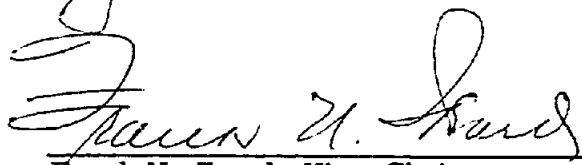
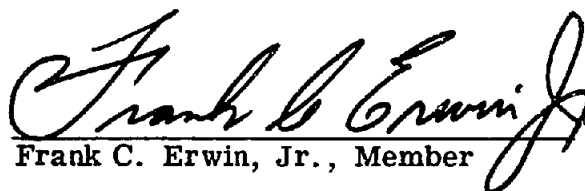



We, the undersigned members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, hereby ratify and approve all actions taken at this meeting to be reflected in the Minutes.

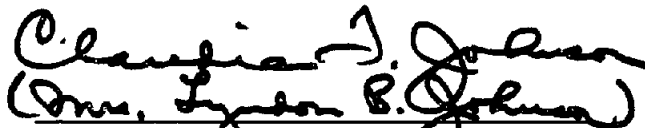
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John Peace, Chairman

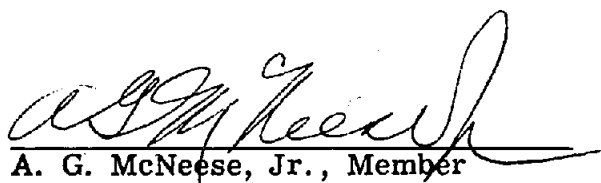

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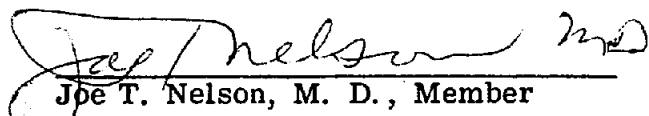

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Jenkins Garrett, Member


Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, Member


Joe M. Kilgore, Member


A. G. McNeese, Jr., Member


Joe T. Nelson, M. D., Member


Dan C. Williams, Member

Meeting No. 691

(Special Called)

THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS

OF

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

July 9, 1971

Austin, Texas

MEETING NO. 691

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1971.--The Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 9:00 a.m. in Room 212, Main Building, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, pursuant to the following notice that was sent to each member of the Board of Regents on July 2, 1971:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That Chairman John Peace has called a Special Meeting of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System to convene on Friday, July 9, 1971, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 212, Main Building, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, for the purpose of considering only the following item:

Student Publications and Regental Action with
Respect Thereto

This notice is issued pursuant to the Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter I, Subsection 6.21.

ATTENDANCE.--The following were in attendance at the meeting:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairman Peace, Presiding	None
Vice-Chairman Ikard	
Regent Erwin	
Regent Garrett	
Regent (Mrs.) Johnson	
Regent Kilgore	
Regent McNeese	
Regent Nelson	
Regent Williams	

Chancellor LeMaistre
Secretary Thedford

Chairman Peace called the meeting to order and announced the purpose of the meeting as set out above in the Notice of the Special Meeting. In reviewing the TSP, Inc., matter, he pointed out that the Board of Directors of Texas Student Publications, Inc., attempted on June 9, 1971, to file an amendment to its Articles of Incorporation without the approval of the Board of Regents and that the Secretary of State correctly refused to accept that amendment because it was in conflict with the charter of TSP, Inc. Chairman Peace further added that also since the last meeting of the Board of Regents on June 4, 1971, another amendment to the Texas Student Publications, Inc., Charter had been tendered on June 28 to and was ordered filed on June 30 by the Secretary of State which raises a number of legal problems material to the TSP situation. Continuing, Chairman Peace said, "The Board desires to discuss these legal problems with its lawyers which it will do in its Executive Session. I would estimate for the benefit of the Press it would take one and one-half hours. The Board will resume the meeting after the Executive Session, and action taken by the Board will be taken in open session in this room."

RECESS.--The Board recessed for the purpose outlined above and following an executive session reconvened at 12:25 p.m. Chairman Peace called the meeting to order and apologized for the length of time it had taken the Board to discuss the legal problems involved.

