

# Senate Forms Committee

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times this is not true, and articles are published in The Battalion over his objections.

"There have been numerous stories that have appeared in the Batt that I would have preferred not to have run," he said.

Explaining the nature of some of his objections, Stephenson said he finds himself opposed to stories that subject the university to "needless" criticism.

He said that generally his function on the newspaper is to make sure that what goes into The Battalion is accurate, in good taste, and not libelous.

Stephenson added that he has urged editors not to let The Battalion be used as a "battle-ground" in the "letters to the editor" columns.

He said he objects to letters that "grossly misrepresent the facts, make personal attacks on someone, or are highly inflammatory." Also, he said he discourages letters that make "threats."

"A lot of my philosophy can be summed up in the old saying, 'Why air your dirty clothes in public?' This is what a lot of letters to the editor try to do."

Stephenson said that instead of writing letters to the paper, students should bring their com-

plaints before such bodies as the Student Senate, where some positive action may be taken.

"Like it or not," he added, "what goes into The Battalion reflects on the university." He said that many who read The Battalion throughout the state do not take into account the fact that students write the articles.

Stephenson maintained that the newspaper does have a responsibility to the university and should even be "somewhat of a booster of the institution."

In the question and answer session, senators pressed Stephenson to further clarify his position in relation to the editor.

"Does the editor have the final

word concerning what goes into the Battalion?" one asked.

Stephenson replied that he would not say that this would be true on all occasions.

He said for example that if the editor wrote a column calling for the assassination of someone, he doubted whether he would allow it to run.

"But if the column was written in good taste and not libelous, why wouldn't you?" another senator asked.

"You mean you would want to see the column run anyway?" Stephenson questioned.

A number of senators replied, "Yes."

## Campus Briefs

### Upham Dissertation Entered in Contest

Dr. W. Kennedy Upham, assistant professor of sociology, has recently been honored by the nomination of his Ph.D. dissertation for a national competition. The sociology faculty at the University of Florida has submitted the dissertation on "A Sociological Analysis of Man-Land Relations in Central America" for the Rural Sociological Society's competition for the best dissertation award for theses completed in 1968 and 1969.

### Loftin Honored As Top Teacher

Richard B. Loftin, senior physics major, has been recognized by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation for scholarly excellence and outstanding personal attributes.

The Navasota High School graduate received honorable mention in the annual fellowship competition, ranking Loftin in the top 2,000 of about 12,000 outstanding graduating seniors nominated for the honor by more than 800 colleges.

Foundation selection committees picked 1,153 finalists as Designates and "the most intellectually promising" 1970 graduates planning careers as college

teachers, explained President Hans Rosenhaupt. An additional 1,000 students were given honorable mention.

Study awards, grants and fellowships are usually awarded Wilson Foundation designates and names of students receiving honorable mention are called to the attention of graduate deans.

Loftin was one of 108 honorable mention students in the Louisiana and Texas region.

### Graduates Complete Helicopter Training

Three graduates have completed helicopter pilot training at Fort Wolters while serving in the Army.

Next assignment for the three second lieutenants, Robert A. Keeseker of Galveston, Gerald L. Krafka of Rio Hondo and James H. Springfield of Texas City, is advanced flight training.

Keeseker and Krafka will go to Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., and Springfield is bound for Fort Rucker, Ala.

Springfield and Keeseker were commissioned at A&M and studied industrial technology and accounting, respectively. An agricultural engineering major, Krafka received his commission through Officer Candidate School.

## Listen Up

Editor:

"For some time now the Texas A&M football and basketball teams have included substantial numbers of non-agricultural majoring participants. However, this fact has been overlooked or ignored by many people. This fact is an insult and a slap in the face to those students majoring in other fields. On several occasions I have heard the Corps of Cadets, Mike Mistovich, Spec Gammon and others refer to A&M athletic team members as 'Aggies' or 'Farmers.' This flagrant degradation of non-agricultural majoring members of the teams and majority of the student body in general must not be tolerated!"

Sound rather ridiculous, Mr. Peek? I feel confident that the athletic teams and the student body at t.u. don't feel personal insult at being referred to as "steers" or "longhorns," just I feel confident that the vast majority of Aggies don't feel personal insult at being referred to as "Ol' Army," "Cadets," "Farmers," or "Aggies," even though they may not be physically associated with any of these groups.

I am amazed at times, Mr. Peek, at how such narrow minds acquire positions as important as Managing Editor of The Review. It seems to me that it would require just the opposite . . . at least to be qualified.

Gary J. Martin,  
Marketing major and very proud to be called an Aggie

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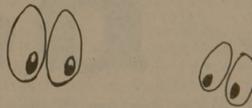
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## CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



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## Senate Recommends Court

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mitted that perhaps 100 coeds had been involved in some way with the organization, but told the senate that it needs to have a means to by which to hear the coed's viewpoint.

Henderson argued that the question before the senate is not how representative UW is, but how the coed may have the opportunity to make her feelings known to the senate.

Vice President Kent Caperton urged senators not to let their personal biases stand in the way of granting senate representa-

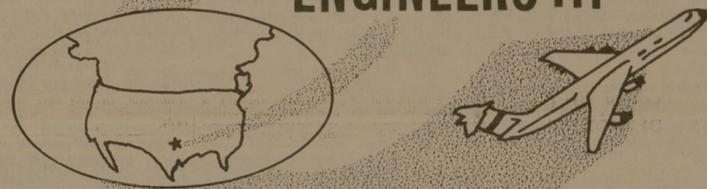
tion to an important segment of the student body.

Bradley's motion failed to get the two-thirds vote of the senate membership needed for approval, failing 37-16.

A move later in the meeting to bring the issue to the floor again succeeded, but also failed to receive at least a two-thirds approval vote.

In other business, the senate approved with little debate Election Commission President Nokomis (Butch) Jackson's proposal to grant six representatives to the College of Education, to be filled in the April 23 election.

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