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Dr. White Has

By Susie Biehler

DR. RUTH ANN WHITE, newly appointed vice president for student affairs, explains her con-

ception of her upcoming job. Dr. White currently teaches in the Personnel and Guidance Depart-

Her hobbies are her two children. She enjoys sewing and reading historical novels. She is one homemaker who made the top ranks-as ET's first female vice president, in charge of student affairs.

The woman is Dr. Ruth Ann White, and the farthest thing from her mind as she was growing up was the thought of becoming a teacher. She thought teachers were superhumans and had no intention of trying to learn all the answers.

Being a high school student who would rather go out than study, Ruth Ann White never wanted to spend the extra time trying ot excell in her studies. She said a series of events led her to obtain her teaching certificate and gain her master's degree

Having no intention of getting a doctoral degree, Dr. White went back to school after her husband's death

NOT ONLY THE STORES but also honest customers have been victicimzed by the shoplifter. An easy theft item, the 8-track tape, is now locked up by most stores. This is a safeguard for the store but an inconvenience for the cus-

Photo by Donna Ferguson



to "get her head back together" and realized after her second year she would venture to earn her Ph.D. She became a counselor and taught courses in the Department of Student Personnel and Guidance.

Thoroughly enhanced by the field of education, Dr. White's early attitude of teachers as superhumans soon changed. Students, she found, kept teachers on their toes with their tremendous amount of curiosity. She said the teaching atmosphere is healthier today because teachers have to defend whatever they pose to their

Making no predictions about "future times." Dr. White said the way people look at the psychological being continues to change. Because of pockets of upheavels, advances of automation and data processing, public exposure is continually broadened. She said that much of the knowledge necessary for today won't be of importance later because the definition of an educated person is constantly

Dr. White is excited and frightened at the complexity of her upcoming job as vice president of student affairs. She is greatly in favor of student activity and sees it as "an integral part of the whole learning process." She said that ET's reputation in Student Personnel and Guidance is carried over to the field of student services, and noted that the university is more concerned with the development of the student as a person, more so than other institutions. See White, page 4

Student Center's Budget Cut

By Kris Blankenship

Next year the Student Center will be offering the students fewer activities than in the past. The operating budget for the Student Center has been cut approximately 40 per cent.

According to Ron Robinson, Student Center director, the budget was released last Wednesday or Thursday and the operating budget has been cut. "It is beyond my knowledge who decides it," he said.

Effective Sept. 1, the operating budget will be \$89,000 as opposed to last year's operating budget of \$147,000. "Our feeling was that we wanted to sit down and discuss the situation with Dr. Koldus," Robinson

"It'll hurt the most in programming," he continued. "You can't cut the operating cost of the building because it is pretty well fixed." It costs approximately \$50,000 for operating expenses.

Student Center programming includes concerts, dances, arts and crafts, coffeehouse activities, the Miss ET contest, community relations, ideas and issues programs and recreation. There will be less than \$40,000 alloted to these activities for next year.

This will mean a cutback in paid employes "because we did not receive more money for student labor," Robinson added.

According to Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student affairs, the decision came from "either the vice president for administration, President McDowell or the business manager; I don't know for sure.'

Based upon last year's experience, Dr. Koldus said the reason for the cut was probably that the projection for the amount of money to be brought in by the Student Center use fee will be less. In the past, each student paid \$11 each semester.

Charles E. Morrow, ET business manager, said that the reason for the decrease in the Student Center budget is due to the increase in the number of part-time students and the decrease in the number of full-time students. Morrow said that in the past every student had to pay the full amount, in spite of the number of hours taken, Beginning in the fall, the fee will be charged and prorated per number of hours each student takes, thus reducing the total amount received.

"My only comment is that it'll make it extremely difficult to operate as we have in the past," Robinson said in summing up the situation.

Mach III Report Released

By Jim Stanford

The Mach III student report for the first summer sesion was released this week by Ivory Moore, Director of Minority Affairs, and according to Moore, the results are encouraging to those who are involved in the

During the first session 79 students were enrolled in the program that provides tutorial and other special services to disadvantaged students attending ETSU.

The report indicated that the 79 students were enrolled in 13 different courses on the ETSU campus. The average grade point average (GPA) of the students was 1.94. Included in the courses taken were history, math, English, physics, sociology, business education and others.

