Euthanasia raises old, new questions

By GAYLE CARSON
Staff Writer

Euthanasia or mercy killing is a controversial and complex issue, deeply divided, with no easy answers. The Greeks described it as the fitting end of a noble life.

It was the subject of a seminar “Death by Decision” conducted by Dr. Jerry Wilson, head of the Psychology Department, Nov. 13 in Houston Cole Library. Wilson is the author of a book on euthanasia, “Death by Decision: The Medical, Moral and Legal Dilemmas of Euthanasia.”

Some of the facts revealed during the seminar were that there are no common ideas on mercy killing. In addition, there has been controversy over the Kathy Quinlain case as whether or not to let her die peacefully without the machines which are trying to keep her alive. Religious beliefs have been brought about because the Quinlains are Catholic and they are not required by belief to prolong life.

Kathy Quinlain is responding to the machines, so is she alive or not?

Some ideas brought forth are to let the patient decide for himself whether or not to live or die. Other attempts have been made to legalize mercy killing.

When should measures to keep a patient alive be abandoned? Can a patient insist on the right to die with dignity? Should measures be discontinued for the mercy of the patient? When extensive measures are needed to keep the patient alive, should they be discontinued?

On the other side are those who are against euthanasia. Some believe it cannot be separated from the commandment “Thou Shalt Not Kill.” Others believe there is always hope for a last minute recovery for a patient.

By DEBBIE SKIPPER
Editor

The sound of rifle shots echoed forth as an audience packed into the Student Commons Auditorium relived an agonizing and shocking moment of American history—the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The Abraham Zapruder film, the home movie of the JFK assassination, ran just 30 seconds but was preceded by film showing the President’s arrival in Dallas and the motorcade. The extra footage and the background music and rifle shots were added by the Frenchman who produced the film to heighten the emotional appeal.

The audience of approximately 900, who had come to hear William Turner, former FBI agent and assassination investigator speak, strained to see the moment when the bullets were actually fired and the President’s head was rocked violently backward.

The film was shown by Turner, the SGA Lyceum Committee’s guest speaker and a competent authority on assassinations, Tuesday night as part of his presentation on the history of the recent assassinations and assassination attempts in American history.

The story Turner related as he discussed the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers and Martin Luther King Jr. and the attempt on the life of Gov. George Wallace was both shocking and intriguing.

The connection between all these cases? “There’s an indication, parallels...to indicate a common agent was involved in all of them,” said Turner.

Turner called the JFK assassination plot a combined effort of the CIA, the Mafia and some of the more violent anti-Castro Cubans.

The time sequence was what Turner found most evident and impelling about the assassinations:

John Kennedy was killed when he was seriously considering pulling the U.S. out of Vietnam, when he was already about to cut back on the oil depletion allowance, when he was thinking about dumping Lyndon Johnson and when he was making unofficial overtures to detente with Castro.

Kennedy was apparently going to take care of this rapprochement with Cuba when he returned to Dallas. It was instead put on ice.

The time element was again important in the King murder, said Turner. He specified that King was not murdered during the Civil Rights marches or the sit-ins.

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TURNER

Art show

Paintings and drawings by Phil Carpenter, JSU Art instructor, will be on exhibition through Wednesday, Nov. 26.

The exhibition will come from his recent works in oil and acrylic paintings and ink drawings dealing with fantastic views of human and animal figures.

Carpenter received his BFA from Auburn University and MFA from the University of Alabama. His areas of concentration are drawing, paintings, and printmaking.

Gallery hours are 1-3 p.m. daily.
but instead after he “voiced strong and persistent criticism against the Vietnam War” and after coming out in support of the pan-African freedom movement.

Robert Kennedy, in turn, was shot the moment after he had captured the California primary which would have carried him through Chicago and on to the White House, according to Turner.

The assassination of JFK, said Turner, has caused the U.S. to have “three accidental presidents”—Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, and Gerald Ford.

