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'I have a dream . . .'

Born

Jan. 15, 1929



Martin Luther King, Jr.

Assassinated

April 4, 1968

Magazine, yearbook or what?

Students to voice views Tuesday

By ALSIBELLO

The House of Student Representatives set the stage Tuesday for the campus to publicly air its views on the content of future student publications.

A student referendum on the issue is scheduled next Tuesday, Apr. 9. It seeks to determine student preferences on photographs and articles they want included.

Magazine-Yearbook Committee chairperson Lyn Woody presented the committee's long-awaited report which included discussions of the major arguments for and against a magazine format, results of a meeting with sales representatives of two publishing firms and meetings with the "Image" staff.

The report ended with five recommendations and interpretations from its findings. The first was the suggestion for the Tuesday referendum. Second, the committee determined there was not enough money to print another yearbook similar to the Centennial edition.

Third, it suggested a compromise to offer a publication that would include elements of both a yearbook and a magazine. Fourth, the committee recommended the publication be distributed several times throughout the year to improve circulation and ensure more timely coverage.

Finally, it requested the report be forwarded to the Student Publications Committee for further discussion.

Town students Jeff Lyle and Jeff Boggess proposed separate amendments to the referendum calling for a change in the way students would mark their preferences. Both were defeated.

The instructions ask students to rank their preferences numerically in each category, and to "check others you would like to see in your Student Publication."

Boggess and Lyle both argued against the "check others" clause, stating it would not provide any useful information and merely clutter the statistics.

Town student Tami Gant and committee member Bill

Stotesbery took the opposite stand. They claimed the checks would allow students to indicate what factors they are secondarily interested in and those they are not interested in at all.

Two sets of statistics will be tabulated from the results of the referendum—a numerical ranking and a frequency rating.

Daily Skiff news editor Steve Buttry argued the referendum violated the Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities by imposing guidelines on future editors of the publication.

Stotesbery said a public opinion poll would not impose anything on anybody. The results of the ballot would be organized and sent to the Student Publications Committee, he said.

In other action, the House passed an amended version of its 1974 budget and a resolution supporting the University of Texas student government and newspaper (the Daily Texas) in their battle with the UT Board of Regents. During a March meeting, the UT regents voted to

no longer provide funds for the student government and Daily Texan.

Action on a bill to amend the House bylaws to permit only one unexcused absence per semester was delayed until next week because it was not submitted the necessary 48 hours in advance.

The House also approved the appointments of Richard Lysiak, Barbara Gibson and Boggess to the Finance Committee.

House president Bruce Gibson announced applications for the University Council will be accepted during the next two weeks.

Author keynotes convocation

Dr. Germaine Bree, distinguished educator and author who currently is Kenan Professor in the humanities at Wake Forest University, will be featured guest for today's 12th annual Honors Day activities.

The Honors Day Convocation will begin at 10:45 a.m. in Ed Landreth Auditorium with a formal academic procession with faculty in full regalia.

Dr. Bree, internationally recognized in the field of contemporary French literature, will discuss "Elitism: An Apologia" at the convocation.

During the assembly, announcement will be made of the 1974 Phi Beta Kappa initiates and scholarship trophies to the fraternity and sorority having the highest year-long academic average will be presented. The winner of the Faculty Recognition Award of 1974-75 will be announced.

Dr. Bree, active in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, will meet with faculty and students at 2 p.m. in room 207 of the Student Center.

The Honors Day Banquet, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom, will feature speeches by professor Emmet Smith and Dr. Ted Klein.

Referendum bad precedent

Some House members who are in favor of the magazine-yearbook referendum, but who are also working hard for the Bill of Student Rights and Responsibilities, have objected strongly to the editorial I wrote for Wednesday's Daily Skiff.

Since the editorial was written before Tuesday's House meeting,

commentary

part of what I wrote should be clarified.

I said the ballot in the upcoming referendum "represents an attempt to coerce future publications." Certainly everyone who supports the referendum is not attempting to coerce publications.

These people are apparently unable to see, though, that other supporters are attempting to coerce future publications because the present magazine does not meet their approval.

I was not questioning the motives of everyone supporting the referendum, but I was and still am criticizing their judgment.

If the House has no intention to implement the results of the referendum, it is wasting its time by even taking the vote.

If it tries to implement the results or impose them on anyone, it will represent at least a subtle attempt to curb the freedom of editors to develop their own editorial policies and methods of news coverage.

