

Editorial

SO YOU WANT to be Student Association President??

You say you're the best qualified candidate? You have the most experience in student government and have proven yourself a leader in many, many organizations? You say you're brave, reverent, clean cheerful and STILL want to be SA president?

Well forget it. AS THE TREND is now, someone is going to file a protest on you for something and your chances for being elected are nil. As the rules stand now and the way they have been interpreted by various committees and "courts" there will soon be no student elections and certainly no campaigning for any candidates.

Elections on this campus have deteriorated to a point of such an over-structured maze of election rules, restrictions, protests, rulings and counter rulings that the average student actually is not given the opportunity to vote for the candidate of his choice, but rather, the candidate that has succeeded in hiding out from everyone else until well after the elections are over.

As the Student Association Election Code stands now, a major offense on the part of any candidate subjecting him to disqualification is defined as "one which could provide a candidate with an unfair advantage over his opponents." With the present atmosphere on this campus, this definition is subject to some interesting interpretations.

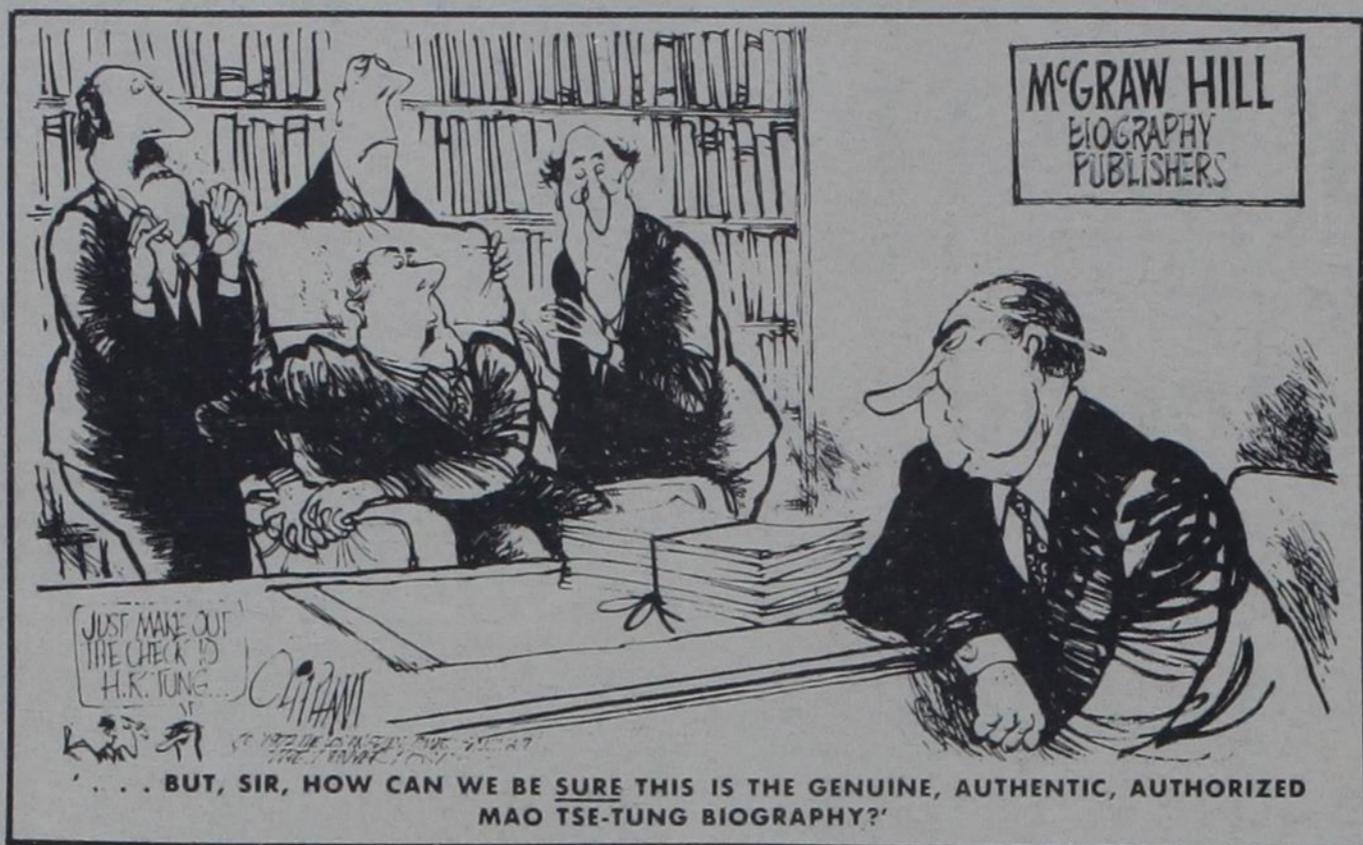
An unfair advantage could be construed as one candidate being more qualified, having an original poster or being better looking than his opponent.

