

Gen. Patton was both tough and sensitive, historian says

By **ROBIN BLACK**
Staff Writer

Half-god, half-man: General George S. Patton Jr. So says military historian Martin Blumenson. Blumenson revealed the more human side of the Army general to a sparse crowd in the Auditorium Wednesday night in the first address of the Gen. Earl Rudder Military Lecture Series.

Calling Patton a rough, tough, flamboyant yet sensitive man, Blumenson said the general was "athletic and profane." "The man was a four-letter word in either case," he said.

Blumenson said Patton's private image was quite different from his public image, whose fierce bravado was a put-on to cover his emotional nature.

"Underneath the warrior was a very sensitive man," he said. "He thought that showing emotion was an undesirable military trait."

"Patton dressed and looked the part — a showman and an actor, and he expected the same from his troops," he said.

The often controversial man suffered from shortness of breath and anxiety, Blumenson said, that stemmed from his ob-

session with success.

Patton's dream of success became evident during his years at West Point, he said.

"Do your damndest, always," he wrote to himself at Westpoint," Blumenson said. Another passage in Patton's diary, he said, was "Never stop until you have attained the top — or a grave."

Some of Patton's more flamboyant traits almost caused his downfall, Blumenson said.

"The slapping incident in Sicily almost ended his career," he said.

In the incident Blumenson referred to, Patton was visiting

a military hospital in Sicily, visiting wounded soldiers.

He came upon a soldier hospitalized for combat fatigue, was overcome with emotion and slapped the man, telling him he was letting down his buddies and his country.

The event sparked an order from General Dwight Eisenhower that he make a public apology. Patton obliged, but it was one of the hardest things he ever had to do, Blumenson said.

"No man ever held the attention of the world so completely as Patton just by sheer force of his personality," he said.

Parmer calls for debates

By **KATHLEEN REEVES**
Reporter

State Sen. Hugh Parmer, Democratic candidate for the 6th Congressional District, said Wednesday that he is challenging one of his opponents, Dan Kubiak, to a series of televised debates.

Parmer said he sent a telegram to Kubiak's home inviting him to join in his request for free television time from Fort Worth, Waco, Bryan and Houston stations for a public debate.

He said if they can't get free air time he is willing to pay half of the expenses for a series of 30 minute debates.

Parmer, who made the an-

nouncement during a brief stopover at Easterwood Airport, said he would like to ask Kubiak how he stands on the repeal of Texas' right-to-work law and his position on the domestic content legislation.

Parmer said he opposes the repeal of Section 14(b) which allows Texas the right to have the right-to-work law. He said he also opposes labor-supported legislation requiring imported cars to include American parts. He said this legislation would mean increased costs to the American consumer of both foreign and American made cars.

"It would also throw us

into a foreign trade war which would have disastrous effects on Texas farmers and ranchers," he said.

Parmer said he doesn't want big labor endorsements because it would be too much money and power from a single interest group. He said he would rather have the support of individuals in the union, but not the union as a group. Kubiak has the support of the big labor organizations, Parmer said.

Parmer, who is facing a number of candidates in the May 5 Democratic primary, said he wants to discuss the issues face to face instead of through the press.

Scientists still looking for proof

By **DAVE SCOTT**
Staff Writer

The presence of black holes in space will never be 100 percent substantiated with the present technology, Dr. Kip S. Thorne, a professor of Theoretical Physics at the California Institute of Technology, said Wednesday.

Thorne said the theories of the existence of black holes are widely accepted throughout science, but that scientists are still looking for definite proof.

"People who want to wiggle out of the theories of black holes can still do so," Thorne said. "We are still looking for a confirming signature in gathered data that says 'I'm a black

hole."

Right now black hole research depends on measuring X-rays from outer space, but Thorne said, finding that "confirming signature" depends on measuring gravitational radiation and not X-rays.

Thorne said the needed gravitational radiation detectors probably won't be available until the next century.

