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Speaker panel OK's Duke's visit

By ROBERT ROBBINS

The Speaker Review Committee voted unanimously Wednesday night that an appearance by David Duke, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, does not violate guidelines of the University speaker policy.

After three hours of discussion, members decided to recommend to Chancellor James M. Moudy that Duke be allowed to speak on campus with the conditions his speech be moderated and that a question and answer session follow.

The committee members stated their decision did not imply approval of the views or practices of Duke or the Ku Klux Klan and they, in fact, consider them "highly repugnant and morally reprehensible."

Faculty committee member Dr. Ted Klein said since Duke's speech does not create any immediate threat to the rights of others, the committee had no right to keep him from speaking.

"The simple fact of life is that if we keep Duke from speaking then there will be no con-

Popularity contests not popular enough

Wednesday's Homecoming election referendum was defeated by a narrow margin, as proponents fell seven votes short of the needed two-thirds majority. The final tally was 391 in favor and 206 against.

troversial speakers on campus," said Dr. Wayne Ludvigson, another faculty committee member.

Several guests told the committee that Duke's visit would create not only disunity among white and black students, but that peaceful demonstrations were inevitable and violence a possibility.

"Some people are very reactionary. I don't think TCU is ready to assume responsibility for damage to people or property which might be caused by his visit," said Bronaugh Bridges, president of the University's chapter of NAACP.

Jimmie Burns, program adviser, and Chuck Blaisdell said some area ministers had indicated support of peaceful demonstrations should Duke be allowed to speak on campus and both agreed a possibility of violence existed.

Dean of Students Elizabeth Proffer, chairperson of the committee, said extra security precautions would be arranged if Duke spoke but that the idea of peaceful protests should not effect the committee's decision.

Proffer said some faculty members had expressed support of peaceful protest against Duke's visit and the KKK.

"I might be one of the administrators who would join a peaceful demonstration," Dean Proffer said.

But she said violence could be a

reason for the committee to reject a speaker only if the speaker himself advocated violence.

"It's not the students we have to worry about, but we live in a society of profound racism," said Dr. Richard Hoehn of Brite Divinity School.

Helen Snyder, chairperson of the Creative Programming Committee which originally proposed a visit by Duke, said she intends the program to be educational.

"I don't intend for him to come

and degrade anyone. I have faith in the student body and that one man's views will not cause a riot or destruction," she said.

It was suggested that a historian could give a perhaps more acceptable history of the KKK, if that was the Creative Programming Committee's chief reason for inviting Duke.

"Cold facts do not generate student interest but if you hear it from the horse's mouth, you find out what he thinks," Snyder said.

David Davis, a House representative told the com-

mittee he had proposed a bill which would cut off funds for Duke taken from the general University fee.

Bob Stanley, vice president of the House said, "As a student who pays a program fee, I'm going to work to keep my money from going to the Klan, but Duke still meets the criteria for speakers."

Despite criticism of Duke's visit and the possibility of violence or demonstrations, Dr.

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This picture of the Main Building of Sam Houston State University in Huntsville is part of the "Texas

Public Buildings of the 19th Century" exhibition beginning today in the Amon Carter Museum.

Lahr claims stage needs imagination

Theater critic calls for more 'clowning'

By DANA ARBUCKLE

John Lahr Wednesday night.

The problem with today's theater is that it has lost its nerve and lacks respect for the audience, said author and critic

Introduced as one of America's top five theater critics by Theatre Department chairman George W. Sorenson, Lahr spoke to a group of about 100 in the

University Theatre of Ed Landreth Hall.

"Imagination is what the theater needs. It is the last refuge for playing with language, testing society, renewal, mourning and celebrating," he said.

"The theater must reflect the life we lead to its audience and the clown is the quickest shorthand to this necessary communication," said Lahr.

Lahr is the son of late actor Bert Lahr who played the Cowardly Lion in the "Wizard of Oz." He has written several books involving the theater and is currently writing for "Plays and Players," a periodical in London.

"Clowns in the theater reflect the respect and generosity of what it is essentially about,"

Lahr said. "The clown's pleasure is confronting and playing with life in an outrageous juggling act with ideas.

"Clowns deal with reality and make fun of it."

Lahr said he feels the binding factor of all clowns is revenge. "Most of the best clowns such as W. C. Fields and my father were losers at a very early age so they put their own lives on the stage and made fun of it," Lahr said.

Lahr offered the clown as the example of both ecstasy and mischief on the stage. "Through crazy, wild types of performances, the clown stops time by language and puts the audience beside themselves with laughter."

The mischief that clowns portray corrupts the audience

with pleasure and draws the most out of the audience which is the best intention of clowning.

