

Reagan's election called catalyst for censorship

United Press International
DALLAS — Conservative groups believe President Reagan's election gave them a mandate to increase their book-banning and censorship activities, says Maxwell Lillienstein, counsel for the American Booksellers Association.

"It's not due to anything the president has done overtly," Lillienstein said Sunday at an ABA convention seminar, "but many of the groups that supported his election now feel they have been given a mandate, and their activities are taking many forms."

Lillienstein said political censorship is on the rise and most of the activity has been generated by two conservative groups, Moral Majority and Citizens for Decency and Law, which publish lists of books that are to be discouraged and support "specialty stores" that do not offer those works.

Censorship also takes place at all government levels and through civil suits and public pressure, he said.

"We have parents going into stores suggesting the removal of certain books from the shelves with the implied threat of boycott," Lillienstein said.

Some states have "minors access" laws that wind up prohibiting access to books "clearly protected by the First Amendment," Lillienstein said.

ABA executive director G. Roysce Smith said in some towns booksellers feel reluctant to sell certain children's books to children without their parents' permission.

In Jackson, Miss., "Any citizen for the price of a \$500 bond can go to the sheriff and say that such-and-such at such-and-such store is dirty and shouldn't be sold and the sheriff can seize that inventory," Smith said.

"It is not yet clear what happens after that," he said.

In Idaho, bookstores can be enjoined from selling books for a year if they sell books that violate local statutes, Smith said. Similar laws have been passed but ruled unconstitutional in six other states.

Donald Laing, ABA director and a bookseller from Boulder, Colo., said censorship is the antithesis of book production and sales.

The public should decide through book sales what it considers to be obscene or moral, he said.

"The ethics of bookselling ought to be based on giving the public what it wants. If you really believe in the First Amendment, that's what it would be. It should not be up to the bookseller or the community to limit the selection of books or ideas," he said.



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Around town

EMT skills course to be conducted

The Brazos Valley Development Council's EMS program and Texas A&M will be conducting an **Emergency Medical Technician Special Skills course** June 9 through August 5. The course will be held on Thursdays and Fridays from 5-9 p.m. in Room 232 of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The 60 hour course is open to any currently certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). A tuition fee of \$100 will be charged to cover the cost of supplies.

Anyone interested in attending the course or requiring further information, please contact Laura Kitzmiller at 845-2184.

UNB appoints six new directors

University National Bank has appointed six local investment-businesmen to the Board of Directors.

Two men were elected as directors, and four others were named advisory directors.

The two new directors are **Don A. Adam**, of Bryan and **Robert A. Lacey**, of College Station. Serving as advisers are **Gary Guest** and **H.K. Odum**, of Bryan, and **Colonel R.W. Siegert** and **Chalon Jones**, of College Station.

Adam, Class of '58, is president and chairman of the board of Southern Cablevision Corporation and chief executive officer of CRA Company.

Lacey, Class of '60, is registrar for Texas A&M and a private investor.

Guest, Class of '77, is a builder and developer in the Bryan-College Station area.

Odum is a rancher in the Kurten community near Bryan. He graduated from Texas Christian University.

Siegert, Class of '51, is a retired U.S. Army Colonel who now is engaged in ranching and investments.

Jones, a University of Texas graduate, is an attorney in College Station.

Chemical engineering prof honored

Dr. R.G. Anthony, professor of chemical engineering, recently was recognized for the **Best Fundamental Paper** for 1982 by the South Texas Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineering.

Co-authors were **Prof. Jack Lunsford** and **Dr. Francois Ajala**, both of the Department of Chemistry. The South Texas section includes San Antonio, Austin, Bryan, College Station, Houston, Freeport and Texas City. It has about 1,000 chemical engineer members.

If you have an announcement or item to submit for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDo-ald or call 845-2611.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department between June 1 and June 5.

THEFTS:

- A Realistic Citizens Band radio from a 1977 Chevrolet pickup in parking lot 48.
- A wallet containing \$161 in cash, a driver's license, a student ID card and credit cards from a man's locker room in G. Rollie White Coliseum.
- A blue Schwinn bicycle from Zachry Engineering Center bike rack.
- A green 3-speed K-Mart Pro bicycle from Thompson Hall.
- A blue Miyata bicycle from Ball Street Apartments.
- A maroon Montgomery Ward 10-speed bicycle from the

Law Hall bike rack.

- A red Schwinn 10-speed bicycle from parking lot 38.
- A gray 10-speed Huffy bicycle from the bike rack near the Commons.
- The aluminum rear window louvers from a 1979 Mustang in parking lot 24.
- A Sears battery from a car in parking lot 51.

ARRESTS:

- A student, arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

BURGLARIES:

- A Radio Shack TRS-80 micro computer from room 601 Harrington.
- Four rings — a diamond ring, a ruby ring, an emerald ring and a class ring — from Dorm 3.

Byrd's doctors say sheriff had stroke

United Press International
DALLAS — Two doctors who examined Dallas County Sheriff Don Byrd have testified before a grand jury that the sheriff suffered a mild stroke before his car crashed into a signal light post, according to sources quoted in the Dallas Morning News Monday.

Psychiatrist Dr. James P. Grigson and Byrd's personal physician, internist Dr. Maynard F. Ewton, testified last Friday that they believed a stroke caused the accident, according to the Morning News.

Byrd and Grigson declined comment, and Ewton could not be reached, the Morning News reported.

Byrd said April 26 he had

suffered a stroke immediately before the accident. The grand jury is reportedly investigating

the possibility of misdemeanor drunk driving charges in the April 17 incident.

The Morning News quoted sources as saying the panel had been given medical reports indicating Byrd has been admitted

to Presbyterian Hospital with a blood alcohol level of 0.193, nearly twice the legal limit of intoxication.

Byrd has said he had two glasses of wine at a dinner theater before the crash and denies he was intoxicated.

White claims PUC law will reduce utility bills

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AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White Monday signed into law a bill to reform the operation of the Public Utility Commission — a measure the governor described would ensure that Texans will pay the lowest possible utility bills.

Flanked by legislative sponsors and the three members of the PUC appointed by White, the governor said the new law was the "most progressive bill" concerning regulation of utilities in the nation.

"This will create the atmosphere for the best regulation of public utilities in the country," White said. "If we'd had this bill in place four years ago, or before that, we wouldn't be paying the high utility bills we're paying right now."

The PUC bill will abolish the automatic fuel adjustment clause on utility bills, which allowed power companies to avoid hearings and pass directly through to consumers the costs of acquiring fuel. It also will limit the costs passed to consumers of construction work in progress and creates an office of public counsel to represent rate-

payers at hearings.

The new law will not, however, bring about one of White's foremost goals of the legislative session — the election of PUC members. That proposal failed to win the support of the House and Senate during the legislative session.

PUC Chairman Al Erwin said the bill will "create the framework for the best regulatory body in the country."

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