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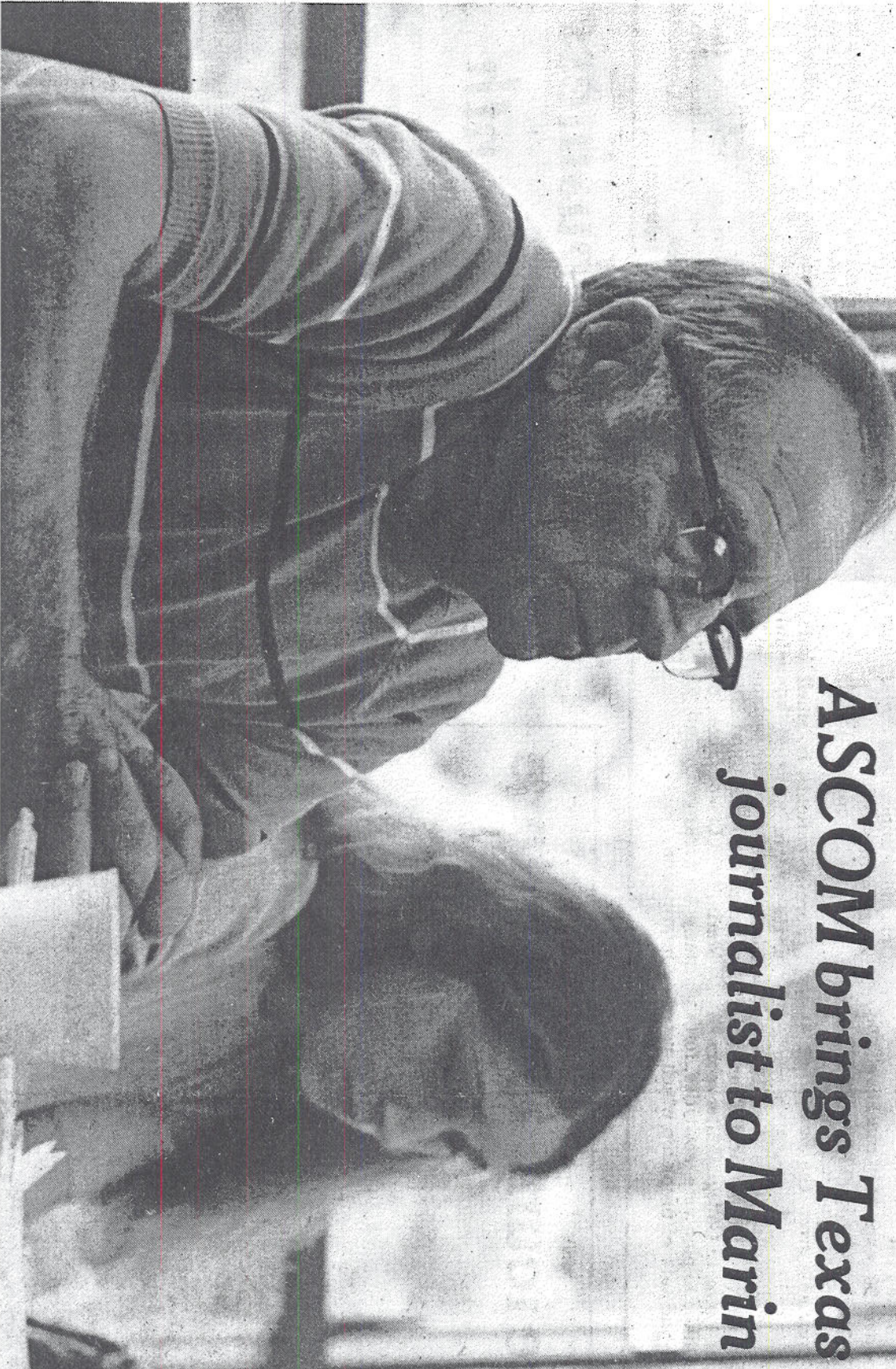


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Penn Jones speaks with a journalism class during his week on campus. To his right is Marcia Basalla, who arranged for his visit here. Photo

Penn Jones, Jr.

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Charges that the U.S. military was responsible for the JFK assassination and that the Warren Commission report was a coverup from the beginning were leveled by Penn Jones, Jr., publisher/editor of the *Middlethian Mirror*.

Jones, whose small Texas weekly has published more about the JFK assassination than any newspaper in the world, spoke to an audience of 600 at the Fine Arts Theatre last Wednesday night. The spirited question-answer format was the highlight of a week-long visit to the Bay Area by the Southern journalist.

"The U.S. military has been in control of our country since World War II," Jones said. "It's very difficult to return to democracy after an extended period of dictatorship during war time.

"We barely made it back from World War I and we never made it back from World War II," he asserted. "Truman didn't know and Eisenhower didn't care but along came Kennedy who, by God, thought he was going to

be President. The military didn't like that."

The Warren Commission, appointed by Lyndon Johnson, lied to the American public, according to Jones. The report concluded that Oswald, acting alone, shot Kennedy from the Texas School Book Depository, hitting him from the rear. The Zapruder film conclusively shows, said Jones, that the fatal shot came from the front. (Film taken by Abraham Zapruder, an amateur photographer at the assassination scene and immediately bought by *Life Magazine* for \$1 million.)

"This is the first time in the history of this planet," said the journalist in his Southern drawl, "that the killing of a Chief of State has been recorded on color film especially made for home use."

Although Life attempted to keep the film from the public, Jones said, New Orleans district attorney Jim Garrison obtained a copy through court order.

"It's a good thing Life wasn't publishing when Christ was crucified," Jones quipped sarcastically after the viewing, "or we'd never have known about it."

The Warren Commission "looked at that film for eight days," Jones said, "and I submit that by December 16, 1963, they knew they were going to lie to you. On that date," he said, reading from the commission's transcripts, "James McCloy (a member of the commission) said: 'I think we ought to take a look at the grounds to see if it would have been humanly possible to shoot from the back.'"

During the nearly two hour question-answer period, Jones speculated on the extent of the military conspiracy. Watergate, Chappaquiddick and the deaths of Robert Kennedy, Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr., said Jones, were all the result of the military.

Strongly challenged by the audience to document his charges, Jones consistently refused to divulge his sources. "There are still some lives to protect," he told them, with an edge of bitterness.

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The Kennedy fair thing," the journalist Kennedy hired the Scotland Yard to investigate, "and could learn as much the *Middlethian Mirror*

But, someone asked, now that we know that we can do? "It'll be of you will be killed much hope." Jones goal is to sleep at with a little bourbon

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A new administrative position has been created here: campus business officer. The district has hired someone to fill the position, and Norman Bird will now become the district business manager. Page 2.

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Times columnist Drew Mendelson reveals the decline of public toilet facilities. With the world food situation begin what it is, he points out, this may not matter very much. Page 3.

Dorothy Flynn has worked in the bookstore here for 10 years. Her loving concern for the students is as

A student complains about the copier in the library, and Times Action Reporter investigates the possibility of obtaining a Xerox machine for students' use. The cost would be prohibitive, according to his findings. Page 5.

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