I hope I'm wrong, but I see at least a potential threat to academic freedom and freedom of the press. However honorable the intentions of some of the supporters of the referendum, it is a bad precedent.

The government has no place trying to interfere with the press, no matter how subtly—whether on a national or collegiate level.

Even if the intent of those involved is to find a workable compromise, they have overlooked possible consequences of their actions.

—STEVE BUTTRY

Letters

The Daily Skiff welcomes reader response in the form of letters to the editor. All letters must be typed, double spaced and should not exceed 200 words.

Letters must be signed with name and classification or title.

Guest editorials must meet the same requirements and not exceed 400 words.

All contributions will be subject to simple editing and printed on a space available basis. Contributions can be mailed to The Daily Skiff or brought to room 115 Rogers Hall.

'Yes, there is a devil'

In what may be the strongest comeback of the world's history, the devil has made a strong showing against God recently.

According to the Center for Policy Research, an organization which studies social trends, the percentage of people who believe in the existence of the devil has increased from 37 to 48 per cent in the last nine years.

The belief in God has gone down during this period from 77 to 69 per cent.

Dr. Clyde Z. Nunn, senior research associate of the center, said belief in the devil's existence has shown an "unusual spurt" upward.

He thinks that most people feel that evil is beginning to become stronger than good in today's society, which could lead to a possible ascendance to power of a national figure who can capitalize on the growing fears of society.

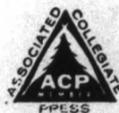
The great increase in devil worship seems to back up Dr. Nunn's claim, although his figures may be questioned.

However, growing fear among the people of crime, the precarious state of the nation and persons who hold greatly different beliefs are prime invitations for the appearance of a national "savior."

—GREGG KAYS

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Committee staff report says President owes back taxes

WASHINGTON (AP)—A staff report to a joint congressional committee recommended yesterday that President Nixon pay \$476,431 in back taxes.

The report was released without comment by the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation. The figure was for what the staff decided were deficiencies in the President's tax payments for the years 1969 through 1972.

Rep. Wilbur Mills, D-Ark., said the joint committee was releasing the staff recommendations to head off possible leaks. He emphasized the joint committee had not passed on the merits of the report.

The staff said the largest deficiency in Nixon's tax returns was accounted for by a \$482,018 deduction taken for a gift of papers for the four years. The deduction "should not, in the staff's view, be allowed because the gift was made after July 25, 1969, the date when the provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1969 disallowing such deductions became effective."

The staff reported that Nixon should have reported a capital gain of \$117,836 on the sale of part of his San Clemente property.

The report said that \$91,452 taken as depreciation on the San Clemente house, business expense deductions on the property, depreciation of furniture and some expenditures

from the White House guest fund, did not represent proper business expense. It said, however, Nixon should be reimbursed for part of his expenditure on furniture.

The staff said that Nixon should have paid a capital gains tax on the profit he made on the sale of his New York City cooperative apartment. The gain was reinvested in San Clemente, the report said, but the investigators did not consider San Clemente as Nixon's principal residence and the money was not eligible for tax deferred reinvestment for the former home.

The staff said that the gain on the New York apartment should have been reported as \$8,936 more than it was because of depreciation and other adjustments.

Other factors which would affect Nixon's tax bill, according to the staff, included depreciation on his various real estate, other capital gains, the value of flights in government planes taken by his family and friends, and other lesser deductions.

There was no immediate comment from the White House, but Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren earlier in the day reversed a stand he had taken Tuesday when he declined to reaffirm a presidential pledge to abide by whatever decision is made by the committee regarding a tax liability. "There is no change in the President's position on this matter," Warren said.



"OLD FAITHFUL"—Recently officials dedicated a new fountain located in Trinity Park. Photo by Darrell Jennings

Roadblock brings citizens to justice

ANDERSON, Ind. (AP)—Police set up a roadblock here in an effort to find prospective jurors for a murder trial, netting 15 possible panel members.

Madison County police acted Tuesday after Superior Court Judge Paul Schrenker ordered Sheriff John W. Gunter to find some more jury prospects.

Schrenker was presiding over the jury selection in a first degree murder trial. Attorneys for the defense and prosecution found only 10 acceptable jurors in a group of 60 prospects.

Police operated the roadblock until they found 15 Madison County residents who were registered voters and who had voted in the last election, requirements for a juror.

"Most of them were reasonable about it after we explained to them that we had been ordered to go out and get some jurors," a police spokesman said.

