One Month After Articles AppearTexas Paper Attacks Thresher

Ed. Note: The articles to which the Daily Texan took exception were a Thresher editorial and a letter to Threshing It Out from Bob Higgins, appearing in the November 13 issue of The Thresher; and a letter written by Thresher Editor Buddy Herz upon the request of the Owl Booster Club which appeared in the November 3 issue of the Daily Texan.

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On December 9, one month after the Rice Thresher had expressed indignation over the inexcusably unsportsmanlike conduct of a shamefully large portion of the Texas rooting section at the Rice-Texas game this year The Daily Texan, a TU student publication, counterattacked.

The Texan expended over 1500 words and a three column by six inch cartoon in attacking the Rice position. In a rather strained defense of their views the Texan somehow seemed to imagine that the Rice attack stemmed from disappointment over the 28 to 6 loss to the Longhorn footballers, as if it were more important than the other six defeats suffered by the noble Owls.

Students Split
The Thresher had earlier complained that the Rice student section was split into two sections divided by thirty yards of Texas rooters and also that “for the benefit of other student bodies from visiting schools that this situation would soon be rectified.” The Texan quoted Mr. Ed Olle, U.T. athletic director and business manager. Olle explained (Continued on Page 3)
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(Continued from Page 1) that the situation could not be rectified.

"The university has a contract with all schools by which it provides two sections between the 20 and 40 yard lines with 988 seats to the section, or 1976 tickets in all," continued the Texan. The fact that the 1700 student body sent only about 1000 fans to Austin and could have been accommodated in one of the two sections was cited as the Texas defense.

The charge that other schools might be inconvenienced was not answered.

'No Apology Received'
Another of The Thresher's complaints, that the Longhorn band drowned out "the Rice band and cheering section following Rice's touchdown, our only moment of glory," was graciously answered by a letter of apology to the Rice band from Vincent R. Di-Nino, director of the Texas band. Mr. Holmes McNeely, director of the Rice band told The Thresher "No letter of apology has yet been received."

In an attempt to "To remove some of the mud thrown at U. T.'s conduct during the Rice game" and to explain the continued screaming of the Texas student section while the Rice quarterback called for quiet, The Texan quoted co-headcheerleader Avis Tieber who said, "We tried to control the students when quiet was needed, but they were over-excited." Later The Texan said, "No athletic contest is worth losing one's personal and school dignity over."

Nebulous Yet Definable
The issue of the S.W.C. Sportsmanship Trophy seemed to incense The Texan to great and dubious heights. In an editorial entitled "Who's A Good Sport?" the Texan asserted that the meaning of the term sportsmanship was "nebulous" and then cleverly proceeded to effectively define it in the next paragraph.

The gist of their argument seemed to be that sportsmanship, like honor, was just a word. Thus the practice of awarding the trophy to the most deserving school had been rightfully abolished as it was essentially a nothingness, The Texan concluded.