## League's 5-year rule upheld <br> The suit, filed by Cheryl Guckian,

A lawsuit filed by a San Augustine youth and his parents challenging the League's five-year eligibility rule (Article VIII, Sec. 18) was dismissed by a Beaumont judge recently.

The judge hearing the suit, filed by Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Wood on behalf of their son, Ricky, ruled behalf of their son, Ricky, ruled that it is the right of a state asso-
ciation to make and enforce its own ciation
In another victory, an Austin state district judge refused to grant a temporary restraining order which would allow all out-of-state transfers to participate on the varsity levels this year.

The suit, originally filed by the American Civil Liberties Foundation of Texas, Inc., on behalf of Austin Anderson student John Austin Anderson student John Sullivan, challenges the rule that
prohibits sophomore and junior prohibits sophomore and junior
out-of-state transfers from partici-out-of-state transfers from partici-
pating in varsity football and baspating in varsity football and bas-
ketball for a year following their ketball for a year following their
move to a new school (Art. VIII, Sec. 14).

A. E. BAKER Former Councilmember

The presiding judge denied the restraining order, claiming it would result in chaos at the public school level at this time. Trial date for the case on the merits of the rule has been set for the week of October 9 in Austin.
Other litigation involving the League includes:
-A lawsuit filed by the Texas Civil Liberties Union and the Women's Equity Action League alleges the League discriminated on the basis of sex.
The suit, filed on behalf of Wells High School student Pamela Jacobs, challenges the League's separate boys' and girls' sports programs, claiming it to be in violation of federal sex discrimination guidelines. Trial
been set.
-A case filed in Corpus Christi challenging the League's post-season participation rule has been heard and a decision is fortheoming.
a student at Calallen High School, challenges Rule 23 of the basketball plan, which prohibits a player from participating on a nonschool basketball team after the close of the school's regular season schedule.

The court was asked to grant a temporary restraining order to allow Guckian to play on the allow Guckian to play on the chools varsity team, although she played on the varsity team last year, quit and joined an AAU city league team and participated in contests after the regular season.
-A suit was filed in Zavalla County by Victor Lopez, superintendent of schools at Crystal City, alleging failure of that school to receive due process during a recent hearing in which the school was disqualified for district honors in basketball for two years and placed on probation for three years thereafter.
The suit claims the action of the State Executive Committee, which
handed down the penalty, was arbitrary and capricious, discriminatory and retalitatory in nature. After a series of allegations and an investigation, the district executive Committee recommended that the Crystal City ISD basketball team be suspended from participation for one year for violation of eligibility rules. The State Executive Committee elected, instead, to disqualify the team for district disqualify the team for district
honors in 78-79 and 79-80 and place honors in 78-79 and 79-80 and place
it on probation for $80-81,81-82$ it on prob
and $82-83$.

Several district executive committee members were disturbed in the less severe penalty imposed, said Dr. Bailey Marshall, League director.

In the suit,, the school district complains the state panel imposed a complains the state m .
more severe penalty.
"It was the feeling of the committee that both penalties were severe and the best remedy was (Please turn to SUITS, page 8)

## Floydada superintendent

## Legislative councilman dies

A. E. Baker, Floydada superintendent of schools and member of the League Legislative Council since 1975 , died recently of a heart attack. He was 58 years of age.
Baker served on the Legislative Council three years, winning a prefCouncil three years, winning a pref-
erential balloting in October, 1975 erential balloting in October, 1975
to fill the unexpired term of Harold to fill the unexpired term of Harold
Reynolds of Tahoka, who moved out Reynolds of Tahoka, who moved out
of Region 1-AA, his representative area.
Born in Prairie Grove, Ark. in 1920, Baker moved with his family to Floydada in 1928, where he
graduated from high school. He attended Hardin-Simmons College on a football scholarship and graduated with a degree in history

During World War II, he served four years in the Air Force in England.

In 1945, he taught at Holliday before returning to Floydada as high school history teacher and assistant football coach. He was appointed high school principal in 1947 and superintendent in 1962.
Baker was past president of Dis-
trict 17 Texas Association of School

Administrators, was honored as 1972 Outstanding School Administrator by DECA Clubs of America, and was an honored member of several Floydata civic clubs.
He was also a member of the Legislative Council's Reclassification and Realignment Committee and the Athletic Committee.
Survivors include his wife, Alice; two sons, Mike of Las Vegas, Nev. and Dale of Fort Worth; and a daughter, Mrs. Shari Walker of Abilene.

