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Speaker examines prejudice

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Spellbound!
That was the emphatic feeling Dr. Charles H. King left over his audience in Rudder Theatre Thursday evening.

King, founder and president of the Urban Crisis Center in Atlanta, Ga., held the audience at the edge of its seats as he addressed the topic of racism.

To begin the program, sponsored by the MSC Black Awareness Committee, King placed the panel of 15 white and three black faculty, staff members, students and community leaders, and the audience under some "house rules." They were:

- Complete honesty
- Focus only on the relationship between whites and blacks
- No personal experiences
- Willingness to participate
- Commitment (don't get mad and

leave)

After the rules were made, King asked the panelists how they felt about the problems with racism. King compared responses and pointed out that no one on the panel would place the blame on whites.

"Whites will not acknowledge that they are the problem," King said, "nobody said white ignorance, white attitudes or lack of communication between whites."

King asked direct questions to the panelists and often cut them off in the middle of their responses. He used this as an analogy to show how blacks are placed under certain rules and must conform to those rules or get out of the game.

He said this game black people are playing is the game of life. It appeared some of the panelists thought King was rude in his delivery, but he often apologized for the method — not the message.

"If the victim does not cry out, no one will take action," King said. "Black people need to understand that they must take some kind of action too if they want others to help."

Better understanding, better insight and finding out how blacks feel were answers given by the white panelists when asked what they hoped to accomplish by attending this seminar.

King said all this is fine and well but asked when will white people take some action.

The audience of about 300 also was included in the program. King often paused to find out if there were any questions about anything he had covered.

King used many charts to illustrate his ideas of how whites' advantages had been turned around to be blacks' disadvantages.

King's main goal was to bring about racial understanding and equal

opportunity by sensitizing white institutions to the reality of racism.

"You never escape white prejudice," King said. "Blacks must put up with white prejudice but whites don't have to put up with blacks' prejudice."

King said he has dedicated the rest of his life to educate white people to see that racism is a problem.

About two hours after the program began, King stopped to create more audience participation by asking it to form small groups, which were dominated by whites in most cases. In these groups, he asked each member to tell the others how they felt about the program.

The consensus in most groups was that whites on the panel were trying to defend themselves and were finding out they were more prejudiced than they thought.

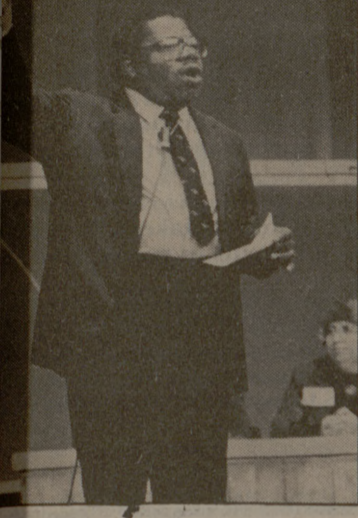
Arkansas visits Ags Saturday

Texas A&M will face the Arkansas Razorbacks at 2 p.m. this Saturday. The Aggies are 3-4-1 this season and are 2-2-1 in the conference. Arkansas is 5-3 this season and is 3-2 in the conference.

Both Arkansas and Texas A&M have more than another mark in the win column at stake Saturday. Possible bowl bids could hinge on the outcome of the game. Last year Arkansas shutout Texas A&M 35-0 in Little Rock, Ark.

The forecast for Saturday is clear skies with an expected high in the low 70's. A crowd of about 60,000 is anticipated.

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Hispanics for Jackson forms here

by Bob Caster
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"Hispanics for Jackson," a local group of Hispanics supporting Jesse Jackson for the democratic presidential nomination, held its first press conference Thursday at the office of Menorza and Associates in downtown

College Station. The committee is the first of several to be organized statewide and across the nation, said Duke Bonilla, spokesman for the committee and a member of Jackson's campaign staff. Other "Hispanics for Jackson" committees will soon be formed in a number of major Texas cities and in New York, New Mexico, Florida and California.

