

# Boycotts threaten textbook voting

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AUSTIN (AP) — The State Textbook Committee votes Wednesday on a list of proposed texts, well aware that violence accompanied the adoption of some of them in West Virginia last month.

One witness at the final textbook hearing Tuesday mentioned talk of a boycott and court fight if some of the protested books are approved for use in Texas public schools.

Voting on the books, covering 15 subjects, is expected to take several days. The State Board of Education

will make the final adoptions at its Nov. 9 meeting.

The 15-member committee listened to final arguments from professional textbook analyst Mrs. Mel Gabler of Longview, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Continuing Task Force on Education for Women and several individuals, with rebuttals by publishers.

that I and a group of my friends are prepared, if they adopt all these texts to which you all are objecting, to take our children out of school and to have our day in court to let people know what is going on and

what is in the textbooks," Mrs. Bearden said.

The DAR spokeswoman said she opposed boycotts and similar acts of protest.

Mrs. Gabler, who recently started a fulltime, nationwide consulting service for generally conservative textbook protesters, singled out a series that is involved in the West Virginia troubles.

The D. C. Heath & Co. "communication" series of readers for grades 1-6 are "handbooks on how to cheat, rob and steal for 6 through 9-year-olds," Mrs. Gabler said.

For instance, she said, the third grade edition shows a "picture of children being taught to rob" and includes a discussion of robbers.

"To claim that such examples do not teach students the possibility of robbing and breaking the law would deny the effectiveness of pictures," she said.

Mrs. Gabler earlier released to the Associated Press correspondence in which Alice Moore, leader

of the Kanawha County, W. Va., textbook protests requested her reviews of the Hath books and several other texts.

"After carefully and thoroughly reviewing this series, I can understand why so many thousands of parents in West Virginia are objecting to these books and are willing to sacrifice their salaries in strikes against the use of these books," Mrs. Gabler said.

Heath counterattacked with a statement by Brian McLaughlin, executive editor of its language arts department in Lexington, Mass.

McLaughlin said Mrs. Gabler had "lamentably and flagrantly quoted out of context."

"Experience shows that this technique is used by those who seize on every shred of evidence to support a preconceived position," he said. McLaughlin said the authors of the series "enjoy excellent reputations for the materials they have contributed to language arts education."

## Science college hires new man to head biology

Dr. John Richard Seed, 37, formerly of Tulane University at New Orleans, is the new head of the biology department at Texas A&M University, Dean John Prescott of the College of Science, announced.

Dr. Seed succeeds Dr. William P. Fife, who has served as acting department head since mid-June of 1973.

Dr. Seed received his Ph.D. in 1963 from Yale University and the next fall he did postdoctoral research work at Haverford College under Dr. Irving Finger.

Dr. Seed belongs to various professional organizations and has numerous publications. He is married to Judith Ann Seed and they have two children.

"We are indebted to Dr. Fife for assuming the administrative responsibilities for the department and carrying them out so effectively during the interim period," Dean Prescott noted.

"This is the second time he has taken on such additional duties while continuing to devote maximum attention to his teaching and research activities," he added.

## Festival to host dance

The Third Annual Brazos County Peoples' Festival will hold a fund raising dance at the LULAC Hall Friday.

Two bands, Brotherhood and New Sounds, will play continuously from 8 p.m. until midnight. Music will include rock, polkas, country-and-western, the Mexican cumbia and shadishes.

Tickets will be \$3 per person and may be obtained by calling 822-9211, 823-6802 or purchased at the door.

The festival is planned for Oct. 25 and 26 at the Manor East Mall.

## 'First, go through proper channels'

By RAY GRASSHOFF  
Staff Writer

Going through proper channels first is most important in making academic appeals, said Dr. Harry Kroitor, chairman of the Academic Appeals Panel Tuesday night.

Kroitor spoke to a small audience as part of the Student Government's

Academic Lecture Series and Great Issue's "Quality of Life at TAMU" series.

"Students should realize that they must go through the proper channels," said Kroitor. "The instructor is the primary authority and should be consulted first. That is where most of the students fail," he said.

The next step for the unsatisfied student is the head of the department. Further problems should be presented to the dean of the college — and only after this "due process" should the matter be presented to the Academic Appeals Panel.

"The appeals panel is little understood by faculty or students," said Kroitor. Faculty tend to see the system as an undermining of their authority, said Kroitor, while students see it as a way to gripe at almost anything.

"Only disciplinary action for delinquent grades concerns the Academic Appeals Panel," said Kroitor. Such things as scholastic dishonesty and misconduct outside of academics are the concern of the University Disciplinary Appeals Panel.

Dozens of requests and interviews are handled by Kroitor each year, but he screens students and gives his opinion on the individual's case. "All I try to do is make it realistic," said Kroitor.

It should be remembered that the grade and not the professor is on trial, said Kroitor.

## Board discusses injunction

By JUDY BAGGETT  
Staff Writer

The right to issue an injunction was discussed Tuesday by the SG Judicial Board.

An injunction is a court order commanding or prohibiting an act to be fulfilled. Temporary and perma-

nent injunctions were discussed.

A temporary injunction could be given by one member of the board, while it would take the full board to order a permanent injunction.

The possibility of limiting the power of injunction to the chairman and vice-chairman was considered.

This action would eliminate a person going from member to member until he found one willing to issue the injunction.

The Judicial Board is trying to model after the Supreme Court, said Jerri Ward, chairman. No statute gives the court the power of injunction. It is a carry over from common law.

The board discussed putting procedures for injunction in the bylaws or another set of codes. A 24 hour time limit for the board to meet after an injunction was issued was also considered.

A writ of mandamus will be directed at any official in Student Government to fulfill his duties. It also comes from common law and unwritten precedent, Ward said.

The Judicial Board is investigating other judicial systems "trying to find good ideas," Ward said. The board wants to expand its power and have a firm reason or precedence in doing so, she said.

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