

Battalion Co-Editors Resign Jobs In Face of Publication Committee

Paper's Staff Walks Out Protesting Recommendation

By ED HOLDER and JERRY BENNETT

The Battalion writers and editors quit their jobs last night in protest to a Student Life committee action which they claim will censor the college newspaper.

Ed Holder and Jerry Bennett, co-editors, announced their resignations after the Student Life committee voted to recommend to the Academic Council that a special committee be set up over student publications.

The remainder of the newspaper staff turned in their resignations later.

Thirteen SLC members voted for the committee.

Only three votes were cast against. They were S. A. Kerley, of the Basic Division staff, Dan Russell of the agricultural economics and rural sociology department, Holder and

Bennett. The co-editors only have one vote between them.

Doyle Lowery, non-military student asked to change his vote. He said he became confused and did not vote like he intended. He was told he could not change.

The SLC also decided to adopt suggestions by C. G. (Spike) White, director of Student Activities and Dr. Carl Landiss of the Physical Education department on how the committee would work. Both are SLC members.

The voting came about after the SLC decided not to wait for a decision from the special eight man group, which has been trying to decide if a publication committee is needed. The group, chaired by Landiss, has been operating since early in January.

The Landiss-White plan was presented at a meeting of this group last Monday. But final action on accepting it was postponed then. The plan states that no censorship would be used. It explains that the committee would "advise" and "assist" the editors.

Holder and Bennett have claimed this would be censorship since editors could be removed for not following the advice.

Corps Commander Fred Mitchell sparked the discussion last night which led to heated arguments and finally to the editor's defeat.

Mitchell said he wanted to know how long this matter was going to last before a decision was reached. "I'd like to see some decision reached in the near future."

Jerry Ramsey asked for a discussion on the question. White asked Wayne Stark to take over as chairman, since, "I have strong feelings on the question, as most of you know." He said he would rather not act as chairman under these conditions.

Got a Problem

Carroll Phillips said, "We've got a problem to decide, and I don't feel we need any authority to say anything," he was referring to the sub-committee's recommendation that Roland Bing, manager of student publications on leave of absence, be asked to appear before the sub-committee and give advice. Doyle Lowery said Bing is going to have to deal with any decision made, and he should have his voice in it.

T. B. Field said, "I'm scared we will talk things around until no action will be taken this year. Too many trivial things are brought up. That's why I think it should be discussed here, not in a sub-committee."

Talked With Bing

Commenting on asking Bing to appear, White said he had talked with Bing on the matter. He said he felt Bing doesn't want to come back and appear before the committee.

He said Bing's recommendation had already been made. Bing recommended that everything be dropped until Sept. 23.

Results of a survey made at other schools was given to members. The survey showed that most of these schools have Publications Committees.

White said he had brought copies of The Battalion with him which dated back to two days before school started.

He said he hoped the committee wouldn't have to go into the matter since the question was purely opinion.

White Makes Motion

White then moved the constitution be amended to provide a standing committee on student publications and yell leaders in order to aid the SLC in carrying out its functions. The move was seconded by Rowland.

Stark said he questioned White's privilege to make a motion, since he was the secretary of the committee, and not a voting member.

Phillips, parliamentarian, said the constitution doesn't say, but he would like to make the same motion. The motion was seconded.

Bennett stood up and said, "Let's don't have a committee unless we know what it will do."

He said this report says "no censorship," but he pointed out the clause in which the functions are to "advise with, and assist the editors in," the forming of policies.

What's Cooking

TUESDAY

7 p. m.—Fish and Game club meeting, W. M. lab. Special business meeting.

Kream and Kow Klub meeting, room 211, Ag building. Special meeting for freshmen. All men interested in Dairying are urged to attend.

Entomology club meeting, room 105, New Biological Science building. Open house for freshmen interested in entomology. Picture will be taken of members.

Horticulture society meeting, room 105, Agriculture building. Members of department will explain opportunities and activities to undergraduates.

Agronomy society, room 105, Agronomy building. Special program for freshmen. Important business.

7:15 p. m. Wesley foundation, Wesley foundation building. A play, "The Builders" will be presented. Accounting society meeting,

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p. m.—Collegiate 4-H club meeting, front of MSC. Club picture for Aggie land.

News Briefs

Shepardson To Speak To Dairymen

C. N. SHEPARDSON, dean of the School of Agriculture, will speak Friday to the annual meeting of the Arkansas Dairy Producers association at Little Rock. Sunday he will consult with the board of directors of the Dairy Products Institute of Texas.

INFLUENZA LED the list of diseases reported in the College Station area for the week ending Feb. 13. Twenty-nine cases were reported. Measles was second with 27 cases reported, and diarrhea was third with 17 cases.

THE AGRICULTURIST will be printed and ready for distribution the latter part of the week, said Ed Stern, editor. He also said all feature articles submitted to him would be considered for use in future editions.