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Tut's troops 0-4 in SWC

By KIRBY RALSTON

Thirty mile an hour winds weren't all that blew the TCU tennis team off the court here Tuesday; the Baylor Bears had a large part by administering a 6-1 shellacking, dropping the Frogs to 0-4 in conference action.

The Toads, now 8-5 on the season, take on Abilene Christian College here today at 2 p.m.

Tuesday, top-seeded Jim Hansen lost to Stan Smith, 6-4 and 7-6. Purple captain John Poppell bowed to Danny Dobbs, 6-4 and 6-3.

The Bruins' Doug Harbert crept past a fully-recovered Jack Irvine, 7-5 and 7-6. The Toads' Cliff Gridley was upended by George Moncada, 4-6, 6-2 and 7-5.

Tom Harris was decked by the Bears' Terry Peerman, 6-1 and 6-2.

In doubles action, the day's bright spot for the Frogs was the performance of Poppell and Irvine in defeating Smith and Harbert, 3-6, 7-6 and 6-3.

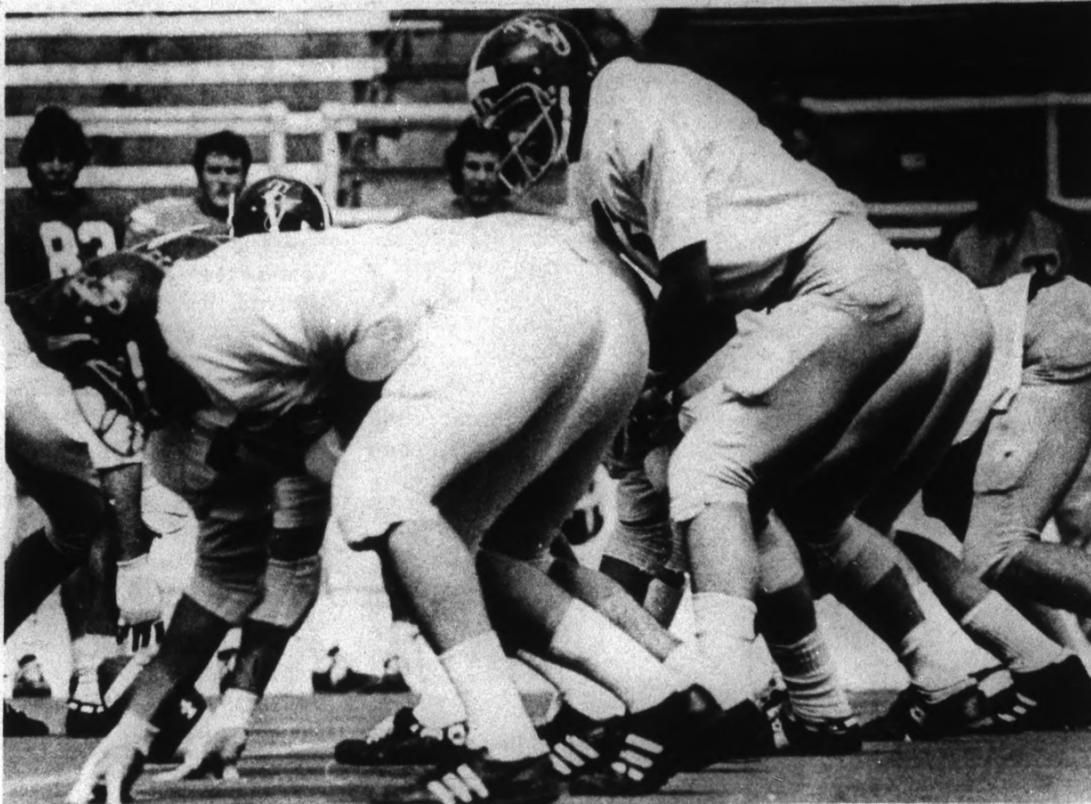
Purples Gridley and Harris were downed by Dobbs and Moncada, 7-5 and 6-0.

Besides the gusty winds which plagued the netters, coach Tut Bartzan gave Baylor the edge in experience.

"We gave away too much in experience," said Bartzan. "They've played more tennis than our boys have."

"I'm not discouraged. We won our first conference match, so we do have some encouraging signs."

"Our boys are not winning the close games. Until they become more experienced, they'll lose them."



UNDER CENTER—Frog quarterback Lee Cook barks out signals during a spring scrimmage. The Purples are deeply embroiled in off-season drills under the tutelage of new coach Jim Shofner and his staff.

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