Faculty Requests Editor's Job
After Students Reject Recall

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The editor of The SMU Campus, student newspaper, was relieved of his duties last week by the school's Student Publishing Board at the recommendation of the Faculty Committee on Student Activities and Organizations.

The action culminated a long controversy involving the editor, Richard Hewitt, and was carried out, said Dr. David Starr, Chairman of the Faculty Committee, because Hewitt had "failed to live up to the qualifications prescribed to hold the office in the Student Constitution."

IN FEBRUARY, a petition was circulated asking for Hewitt's recall. This petition was signed by the required number of SMU students and the recall issue was therefore submitted to the student body for a vote. The students supported Hewitt by a 2-1 vote.

On February 22, the Student's Publishing Board reviewed Hewitt's eligibility and elected to retain him in office, although they made clear that he had not fulfilled the specific course requirements laid down by the Board last spring and that they reserved the right to reconsider their decision.

A WEEK LATER, the Faculty Committee made its recommendation to the Student's Publishing Board, which removed Hewitt from his post on March 3. Dr. Starr stressed the fact that "only the matter of academic ineligibility was at stake."

Said Hewitt, in an editorial in the February 28 Campus, after the student vote and before his removal: "The liberal element at SMU is ... reactionary ... Their actions of the last two weeks have been calculated to drive what they consider a political opponent out of office."

The Student's Publishing Board began interviewing candidates for Campus editor last Saturday, March 10.