Bonilla said they also plan to organize on a number of college campuses including Texas A&M.

He said the most important function of the committee is to get people to the polls. To do this they will concentrate in getting Hispanics between the ages of 18 and 25 registered to vote. They also plan to educate the Hispanic community about Jackson, residential politics and the electoral process, Bonilla said.

"I think that once a person goes to the polls and votes, he feels a part of the electoral process and will go back to vote again," said Bonilla, who also is public relations director for the national League of United Latin American Citizens.

Although the LULAC constitution forbids the organization from endorsing any political candidates, Bonilla said individual members are free to support the candidates of their choice.

He said that much of the Hispanic community is supporting Jackson because he "offers hope where there is despair."

Jackson has been on top of issues that are important not only to Hispanics but to the rest of the country as well," Bonilla said. Contrary to what many people believe, he is not splitting the democratic party, rather he is enriching it by getting voters registered.

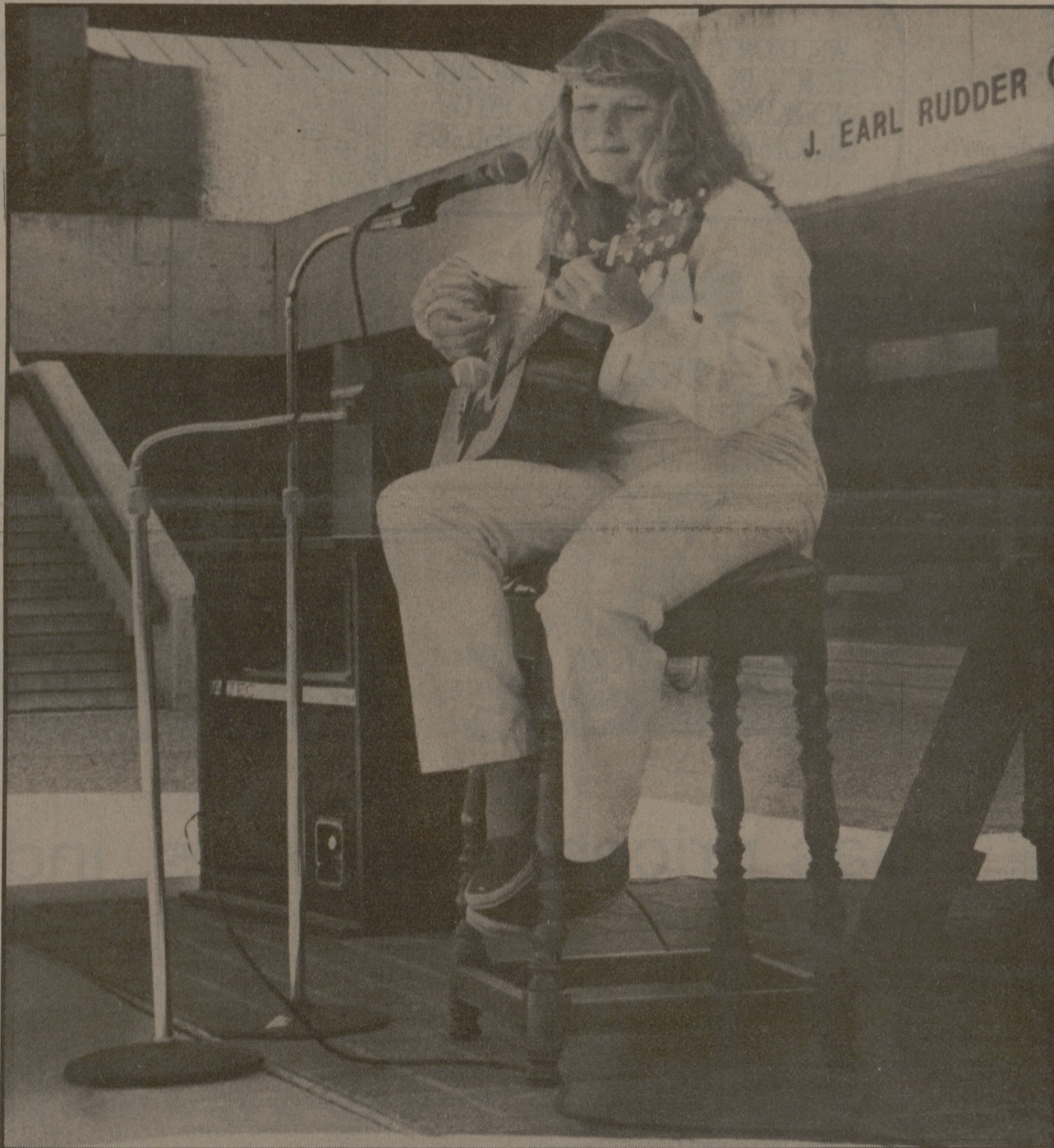
Bonilla said a number of issues important to Hispanics that Jackson will address are:

