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Newsmen (re)pressed?

By STEVE BUTTRY

Freedom of the press was defended Monday night by two prominent area newsmen who talked frankly about a variety of topics relating to broadcast news.

Jerry Taff, WFAA-TV Fort Worth Bureau news chief, and David Day, news director of KFJZ, discussed their profession in a Radio-TV-Film convocation, and they weren't pulling punches.

"You have to let other people say what's on their minds," said Taff, who opened up with a short

talk. Day also talked for about fifteen minutes, and then they fielded questions for about an hour and a half.

"If you have to take the position that the government is right, ergo any critic automatically is wrong, then I'm just scared for America," said Taff.

'Tell Everybody'

Continuing, he said, "If the people are really that dumb that they have to be protected from people who have a different point of view, I just seriously have to

question what the future of America is.

"We are really close to a police state any time the media cease to tell the truth," said Taff, who called the role of the media to "Tell everybody everything."

"There are some battles being won in this country because the media do tell both sides."

The two men offered differing views often, but were seldom in direct opposition. Day freely called himself a liberal, and Taff left little doubt that he was also from that side of center.

Both brought several outbursts

of laughter from the small crowd. "If you report both sides and do it honestly and fairly," said Day, "you're going to get criticism from both sides. If you go right down the middle, you get fired at from both sides."

Describing his view of news reporting, Day said, "I try to make it come alive for people. News is interpretation."

Day leveled a bevy of shots at the Nixon administration.

Media-Playing

"Richard Nixon plays the media like Chet Atkins plays the guitar," he quipped.

"That's probably one of the best media-playing organizations that's ever been put together," he said of the Nixon White House.

"They talk about how we slant the news and about liberal effete snobs. The snobs are the guys that are playing us for everything they can get out of us."

"They play the media like an orchestra," he continued. "It's a high-level conspiracy in this country to get the media to say what those people want the media to say."

"If he disappears," interrupted Taff, "it's because he got

beamed up to the Enterprise."

Talking about shield laws, both agreed that they are necessary. "I don't know what we need exactly," said Taff, but he called the present state of affairs "preposterous" and "ridiculous."

Jail Glamour

"I would love to be thrown in jail," said Day, "because it would be the best thing to happen to my career." He later added that after the glamour wears off, "It's going to be very easy for a newsman to be intimidated."

Taff added that government intimidation wasn't as bad as public acceptance of it.

"We're coming under attack," said Day. "A very well planned, very well thought out and very well conspired attack."

Asked how firmly entrenched WFAA anchorman Murphy Martin is, Taff replied, "Who's that guy?"

"The guy who wrote 'The Late Great Planet Earth' predicts the world's going to come to an end in 1988 and we've got to have Murph around to report it."

Asked about media coverage of Wounded Knee, Day said, "If it were not for the idea that there would be a great amount of news coverage, Wounded Knee would never have happened."

He added, "Also, if it were not for the media being there, the Feds would have gone in a long time ago and busted some heads."

Soap Operas

Taff said he didn't think the media had covered Wounded Knee well enough, saying that many people don't know what the true story there is.

Taff said the current trend in news broadcasts is toward "soap operas."

"What you're doing is keeping the people entertained," said Day.

Talking about economical power plays in the media management and elsewhere, Taff said "Capitalism is rapidly turning cannibalistic."

Commenting on the current demand in the media for women and members of minority groups, Taff said white males would have a better chance selling insurance.

Of the constant recognition a newsman gets, Day said, "It can get to be as much of a hassle as it is a pleasure."

Taff said it gets bothersome at times, but added, "If you don't like being recognized, go sell shoes."

Grade posting

Administration OK awaited

Administration acceptance is all that is needed before a numerical system of posting grades can be implemented.

A bill sponsored by the Academic Affairs Committee to allow the posting of grades was accepted by the House of Student Representatives last week and sent to the administration for final approval.

Betty Coffey, committee chairman, said the proposed posting of grades is to be done by numbers

rather than by students' names. Each student in each course will be assigned a number and that number will be used instead of the student's name.

The committee said the major opposition to posting of grades was the use of the student's name. A numerical system would preserve the anonymity of the student.

The administration's decision is expected within the next several weeks.



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reader feedback

Editor:

March 28 the student body voted on two ballots. One of those ballots contained names of persons competing for honors and positions to be held for the coming year.

The other ballot was for an election which, received little attention. Its results were not even posted in the Student Center for the anxious masses awaiting the outcome. But on that second ballot, students overwhelmingly voted approval of amendments to the Student Bill of Rights and Responsibilities which clarified and made acceptable for the administration the total document.

