

Censorship at Texas

The Daily Texan, newspaper of the University of Texas, is having trouble with a board of regents that says Texan comment on controversial state and national issues is illegal. The claim, part of a move to censor one of the best student newspapers in the country, is based on an obscure section of the Texas appropriations bill that prevents state funds, "whatever their source, from being used for influencing the outcome of any election, or the passage or defeat of any legislative measure."

The regents claim the matter is an issue of law, not freedom of the press. The Texan defends itself upon the facts that Texas Student Publications is an independent corporation receiving no state or University money, that the move involves direct censorship and containment of the press' legitimate rights to take stands on all issues, and that academic freedom itself has been threatened—for if a rider in the state appropriations bill can be used to kill a student newspaper it could also be used to silence any student or any faculty member.

The issue arose because the board of regents there fear that the University may be denied money in the next appropriations bill. If so, our state Legislature will have sunk pretty low.

Money is important, especially in our state schools which cannot get anywhere near the amount they need to provide the kind of education needed.

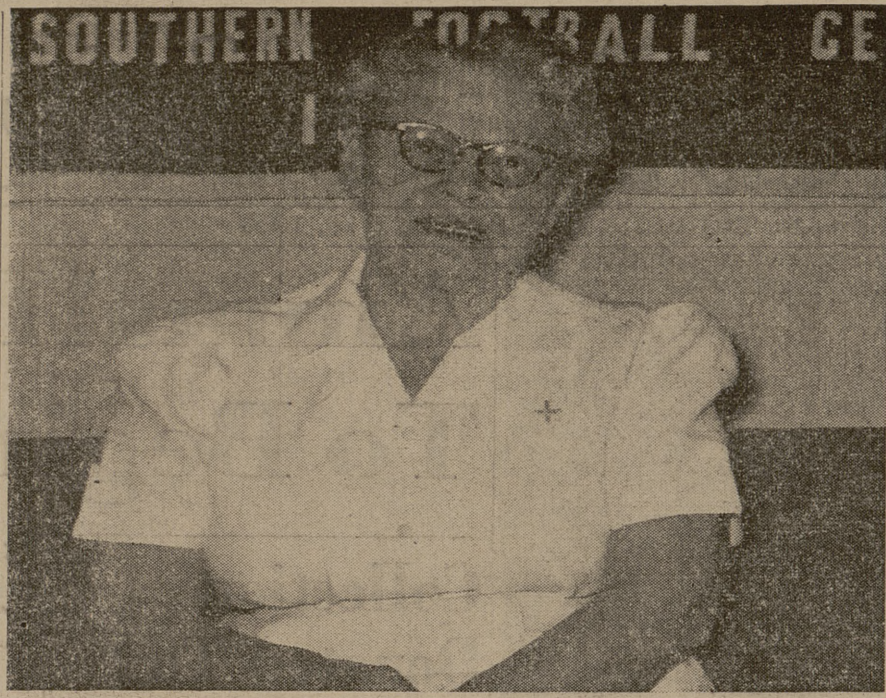
But someone, somewhere, has to draw the line and get up off their knees. The Legislature hasn't paid the attention it should to the needs of our schools. The people of the state need to learn something about these needs.

Anyone following the reasoning of the "big-city" papers will realize that the people of our state are not being told.

Which leaves it up to papers which have the nerve to comment on matters "not so popular" with some of our citizens. And, apparently, the only newspapers, with a few exceptions, are those of our college press. Papers, like The Texan for instance.

The Daily Texan is a very excellent newspaper. And, although we have never met him but have followed him through his writings, the editor seems like a very honest and thoughtful journalist. A very good editor, we'd say. But it looks like both he and The Texan are being damned for being "too good."

— Bill Fullerton



Mrs. Irene Claghorn Aggies nicknamed her 'Mom'

'Mom' Started Career In Army Nurse Corps

By ERNEST F. BIEHUNKO Battalion Staff Writer

One of Texas A&M's most beloved employees, Mrs. Irene Claghorn, known to Aggies as "Mom Claghorn," College Hospital Superintendent, first came to A&M College as an army nurse in 1918.