The program was originally funded with a \$98,433 federal grant and has subsequently received approval an additional \$50,000 grant, which, according to Moore, will be funded on Sept. 1. Moore said that the program is expecting about 300 students in the fall semester 1973.

He said that a large part of the Mach III program is attempting, not only to assist the student gradewise but also in changing attitudes of the students, most of which are just beginning their college career.

He said that the counselors are finding difficulty in changing attitudes of students who have been involved in "busing" and being moved to predominantly "white" schools.

He said that the students admitted under the Mach III program are those who have scored below the university minimum on the American College Test (ACT) and those who have achieved "low Probability Scores." The university accepts a minimum score of 18 on the ACT, while the minimum acceptable Probability Score is 30. The Probability Score is based on numerical values assigned to the grades received while the student was in high school.

Moore said the low probability score could indicate a lack of motivation while the student was in high school, possibly connected with the student's experience with desegregation or busing.

Moore pointed out that students in the Mach III program do not receive financial assistance directly from the

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Franklin Wins Contest

By Ralph Dice

Louis Franklin of Whitewright, won first place and James Chancellor, Dallas senior, won second place in the First Annual ETSU Fiddlers Contest Thursday, July 26, on the east lawn of the Student Center.

Apparently the decision was not an easy one for judges Harry Smith, Thurman Polk and C. D. Westbrook. The judges called Franklin and Chancellor back to play one more tune each before awarding first and second places. Franklin is a former Texas state champion fiddler. Chancellor is known among area fiddlers as "Texas Shorty".

The fiddlers contest was sponsored by the Department of Languages and Literature and the Student Center. Richard Harrison, Paris graduate, was contest coordinator.

Other winners were Paul Milton of Dallas, third place; Tommy Leverett of Clarkesville, fourth place; and W. C. Leverett of Clarkesville, fifth

Tommy Leverett is the 16-year-old son of W. C. Leverett. There were tered in the contest, including James Chancellor Sr. and the second-place winning James Chancellor Jr., both of Dallas; and Jack Overstreet and son, David Overstreet, both of Yan-

Contestants' ages ranged from nine

into the 60s. The youngest was nineyear old Scott Hall of Haltom City, who drew a round of applause from the audience when he appeared on stage. Third-place-winner Milton is

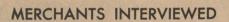
Other fiddling contestants were Frank Smith of Paris, Tex.; J. B. Harrell of Hughes Springs, Earl Gaddy of Sulphur Springs, Bill Mc-Mins of Mineral Wells; and Leonard Huddlestone of Paris, Tex.

First place prize was \$60, second place was \$45, third \$25, fourth \$15 and fifth \$10.

Contest rules allowed each contestant to play one waltz, one breakdown and one tune of his choice. Fiddlers were permitted to have one or two instruments accompany them. Bass player Joe Julian, and guitar picker Joe Bryan, both of Paris, Tex., accompanied several fiddlers.

FIDDLING AROUND was "Texas Shorty" Chancellor, runner-up in the ET Fiddler's Contest held Thursday, July 26, on the east lawn of the Student Center. An estimated 600 persons attended ET's first fiddler's contest.

Photo by Ralph Dice



Shoplifting Problem **Explored**

By Donna Ferguson

If all incidences of shoplifting were reported to police, it would probably be the largest single crime perpetrated in the United States, according to a 1970 FBI survey.

Nationally, shoplifting accounts for \$3.5 billion in stock shortages each year, according to the National Retail Merchants Association.

An FBI survey, published in 1970, claimed one in 10 shoppers leaves a store with an item not purchased. Yet crime experts estimate that only 10 per cent of those caught shoplifting go to trial.

An article in the Friday, Nov. 19, 1972, issue of The East Texan charged that ET students are responsible for 95 per cent of the shoplifting in Commerce, according to City Court records. While some store managers polled did agree with that charge, the majority disagreed. Piggly Wiggly manager Tommy Shuttleworth said it was impossible to stereotype the shoplifter into one segment of his customers. And one manager charged that it was not students but "old people" who were the most frequent offenders.

In Commerce, 27 persons were arrested for shoplifting during 1972. This figure is deceiving because if the merchandise stolen amounts to more than \$5, the charge is then considered a theft over \$5 and in the jurisdiction of County Court. The county attorney's office does not keep a record of how many of the theft over \$5 cases involved shoplifting.

