

Tullock denies sociology's view

Sociologists received a mild blast Thursday night as economist Dr. Gordon Tullock summarily refuted the theory that crime is founded in social imbalances.

An interested crowd of about 300 listened to Dr. Tullock's economic explanations of the causes and solutions to the crime problem.

Two basic theories of crime were advanced by the internationally known economist. The first, which dates to 1820, states that a person who commits a crime is mentally ill. While this is in part true, Tullock says, the actual number of insane persons who commit crimes is only a small percentage of the total number of criminals.

"There is no evidence that people in prison are more mentally ill than those not in prison," said Tullock. "There is also no data to support the variant that people commit crimes because of their environment."

The economic theory, also proposed very early but which died out in the late 19th century, holds that most criminals are in crime to make a living.

It has been found that people in upper income brackets commit less crimes than those with lower incomes.

"Either that," added Tullock, "or they get caught less."

However, high average income does not necessarily mean lower

crime rates. In the U.S., as in most wealthy countries, the crime rate has been rising at a corresponding rate with income.

It has also been shown that larger cities tend to have higher crime rates. Dr. Tullock explained that "sociologists say that there is 'something about cities' which causes this, while economists say that it is just harder to catch criminals in a large city."

Rehabilitation also came under fire, as Tullock held that there is no known method that will work. Present theories of rehabilitation are based on the premise that criminals are sick which is not true according to the economic viewpoint.

Many prison programs include training criminals in skills which would be valuable to him in leading an honest life after his sentence is over.

"So what might be happening is that we have people committing crimes in order to get a good education," Tullock suggested.

Under the economic theory, punishment is the answer to rehabilitation. Early studies of punishment as a deterrent showed that severe sentences had little or no effect on future crime rates. However, with the advent of computerized statistics, it has been shown repeatedly, said Tullock, that punishment is a deterrent to crime.

Tullock cited one study concerning the death penalty in which it was shown that one execution prevents 12-20 murders.

Admittedly pro-punishment, Tullock saw the need for exercising judgment in setting punishment standards.

"I'm sure that overtime parking could be deterred by all who do it

being boiled in oil," he said. Tullock cited study after study which concluded the people who anticipate severe punishment are less likely to commit crimes. However, he said, severe punishment laws without stringent enforcement has little effect on the crime rate after people find out that the courts do not pass stiff sentences.

"Obviously I'm in favor of increasing punishment, not by making sentences longer, but by increasing the likelihood that a person will get a sentence if he commits a crime," Tullock said. "We have one method of lowering the crime rate and that is punishment."

When asked if he believed there should be some balance between the sociological and economic view of crime, Dr. Tullock replied, "No, I think we should drop the sociological view."

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OPAS brings Spanish pianist recital

Spanish pianist Alicia de Larrocha will appear in an OPAS concert on the A&M campus March 26 at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Auditorium.

De Larrocha's recitals have been called an "extraordinary experience" by the New York Times. They reported, "an electric silence in the audience told of listeners being transfixed by what they heard."

She began her piano studies at the age of four under Frank Marshall, a former pupil of the composer Enrique Granados.

She gave her first concert at the age of five and has since won the Grand Prix du Disque and the Paderewski Memorial Medal.

De Larrocha has been heard in

concert in Europe, South America, Japan, South Africa, the United States and Canada.

During the 1973-74 season, de Larrocha will appear with the Dal-

las, Atlanta, Chicago, Toronto, Montreal, Toledo, Detroit and San Antonio Symphony Orchestras, as well as the New York Philharmonic in Philharmonic Hall.

Wanted: New colors for new water tower

By MARGARET PFEIFFER
Special to the Batt

A referendum to repaint the new water tower might be part of campus elections this year.

The tower project occurred to James Anthony, social secretary of

the Senior Class, when he read a recent article in The Battalion.

Anthony said the article stated that if students wished to change the tower's color, fine, but it would cost about \$24,000. "I thought there was a possibility at elections this year, if we got \$2 from everyone, we could do it," Anthony said.

A limited student survey by Anthony has shown encouraging student response. "I just ask most people I see if they'd pay \$2 to repaint the new water tower white with maroon lettering. Most people said they would," affirmed Anthony.

Anthony said Alpha Phi Omega would possibly be handling the donations.

"APO usually does elections. It would just be an additional project, like a community chest," said Anthony. Anthony is certain any of the campus service organizations would be glad to handle the repainting campaign. "If I'd give them something extra to do, all their pledges have to have work projects," he said.

Part of the reason the repainting is popular he believes, is many students dislike the color and had no part in choosing it. Anthony's own dislike is a main reason the Batt article stimulated him into action.

"When I'm out flying and my instructor says to head for home, all I have to do is look around and find that blue blob," said Anthony.

Around town Film series planned

"The Golden Age of Comedy" will be the first in a monthly family film series presented by the Junior Museum of Natural History.

The movie will be shown at 2

p.m. Sunday in Room 112 of the Oceanography Building. Admission is 50 cents for museum members and \$1 for non-members.

Art show scheduled

The Brazos Valley Art League's 11th Annual Art Show will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 29 at Manor East Mall.

Both members and non-members of the league can display their work to be judged. Non-members must pay a \$2 fee per entry.

The Best in Show award will be \$100 while \$25 will be paid to the

winners in each of the nine categories and \$10 to runners up. Ribbons and special awards will also be given.

The categories are oils, acrylics, water-soluble media, mixed media, graphics (drawings, lithographs and etchings), sculpture, pottery, photography and a general category including batik, stitchery and macramé.

Campus briefs

Amateur astronomers to meet

Students and faculty interested in amateur astronomy will meet today at sunset at the home of Dr. Schorn, physics instructor at TAMU.

Highlighting the meeting will be instruction on the assembly and tuning of a 12-inch telescope.

Directions to Dr. Schorn's home can be obtained by calling 846-4172 or 823-5519.

Indian craftsman to visit

Charles Loloma, Hopi Indian craftsman, will visit the campus March 24-26.

Loloma will give a speech about the philosophy and culture of the Hopi at 7:30 p.m., March 24, in the Rudder Theater. Demonstrations of painting, potting, and sculpting are scheduled in the Rudder Forum at 1:30 to 4 p.m., March 25, and 7:30 to 9 p.m., March 26.

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