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Recent relaxed sexual attitudes topic of speech

By NANCY FLOECK

Acceptance and openness have been the most significant changes in this country's sexual attitudes, Gay Talese, author of "Thy Neighbor's Wife" said Tuesday night.

Speaking to a crowd of about 400 in Rudder Theater, Talese said Americans have learned to relax and enjoy sex and be open about sexuality.

"I don't think this country is any more moral than it was during my mother's time," he said. "But because of birth control pills, they can now do without fear what they did (before) with fear."

Talese said he noticed this change of attitude during the late 1960s and early 1970s, when magazine parlor and pornographic magazines and films became commonplace. He said this change prompted him to write "Thy Neighbor's Wife." The best-seller concentrates on sexual attitudes, especially those among middle-aged men.

While researching the book, Talese said, he spent six months managing a massage parlor. Most of the customers were middle-aged, middle-class married men, he said.

"These men don't consider patronizing a massage parlor an infringement on marital rights," he said, but view it as a form of therapy and a release from monotonous marriages.

"There are men who seek sexual variety," Talese said. "It's part of the male biology ... men seek variety, whereas women are much more serious about

He said when a woman has an extramarital affair, it's usually a serious relationship and often threatens her marriage. Because of this personal involvement in sex, he said, women don't frequent massage parlors. He added that he didn't believe any man could make a living as a gigolo.

"Women just won't pay for it," he said.

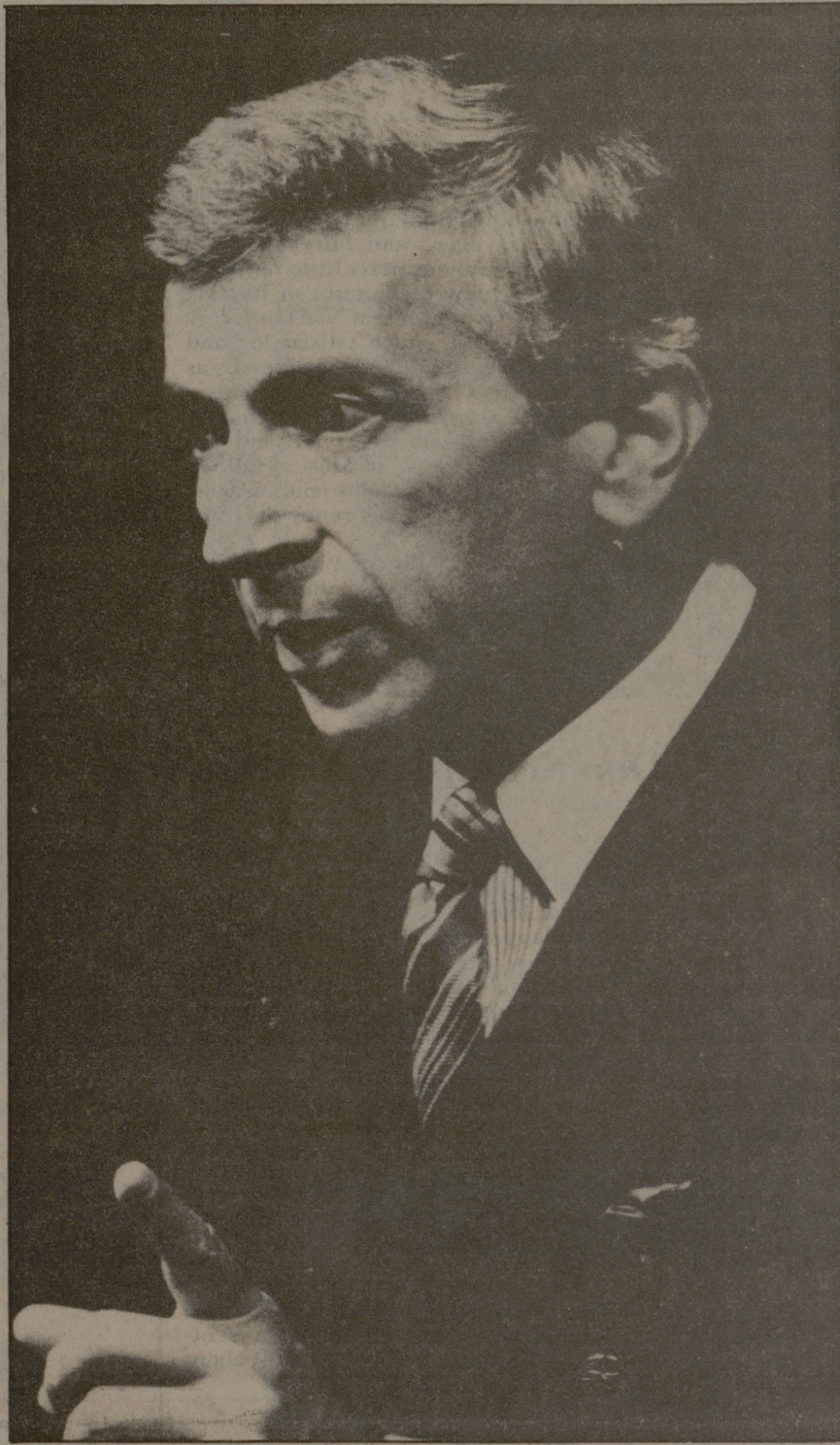
He also said women, unlike men, aren't sexually aroused by photographs or films of nudes. Instead, Talese said, women find written material exciting. Both markets are big, and such material is as prevalent and accessible in most cities as Dairy Queens and Kentucky Fried Chicken, he said.

