

Are Anti-Gay Rights forces trying to undermine the United States Constitution?

Are Pro-Gay rights activists trying to create an artificial minority?

April 2 8:00 p.m.

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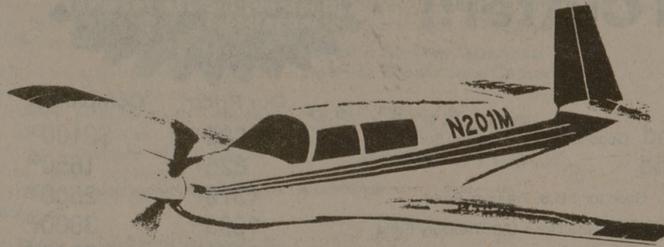
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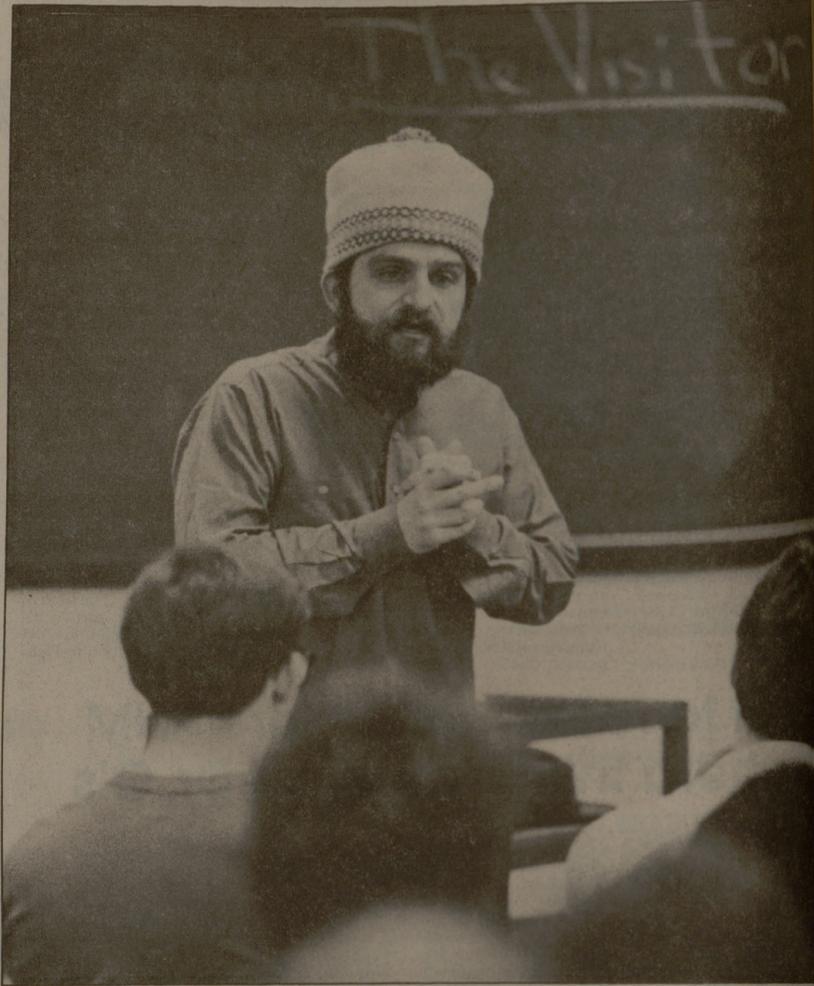
### SATURDAY NOON and EVENING SPECIAL

Yankee Pot Roast Texas Style (Tossed Salad) Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Roll or Corn Bread & Butter Tea or Coffee

### SUNDAY SPECIAL NOON and EVENING

Roast Turkey Dinner Served with Cranberry Sauce Cornbread Dressing Roll or Corn Bread & Butter Coffee or Tea Giblet Gravy And Your Choice of any One Vegetable

"Quality First"



Dr. Howard Shapiro plays "The Visitor," someone in America for the first time, to re-

late his observations of American ways of life.

Photo by DEAN SAUER

From the eyes of a foreigner

## Program offers fresh view

By REBECCA ADAIR Staff Writer

"If you want to learn about water, don't ask a fish," said Dr. Howard Shapiro, assistant dean at Southern Vermont College, at a program in Rudder Tower Monday night. In other words, don't ask an American to explain American culture.