U. T. AUSTIN - TEXAS STUDENT PUBLICATIONS, INC., AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEE (OPTIONAL): MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 1971, RELATING TO TSP, INC., RESCINDED; AMENDMENT TO REGENTS' RULES AND REGULATIONS, PART TWO, CHAPTER X, SECTION 8; OPERATING PROCEDURE; ALLOCATION OF \$4.10 OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES FEE (OPTIONAL) RESCINDED AND AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INSTITUTE LEGAL ACTION TO RECOVER ASSETS.--The Chair recognized Mr. Garrett who spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and members of the Board of Regents, I move that the following action be taken by the Board and included in the Minutes of this meeting:

The Board of Regents and the Administration have sought for months to find a way to continue the operation of The Daily Texan as a free and unfettered student newspaper under the format of a non-profit corporation charter. All such efforts to reach an agreement continuing that arrangement have failed. Additionally, the Board of Directors of the Texas Student Publications, Inc., has seen fit to violate the terms of the then existing charter and has unilaterally assumed control of the charter amendment process. This action renders further effort at continued operation of TSP under a charter untenable.

Matters are further complicated by the fact that under the State Auditor's ruling that Blanket Tax proceeds are State funds, the Board is prevented from levying and collecting any Blanket Tax or fee for use of an entity which seeks, as does TSP, to operate outside the jurisdiction of the Board and in violation of its former charter.

The Board of Regents and Administration are still dedicated to preserving the operation of a free and unfettered student newspaper under student control.

Therefore, the Board resolves that:

1. The actions of the Board of Regents taken on June 4, 1971, with respect to Texas Student Publications, Inc., and reported on Pages 76 and 77 of the Minutes of that meeting are hereby reconsidered and rescinded.
2. In order to assure that there will be no interruption in the publication of free and unfettered student publications on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin, the Board of Regents hereby adopts the amendments to the Regents' Rules and Regulations and Operating Procedure set out on Pages 3-10, to be implemented by the Chancellor of The University of Texas System and the President of The University of Texas at Austin at the direction of the Chairman of the Board of Regents when such implementation becomes appropriate.
3. The action of the Board of Regents on June 4, 1971, in allocating \$4.10 of the Student Activities Fee (optional) at The University of Texas at Austin to Texas Student Publications, Inc., is hereby reconsidered and

rescinded, leaving unchanged the remainder of the Student Activities Fee except that the total Student Activities Fee shall be \$18.40 as opposed to \$22.50.

4. The Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to request the Attorney General to institute necessary legal action to recover the assets that are now unlawfully held by the former Directors of the Texas Student Publications, Inc., Board under color of a charter which expired at midnight on July 5, 1971, and to take such other action as is necessary to recover these assets for the benefit of The University of Texas and, without limitation, such other action as is deemed appropriate by the Chairman of the Board of Regents to protect the interests of The University of Texas System and of the State of Texas.

The motion was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

EXHIBIT A

Regents' Rules and Regulations, Part Two: Amendments to Chapter X, Section 8.--Amend Section 8 of Chapter X of Part Two of the Regents' Rules and Regulations to read as follows:

Sec. 8. Student Publications, The University of Texas at Austin.

- 8.1 All assets of the former Texas Student Publications, Inc., now vested in the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System shall be delivered to, and recorded in the accounting records of, The University of Texas at Austin, to be used for the maintenance and support of student publications as an auxiliary enterprise of The University of Texas at Austin. The recording, budgeting and expenditure of these assets will be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the management of this type of funds and account.
- 8.2 The day-to-day operations of student publications on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin are under the control and jurisdiction of a Publishing Board, constituted as hereinafter set out. The Publishing Board shall transact all business connected with student publications on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin, pursuant to these Rules and Regulations.
- 8.3 The Publishing Board is responsible for the issuance, publication, and distribution of the student publications on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin. Such publications presently consist of The Daily Texan, The Summer Texan, The Texas Ranger Magazine, Cactus, Pereginus, Texas Engineering and Science Magazine, and Riata. The Publishing Board may authorize other publications.
- 8.4 The Publishing Board shall consist of eleven voting members, composed as follows:
 - (1) Four undergraduate students out of the Journalism Department of The University of Texas at Austin elected (two to be elected in even-numbered years and two to be elected in odd-numbered years after