The U.S., according to Turner, has become a “banana republic” with power being passed from hand to hand.

In his investigation of the attempt on Wallace’s life, Turner has again found inconsistencies and unanswered questions. At a press conference before the speech, he revealed that shortly after the shooting, Charles Colson ordered E. Howard Hunt to fly to Milwaukee, enter Bremer’s apartment and remove any evidence that would connect him with the Republican Party or the Committee to Re-elect the President. Turner believes there is enough evidence to warrant a congressional investigation.

Questions in the other assassinations tend to throw serious doubt on the official explanations, according to Turner.

Powder burns and a bullet entry from the back in Robert Kennedy tends to support the contention of the second-gun theory since witnesses place Sirhan at least three feet in front of the senator. The bullet, according to ballistics evidence and the powder burns, must have been fired one to three inches behind Kennedy.

In the King assassination, the man identified by an eye witness, Gracey Stevens, who saw him run out from the bathroom of the rooming house across from King’s hotel room, was James Earl Ray, said Turner. Her description of the man who she saw face to face before he wheeled around and ran out matched, however, one of the three men questioned at Dealey Plaza the day of the JFK assassination.

In Turner’s investigation of the shooting of John Kennedy, he has uncovered two pieces of scientific evidence which prove that Lee Harvey Oswald never fired a rifle the day John Kennedy was shot.

The paraffin castings taken of Oswald’s cheeks and hands to check for the presence of nitrite from the bullet fired from the alleged murder weapon show the presence of residue on Oswald’s hands alone. This would indicate, according to Turner, that he fired a hand gun with both hands or was fingerprinted before the caste was made.

The other piece of evidence Turner pointed out is the Psychological Stress Evaluation test (PSE) which operates on the same principle as a lie detector test except the stress would be noted in the voice. A tape of Oswald yelling to newsmen, “I didn’t kill anybody. I’m just a petty,” was put through the PSE and no stress registered. This would indicate he wasn’t lying.

At his press conference, Turner said LBJ’s voice would also run through the PSE when he spoke about the assassination, and stress was indicated.

Turner believes the address 544 Camp Street in New Orleans is the key to the conspiracy to assassinate JFK. This was the address used by Oswald. It was also the address of the Cuban Revolutionary Council. This office was located strategically next to that of W. Guy Bannister, a former FBI agent. A private investigator for Bannister, David Perry, was an associate of Oswald’s before the latter’s trip to Russia and was also working for the attorney of one of the Mafia figures involved in Cuban forces against Castro at the time of the JFK shooting, said Turner.

In the audience’s few seldom bursts of laughter, Turner related the tale of the “acrobatic bullet” that, according to the Warren Commission’s Report, had traveled through both Kennedy and Gov. John Connally going at different angles and falling out of Connally’s leg at the hospital with almost no loss of blood.

Turner saw this resurgence of interest in assassinations as being nothing more than an attempt to distract Watergate. “People are now very skeptical about official versions.”

He remarked at the outset of his speech that “Just because you’re paranoid doesn’t mean you’re not being followed! He added later, “I’m not paranoid.”

11th annual SCOAG begins preparations

This bicentennial year marks the 11th anniversary of the Student Conference on American Government (SCOAG), an attempt by Jacksonville State to nurture an interest in and a knowledge of government among youth.

Junior and senior high school students from throughout the state of Alabama are invited to attend.

This year’s SCOAG director is Lewis Martin, a senior from Huntsville. Assisting him this year are Dennis Pantazis, assistant director; Patty Hobbs, executive secretary; Kerry Sumner and Debbie Skipper, public relations directors;

Robert Smith, finance director; Tim Childers, logistics director; and Robbie Stansbore, executive assistant director.

This year’s faculty advisor is Dr. Glen Browder of the Political Science Department. Also working on the event are Robert Downey, in charge of entertainment, Ann Jackson, registration, and John Robinson, high school relations.