Talese said he believes this relaxed attitude proliferated during World War II. When women entered the work force at that time, he said, many moved away from their home towns, "confinement, gossip and the parish priest."

Men were being drafted and leaving behind them feelings of loneliness and emptiness, he said. No one knew if they would return, Talese said, and a feeling of urgency and sexual abandonment pervaded these years.

This attitude change had advantages then, as it does now, he said. People no longer married just to have sex, he said, and, consequently, were better able to deal with the responsibilities of marriage.

"I think people learn through sex education what many in my generation learned through marrying," he said. "They discovered what sex is, as opposed to love."



Staff photo by Dave Einsel

Gay Talese, author of "Thy Neighbor's Wife," speaks in Rudder Theater Tuesday night about changing sexual attitudes in America. Talese, who was sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee, discussed many of the themes found in his best-selling book.

Students vote down ERA in mock poll

By JANE G. BRUST

Texas A&M students failed to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in a mock referendum sponsored by the MSC Political Forum Committee Tuesday.

In a tally of 1,414 votes cast, 697 students (49.3 percent) voted in favor of the ERA and 717 students (50.7 percent) opposed it.

"With the conservatism on this campus, we felt the no's would really outnumber the yes's, but it was really close," Political Forum member Gary Hickman said.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Political Forum members worked polling stations at five campus locations including the Memorial Student Center.

Committee members originally prepared only 700 ballots, but with a greater-than-expected voter turnout, they

quickly printed an additional 700, Hickman said.

"We had about twice as many people as we expected," he said, "but some people did say they haven't made up their minds about the ERA."

"Typically people did have their minds made up, but many were surprised that the amendment is so short."

Hickman said that might indicate that those voters had never actually seen the ERA before.

The mock referendum was a project intended to generate interest in a Political Forum debate scheduled for Oct. 27 in Rudder Theater at 8 p.m.

Phyllis Schlafly, national chairman of Stop ERA, and feminist activist Katherine Brady will debate in the program entitled, "Perverted Hoax or Fundamental Freedom: The ERA." Hickman is chairman of the Schlafly-Brady debate.

Mengden scheduled to announce candidacy

State Senator Walter H. Mengden Jr., R-Harris County, is scheduled to be in College Station Thursday to announce his candidacy for U.S. senator. He will present a news conference at 2:15 p.m. at the La Quinta Inn, 607 Texas Ave.

Mengden, who has 11 years of experience in the Texas Legislature, is seeking the Republican nomination for

the Nov. 2, 1982 election. He will be competing against Republican Don Richardson and U.S. Representative Jim Collins for the nomination in the May 1, 1982 primary.

Mengden, a Houston oilman and attorney, will be travelling across the state presenting a series of news conferences.

Rioting Poles clash with police

United Press International
WARSAW, Poland — Thousands of Poles battled in the streets of Katowice with police who were trying to suppress underground newspapers, and strike threats spread across Poland because of food shortages.

Solidarity said 5,000 people took to the streets in the worst violence in 14 months of unrest after three unionists were arrested for distributing underground newspapers and Solidarity bulletins. The police crackdown could signal a new hard-line stance by the government.

Polish television showed a huge crowd in the southern city, with leaders standing atop an overturned police van using bullhorns to direct an attack on police headquarters.

Although Solidarity negotiators felt a breakthrough could be near on ending a week-long wildcat strike by 12,000 workers protesting "tragic" food shortages in the town of Zyrardow, elsewhere strike threats spread to other cities and provinces.

Most of the deadlines on the protests over drastic food and other consumer goods shortages were delayed until after a crucial meeting of the Solidarity lead-

ers Thursday and Friday to set national policy on food disputes.