the initial election; at the initial election under these rules all four shall be elected with provision for staggered terms as hereinafter set out) by those students certified by the chairman of such department as being journalism majors. Said election is to be held at least three weeks before the spring government election each year pursuant to the rules established by the Publishing Board. No student shall be eligible to be a candidate for a position on the Publishing Board unless he has completed or will have completed by the end of the spring semester in which the election is held twelve hours of journalism courses; is in good standing (not on scholastic probation); and has completed at least one semester in residence in the long term at The University of Texas at Austin. The eligibility of a candidate must be certified to by the Chairman of the Department of Journalism prior to the time of said election.

- (2) Two undergraduate students elected at large from the student body of The University of Texas at Austin (one to be elected in even-numbered years and one to be elected in odd-numbered years after the initial election; at the first election under these rules both shall be elected with provision for staggered terms as hereinafter set out) at the same time as the editor of The Daily Texan pursuant to Subsection 8.10 of this section. If the President of the Students' Association is not one of the students elected at the election, then the President of the Students' Association shall serve as an ex officio member of the Publishing Board without vote.
 - (3) Two members of the faculty out of the voting faculty of the Department of Journalism and one member of the faculty out of the voting faculty of the College of Business Administration, all three to be appointed directly by the President of The University of Texas at Austin.
 - (4) Two professional newspapermen appointed by the President of The University of Texas at Austin.
- 8.5 Voting members of the Publishing Board shall serve a term of two years beginning June 1 of each calendar year. However, in order to provide staggered terms, the following procedure shall be used concerning the first Publishing Board selected under this section, to take office June 1, 1972.
- (1) The four journalism students elected from the Department of Journalism shall draw lots in the presence of a quorum of the Publishing Board to determine which two shall serve initial terms of one year and which two shall serve initial terms of two years.
 - (2) The two undergraduate students elected at large from the student body of The University of Texas at Austin shall draw lots in the presence of a quorum of the Publishing Board to determine which one shall serve an initial term of one year and which one shall serve an initial term of two years.

- (3) The President of The University of Texas at Austin shall appoint one of the faculty out of the Department of Journalism for an initial term of one year, and he shall appoint the other journalism faculty member for an initial term of two years. The President of The University of Texas at Austin shall appoint the remaining faculty member for an initial term of two years.
- (4) The President of The University of Texas at Austin shall appoint one of the professional newspapermen for an initial term of one year, and shall appoint the other professional newspaperman for an initial term of two years.
- 8.6 Should any voting member or members of the Publishing Board resign, become ineligible, or for any other reason fail to serve, the President of The University of Texas at Austin shall, after consultation with the Publishing Board, select a successor or successors to fill the unexpired term.
- 8.7 In addition to the aforementioned voting members of the Publishing Board, the following persons shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members: the Dean of Students or his representative; the Editorial Manager of The Daily Texan; the General Manager of the publications; the Editor and Managing Editor of The Daily Texan; and the student editors of all other publications published by the Publishing Board.
- 8.8 The number and method of selection of the Publishing Board may be changed only by amendment to these rules.
- 8.9 The officers of the Publishing Board shall be a President, a Vice President, and a Secretary and such other officers as the Publishing Board may from time to time find necessary to carry on the business of the publications. Officers shall be elected from among the voting members of the Publishing Board at the first meeting after June 1 of each year. Officers' terms shall be for one year, but a person is eligible to serve one additional one-year term.
- 8.10 At least three weeks prior to the spring student government elections there shall be a student publications election on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin. At such election there shall be elected the Editor of The Daily Texan by the students of The University of Texas at Austin, but voting members of the Board shall appoint the Editor of The Daily Texan in the case of a vacancy. The eligibility of a candidate for Editor of The Daily Texan must be certified to by the Publishing Board on standards set out in their Handbook prior to the time of said election. The Publishing Board shall set out in its Handbook the conditions under which said elections may be held, including length of the campaign. The Editor of The Daily Texan shall serve for a term of one year beginning June 1. There shall also be elected at this election the two student members of the Publishing Board (one student to be elected each year after the first spring election) as provided in Subsection 8.4(2).

