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## Grievances committee to hear proposals

By PAULA SAYRE  
Reporter

Bicycles on campus, book exchange and dead week are the main topics for the Student Government issues and grievances meeting at 7:30 tonight in 231 Memorial Student Center.

Carol Ellison, vice president for student services, said the purpose of the meeting is to get people's suggestions on those issues before the Student Senate votes on the bills relating to them.

"We don't want to do anything against what the majority wants," Ellison said.

Student Government is trying to find a way to lower the number of bicycle-related accidents on campus. Five to 15 such accidents are reported daily at the A.P. Beutel Health Center, she said.

The bicycle bill is incomplete and probably will be held in committee, she said.

Some solutions that have been discussed include special bicycle lanes on sidewalks, bicycle-only areas that cut through campus and closing the center of campus to all bicycle traffic, she said.

The book exchange is another issue that has caused problems on campus, she said.

In the past the book exchange has been unorganized, Ellison said, so a bill has been written to streamline the book exchange process.

The bill proposes to have the student fill out a form with his name, phone number and title and price of the book he's selling.

The information will then be entered into a computer and the printouts posted so a prospective buyer can find the book he wants and arrange to buy it, she said.

Jim Cleary, vice president of academic affairs, said the dead week bill deals with student complaints that the University policy regarding dead week is being ignored.

Students want to study for finals during dead week without worrying about new material, papers, projects, quizzes and tests, he said.

Cleary added that the bill won't be voted on Wednesday because he and the administration want student input on the issue.

Other issues to be discussed at the meeting are an extended Q-drop period, more courses that can be taken on a pass/fail basis and the elimination of required physical education, Cleary said.

## Warped



by Scott McCulloch

## Destruction of books by Nazis relived at award ceremony

By NELDA PENA  
Reporter

"In awarding the prizes to the students here at Texas A&M University for collecting and preserving books, it is only fitting that we remember the fate of similar books in Germany scant decades ago," said Dr. Arnold P. Krammer, professor of history.

Krammer spoke Friday at the awards ceremony for the 13th Annual Student Book Collectors' Contest.

A noted expert on the history of Nazi Germany, Krammer has appeared on the ABC program "Good Morning America."

"When Adolf Hitler came to power on Jan. 30, 1933, he was elected by a broad, middle-class German society," he said. "The German people had made their pact with the devil."

Hitler promised a new period of glory in which the German society would change. They were going to reindustrialize, Krammer said.

Hitler knew any resistance to his ideas would come from the thinking people in academics who dealt in ideas, Krammer said.

"The academic community had the books," he said.

The German educational system, considered the finest in Europe at the time, Hitler said, was to be improved by reusing the teachings of Sigmund Freud, Karl Marx and Albert Einstein.

"Astoundingly, the very first segment of German society to embrace the new Nazi government, I'm ashamed to tell you, was the academic community," Krammer said.

"They (German professors) were caught in a dilemma that had only two equally dangerous resolutions," he said, "either subservience to the state or meeklike burrowing under the groves of academia."

After the German defeat in World War I, the triumphs of German strength became more intense, Krammer said. The majority of teachers were hostile and somewhat indifferent to the survival of the republic, he said.

In February 1933 the German universities dismissed the Jewish professors, most of whom were Nobel Prize winners.

"School curriculum was pared down to the essentials of blood and iron, with courses in Aryan physics, Aryan psychology, replacing traditional subjects," he added. "German education was nearly defunct."

Books on religion, economics, psychology, philosophy and more

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were found unsuitable by the state and taken off the shelves of university libraries.

"The books represented the link to the future generations," Krammer said. "The books were ordered destroyed."

Ceremonial book burnings took place all over Germany. The most respected German educators ordered their students to search for the books and to burn them, he said.

"It was the final act of destroying the past and of falsifying the future," Krammer said.

At the conclusion of Krammer's speech, Richard Weirus, president

of the Friends of the Sterling Evans Library, announced the winners of the contest.

The Charles Thurston Award \$250 was presented to William Smith for his collection of books in the life of Lewis Carroll. The collection included "Alice in Wonderland," "The Complete Illustrated Works of Lewis Carroll" and "The Selected Letters of Lewis Carroll."

Kim Brewer received the Library Binding Company Award of \$250 for her collection on mythology. Brewer's collection included different approaches to the study of mythology and examples of the myths and legends of various cultures.

The Gould-Hoffman Award \$250 in plant sciences was given to Allen Pecotte. His collection, "Flora of Texas," his collection of identifying the plants and making flowers of Texas.