## League and its rules created by schools

The University Interscholastic League belongs to member schools and is a product of their making. The constitution, bylaws, rules, and regulations reflect careful thought, experience, and judgment on how activities should be regulated and controlled for interscholastic competition.

Few agree with every rule, but none can deny they represent the present judgment of the total membership and are subject to revision and change as the membership sees fit.

An idea for a rule or policy is normally conceived at the school level. It may be an idea from a coach, a principal, a superintendent, or a group of these individuals. This idea is often communicated to other school people in various organizations for refinement, approval, and support.

A committee from these schoolrelated organizations or a superintendent may present this idea to the Legislative Council. (In some cases they present their concept to the Athletic Committee or other committees derived from the Legislative Council).

The legislative Council, after discussion or after hearing a report of a study by a committee, acts on the proposal. The recommended rule is presented to the member schools for vote if it is a major rule change which involves a penalty, the Legiswhich involves a penalty, the Legislative Council has the power to rec-
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Executive Committee for action.
Executive Committee for action.
Some rules approved for a vote Some rules approved for a vote
are opposed by the Council memare opposed by the Council mem-
bers, but in these instances the members feel the decision on the rule should be left to the schools.
Ballots are then sent to the superintendents of all member schools. The superintendent must sign the ballot for it to be official. In many larger school districts (containing several high schools), the vote is left to the principal in charge of the participating school. All ballots are returned to the administrative office of the League, counted, and approved by the Executive Committee.
If an eligibility rule is passed, the rule or regulation goes into effect Sept. 1 of the next school year. The directors of the League give their opinions on the interpretation of the
rule. In rare instances, the State Executive Committee will issue an interpretation upon a written request from a district executive committee. Normally the committee will not give an official interpretation unless in adjudication of a case.
As democratic as this process sounds, why the problem?
The organization, the University Interscholastic League, would be classified as a mutual benefit organization. As Robert Michels points out in his study of organizations of this type, many members become apathetic. (3-pp. 37-41).
Due to the lack of interest of some and the interest and drive for power of others, the League (or any similar organization) becomes ruled by lar organization) becomes ruled by a few. One needs only to be cognizant of the member schools around him to see this in evidence.
Many don't vote or seldom take an active part in League legislation. At the same time, if a rule is passed the majority doesn't like or a rule becomes obsolete, apathetic members wake up. Alvin W. Gouldner, in an article in the American Political Science Review, calls this the "iron law of democracy." (2-pp.

496-507).
This tends to keep a mutual benefit organization a democratic one. The administration or the interested members can go just as far as the silent members will allow them to go. When this point is reached, the silent become quite vociferous and reverse the tide.
The League administrators would like to see all members active. Thus fewer crises would arise and the majority would be pleased with the proposed legislation.
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## Director's corner

## Skills change as man adopts new tools

## By JOHN COGDELL

 Slide Rule DirectorOne of the many ways in which man is distinguished from the lower animals is that he is a tool maker and a tool user. Out of human imagination and ingenuity have come tools of all kinds to extend the strength, the speed or the men tal powers of man.
And not only do we make tools but we continually improve and change them. Consider for example the way we cook our food. Beginning from the simple campfire there has been a long line of devel opments, ending at the present with the microwave oven.
Whenever new tools are introduced and old ones laid aside, the men who use the tools must learn new skills and inevitably lose old ones. For example, prior to the advent of the entertainment industry based upon electronics, nearly everyone played a musical instrument and amateur music in the home was one of the pleasures of life.
Now, most people watch profes sional entertainment on television or at the movie. In some ways, there has been a gain in quality, but not without a corresponding loss. Othe examples abound: Hand woodwork ing tools versus modern powe tools; typewriters versus long hand riting
The list is endless.

I am particularly interested in a comparison between the slide rule and the electronic calculator.
Both tools are aids to routine calculations such as one might encounter in engineering or scientific problems. There can be no doubt that the electronic calculator has totally replaced the slide rule as a calculation device and, as a former slide ruler who now is an enthusiastic calculator user, let me list astic calculator user, let me
some of the reasons I changed.
some of the reasons I changed.