"The clowns respect their audience because they know their livelihood depends upon their communication with the audience. The clown is the embodiment of the total theater. He expresses with every part of his body and he creates for his audience," he said.

Lahr explained the clown always has a need and the audience knows what he wants and he is always seen in relation to his total environment.

"The future of the theater depends on whether or not it can get at reality by distorting it. It is really just a game of confrontation and illumination," he said.

Top Skiff jobs up for grabs

Applications for the positions of editor-in-chief and advertising manager of the Daily Skiff for the spring semester will be accepted in the Journalism office, room 116 in Dan Rogers Hall, until noon Monday.

Both jobs receive compensation for 16 hours of tuition, and applicants must have at least 12 hours of journalism experience.

The editor of the Skiff may choose his own staff consisting of associate editor, sports editor, managing editor, news editor and assistants.

The Student Publications Committee will elect the editor and ad manager on Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Crosswalk lights long overdue, but may signal end of problem

The crosswalk signals that are due to be installed in December represent a long overdue but positive step toward solving the pedestrian problem on University Drive.

The administration should be commended for its perseverance

Reader criticizes 'reckless' decision

Editor:

The Forums Committee decision to invite the Grand Dragon here to speak is a reckless and irresponsible one.

Already it has caused irreparable damage to the tenuous sense of community that so many people have worked so hard to establish here, and it promises to bring about further alienation of the minority students on campus.

Anyone that views a Klansman as just another person with a "radical" opinion, a harmless ideologue, is unbelievably naive and uninformed.

An active Klan is a danger, not only to blacks, Jews, Catholics and foreign born, but to every person with a modicum of intelligence and human sensitivity. Putting \$800 toward the activity of the Klan is immoral, anti-human and indefensible.

If we must legitimize our "open" speaker policy by polarizing the campus in this manner and by trampling on the dignity and integrity of our black students, it is not worth much.

Chris Beckelhymer
Junior

in trying to get the city to install more than just the crosswalks that are presently about the pedestrian's only protection.

City traffic officials resisted early attempts to improve the pedestrian situation, maintaining that the crosswalks were adequate. It would have been easy for the University to cease its efforts to get a signal until another pedestrian got hit crossing the street.

Instead, administrators kept

working with the problem and have persuaded the city to install flashing yellow lights and more prominent signs warning motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.

The flashing lights may not be the ultimate solution to the problem but at least we'll get a chance to try them.

Now, if we can just make it to December.

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Home Economics awarded accreditation

By KATHE AMBROSE

The Home Economics Department has been accredited by the American Home Economics Association (AHEA) and is the first school in Texas to receive the honor.

"It's a real honor. We're really privileged to be among the first," said Dr. Nell Robinson, chairman of the Home Economics Department.

"This is a deserved recognition of a fast-moving and rapidly upgrading department. This approval was expected and

encourages us to move ahead toward an even more successful career-oriented department," said Chancellor James M. Moudy.

Dr. Robinson said accreditation by the AHEA is a new procedure. The association began studying the possibility of accreditation in 1969. Since then, only 17 schools in the nation had received the distinction until last month.

She said working towards accreditation was a "two-year process."

In September 1972, the department applied to the AHEA for a self study, which it conducted and submitted to the Council for Professional Development, an AHEA committee, on Sept. 1, 1973.

Last February, the University, along with 14 others, was visited by a group of people "familiar with the philosophy of home economics and AHEA guidelines," Dr. Robinson said.

The group made various recommendations, many of which the department was able to include in its new catalog and implement before the next AHEA committee meeting. Dr. Robinson said it was "good timing."

According to Dr. Robinson, the department made corrections wherever the group suggested.

Areas studied by the visitors included department goals and objectives, budget and finance, organization and administration, library, physical facilities, programs (degrees), students and supporting disciplines, such as chemistry for dietician majors and business for those in merchandising.

In order to be accredited, the school "must have an overall philosophy of what home economics is all about—basically to improve family living," explained Dr. Robinson.

"The standards are very high. We're pleased the committee felt we lived up to all their recom-

mendations, especially in the programs and staff areas," she said.

"We have a more professionally-oriented program now with more professional courses required in a specific discipline," she said.

Five undergraduate programs are included in the accreditation. They are vocational home

economics education, child development and family living, clothing and textiles, foods and nutrition and interior design.

"We feel it's a real accomplishment," she said. "As soon as the public becomes aware of the AHEA accreditation, it will help those who graduate from here with a degree in home economics."

Adverse reaction is Proffer's concern

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Ludvigson said some positive value might come from the controversy because people are having to recognize extreme views and deal with them.

Proffer agreed that having extremists speak is often educational and by just considering extremist views, audiences can be swayed the opposite direction in opinion.