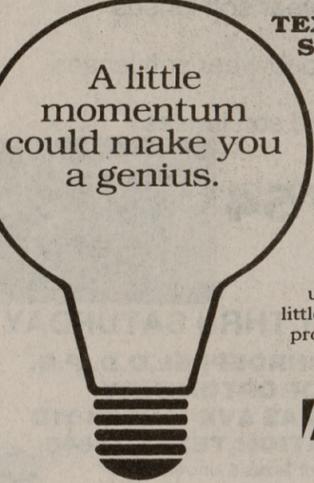
David J. Ragsdale submitted a collection to win the \$250 Mavis Mary Kelsey Award. Ragsdale's entry, "Johnson/Boswell Connection" is centered on biographies of the thors Samuel Johnson and James Boswell, as well as examples of his writing.

The Library Faculty Honorary Mention Award of \$50 was presented to John M. Montgomerie for his entry, "Home Brewing and Related Subjects." Montgomerie's collection on home brewing began with an explosion.

Weirus said, "The clean up of an explosion convinced John that he needed more information about the subject."

"We want to thank those who entered the contest and to encourage others to enter future contests."

Rosemary Rousseau, contest chairwoman, said there were 26 entries in this year's contest.



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Are getting repairs done around your apartment just as painful to you as pulling teeth? Because problems occasionally arise in all types of property, the tenant must be aware of the correct procedures for getting repairs made. There are a few guidelines for insuring that the job is done in a reasonable amount of time the desired results.

- 1) Before you begin, read your lease. The lease will define who is responsible for maintenance and repairs. Although the owner will usually make necessary repairs, this is not always the case. Therefore, be sure to read this section of your lease in order to determine how to initiate the repair process.
- 2) As stated in most leases, repairs are handled by submitting a written request for repairs to your manager or owner. This request must be written by the tenant and signed, dated, and accepted by the manager. Work orders will not substitute for a repair request. In addition, be sure to make a duplicate copy which can be kept for your own files once the manager has signed it.
- 3) If for some reason the manager refuses to sign the repair request, you can send it by certified mail. The cost is approximately \$2.00, and it insures that the manager receives the notice. Keep the returned receipt in case future verification is needed.
- 4) After making certain the manager has received the notice, you must allow a reasonable amount of time for the repair to be made. The allotted time will depend on the severity of the problem. For example, a faulty door lock would necessitate repair sooner than a leaky faucet. Also, repairs requested during move-in times and holidays will require a longer amount of time. In most instances a period of five to seven working days is sufficient for maintenance personnel to do the job.
- 5) If the manager receives the request but no apparent effort has been made to remedy the problem, a second written notice should be sent. Again the manager sign and date both copies, and keep one for yourself.
- 6) If the situation progresses to this stage and no repairs have been made, arrange an appointment with the Students' Legal Advisor. Because you cannot force the management to make repairs, your only alternative is to move. Before moving out, you will want to become aware of your legal rights and responsibilities. You cannot withhold rent in an effort to force repairs. Texas law states that a tenant loses all rights if rent is withheld.

Now that you are familiar with the procedure for requesting repairs, we hope that the process will be an "ouchless" one. Sample "repair request" forms are available in the Off Campus Center. We encourage you to come by our office any time you have a question. The OCC is located in Puryear Hall across from the YMCA Building. Stop by or give us a call at 845-1741.



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Because your belongings are not protected from theft or fire under the owner's insurance, it is wise to consider renter's insurance. Even though you are living away from home, there is a possibility that you may still be covered by your parents' homeowner's policy. However, before making any assumptions, carefully read the conditions outlined in your policy.

If you find that you need to purchase renter's insurance in order to protect your personal property, you should purchase a Tenant's Insurance Policy. Such a policy is usually inexpensive compared to the protection it provides. Coverage includes items such as furniture, appliances, stereo equipment, television sets, clothing, and other personal items. Hopefully you will never have to file an insurance claim, but it is always better to be safe than sorry. The minimum cost of renter's insurance is a wise investment in the event of fire or burglary. For more information, contact the Off Campus Center in Puryear Hall.

### LOOKING FOR ROOMMATES

...for the upcoming spring semester? The Off Campus Center helps the Roommate Referral Service which can help students find compatible roommates. The service is helpful if you have housing and need a roommate or if you need both housing and roommates. The Off Campus Center is now taking roommate listings for the spring semester. For more information or to list yourself in the service, contact the Off Campus Center in Puryear Hall or call 845-1741.

