BATTALION EDITORIALS

College Press Critics Now Attempt Censorship

The Southwest Conference has recently been witness to two flagrant violations of campus press freedom.

Once considered above and hopefully immune to the seemingly endless conflicts between student editors and university officials which periodically rage the country, the facade of the SWC came crumbling down last week at Rice and the University of Texas.

Outwardly, the cases appear unrelated. The editor of the Rice Thresher was placed on conduct probation for not answering a summons from a dean. The University of Texas Student Publications Board placed an embargo on the free distribution of the university's Daily Texan outside the limits of the campus.

Both actions appear quite ordinary and harmless. But let us take a closer look.

Thresher editor Hugh Rice Kelley was charged with deliberately leaving the name of the newspaper's faculty advisor off the masthead. He compounded this grevious crime by not speaking with the dean of students over the telephone-because he was sick in bed.

In reality this faculty advisor's name had appeared in the paper 14 of the last 21 issues but not for the last 4 issues. A letter apologizing to the irate dean for not answering the telephone, brought no results. The disciplinary action stood. The only recourse was an appeal to the president for at least due process punishment, but this attempt is also doomed to failure because the president's authority is necessary to impose the probation.

The real reason for Kelley's probation can be found in past issues of the Thresher. Their barbs against the university's policy on guest speakers and the regulations concerning coed dress stung the wrong people. The editor had to be removed—removed quietly so as not to bring bad publicity—but nonetheless removed.

The case of The Daily Texan involves no action against

the newspaper's editors, but against its distribution. Censorship by restricting circulation is much less likely to bring serious outcries, though it is just as effective as personal

Texas Student Publications Board members gave as their reason for curtailing circulation, the expense of distributing free newspapers. A more likely reason is the constant embarrassment the university receives at the hands of this controversial paper—especially when it is delivered free to members of the Texas Legislature.

If these men who make it their sacred duty to censor the college press chose their particular courses of action because they feared adverse publicity, their sense of direction is worse than their attitude. There is only one method to effectively insure a responsible college press. That is to give the editors authority to make asses of themselves.

House Takes New Action Tuesday On Higher Education Proposals

AUSTIN (AP) - The House finally passed and sent to the Senate Tuesday a bill HB14 authorizing, but not appropriating money for, a new state medical school on the campus of Texas Technological College, Lubbock. It would be up to future legislatures to write a check for the

the House a bill SB160 giving struction. separate boards of regents to East Texas State College and West Texas State University. The two are now under the statewide board of regents for state Teachers Colleges

Meanwhile, the House passed 101-28 and sent to the Senate a bill HB333 upgrading East Texas State College in title to East Texas State University.

The Senate approved another name change when it passed and sent to the House a bill SB375 that would drop the word "teachers" from the title of Sam Houston State Teachers College.

Senators gave preliminary approval to a measure SJR24 to raise from 5 to 10 cents the amount of state ad valorem or property tax dedicated to college buildings and to add five colleges, including Arlington State, to the 12 current recipients of the fund. The change would make another \$11 million avail-The Senate passed and sent to able annually for college con-

Arlington State also was involved when the Senate State Affairs Committee approved without debate a bill SB407 that would transfer the school from the Texas A&M system to the University of Texas system. The bill is now on the Senate calendar ready for debate. Sen. sor, and a number of Arlington State supporters from Fort Worth and Dallas appeared before the University of Texas regents last Friday seeking the split with A&M.

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— Sound Off —

The Battalion: My name is Jack Gaden — my friends call be Gabo. I am running for the office of Senior Class historian. I think that the Class of '66 is the greatest class in A&M's history. And I would like to see that the history of our class be recorded fully and completely so that in the future anyone who reads the history can easily tell what an outstanding class we have.

I want to make sure that the recorded history of the Class of '66 is not one comprised of numbers, dates and places alone. I want to write a history of the personality of the Class of '66. I want people to read of the outstanding men in our class and their accomplishments. I want people to read of the vitality and interest in Aggieland of the Class of '66.

If you vote for me on Thursday, I assure you that the written history of the fighting Class of '66 will depict the spirit and determination that we have and that if 20 years from now you should read the history, you will find it colorful and com-

> Jack Gaden, 66 * * *

Editor,

The Battalion: I, Bill Peoples, as a candidate for secretary-treasurer of the Class of '66 am coming out in support of A&M, its policies, its direction and its leadership.