1. Scope of function. One of the major advantages of the calculato over the slide rule is that more mathematical operations are available.
The slide rule is based upon the addition of logarithms and so can be conveniently used for multiplication, division, powers and simple trigonometric operations. The cal culator is based on electronic maniplation of numbers in binary form and can be made in principal to and can be made in principal to matical operation.
However, the main advantage of the calculator in routine calculation is in its ability to perform simple addition and subtraction, which cannot be done on a slide rule. The cal culator is faster in routine calculations because it does not have to stop, write down intermediate re ults and perform additive operations by hand.
2. Automatic decimal point. Of course, the calculator keeps up with

## Hold the dike

Remember the old story about the Dutch boy who placed his finger in the dike and thus prevented the entire countryside from being inundated? This parable is applicable to the League rules and regulations.

At no time in the past has the League been so besieged by requests for exceptions, all with excellent (in their estimation) reasons why the rules should not apply in their particular cases There is no quicker way to destroy the effect of any rule or regulation than by granting numerable exceptions. If one exception is granted, each parent and every child can conjure up "reasons" why he too should be given special consideration.
The League's strength is based upon the fact that its rules are enforced "without fear or favor," and that no exceptions are made. Although we sympathize with parents and the student who have become ineligible for various reasons, granting excep tions would be removing the finger from the dike. The hole would get larger and larger, and the League would be innundated with requests for exceptions and, shortly, would have no rules or regulations.
School administrators, coaches, and interested laymen should all do their part to support the League rules and regulations, because without them we would soon find ourselves back where we were before there were any rules and regulations governing interschool competitions.

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the decimal point, whereas with a slide rule, one must keep the decimal point mentally or by some other method. Some feel that this feature leads to a loss of "feeling" for the magnitude of numbers on the part of calculator users, and this may be true.

But the other side is that keeping up with the decimal point often leads to errors and makes calculations laborious. Errors lead to a loss of confidence in a chain of calculations and this loss of confidence is a detriment to the educational process as is the burden of time consuming calculations.
In fact, most people who use a calculator rarely return to the slide rule. It's no fun anymore.
In a future article, I will discuss the beneficial efiects of calculator useage on engineering education and practice.
3. Push button mathematics. People have scornfully said of pushng a button to get an answer and, with the calculator, that is exactly what one does. I wish to take up the mplications of this fact later, too but for now, suffice it to say that there is a little difference between pushing a button and setting a slide
or cursor on a slide rule. Both are manual tasks which become somewhat automatic with practice.

In this regard, the calculator and slide rule are similar, differing primarily in the nature of the errors which can occur.
4. Battery power versus muscle power. What if the battery runs down, is a common question. The answer to that is simple. You're out of luck and better have a slide rule, abacus or pencil and paper handy That's why you are careful not to run out of battery power in critical moments.
5. Other factors. There are also the factors of programability, cost, ease of learning, physical enjoyment, etc. We haven't room to discuss all these here, though I may take them up in a later article.
My main point is that the tran sition from slide rule to calculator has brought considerable benefits but some losses. As we examine how to change the slide rule contest in response to the vanishing slide rule, undoubtedly the calculator will be a part of that change. This will probably involve some loss, but my conviction is that the advances will be many.

## official notices



## Music Matters

Music program quality, quantity impressive
by Charles schwobel
Assistant Music Director

Although the new school year is only two months old, music directors should begin making plans for spring contests. In particular, I am referring to a new medium ensemble category of "pop ensemble."
Previously this category was entered as an experimental ensemble. This year, depending on the nature of the group, they may enter swing choir, stage band, rock ensemble, country western ensemble, or barbershop ensemble.
The pop ensemble size may range from three to 48 performers. This allows for a three piece rock ensemble or a vocal swing trio as well as a large stage band or large swing open class.
open class. Pop ensembles are encouraged to
perform more than one selection if perform more than one selection if
possible within the 15 minute time possible within the 15 minute time imit of medium ensembles.
Texas schools have many music programs considered outstanding throughout the country. This is largely due to the dedicated efforts of our music directors and the favorable attitude of their administration.
Generally, success is not measured by quantity. However, the number of participating organizations is impressive and indicates a certain degree of success for the music programs in Texas. In the past year, there were 753 marching
bands, 1594 concert bands, 657 mixed choirs, 419 treble choirs, 133 tenor-bass choirs, and 185 orches-

The number and percent of these groups receiving a Division I rating for marching, concert and sightreading are as follows:
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The number of students participating in solos and ensembles has risen to 50,725 solos and 1,554 ensembles. Using these figures, we can estimate a total state-wide solo and ensemble participation of 126,000 students.