On that second ballot students voted to open the door, for years to come and for students not yet admitted to this university, to claim undeniable student privileges.

The Bill of Rights does not go as far as many of us wish it would. But it is a tremendous starting step for the students. Among its guarantees are: The right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure in residence halls and freedom from censorship for all forms of entertainment chosen by students and for all student communications media.

Also guaranteed are the right to fair treatment in all dealings with students without regard for race, creed, religion, national origin or sex and the right to be free from arbitrary sanctions (i.e., uncertain punishment for violation of unwritten rules.)

A series of 15 procedural "fair play" rights in administrative and Judicial Board hearings are also guaranteed, as well as the right of confidentiality of student records.

This list, of course, contains only a few of the rights enumerated in the Bill of Rights, and does not contain all of the provisions defining them.

The rights provided for have not been universally upheld previously by the University. But the administration has committed itself to acceptance of the Bill, as amended, and the prospects seem bright in the Faculty Senate, the last body

which must grant consent before it can go into effect.

Congratulations, students! It has taken years, but with Faculty Senate approval pending, it appears that we will soon be able to hold up a document and say, "These are our rights!"

David Davis
House Legal Adviser

Editor:

Regarding Jeff Boggess's article on drugs in the University residence halls, I would be most interested in where he got his information. I would like to see his "survey."

According to the dictionary a survey is a detailed study of a problem, which is by the average person thought to involve, at least, a questionnaire or questioner, that would involve a majority of some type.

Generally one assumes when someone uses the word "survey," the person using it has done an in-depth study. If this is the case with this article, when was it done?

I have lived in the same dorm for two years and have never been approached by anyone, including Mr. Boggess, about my opinion on the drug problem in my dorm.

In fact, if I had been asked, I would not have known how to answer his question, since I only know of a few who do use drugs. I would not even be able to guess as to who has tried drugs.

I do object to his method of "survey" and to his statement that more than 50 per cent use drugs. I feel this statement is false.

Yes, I'm one of the 60 girls who live in Brachman Hall. And yes, I resent the implications of Mr. Boggess's article.

If I followed the logic and facts presented in the article I would have to say that since I don't belong to a sorority (and we do have some girls living in Brachman who are actives or pledges) I must be a drug user. This has been said to me on one occasion and, needless to say, I don't like it and I'm sure you wouldn't either.

In closing I have one plea—before you write or print an article, check on the sources and have some sort of proof to back up your article.

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'Little learned from the past'

Click. The projector goes off, lights come up and the small audience in Sid Richardson lecture hall 2 finds itself being told by a tall, bearded figure that "We really don't learn from the past."

The tall commentator on civilization's collective stupidity is Olin McCormick, who lectured Friday, March 30, on "The An-

tiquity and Adaptations of Early Man in America."

McCormick, a doctoral student in anthropology at SMU, used slides during his talk to show how the American learned to live with his environment through the use of technology. In contrast, McCormick said "now, technology has put us at odds with our environment."

Discussing the Indians in the

eastern woodlands of the United States, McCormick, who obtained his undergraduate degree from Georgia State University, cited their burial techniques. One large burial mound had been found in Ohio, he said, which had not been excavated. However, he said mounds similar to it had been found which held 1,000 corpses, and took up approximately one-fourth the space in one of today's cemeteries.

Referring to the Indians in the northern plains of the United States, he said, "The Indians did use a lot of controlled burning." McCormick said the remnants of literally millions of cooking fires and animal bones have been found.

Also, McCormick told of brush fires used to trap grasshoppers, a source of food. Brush fires were built in valleys, he said, which forced grasshoppers into a net where they were roasted.

The archaeologist showed slides of clay vessels, Indian corn and rock tools developed by the Indians that were probably used to skin mastodons, elephant-like animals that are now extinct.

He said such things as hearth concentrations, mussel shells and artifacts had been found in North Carolina, which were rumored to be all that was left of a group of Indians camped there 5,000 years ago.

"I think we can say both continents were populated totally by 12,000 B.C.," McCormick said in theorizing about the origin of the Indian in America.

Describing what he called the "Wisconsin Advance," he said man crossed from Asia into America between 16,000 and 12,000 B.C. by means of the Bering Straits.

The last Glacial Stage, he said, allowed the Indian to migrate because glaciers and ice formation caused the sea level to drop 100 feet and expose the straits.

The Indians, plagued by population pressure, then

journeyed across this land bridge and began adapting to specific economic environments in America, he said.

Placement Bureau

April 4—General Motors Corp.—accounting and business majors.

April 9—U.S. Navy—all majors.

April 10—Zimmer-Hoffman Co.—all majors; Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York—all majors; U.S. Army—all majors.

