

Ad hoc committee for Birchers

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The John Birch Society does not exist at Texas A&M, officially. However, its members are active in campus organizations, particularly, Students for Responsible Expression.

"Since the society won't allow us to organize an official chapter on campus, what we have done is organized a sort of ad hoc committee," said Terry Tooley, executive director of the SRE. Tooley is an avowed member of the John Birch Society.

The chairman of the SRE, Rodney Deschamps, a sophomore civil

engineering major from Houston, is also a member of the society.

Tooley refuses to be called a spokesman for the John Birch Society. He considers himself merely an active member.

The ties between the SRE and the JBS are strong. "We in the SRE work for preset goals and they coincide with those goals of the John Birch Society," Tooley said.

"We have designed this committee so that we may promote these goals without being an official arm of the Society, and to where people can be in our organization and not

be a member of the Society," Tooley said.

The John Birch Society does not consider itself a political party, but an educational organization, Tooley explained.

"Say anything besides street talk and religion and people say you are talking politics," Tooley said.

"The John Birch Society does not get involved with politics. As it happens, a lot of our ideas are used by politicians and a lot of our people go into politics. They do it on their own; the Society has never endorsed any candidate for anything," Tooley said.

The major goal of the society is, as Tooley puts it, "to fight the rising

collectivism that is present in every civilization."

By collectivism, Tooley refers to communism and big government. According to Tooley, the normal cycle of collectivism takes about 800 years in any given society.

"For the United States, the period has been much shorter. Here it has been only 200 years and already we are very far on the downslope of that movement toward collectivism," says Tooley.

The John Birch Society credits an international conspiracy with this trend. The goal of the society is fighting this conspiracy, Tooley said.

The SRE works toward the goals

of the John Birch Society by selling books, showing films and sponsoring speakers who spread the word of the Society, Tooley explained.

The conspiracy, Tooley says, has been in existence since about 1910 and has been a major factor in every "political, social and economic movement since that time."

"It would seem that there is an uneven battle and that we are optimistic to even give ourselves a chance at winning the struggle," Tooley said.

"There is one quotation the Birchers like to use; it is by George Washington. He said: 'Truth will ultimately prevail if pains are taken to bring it to light.'"

Family affair in Court

Wife, son, daughter licensed

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was family day at the Supreme Court.

First, Washington lawyer Milton V. Freeman asked the justices to admit his wife, son and daughter to practice law before the court.

Then, Phillip V. Mattes of Scranton, Pa., petitioned on behalf of his two grandsons.

"They didn't take it seriously," Freeman said of the reaction from the justices Monday when he moved to have the three members of his family admitted to the Supreme Court bar. "They all laughed."

But Freeman was serious, and, following a brief ceremony, his wife, Phyllis; son, Daniel; and daughter, Nancy Freeman Gans, took their place among the 5,000 or so lawyers expected to be admitted to Supreme Court practice this year.

"It was a very exciting and moving experience," said Gans, who lives and works in Boston. Both she and her brother, who is on the staff of the House District of Columbia Committee, said they hope to argue cases before the Supreme Court someday, as their father has done

before them.

Mrs. Freeman practiced law briefly 34 years ago but is not active at present. She said she sought admission to the practice before the Supreme Court because "that's the highest you can go in the law."

To be admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court, an attorney must be a member of the bar of the highest court in his state for at least three years, must get a certificate of good standing from that court and must get two members of the Supreme Court bar to sponsor him.