- 8.11 In the performance of all of its duties and in the exercise of all of its powers the Publishing Board shall be subject to the direction of the Regents' Rules and Regulations. The Publishing Board shall conduct its meetings in strict adherence to Roberts' Rules of Order.
- 8.12 There shall be an Executive Committee of the Publishing Board to be composed of three faculty members and two journalism students to be elected by the Publishing Board from its membership.
- 8.13 The Executive Committee shall appoint a General Manager who shall be selected annually during the month of May for the fiscal year beginning September 1. The Executive Committee shall determine the compensation of the General Manager. The duties of the General Manager shall be prescribed by the Executive Committee, subject to basic policies set forth by the Publishing Board. The Editorial Manager(s) will be appointed by the Executive Committee, subject to basic policies set forth by the Publishing Board. The Executive Committee shall determine compensation of the Editorial Manager(s). The Editorial Manager of The Daily Texan shall be authorized to coordinate the activities between The Daily Texan and the Department of Journalism so as to secure the most effective use of the journalism laboratories and classes in the preparation of material for The Daily Texan. The Executive Committee shall fix the compensation of all editorial workers on student publications, subject to the final approval of the Publishing Board. The Executive Committee shall appoint and fill all vacancies for Editor and Managing Editor of every publication, except The Daily Texan, and shall fix their compensation subject to final approval of the Publishing Board at its next regular meeting.
- 8.14 The Executive Committee is authorized to implement, and is responsible for implementation of, the policies of the Publishing Board between meetings of the Publishing Board.
- 8.15 A definitive relationship between the Department of Journalism of The University of Texas at Austin and The Daily Texan published by the Publishing Board must exist. Accordingly, the President of The University of Texas at Austin shall promulgate an operating procedure to establish this relationship. The operating procedure may be amended from time to time by mutual agreement between the Department of Journalism, through its chairman, and the Publishing Board, with the concurrence of the President of The University of Texas at Austin. In the event the Chairman of the Department and the Board of Directors are unable to agree on amendments, the President of The University of Texas at Austin shall make the final decision.
- 8.16 There shall be established within the Publishing Board a Review Committee which shall be composed of one member of the journalism faculty, one journalism student, and one professional newspaperman. Such members are to be elected by the Publishing Board out of its membership. All appeals on material withheld from publication by the Editorial

Manager, or respective publications supervisors, shall be considered by the Review Committee within 24 hours of the action. A decision of the Review Committee may be appealed to the Publishing Board, but seven affirmative votes of the Publishing Board are required to overrule said decision of the Review Committee. In all such matters, the actions of the Publishing Board shall be final and complete without review outside the Publishing Board.

- 8.17 It shall be the duty of the Publishing Board to furnish on request to the President of The University of Texas at Austin, the Chancellor of The University of Texas System, and the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, within two weeks of such request, any special reports requested by such officials.
- 8.18 At least eighteen copies of the minutes of all meetings of the Publishing Board shall be delivered promptly to the President of The University of Texas at Austin for distribution to the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the members of the Board of Regents, the Secretary to the Board of Regents, and such members of The University of Texas at Austin administration as the President of The University of Texas at Austin may direct. No action of the Publishing Board shall have any force or effect unless included in the minutes and until it has been approved by the President of The University of Texas at Austin, except actions of the Publishing Board pertaining to decisions of the Review Committee, and except as to actions of the Publishing Board with respect to the appointment, discipline, or removal of editors, which actions need only be reported in the minutes for information, but are not reviewable outside the Publishing Board.
- 8.19 No budget or budget amendment adopted by the Publishing Board shall have any force or effect until such budget or budget amendment has been approved by the Board of Regents.
- 8.20 No expenditure shall be made by the Publishing Board unless it is made in accordance with and pursuant to a budget item that has been previously adopted by the Publishing Board and approved by the Board of Regents.
- 8.21 Within 90 days following the close of each fiscal year, the President of The University of Texas at Austin shall be furnished for distribution to the Chancellor and to the members of the Board of Regents, the Secretary to the Board of Regents, and to such members of The University of Texas at Austin administration as the President of The University of Texas at Austin may direct, at least fifteen copies of a complete audit of the fiscal year.
- 8.22 All employees, editors, editorial workers, and staff members employed to work on student publications under the control and jurisdiction of the Publishing Board, including all employees of the former corporation known as Texas Student Publications, Inc., holding office or

