

Editorials

Student Authority Should Remain

Student Publications at Texas A&M, one of the most respected programs in college journalism, stands today at a crossroads.

During the last week, movements in the direction of the censorship "road" have been evident, yet that path has not yet been taken.

Until last week the Student Publications Board was considered a governing board subject to the Dean of Student Personnel Services. Now it has been labeled "advisory" by the administration.

Formerly the director of Student Publications was subject to the board's authority. Now he is subject to the vice president's authority directly.

Before last week the student editor was the last man to see the material published in The Battalion and was directly responsible for that material. Now the Student Publications director is checking the material before it is published.

The administration has assured the editors that they do not want censorship. They say they will not prevent editorials or stories from appearing in The Battalion if they are factual and comply with libel and postal laws and ethics.

But the one thing that will keep the publications from following along the road of their previous success is the placing of final authority in the director's and administration's hands.

If the director and administration are the final authorities concerning what will or will not be printed, they become the editors and not the duly appointed students.

When this happens, the student editors no longer have the opportunity to learn executive direction of a newspaper, but instead continue to take directives from a higher authority. Their opportunity for leadership training through absolute responsibility is squelched.

It is an utter fallacy to say that students can learn to lead by following. If leadership is never experienced, the ability to lead will not be cultivated.

Also it is illogical to say that 21 and 22-year-old students are too young and immature to assume responsibilities in printing a newspaper or magazine.

This nation, during wartime, has often put men who were 19 or 20 years of age in charge of heavy bombers loaded with high explosive or in charge of large numbers of troops facing murderous enemy gunfire.

If these "youngsters" can come through and face their responsibilities, so can juniors and seniors at Texas A&M who have been trained and carefully screened for their positions.

Positive proof of the value of the program so far comes from editors over the state who have hired former Battalion staffers. They say that these men when placed in executive positions show more responsibility and leadership qualities than men from other schools.

The Battalion feels that unless the publications program remains completely in student hands, it will no longer be STUDENT operation but instead will be a college operation with students employed.

In the interest of future student leadership on the A&M campus, similar opinions from both faculty members and students should be expressed to vice president Rudder.—JT

Chest Almost Empty

Last Fall, the Student Senate set up the Campus Chest to replace the tubs set up around the campus for contributions several times a year. The purpose was the same—the means a little more efficient.

Aggies have always helped one of their number in need—it is one of the best known characteristics of the school.

The original goal of the Chest was set at \$7,000, a dollar an Ag. The December fund raising drive fell far short of this goal.

To date, 1,261 of the 1,800 Campus Chest dollars raised in the December drive have been sent to Ags in need or to worthy organizations. This leaves about \$550 in the Chest, which may be enough for the rest of the year, barring any tragedy.

If \$550 isn't enough, the Senate will have to put out the tubs again and the purpose of the Campus Chest will be lost.

The small contributions in December certainly can't be considered disregard by Aggies for one in need. More likely, the need for the money at that time was just hard to see.

The need has been apparent in the last few months. Injury and disease have made it so.

Next year, it would be well to plan in advance. Tragedy may strike more than once. And it doesn't always strike the "other" fellow.—JB

THE BATTALION

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

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"YES I'M GOING TO PASS YOU BECAUSE I'M TIRED OF HAVING TO MAKE UP NEW TESTS FOR THIS COURSE EVERY YEAR!"

After 3 Months

Ag Meets Girl He's Been Writing

By HOLIM KIM

Friday was a day of extraordinary happiness for Joe Parter, a German-born sophomore from Kingsville. He met the girl he's been writing for three months—for the first time.

The girl, Lorraie Schlote, is a senior chemistry major at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio. Joe began writing her through a German publication in January.

Joe and Lorraie were supposed to meet at the TAGS (Texas Association of German Students) convention at Baylor last weekend, but they did not write about how to recognize each other.

Joe strolled into the Waco Hall on the Baylor campus, where the University of Texas Players were to present a drama that night. He walked back and forth along the aisle about twice, and half-disappointedly came to stand at a corner. Then a girl stood up from a seat and walked back to the door; she turned around and passed Joe again. In all the excitement amidst girls and people, the Aggie just could not recall the profile of the girl he once saw in a picture. Fortunately, Lorraie had a better memory.

She finally decided to address the Aggie.

Joe's heart was bouncing, he said. His usual fast talking was accentuated by tension and shyness—he now talked like a machine gun. His face was as red as it could be—from his neck to the top of his head.

On his way back that night he confided to his companion, "Boy, I'm a happy man."

He rates brain higher than beauty, and in Lorraie he found both, he said. He receives letters from her twice each week, and corrects mistakes if written in German. (She is a third year German student at the Incarnate Word.)

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What's Cooking Dates Needed For College Calendar

San Angelo Hometown Club will meet in room 203, Agriculture Building, to discuss High School Day.

