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'Sou'wester' Suspends Publication

By Judy Warren

The Publications Board was called into emergency session at 4 p.m. March 5. The reasons for the meeting were the resignation of **Sou'wester** editor Richard Thames and the proposed temporary suspension of the newspaper.

Commissioner of Publications Mike Patton called the board to order with barely a quorum present. Mr. Thames was asked to explain the reasons that prompted him to render his resignation.

He explained that two weeks before both co-managing editors, Mary Margaret Weddington and William Seto, had resigned. There are no qualified persons to fill these positions. Mr. Thames has since been attempting to publish the **Sou'wester** with an extremely limited staff. He has been beset with such problems as no people able to develop pictures and reporters who have no comprehension of what it means to meet a deadline.

"I have been staying up three nights a week, have lost 25

pounds, my grades are suffering. I am only taking three courses and am behind in those," Mr. Thames told the Publications Board.

"I can't seem to find a compromise as to how to handle the people on the staff: if I'm a slave-driving bastard about it, they feel no obligation to turn the copy in. If I'm a nice guy, they take advantage of me. There is no one on the staff that feels responsible to me as an editor, or to the newspaper or to the campus.

"I had been planning (this) Friday's paper for a month. We were to have a story on Nigeria, Overton Park, interviews with Dilemma speakers, evaluations of speakers from Dilemma hosts and hostesses, reviews of the NSA Film Festival, the **American Dream** and Booker White, two pages on arts and a sports page. Most copy had been assigned as early as Friday and Saturday night and was to be turned in Tuesday.

"Two stories, Nigeria and Overton Park, were turned in, but they had been written two

and three weeks before. One interview was completed, and one evaluation turned in. Out of 17 rolls of pictures, no prints were made. At least twenty people said they would help with the paper this week. Three showed up."

Mr. Thames favors a temporary suspension of the newspaper until it can be re-organized. He pointed out that another editor, if a capable one could be found, would only encounter the same difficulties as he had experienced.

Commissioner Patton brought out that, despite efforts last year, no course credit is given for work on the **Sou'wester** or any other publication, except under directed inquiry. He stated that "in good conscience, I cannot ask anyone to sacrifice his collegiate career to be editor of the **Sou'wester**. It is a thankless job."

The possibility of giving course credit to editors, reporters, columnists and other personnel was discussed. Dr. Dan Ross promised to consult Dean Jones and Prof. Ray Hill about

creating journalism courses to be included in the new Communications Arts department.

The Publications Board decided to meet again Thursday, March 13. Mr. Patton hopes to present them with a proposal about receiving credit on which

the board could vote.

Mr. Thames agreed not to submit his resignation and edit this week's paper. But he flatly stated this was the last **Sou'wester** until he could be guaranteed some help and cooperation.

Stealing On Campus Destroys Sense Of Personal Honor & Responsibility

To the student body:

The continued stealing on campus jeopardizes the existence of the Honor System. Money and personal belongings have been taken from Glassell, Robb, Ellett, White and Bellingrath Halls, Voorhies, Trezevant and Townsend dormitories. Purses and books have been stolen from the student center, from cars, from the library, from the refectory. There has been a flagrant disregard of the fact that non-boarding students must pay for their meals in the refectory and many students have claimed for personal use equipment belonging to the college athletic department.

Needless to say, this is destructive to any sense of personal honor and responsibility within a community. The Honor Council and dormitory heads have worked together to encourage caution with personal belongings in the dorms. They have gotten lists of articles stolen, of the times and places of stealing; the administration reports to the police the theft of articles which may be traced. There is little more that any authorized body can do, without information on violators, unless it chooses to spy, set traps, and merely send an offender into hiding.

We no longer have guardians who will pamper us, replace things which have disappeared, and reprimand those who wrong us. The responsibility is clearly that of all students. The Honor Council is one small representative body directed to act upon repeated violations—and to foster a spirit of honor. This latter duty involves not only fifteen council members but also each and every student who is part of this college and desires to remain here. Resolving a problem such as we have on campus is frustrating, slow, and difficult. Unless you accept the responsibility, unless you can supply the spirit, trust, and communication which is vital for the continued existence of our Honor System, the problem will never be resolved and ours will be a campus on which "honor" is just another word.