employed as of the effective date of this section of these rules and regulations shall continue in office or employment (unless disciplined or removed from office in accordance with this section) at the same wage rates and under the same terms of their current office or employment (unless changed by the Publishing Board in accordance with this section).

- 8.23 Subject to Subsection 8.22 of this section, the Publishing Board shall have the authority: (1) to appoint the Managing Editor of The Daily Texan, from among qualified students; (2) to take disciplinary action against the employees, editors, editorial workers, and staff members of student publications, including the removal from office after due notice, for a violation of the policies of the Publishing Board or for nonperformance of duties; such removal shall require a majority vote (action of the Publishing Board in the matter of the appointment, discipline, and removal of editors shall be final and complete); provided, however, that no action taken by the Publishing Board with respect to the employment, dismissal, salary, or duties and responsibilities of either the General Manager or the Editorial Manager(s) shall have any force or effect until it has been approved by the Board of Regents; and (3) to determine the character and policies of all student publications.
- 8.24 Since all funds utilized in the operations of student publications are under the direct control of an agency of the university, the Publishing Board, the Vice-President for Business Affairs of The University of Texas at Austin, and the Director of The University of Texas at Austin Personnel Office shall immediately make arrangements for assuring that all appropriate personnel are placed under the budgetary and personnel regulations applicable to other University of Texas at Austin employees.
- 8.25 The Publishing Board shall promulgate and implement a handbook which shall contain the operating policies of the Publishing Board.
- 8.26 As an interim measure, to assure the uninterrupted operation of student publications on the campus of The University of Texas at Austin, the President of The University of Texas at Austin shall appoint two journalism faculty members, one college of business administration faculty member, two professional newspapermen, and six students, who shall serve only until June 1, 1972, when a Publishing Board selected under procedures set out in this section will take office. This interim board will arrange for the election of the Editor of The Daily Texan and Publishing Board members as required under Subsections 8.4 and 8.10 for the new year of offices beginning June 1, 1972.

The Operating Procedure
of
The Daily Texan
with
The Department of Journalism
of
The University of Texas at Austin

Section 1. GENERAL. (a) In promulgation of the Operating Procedure of The Daily Texan with The Department of Journalism of The University of Texas at Austin, the essential authority and responsibility delegated to student editors is restated at the outset: in all matters of news and editorial content, the student editors will exert final judgment in day-to-day operations except those matters on appeal. In all matters relating to appeals of editorial and news content of student publications, The University of Texas at Austin Publishing Board is the final arbiter.

(b) The Chairman of the Journalism Department shall assign faculty members to counsel and work with The Daily Texan staff members who have day-to-day responsibility for general news assignments, editing, and makeup of the general portion of the Texan. The Chairman of the Journalism Department shall also make available faculty members to work with special departments of the Texan on request.

(c) The faculty members may not be censors. The faculty members shall be directed by the Chairman of the Journalism Department and authorized by the Publishing Board, however, to see that students working in Journalism Labs associated with The Daily Texan carry out the provisions of the Publishing Board Handbook to the letter.

(d) The faculty members shall function in a positive manner assisting student editors and collaborating with students in the development of story assignments from inception to final publication. As part of this function, the faculty members shall relate to student editors information designed to achieve the best possible techniques and results in the areas of reporting, photography, editing, and makeup. Dialogue with competent faculty with previous professional experience is expected to prevent mistakes which could be embarrassing to the student editors.

(e) The Publishing Board shall direct its student staff and permanent staff to cooperate with the respective faculty members appointed by the Chairman of the Journalism Department.

