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College Students Show Sportsmanship In Thought

COLLEGE STUDENTS projected yesterday their views on sportsmanship, its causes off the field also was discussed. Final opin-ions showed that cooperation between schools and cures, at the same time demonstrated the spirit of their organization.

The Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Committee began plans for a long-needed education program on sportsmanship for all fans, including present and former students.

Meeting at Fort Worth, the 24 college student leaders from the seven conference schools expressed their opinions that former students of the different colleges and other colleges were many times at greater fault for "poor sportsmanship" than the students themselves.

This, many of us know is true. Former students usually travel a long distance to see a game. Disappointment in a final score easily leads to poor sportsmanship.

Possible solutions offered by the committee included sportsmanship education of the public and fans through newspaper articles.

We would like to add that former student associations also could help. Brief reminders that the game is being played in fun will help keep the sportsmanship high. A&M's old tradition of carrying players

Future Water **Problem** Cures

ONE OF Texas' most scarce minerals is in the spotlight at A&M again. It's water.

During the recent Board of Directors meeting here, Chancellor Gibb Gilchrist asked for the establishment of a state wide water research and information center at A&M. The center is designed to bring together and organize the vast amount of scattered information now existing on Texas problems and to develop research programs needed to answer many problems still ununsolved.

In doing this, we feel A&M is taking another step in establishing itself as a "service organization" for the people of the state of Texas.

Today the multi-million dollar drought gripping the state has no mechanical solution. Yet in years to come such a drought could be prevented. In this respect, research and information released by the center will play an important role.

Although West Texas has been stricken hardest because of the laxity of water, cities such as Dallas also are beginning to feel the drought. Lake Dallas, the city's only drinking water source, is now 181/2 feet below

will help to eliminate causes for poor sportsmanship. The committee suggested A&M carry through with its plan of asking the individual coaches as to whether or not their players should be carried off the field.

This also shows what may be good sportsmanship in some instances may prove bad in others. Some coaches had expressed their wishes the A&M students not carry their players off the field. But the committee lauded A&M's traditions and plan as signs Zinn said. of good sportsmanship.

We feel that the spirit shown by college Town Hall students in tackling problems over a conference table instead of in a dark alley or under a stadium sets an example which should be followed by all: sportsmanship is merely the cooperation of groups in achieving their primary purpose in a manner, fair to all-be it in life or in sports.

Free Press, Speech **Means Free People**

ELEBRATION of Newspaper Week, Oct. 1-8, brings to mind that our Constitu-ists, and members of the orchestion gives to each of us the right of free speech.

With free speech, there is free thought. Kill one, the other dies.

But with free speech and freedom of the press comes responsibility. It is important for the individual to qualify his statements and not hurt someone because of using his Constitutional rights.

Freedom of a college press also is im- Anthony. portant.

A&M has been fortunate to be endowed Sportsmanship with intelligent administrators who would rather take a few hard knocks, now and then, from the press than to censor it. Continuance of this practice will mean a better written, edited and read newspaper.

On today's editorial page is an article, the second in a series, from Editor and Publisher, a magazine for newspapers. It has many important facts which concern a college press. This means it concerns you.

To keep free speech and free thought, and a free world, freedom of the press is a must.

Russians Use

'New' Invention

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Get GI Bill All veterans who have been on

active military duty since June 27, 1950 are entitled to benefits for education under the Korean G. I. Bill, said Bennie A. Zinn, veterans advisor.

Korean Vets

Veterans who intend to take training under the G. I. Bill and From Editor & Publisher: who have not made application.can secure application forms and instructions at 102 Goodwin Hall.

Those who have made application and who have received a Certificate of Education should submit it to the veterans advisor, 102 Goodwin Hall. No veteran may receive subsistence until the form is submitted and proper certifica-tion made to the Veterans Administration

All veterans under the Korean G. I. Bill are reminded that they must report to 102 Goodwin Hall on the first of each month and execute a Certificate of Training. Students who fail to comply with this instruction will not be paid by the Veterans Administration,

(Continued from Page 1) many highlights of the show. In this number members of the Anthony group led people in the audience through the aisles in a modi-

fied conga line. Later the entre orchestra except the drummer and the man playing the bass fiddle marched through the aisles, out into the lobby, and back again playing "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Back stage after the show, acivity was as great as it had been during the scheduled performance. As the band packed its equipment fans swarmed through the wings of the stage collecting autographs, complimenting Anthony, the vocalust given while flashbulbs popped