Needless to say, the efficient organization of music directors throughout the state is reflected in the willingness of these youngsters to participate in music events. Keep up the good work.

## I'm glad you were there

## 60 years later, music teacher remembered

By NELSON G. PATRICK ". . . to the Prairie"

On returning from the mountain I decided to make the trip at nighta choice that proved to be most interesting and fulfilling.
To begin, the sky was clear the moon full, and a brisk, cool Fall temperature, almost frosty. A beautiful night for driving.
On approaching the Texas plains country, I became mesmerized with the beauty and grandeur of the vast open space. Coming to a high point on the roadside, I could not resist the temptation to stop, turn off the lights of the trusty Scout and belights of the trusty Scout and be-
came enamoured in the beauty of came enam
the night.
Parked on a rise in the ground (there are no hills), one could see forever and not be obstructed by
city lights, not even lights in the ranch houses indefinitely outlined in the distance. Here, stars were closer to the earth, the moon clearly floating in dark blue, almost black, sky. ing in dark blue, almost black, sky. Only an insensitive oaf could fail to
feel the presence of some sort of feel the presence of some sort of
supreme being. upreme being.
The awe inspiring surround first is felt through the usual Texas saying, such as " $\ldots$ the stars at night are big and bright . ..", etc., as the spiritual enticing environment began to force its way into consciousness, one's mind moved to the songs of deeper meaning. It must have been such a night that Beethoven been such a night that Beethoven
wrote the famous piano sonata, but wrote the famous piano sonata, but
however aestheticly pleasing, this however aestheticly pleasing, this
music failed to equal the spiritual music failed to equal the spiritual demands.
As one stands transformed with the beauty of the occasion, there
arose to consciousness the great master work, The Heaven's Are Telling, with full chorus and orchestra.
Fortunately, the first time I heard this great piece was with full orchestera and I was able to relive the entire performance, or maybe only portions-I don't know.
I do, however, remember the feeling of being near something greatthe beauty of the night combined with the greatness of the musicmusic I first heard as a teenager in school.
Although the spell broke and as the journey continued, I contemplated the teacher who introduced that music-did that teacher realize that nearly 60 years later, one of the students would come to appreciate and to say, "Thanks, I'm glad you were there."

## Optional sightreading contest concerns educator

Dear Dr. Patrick:
As I stated on the phone to you the other day, I am deeply concerned with status of music education in our state. If the sight read ing contest in UIL is made optional, as far as I am concerned, music education in Texas is in its waning moments.
As vocal chairman of the state for a year I have had a lot of exposure to what is happening in our state. We have been known as a state oriented toward performance and I must agree with this. How nd I 00 many diretors are see ver, to malish superior perfor
ance while ignoring the teaching of basic sightreading, ear training, chordal progressions, etc.
Some I've heard say, "I just do not have time to teach sightreading and get my choir ready to perform at the same time." This, in my estimation, is an absurd statement. The fact is, artistic preformances are dependent upon sightreading, ear training, a knowledge of style and harmonic development, metrical stress and unstress, textual treatment, etc.
The band, choir, or orchestra director who teaches an ensemble of your students to perform ignoring
the above skills has accomplished no more than does a person who teaches a pet to roll over. To put it in the vernacular, ignoring and refusing to teach sightreading and theory is merely a "cop-out." The result is either an apathetic attitude on the part of the director, or the standard quesion springs forth from our teachers, "What is wrong with these kids today? They just are not the same anymore!"
Let's face it. Our students are not of the same mold of a generation, not less.
With this in mind, I have a few "profound" statements I would like
to share with you. 1. Students that are taught planned and systematic sightreading will accept this training without complaint. 2. Students that learn to sightread find it more rewarding than spending two months trying to learn three pieces of music by rote for performance in contest. 3. Students that know how to sightread do not need two months to perform artistically. Therefore, I conclude, it is not sightreading that needs to be made optional, it's performance.