Home economists plan all-day open house

As part of TCU-Fort Worth Week, the Home Economics Department will hold an open house on Thursday, April 5. The Bass Building will be the site of special lectures, classes and demonstrations.

Events will include:

A lecture by Jeanette Watson, director of the Office of Early Childhood Development. She will discuss "The State of Early Childhood Development. She will Texas" from 8-9 a.m. in room 206.

Dr. Bettie Herring, consultant for vocational-industrial education, and Robert McAbee, associate assistant superintendent of vocational-industrial

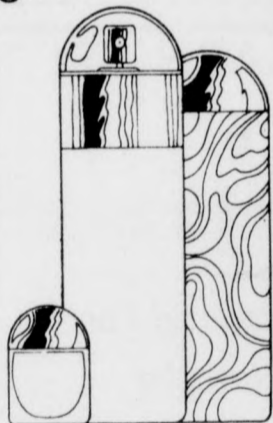
education for the Fort Worth public schools, will speak on trends in home economics education in room 100 from 9:30-11 a.m.

A lecture on "Child Abuse: A Family Crisis" by two pediatric workers from John Peter Smith Hospital will be held in room 230 from 12:30-2 p.m.

A class lecture on "English Style Period Furniture" by Marie Coventry of the Home Economics faculty will be held in room 105 from 2:30-2 p.m.

Observers will be welcome in room 104 from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. to see apparel production classes, and also to see food production classes in rooms 109-110 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Lineup changes over for grididders

By JERRY McADAMS
Sports Editor

Spring training is winding down this week and the position joggling is over for the most part.

When the ranking ended, senior Kent Marshall was anchored at quarterback. He's backed by Lee Cook, last season's Wog field general.

Ronnie Webb, a junior, remains at the number one fullback slot. Number two is Larry Linger, a sophomore who was redshirted last season.

At tailback is sophomore Danny Scott, followed by Greg Anderson, a sophomore who also handles the punting chores.

The top flanker is Steve Patterson. He'll be a senior this fall. Backing Patterson up is Dickie Powers, one of last season's Wogs.

At split end is Dave Duncan, a sophomore redshirt a year ago. Kenny Brasher, another 1972 Wog, is the number two wide receiver.

On the Line

At left tackle, senior Merle Wang was the listed starter until a leg injury ended his spring work. Les Cowan is at left tackle now with freshman Lee Ray in the number two spot.

At left guard is sophomore

Johnny McWilliams, a squadman from last season. Behind him is freshman Coke Smith.

Leon Bartlett has retained his center role, followed by freshman Mike Wyman.

The top right guard in camp is junior college transfer Terry Champagne, from Kilgore J.C. He's listed ahead of freshman Bryan King.

Senior-to-be Sidney Bond is the number one man at right tackle. Behind Bond is Carlous Stone, a transfer from Tarleton State who spent last season as a redshirt.

The tight end situation finds junior John Ott at the starting spot with sophomore Danny Brown in the reserve role.

Defense Duty

Defensively, Rusty Putt and Ed Robinson return at the end positions. They are backed up respectively by Bob Burges, (a transfer from Saddleback J.C. in San Clemente, Cal.) and freshman David Gregg.

Another California transfer, Mike Hanna from Fullerton J.C., at Anaheim, is listed as the top strong linebacker. J.G. Crouch is number two.

At the left and right linebacker spots are Dede Terveen and Gene Moser. They're playing ahead of freshman Craig Lund and sophomore James Carter.

Big Charlie Davis is the undisputed choice at left tackle. He's backed by Jack Armstead, a high schooler who graduated last semester and enrolled here in time for spring training.

At right tackle, is sophomore Tommy Van Wart. Behind him is another soph, Tom Mraz.

The rover position has been contested all spring, with

sophomore Chad Utley ahead in the final listings. Freshman Tim Pulliam is a close second.

Secondary Outlook

In the secondary, sophomore Gene Hernandez returns to the left half slot and Terry Drennan, another soph, is back at safety.

At right half is Jeff Breithaupt, a transfer from California's Long Beach City College.

Offering depth in the defensive backfield are freshmen Allen Hooker and Dennis McGehee and

junior Steve Braddock.

Assistant defensive coach Frank Young is coordinating spring training in the absence of hospitalized head coach Billy Tohill.

Young says the spring sessions are valuable in that they have allowed an evaluation of personnel. But, he adds, several players—injured or missing spring training to compete in other sports—must be considered in final lineups.




BACK ON TOP— Frog quarterback Kent Marshall has enjoyed a productive spring training, establishing himself again as TCU's top signal caller after suffering a broken collarbone last season.

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