- Immigration — Jackson opposes an immigration policy that implores restrictions against Hispanics and favors policy that will economically benefit Mexico.
- Latin America — He opposes military aid and intervention.
- Economic parity — He supports a policy that won't aid the rich and hurt the poor.
- Education — He favors reviewing educational policy in the United States and making appropriate changes.

Bonilla said the Hispanics' main concern is defeating Ronald Reagan in the general election by getting as many delegates as possible.

"The bottom line," he said, "is to get a candidate in the general election that Hispanics will be comfortable with — someone who puts Hispanic concerns at the forefront of the presidential race and who won't put them on the back burner once he gets into office. We want someone who will keep in constant contact with the Hispanic community at all times."

Bonilla said he also hopes "Hispanics for Jackson" will serve as a machine to work with blacks on issues that will affect both groups in the future.



Karl Pallmeyer, Battalion photo

The singer sings a song....

People at Rudder Center at noon Thursday were entertained by Tracy Symons who sang and accompanied herself

on her guitar. Symons is a graduate student in wildlife and fisheries science from San Antonio.

Impeachment vote suggested

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Seven House Democrats Thursday asked the House to impeach President Reagan for ordering the invasion of Grenada two weeks ago.

Their resolution, offered to reporters prior to its introduction, said Reagan's action was unconstitutional and thus an impeachable offense because it usurped Congress's power to declare war, ignored treaty obligations, and violated First Amendment rights of the public and press in preventing reporters from covering the invasion in its first few days.

Those submitting the resolution were Reps. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., John Conyers, D-Mich., Julian Dixon, D-Calif., Mervyn Dymally, D-Calif., Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, Mickey Leland, D-Texas, and Parren Mitchell, D-Md.

Conyers Wednesday night issued a statement saying he thought Reagan should be impeached for ordering the

Oct. 25 invasion of the Caribbean island.

The call for impeachment goes contrary to House Speaker Thomas O'Neill and his 14-member House fact-finding delegation that visited Grenada and reported this week that there was justification for Reagan's decision to order the invasion of the tiny island.

An impeachment resolution must first be approved by a committee and then by the full House, which acts in effect like a grand jury, with an impeachment resolution equivalent to an indictment. Were the House to approve an impeachment resolution, a trial would be conducted by the Senate with the Supreme Court chief justice acting as a judge and the 100 senators as members of a jury.

In 1868 Andrew Johnson was tried by the Senate, but acquitted by a narrow margin. In July 1974 the House Judiciary Committee recommended three articles of impeachment against

President Nixon, who resigned the following month.

"The framers of the Constitution provided for impeachment in order to defend the country against what James Madison referred to during debates before the Constitutional Convention as 'the incapacity, negligence or perfidy' of the executive. To guard against the danger of too much power concentrated in the hands of a single person, as the American colonists had already experienced under the king of England, the framers included gross abuses of power and violations of the Constitution as impeachable offenses," Weiss said in remarks prepared for delivery to the House.