Sincerely,
Milton Pullen

## Texas' 1977-78 choral champions listed



North Mesquite, Tom Council; Highland
Park, Don Waugh, Irving, Tom Jennings;
Tenor-Bass: AAAA Flano, DeWayn Mc-
Collough; South Garland Carroll Barnes





## Scholastic Journalism

## Hi and hope to see you at fall conferences

By BOBBY HAWTHORNE Director of Journalism

To state it mildly, I am a bit abash to be writing this column. It's like treading on sacred ground, having to tip-toe for fear of knocking something over.
When I first came to the League as editorial assistant, I had no way of knowing the cards would fall as they have. All this kind of blew in from left field and I was among the most shocked once the pieces were put back together.
I want to thank Dr. Max Haddick for having enough faith in me to
turn over reins of the association-ILPC-which he has made into the finest anywhere. I promise to see that it remains there
I also want to thank Dr. Bailey Marshall, my secretary Darlene Reynolds, the remainder of the League staff, and those many advisers out there who provided as-sistance-moral and otherwisewhen it looked as if things were going to collapse from all sides. Again, thanks all of you.
Now, down to the nitty-gritty.
I hope each journalism adviser will make an effort to attend the

## ILPC convention studied

Plans for the 52nd annual Interscholastic League Press Conference state convention moved into full swing as the ILPC director, Bobby Hawthorne, and officers met Saturday, October 7 in Austin to discuss the spring affair.
The ILPC convention is scheduled March 16-17, 1979 on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin.
Among the proposal presented for consideration were:
-Having an opening general assembly, giving directions and advice to attending students;
-Rescheduling the individual achievement awards assembly, giving students and advisers more time to dine and relax that evening;
Officers attending the meeting included Joni McClellan, president, Lee High School, Baytown; Louie Gorena, vice president, Edinburgh High School; Susie Hixon, secretary, Alvarado High School; and Frank Jannuzi, Junior high vice president, O’Henry Junior High, Austin.

## student

As usual the jourmalism prom will consist of sessions in the four contest areas: news, features, edicontest areas: news, features, edi-
torials and headlines. I will also be conducing an advisers session, whereby you and I will have the opportunity to sit down, meet one another, and discuss the UIL journalism program and the ILPC contests and convention.
I have made several proposals for change at the convention and I would like to get some input as to whether you think they're worth their beans or not.
Already this year, the journalism office has received several calls concerning students working on daily newspapers. There is no amateur rule for the literary and academic program. A student can work parttime, or fulltime for a local daily newspaper or any other publication and still be eligible for the spring meet contests.

So advisers, if your students are making more money than you, don't fret.

Many teachers are mailing their Texas Association of Journalism Advisers membership applications to the ILPC office. Granted, we can use the money but we beg that you send it to Ray Westbrook, TAJD secretary, San Marcos High School,

Sequin Highway South, San Marcos, 78666.
Speaking of San Marcos, I received an issue of the newspaper ceived an issue of the newspaper
there, The Rattler, and it was an outstanding publication.
Fact of the matter is, I've received already quite a number of newspapers and have been most impressed with the quality of the writing and layout.
Of course, we still have our "gogo, get 'em, get 'em" spirit editorials and the "Students attending school this year are:" stories, but as a whole, the papers have been commendable.
I plan to send ILPC Proficiency Citations to staffs and individuals achieving high standards in journalism. The first of the year went to Tulia Junior High School, which made remarkable strides in the improvement of their yearbook, The Dobber.

If you have a recommendation for an ILPC citation, please write or call and let me know. I feel it is very important to recognize outstanding achievement. Nothing feels better than a pat on the back, even though you've just broken it working on a story.
That's all for this month. Take care and I'm looking forward to meeting you at the student activities conferences.