"Bullhorns were used from the overturned van to instigate the people to attack the police station," television said after the riot in Katowice, the first major battle over a purely political issue.

Solidarity said helmeted police use truncheons against the crowd. The official report said "order was restored by police," but not before windows in the police headquarters had been broken by stones.

Solidarity's chief negotiator in the stalled talks in Zyrardow said authorities had dropped their position that the strike, which began Oct. 12, was "political" rather than economic. Workers do not receive strike pay for political strikes.

"It could be a breakthrough," Stanislaw Rusinek said of the strike near Warsaw. Rusinek had extensive telephone contacts with government officials after talks begun Monday did not resume Tuesday as planned.

He said if the government had not branded the strike political, it probably would have ended quickly.

Mubarak orders end to Arab criticism

United Press International
CAIRO, Egypt — President Hosni Mubarak has departed sharply from the policy of Anwar Sadat, ordering the state-controlled media to end their war of words today against Arab governments opposed to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Even Libyan leader Moammar Khadafi, usually the target of virulent attacks and scathing satire, was not mentioned in the columns of Cairo's three Arabic-language daily newspapers.

In an interview published on the eve of today's renewed Palestinian autonomy talks, Mubarak also indicated a firm stance with Israel in talks on Palestinian autonomy — the first negotiations with Israel by the Mubarak government.

But Mubarak also told an Israeli interviewer Tuesday he hopes to visit the Jewish state before the end of next January for his first summit talks with Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Cairo newspapers under Sadat carried anti-Arab editorials and cartoons in support of his battle with Arab governments that attacked Egypt for making a separate peace agreement with Israel. Sadat often castigated his Arab detractors in public statements and speeches, but Mubarak insisted he made the decision jointly with Sadat before his assassination.

Mubarak first disclosed his intention to end criticism of other Arab regimes in an interview with two American corres-

pondents, which Cairo newspapers gave banner headlines in today's editions.

Declaring he will adopt a "wait and see" attitude, Mubarak expressed hope his decision will improve relations with a largely hostile Arab world. Independent observers said it may defuse tension but is unlikely to heal the rupture.

Small fire extinguished in elevator

A Texas A&M student extinguished a small fire at the A.P. Beutel Health Center Tuesday night which a fire official says resulted from a short in the elevator door mechanism.

No one was hurt.

The College Station Fire Department responded to the alarm at 6:14 p.m. but the fire was already put out, Captain David Giordano said. Texas A&M student Burt Pie, an emergency care attendant, put out the flames out with a fire extinguisher after noticing sparks and flames as he got off the elevator.

The University Physical Plant has not yet determined the extent of damages.

But, until the elevator can be repaired, Giordano said, people at the health center will have to use the stairs.

Doctorate in philosophy proposed

The establishment of a doctoral degree in philosophy with options in industrial or clinical psychology is scheduled for discussion Thursday at a 1:30 p.m. meeting of the Academic Council.

This type of degree was proposed several years ago but was rejected by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents, said Dr. Rand B. Evans, head of the Department of Psychology.

The degree emphasized the field applications of psychology; however, the degree now being proposed emphasizes industrial and clinical psychology.

These are the two major areas in present-day applied psychology," Evans said. "We have very good hopes that this one will go through."

In other business, council members will discuss establishing a bachelor of business administration degree with a major in business analysis and discuss proposed curricula revisions in the Department of Biology.

The Academic Council is a University-wide body comprising administrators, deans, department heads and elected faculty members.

Recommendations made by the Academic Council are forwarded to the Board of Regents and then to the Coordinating Board for Texas Colleges and Universities.

The meeting is scheduled to be held in 601 Rudder.

Texas A&M psychology study

College football players less angry than peers

By JENNIFER CARR

College football players are actually less angry, hostile and depressed than their peers not participating in organized athletics, says a study done by two Texas A&M psychology professors.

Dr. Jack R. Nation and Dr. Arnold D. LeUnes administered a series of four tests to a group of 108 college football players, to 60 college students who had lettered in high school athletics and to 60 students who had not.

The first test given measured six personality components: tension, depression, anger/hostility, vigor, fatigue and confusion. The football players responded differently than the other two test groups in that they showed considerably less of all the components except for tension, which was about the same for all three groups.

However, the football players showed considerably more authoritarianism — the tendency to think in conventional terms and to be prejudiced or closed minded, LeUnes said.

"They (football players) certainly are conventional, rigid — they would certainly be prone to discriminate against people who aren't like them," he said. "Of course, this can be of real value to a coach because you want your players not to like the people on the other team."

