

Arts Committee holds awards program

3 share first in poetry contest

By MARY C. BECKER

Aggies are viewed by outsiders as a roughneck crowd getting drunk at midnight yell practice. But last night, they showed another side when a student took first place for fiction and three people shared first place in poetry at the third annual creative writing awards program.

Seventy persons gathered in Rudder Theatre as MSC Arts Committee chairman Ken Dimmick introduced the special speaker Peter Cooley.

Cooley, a creative writing instructor from Tulane University in New Orleans, read a selection of poems.

The readings included one made from a series of lines Cooley had written in notebooks and another he had written as elegy for a friend who committed suicide. Dimmick and Cooley then presented the awards to the finalists.

Kevin Dane Higginbotham, a sophomore in journalism, took the \$75 first place fiction award with his story about a student who stole a watch from his father. The \$50 second prize went to Vera Alyson Williams, a computer science junior, and John Nelson Evans, a wildlife and fishery freshman, won \$25 for his entry. When the winners read from their entries, Evans said, after hearing Cooley, his voice would sound like a vacuum cleaner in comparison. Dimmick said the judges pre-

ferred not to make a choice so three winners shared first place in poetry and each received \$50.

The winners in poetry were Glen Anderson, a senior in industrial engineering, Bonnie Elaine Campbell, a junior in history and Beverly Gainer, a junior in English. Fiction judges were Richard Costa, Harrison Hirth and Frank

Peirce from the A&M English department. Poetry judges were Paul Christensen and Janet McCann from the English department and Wulf Kopke from the foreign language department.

The six winners will read their selections April 19 in room 226 of the Sterling C. Evans Library during National Library Week.



Battalion photo by Richard Wallace

Rifle Range Open

Clint Pullin, class of '80, checks his target after firing his revolver. The Rifle Range in the basement of the Military Science building opened yesterday for the first time to general students and faculty for recreational usage. The range manager Sgt. Jesse L. Best is responsible for obtaining permission for non-military personnel to use the range.

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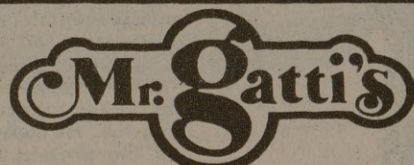
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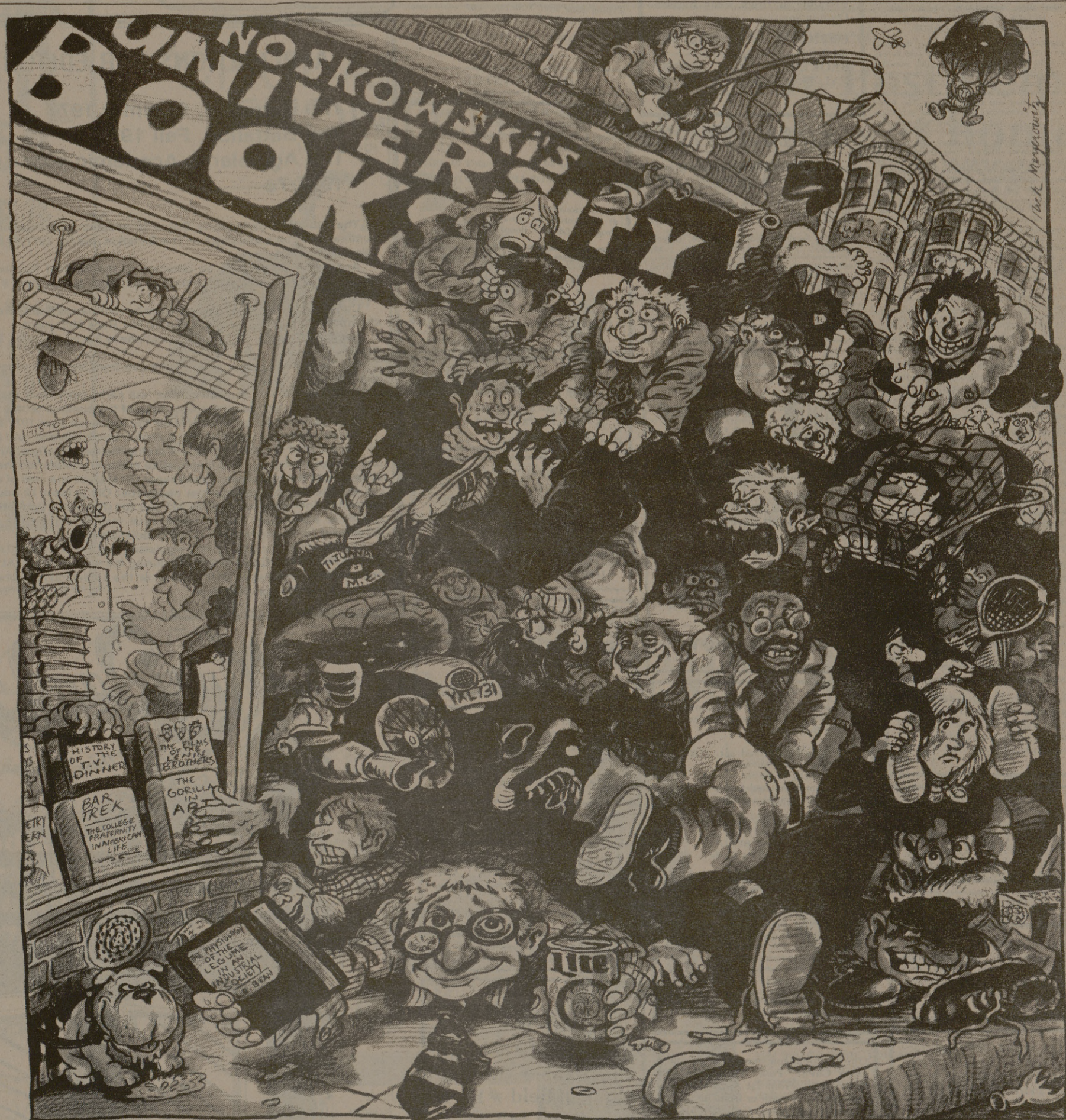
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