Carol Caldwell
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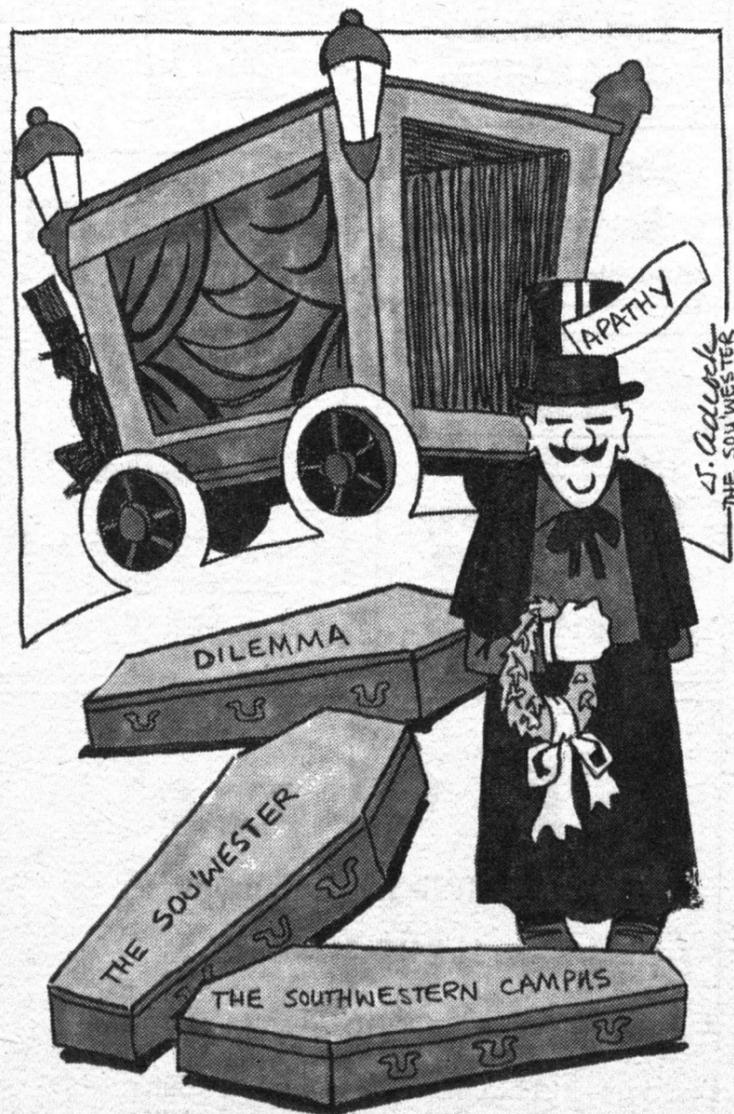
Elections for Honor Council class representatives are being held today in the student center.

Rigoletto Discount Open To Students

Southwestern has received a block of tickets from the Memphis Opera Company to be sold to students at discount prices until Thursday of next week. Tickets are for the performance of **Rigoletto** on Saturday night, March 30.

Tickets can be obtained from Tony Garner or Beth Marr at \$3.00 each until next week. Afterwards, the price will be the same for students as for the public.

Obituary



Will He Care Enough To Bury The Bodies?

Editorial—

It's Like The Weather

There's something wrong with a school that has as high a suicide rate as Southwestern.

There's something wrong with a school that has as many drop-outs as Southwestern.

There's something wrong with a school that over a three-year period has burnt out the finest collection of journalistic talent this school has seen in decades, that this year has broken two editors and three managing editors.

When a school destroys people the way Southwestern does, then something's very wrong. But the people who have gone are lucky; they have a chance to put themselves back together. About the only way to remain at Southwestern and stay sane is to cease caring. And that's what this campus has done: it's ceased to care. Students have withdrawn deep into themselves, building a wall of apathy as they went.

It's tempting to say that the only thing students care about is themselves. But they couldn't care about even that or they would work for more freedom. Most people on this campus just exist from moment to moment, searching for no more than temporary distractions to ease the boredom. If Southwestern students had led the Boston tea party, it would have degenerated into a drunk with everyone sitting down to play cards before they ever made it to the harbor.

Students feel no responsibility to this school, this community, to their fellow students, or to themselves. Dilemma is \$1000 in the red. Only one-fifth of the students came; two fraternities held parties on the last night; one fraternity sponsored a car-wash that day. The SGA is crippled; the politics on this campus consists of petty personal feuds and childish concerns.

Apathy is destroying Southwestern and everyone knows it. But it's like the weather: everyone talks about it, but no one does anything about it.

This paper tried. This paper cared. But there are limits to what a few dedicated individuals can do.

"Requiescat in Pace"

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