Section 2. ASSIGNMENTS SHEETS. To avoid duplication of interviews and reporting, the Reporting Laboratory Supervisor of the Department of Journalism and the Texan Managing Editor, or his designated representative in cooperation with each other, shall provide the assignments sheets for The Daily Texan.

Section 3. COPY FROM REPORTING LABORATORY. Any news copy turned over to the Texan staff from a student in the Reporting Laboratory may not be altered in meaning or changed substantially by the Texan staff without consulting with the Reporting Laboratory Supervisor or the student reporter except as the change relates to length.

Section 4. RIGHT TO HOLD COPY. As may be set out in the Publishing Board Handbook, the Editorial Manager may hold any copy that is deemed libelous or not in accord with the policies of the Publishing Board. In the case of material or copy produced as an academic assignment in a class, in the reporting laboratory, or the editing laboratory, any faculty member assigned to work with the staff of The Daily Texan under the provisions of Section 1 of this Procedure or the Editorial Manager may hold such material or copy that is deemed by such faculty member or editorial manager to be libelous or not in accord with the policies of the Texan as set out in the Handbook of the Publishing Board. Immediately after this action, the person holding the copy shall report his exercise of that privilege to the Editor or Managing Editor of The Daily Texan. The Editor or the Managing Editor may submit the copy to the Review Committee established by the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents and, if overruled by the Review Committee, to the Publishing Board for their decision, all under the provisions of said Regents' Rules and Regulations. Appeals may be made only at the request of the Editor or Managing Editor.

PROMULGATED by the President of The University of Texas at Austin on this _____ day of _____, 19____.

President, The University of Texas at Austin

U. T. AUSTIN: INTRODUCTION OF DR. STEPHEN H. SPURR.--At this point, Chairman Peace, for and on behalf of the Board of Regents introduced Dr. Stephen H. Spurr, the new President of The University of Texas at Austin, with these words "a distinguished academician and a man we proudly welcome here to Austin as the head of this great institution."

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN PEACE.--Chairman Peace said, "The Chair would like to make on behalf of the Board of Regents this statement on the matters we have been concerned with today":

For years under the TSP charter the Regents have had the following powers:

1. All duties and powers exercised by the TSP directors have been subject to the Regents' Rules and Regulations.
2. The adoption of budgets and expenditure of surplus funds have required approval of the Regents.
3. Amendments to the charter must be approved by the Regents.
4. Upon dissolution the assets passed to the Regents in trust for The University of Texas.

The real issue between the Regents and the student members of the TSP Board is this simple. The student members say that these minimal supervisory requirements are illegal. They have tried to amend the charter without regental approval in the very face of the charter requirement. If this can legally be done as to one provision, it can be done as to another. All of the regental functions established over a 50 year period will be destroyed. Our legal authority over the million dollars in state assets of TSP goes out the window.

Therefore, the question is not the simple one of extending the life of the charter. Since the student members of TSP will not agree to a plan which will preserve the traditional relationship between the TSP and the Regents, we must adopt a solution which will foreclose the question. We cannot agree to an extension of the charter today and face a court attack on our authority to supervise its activity tomorrow.

We deem it elementary that any newspaper operated on The University of Texas at Austin campus must do two fundamental things. One, it must work within the framework of the general University authority, and two, it must accommodate itself to a teaching function in the school of journalism at The University of Texas at Austin.

Section X of the charter of Texas Student Publications, Inc., provided specifically that it could not be amended without the approval of the Board of Regents. No such approval has been obtained. It is our position that the charter of the TSP expired at midnight July 5, 1971. By operation of law the assets of TSP

have passed to the Board of Regents in trust for The University of Texas at Austin. The Board of Directors of TSP has one remaining function. This is to deliver the assets of TSP to The University of Texas at Austin. We are today asking the Attorney General to take the necessary steps to see that these assets are preserved and returned to the University.

In addition, the Board of Regents has this day adopted Rules and Regulations establishing a plan to operate the publications heretofore operated by TSP. This method of operation is no different from that under which all other auxiliary enterprises of The University of Texas are currently operated. Examples of this are the Athletic Council and the Texas Student Union.

