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Censorship debated

BY DAVID QUIN

More than 150 San Antonio residents descended on Chapman Auditorium Monday to attend a seminar on censorship and the first amendment. Trinity's history, political science and religion departments joined the Texas State Teachers Association, People For the American Way and three other organizations to sponsor the event.

History professor Char Miller moderated the three-member panel. He said the issue of censorship is especially significant to San Antonio because of the efforts of the Citizens for Excellence in Education, a conservative Christian group, to change the curriculum in a number of San Antonio school districts. According to the CEE handbook, the group seeks to restore "traditional values and Godly morals" to public education. The group suggests the sex, drugs and violence in schools are the result of the absence of these values in school curricula.

Miller said the CEE's influence is growing in the San Antonio area. He pointed to the election of a CEE candidate to the Northside School District Board and an attempt two years ago by some Northside parents to remove Jean Auel's book, "Clan of the Cave Bear" from school libraries for alleged pornographic pas-

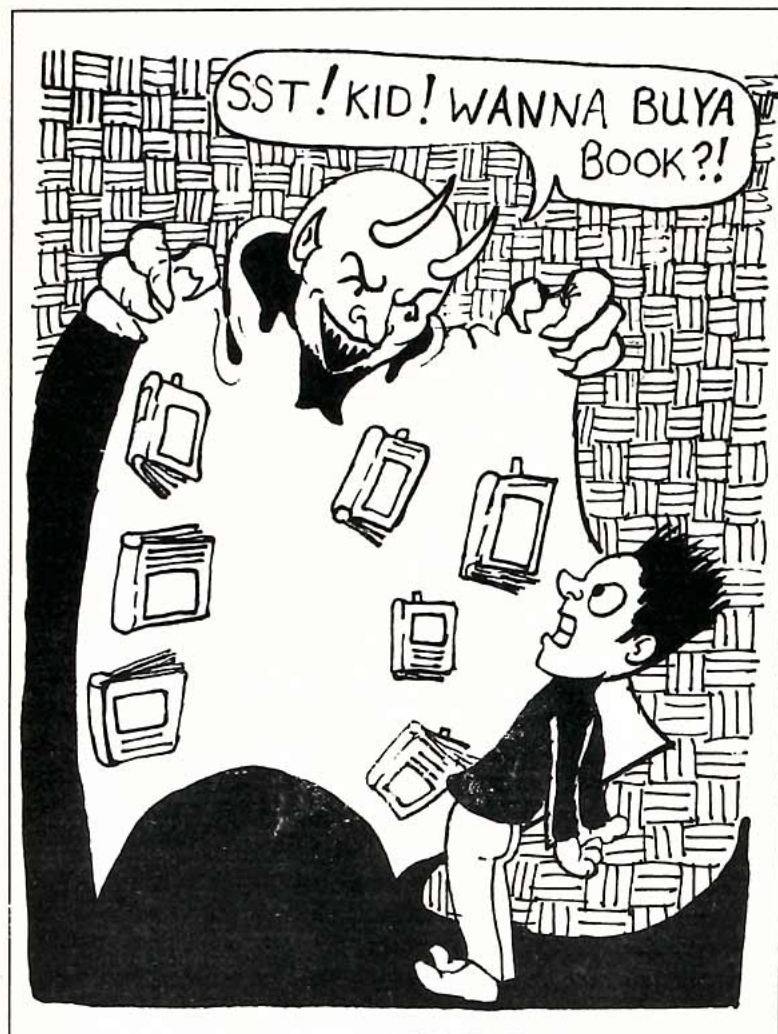
sages as examples of the group's increasing presence. According to Miller, CEE is planning to run as many as three of its candidates in the next Northside school board election to be held in a few weeks.

Nationally, the number of complaints about school curricula have increased. According to People for the American Way, there were 157 publicized challenges to instructional materials in 42 states last year alone, with most of these attacks coming from conservative and religious groups.

Miller said Trinity hosted the event "as a reflection of the university's commitment to academic freedom." "It is not a coincidence that Trinity hosted this event," he said.

Trinity Professor Allan Kownslar, who is currently writing a book on the history of censorship in America, said conservatives are not the only people who attempt to censor books. Kownslar said his research has shown that liberals file as many curriculum complaints as conservatives. "It's really a pretty effective system of checks and balances," he said.

Kownslar said groups like B'nai B'rith, the National Organization for Women and even People for the American Way have protested against textbooks they found objectionable.



Trinity unworried by applicant drop

BY BRYAN TREAT

Throughout the nation there has been a decrease in the number of high school graduates and, subsequently, a decline in the total number of applicants to many universities and colleges. Although this trend might normally merit fear in the eyes of Trinity's Office of Admissions, Vice President for Institutional Research Michael Yost, said Trinity applications have not been affected in the least. He said despite a decrease in the total number of high school graduates, there

has been a 7 percent increase in college applications among those who graduated. As a result, Yost and Director of Admissions Sara Krause, said they fully expect to have an entering class of 625, a substantial increase from this year's first-year class of 563.

As of last Friday, 240 students had turned in their deposits, which are due by May 1. According to Krause, a nearly equal number of male and female students have turned in their deposits. She said their average SAT score is 1190.

Applications from minority students have

increased from last year, going from 16.8 percent for the class of 1992 to 18.3 percent for the class of 1993. Although the number of applications does not determine the percentage of minorities who will actually attend Trinity, it has created optimism in the Office of Admissions.

Efforts to recruit minorities include presentations conducted at predominantly minority high schools in San Antonio and having Trinity alumni contact black and Hispanic National Merit Scholars. Trinity has also set up the Trinity Minority Student Network

which is comprised of 100 students, alumni, and faculty who encourage minority recruitment and provide a support network for minority students at Trinity. Trinity also maintains ties to the League of United Latin American Citizens and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities.

Admissions recently began a program to introduce high school students to Trinity during their junior year. For Summer Contact '89, Trinity students will call high school juniors in their area during the summer to promote interest in Trinity.

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p.m. Shaughnessy's secretary approached the students and asked about the demonstration.

The secretary had noticed the crowd of anti-death penalty demonstrators, and brought it to the attention of Shaughnessy.

Members of the UTSA chapters of AI Chris Sullivan and Monty Sullivan, as well as Sprinkle and Trinity's AI President Emily Knearl, went into the courthouse where they participated in a lengthy

and heated debate with Shaughnessy, who is a proponent of the death penalty.

Sprinkle said, "The group should not have argued laws with a lawyer. Amnesty International is not supposed to get involved in

legal matters since it is a group concerned with moral issues."

Shaughnessy suggested the group protest at the legislature in Austin, not at the courthouse.

He said, "The courthouse enforces the law, not writes the law."

Sprinkle said there were similar protests in Austin.

The rally took place after the U.S. Senate recently approved a proposal to extend the death penalty to persons convicted of murdering children under age 14.

Sprinkle said, "The more they expand...since we are having such a problem with drinking and drugs, they might expand it to people who drive drunk. If the Trinity students would just stop and think about it, that could be them."

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