BATTALION EDITORIALS

Handling Of 'Resignation' Puts College In Squeeze

The college suffered probably its worst public relations setback of the current year last weekend as a result of Athletic Director Hank Foldberg's poor handling of the "resignation" of head basketball mentor Bob Rogers.

Foldberg received Rogers' "resignation" Thursday morning but would not release the news until Friday afternoon. Needless to say, this alienated newsmen, especially sport-writers, across the state. In addition, the incident was an additional black mark for Foldberg with the Texas sportswriting fraternity.

In only a year on the job, Foldberg has already issued a statement that interviews with all football players must be cleared by him, and on several occasions last fall the head football coach closed Aggie dressing room doors to sportswriters after games. This latest incident may only serve to make Aggie athletic relations with the press even more

In addition to depriving the public of its right to know, Foldberg's latest action also accomplished the following:

1. News of Rogers' "resignation" had leaked out and at least one Houston newspaper had already printed the story. 2. Newsmen seeking details of the rumor were unable to

get details from a central source.

3. The sports publicity director says he was one of the last persons to find out details of the news.

Throughout all the confusion that prevailed last Friday afternoon, no reason has yet been given for the unnecessary delay. As much as we would like to hear a reason, such a statement will probably not be forthcoming. Even if such a statement were to be released, critical newsmen would prob-

Unfortunately, the entire college stands to suffer for the handling of this incident, and we really have little or no

Safeguard Is Needed

A bill that we hope will prevent future occurances such as the present controversy over the dismissal of a professor at Sam Houston State Teachers College seems to have strong backing in the state legislature.

This is a bill by Rep. Maud Isaacks of El Paso to guarantee the political rights of teachers in state-supported colleges and universities. The bill, which is now in subcommittee for study, has already been co-signed by House members from every district in the state where state-supported colleges are

One witness in support of the bill, University of Texas law professor Corwin W. Johnson, said the bill "would safeguard the exercise of a teacher's right to engage in political activities." He added that this would not mean that a teacher could use the classroom for political purposes.

Even though incidents involving teachers' political rights are rare and most colleges seem quite fair about the issue, we would agree that the state could use such a law. Nothing is more embasassing than an incident such as the Sam Houston case, where no law can be referred to for an answer.

The state has already suffered because of the Sam Houston incident. The least we can do is see that it doesn't happen

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. Somehow I feel I was a failure during Career Day! I showed those high school boys displays, demonstrations and departments, but they seemed more interested in learning about Babo bombs, water-fighting and mess hall slang!"

Sound O

demy as it relates to our state's

maritime commerce. The aca-

demy is a worthwhile part of

A&M and is deserving of our

Galveston County Judge

continued and best efforts.

Peter P. LaValle

I read with interest your March 8 story on Maritime Academy

This is a time for students and friends of the TMA and A&M to actively support this program. Although the House did not include the academy in its appropria-tions measure, we should keep the following in mind:

1. There is every reason to believe the Senate finance committee will include the A&M appropriation for the academy;

There is a possibility that the House will consider a second small omnibus appropriations bill within a few weeks which will include Gov. Connally's recommendations and funds for the academy;

3. The final appropriation mea sure passed this session by both the House and Senate will probably be increased by more than \$40 million (ample funds to include \$222,000 for the state's twoyear share of the academy's oper-

4. The conference committee of both houses — as it did last session - will do the right thing

by both A&M and the academy. The administration of A&M has shown outstanding leadership in both the new fields of nuclear energy and the Maritime Aca-

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Professors' Group Backs Fired Prof

university professors believes Dr. Rupert C. Koeninger was dismissed from the faculty at Sam Houston State last year without a showing of adequate cause.

An investigating committee of the American Association of University Professors reached this conclusion in a report published Friday in the spring issue of the AAUP Bulletin.

