

Sportsmanship Is Everyone's Business

THE SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE has a unique organization in its Sportsmanship Committee.

It has its own rewards for sportsmanship. Each year a trophy is given the school which exhibits the best principles of sportsmanship.

In making its selection, the committee brings in votes from football and basketball officials, state sports writers, and school officials.

A ballot is cast by these people twice each year, with the winner receiving the trophy at the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas, Jan. 1.

True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in their worth and choice.—Ben Jonson

Gutenberg Gets Double Honor

JOHANNES GUTENBERG has been in the spotlight across the nation last week and he'll remain there until Oct. 8.

Gutenberg holds a special niche in the hearts of churchmen and newsmen.

He is the man who first printed from movable type, and supposedly published the first printed Bible.

During the last week, nationwide presentations have been made of the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

U. S. newspapers have more than kept up with the country's population in the past 12 years, and getting more news to more people.

With the consistent increase in newspaper circulation and the issuance of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, more persons will be better informed—news wise and spiritually.

One man, dead these many years, can be credited for both. A man who knew there was room in the world for both newspapers and the church, Johannes Gutenberg.

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other? —George Elliot

The Battalion

Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Cafe Pinalle Opens in MSC Tonight at 8:30

Cafe Rue Pinalle reopens tonight for the first of ten sessions this year at 8:30 p. m. in the game section of the MSC with several major changes in the program offerings.

The Kelly Sisters, popular performers of last season, will not appear this year. Carmen Hinds, dancing teacher from Fort Worth, a TV performer who has been on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Show, will replace them.

The Cafe Rue Pinalle staff for this season will be: Darrell Roberts, Corpus Christi, ticket taker; John Reeves, master of ceremonies; Oscar Garcia, Laredo, general manager; and Boyce Holmes, Corpus Christi, MSC dance committee chairman.

The 60 cents admission price will be used to pay the Aggieband Combo, who will provide the music. The floor show will start promptly at 10 p.m.

Forest Fire Losses Higher Last Month

Losses from forest fires in East Texas during September were much higher than for the similar period in 1951. Approximately 450 wild forest fires suppressed last month consumed 10,000 acres compared with only 150 fires which burned 5699 acres in 1951.

The situation appears especially critical in northeast Texas where a large percentage of last month's losses occurred. The extreme summer drought has extended into the fall months causing an alarming condition.

Texas forest fire records over a 20-year period show that an average of 22 per cent of all forest fires and 27 per cent of the area burned is lost in October and November.

Unless heavy rains are received in the near future, Texas Forest Service personnel fear that forest fires this fall will far exceed the 20-year average.

Dancing Lessons Set

Dancing classes for married couples are being offered as a function of the MSC dancing committee, Miss Betty Bolander, program consultant, has announced.

Classes will be held from 9:15 to 10 p. m. each Tuesday. Instruction is under the direction of Manning and Nita Smith. Enrollment fee for ten lessons is \$3 per couple, Miss Bolander added.

Have 48 Senate Candidates

Sophomores Vote Monday

Forty-eight sophomore Student Senate candidates await final approval before being placed on the ballot for Monday's election. The secret ballot election will be between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. in the MSC.

For the first time in student election history here, sophomores are taking an interest because they know they will be a part of the new senate government, reports show.

Thirteen other sophomores have signed for the newly formed posts on the Election Commission. Second-year-men will elect five men from their classes to the commission.

Student Life Committee candidates include three sophomores. They are James M. Myers, Neil Price, Richard K. Chambers.

Sophomores who have filed for the senate are: Frederick Konig, Neil Price, James H. Baggaley, John W. Benefield, James E. Coffey, Richard K. Chambers, W. R. (Dusty) Canon, Bobby E. Carpenter, Charles W. Cox, Robert L. (Bob) Cloud, Bill Coppage, John E. Cozard, Frank A. Davis, Frank Dunn, Gerald L. Ellis, Wallace Eversberg.

Alan J. Ezzell, Don Friend, J. Frank Ford, Don Godwin, Vernie Godwin, Earl R. Hall, Terrell H. Hamilton, James R. Henderson, W. LePrince Huettel, Buck O. Isbell, Jerry K. Johnson, T. H. Johnson,

Presidents View Censorship As Bar To Free Expression

From Editor & Publisher:

STUDENTS USUALLY get plenty peeved over an administrative crack-down on the campus newspaper.