These interpretations are a bit wild, I'll admit, but considering the trends these past weeks in Tech elections nothing can be discounted.

It is unfortunate that the SA presidential race this year has been degraded to its present state of chaos rather than an election of next year's leader of the student body. This election has become a petty fight of personalities and not a debate of issues. With it the Student Association itself has been discredited and that means YOU — the students that are members of that association.

The question that remains to be answered now is do YOU, the students, plan to put up with this comedy of-errors for another FULL YEAR.

Mike Warden



Supports bike race on circle

This letter is concerning the new Board policy approved October 8, 1971. Fulltime students are paying \$35.00 a semester for a building use fee. This fee according to the Tech Cashier, is for building use, maintenance of grounds and streets inside the Tech Ampus. If we pay for the use of the streets, then why can't we hold a bicycle race on campus? Streets are blocked prior to and during football games, then no one is allowed on campus.

The Board violated their own rule by allowing streets to be completely blocked and abstracting free passage of vehicular traffic during the later part of the football season. The little 500 Bicycle Race would be a function which students could participate and enjoy. No one is allowed on campus during the week without a visitor's pass or reserved parking sticker — so bicycles and walking are the only way students use the grounds and streets. What's wrong with a bicycle race held on a Saturday?

If students aren't allowed to use the Tech Campus except for class attendance then, we feel that the Building use fee should be reduced.

We support the Little 500 Bicycle Race and being denied approval to hold it on the Tech Campus is a violation of our rights as students. Jan Cosnell Lea Anderson Cathy Vittinger Debbie Corder Tana Johnson

Letters to the editor

Student blasts UD editorial

"One of the biggest smear campaigns ever conducted at Tech has now unfortunately been successfully completed against Greg Wimmer." This editorial statement of March 15 perhaps should have read "fortunately has been successfully waged for Greg Wimmer." This editorial has revealed the third ring of the "campus Political Circus," you and your prejudiced pen.

Throughout the executive elections, public opinion has, indeed, been manipulated by endorsements and editing by the U.D. It was interesting to note that your total endorsement of Mr. Wimmer was based upon his association in all campus activities and organizations which you listed specifically for Mr. Wimmer but just generalized for the other candidates. Mr. Orbas,

who was also given the official seal of approval for his lack of affiliation to any such groups. The paradoxical logic of these endorsements make it appear "fixed" so as not to pair a major contender's name against Mr. Wimmer. You have shown your bias by not only stating positive qualities of Mr. Wimmer, but also by smearing the other candidates as not capable of stopping the side show, a direct indictment of Mr. Wimmer's competition. I find that illogical because the Status Quo which you have admitted is a circus is presided over by your Ringmaster Wimmer. He has been presiding over the senate for three months now and affairs have gone from bad to worse. Therefore, I find no reason in your statement that he is the only candidate to end the circus because he has done working about it so far.

Jerry Pitts 4401 49th

Thanks supporters for help

The Arab Student Association at Texas Tech University would like to thank all the nice persons who participated in the great success of the Arabian Dinner

which included Arabian food, music, dance and an Arabian display which took place at the Ballroom of the University Center on March 10.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Dr. John Gillian, sponsor of the Arab Student Association; Mr. Bob Burnett, the International Student advisor; and to the

dean and staff of the home economics department.

Our thanks to the great people who attended our party and to Dr. Young, chairman of food and nutrition, and it would be our pleasure to have them at our future activities.

