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The Death of The Texan

Fifty-five years of free expression has come to an end at the University of Texas.

The Daily Texan, student body voice and campus newspaper, now has an associate professor of journalism who will stay in The Texan office from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. each day.

Willie Morris, Texan Editor, said "this was the result paid for editorial treatment of certain dangerous state is Since February, The Texan has been in a struggle with the Board of Regents, UT government body, because Morris dared to print editorials against the Fullbright-Harris natural gas bill.

THE REGENTS FEEL that students in a state support ed school should not take sides on state issues which might involve the school.

For some reason they can't see where college-age students are in definite need of information and expression. After all, we are on the treshold of active citizenry. Soon we will be the voters deciding the issues.

Our generation has been condemned as the silent generation, yet any action contrary to this charge is promptly and firmly stifled. We are classified as adult or mature Mijalis, William M. Moore, George Biehunko, Gerard S. Brink, Jr., only when our thoughts and actions strictly conform to those held by our elders.

THE LAST ISSUE of The Daily Texan illustrates how Rea, John H. Richardson, Charles W. Johnson, Michael D. Keen, Samcensorship has resulted in a press unfavorable to UT. In A. Roden, Warren P. Schilling, uel W. Kiker, Leon M. Lurie, Waythat issue, Morris fired a parting shot at the university Robert W. Sears, Karl F. Star, ne P. McKellar, Ernest G. Pittman, that, through its validity, proved how undesirable censor- Donald D. Swofford, Charles D. Joseph Satel, James A. Schubert, ship can be. Censorship does more destruction than free Thomas, Phillip Darden Weinert, Colin A. Smith, Alvon G. Stepexpression.

In this same editorial, Morris predicted that within the Jose Uvaldo E. Zamora. next 10 years, a small, student operated, independent newspaper would be published off-campus. "No administration would dare attempt suppression; defeat in the courts would be quite inevitable," wrote Morris.

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Carol Sutherland, editorial writer on The Texan, wrote ert R. Coffman, Fred B. Cox, Jr., T. Gaines, Juan Garza, Leslie G. that she hoped "some day the university (UT) would be John Dave Cunningham, Jr., Don free of economic and political shackles" and "the student O. Daniel, Lawrence R. Dausin, will not be second class."

"THE PARADOX of this state university is that it's not an institution of higher learning," added Miss Sutherland.

Fortunately, we here at A&M are not faced with exactly this type problem. No faculty or staff member dictates what goes into the news columns of The Battalion,

As stated in the by-laws of the Student Publications Bryan Oldham, Jr., Albert G. Sch-Board, the Director of Student Publications "is not expected or permitted to practice editorial-policy censorship in any form, but only to counsel and advise in matters of editorial

THE BY-LAWS add that "if the Director were required Robert W. Young. to read all or any part of the copy prior to publication this would necessarily make him responsible for everything that was printed in the publications, and he would therefore be- Aydelotte, Lester H. Callaway, II, come de facto editor.

Naturally such freedom entails a heavy responsibility. but the only rule required of student editors is that they follow the ethics of good journalism. This in itself is enough to insure responsible handling of publications.

ALSO, the position of the student editor is not as stable as is commonly thought. Any of them can easily and quickly be removed from their position upon recommendation by the Director. However, the editor is given the privilege of presenting his case before the publications board before action is taken on the Director's recommendation.

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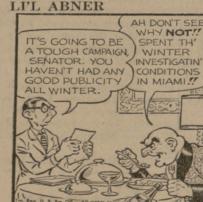
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