Shapiro, former director of cross-cultural studies at the School for International Training, has created "The Visitor," a program designed to help Americans understand their own culture. When you understand your own culture, he said, you can better understand other cultures.

Although an American, Shapiro appears as a foreigner in his program. Dressed as his character, Mundi, he told of Mundi's stay with a suburban Michigan family, the Smiths.

The visit was anything but typical for Mundi. Mundi described

the Smith's elaborate house, noting its artwork, thick carpet and a large, soft "mound" lying on the floor.

Mundi's confusion began with the family's first and only sit-down dinner of the month. He became concerned when brother Bobby set his plate of leftover food on the floor and the large, soft thing showed up to eat it. He later realized the thing was a dog.

Mundi joined the family in the ritual of being "deeply immersed in the tele (television)." Mundi was convinced that the "tele" had magical powers.

Mundi learned Americans have constant headaches and are terribly worried about body odor.

On Sunday he went to church with the Smiths. To his surprise, Mundi found an American flag in the main chapel.

"I was not knowing God was an American," Mundi said.

Mundi's most disturbing dis-

covery was that newly widowed grandpa was not taken in to live with the family, though they had accepted a foreigner. Instead, Grandpa was put in a nursing home, though he didn't need a nurse, and the place wasn't his home.

Another surprise was when Mundi discovered that Americans send millions of dollars across the world to help people they don't know, but when a relative needs money, they'll tell him where to go.

Two American principles Mundi discovered were: charity never goes directly to the recipient, and Americans enjoy work they do for free more than they enjoy the work they're paid for.

Shapiro developed the visitor about 10 years ago in his work helping foreign students adjust to American life. Shapiro got his collection of stories from visitors from 60-70 countries.

## Local organization to hold women's health program

By BELINDA HOOD Reporter

Women's health will be the topic of discussion tonight during a program sponsored by the local chapter of the National Organization for Women.

The program, titled "Women's Health: Mental, Physical, and Political," will begin at 7 p.m. in room 103 of the College Station Community Center.

Jean Williamson, president of NOW, said the panel of nine women, each discussing her spe-

cialty, will address the topic of women's health today. The audience will be encouraged to participate in the discussion also, Williamson said.

The moderator for the event will be Sheila Detrick, news director for KAMU. Detrick recently was named one of the 10 outstanding young women in America. She also will participate as a panelist.

Other panelists are Julie Fesenmaier, a geographer with the Texas Transportation Institute; Linda Hosea, a psychotherapist with the Brazos Family Institute; Rosetta Keaton,

an accountant and Democratic Precinct Chairman; Dr. Noreen Johnson, a gynecologist; Sally Miller, clinic director for Planned Parenthood; Angela Neville, an attorney at law; Shirley Plapp, a registered nurse; and Dr. Billie Traub, a counseling psychologist and a professor at Texas A&M's English Language Institute.

Williamson said there will be no charge for admission and she encourages everyone to attend.

"Women of all ages should be educated about these issues," she said.

## Fake diplomas threaten safety

Associated Press

DALLAS — People come to Terry Rives for counseling about their most intimate problems.

His credentials for this sensitive work include bachelor's and master's degrees in social work and a doctorate in developmental science. He also holds state certification as a clinical social worker.

But Rives, a former policeman, didn't undergo the intensive study and training such degrees usually require. He has mail-order diplomas from two colleges without campuses. His qualifications are "life experience" and a dissertation.

Degrees such as his are the focus of a nationwide FBI investigation

into alleged "diploma mills" and counterfeit diplomas from legitimate colleges and universities. The FBI estimates that 10,000 people hold phony degrees.

Rives and attorneys for his alma maters insist that his degrees are legitimate and they deny any wrongdoing.

But investigators say the bogus credentials are being used throughout the nation by scores of con men, imposters and incompetents.

In Texas, the holders of such diplomas have been found working as doctors, counselors, prison guards and law enforcement officers. Authorities worry that some degree

holders pose a threat to public safety.

"We've found people with garbage degrees conducting career seminars," Ezell said. "It's scary."

Rives' alma maters, American Western University in Tulsa, Okla., and Southwestern University in Tucson, Ariz., were scheduled to go on trial this week in North Carolina federal court on charges of issuing fake degrees.

And Rives is under investigation by the Texas Department of Human Resources to see if he used phony credentials to get his state certification.

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