## Leaguer format changes, purpose doesn't <br> By BOBBY HAWTHORNE <br> made the point clear: There would

Director of Journalism
Living last year with the Interscholastic Leaguer wasn't easy. The wide, eight column format defied virtually every standard of modern journalism. It was a paradox, in light of the League's stated dox, in light of the League's stated
purpose, that being excellence in purpose, th
The Leaguer suffered in a number of areas, most of which were apparent to even the beginning journalism student. The almost square - $17 \times 22$ inches - format made it difficult to handle and even more of a problem to read, inasmuch as an attractive layout was impossible.
When I accepted the position as editorial assistant, Dr. Haddick

## UT Stylebooks now available

The UIL journalism department has procured approximately 200 official Daily Texan Stylebooks, used by the Department of Journalism by the Department of Journalism and Texas Student Publications, the University of Texas at Austin.
The stylebook contains a list of The stylebook contains a list of editing symbols, a stylebook history and a full range of information concerning policies, copy preparation, writing and editing roles, journalism law, and other pertinent information.
The League journalism office is making available these stylebooks for $\$ 2$ each, but the supplies are imited and all books will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis.
Write Director of Journalism
Write Director of Journalism,
University Interscholastic League, University Interscholastic League, P. O. Box 8028, University Station, Austin, Texas 78712. Please indicate how many stylebooks you wish to purchase and include a check. Please, orders are limited to no more than five per school.
be no apologies for the Leaguer as it was, but a change was needed.
He had attempted to give the Leaguer a facelift before, but other responsibilities and health problems thwarted his efforts. It was now a good time to turn the job over to the younger stock, he figured.
The process began with a brief discussion with Dr. Bailey Mardiscussion with Dr. Bailey Mar-
shall, the League director, who shall, the League director, who told me in so many words, as is his style, to do whatver has to be done and we'll grade you on the results, not promises.
Next, I scanned three critical evaluations of the Leaguer, written by University of Texas students for Dr. Martin "Red" Gibson, one of the League journalism department's staunchest supporters. Each analysis recommended the conversion to tabloid format, and picked at the detrimental effects of the moribund eight-column fects of the moribund eight-column publication being used as
cial publication of the UIL.
I then took my ideas to Walter I then took my ideas to Water
Neal, manager of the UT printing division, and Norman Purcell, composing room foreman. The various problems involved were discussed -making certain the paper would cause no problems with the postal system, setting up a time schedule for change and implementing the new type changes.
All things considered, conversion would be no problem, they concluded. And two weeks later, the basic format had been laid, type set, and layout sheets printed.
set, and layout sheets printed.
Despite moving into the new for
Despite moving into the new for-
mat, the Leaguer remains printed mat, the Leaguer remains printed
on the "hot type" process, rather on the "hot type" process, rather than the more modern offset means. As the UT print shop capabilities expand and existing newsprint stock now used dwindles, conversion to offset will be undertaken.

That change may well come this year.
While production of the paper has changed, purpose has not. And it is good to remind ourselves the purpose of printing the Leaguer.
It is not a newspaper, at least not in the traditional sense. Instead, it is a yearbook of sorts, listing various contest champions and changes as they've occurred in and changes as they've
the League structure.
It is an educational pamphlet, providing tips on almost every aspect of the League academic, music and athletic contest, as well as reminding those participants and directors of the purpose of educa-

## Don't wait,

Wait now, pay later.
That's the grim picture being painted by those who delay in getting newspapers for criticism mailed to the ILPC office.
By October 15, each staff will probably have published three issues of their newspaper. The adviser should send those first three copies in an envelope marked "For Criticism" to us, and we will rush them to a critic and return them as them to a critic
soon as possible.
"Last year, we
"Last year, we had a number of problems with criticisms in that many were not received until late in the year," said Bobby Hawthorne, ILPC director. "By the time they arrived, we were running short of critics and were swamped with a number of other things. It was a nice mess, all the way around."
Newspapers get only one criticism, on the initial set of three papers sent to the office. The criticisms are for your benefit. They cisms are for your benefit. The have no bearing on ILPC ratings.
Yearbooks should be sent directly to the respective judge, along with a payment of fees and the criticism
tional competition.
It is a bulletin board, listing times, dates, places and names of a myriad of pertinent information.
The Leaguer is written for educators, coaches and school administrators, though it is distributed throughout the school system. The paper is one of the few sources available to school people on a regavailable to school people on a reg-
ular basis providing a tangible combination of League philosophy, combination of League philo
function and administration.
function and administration.
For that reason, every effort For that reason, every effort
will be made to incorporate in the will be made to incorporate in the
Leaguer the best techniques and Leaguer the best techniques and
innovations of modern journalism available to us.

