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A&M Forum: Are preachers wanted here?

by Edye Williams
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In a 170-111 vote, students attending the Texas A&M Forum Wednesday night voted that the "Rudder Mountain preachers" did not violate the separation of church and state.

Freshman Shelly Davies, opening speaker in favor of the resolution, said allowing these speakers to use university property and equipment is a violation of the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. Davies said she first became aware of the situation when she was embarrassed by one of the speakers.

Robin Wranosky, opening speaker against the resolution, said the First Amendment dealt with four freedoms: freedom of speech and expression, freedom from fear, freedom from want and the freedom to worship God in your own way. Doing away with these evangelists would infringe on all of these rights, she said, with the exception of freedom from want.

Wranosky said these evangelists have nothing to do with the separation of church and state, "because they are not University sponsored events and anyone can speak as long as time and space are available."

She concluded with the statement that most religions practice spreading the word to non-believers.

"To silence these speakers would tell them that they cannot do what their religious convictions tell them to do," she said.

After the opening statements, the floor was opened to the audience for discussion.

During the debate, audience members are free to walk across the aisle from where they are sitting if they change their opinions. At the end of the hour the audience votes on the resolution.

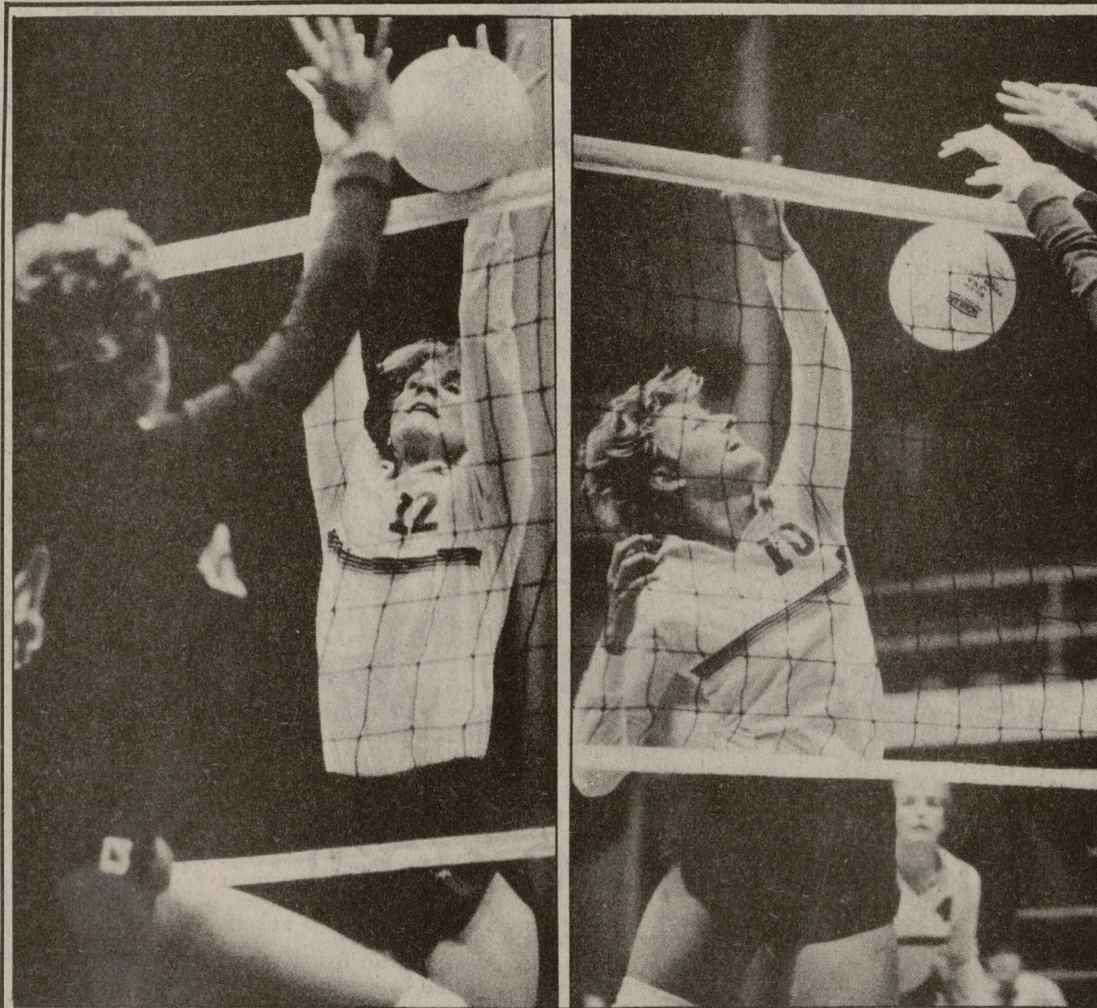
One audience member said because tax payers built the University and this was state property it should not be used for these speakers. This statement caused several students to move from their seats and side with those against the resolution.