The youths believe that freedom of the press extends to the under-graduate press. Right or wrong, they're pretty idealistic about it, and they rarely agree with president or dean that something printed there should not have been.

College administrators usually win such arguments. Yet, if there is an optimum policy for the administration of undergraduate newspapers at U.S. colleges and universities, their presidents certainly are not agreed upon it.

A majority of the respondents reject censorship of the campus newspaper, but believe in permitting "freedom equivalent to responsibility"—a principle which they interpret variously.

No Perfect Solution Found

Many frankly concede they have found no perfect solution to the problem of the undergraduate press, but offer persuasive arguments in justification of what they do.

"Much as I might wish it, I don't believe there is any pat answer to the question of 'How much freedom for the student newspaper?'" I'm sure you will receive carefully constructed arguments for every possible approach.

The prediction was correct. Some presidents consider the advantages of an autonomous undergraduate press to outweigh the annoyances or injury that such publication occasionally may inflict.

"The administrative authorities here make no attempt to control the publication of the Cavalier Daily. Conduct of the paper is entirely in the hands of the students charged with its publication. I think it is important that complete latitude be given in this.

"The views expressed in our paper are often quite different from views held by me and others connected with the university, but I see no objection to this. It is completely free to criticize the university's policy and it often does criticize it constructively. It is my opinion that a controlled student newspaper would be of little worth either to the students or to the institution wherein it is published."

Abolishment Before Censorship

Chancellor R. B. House of the University of North Carolina agrees. He says, "We should prefer abolishing the publication to any exercise of faculty or administrative censorship."

At Stanford University, one of the important principles "underlying our approach to campus journalism . . . is simply that the great principle of freedom of the press should operate just as strongly on the campus as anywhere," says Peter C. Allen, director of information and publications, responding for President Wallace Sterling.

And Chancellor William P. Tolley of Syracuse University declares: "At Syracuse we regard the Daily Orange, our student newspaper, as a publication serving the interests of the members of our student body. It is not designed to serve the interests of the administration or the faculty or alumni."

Opposite point of view is represented by the University of Oklahoma, where "With the start of the Oklahoma Daily this fall . . . we shall insist that all editorial copy be read and approved by the supervisor of publication before it is set in type," according to Dr. Carl M. Franklin, executive vice-president, responding in the absence of President George L. Cross.

This is a basic change of policy for operation of the Oklahoma Daily, but actually, says Dr. Franklin, the change was made in 1944. "At that time

the school of journalism was directed to exercise more supervision over the editorial policy than had been exercised prior to that time. However, for a variety of reasons the strict supervision policy was not exercised . . . with the result that we have had periodic difficulties when the editor of the paper did not exercise good judgment."

"It is not our thought," says Dr. Franklin, "that student ingenuity should be curtailed in any way. However, we look upon the Oklahoma Daily as a laboratory for journalism students much as the chemistry laboratory fulfills a definite need for the chemistry students. However we also consider that some of the mixtures concocted in the journalism laboratory are apt to be as volatile as some of the mixtures concocted by the chemistry students. We would not think of turning a group of chemistry students loose in a chemistry laboratory without faculty supervision."

Justification for Free Press

Fulllest justification for complete independence of the student newspaper was submitted by President John S. Dickey of Dartmouth in the form of a letter to a critic of his policies in 1951. The letter constitutes a classic statement in support of the "free student press" point of view. Wrote Dickey:

"Here at Dartmouth we have had a long tradition of according to undergraduate journalism a freedom which is roughly comparable to the freedom accorded the press in American life generally. There is no need to tell anyone who is at all broadly acquainted with American life that we pay a price for this freedom. That price is paid in the irresponsibilities and malice which certain types of individuals practice under the guise of journalism."

"All colleges do not have a tradition of according such freedom to undergraduate journalism, and, believe me, the other tradition looks wondrously attractive to the man on this job. Officially, and personally, directly and indirectly, he is more often than not the victim on whom the burdens of a free college press come to rest . . . Having said that, let me say that on balance I am clear that I would not alter this core principle of American life by one jot. I say this because I believe that to do so would be to take the first firm step toward altering the best in the character of America . . ."