## join ILPC

after December 1 and they have been instructed to return all books received without payment. sheet. The critics are under no obligation to judge books received Advisers are urged to mail books to the judges immediately.
"There is every reason to rush this and no reason to wait," Hawthorne said. "Last year, judges were swamped with books just bewere swamped with books just be-
fore deadline and there is no way fore deadline and there is no way
they could give each book the kind they could give each book then
of attention they wanted."
of attention they wanted."
Now is also the time to begin planning for the Individual Achievement Award contest entries. Advisers will be sent a list of the contests and rules soon, and should post the information in order that students might see the categories available.
Also, students expected to participate in the UIL spring meet journalism contests should begin practicing the various contests. Packets containing past contests are available from the journalism office on request.

## Educational theatre

## Play approvals pose serious problems

## By LYNN MURRAY

## State Drama Directo

The UIL Advisory Committee of the Texas Educational Theatre Association discussed several aspects of OAP in their El Paso meeting last February. No rules changes were recommended. The committee requested that I explain adding new plays to the approved lists in a column this fall.
All approved publishers send plays to the Drama Loan Library. The one-act or short plays are reviewed by the Play Appraisal Committee. All new short plays aproved by the committee are added o the list.
Short plays submitted by direcors for special approval are also considered for the approved list. It is not unusual for publishers to send scripts to the library only after filling fall orders or when we specifically request titles. It is common or a special request to be submitted prior to the time we receive the itle for library usage.
Adding long plays to the approved list is more dependent on my subjectivity. Long plays that are repeatedly approved or those that seem to subject themselves to a cutting are considered for addition to the list.
It is impossible to add to the lists all long or short plays approved by special request. About 40 plays were added last year. If this average holds, the list would become unmanageable. Only eight approved plays are out-of-print. They are not actually removed from the approved lists until the Handbook is revised.
The Play Appraisal Committee tries to approve all plays submitted but adds to the approved lists only those plays considered above average quality. Directors may still receive permission to produce plays that are rejected for the approved
ist. Many scripts require extensive revision or editing to comply with OAP rules. Others may be approved by special request with the clear understanding that the committee does not think they are above average quality.
Plays of poor quality or plays that cannot be edited to comply with OAP rules are rejected and such plays frequently requested are added to the ineligible list.
Another problem discussed was publisher cooperation and communication concerning cuttings and royalty due. I am currently working with publishers to create a common production agreement for our contest that would provide for potential erformances from zone through State Meet. Such an agreement would be validated upon payment of required royalty for each performance.
This agreement would eliminate ublisher correspondence and phone calls. All you would need is the riginal agreement and some evidence of royalty payment. A letter from your administration stating that royalty had been paid or a copy of the dated check made for royalty payment would serve the purpose without anything further in writing from the publisher.
The Literary and Academic Committee of the Legislative Council eviewed all recommendations conerning drama prior to the November 5 council meeting. Noyce Burleson at Meadow is currently serving as the TETA representative to the committee and will chair the UIL Advisory Committee meeting durng the annual convention February $1-3$ in San Antonio. Recommendaions you may want considered hould be sent to me and to Noyce. The only critic judging workshop scheduled for this school year is planned for February 2, 1979 during the Texas Educational Theatre As-
sociation convention February 1-3, in McAlister Auditorium at San Antonio College. Quality judges are always in demand. College, university, and community theatre professional staff people are encourged to participate
Have you been getting Texas Theatre Notes? This quarterly newspaper is published by TETA for the Texas Theatre Council. It is worth the $\$ 5.00$ membership dues o TETA. If you were not a member ast year, send your dues to Ron ucke, Sec./Tres., TETA, Dept. of Theatre, San Antonio College, 1300 n Pedro, San Antonio 78284 He San Pedro, San Antonio 78284. He而 bues paid hip until February 1980
I don't usually promote the sale of anything, but I have found a most useful drama course guide published by the Secondary School Theatre Association of the American Theatre Association. I was so mpressed that I requested 100 on consignment at $\$ 7.50$ each. If you eed help with planning for your rama course, send a che you to e a will send the help. I have an ill conferences and they are going fast.