DR. HENRY GILMAN of Iowa State College will speak to the American Chemical society at 8:15 tonight in the lecture room of the Chemistry building. Topic of his speech will be "The Pursuit of Free Radicals."

F. D. BROCK, head of the Feed Control Service, and Dr. J. R. Crouch of the poultry husbandry and biochemistry and nutrition department attended the annual meeting of the Midwest Feed Manufacturers association Thursday and Friday in Kansas City.

DR. DEWITT HUNT, head of the School of Industrial Arts at Oklahoma A&M will speak on "The Need for Subject Matter Specialization in Graduate Study" at 8 p. m. in room 107 of Biological Sciences building.

ERVIN M. WILLIAMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Williams of College Station, is completing his air force basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland air force base. Williams will later be given technical training and be assigned specialized work.

No Injuries In Accident

No one was injured in an accident at Lamar and Spence streets at 1:10 p. m. yesterday.

The cars were driven by John Van Wert jr., senior from Marshall, and Mrs. Verna Lee Carroll of College Station.

Mrs. Carroll's car, which was going south on Spence street, collided with Van Wert's car, which was going east on Lamar street.

Spence street is on the east side of the dormitories in the new area. Lamar street runs east and west in front of the dormitories.

Damage to the cars was about \$450, said A. R. "Pop" Ward of campus security.

Weather Today



PARTLY CLOUDY

Fair and partly cloudy with continued dust today and tomorrow. High yesterday 74. Low this morning 54.

Sen. Byrd Defends Bricker Proposal

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 22 (AP)—U. S. Sen. Harry F. Byrd D - Va today defended the proposed Bricker amendment to the Constitution as a measure designed to protect the powers of Congress from "usurpation by any president so inclined."

Byrd spoke at a Washington's Birthday luncheon cosponsored by the New Jersey chapters of the Sons, Daughters, and Children of the American Revolution. Fleet Adm. William Halsey was presented a "good citizenship" award by the three groups.

Byrd said: "I have often heard it said that it was little short of sacrilege to

even suggest amending the Constitution to more fully protect the rights of Congress in the powers conferred, to have voice in treaty-making with foreign nations — an authority we have all been led to believe rested in the Senate.

"We know that acts of at least two recent presidents have, in the minds of many, violated this fundamental principle.

"The Bricker amendment is to strengthen and preserve the respective powers of our three branches of government and to prevent usurpation of power by any president so inclined."

The Bricker amendment is opposed by President Eisenhower's administration, which says it would tie the hands of the executive department in foreign affairs. Byrd however centered his attack on former Democratic Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman, who were often at odds with the Virginia Democrat.

Senate Posts To Be Filled Tomorrow

Elections to fill vacancies in the Student Senate will be held Wednesday.

The ballot box will be near the post office entrance of the Memorial Student Center. Voting will be from 1-6 p. m.

Officers to be filled are one senior representative, two sophomore representatives, and one representative from Mitchell and one from Bizzell hall.

Filing for the positions closed Monday.

Those men elected will take office immediately, said W. D. (Pete) Hardesty, business manager of student activities.

Turkish President Declines Invitation

President Celal Bayar of Turkey declined an invitation to visit A&M because of previously planned business engagements.

A delegation of A&M Turkish students extended an invitation to the president in Dallas where he was visiting while on a tour of the United States.

Sabit Gabay, one of the students, said they gave Bayar pamphlets describing A&M life. Bayar expressed his gratitude to the college for all it has done for the students from Turkey.

Over 200 Turkish students have taken short courses at A&M in the last three years. At present, Gabay is the only Turkish student working toward a degree at the college.

200 Non-Vets Wait For College Housing

There are 200 non-veterans on the waiting list for married student apartments, according to Harry Boyer, chief of housing.

Clubs 'Open House' For Fish Tonight

Freshman will have a chance to meet the staff and upperclassman students of their department at an open house for them at 7 tonight, said C. H. Randell of the Basic Division.

The open house will be given jointly by the staffs of the department and student technical societies.

"The purpose of these meetings is to acquaint the freshman with the members and functions of his dept.," said Ransdell.

A list of the meeting places for each dept. will be placed on the company bulletin board of each dormitory.

"I want to urge every freshman to attend at least one of the meetings," Ransdell said.

The meetings will be over by 8, so the students can see the Swedish Tumbling Team perform, he said.

Surgery Performed On Freshman Here

James Tinsley, freshman in squadron 17, has his appendix removed at the college hospital at 9 p. m. Sunday.

College Doctor J. E. Marsh performed the operation.

Tinsley was given a spinal anesthetic instead of being put completely to sleep, and he watched the whole operation.

As the doctor began sewing up the incision, Tinsley requested, "Cross stitch it, please." The operation was watched by Ray A. Kopp, commander of squadron 17; Will Herman, a junior in the squadron; and Jack Chewning, a friend of Tinsley's.