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Sophomore center Bill Walton

UCLA man named collegiate player of year

NEW YORK (AP) — Sophomore Bill Walton of UCLA, who looks like Huckleberry Finn and plays like Superman, was named Wednesday the Associate Press' college basketball player of the year for 1971-72.

The red-haired, lantern-jawed center was given a 3-1 margin over Dwight Lamar, the Nation's leading scorer from Southwestern Louisiana, in nationwide voting by sports writers and broadcasters.

Others receiving votes were Virginia's Barry Parkhill, Doug Collins of Illinois State and Henry Bibby, Walton's senior teammate.

Walton dominated the balloting the same way he dominated the opposition this year, leading UCLA's sophomore-studded Bruins to a 26-0 record.

The average of 21 points and 15 rebounds a game didn't tell the entire story of the 6-foot-11 star.

"I've never seen a player who makes the outlet pass and starts the fast break as well," said UCLA Coach John Wooden. "He does so many things that don't show up in the box score. Like intimidation. How do you measure that?"

"Our opponents hit in the 30 per cent range during the year

and Walton is greatly responsible for that. Not only because of the shots he blocks, but because the other team is always looking for him."

"I think you have to be a real student of the game to appreciate the way Bill plays," says teammate Greg Lee, the Bruins' playmaker. "We are only now beginning to realize how good he is. With Bill back there on defense, the rest of us can afford to gamble and we can cheat on our fast break."

Walton, compared favorably to Bill Russell and Kareem Abdul Jabbar (Lew Alcindor) in their collegiate prime, is deceptive in appearance. He has

thin legs and a bony body. Floppy, carrot-color hair sits atop a pale, fragile-looking face.

He plays with tendonitis in both knees and must undergo physical therapy each day before he puts on his uniform.

Once in a game, however, he seems remarkably healthy. He has a fine shooting touch from the 15-foot range and is a tremendous defender. Perhaps his most impressive maneuver, though, is his lead pass on the fast break. Opposing coaches say he does it better than any other center in the country.

Walton's sophomore enthusiasm — he applauds from

the bench and keeps up a constant chatter to himself and opponents — has hyped teammates to better performances.

As for statistics, he shot 63 per cent from the field, 70 per cent from the foul line and had a game-high point producing of 37 against Oregon and 24 rebounds against both Washington and Texas.

Walton, a modest type, shies from publicity.

"I don't like to be singled out as an individual because we don't play as individuals, we play as a team," says Walton.

Raider fem swimming squad enjoy, expect success

The Tech girl's swimming team placed second recently in a triangular meet with the University of New Mexico and the University of Arizona.

This weekend, the fem swimmers travel to Fort Worth for one of the state's largest women's meets which will feature an even dozen teams. The Raiders finished third in the same meet last year behind champion Texas University of

Texas.

Yet the Raiders beat the Longhorn females at the Tech Invitational meet in February this year. The Techs stand as probable meet favorites this weekend in Fort Worth.

The females swam to a total of 80 points behind the winner, New Mexico. The Lobos, host

raced to a total of 109 points while the University of Arizona accounted for 34 points.

Thomas wanting to continue career

DALLAS (AP)—Duane Thomas is optimistic about continuing his career in professional football but not, he insists, at the sacrifice of his individuality and personal pride.

"I'm going to be my own man," the controversial running star of the Dallas Cowboys

said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, breaking a seven-month silence.

"Life is give and take. I'm not going to give every damn thing and not get anything in return. Money is only part of the problem. There are also

recognition and respect. You can do the job or you can't. If you can't, get out."

The 6-foot-1, 220-pound ballcarrier who came from a Dallas ghetto left no question that he felt certain he could do the job for the Cowboys or any other team in the National League.

Tennis team traveling

The Tech women's tennis team will travel to Trinity College Thursday, for competition and Friday they will participate in a tournament at the University of Texas at Austin.

Those traveling with the team

include Carolyn Carter, Sheryl Cheves, Debbie Lohman, Sylvia Mann, Sue Perry, Sara Pferiffer, Pam Utley and Linda Wigly.

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