Audience members in favor of the resolution maintained throughout the debate that "certain things in certain places are offensive," and that these preachers should stay in churches where they belong.

Several members even suggested that these people speak in front of the All Faiths Chapel instead of the steps at Rudder.

Those against the resolution argued that to ban these speakers from the steps of Rudder would be infringing on their freedom of speech and expression rights. Most of these comments followed the thought that just because you were offended doesn't mean these speakers should be banned from campus.

At one point the comments attacked individual people and one audience member suggested that arguments be relevant to the topic.



Aggies win

The Texas A&M volleyball team got back on the winning track Wednesday when the

Aggies defeated the University of Houston in three games. Related story on page 11.

Seminars discuss majors

by Cathy Smith
Battalion Reporter

Choosing a career and dating have something in common: both are expected of you but no one tells you how to do it, a counseling psychologist for the Student Counseling Service says.

Texas A&M's Student Counseling Service began the first of six career decision workshops Tuesday geared to help students choose a major course of study.

Dr. Fred Dorn, psychologist with the service, said the workshops are aimed at helping students choose a field of study and dispelling doubts about their decision.

The counselors ask students to consider their values when making a career choice, Dorn said. For example, is good pay more important than job satisfaction or is it possible to have both?

The workshops involve group interaction and group discussion with Dorn and counseling psychologist Dr. Anne Schroer.

The four-hour program is part of the service's three-tiered approach to career development, Dorn said. First, students can attend a one-hour interest clinic at which they are given an interest test. The counselors interpret the students' answers and then suggest fields of study that correspond with their interests, he said.

The career decision workshops comprise the second level of career counseling. The third level is the career motivation program. This is a six-hour program offered to scholarship recipients, Dorn said.

Interested students can make appointments for career development programs through the Student Counseling Service. There will be five more career decision workshops offered this semester, with 10 openings for each workshop, Dorn said. They will be Oct. 4, 6, 18, Nov. 3 and 29 in the YMCA Building. The counseling service will sponsor the programs in the spring also, he said.

Giamatti discusses national college

by Wanda Winkler
Battalion Staff

Americans have debated since George Washington's administration the role federal government plays in education, the president of Yale University said here Wednesday.

President A. Bartlett Giamatti, a member of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, told an audience of mainly faculty members and community residences that the

Washington administration proposed a national university that promoted national cohesion and freedom.

Giamatti's lecture, "The Role of the Federal Government in Higher Education," was the second of three he will present this week as part of the annual E.L. Miller Lecture Series.

The federal government has always been "caught between keeping its hands off" and getting directly involved in education, Giamatti

said. It has "tried to catch the mood of the American people."

Federal aid to education is most direct in times of national need such as war and economic depression, Giamatti said.

Americans value education because it transmits culture to its children, Giamatti said. "It's somewhere between a right and a luxury which is viewed as a path to social success."

The national government has begun to pri-

marily focus on equal opportunity and financial aid for students, he said.

"The explosion of federal aid to students in higher education," he said, "is part of a larger goal — to provide greater opportunity and access to higher education."

Giamatti will speak on "The Role of Athletics in Education" at 4 p.m. today in Room 204 of Sterling C. Evans Library.

Graduates learn vocational needs

by Linda Griggs
Battalion Reporter

A Vocational Special Needs Program, one of 25 across the country and the only one in Texas, is offered at Texas A&M.

Through the program, graduate students with degrees in vocational education and special education work together with handicapped people to help prepare them for employment. This way both groups of students get experience in the other field and receive a combined degree — vocational and special education.

"We work with all types of people who have trouble getting training because of some kind of handicap or disability keeping them out of employment," Dr. Linda Parrish, coordinator of the vocational special education program here, says.

The program, which began in 1976 for graduate students only, has been enlarged to include undergraduate students.

"We have a lot of undergraduate students who are picking this up as a support area and are taking courses in special education," Parrish said. As a result, a secondary special education program in the educational psychology curriculum is being developed.

"This secondary education program is unusual because most special education programs emphasize early childhood and development," Parrish said.

As part of the program, graduate students volunteer their time to work under supervision with handicapped people at Geranium Junction, a horticulture house on Texas Avenue that hires only handicapped persons. They also spend a day on campus under handicapped conditions in order to gain some understanding of the obstacles faced by the handicapped.

The Vocational Special Needs Program is supported by three grants. The Cross Disciplinary Training Grant, the Texas Education Agency Grant and a grant from the Governor's Planning

Council for Developmental Disabilities.

The Cross Disciplinary Training Grant, given by the Department of Education in Washington, helps support three students in the program.

Three top students selected receive \$775 a month to study at Texas A&M and get their doctorate degree in this combined field.

The Texas Education Agency Grant trains teachers in Texas on the use of new equipment and techniques for working with handicapped students.

This grant also pays for a statewide lending library at Texas A&M which contains more than 2,500 pieces of information including books, curriculum material, films, slides and software which are made available free of charge to teachers nationwide who request information.