Black holes are believed to be formed when a star runs out of fuel and begins to die, Thorne said. The star then stops rotating and begins to shrink in size. The shrinking causes an instability within the star which causes it to collapse, Thorne said. A black hole is the result,

he said.

The gravity of the enormously dense star is so powerful that nothing can escape it, Thorne said, not even an object traveling at the speed of light — 186,000 miles per second. In contrast, an object must obtain a speed of seven miles per second to escape the pull of the earth's gravity, he said.

About the only way to locate a black hole is to look for its influence on the things around it, Thorne said. And this has led scientists to find black holes in two different types of environments, he said.

One area where black holes are believed to be in binary orbits with normal stars, the star

and the black hole orbit around each other, Thorne said. Scientists can measure the disruptions in the emitted X-rays when the black hole circles in front of the star, he said.

Students equally divided on capital punishment

By **KIMBERLEE D. NORRIS**
Reporter

Students seemed nearly equally divided for and against capital punishment in a forum sponsored by "Insight Into the News" Wednesday afternoon.

The "Insight" program, which holds informal discussion of current controversial issues, hosted representatives of Amnesty International, a worldwide human rights organization in the forum.

Nita Heimann, secretary of the campus chapter of Amnesty International, said AI believes that capital punishment is inhu-

man and denies the executed his basic right to life.

"Killing is never justified by the fact that it is condoned or carried out by the state," she said.

The representatives from AI — Heimann, Margaret Lasater-Smith, and Craig Estlinbaum — asserted that capital punishment is not administered equally or fairly, that it is not a deterrent to murder, and the executed are not always guilty.


Some students agreed with the AI representatives, although individual reasons for agreement varied. Others were vehemently opposed.

Dr. Douglas K. Glasgow, an

assistant management professor, said criminals in this country have little fear of the consequences of murder and other violent crimes.

"The basis of any legal system is that punishment deters crime," Glasgow said. "It is provable fact that countries that enforce capital punishment have much lower murder rates."


"Put simply, states that do not execute capital offenders are executing people who are killed by murderers, because those murderers would be deterred by a stiff capital punishment law," he said.



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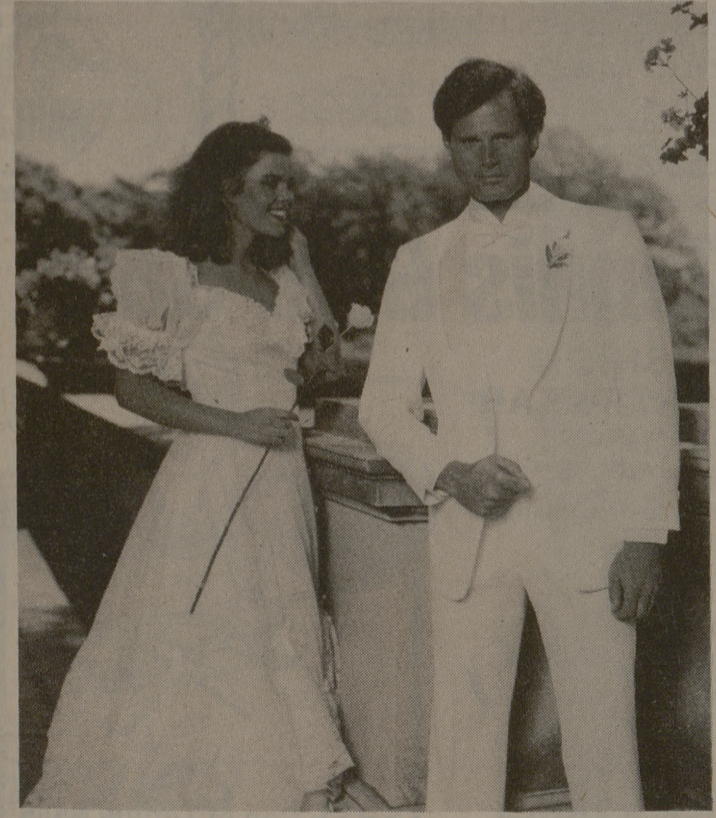
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