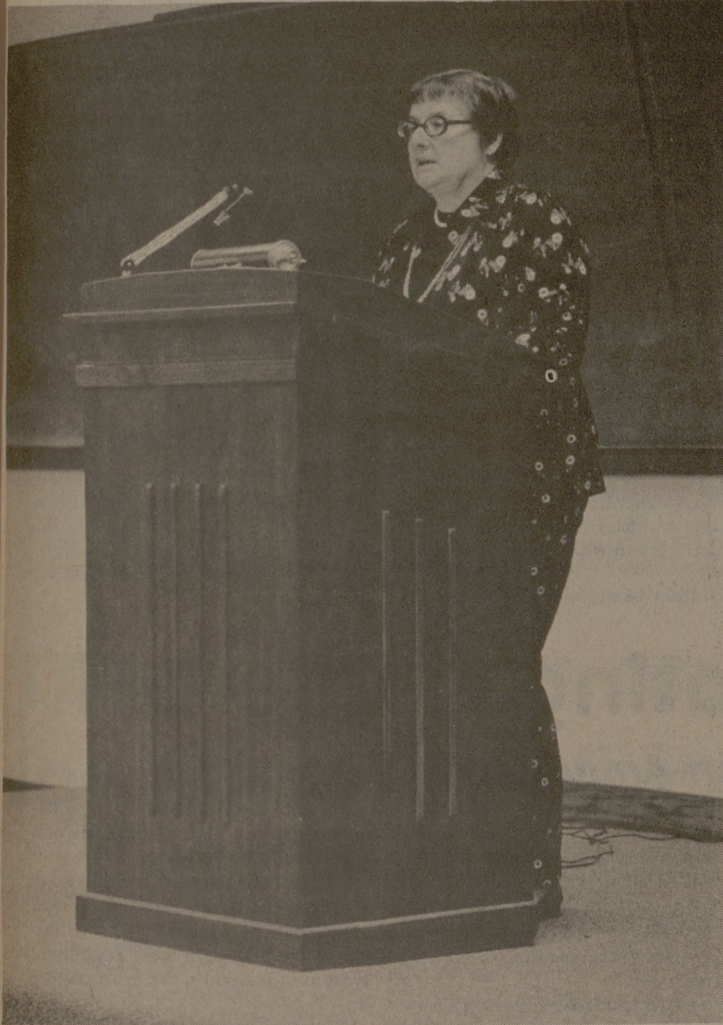
For Mattes, the admission of grandsons Charles W. Corddry III of Fairfax, Va., and Thomas Lawson Kelly Jr. of Dallas to practice before the highest court of the land was the continuation of a family tradition.

Mattes, 87, now retired from active court work, has been licensed to practice before the Supreme Court since 1922. His son Roger, a partner in a Scranton law firm, also is a member of the Supreme Court bar.

"It was very gratifying to us," Mattes said of Monday's ceremony.

He said it was part of a family celebration that included his and his wife's 61st wedding anniversary on Tuesday.

Of the 95 lawyers admitted to the Supreme Court bar on Monday, only nine appeared in person, including Freeman's family and Mattes' grandsons.



Schweitzer Speaks Photo by Jack Holm

Rhona Schweitzer, daughter of the famous humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, speaks about her father's life.

Calvert to give art show

The community of Calvert will host its third annual Robertson County Springtime Pilgrimage and its spring 100 Texas Place Arts and Crafts Show and Sale April 26-27.

Eight historic Victorian homes, one contemporary ranch home and five historic churches will be open to the public.

100 Texas Place will host 145 artists and craftsmen from across the state. Many will demonstrate their techniques. Special guest is Ar-

thello Beck, a young black artist recently named by art critics as one of the eight outstanding artists in the Southwest.

The pilgrimage will open Saturday morning at 11 a.m. and will close at 5 p.m., reopening Sunday for the same hours. The art show will be open 11 until 6 both days. Tour tickets are \$3.00 each. The art show is free.

Eating facilities are set up in several locations throughout town.

Stuttering series airs tonight, next week

"Stuttering: Let's Talk About It," a series on Midwest Video Channel 9 at 8:00 p.m. April 23 and 30, will be sponsored by the Bryan Council of Stutterers.

The Bryan Council of Stutterers

is a local self-help group. Guest hosts will interview the council on various topics which will center on what stuttering is, what causes it and what can be done about it.

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