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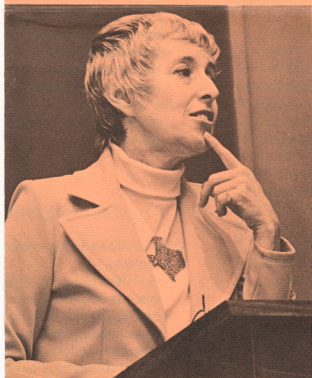
Speaker Price Daniel Jr.

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—A veteran teacher commenting on the Taft Institute of Government (See Page 4)



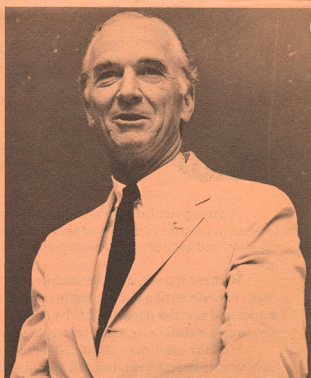
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Senator Betty Andujar



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Drug Users Turned Off By Project

Six teenagers with long histories of excessive LSD use are free of the drug after a six-week therapy program which conditioned them mentally to become sick at the thought of taking the mind-bending drug.

Follow-up investigations 18 months after the 1971 project showed that the participating Arlington high school students lost all interest in LSD, according to researchers, Dr. Wayne Duehn and Mary C. Shannon. A seventh participant could not be located.

The researchers, members of UTA's Graduate School of Social Work, said they initiated the previously untried covert sensitization program after 14 weeks of traditional drug therapy and failed to help the student volunteers.

"These users, all 16 to 18 years old, were not simply occasional LSD trippers," Dr. Duehn, an associate professor, said. "All of them had been on LSD more than a year and admitted to taking the stuff two or three times each week."

While published research relating to the technique's use in drug cases is limited to the UTA work, the researchers see indications that covert sensitization will work on users of other types of drugs.

Essentially, covert sensitization requires the drug user to vividly imagine himself taking LSD, then becoming violently ill. He then creates a mental picture of himself running from the scene to his home where he takes a refreshing shower.

"Together, we created a word picture of what actually occurs, detail by detail, when an LSD user makes a buy,"

Miss Shannon explained. "The group leader told the story at each session and the participants, their eyes closed, used their imaginations to mentally create the entire scene."

After daily practice at home and participation in six group sessions - two 30-minute meetings weekly - some of the teenagers actually became sick simply thinking of about LSD, the researchers told a recent meeting of the National Conference on Social Welfare.

"Two of the participants said they experienced flashes of color when they imagined LSD touching their lips," Dr. Duehn said. "Another was offered LSD a few days following the initial group session and he immediately complained of stomach cramps and nausea."

Covert sensitization techniques, first brought to public attention in 1966, have been used successfully on individuals with behavior problems ranging from excessive smoking to alcoholism, homosexuality, glue sniffing and a variety of juvenile offenses.

"However, to our knowledge, our project in Arlington was the first attempt to break drug use utilizing this behavioral procedure in a group situation," Dr. Duehn said.

While the research team warns that the success of the project is no indication that the drug problem is licked, they do feel its success calls for further experimentation.

"After all," Dr. Duehn pointed out, "few other drug treatment programs have proved themselves to be spectacular successes."



New Deans, Department Heads Named

Major administrative changes in three departments and two of the university's colleges have been announced by Acting President Dr. Wendell Nedderman.

The changes include new acting deans for the colleges of science and business administration and new chairmen for the departments of biology, mathematics and education.

Dr. William Meacham, chairman of the biology department, has been named acting dean of the College of Science, effective Sept. 1. Dr. Meacham replaces Dr. Peter Girardot, who has resigned from the post to devote his time to teaching and research at the university.

Replacing Meacham as chairman of the biology department will be Dr. William C. McDonald, a professor of biology at Tulane University since 1965. He will assume his new position Sept. 1.

In the College of Business Administration, Dr. Jerry C. Wofford, a professor of business administration, has been named acting dean. He replaces Dr. Wallace B. Nelson who will remain at UTA as a professor and advisor to the president on university-business relations.

The new chairman of the mathematics department is a native of India who has taught and lectured on three continents. Dr. Vangeppan Lakshminathan, chairman of the mathematics department at the University of Rhode Island since 1966, will assume the new position Sept. 1, replacing Dr. Basil Wall who will remain on the mathematics faculty.

Dr. Joyce Buckner, assistant professor of education, has been named acting chairwoman of the education department, also effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Buckner, a certified and licensed psychologist who is frequently called upon for counseling and consultant work, replaces Dr. Allen J. Herndon, chairman of the department since 1966.

NOW: Professor's Filmmaking Creativity Brings New Approach To 'Seeing' Architecture



program as a teaching aid. The resulting filmfest, which premiered in April, was a sell-out success.

Those first films now form the nucleus of a specialized film library Ferrier is developing for use by students enrolled in the new graduate architecture program which begins at UTA this fall. Others are being added as they are produced.

