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Welfare State's virtues debated

by Jane North
Battalion Reporter
The Welfare State has made life better for human beings, Democratic Socialist Michael Harrington said Tuesday night. Harrington, often called America's foremost Socialist, debated with Conservative Republican Howard Phillips at the MSC Political Forum presentation of "The Welfare State: Cure-all or Killer?"

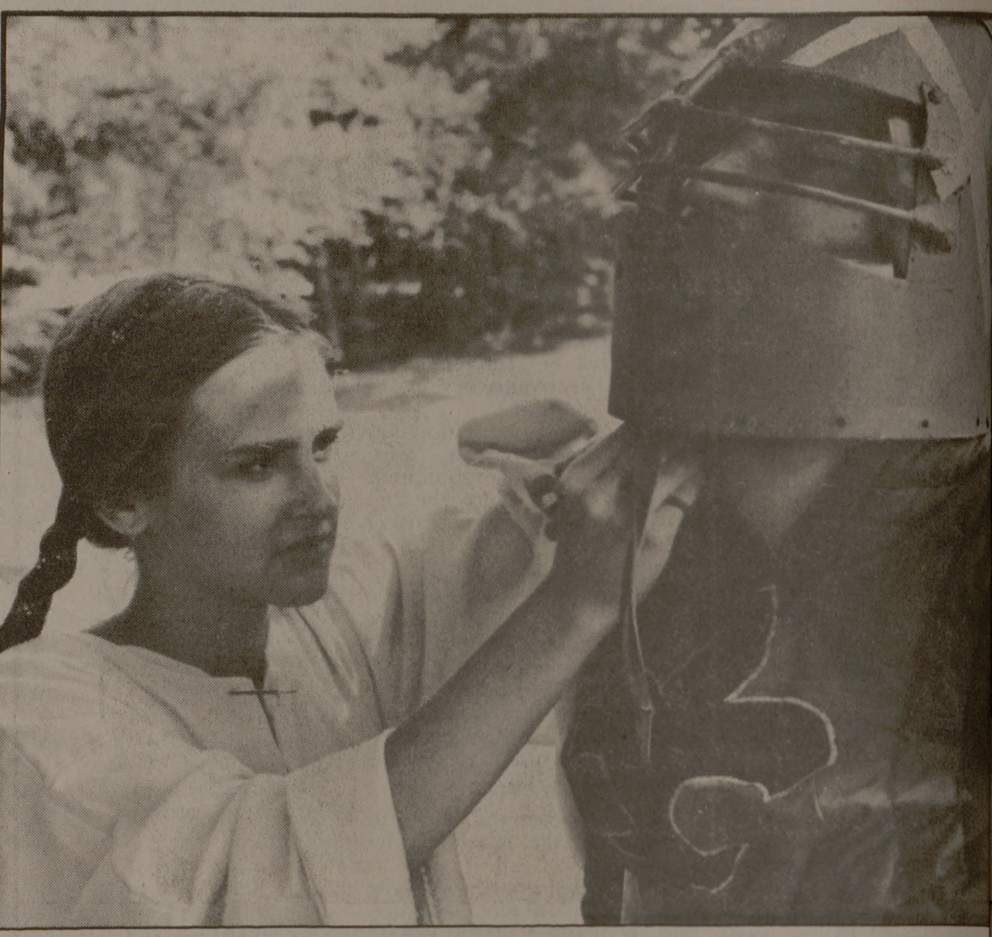
Analysis and Education Foundation since 1976. Whether the United States government should provide monetary assistance to its citizens in the form of Social Security benefits, food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid and other federal aid programs was the topic debated.

Harrington said he was for the resolution but that he did not accept the Welfare State as his ideal. Harrington said that the national image of the Welfare State is wrong. Americans stereotype the State as handing money to lazy people who don't want to work, and as interfering with economic growth.

Phillips said the central issue was whether or not America can survive the Welfare State and move forward to the policies of economic opportunity and economic growth. He said economic opportunity and growth can eliminate poverty and not just alleviate it, while dramatically increasing the prosperity and well-being of Americans.

Harrington said money should be given to corporations to invest in creating jobs and productivity. Phillips disagreed.

Instead of promoting the work ethic, he said, the federal dollars are promoting the welfare ethic.



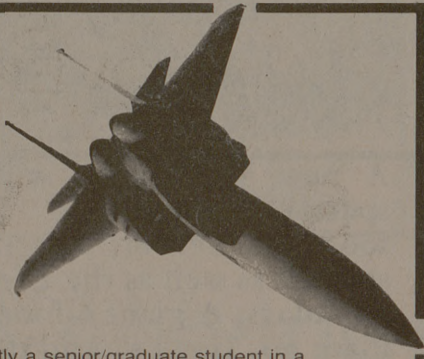
Tie one on..

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Society for Creative Anacronism member Monique Dubrule, a sophomore floriculture major from El Paso, makes the final adjustment on the helmet of a junior industrial education major, Cameron Bergeron, before sending him off to battle.

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Regents approve quarantine facility

by Michael Larkin
Battalion Reporter
A \$1.7 million high-security insect quarantine facility to house and study parasites has been approved by the Texas A&M System Board of Regents. It will be located on Highway 60 near the Veterinary Science Building.

equipment and personnel. They have requested an additional \$200,000 from the state to pay for it, Wharton said.

The new equipment and personnel will help to meet existing needs in the research program, he said.

Dr. Robert Wharton, director of the existing quarantine, said the current facility is not large enough to accommodate the current research programs.

The three research scientists working on the program are trying to find the natural enemies of crop pests. The program is studying the medfly, boll weevil and the rice-borer.

The facility will be a much needed improvement, Wharton said, and will provide additional office and lab space.

The research scientists are trying to find parasites from around the world that might be used to stop these pests, Wharton said.

Along with the new building, the quarantine will get new

Clements will visit University

by David Tharp
Battalion Reporter
Gov. Bill Clements headed a list of candidates to be hosted by the College Republicans at Texas A&M University this week. Mark Hearn, president of the campus group, said lieutenant governor candidate George Strake and Dr. Fred Thornton, the party's candidate for agricultural commissioner, already have made stops on the campaign trail for the November general election.

Clements, seeking a second term as governor, will be in campus Sept. 27 with U.S. Senate candidate Jim Collins.

Collins has been one of the nation's leading conservatives in Congress for the past 14 years. He has consistently voted for less spending and lower taxes.

The College Republicans are an extension of the Republican Party, Hearn said. The group's main objective is to assist in state and national campaigns.

"We also are conducting a campus survey to get people to register to vote, to vote absentee if they will not be able to vote Nov. 2, and to project the election outcome," he said.

The College Republican next meeting will be Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder. Students interested in joining are welcome to attend.

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