According to the two-member committee, Koeninger "appears to have done no more than simply exercise his rights as a citizen.' "If Koeninger was dismissed on

Future Dates

TODAY Texas Agricultural Extension Service conference (through Wed-

Baseball, varsity vs. Sul Ross WEDNESDAY Reunion, Class of 1918 Begin filing for general elec-

THURSDAY Student Senate Highway geology

(through Friday) FRIDAY Reunion, Class of 1933 (through Saturday)

SATURDAY Junior prom and banquet Baseball, varsity vs. Baylor

An organization of college and political grounds of the nature dent Dr. Harmon Lowna discussed in this report, such dis- Koeninge that his services missal constitutes a clear violation of academic freedom," the report said.

The report said SHSTC Presi-

be terminated because some bers of the Board of Regen opposed certain political ties in which he had engag

Read Battalion Classified



AMONG MY KINFOLK

My favorite cousin, Mandolin Glebe, a sweet, unspoiled county boy, has just started college. Today I got a letter from him which I will reprint here because I know Mandolin's problems are so much like your own. Mandolin writes:

Dear Mandolin (he thinks my name is Mandolin too),
I see by the college paper that you are writing a column for Marlboro Cigarettes. I think Marlboros are jim-dandy cigarettes with real nice tobacco and a ginger-peachy filter with real nice tobacco and a ginger-peachy filter with real nice tobacco and a ginger-peachy filter with real nice tobacco.

arettes with real nice tobacco and a ginger-peachy filter, at I want to tell you why I don't smoke them.

It all started the very first day I arrived at college. I we walking across the campus, swinging my paper valise and sing traditional airs like Blue Tail Fly and Death and Trail figuration, when all of a sudden I ran into this here tollegic looking fellow with a monogram on his breast pocket. He as me was I a freshman. I said yes. He asked me did I want be a BMOC and the envy of all the in crowd. I said yes. said the only way to make these keen things happen was to a fraternity. Fortunately he happened to have a pledge or with him, so he pricked my thumb and I signed. He didn't to me the name of the fraternity or where it is located, but I support the support of the fraternity or where it is located, but I support of the fraternity of the f pose I'll find out when I go active.



Meanwhile this fellow comes around every week to collect the dues, which are \$100, plus a \$10 fine for missing the weel meeting, plus a \$5 assessment to buy a headstone for Spot, the late, beloved beagle who was the fraternity mascot

I have never regretted joining the fraternity, because it is my dearest wish to be a BMOC and the envy of all the m crowd, but you can see that it is not cheap. It wouldn't be so bad if I slept at the frat house, but you must agree that I can't sleep at the house if I don't know where the house is.

I have rented a room which is not only grotesquely experitive but it is not at all the kind of room I was locking for

sive, but it is not at all the kind of room I was looking for. wanted someplace reasonably priced, clean, comfortable, a within easy walking distance of classes, the shopping distri and San Francisco and New York. What I found was a bedroo in the home of a local costermonger which is dingy, expensive, and uncomfortable—and I don't even get to use the bed till 7 a.m. when my landlord goes out to mong his costers.

Well anyhow, I got settled and the next thing I did, natural was to look for a girl. And I found her. Harriet, her name is, beautiful creature standing just under seven feet high and weiging 385 pounds. I first spied her leaning against the statue of the Founder, dozing lightly. I talked to her for several hours without effect. Only when I mentioned dinner did she stir. Her milky little eyes opened, she raised a brawny arm, seized mape, and carried me to a chic French restaurant called L Clipjoint where she consumed, according to my calcula her own weight in chateaubriand.

After dinner she lapsed into a torpor from which I could not rouse her, no matter how I tried. I banged my glass with a fork, I pinched her great pendulous jowls, I rubbed the legs of my corduroy pants together. But nothing worked, and finally I slang her over my shoulder and carried her to the girls dorm slipping several discs in the process.

Fortunately, medical care for students is provided free at the

college infirmary. All I had to pay for were a few extras, like X-rays, anaesthesia, forceps, hemostats, scalpels, catgut, lines, towels, amortization, and nurses. They would not, however,

let me keep the nurses.

So, dear cousin, it is lack of funds, not lack of enthusiasm, that is keeping me from Marlboro Cigarettes—dear, good Marlboros with their fine blend of choice tobaccos and their pure white Selectrate filter and their soft pack and their flip top box.
Well, I must close now. My pencil is wore out and I can't

afford another. Keep 'em flying. Yr. cousin Mandolin Glebe

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