Political 'Gamble'

Gambling may be illegal in Texas, but an untold number of office holders may owe more thanks to Lady Luck than to the voters, according to a government research project just completed at UTA.

The project, which involved some 500 UTA voters, revealed that winning first place on the ballot can mean an advantage of as much as 22 per cent over whoever is listed second, regardless of candidate qualifications or voter popularity.

To prove the point, the researchers reversed the order of candidates on a second ballot and found that being number one can make a candidate number one.

Texas election rules for primary, municipal and school board elections provide for candidates to draw lots or flip a coin to determine whose name will appear first on the ballot.

"It is like a gigantic bingo game and the candidate who draws first place has reason to be as happy as the guy who shouts, 'bingo,'" according to researcher Dr. Del Taebel, assistant professor of urban affairs and government. Taebel and graduate student John Suggs of Irving conducted the study.

To eliminate this gambler's approach to selecting government leaders, Taebel suggests that the names of candidates in each race be rotated on the ballot. A candidate listed first on one ballot would be listed second on the next.

The rotation system could be used regardless of the number of candidates seeking a particular office, he said.

Campus Revamped

The campus is being revamped for handicapped students.

Telephones have been lowered in buildings all over the 300-acre campus and new wheelchair-level drinking fountains have been installed. Ramps make it easy to enter most buildings while still others are under construction.

"All the new buildings comply with Senate Bill 1111 designed to make it easier for handicapped

students to get around," explains Everette Strahan, physical plant director at UTA. "But now we're completing work on older buildings, renovating them for the handicapped."

Clean Air Study

A professor of engineering at UTA predicts Americans may have to choose between cleaner automobile exhaust emissions or better fuel economy until better pollution control equipment is developed.

Dr. Jack Fairchild, a member of the university's Transportation Research Center engineering team, says today's anti-pollution devices reduce toxic emission levels, but they also cause engines to burn more fuel.

"It would appear you can have one or the other - cleaner air or more miles to the gallon - but not both," he said. "At least, not the way things now stand."

The engineering team Fairchild heads now has underway a research project aimed at analyzing the problem in the hope of finding the optimum trade-off or better ways of controlling exhaust emissions. The project is being sponsored jointly by the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the university.

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Taft Institute Draws Political Powers

Individual political persuasions ranged from the left to the right and there were as many "ins" as "outs," but the real winners were the 40 Texas social science teachers who participated in the Robert A. Taft Institute of Government held recently at UTA.

"I've spent a lot of years trying to fully comprehend politics, but these last six weeks have given me a better insight into our system than I've ever had before," commented one veteran high school government teacher.

The Institute, held at UTA for the second consecutive year, brought almost three dozen leaders from local, state and national political structures to analyze governmental processes in daily session during June and July.

Appearances by the speakers also brought the news media and this kept UTA in the public eye as writers and commentators almost daily analyzed the comments of the analysts.

Maurice Carlson, a well-known political figure and an associate professor of English, and Dr. George Wolfskill, UTA professor of history, were co-directors of the Institute and the cast of lecturers they assembled read like a who's who of government.

Participating from the national level were such notables as Robert Strauss, chairman of the Democratic National Executive Committee; Fred Agnich and Rita Bass, both members of the Republican National Committee; U.S. Congressmen Dale Milford, Jim Wright, James Collins and Alan Steelman and John McDonald, Iowa Republi-

can state chairman and chairman of the GOP State Chairman's Advisory Committee.

State senators included Oscar Mauzy and Betty Andujar whose state-house observations were supplemented by State Reps. Frank Gaston, Ms. Chris Miller, Bob Maloney, Cris Semos and Ben Atwell. Also from the state political scene were Speaker of the House Price Daniel Jr. and Charles Purnell, executive assistant to Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

Included were local and county political figures, among them Arlington

Mayor Tommy Vandergriff, Midland political leader Tom Sealy, Tarrant County Judge Howard Green, Dallas political leader John Schoellkopf, Dallas County Judge W.L. Sterrett, Dallas Mayor Wes Wise, Dallas banker and civic leader Robert L. Thornton Jr., Democratic Women of Dallas County President Mrs. Ronda Vecchio, Dallas County Democratic Chairman Earl Luna, Dallas County Commissioner Roy Orr, Arlington Councilwoman Martha Walker, Dallas Chamber President Charles Cullum, newspaper editorialist Dick West, Democratic leader Harry Crutcher III, Robert Porter, chairman of the Dallas County GOP executive committee, and Dr. George Willeford, Texas GOP chairman.

One highlight of the Institute was the students' attendance at a luncheon honoring former presidential press secretary Bill Moyers. The appearance was sponsored by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram's Living Textbook program.

"Without question, this Institute program has been most successful," co-director Carlson said at the close of the intense short-course. "The teachers who were selected to participate are going back to their classrooms far better prepared to teach public school students the true value and meaning of our system."

The Robert A. Taft Institute of Government, headquartered in New York City, was organized 12 years ago to promote greater understanding of the principles and processes of government. It is non-partisan, non-profit, educational and national in scope.



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