

Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION

## LOST IN THE CROWD

Four-year-old Zack Smith finds a cozy spot during the Fish Drill Team performance Sunday afternoon.

## Experts debate merits of castration

HOUSTON (AP) — A confessed child molester says he believes castration will take away the sexual desire he feels for children, but experts differ on how effective that really would be.

Some experts say castration is no more than a "Band-Aid approach" that doesn't solve anything.

Larry Don McQuay said he can't control the urges he has for children and that castration is the only way to make sure he won't strike again if he gains his freedom in two years, as scheduled.

Removing the testicles of a pedophile doesn't change the subject of his sexual desire, said a doctor, but it does greatly diminish the intensity of his sex drive.

"One man described it as a castration from sexual desire," said Dr. Walter Meyer III, a professor of psychiatry and endocrinology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Dr. Michael Warren of UTMB's division of urology and division director for health services with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said castration is the wrong approach.

"I don't separate (pedophiles and rapists)," he said. "I'm afraid (castration) will produce a false sense of security for everyone."

The surgery cripples a man's production of testosterone, which controls libido. But injections of the hormone are available and can nullify the effects of a castration.

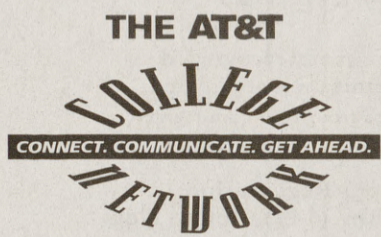
Meyer cited a handful of European studies that included a total of 3,500 men who had undergone the operation. He said 2.2 percent committed repeat sexual crimes, compared to a recidivism rate of more than 10 percent without the surgery.

Dr. Michael Cox, a psychiatrist at Baylor College of Medicine who treats sex offenders, said the studies are skewed because all the criminals involved in the European studies wanted to stop abusing children.

Also, there was no comparison made to other forms of treatment, like psychotherapy, Cox said.

Meyer rejects Warren's notion of rapists and pedophiles because he says rapists get gratification out of the submission of women, whereas pedophiles act out a perverted sexual attraction.

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## Recital

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from British, German and French composers on a three-manual pipe organ with electric connections that blow air into pipes as tall as 16 feet.

A&M United Methodist Church was chosen for the recital because the console, the part of the organ where the performer sits, can be placed so that the performer's hands and feet are visible to the audience.

Reynolds said the organ is often called the king of instruments because it uses a lot of power and can produce a variety of sounds, such as the flute, oboe and trumpet.

Laurine Marlow, subdean of the local AGO chapter, said playing the organ is fun because of the many options involved.

"Part of the fun is combining these sounds when you play," Marlow said. "Part of the fun playing the organ is coordinating both your hands and feet."

Reynolds said playing the organ requires the whole person, involving even the mind and soul.

"I think it might be like a painter who uses all colors at his disposal," Reynolds said. "So it's painting with music."

The two most difficult aspects of learning to play the organ, she said, are balance and coordination.

Marlow said AGO recitals always prompt at least one person to express interest in learning to play the instrument.

"Nearly always someone in the audi-

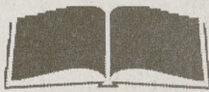
ence who sees it and hears it falls in love with it," she said. "If they at least don't start learning, they go out and buy recordings."

Ron Ollis, an organist and member of A&M United Methodist Church, said playing the organ brings him closer to God and has made him stronger spiritually, especially since playing it is an act that requires concentration.

Ollis said playing the organ has given him a new outlook on life and beauty.

In 275 B.C., the organ was invented by an engineer named Ktesibios of Alexandria, Egypt, but the earliest organ pieces were not composed until the 14th century.

Reynolds said that because the organ has inspired six centuries of music, there is a great variety of pieces from which to choose.



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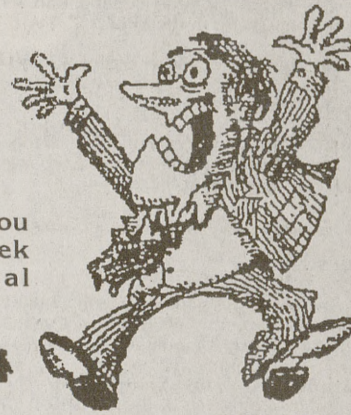
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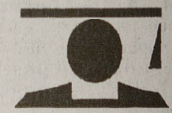
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