Anyone interested in working on SCOAG should see Lewis Morris, whose office is located at the Interfraternity Council office, or Robert Smith, at the SGA office, or Debbie Skipper, at the Chancilece office.

Pictures to be shot

The following pictures will be shot for the Mirror.

Monday, November 24, 6:30-8:00 PM, SCB auditorium & 3rd floor: Phi Mu Alpha Writer’s Club, Phi Mu Alpha Theta, Phi Mu Chi Beta, Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Mu Gamma, Scabbard & Blade, Rangers, Rifle Club-Rifle teams, ROTC

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The academic officers of the University have been very involved in the last several weeks as this office and they have worked with faculty members and students to facilitate student input into faculty evaluation.

The University is committed to the basic principle of faculty evaluation. It holds the philosophy that student evaluation by whatever instrument that is understood and approved by the faculty member can afford a teacher an understanding of his or her weaknesses and strengths. This information, properly received, can be used by a professional person for self-evaluation and improvement.

The proposed instrument that was developed some years ago by an Evaluation Committee of the Faculty Senate, is to be used on a voluntary basis with encouragement to participate, in hopes that the instrument itself will be evaluated by the faculty. Each faculty member that participates is going to be asked to share his or her evaluation of the instrument with his or her department head, who will then pass on suggestions, criticisms and recommendations to the Council of Deans. Whatever consensus is gained from this will be shared with the Faculty Committee on Evaluation and members of the Student Liaison Committee that have worked with the Council of Deans.

It is hoped that those faculty members and departments that would like to use some other instrument to accomplish this goal will bring it to our attention in order that we can help or facilitate their undertaking.

It is appreciated by the University that the faculty members and students are interested in faculty evaluation as one of the means of improving instruction. It is implicit in the philosophy of the University that information coming through the evaluation will preserve the anonymity of the student and the confidentiality of the rating of the teacher for the teacher.

When a department head is made aware of the rating of an individual teacher, he is to use this as a counseling opportunity to assist the teacher in growth and improvement and also to take recognition of strengths and accomplishments. In no way is this approach to be regarded as punitive or a means to make a faculty member feel in his or her endeavors. It rather is a means by which strengths can be recognized and weaknesses can be overcome.

Letter

‘Tattoo’ is realistic, exciting, and explicit

Earl Thompson. TATTOO. Signet. $2.95.

Earl Thompson, author of Garden of Sand has written an equally compelling novel, Tattoo.

Describing this book requires the use of the words "explicit," "powerful," "shocking" and all the other adjectives that let readers know the book is a sizzler.

As you follow the exploits of the tattooed hero of the novel, Jack Andersen, the highly stylized narration has the incredible power of making the reader feel like an accomplice to each deed. The images created by this writer are vivid and almost tangible because of their realism.

The novel unfolds in the shadow of a slum in Wichita, Kansas. You are immediately introduced to all the elements which drove Jack, at fourteen years of age, into the Navy. At home, poverty and a hostile family environment are the norm, so Jack lies about his age and enlists in the Navy. His many experiences while traveling to distant lands, plus a potpourri of emotions are shared with the reader.

The nearly seven hundred page saga spans a period of about six years. Throughout these years, we witness Jack's maturation in every sphere of his life except his emotionalism. Despite extensive travels and vast experiences, Jack's basic personality flaw—emotional immaturity, thwarts his quest for true happiness. If you like the traditional heroes, rose-colored plots, and "they lived happily ever after" endings, don't read Tattoo. But if you want to read a novel that's realistic, exciting and poetic, try "Tattoo." It is just such a novel.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Hughes
Division Representative

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From the office of the vice president for academic affairs

The Chanticleer

To the Editor:

Ed. Note: After the Red Cross turned away approximately 14 potential blood donors at the fall blood drive because they arrived two minutes after the drive officially ended, Robert Smith, chairman of the blood drive, wrote a letter of complaint to Donald H. Hughes, division representative for the Red Cross. The following is Mr. Hughes reply.