"By his actions in Grenada, the president has usurped the war-making power of Congress, contrary to the very constitutional framework of our government. It is now left to Congress to resort to the one option provided for in the Constitution which can truly rein in the actions of

President Reagan: Impeachment," said Weiss.

"I realize that this action does not fit the current mood of most Americans. But the Constitution of the United States was not meant to apply only when its provisions enjoy majority support," he said.

Conyers, head of a House Judiciary subcommittee, said Wednesday, "The genius of the Constitution is that it provides for the constitutional remedy of impeachment in the event that the executive abrogates his constitutional duties and oath of office by abrogating powers which, in turn, undermine the integrity of the office."

"After careful study and thought, it is now my position that the president's recent military actions in Grenada constitute this abrogation of the duties to which he is sworn," he said.

Events center plans reviewed

by Rusty Roberts
Battalion Staff

In 1954, Texas A&M had 7,000 students. At that time, the University needed a larger facility for basketball and other campus events. So it built G. Rollie White Coliseum with a capacity of 7,000.

But now, Texas A&M has 36,000 students and the Coliseum is outdated and inadequate, to say the least.

The University has already taken the first step in solving this inadequacy. It's called the Special Events Center and the recommendations for the center will go before the Texas A&M Board of Regents on Nov. 12.

The new center would have floor space large enough for a removable basketball court, leaving room for concerts and other special events. These events include "arena shows" like rodeos, circuses and traveling ice shows.

Donald B. Powell, chairman of the center's user committee, says the new building would resemble the Frank C. Erwin Jr. Special Events Center at the University of Texas.

He says the center has adequate floor space and sufficient seating capacity.

"The Erwin Center is quite a facility," Powell says, "with the exception of the ugly orange seats."

He added that the proposed Texas A&M facility would also have upholstered seats, but they'd be done in a more attractive color.

There would be more than 15,000 seats for basketball and almost 17,000 for concerts and other special events. Powell says the added seating capacity is a major reason for building the center.

"It's not fair to the student body to have to put up with a coliseum that only seats 7,000," he says. "We have a football stadium that will seat more than 70,000 spectators for a University with only 36,000 students. It's the standing in lines for the basketball games and concerts that discourages the students from attending a function they'd really like to see."

Powell says the Special Events Center would attract "bigger name" talent

because of the larger seating capacity. He says the student body would have a chance to see the groups who don't stop at Texas A&M now because they attract larger crowds in Austin, Dallas and Houston.

Retractable seats will be used to maximize floor space for events like rodeos and ice shows. The center also would make graduation shorter by splitting the ceremonies into two groups instead of the current three to four groups.

Recommendations to the Board of Regents in November also will include adding the athletic offices to the new center. This suggestion came up at the last board meeting when the athletic department asked for centralized office space.

If the center is approved without change, Powell says an architect would be selected and drawings for the center would begin immediately. However, the Intramural Office and the Health and Physical Education Department also have made requests for additional space. Their requests may require the board to take a more concentrated look at allocating space.

Dennis Corrington, director of Intramural-Recreation sports, says the center is badly needed to alleviate the over-congested conditions in G. Rollie White Coliseum that now exist.

"Right now, we have 85 indoor soccer teams signed up and only one court for them to play on," Corrington says. "The congestion problems multiply even more when a concert or basketball game occupy the main floor because we lose space."

Corrington says some of the requests include additional basketball courts and racketball courts, a new squash court and a quality weight room and a new swimming pool. He says the facilities would be used for both intramurals and classes.

Don Powell says even though the center could cost as much as \$60 million, he says he thinks it will be approved because at this time the students aren't adequately taken care of.

The proposed site for the arena is across from Pat E. Olsen Baseball Field.

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