Abilene Hometown Club meets in room 204, Academic Building. Milby Hometown Club meets in room 2-C, MSC.

Amarillo Hometown Club meets in the Gay Room, YMCA, to plan High School Day.

Panhandle Club meets in room 3-D of the MSC.

Southwest Texas Hometown Club meets in room 122, Academic Building.

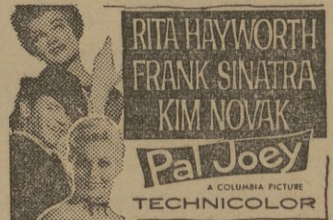
Port Arthur Hometown Club meets in the MSC lobby to make group picture.

A meeting to decide all important dates to be entered on the 1958-59 all-college calendar will be held at 5 p. m. next Wednesday in room 101 of the YMCA, C. G. (Spike) White, recreation and entertainment manager, said yesterday.

All persons concerned with arrangement of events on the calendar—such as class and club

officers—should be present at the meeting, White said.

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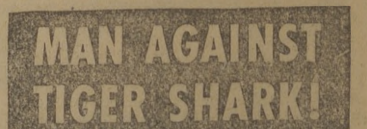
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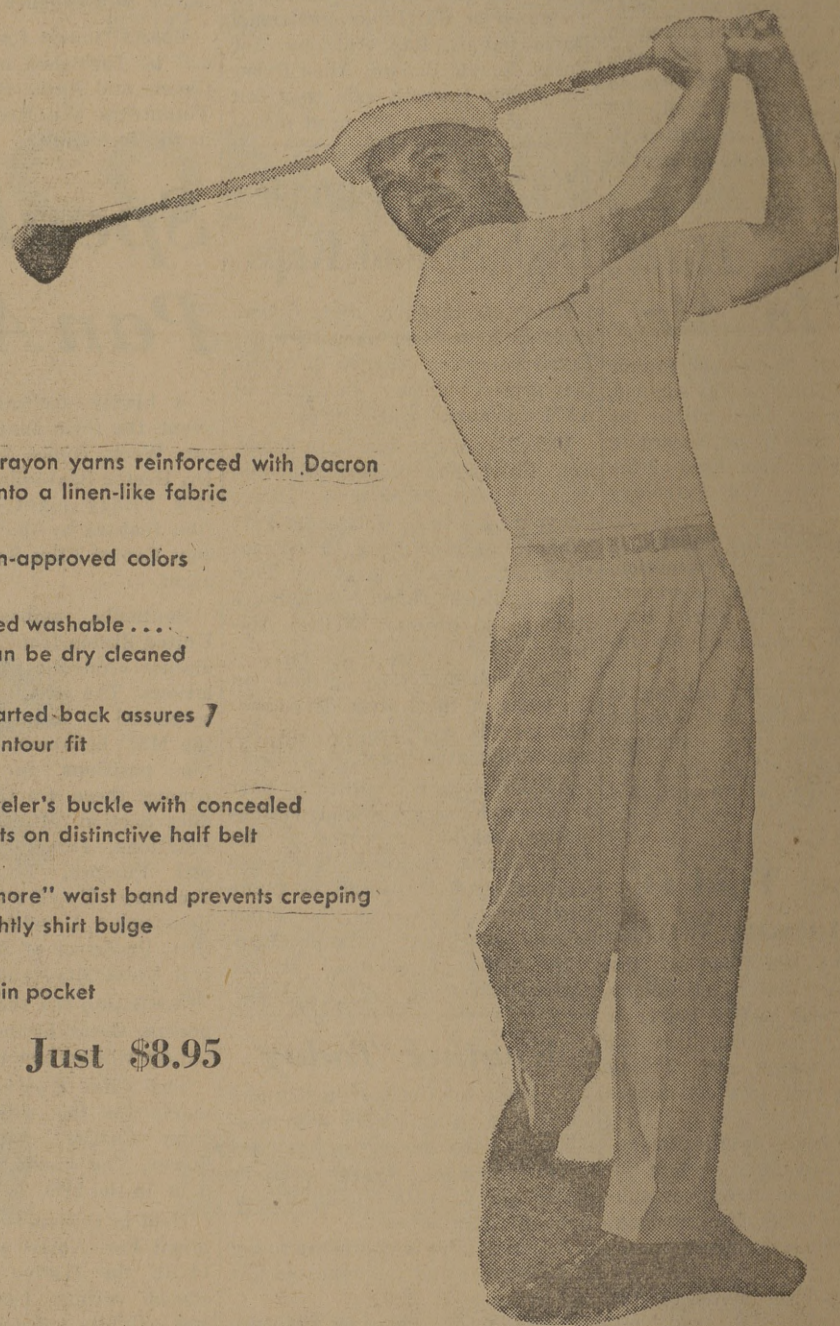
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