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# Poet sings, lectures

By SUZY FISK  
Reporter

Poet Allen Ginsberg sang, played a harmonium, lectured, and read his poetry to a standing room only crowd in Rudder Forum Thursday night.

The 57-year-old author of "Howl" was a one-man show at the poetry reading. In between the recital of selected poems, he sang and played his harmonium, a small reed organ similar to an accordion.

The audience gave him a standing ovation for his songs and readings which dealt with war, drugs, peace and homosexuality.

Ginsberg also gave a lecture Friday afternoon which contained literary history, mixed in with his personal experiences from the 1940's to the 1970's.

Ginsberg spoke mainly about the beat movement, or the return to nature and revolt against the machine, which occurred in the late 40's and early 50's.

The lecture, like his poetry, was sporadic. He talked about his experience with drugs. He said that between 1947 and 1948, drugs gave him the sense of being a cartoon creature in an existence that could go down a black hole or blow up.

Ginsberg said he had never been high until he tried marijuana.

About death, he said that death was a charming silence, although he is a little scared to die.

"It's a lot like living," he said, "people die every minute."

Ginsberg, who is Buddhist, has one explanation for God. "I think it's somebody's idea," he said.

"I don't know that much about it; all I know is that people talk about him a lot."

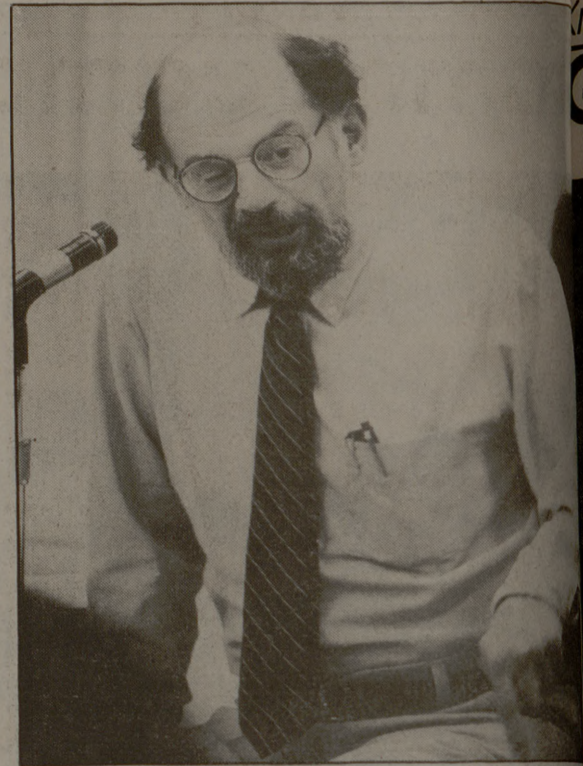
Ginsberg first realized he was a homosexual when he was in high school. He said he "accidentally" went to Columbia University because he had a crush on a boyfriend who went to school there. When he got to Columbia University though, he said he found that there was no gay liberation.

Ginsberg said everybody that was homosexual was "in the closet." He said he spent a year and a half at Columbia University "in the closet," not being able to tell anybody, and "constantly falling in love with people."

"You know," he said, "the love that dare not tell its name," by Oscar Wilde."

In 1974, Ginsberg went to teach at Naropa Institute in Boulder, Colo. He said he decided to teach at Naropa Institute because the institute would not pay him. This made the surroundings more like a family community, he said.

Naropa Institute is known as the Buddhist contemplative college for those who are dedicated to religious meditation. It is also a liberal arts college with programs such as dance, poet-



Allen Ginsberg

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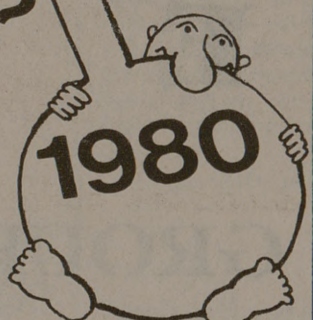
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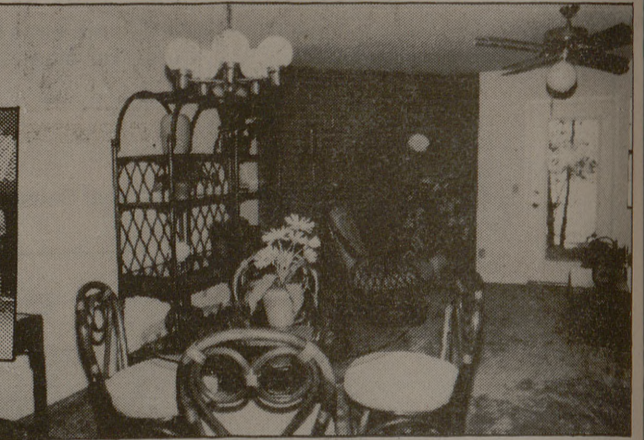
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ics, music and Buddhist studies.  
Ginsberg is a believer of mind expansion, but he prefers it to be called meditation.  
"It's becoming more aware of what's in front of you or what's in your ordinary mind," he said.  
Ginsberg meditates everyday for an hour.  
"I become more aware of the space around me and sit quietly observing my breath," he said.  
However, Ginsberg has mixed feelings about the effects of the Vietnam war. He said "if the United States hadn't intervened, they would probably be our allies now, have economic relations with us and be more democratic."  
However, he said, by intervening, the United States "bombed them back into the Stone Age" and drove them crazy.  
"I think the same thing is happening in Central America," he said. "By constant inter-

## Millionaire ranche refused new trial

United Press International  
TYLER — Millionaire rancher Rex Cauble, sentenced to five years in prison for running a large scale drug-smuggling ring, was refused a new trial Tuesday.  
Cauble, 70, was placed on \$1 million bond until he begins serving his sentence on May 22.  
He was unable to post bond Tuesday and was booked into the Smith County jail. Cauble was ordered to surrender his passport and be held by a U.S. Marshal until the bond is posted.  
His attorneys said they have not decided whether to appeal the ruling made by U.S. District

Judge William Steger. Then from he would be appealed to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.  
Steger ruled that the conviction at all times acted in the businessman. Cauble was sentenced in 1982 under the new importation of more than tons of marijuana between 1978 and 1978.  
Cauble's attorneys said he was unaware that many of his employees and associates were involved in his planes, boats and landings to conduct the smuggling operation.

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