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# Meese: Teachers should be tested for drugs on job

NEA says teachers are used as 'scapegoats' for problems

By Robert Morris  
Staff Writer

In an effort to protect the morality of America's youth, U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese says, school districts should be able to test teachers for drugs as a condition of their employment.

The statements, made both in a briefing to New York's highest court and in a speech to the University of Mississippi, confirmed the Justice Department's view that drug testing is a valid condition for the employment of school teachers.

National Education Association spokesman Stephanie Weiss agreed that teachers and students should not use drugs. But she says that, according to the NEA's official position, teachers should not be singled out as scapegoats for the nation's problems.

"We don't want drugs used in the schools by either teachers or students," Weiss says. "But we believe that random drug testing is unwarranted and an unconstitutional invasion of privacy. Current data also indicates that such testing often produces erroneous results."

Amy Brown, public affairs specialist for the Justice Department in Washington, understands the teachers' concerns, but says the crucial role they play in the lives of children warrants the testing.

A successful effort to combat the current drug problem in the United States depends on proper instruction of the nation's youth, she says.

and teachers who are using should not be in the classroom.

The NEA, on the other hand, the issue as useless grandstanding. "More than anything, a bill grabber designed to divert attention from the administration's record on drug abuse," Weiss said. "Last September the Reagan administration launched a public relations blitz against drug and alcohol abuse. Then, outside the glare of publicity they moved to slash the budget for drug abuse prevention programs."

Brown disagrees, saying Meese's statements were only references to a briefing prepared for the department for a special case.

The issue has also generated strong criticism from the Classroom Teachers Association.

Citing last year's competence Angela Smith, director of communications at TCTA, says, "We tested for drugs would be a slap in the face."

Currently both the College and Bryan school districts have no plans to implement such testing.

Mike Ogg, principal of A&M Consolidated High School, says school teachers would feel that testing is an invasion of their privacy.

"However, speaking from years in the school business, I think very many teachers have a thing to hide," he says. "Most of the faculty I've ever dealt with have been very professional."

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## In Advance

### Houston Ballet to perform at A&M

By Karl Pallmeyer  
Music Critic

Texas A&M will be graced by two performances of the Houston Ballet Wednesday and Thursday in Rudder Auditorium at 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society, Wednesday's performance, titled "Mixed Repertoire," will consist of "Bartok Concerto," "Three Preludes," "Don Quixote Pas de Deux" and "The Lady." The Thursday performance will also include the "Bartok Concerto" and "La Sylphide."

Houston Ballet director Ben Stevenson choreographed the "Bartok Concerto" as a tribute to the music of composer Bela Bartok. The music used in the ballet is the Third Piano Concerto, a piece Bartok wrote as a birthday gift for his wife. Since Bartok died before he finished the work, his friend, Tibor Serly, completed the piece using Bartok's notes and directions. Kristine Richmond and Paul LeGros will be dancing the "Bartok Concerto."

Janie Parker and Edward Warburton will be dancing the "Three Preludes." Sergei Rachmaninoff's Opus 32, No. 10 in B Minor; Opus 23, No. 1 in F Minor; and Opus 32, in A Major are used in the dance, also choreographed by Stevenson.

Before Wednesday's performance, Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra conductor Francis Krager will give a free lecture on the ballet's music in Rudder Theater at 6:45 p.m.

### Hartman takes over as new MSC president

By Carolyn Garcia  
Staff Writer

Council President Bobby Bisor passed his gavel and authority to the new president of the MSC Council, Linda Hartman, during Monday's meeting.

Hartman, who was elected by the council in January, said her experience on the council has prepared her to take over.

"Serving on the council (as executive vice president for marketing and personnel) and working with the council, I've learned a lot and I've grown a lot," she said.

Hartman said her plans for the council revolve around an enhanced involvement of the council members with other organizations on campus.

"I want to get the MSC council in all types of campus committees so they are better informed with what's going on around campus," she said. "I plan to incorporate more faculty into the MSC at all levels."

"We've come a long way this year," she said. "But now it's polishing time."

The council's Program Committee rendered its decision concerning film rights for Cepheid Variable and Aggie Cinema. Cepheid Variable will be given choice on science-fiction films to become available for Aggie Cinema.

The PRC is also investigating numerous problems surrounding Miss Texas A&M University contestant. However, the council elected to table the report on the incoming committee leader's chance to be involved.

The council also heard reports from the Wiley Lecture Series. The committee reported that attendance a little lower than expected.

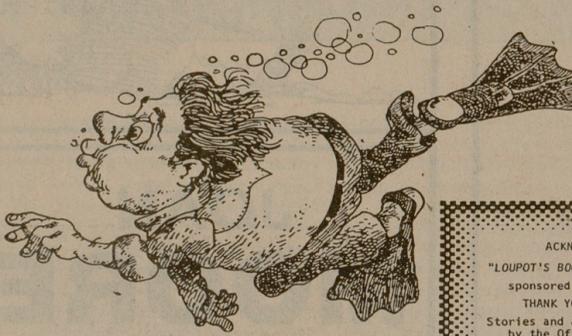
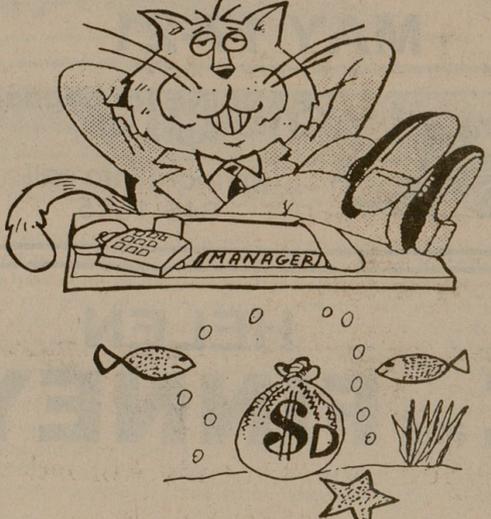
At the end of his final meeting, Bisor complimented the council on its hard work.

"The MSC has been through some rough times," he said. "The success it has enjoyed is due to the hard work of you council members."

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