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Freeze-dried urine, hot debates highlight MSC Political Forum

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ACLU sells freeze-dried urine to make political statement

Freeze-dried urine was being sold in the MSC Tuesday by the Texas A&M chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union as a political statement against drug testing.

A statement issued by the union said the group doesn't condone drug use and acknowledges that drug use is a problem but is opposed to drug testing as a way of solving the drug use problem.

Union member Steve Ridge, a junior political science major who came up with the idea after seeing an ad for the freeze-dried

urine in an Austin newspaper, said he proposed it to the leaders of the organization as a viable protest and they liked it.

The urine, contained in small vials, came from a laboratory in Austin and was sold for \$10 a vial. It also came with a booklet discussing drug testing. At last report, there was a grand total of one sale.

For those who didn't get a chance to buy any of the freeze-dried urine Tuesday, Ridge said the group should have it on sale in the MSC again next week.

throughout the day in the MSC lounge. Most of the people in the lounge, however, talked with friends, did homework or slept rather than listen to the speakers.

Some people did listen. "I find it fascinating that they (Political Forum) do this program," said Tom Wilhelm, a senior history major. "I find it interesting to hear the different views that people have."

The speeches given in the MSC lounge from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in 30-minute intervals, came from a variety of conservative and liberal groups: the National Rifle Association, the Public Citizen (a non-profit consumer group), the Texas Grassroots Coalition, the National Organization for Women, the Communist Party of Texas, the Students Against Apartheid, the Socialists Workers Party and the American Ethnic Coalition.

Curtis Burns, coach of the Texas A&M Pistol Team, represented the National Rifle Association and addressed the issue of the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

He said the men who wrote the Second Amendment to the Constitution were afraid of the standing army and were interested in all Americans being armed to avoid the overthrowing of the government and the creation of a dictatorship by the army.

"Any attempt to control or eliminate the use of firearms by private citizens for their own self-protection would inevitably cause the crime rate to skyrocket rather than go down," Burns said.

Public Citizen, a non-profit consumer group founded in 1971 by consumer activist Ralph Nadar, was represented by Jessica Shahin, who spoke on the social value of the tort system and the product safety the system helped generate.

"It is not federal regulations, it is not moral obligation, nor is it new technology that forces manufacturers to make a safe product," Shahin said. "It is still, foremost, the fear of private-liability lawsuits and the fear of the punitive damages that can be awarded in these lawsuits."

She said tort reform means giving up rights with little or no compensation in the form of lower insurance premiums.

In another speech, Texas Grassroots Coalition Director Samuel Hoerster III, said Christians must become more involved in the political process.

Definitely the loudest and most outspoken speaker of the day, Hoerster captured the attention of even the most casual passer-by.

"The modern cradle-to-grave mentality of government is not working," he said. "Government has tried to be omnipresent and omnipotent, but, unfortunately, only the Lord God is omnipresent and omnipotent."

He said civil government was ordained by God and is ultimately responsible to God.

The function of government is to be a terror to those who do evil and a praise to those who do good, he said.

He said American Christian culture is like a frog in hot water. If the temperature of the water is increased slowly, the frog will not jump out of the water, but will become relaxed. The frog gets so relaxed that by the time things get really hot, his muscles are too relaxed to jump.

The speech by the Texas district of the Communist Party U.S.A. probably attracted the largest crowd of the day, with more than 60 listeners.

Al Rodriguez, a Class of '74 mechanical engineer, pointed out the advantages of socialism and communism to capitalism. As soon as Rodriguez opened the floor for questions, hands flew into the air.

When asked why the standard of living in communist countries was so low, Rodriguez pointed out that countries in which capitalism has failed, like Mexico, also have low standards of living. He said the socialist and communist countries pro-

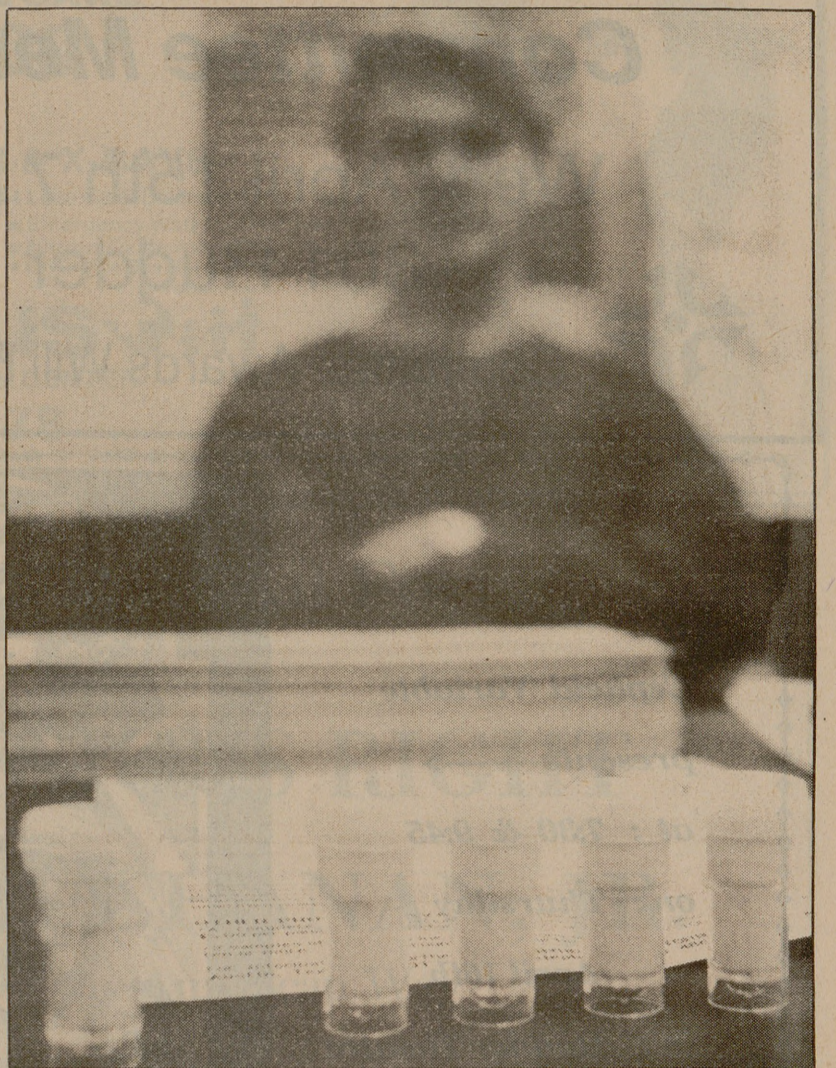


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Steve Ridge, a member of the Texas A&M Civil Liberties Union, sells freeze-dried, drug-free urine for \$10 a vial.

vide an extra benefit to their citizens that capitalist countries don't.

He said people are starving in capitalist countries because they can't afford to buy food; people in communist countries may be living without luxuries, but they aren't starving.

The speech made by Lou Zaeske, a local Bryan resident, on English as the official language brought less au-

dience opposition than the Communist Party — partly because most of the opponents were still at the coalition table debating with other members.

"Establishing English as the official language is kind of like recognizing 'The Star-Spangled Banner' as our official anthem or the 'stars and stripes' as our official flag," Zaeske said.

Correction

An article in Tuesday's *Battalion* reported that women must be at least 18 years old to receive services from Planned Parenthood of Brazos Valley. Planned Parenthood, however, offers its services to women of all ages.

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