Basic College Objectives—Free Expression

"The basic objectives of the college bear on the problem of Dartmouth and, indeed, on the problem of living with any undergraduate paper where there is, as here, a tradition of free expression . . ."

"First is the educational value involved in having a community of scholars have its own experience with the raw material of freedom. . . . The second reason for this tradition grows out of the practical advisability of limiting the responsibility of the official college as to the irresponsibilities, inaccuracies and immaturities which are a part of any undergraduate activity. If the college is to supervise and censor the content of an undergraduate paper, it cannot escape total responsibility for what appears in that paper."

"As every student and practitioner of the subject knows, it is almost inevitable that a little censorship leads quickly to more . . . censorship and supervision of the content of undergraduate journalism have the almost inevitable consequence of producing a 'tame press.'"

"Just the other day I was talking about this problem with another college president who has the tradition of a supervised paper on his campus and he not only confirmed this observation to me but he went on to say that he often yearned for the vigor and comparatively greater maturity of a student paper which addressed itself occasionally to the controversial issues of the world."

"I reminded him of the price which we pay for having that kind of journalism on this campus and his reply was, 'Yes, but the other way you probably pay a higher price without knowing it.'"

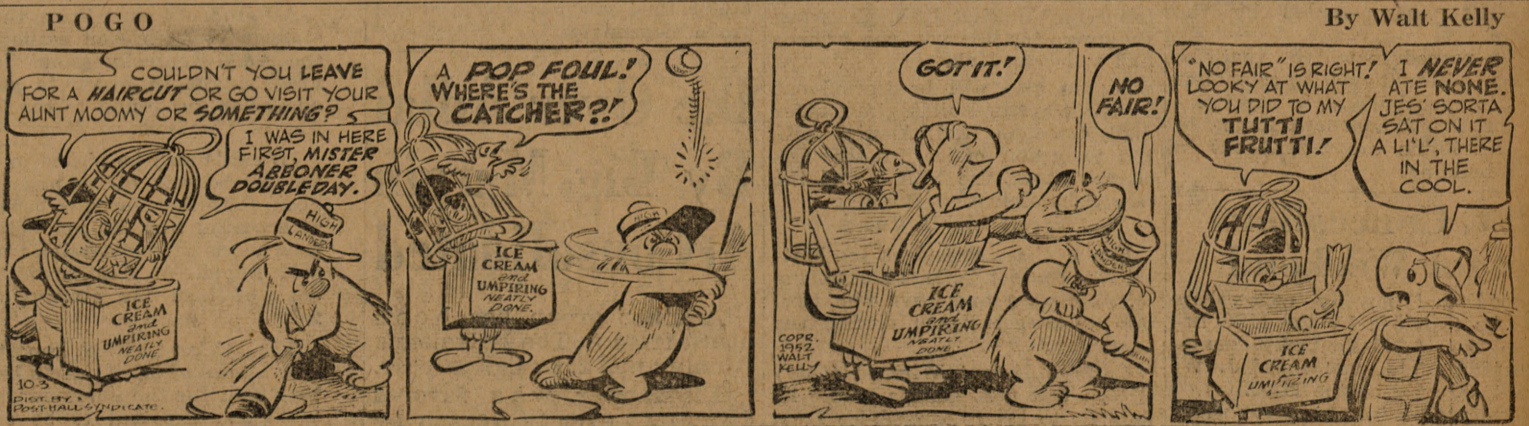
Boy Scouts to Get Merit Awards Soon

Thirty-one Bryan and College Station boys will receive merit badges of advance in rank at the Boy Scout Court of Honor to be held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in the district court room, Bryan.

In charge of the Court, first of the Fall season in the Brazos district, will be Earl Bryan, district advancement chairman. Four troops will have boys coming up for honors, 16 to advance in rank and 31 others to receive merit badges for acquisition of scouting skills.

Troops whose members will appear at the Court of Honor are: 80 and 383 from Bryan, and 202 and 411 from College Station. Awards will be made as certified to the Court by boards of review held during the past two weeks.

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