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Marvin Zindler told a crowd at Texas A&M Tuesday he feels many reporters are misinterpreting the rights given them by the First Amendment.

Battalion photo by Becky Leake

# Reporters' views of their rights 'shocking,' Zindler says at A&M

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Many reporters' interpretations of the rights the First Amendment gives them are alarming, Marvin Zindler told a group in Rudder Forum Tuesday afternoon.

Zindler, a reporter with KTRK-TV in Houston, spoke on "The Free Press and Investigative Journalism" in a program sponsored by MSC Great Issues.

He said he recently attended a conference on "Law and the Media," and was dismayed by the ideas expressed by some of the reporters present.

"What they thought the First Amendment gave them the right to do was shocking," Zindler said. Some reporters said they would go to such extremes as stealing notes from offices or posing as doctors to get a story, he said.

Zindler said he is not surprised that the Supreme Court has made recent decisions limiting both the

## Editors' discussion tonight

A panel of three Texas newspaper editors will be on the Texas A&M University campus tonight to discuss "Freedom of the Press — The Fourth Estate."

Ed Hunter of The Houston Post, Ray Mariotti of the Austin American-Statesman and Tom Simmons of the Dallas Morning News will hold the talks in room 206 of the Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m. Bob G. Rogers, head of the Communications Department at Texas A&M, will be the moderator. Admission is free.

role of the press in court proceedings and the confidentiality of sources.

"(We) can't break-in and steal and be protected. If we want to protect the First Amendment, these young reporters must realize that they can't do these things," he said.

Zindler is probably best known for his investigative report concerning the "Chicken Ranch," an open house of prostitution in LaGrange. As a result of his investigation, he

received the first place award for investigative reporting from the Texas Associated Press.

Both businesses and governmental agencies are the targets of Zindler's regular television appearances, which deal primarily with viewers' complaints.

He said he is able to attract attention to the problems presented in his investigations through the use of his television camera.

"Sometimes you have to hit a jac-

kass over the head with a 2-by-4 to get his attention," Zindler explained. "And that is what my camera does — it's the 2-by-4."

Zindler told of a recent case that, he said, "really got me."

He was covering a story in the Municipal Court building, he said, and saw a man in a wheelchair waiting in line to pay a traffic ticket.

The young man was a student at the University of Houston and had parked his van — clearly marked as a vehicle owned by a handicapped person — in an area reserved for the handicapped.

The student had received a ticket, Zindler said, and because of a mix-up in communication, his appointment for appeal had not been recorded.

Zindler walked up as the young man was about to be put in jail because he didn't have enough money to post bond.

"I was able to have his ticket removed," Zindler said.

## Magazine dormant since 1972

# Engineering journal revived

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After seven years of non-existence, The Texas A&M Engineer will once again be distributed to the faculty and students in the College of Engineering.

The magazine's first issue will arrive Thursday, according to Steve Rottler, a senior nuclear engineering student who is editor of the magazine.

The magazine was first printed in 1940. It continued until 1972 when University funds were cut off.

"The cost was high and the dean thought the magazine was not worth the money being spent on it," Rottler said.

There was talk of reviving the magazine two years ago, but the Engineering Council could not find an editor and adequate funds were not available, Rottler said.

Both problems appear to have been solved.

Money for the new magazine will come from advertising instead of University funds. The magazine has an account with a New York firm to recruit advertisers across the nation.

Rottler said the magazine will accept national advertisements and the staff will not attempt to gather local advertisements unless it becomes necessary.

Although the name will remain the same, Rottler said the new magazine will contain several changes.

Rottler said content would be the biggest change because a different emphasis and direction has been placed on the new magazine.

The old magazine was basically a

school magazine, and the staff did an excellent job with what it had to work with, Rottler said.

Rottler said the new magazine will not be technical but professional.

The magazine will be dealing in engineering research and development as it applies to today's problems, Rottler said.

Rottler said the magazine will not get involved in either political or University issues.

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# Water main breaks

A 6-inch water main broke on the southwest side of campus near Aston Hall Tuesday, depriving four dorms of water for almost two hours.

Alfred Hayes, a physical plant department plumber, said the cause of the break may have been a ground shift which put extra pressure on the pipe.

The water main, which broke at about 1 p.m., sent water running

into the parking lot behind Aston Hall, Hayes said.

"There was no damage to any of the dorms or any of the cars in the parking lot," Hayes said. Commons Area Coordinator Paul Henry said

the only complaints from residents concerned some pipes which leaked when the lines were pressured up again after repairs had been made.

## KKK active in Oklahoma?

OKLAHOMA CITY — Ku Klux Klan activity has been verified at Enid at the public school and college level, state Human Rights Director William Y. Rose said Tuesday.

Rose, who has headed the Human Rights Commission since its creation in 1963, said his agency had received inquiries regarding KKK activity at Enid and verified its existence.

"We feel there is some activity in the high school and maybe in a

couple of junior high schools," he said. "It is difficult to say how effective it is, but the mere presence concerns us very much."

Rose said a student group at Phillips University, a private college at Enid, had invited a KKK speaker to the campus and offered to pay him a fee.

"We are working on some recommendations for the schools," Rose said, "centering on programs to expose the history of the Klan and to counter its philosophy."

## Drug-smuggling ring busted

MEXICO CITY — A dragnet of federal agents and soldiers has captured a 13-member Mexican drug ring that smuggled heroin and marijuana from Colombia to Mexico and the United States, authorities reported.

Authorities said Monday the band of Mexican drug smugglers that included one woman, was arrested in

the states of Jalisco and Nayarit, in the central region of Mexico.

Authorities said members of the band admitted that they smuggled marijuana and heroin into northern Mexico and San Diego, Calif., from Colombia.

They said 4 pounds of pure cocaine were confiscated from the band's members.

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