After leaving Bryan today, the band will travel to Victoria and Waco before finishing its tour of

Although it will probably be some time before they return to this vicinity, it is unlikely that Town Hall patrons will soon forget the trumpet and orchestra of Ray

(Continued from Page 1) (Continued from Page 1) Dr. Hardt said such practices as to begin the establishment. "pantie" raids, campus painting sprees, and other mischievous acivities carried on by college students are causing people to lose their faith in the things colleges

should stand for. "Students involved in these activities are usually branded by the

Hardt said. He commended the Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Com-mittee on the work it has done in creating better feelings among

"You have shown your worth; your organization is being noticed and you deserve a large amount of credit for the fine feeling among our schools," the athletic chairman said.

Dr. Hardt followed this commen-

------ 'Freedom For Student Newspaper'-----**Majority College Journals Organized As Free Press**

STUDENT EDITORS should be given 'all possible freedom.'

On that point, 30 college and university presidents pretty well agree in their replies to an Editor & Publisher query on "How much freedom for the student newspaper?"

But "all possible freedom" is interpreted. as variously by presidents of universities as by presidents of South American republics. Fo some, it means a policy of letting the undergraduate paper alone, taking no responsibility for what it says, in the belief that educational purposes are best served by "having a community of scholars have its own experience with the raw materials of freedom," as President John S. Dickey of Dartmouth puts it.

President George D. Stoddard of the University of Illinois also adheres to this viewpoint, established at Illinois by his predecessor, President Harry W. Chase:

"Were the University of Illinois to assume any measure of responsibility for student opinion, two results would follow. First, such a policy would drive student opinion underground. Second, it would force the university to assume responsibility for every student utterance, since it assumes responsibility for some. Both of these results would be unfortunate.'

Education Best Served

And President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California, whose own student daily was in hot water with the university regents last year for printing allegedly pro-communist contributions, supports the contention that education is best served by complete freedom of the student press.

"It is good for students," he says, "to carry full responsibility for the policies and performance of a campus newspaper, and the mistakes they make are not only effective educationally, but are less important than

the administration and public think at the time they occur.

"In spite of periodic exasperation, I believe it is good for a college or university to have a student body which is encouraged to think for itself by the existence of opportunity to make mistakes. After all, one of the basic freedoms we are all trying to pro-

Fewest Restrictions Are Best

These interpretations of "all possible freedom" for the undergraduate newspaper would seem at variance with that expressed by President John A. Hannah of Michigan State College, who says:

. that student edi-"We believe here . . . that student edi-tors, like students in all other positions of responsibility, should have as much freedom as they can exercise with judgment, propriety, and a sense of responsibility.

We believe that a publication supported with college—meaning public—funds has no right to embarrass the institution and handicap it in carrying out its major mission.

Or by Dr. E. B. Lemon, dean of administration at Oregon State College: "We believe in imposing the fewest limitations, restrictions and controls necessary to assume publication of a good, representative student newspaper. At the same time, the President's office has an obligation, as a last resort, in protecting the institution if it becomes necessary against the effects of irresponsible campus journalism.

. Student editors who have the paper handed to them for a year or less on a silver tray and who seldom if ever are involved in any of its financial and operational problems or risks are hardly in the same position as the regular newspaper editor. The student editor is here today and gone tomorrow, but the institution and paper go on regardles? of any possible embarrassing damaging ac tion of the short-term student editor.'

Water Research **Junior** Election Continued from Page 1)

Establishment of a statewide water research and information center on the campus has been authorized by the board of directors of the A&M College System.

The Center is designed to bring together and organize information now existing on Texas water prob-lems and to develop research programs needed to answer many

press as 'lawless college students displaying college spirit' " Dr.

conference schools.



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problems still unsolved.

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in the background.

capacity. Other cities, such as San Angelo, are having to buy water from public wells or other cities.

The establishment of the research and information center here will be another great public service by A&M in helping the state regain a valuable natural resource.

claimed by the Russians was used by them yesterday.

In replacing their old Politburo with the I hope you can continue to make election of a new Presidium, the 19th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party used the "whitewash."

Patent pending in the United Nations.

The Battalion

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

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dation by saying, "Your organiza-tion is still young and the field is as large as you want to make it

students more conscious of good sportsmanship practices, and at the same time help to restore the

confidence of outsiders." Attending the meeting from A&M were John Childs, senior yell leader; Joel Austin, Frank Manitzas, Battalion co-editors; Gene Steed, representing the Student Senate; and Baker.

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By Walt Kelly