

# Two speakers scheduled for April Political Forum

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Joshua Rubinstein, Field Coordinator for Amnesty International, and Reagan V. Brown, newly appointed Texas agriculture commissioner, will speak next month at Texas A&M in conjunction with Political Forum.

Rubinstein, whose appearance is also sponsored by the International Students Association, will discuss human rights during an April 6 presentation at 8 p.m. in the Rudder Theatre. A film will be included.

Amnesty International is a London based organization founded in 1961 that aims to guarantee freedom of speech and religion throughout the world. It works for the release of

men and women imprisoned for their beliefs.

The organization's activities include investigating conditions under which prisoners are held and sending observers to attend political trials.

Rubinstein's presentation complements the organization's main objective for 1977: "campaigning for more human rights."

Amnesty International has been officially recognized by groups such as the Organization of African Unity, the Organization of American States and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.

Brown, a graduate of Texas A&M,

served as special assistant to Gov. Dolph Briscoe for four years before being appointed as commissioner of agriculture.

He will speak April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower 601 on "An Aggie in the Governor's Office."

A proven speaker, Brown says he has received 411 standing ovations as a speaker at 422 meetings during the past three years. He has spoken to more than 180,000 persons.

Brown has received many honors including the Faculty Achievement Award presented by the Former Students Association of Texas A&M and the Superior Service Award of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

## Kirkpatrick starts Sept. 1

# New department head

Dr. Samuel A. Kirkpatrick will become head of political science at Texas A&M University Sept. 1, said Dean of Liberal Arts W. David Maxwell.

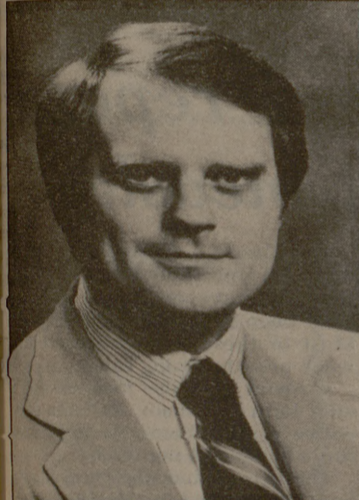
Kirkpatrick, currently director of the Bureau of Government Research at the University of Okla-

homa, will fill the position of Dr. Paul P. Van Riper who is returning to full-time teaching.

The new department head currently holds two other positions as the University of Oklahoma professor of political science and director of the scholar-leadership enrichment program.

1968 and was named acting director of the research bureau a year later. During the summer of 1970, he was visiting assistant professor and research associate at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.

A cum laude undergraduate of Shippensburg State College in Pennsylvania, Kirkpatrick received his masters from Penn State in 1966 and his Ph.D. in 1968.



KIRKPATRICK

Kirkpatrick has written two books, coauthored three others and edited two more. He has also written several book chapters and wrote or coauthored more than 60 articles, papers and monographs.

His fields of expertise include electoral behavior and public opinion, research methods, social psychology and politics, state and urban policy, legislative behavior and decision-making on the individual, small group and organizational levels.

The Pennsylvania native has held a number of fellowships, among them awards from the National Science Foundation and American Political Science Association.

Kirkpatrick, a former legal assistant for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, first became affiliated with the University of Oklahoma in

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## Campus

**VETERANS** attending Texas A&M University on the GI Bill need to meet with campus Veterans Administration representatives as soon as possible in order to insure continued benefit payments for the summer. Effective June 1, payments will arrive at the end of the month.

**CITIZENS for Quality Education (CQE)**, concerned with the educational growth of College Station schools, held an organizational meeting recently and elected Bill Parker and Oran Jones president and treasurer respectively. Anyone interested in joining CQE should contact Betty Rivers, membership chairman, at 846-3973.

**SPENCER GUIMARIN**, the state's top recruiter of college talent for hospitals and health careers, will be conducting a full-day seminar tomorrow starting at 9:30 a.m. in Rudder 601. The emphasis of the discussion will be the current employment outlook for health careers. The program is sponsored by the Medical Technology Society and the Texas A&M Nursing Society.

**THE DANCE THEATRE** of Harlem will give two demon-

stration-lectures tomorrow in the Rudder Center Auditorium at 10:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$1 and are available at the Rudder Center Box Office. The ballet company's performance is sponsored by the Arts Council of Brazos Valley and OPAS Guild in cooperation with the OPAS-Town Hall Committee of Texas A&M University.

## Texas

**AN EXPLOSION** in Amarillo yesterday killed two veteran employees at a nuclear weapons plant and a third worker was injured. Officials said the plant assembles nuclear weapons, but that no radioactive material was involved in the explosion. The explosion at the Energy Research and Development Administration's Pantex Plant killed Chester Crimes and Ray Tucker, both 62, of Amarillo. Both had worked at the plant for 25 years. Plant foreman John Hendershot of Armillo was in critical condition at Northwest Texas Hospital.

**A HOUSE COMMITTEE** has approved a school finance bill which would freeze local school property taxes for next year and reduce the taxes the following year. The \$694 million bill is tentatively scheduled for House debate next week or immediately after the legislature's Easter break. Rep. Tom Massey, D-San Angelo, chairman of the Education Committee, said the bill should have a great deal of support in the House.

## National

**THE 1964 REPORT** by the Warren Commission shows George de Mohrenschildt, sought before his apparent suicide as a "crucial witness" for the House Assassination Committee, claimed he befriended Lee Harvey Oswald out of kindness. The commission concluded the Russian-born scientist, linguist and international businessman had nothing to do with Oswald's assassination of John F. Kennedy in Dallas Nov. 22, 1963.

**BREAKTHROUGHS** were not to be expected; it was a time of testing. And President Carter should hold firm on strategic arms because "if the Russians want an agreement, they'll come around." Those conclusions can be drawn today from Congressional and diplomatic analyses in the aftermath of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's mission to Moscow. It was "no surprise" to

Sen John Stennis, one of the leading proponents of American military might, that the Soviet Union would not buy Carter's proposal to lower strategic arms ceilings.

**PLANS TO REENACT** the atomic bombing of Hiroshima have been dropped by the Confederate Air Force in Lafayette, La. Lawyer Richard Broussard, a member of the Cajun Wing of the CAF, said the simulated bombing has been deleted from the group's air show scheduled Sunday at the regional airport. Last October, the group reenacted the bombing at a show in Harlingen, Tex., which was protested by pacifists and Japanese officials.

## World

**AS REBEL INVADERS** push deeper into Zaire's southern copper belt and infiltrate the key mining city of Kolwezi, demoralized government troops are deserting, reports from the region said yesterday. U.S. embassy officials said five Americans remained in Kolwezi—four missionaries and a mining company employee. Another 43 Americans were evacuated Tuesday from the city of 200,000 persons.



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