The Rules and Regulations adopted establish substantially the same plan as was offered to TSP in our proposed charter amendment of June 4. That amendment was submitted after months of negotiations by the Chancellor and with the concurrence of thirteen professional journalists consulted by him. It should be noted that it is the clear intent of the Board of Regents that The Daily Texan remain on campus. The Regents' Rules and Regulations adopted convey this intent. I have been authorized to implement this plan at the appropriate time.

Since the lawsuit involves the legal control of the assets of Texas Student Publications, Inc., which are State funds, we are also confronted with the issue of what to do with that portion of the Blanket Tax (\$4.10) which is allocated to Texas Student Publications, Inc. The University certainly cannot collect these funds and pay them to a corporation which does not legally exist.

By handling student publications at The University of Texas at Austin in this fashion the Board of Regents really makes only two changes. One change reserves to the Board of Regents, without the necessity of lengthy litigation, the right to control the State funds comprising the assets of TSP. The second assures students in our journalism school that the newspaper will be available to them in furtherance of their training and education.

As the Board of Regents has previously most carefully provided, this will in no wise affect The Daily Texan as it is presently being published. In its regular meeting of April 23 the Board expressly authorized the Chancellor "to insure the uninterrupted publication of the student newspaper at The University of Texas at Austin under current operating policies and procedures..." should the present TSP charter expire. As Chairman of the Board, I assure you that this policy will be implemented. There will be no denial of freedom of the press, no censorship of student publications and student publications will continue to be published as the unfettered voice of student opinion as they always have been in the past.

"I think this is a succinct statement of the unanimous opinion and sentiment of our Board of Regents," concluded Chairman Peace.

STATEMENT OF BILL BELLAMY, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEWSPAPER EDITORS PANEL ON STUDENT PUBLICATIONS.--Chairman Peace related that he had been authorized by Mr. Bill Bellamy, Managing Editor of the San Antonio Light and Chairman of the Newspaper Editors Panel on Student Publications, to make the following statement concerning these matters:

"On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Chancellor LeMaistre visited with eleven of the thirteen members of the Newspaper Editors Panel which has been consulting with him on student publications at The University of Texas at Austin.

"The editors still feel, as I stated on June 4, that they want to preserve a student newspaper on the campus that is responsibly edited and supervised. They want it to remain free of censorship but they feel that The Daily Texan should be a major part of an effective over-all journalism program.

"Without delving into the legal problems involved, the editors still maintain that the Board of Regents' proposal of June 4 which was submitted to the Texas Student Publications, Inc., Board of Directors on June 5, is an excellent basis for achieving the goals previously mentioned.

"Although this proposal will now be instituted as an administrative procedure, rather than an amended charter for Texas Student Publications, Inc., the editors still feel that this is an acceptable method for achieving the stated goals. We are still convinced that no censorship was intended in the recommendation of June 4 by Chancellor LeMaistre and that no censorship is intended in the procedure approved today. The editors also do not find in the proposal any element of a deprivation of freedom of the press.

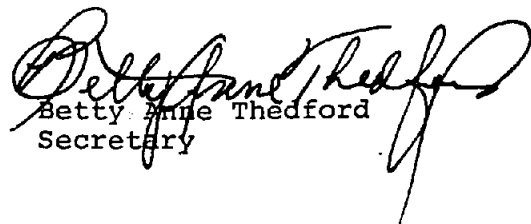
"We would hope and recommend that the students would accept this procedure and continue the business of a free student newspaper on campus.

"Dr. LeMaistre has gone beyond the call of duty in his efforts to settle the dispute in a fair and impartial manner and should be highly commended."

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT SPURR.--President Spurr was recognized and made this statement:

The central issue, as far as I am concerned, is the preservation of the uninterrupted publication of the student newspaper at The University of Texas at Austin with no denial of freedom of the press and no censorship. The Regents have stated this to be their position and have promulgated stand-by rules to insure that The Daily Texan will continue to be published as an independent voice of student opinion. That is my goal, and I shall do everything within my power to achieve this end.

ADJOURNMENT.--Upon motion of Regent Garrett, seconded by Regent Ikard the meeting was duly adjourned at 12:40 p.m.


Betty Anne Thedford
Secretary

July 13, 1971