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## Editor: Europe will help U.S. economic recovery

By Mary-Lynne Rice  
Staff Writer

Even as the world's largest debtor nation, the United States will recover from its economic slump, with the help of Western European nations, Dudley Fishburn, executive editor of the *Economist*, said Tuesday night.

Fishburn, a Harvard graduate and regular broadcaster for the BBC, spoke to about 150 people at the MSC Great Issues Economic Symposium.

As the United States directed Europe toward economic recovery with the Marshall Plan after World War II, Fishburn said, Western Europe will provide the economic and political support necessary to bring the United States a new era of prosperity.

"That lesson you gave us in how to conduct ourselves (the Marshall Plan) is one I hope we'll never be forgetting," he said. "And as in Japan, rather than behaving like other conquerors, you stooped and helped Japan to its feet and set it on its way to its present prosperity."

The United States may lament Japan's economic prosperity now, and it probably will continue to do so — Fishburn said he does not see any immediate evidence that the balance of trade may tip toward equilibrium.

"More American trade is now crossing the Pacific than the Atlantic," he said. "That shift in trade is fairly irreversible."

Although Japan's import restrictions put eastern-bound trade at a disadvantage, Fishburn said, Western Europe remains receptive to trade and willing to support the U.S. economy. Yet Americans often do not recognize their Western European economic allies, he said.

The United States seems to prefer to hear about people kicking them in the shins than about those giving silent, positive support," he said. "When they look at the world, they see competitors instead of friends."

What the United States overlooks, he said, are the massive amounts of



Photo by Roy D. Parsons

Dudley Fishburn, editor of the *Economist*, speaks about the world economy Tuesday night.

financial support flowing from Western European nations. He cited West Germany's buying of U.S. treasury bonds, especially, as an example. With a recently balanced national budget, he said, West Germans are finding investment opportunities in the United States government.

"They're putting their money where their faith is," he said. "And imagine when the dollar starts to rise that will be counterbalanced when the United States again invests in Europe."

However, since the dollar has not yet regained its strength, the United States must examine the shortcomings that led to its loss of economic power, he said.

Fishburn attributed part of the United States' economic decline to its own crippling mistakes.

"The United States is losing some of its self-confidence," he said. "That comes mostly from self-inflicted wounds — Vietnam, Watergate,

Irangate, Jimmy Carter, you name it."

Still, Western Europe remembers the titles the United States once unconditionally held, Fishburn said — wealthiest, most powerful — and recognizes its dependence on the nation even in its international decline.

"We Europeans laugh when Uncle Sam stumbles, but oh, how we would cry if he fell," he said. "(Economic relations) is a two-way street. That should be cause for optimism. It's a way of life coming together."

"With all this interchange, the world is coming together — not as a bland mix, but as a place where people have common views about trade, about what's interesting, and about what's good."

Meanwhile, nations must realize their interdependence, he said, and work to maintain trade relations despite imbalance and disadvantage.

"The reaction is not to stop trade," he said. "That way is not the solution; that way is toward poverty."

## Cadet charges racism in handling of incident

By Janet Goode  
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A sophomore regiment clerk in the Corps of Cadets claimed prejudice played a role in charges that he violated the Aggie Code of Honor.

Tim Bailey, charged with violating the Aggie Code as a result of phone theft from University Communications, was found "not guilty" Tuesday evening by the Cadet Court.

Although Bailey admitted to stealing and using a number from the phone company, he said he was also a paying customer of University Communications and had his own phone number.

Bailey said there were calls charged to him on his phone bill that had been made by someone who had stolen his number.

Bailey paid the company for his illegal calls in addition to the calls that he hadn't made, amounting to over \$300.

Mike Jumper, judge advocate general, said the court didn't obtain enough evidence or reach a "moral certainty" to find Bailey guilty.

He said this means that the case now will be dropped from his record.

Bailey said he feels since he made restitution with the phone

company that he shouldn't have been taken to court.

Bailey said he was a victim of prejudice.

"I'm a black regiment clerk," he said, "and there are people that don't like that."

Bailey said it was Sam Thompson, his commanding officer, that discriminated against him by taking him to court.

However, Thompson said University Communications contacted him about the theft in order for the Corps of Cadets to take action against him.

Bailey said he feels discriminated against because of numerous incidents of a more serious nature in which other Corps members were not brought to court.

Bailey cited an incident in which a Corps member took a girl's car without her permission.

"The girl called the campus cops and they called our company in," he said. "The guy had taken the car and gone to San Antonio."

Bailey said it's illegal for a Cadet to leave within a 15 mile radius of Texas A&M.

"This guy was 200 miles away and at a concert," Bailey said.

"This was serious," he said.

"And it was overlooked."

In another incident, Bailey said

that during "call-to-quarters" (a mandatory three hour study period for Corps members), two of his friends went to the movies on an honor pass rather than to the library.

"My commanding officer was there when they walked in, and nothing was done," Bailey said.

"That may not sound serious, but it's also a violation of the Aggie Code Honor," he said.

Bailey said the case should've been handled within the Corps company, as were most of these other cases.

Thompson said it's "utterly ridiculous" that Bailey feels discriminated against since Thompson's interest in the case was not a personal one.

Thompson said he was only interested in upholding the Aggie Code of Honor.

"It really irritates the hell out of me that he thinks I'm prejudice," Thompson said. "I have three adopted brothers from El Salvador. I went to a high school that was 30 percent black and I had several black friends."

Thompson said he has two other cadets in his unit that are black, along with some Vietnamese and Hispanics.

"I treat them all the same," he said.

## Mexican farmers free killer bees from traps

HOUSTON (AP) — Mexican farmers frantic for money are taking the so-called killer bees from traps and putting them in hives for their honey, researchers say.

But trying to snatch the Africanized bees can be dangerous. One farmer already has been hospitalized from stings he received when he disturbed a hive of killer bees he had set near his home.

The farmer's chickens, ducks and turkeys were killed by bee stings,

and his pigs ran away to escape the bees, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Monday. Gerald Loper of the Carl Hayden Bee Research Center in Tucson, Ariz., said he saw a videotape of the aftermath during a visit to the area.

Africanized bees, released by accident in Brazil in 1956, have spread over much of South America and are moving steadily north. The bees are expected to reach the Texas border near Brownsville in late 1989,

said Orley "Chip" Taylor of the University of Kansas, who has studied the bees for years.

### Correction

The man in the page-one photograph on Tuesday, Feb. 2 was identified as Mike Barrett. The name should have read Mark Barrett.



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