Perhaps a more valid picture of the amount of shoplifting in Commerce is presented by the merchants. Howard's Discount Center manager Gordon Spillers, attributes 70 per cent of the store's \$45,000 losses last year to shoplifting. A downtown variety store manager estimated a three per cent loss of inventory due to shoplifting. He also pointed out that with the rise in operating expenses, including wages, wholesale prices, and transportation, that three per cent hurts.

Prosecution of shoplifters is a problem for the small businessman. Trials sometime last for days, which forces the businessman to spend time away from his business, leaving it understaffed and possibly more vul-See Shoplifting, page 4



Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

The news item in the July 27th edition of The East Texan is quite one sided, and in my opinion, extremely misleading. The proposed plan for a campus radio station is absurd.

Why should we, as private citizens, allow our state to support a radio station which admits it hopes to go into competition with private enterprise for the sale of radio time? A common name for this practice is socialism.

The only evident reason for asking for 21,000 watts of effective radiated power and a 300 foot antenna would be the selling of commercial time. Yet the same article carrying this information also states the station's prime objective is to provide experience for radio and TV students. Do we really need 21,000 watts and \$57,000 worth of interferrence to provide a few students with experience? Remember, this town is in a weak signal area, and a transmitter of that power operating locally can only degrade the performance of FM radios and television sets on existing

A 10 watt transmitter atop Whitley Hall will cover Commerce quite nicely, and provide just as much experience with far less interference. After all, if one doesn't spend \$57,000, one doesn's need to sell commercials, either, and 10 watt transmitters can be obtained for much less.

So far as experience is concerned, public service spots (which are genvide just as much experience. Let us hope the Federal Communications Commission sees through this proposed misuse of valuable airspace, and that our state legislature wakes up to this intended squandering of public funds.

> Jim B. Belcher Commerce senior

To the Editor:

You not only went out into left field with your July 27 editorial, Mr. Stanford, you struck out. The idea that this university be concerned only with its alumni and the "East Texas Community" is absurd. Haven't you heard? The world is round, sir. You won't fall off past

If this is to be a responsible university, we must realize that it serves not only the surrounding area, the state, or the nation, but the entire world. Are you so blind with East Texas dirt that you cannot see the students who attend this university? They don't all come from Dallas, Mr. Stanford, some come from the other side of the world. Some are even from Iran .

What about our faculty, Mr. Stanford? Are you aware that ETSU faculty serve on committees in Washington D. C., are sometimes members of archaelogical expeditions in other parts of the world and have taken basketball teams to Europe?

The area served by the university

erally legal on educational FM) pro- is the world. The Iranian Ambassador is being recognized for his contribution to that area. ETSU can serve as "goodwill ambassador" to Iran and further its service to the world. And you would limit us to the "East Texas Community", Mr. Stanford? With such a near-sighted view how can you even see "left

> Robert D. Varley Commerce Senior

The honorary degrees do not need

To the Editor:

consideration. If an ambassador prominent in the field of educational progress does not deserve an honorary degree from an educational institution, then who does deserve such an honor? The Iranian Ambassador, His Excellency Ardeshir Zahedi, is not just anyone. He represents his strategic country to the good 'ole U.S.A. Therefore he is certainly above every Tom, Dick, and Harry reporter! His excellency has been decorated for service from 23 other countries. I should think that most intelligent American students would appreciate the fact that an international politician will speak at Commencement, and also be presented an honorary degree. You have not only insulted the Iranian students at ET, but also every other self-respecting foreign student. You might have just as easily insulted their ambassador. His excellency, Ardeshir Zahedi is not directly an alumni of ET; however representative of Iranian students in the U.S. and at EThe is certainly an alumni of every University in the U.S. that has graduated Iranian students. Perhaps this move exhibits that the ET Administration and Board of Regents realize the importance of the foreign student. It is a great honor to have friendship among people and nations. Every student here will return to his homeland with a variety of experiences.

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A&M Appoints Koldus Student Services VP The Texas A&M Board of Regents

approved the appointment of Dr. John J. Koldus as vice president for student services at its meeting Friday, July 27.

Dr. Koldus, former vice president of student affairs at ET, is scheduled to begin work at A&M on Monday, Aug. 20. Dr. Ruth Ann White will take over the office of vice president of student affairs at ET on the same day.