"We have the biggest collection of materials that combines vocational and special education in the nation," Parrish said.

The grant from the Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities is for conducting a national survey on how organizations within special education have spent the money given to them by the federal government and to see what activities they've planned and whether they are profitable.

"This makes sure we are not duplicating each other's efforts," Parrish said.

While the Vocational Special Needs program trains students to instill a positive attitude in handicapped people and to prepare them for employment, Rusleen Maurice, Vocational Adjustment Coordinator for Bryan High School, takes handicapped students in the high school and places them in the community.

"We zero in on their strength and do not sell them to employers with skills they may not have," Maurice said.

Identification cards important for entrance to football games

by Cathy Smith
Battalion Reporter

A Texas A&M student I.D. card should be thought of the same way as an American Express card: don't leave home (or for the football game) without it, a Kyle Field gatemanager says.

Frank Kocman has worked at Aggie football games for 32 years and he says students have been forgetting their I.D. cards for the last 13 years.

It was about 13 years ago that the Southwest Conference passed a regulation requiring students to present their student I.D.s with their tickets to get into athletic events, Kocman says.

Some students forget their I.D.s, others have lost them, he says. It's amazing how many students can find their I.D.s at home when they find out they can't get in without them, he says.

Students who have lost their I.D.s can present their receipt for their new I.D. to get into the game. However, that's about the only exception the gatemanager will make for students without a current I.D., he says.

Head gatemanager James Fickey agrees that the main problem gatemanager have at football games is students not having I.D.s.

Often, one student will use an I.D.

to get in and then pass it through the gate for a friend to use, Fickey says.

When such students are caught, their I.D.s are taken away and taken to the athletic director's office. Students can pick them up on Monday, after speaking with the assistant athletic director, he says.

A lot of students don't understand why they must show an I.D. when they can show their fee slip or class ring to prove they're a student, but, Kocman says, I.D.s are better proof since they have the student's picture.

One reason for the I.D. requirement is money, head gatemanager Fickey

says. Student tickets are half-price. Every non-student who gets in on a student ticket costs the athletic department \$6, he says.

The unsuspecting visitor who thinks he can use a student ticket also is a problem, Kocman says. Non-students must purchase a \$6 sticker to use a student ticket.

Fickey says the gatemanager's main job is to get the spectator into the game quickly, with as little hassle as possible.

Reagan says Arizona a disaster area

United Press International

TUCSON — President Reagan declared Arizona a major disaster area Wednesday, but some embittered flood victims complained of the way state authorities have handled the storm crisis that left 13 known dead, two missing, thousands homeless and caused damage estimated at about \$300 million.

The declaration, which will bring federal reconstruction funds to the state, coincided with rising fears of looting and disease in Arizona's flood-ravaged south. Police at Clifton near

the New Mexico border slapped the debris-strewn copper mining town with a 10 p.m.-to-dawn curfew to ward off looters.

Plows clearing Main Street along the San Francisco River left piles of mud like snowbanks on each side. Clifton's water supply was undergoing tests because of concern that pollution could bring hepatitis and other illness.

Although some residents had had enough, others were determined to stay.

Some Clifton residents have become severely distraught because of bitterness about the loss of jobs from

the lengthy copper strike against Phelps Dodge Corp. followed by the loss of their homes to flooding, Gov. Bruce Babbitt said.

At Avra Valley west of Tucson, two men dressed in military fatigues and apparently posing as National Guardsmen tried to force people to evacuate by warning of a non-existent "wall of water" headed their way.

The death toll rose to 15 with a

report that two people were presumed drowned after their vehicle was swept Monday into the flooded Gila River near Sacaton.

"It looks like in my opinion the emergency is over," said Santa Cruz County Emergency Services Director Mike Byers at Nogales. The county adjacent to the Mexican border sustained at least \$5 million in damage.

Many roads were impassable on the 4,000-square-mile Papago Indian reservation near Tucson.

Pilots union chief asks for immediate emergency action

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The leader of the nation's biggest pilots union asked Congress Wednesday to take emergency action to keep Continental Airlines' bankruptcy filing from sparking a "wave of corporate lawlessness."

"Congress must act immediately to prevent misuse of the bankruptcy laws," Henry Duffy, president of the Air Line Pilots Association, told a

House labor subcommittee.

He appealed for emergency action to "prevent the total collapse" of labor-management relations in the United States, saying of the Continental bankruptcy, "This could spark a wave of corporate lawlessness."

Duffy, whose organization represents 34,000 pilots employed by 45 airlines, said Continental asked for bankruptcy protection last month so it

could do away with its labor agreements.

Continental, after suspending operations for three days, resumed a sharply reduced flight schedule. The Texas-based airline abrogated its union contracts, reduced wages and benefits by up to 50 percent and established emergency work rules.

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forecast

Partly cloudy and warm — highs in upper 80s. Slight chance of rain.