Dear Robert:

On behalf of the Alabama Division and the Calhoun County Chapter American Red Cross I would like to thank you and all the people who helped with the blood drive last month. Your hard work and enthusiasm helped involve the entire student body. It was one of the most successful fall visits at Jacksonville State that I can remember.

I checked with the charge nurse in regards to the students coming in late to donate blood. She stated that they had disposed of the solutions they use to check the hemoglobin and it would have run them very late to prepare new solutions. Please accept my apology for this incident. I will plan on staying the entire visit next time to help you if any problems arise.

We will look forward to working with you again next spring and hope you will drop by to see us at the blood center when you are in Birmingham.

Sincerely,

Donald H. Hughes
Division Representative

'Can dance'

Black Student Union will be holding a “Can Dance” tonight at 8 p.m. in the Roundhouse. Each person who wants to come should bring a canned good. These goods will go into a food basket to be given away at Thanksgiving. Also at the dance will be a bake sale to raise money for the basket. In addition the RSC is raffling off a quilt. Everyone is invited. Free coffee will be served.

Phi Beta Lambda

There will be a Phi Beta Lambda Meeting on Monday, November 24, 1975 at 4:30 P.M. It will be held in Merrill Building Lobby and will be an informal orientation.

Golf

There will be a meeting of the JSU Golf team on Tuesday, November 25 at 3:30 In room 328 of the Pete Mathews Coliseum. Anyone interested in trying out is urged to attend.

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By DR. RALPH SAVAGE

Even if James Madison had never been President from 1809 to 1817, he would still be one of America's great men. Indeed, his most important contributions came before his election.

Mr. Madison, the son of a Virginia planter, graduated from Princeton in 1777, and became active in the political storm which was gathering. When the colony of Virginia declared independence from Britain in 1776, Madison, at age 25, was a delegate to the new state's constitutional convention. Today, as we experience one of our periodic interludes of major concern over corruption in politics, it is refreshing to recall Madison's attitude in his 1777 campaign for re-election to the Virginia legislature. It had been the custom in some areas for candidates to compete in providing free food for the voters. Madison lost the election because he refused to do so. He believed the voters' choice should instead be based upon rational deliberation. Madison's position did not long suffer as a result of this ethical stand. He was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. He had already prepared a complete plan for a new central government. Madison's "Virginia Plan", as it was called, became the basis of the Constitution. Among the provisions which he repeatedly advocated was the necessity of electing congressmen directly by the people. He also took it upon himself to keep a complete record of the debates during the Convention's secret meetings, and he helped write the final version of the Constitution that was signed in September, 1787.

Madison's work, however, was not yet done at the close of the Convention. He wrote a series of essays designed to explain the new Constitution to the people. These essays, along with others written by Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, are collectively known as The Federalist. To this day they are considered the most brilliant interpretation of federal government. At the time, they were important in winning support for the new Constitution.

As a member of the House of Representatives in 1789, Madison's work on the Constitution continued when he prepared and proposed the Bill of Rights. These amendments added to the Constitution a guarantee of the basic freedoms of expression, rights of the accused...
Trojans blitz JSU title drive 26-10

By DAVID ELWELL
Sports Writer
The Troy State Trojans, led by Rick Maxey, Sullivan Walker and Ron Daniels, stunned the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks 26-10, in Troy, Alabama. JSU jumped to an early 10-0 lead, but the superior Trojan team, later took command and coasted to victory. Troy's sophomore linebacker Rick Maxey had a lot to do with the inept JSU offensive play. Maxey had 10 individual tackles. JSU scored first on place kicker Joe Hix's 30 yard field goal and added seven points on quarterback Larry Barnes six yard run. The rest of the game belonged to Troy. After Barnes' TD, the Trojans took the kickoff and went 68 yards in 12 plays with Perry Griggs getting the last eight yards for the touchdown. Troy missed the extra point, leaving the score at 10-6.