At A&M, Dr. Koldus will direct student services for a student body that totaled 16,069 in the fall of 1972.

Dr. Koldus was the guest of honor at a reception, sponsored by the United Students Association and the Student Activities Board, held Wednesday, Aug. 1, in the Founders Lounge of the Student Center. He was presented gifts by the USA and other campus organizations in recognition of his 10 years at ET.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Degrees Discussed

By Jim Stanford

From a quick glance at the Letters to the Editor column in this issue one might think that this newspaper has taken a totally blind point of view editorially on granting honorary degrees at ETSU.

However, it appears that those who support the point of view expressed in the July 27 editorial just don't have the time to express their views in writing.

The purpose intended in the editorial was to generate some varying points of view on the subject and to bring some light on a policy with which the student body has had little or no input in the past.

On Friday July 27, this writer was invited to the office of the Director of Communications Services, Jack Gray, who has recently been appointed as special assistant to the president "to discuss some matters." The meeting was, according to Gray, "not to be construed as being called upon the carpet."

I explained my reasoning behind the editorial to Gray and pointed out that no attempt was made to embarrass the university or the Ambassador from Iran.

I also explained that one of the principle motives behind the editorial was based on discussion during the July 20 Board of Regents meeting that actually centered around the fact that some members did not feel they were having enough opportunity to discuss candidates for honorary degrees and still remain within the bounds of the new state 'Open Meetings' law.

Having been cautioned against 'parochial attitudes," this writer will continue to seek ways to bring issues before the readership of this news-

Letters to the Editor have been invited from the administration, Iranian students and all other students who either object to or share the opinion expressed in the July 27

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The university and the city of Commerce will be in a difficult situation in a few years unless something is done before it becomes crucial, according to Garcia.

Garcia issued a statement in support of the water bond issue because of the seriousness of the water problem. This is the only solution that Commerce has now, according to Mike Ewell, assistant to the USA president.

The election will decide the issue of raising \$4.3 million in revenue and tax bonds to provide Commerce with a permanent water supply.

Included in the proposal will be a pipeline from Lake Tawakoni, a 125-acre service lake, a water treatment and storage plant and a system to bring the water into Commerce. The storage and treatment facilities will be built south of Commerce and construction is expected to be completed by May 1975.

The water supply for Commerce

Cook Assumes Position

Miss Mary E. Cook, head of circulation at ET's Gee Library, assumed the temporary position of acting director due to the resignation of Dr. William C. Highfill on July 13.

Dr. Highfill, who held the position at ET for four years, accepted a position at Auburn (Ala.) University, as director of the libraries.

As of yet no successor has been announced for the position but, according to Miss Cook, the position should be filled by the fall semester. Working for the library for 15 years, Miss Cook will assume a position under the new director involving public service.

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Voting will be in City Hall from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Quane Selected Chairman

Dr. Dennis Quane, chemistry faculty, has been selected chairman of the Division of Inorganic Chemistry at the 29th Annual Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (ACS) to be held in December at El Paso.

Dr. Quane is one of five divisional chairmen for the professional chemistry meeting. According to Quane, his duties will be the selection of papers in the field of inorganic chemistry and the preparation of a schedule of paper presentation.

Summer Production To Open Thursday

With rehearsals underway and dress rehearsals soon upcoming, the cast of ET's summer production, "Bus Stop," will have the chance to show audiences the result at 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Monday, Aug. 8, 9, 10, and 13. The production, directed by Cooper graduate student Ron Cassidy, will be presented in the University Playhouse with a \$1 admission.

Cassidy said that the cast was "responding tremendously" to its lines and commented that each member has exhibited a professional attitude concerning his or her part. He said that Pat McHam, Commerce restaurant owner who has never had any theatrical experience, was "working out beautifully" possessing a natural flare with her lines. Mrs. McHam portrays Grace, the cafe owner.

The set design was created by speech and drama student Martin Fannon. Cassidy said that the prop crew had a very hard time finding different props to fit the nostalgic setting of the 1950's but has managed to find different odds and ends.

According to Cassidy, there is not a weak performance in "Bus Stop."

Short Course Offered

The Department of Chemistry at ETSU is currently offering an experimental short course designed specifically for junior college chemistry instructors.

Dr. Stephen L. Razniak, chemistry faculty and course director, explained that the participants will spend three weeks studying several new analytical chemical methods in

organic chemistry.

