## One-time 'high priest' of LSD o appeal Texas sentence Judge O'Connor said the Justice Department had stated it had no ob-

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LAREDO — U.S. District Court udge Robert O'Connor said Tuesay he has set a \$5,000 personal recgnizance appeal bond for Timothy eary, 55, currently serving a 10-ear sentence in a California prison. Earlier in the day the U.S. Parole loard had announced that Leary vould be granted parole effective une 7. Leary was convicted in Texas 1 1970 of transporting and facilitatng the transportation of less than a alf-ounce of marijuana which he new had been illegally imported. The board gave no reason for the

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jection to the appeal bond. He said he set the bond Monday and mailed the documents to California.

Leary's attorneys had asked for the bond to free their client while he appeals the Texas sentence to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Or-

Leary, once known as the "high priest" of LSD, was arrested in Laredo in 1966 and subsequently convicted on two counts of transporting marijuana and failing to pay a tax

By SUSAN BROWN

Individuality is the most important trait of a journalist, according to Texas A&M Centennial professor John C. Merrill.

visit last week. He was scheduled to speak to the philosophy club last Tuesday night, but ended up at T.J.'s when no members came. Mer-rill said, "There is a definite decline of interest in philosophy in the na-

tion today."

Merrill told a reporting class that

Merrill wants individual journalism journalists should avoid conformity at all costs. He emphasized this be-lief throughout his informal speech with his witty and surprising com-

ments.

Merrill discussed five myths that may concern a journalist and infringe on his individual freedom.

Many journalists attempt to justify their work with the people's right-to-know concept, Merrill said. Al-though people may have a curiousity or a need to know, the people's right concept is contradictory to the idea of a free press. The journalist has the right to print or not print what he wants, he said.

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The press is not the watchdog of the government, Merrill said. "If this is true, then who owns the

watchdog and what is it protecting?"

The concept of a watchdog does not make sense when applied to journalism, because the ownership of the press cannot be established,

The third myth discussed by Mer rill is the idea that the press and government have an adversary relationship. People rarely want the situation to be reversed, where the government fights back, Merrill aid. However, there must be a double antagonism in an adversary rela-

"It takes two to adversary," he

The public may feel that they have the right of access to the media. Merrill said this idea is also contradictory to the idea of a free press. The editor makes the decisions about his publication.

"If the editor cannot make the decision as to what he will or will not print, the decisions are taken out of

Merrill said there is no such thing as objectivity in reporting.
"Reporting is always done by human beings. This human being is

bound to make subjective judgments as to what stories to report and how he will report them," he said.

Merrill said a journalist may lose some of his freedom because of publishers and editors.

A reporter is expected to fit into the corporate structure of a newspaper. A journalist's freedom is infringed upon more by his own institution rather than the government," Merrill said.

In a university situation, however, a person should be encouraged to experiment and to use his imagination and creativity, he said.

Merrill has recently completed a book, "Existential Journalism", which should be published by De cember. The term "existential journalism" refers to a new commitment to expanding the freedom of a jourvances in newspaper productions the personal touch of editing and publishing,"

A former associate prote Texas A&M (1962-64), Merri columnist for The Eagle. Me The Eagle is typical of sma

newspapers, not particular and not extremely bad. "There are probably worsen than The Eagle, but don't a where," he said.

Merrill concluded that the a journalist in a free societya recognized by the individua press is given freedom, some in the system will be respon reporting the facts and other not. The free society must be a accept the responsible and in sible people, Merrill said.

"We must be willing to acce consequences (of living in a feety)," he said.

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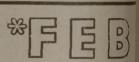
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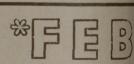
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