She said she was worried Duke's speech would reinforce the views of racists or adversely influence those who had no definite views.

Once the committee had voted that Duke did not violate the guidelines of the speaker policy, the members considered various restrictions on his visit.

They considered the idea of closing Duke's speech to non-University students and staff but committee member Loretta Gamble said that would only create more controversy and

possibly increase the number of protestors.

Members also discussed the idea of having a speech by a person with opposing views from Duke, but decided this was a decision for the Forums or Creative Programming Committees.

Proffer told the committee Don Mills, director of Programs and Services, had talked by telephone with officials at Vanderbilt University where Duke has previously spoken.

She said that Mills was told Duke created no real difficulties and that after his speech, there was some heated discussion.

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Frogs, Raiders tangle in Hub City brouhaha

By JOHN FORSYTH
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK—The people out here should be a bit worried about invading Horned Frogs

Title elimination stands in way of Bears or 'Horns

As each week of Southwest Conference football play goes by, there seems to be at least one game on tap sure to eliminate one team from title contention.

Tomorrow's elimination derby takes place in Waco at 2 p.m. as the University of Texas (6-2, 3-1 in SWC) goes north to visit Baylor (4-3, 2-1).

The Longhorns sport the No. 3 offense in the nation, while Baylor has the No. 5 scorer in the country.

Steve Beard, Baylor's

Frogs try NTSU in soccer tilt

The Horned Frog soccer squad travels to Denton tomorrow with an 0-7 slate to take on a rugged North Texas State team at 2 p.m.

Three weeks ago the Toads were pulverized 11-0 by the merciless Mean Green. But Purples' coach Curt VonDerAhe says things will be different the second time around.

"We've found ourselves these past two weeks," says the Frog mentor after close encounters with Dallas Baptist 1-0 and Texas Tech 3-2. "We won't be a pushover this time because the boys have developed the much-needed skills to participate in soccer."

with poor won-loss records.

The last time through here, the Frogs socked the snickering Red Raiders all the way to Levelland.

And if Jim Shofner's crew

tailback, has scored 66 points in seven games and has averaged 93.7 yards rushing per game.

The 'Horns have a new fullback for tomorrow, replacing freshman Earl Campbell, No. 5 rusher in the SWC.

Roosevelt Leaks will be back in the saddle trying to break the SWC career rushing record held by former Arkansas running back Dickey Morton. Leaks needs 499 yards in his last three games to catch Morton's mark of 3317 yards.

The 'Horns have been beating Baylor for a straight skein that lasts one year longer than Arkansas' string over the Horned Frogs.

In other games, league-leading Texas A&M (7-1, 4-0) gets a pre-Cotton Bowl look at the stadium, as the Aggies go to Dallas to play SMU (5-2, 2-2), and Rice (1-5-1, 1-2) visits Arkansas (4-4, 1-3). Houston is idle.

The Dallas kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m., and the Ags are crippled by injuries to three of their top four running backs.

Starting at 1 p.m. in Fayetteville, the Owls try to continue on the winning path, picking up their first win of the year against Texas Tech last week.

Arkansas is experimenting. Linebacker Dennis Winston will start at fullback.

learned enough from watching Rice's upset of the Scarlet and Black in Houston a week ago, Yosemite Sam may find himself in a trashcan in Hobbs, N.M.

To be realistic, however, the Purples probably face a cold afternoon in Jones Stadium. But not because of the temperatures—predicted to be in the upper 70s.

The Raiders, who stand 5-2-1 on the year and 2-2 in Southwest Conference competition, have been offered an invitation to the Peach Bowl if they can get past the Frogs, 1-7 and 0-4.

"That ought to put some pressure on them," Shofner said yesterday.

"We've had a good week in practice, though," he said, "pretty sharp, as a matter of fact." But he admitted that scaling a mountain like Tech will be a tough task.

"They have a big play offense. They're not real strong and don't overpower you with the ball, but they come up with the big plays."

Shof will counter with the likes of Ronnie Littleton, who had 99 yards against Baylor.

"Our problem will be containing them," Shofner said. (And we've got to score points to win.)



RONNIE LITTLETON

Golf team in Austin for tourney

Jewell Wallace's golfers arrived in Austin yesterday to prepare for this weekend's Harvey Pennick Invitational golf tournament.

The tournament will be held at Morris Williams Municipal Golf Course, sight of a spring tourney, as well as this fall event.

Teams included in the competition are SMU, the University of Texas, Baylor, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Rice, Houston, North Texas and other powers in the caliber of Oklahoma State, traditionally one of the top teams in the country.

The Frogs will return to Fort Worth Sunday night.

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