Team teaching is utilized with Dr.
L.D. Neff and Dr. Larry I. Bone serving as instructors.

Two instrumentation companies with sales offices in Dallas have loaned equipment to the department. The Varian Co. has supplied a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer and a mass spectrometer. Beckman Instruments, Inc. is supplying an infrared spectrometer.

According to Dr. Razniak, the junior college teachers will gain an understanding which they can integrate into the undergraduate curricula of their schools.

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Voice Recital Scheduled

The ET Department of Music will present Debra Evans, Jacksonville senior, in a voice recital at 8:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, in the Concert Hall of the Music Building. She will be accompanied at the piano by Patricia Dennis, Cooper senior.

The evening's program will consist of selections of German lieder, Italian arias and various contemporary pieces by Rachmaninoff and R. Vaughn-Williams.

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SLANTED NEWS — Debbie Damron, High Point, N.C., senior, and an unidentified fur tree behind Mayo Hall perfect the art of bending with the wind. The official closing date for Mayo, coeducational graduate dorm, is Saturday, Aug. 18.

By Susie Biehler

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SHOPLIFTING

nerable to another shoplifter. Also, oftentimes the punishment isn't worth the trouble of prosecution. The penalty for shoplifting or theft under \$5 in Commerce is a \$35 fine, levied by the justice of the peace.

Still, the policy of all the merchants polled is to prosecute all apprehended shoplifters. Only Howard's has a policy of first asking if the shoplifter would like to pay for the merchandise before police are called. "As a matter of principle, I prosecute," Joe Gaulden, owner Gaulden's Pharmacy, said after estimating an inventory loss of one-half to one per cent to the shoplifter.

What items are taken from which

store follows no pattern. Former A&P manager E. C. Chenault reported that most of his losses, which neither he nor the A&P central sales department in Dallas have tabulated, are in non-edible items. At a time when hamburger meat is 99 cents per pound, people go to A&P to steal pens, paper, and deoderant.

Losses due to shoplifting are not recorded by Mrs. M's manager Ted Tanner or the store's headquarters, Affiliated Foods in Dallas. However, Tanner notes that panty hose and potted meats are big theft items in his store. Howard's manager Spillers says that many people will steal anything "if they think they can get away without having to pay for it."

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"This institution operates on the purpose of the student being the customer, and at times too much impact is placed on the teaching of facts and data. We sometimes lose sight of the main goal of the learning process-that of student development," she said.

Totally in support of the student government, the new madame vice president said that student involvement is good because the university is like a community. She definitely sees a place on the university campus for student government, but the power needs to be defined as in any part of a system.

Dr. White said that she hopes she was chosen because of her qualifications and not because of her sex. Being a woman, she feels she can bring a different point of view, although she noted that she may be more sensitive in some areas, and insensitive in others.

She said the woman's movement in general has had an impact on what is to come, yet credits the change to the entire civil rights movement, which to her, has "heightened people's awareness on discrimination." She is strongly in favor of the human liberation—giving people the individual choice they each deserve.

Not attempting to make any predictions of her new post, Dr. White said that she won't see the interworkings and problems involved until she sees the inside picture. She does envision her new position as working as a liaison between the ad-

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MACH III ...

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Mach III funds. He said that 80 per cent of the program enrollment must meet low income criteria established by the federal government. These criteria are based upon family income and the number of family members. He said that eligible students would also qualify for the financial aid programs offered through the university Financial Aids office.

The program "is concerned with undergraduate students (part - time and full-time) who require services and innovative curriculums to insure their success in the academic environment. Although the specific target population of the special services program will vary with the local situation, only disadvantaged students with combinations of the characteristics described in the income criteria are to be served by this program," according to the guidelines written into the program.

Participants in Mach III can be considered eligible for the program if they live in federally supported low-income housing; are part of a family where serious mismanagement of the income prohibits any benefit to the student; or in a family on a state or federally financed welfare pro-

According to the program guidelines, the project director is granted the authority to admit up to cent of the total enrollment from slightly higher family income categories and to those who meet one of the following criteria: "Lives in a Model Cities neighborhood; has English as a second language, is from a family where the head of the household is employed in a low income, dead-end job, is a migrant, or is living in an area of cultural or geographic isolation." Disabled students may also be eligible to enter the pro-

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