On the third play following the kickoff, Steve Boyles intercepted a Barnes pass at the Gamecock 23 yard line. It only took Troy three plays to score when Ron Daniels carried it in from the five. Troy got two more points when Griggs scored on an end-around, pushing the Trojan lead to 14-6. Robert Kampschmidt, Troy's kicker, increased the lead 17-10 at the half on his 26 yard field goal.

Kampschmidt's 37 yard field goal made it 20-4 early in the third quarter. Billy Dixon got Troy's last touchdown, when he rambled 37 yards on an end-around, that capped a seven play, 64 yard scoring drive.

Walker, Dixon, Daniels and Griggs combined to rush for 228 yards. Quarterback Bobby Lee had 33 yards passing. This added up to 375 yards total offense against the highly touted "Red Bandit" defense. While they both had favored the formation of a strong central government, they also firmly believed that the new Constitution must be strictly interpreted to prevent the center's power from infringing upon the broad spectrum of rights reserved for the states.

Upon Jefferson's election as President in 1800, Madison became Secretary of State. During the next eight years they worked together very closely on foreign policy. In fact, it is difficult to separate their individual contributions in helping to preserve American neutrality in the European wars and in negotiating the Louisiana Purchase. Madison easily won the Presidency in 1808. He was able to continue his policy of neutrality during the war between Britain and France for almost four years, at a time when both countries were infringing upon American rights. The balance was shifted toward war against Britain in 1812, resulting from a British naval blockade of American ships and from intensified anti-British feeling among Americans. However, the quiet scholar did not fit the role of war-time President, and it is somewhat ironic that during the worst phases of the two-year War of 1812, it was known as "Mr. Madison's war".

The President was as popular as ever before he left office in 1817, and his retirement at age 66 by no means ended his public interests. He became rector of the University of Virginia at 75, Chairman of the convention to revise Virginia's constitution at 78, and throughout that period a chief supporter of emancipation. He also continued to enjoy great public respect and fame for his greatest achievement as "father of the Constitution."
The Stepford Wives

An ‘entertaining’ story

By VICTOR McCARLEY
Features Editor

How many of you men would like to own a woman who was completely unliberated, a dedicated mother, housekeeper and wife? Add beauty to the extent that no one can match hers and you’ve got a deal, right? This film review deals with such a proposal. The title of that horror-suspense film that’s the subject of this review is “The Stepford Wives,” based on the book by Ira Levin, author of “Rosemary’s Baby.”

It’s an excellent film and a very entertaining one.

The acting is great. The movie stars such notables as Katherine Ross, Paula Prentiss and Patrick O’Neal. Ross and Prentiss portray the female automatons. They present human and inhuman emotions exceptionally well.

On the human aspect, the emotions are communicated more vividly. Panic, fear and horror are predominant elements in the film as the impending doom is there, and you must merely sit and watch it happen. This sort of suspense, in my opinion, is what makes a movie like this one “sell.”

The story is something completely different also. It entails a small suburban Connecticut community where men bring their wives to “trade them in” on unliberated automatons or, plainly speaking, robots.

These plans are carried out by men in the town who own or possess the knowledge to build these automatons. I don’t condone this sort of thing, but, you have to admit, it sounds like a nice pasttime.

As the automatons are completed, the real McCoy is killed, in the case of Katherine Ross, by her counterpart. Although the film is full of reported violence, the spectator sees it’s an excellent film and a completely different one. It entails a small suburban community where men bring their wives to “trade them in” on unliberated automatons or, plainly speaking, robots.

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"I won't graduate next month?"

By BILLIE NAPPER
Staff Writer

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M NOT GOING TO GRADUATE NEXT MONTH?!?!?"