In another test, the players indicated they tend to feel other people are more in control of their lives than they are,

LeUnes said. The test measures whether people feel internal control of their own lives or external control by chance or by other people.

"We thought they might be more internal, but when you think about it, they're under the domination of the coach and coaching staff so much," LeUnes said. "They tell them everything."

The final test showed that while the high school athletes and non-athletes believed that brute force wins most athletic contests, the players believed strongly that mental preparation is important to the game.

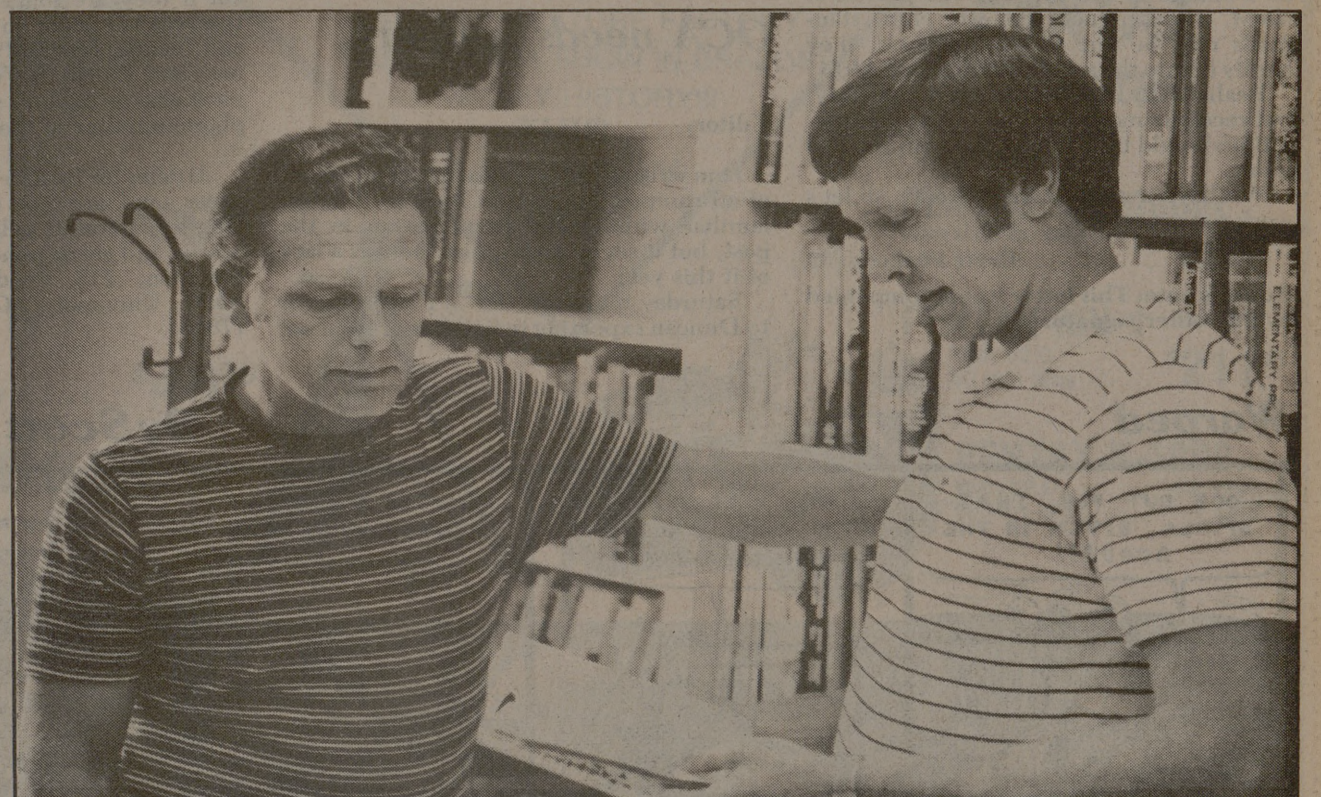
LeUnes said he and Nation were surprised at how much better the football players scored in comparison to the other two groups.

The players are successful people who have been good at something all their lives, he said, and this may be why they are so healthy psychologically.

LeUnes said he and Nation would like to work with women athletes and possibly with professional football players to develop a means of using weekly tests to determine how a player would perform that week.

And, he said, they would also like to test other groups such as student leaders and merit or president's scholars.

"I don't think it's restricted to football that you get these kinds of results," LeUnes said. "It may be a profile of a successful person regardless of the endeavor."



Staff photo by Brian Tate

Arnold LeUnes, left, and Jack Nation, Texas A&M psychology professors, discuss the results of

their study comparing college football players to non-athletic college students.