, he walked me to the elevator.

As the door closed he heard, "I'll do it alone—just watch for my name in the newspapers." Then under the surveilling eye of my two incognito bodyguards, Ted Boriskie and Greg Moses, he watched the door close and walked off.



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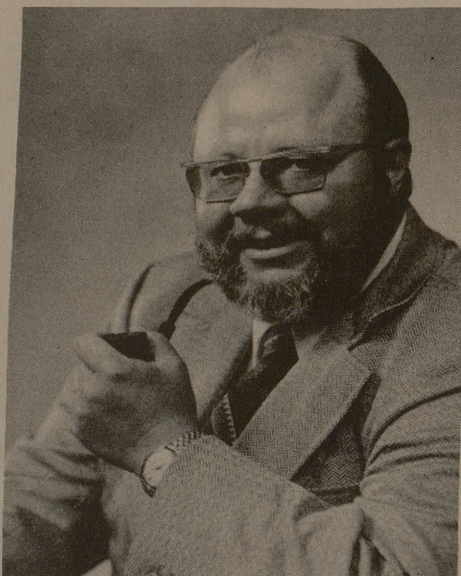


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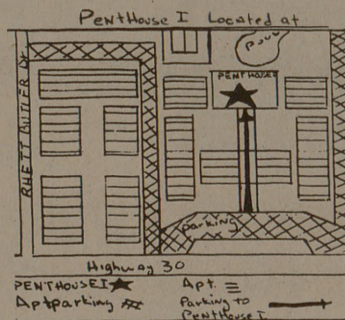
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