"Well, it says right here, Mr. Cool, that all students majoring in Fraternity and Minoring in Spectator Sports must have at least eight hours in English. You haven't had any English, so I'm afraid you won't be able to graduate."

"Nobody never told me I needed an English course to graduate. I got three hours in English, and if you weren't so picky you'd take the 'F' and count it. Besides I don't remember you advising me how to talk."

"Well, Mr. Cool, I'm certainly sorry, but the requirements for graduation are listed on page 57 in the catalogue. Your adviser should have told you, but apparently he overlooked that one little fact."

"ADVISER? I told you, I don't need nobody to tell me what to do. And if this university weren't so picky and so sneaky and underhanded, I could graduate. You're just trying to be nasty, because of the name calling I heard Dean Miles."

"Now, Mr. Cool, I assure you that we bear no grudges because of the name-calling problem. The fact of the matter is that you simply do not meet the requirements for graduation. Maybe you should go see the Chairman of the Fraternity Department. He might help you get into shape to graduate next semester—or next year."

"Are you the dude that's supposed to help me?"

"Yes, I am. What can I do for you?"

"Well, for starters you can get off your high horse and let me graduate. That's what!"

"I'm not stopping anyone from graduating. Just exactly what is your problem?"

"Well, I got this here notice from the admissions office, you know, and it said that I'm not going to graduate next month cause I don't qualify and now I'm trying to find the, you know, dude what's trying to keep me from graduating."

"Oh, I see, Mr. Cool. Oh, it is all right if I call you Joe? I have your record here. We thought you might be coming by. Let's see, you have 172 elective hours, 16 required hours, and a grade point average of 0.0032. That's not particularly good. Why haven't you been to see us or your adviser before now?"

"Look, like I keep trying to tell you guys. I don't need no adviser to tell me nothing. I had some old geezer for an adviser about 6 years ago, but I don't remember his name."

"Hmmm. If you can draw a sketch of him maybe I can recognize him."

"Well, alright. If you say so."

"Joe, I don't recall any professor who looks like he's over eighty, has a wart on his nose, has horns and breathes fire. Are you sure you aren't exaggerating?"

"I swear to you. This guy was an absolute monster."

"Why don't you tell me what happened when you went to see him."

"Well, I boogied into his office and told him that I wasn't taking no science, history, or math, and that if he thought I was he was crazier than he looked. And I took him I didn't intend to stop by his office every semester. That's a bunch of bull. And he told me I'd have to take some of those subject—or I couldn't graduate. So I showed him, I never went back to him."

"Well, Joe, I'm going to assign you a new adviser, and I suggest that you go see him at least once every semester—if you want to graduate any time soon. I assure you that this one doesn't have horns or breathe fire. We don't have any faculty members who do. And I certainly hope you've learned your lesson."

"Yeah, and if I'm lucky I'll graduate next fall. That'll mean I finished college in only seven and one-half years."

Interference problem clears

By CATHY MITCHUM
Staff Writer

Approximately three weeks after WLJS came on the air, complaints were made to the station concerning interference (distorted sound and picture) on television station WJ. The source of this problem was thought to be the radio station.

Larry Hughes, WLJS engineer and a former JSU student, was immediately notified. Hughes works for Signal Engineering in Birmingham and holds a first class FCC license.

Radio power was reduced to 20 per cent and a proof of performance test was run on all equipment. A few minor adjustments were made. However, nothing could be found as to the cause of the interference.

Hughes concluded that there was no interference being caused by WLJS equipment, but that it is located at 92 on the FM radio dial. Channel six sound is picked up at 88 on the dial. Therefore, there may be an interference of waves due to the closeness of the stations on the FM dial.

The problem seems to have cleared itself. The last complaints were made over two weeks ago. The station is now operating at 100 per cent power.

Station Director Mike Sandefur compared WLJS to a car by saying, "You have to get all the bugs out of new equipment just like you have to get all the bugs out of a new car. The only way to do that is to drive it."