We as Aggies stand on the threshold of a bold and challenging new frontier. Never before in the long and distinguished history of A&M has so much been placed within the grasp of the small select group of men that bear the name Aggie. The world, moving as fast as it is, is not moving as fast as A&M. The leadership of A&M is attempting with every muscle and senew of its spirit to give to this proud school both a pride in the past and a confidence in the future

We, the men of A&M, while noted for our fibre are also noted for our unrelting energy, the energy to claim and support one of the proudest mottos in the world, "We've Never Been Lick-Therefore we owe it to ourselves, to our school, and to our nation's future to support our school and its policies.

On behalf of my candidacy I earnestly solicit you vote. Bill Peoples, '66

The Battalion:

I would like to take this op-

portunity to thank all my friends for all the help they have given me in my campaign for

Everyone has been real helpful, and I certainly appreciate all the help everyone gave me. I've had numerous people come to me and offer their help. To me this exemplifies the saying, "Aggies Stick Together," and makes me very proud to be an Aggie. I would again like to ask for

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everyone's consideration at the ident of the Junior Class, I fully polls. I feel like I can do a good job as yell leader, and if I should get it, I'll certainly try my very

Above all, I'd like to urge you to be sure to vote on election day, whether for me or my opponents. Thank you for your

> Dick Carey, '67 * * *

Editor, The Battalion:

There have been many changes since the seniors of next year entered this institution. Among many other things, the Class of '66 will be the last to have attended an all-male Texas A&M College. These facts and others will be recorded in our class history, and it is my desire to have the opportunity to do just

It is my belief that the Class of '66 will have a history that will warrant more than its class historian poking fun at his fellow classmates and the administration, as has been done in recent years. For these reasons, I wish to serve our class as its historian next year and then ask both your vote and support. Dave E. Graham, '66

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Editor,

The Battalion:

Election time has rolled around again and we face the "task" of going to the polls and pulling lever. But voting is much more than just a few minutes in a line and pulling a lever. Voting is a way we have of expressing our choice. It is a right we would fight for if we lost it. And yet it is one of our freedoms which we are most apathetic to.

Urge your friends to go to the polls this Thursday. Pick your candidates and back them by campaigning for them. Interest by each individual in each class, expressed by your vote will make next year's class officers the best we have had.

I urge all you juniors to consider me for secretary-treasurer of the Class of '66. I am currently corresponsing secretary for Alpha Phi Omega and past secretary of the wrestling club. I will put out my best for this office. See you at the polls. Louis Sabayrac, '66

Editor, The Battalion:

My name is Tom Hargrove and I'm running for re-election as vice president of the Class of '66. Having served as vice pres-

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realize the duties and responsibilities this office carries and if I'm re-elected, I intend to continue to do the best job I can.

I've tried to talk to all the members of the Junior Class personally these past few days, but if I missed any of you then I would like to urge you now to consider me when you go to cast your ballot Thursday. I feel I am well qualified for this job. I am a member of the Corps of Cadets and I have been fairly active in school activities, especially in the field of student publications.

Above all, I'd like to urge each of you to get out and vote Thursday, whether for me or one of my opponents. Thank you for

> Tom Hargrove, '66 * * *

The Battalion:

I am a candidate for president of the Senior Class. I feel that I am fully capable of not only handling the job, but providing a maximum amount of time and effort for the Class of '66. I will further add that I do not want the job "to look good on my record" or for the prestige, but I am ready, willing and able to fulfill my duties if elected.

Although I have not previously served as a class officer, I have a good deal of experience n planning functions similar to the class activities we will want to remember as the best of our college career.

I want to urge everyone to be sure and go to the polls and I would appreciate your vote. Charles F. Wetherbee, '66

The Battalion:

I would like to thank the Class of '68 for your fine support during my first year in office and especially for your help in making the Fish Ball the success that it was. Together we have had a great year and now I ask for your continued support in

I now have the experience that I think is necessary to be a capable leader. Please re-elect Ronnie Coleman as president of the Class of '68 Ronnie Coleman, '68









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