Mrs. Claghorn well remembers the night she arrived on the campus—there were four pneumonia patients waiting for her. She said all four of the students were dying and she became very disheartened at the whole affair.

"I wrote my mother that night," she said, "and told her I wished they had given me someone that I would have had a chance to save."

But, nevertheless, 38 years later, Mrs. Claghorn says she thinks this is a wonderful place and "you couldn't run me off."

Mrs. Claghorn was born in Calumiana, Ala., and moved to Groesbeck at the age of three. She later moved to Mexia where she was graduated from Mexia High School and married to Johnny Claghorn, who died in 1917.

She entered the Army Nurse Corps upon the death of her husband, being stationed at Love Field, Dallas and Camp Bowie, Fort Worth. She reached the rank of captain before retiring to accept the college position as head of the College Hospital.

"The kids have always been wonderful to me," she said, "I think it's wonderful. I wouldn't stay here if I didn't like it—I would retire."

Johnston Elected

The Saddle and Sirlain Club elected Bob Johnston president Tuesday night for the spring and fall semesters of '56. Mel Lebo was elected vice president; Cecil Skaggs, secretary; Pat Garner, treasurer and Jim Renick, reporter.



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Mrs. Claghorn could sit and tell stories about former A&M students for hours at a time. One incident she remembers quite well involved a man now in the House of Representatives—Olin Teague.

"When Olin Teague, better known as 'Tiger Teague' in those days, was here," Mrs. Claghorn said, "I once caught him in the quarantined mumps ward."

Upon investigating, Mrs. Claghorn found that Teague had climbed the wall and entered the hospital through a window to talk with some of his buddies in bed with the mumps.

"I told him it would take ten days for the mumps to break out, and another 21 for him to get well," she said. "About 30 minutes later, I told him he could leave if he would promise to never come back and break in that way again. 'Needless to say, he left and said, 'I'll never be back!'"

Besides catering to Aggie sickness, Mrs. Claghorn travels throughout the state talking to A&M Mother's Clubs, telling them just what their son receives in an education at A&M College. Her hobbies include crocheting and swimming.

And, the biggest job of all—a mother to 6,000 restless Aggies!

MSC Dance Class Registers Monday

Registration of the spring semester Memorial Student Center Dance Classes will be held Monday in the Center.

These classes are open to any student who wishes to attend and pay a registration fee which is being lowered this semester.

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Advance ROTC Contract Exam Scheduled

The ROTC examinations for advance ROTC contracts will be given on March 1 and 8, said Col. D. P. Anderson, PMS&T.

"All Army cadets who are now in their fourth semester of military science or who have completed the fourth semester are eligible to take the examination," he said. Veterans with one or more years of active military duty also are eligible to take the examination.

The March 1 test will be given in the Electrical Engineering lecture room, Physics lecture room and the Animal Husbandry Building lecture room at 4 p.m.

All eligible civilian and Air Force students may take the qualifying examination in the Physics lecture room at 4 p.m. March 8, said Col. Anderson. Students in this category must be either in their fourth semester of air science, or have completed four semesters of either Army or Air Force ROTC.

Specific instructions to eligible personnel will be given at a later date through The Battalion, and by classroom orientation.

Students Have Winning Papers

Two A&M students placed among those presenting winning papers at the annual meeting of the Collegiate Academy of the Texas Academy of Science held in Waco last Dec. 9 and 10.

Hinton D. Hoese, senior wildlife management major from San Antonio, won third place in the Biological Sciences Section with his paper, "Summer Distribution Analysis of the Southern Bay Anchovy in East Bay, Texas."

Ray E. Stratton, senior oceanography major from Houston, won third place in the Physical Sciences Section with his paper, "Fluid Motion Study of Hurricanes as Shown by Radar Echoes."

Both will receive citations of merit from the Texas Academy of Science.

The Film Society presents "The Moon is Down", starring Sir Frederick Hardwick in the ballroom of the MSC at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Admission is by season pass or 25 cents per person.

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