A special congratulations to the annual TETA Playwriting Contest winner Jerome McDonough, drama director at Caprock High School in Amarillo. Eden won the $\$ 100.00$ first prize and has already been pubished by Stage Magic, I. E. Clark The play has been added to the UIL pproved list.
OAP enrollment mailings were sent to administrators in September and drama directors of schools not esponding in early October. A second mailing to all schools not esponding is in the mail. Acknowldgment letters have been mailed to rama directors of schools enrolled rama If you have not received an date. If you have sceived an cknowledgment, we may not
our card. Check to make sure.
Schools with OAP entries
Schools with OAP entries in 977-78 can save the State Office time we do not have by responding now! A collect phone call will go to all not enrolled Nov. 1 unless we have some record of whether or not you wish to participate. Phone calls seem to be appreciated by most dministrators and have served to eep many schools eligible for OAP
 Mail the green official One-Act Play Enrollment Card now!

## Set planning meeting now

Now is the time for holding the district one-act play planning meeting said Lynn Murray, state drama director. The first day for organizing spring meet districts and director's planning meeting is October 15.
OAP director's recommendations must be in the hands of administrators prior to the time spring meet is planned, Murray said. The State Office has requested the name of planning meeting host from the director general or organizing chairman of each district and the person named is sent an agenda and recommendations.
Information needed for the district OAP planning meeting may be found in the OAP Handbook, the Constitution and Contest Rules and this Leaguer. The area meet schedule will be sent to all schools as soon as possible after the November 1, OAP contest enrollment deadline. The responsibility for the planning meet for OAP rests with the directors participating in the district contest as per OAP Rule 3.a., Murray added. Any director may initial this meeting.

## List of accredited critic judges released <br> ingle expert critic judge, rather

\section*{By LyNN MURRAY

## By LyNN MURRAY State Drama Director

The 1978-79 Accredited List of Critic Judges is published for the benefit of zone, district, area and regional personnel making choices of critic judges for the one-act play contest. Current telephone numbers have been added for the first time. Only the judges on this list may be used to adjudicate University Interscholastic League one-act play contests (refer to Rule 3,c,1 in the urrent Constitution and Contest Rules).
This list includes only those responding by October 1 who indicated a willingness to serve as a single critic judge, who have educational or professional theatre training and background, and who have attended a League-sponsored critic judge workshop. These judges re familiar with the League judgare standards and are vitally ing with the promotion and with the promotion and mprovement of the one-act play ontest and educational theatre Additions to this list will be pub ished in November and March
The League believes that the educational function of the one-act play contest is incomplete unless a critic udge is used and delivers an ora evaluation of each play produced One-act play officials are encourged to capitalize on the educational benefits of the contest and use a
than a panel.
The League specifically DOES NOT recommend the use of a panel. (Refer to Rule $3, c, 2, b$.)
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# Is winning everything? 

## Purpose of high school athletics in need of thorough reexamination

By Ken Tilley of North Caroline High School Athletic Association One cannot help but feel that the public these days is developing a growing sense of disillusionment with the current state of athletics. Instead of being a source of pleasure, today's sports more often reflect egotism, greed, cutthroat competitiveness, rampant emotion and petitiveness, ramp
excessive violence.
Heightened by the win-at-allcosts attitude, a general climate has emerged in which cheating and beating the system are not merely tolerated but actually encouraged if they produce successful results on the scoreboard.
Coaches who fail to spawn championships with regularity fear for their jobs. Rules are being broken, or at the very least bent far out of line, in order to gain whatever adline, in order to
vantage possible.
When caught in violation of prescribed guidelines, an offender's likely response is, "Well, everyone


HOWLAND REICH

## Reich wins Texas AD of year honor

Howland Reich, coordinator of athletics for the Port Arthur Independent School District, has been selected Athletic Director of the Year in Texas for 1978-79 by the Texas High School Athletic Director Association (THSADA).
Reich is also a nominee for National Athletic Director of the Year, an award given by the National Council of Secondary School Athletic Directors
"Mr. Reich's many fine accomplishmens in his community and his dedication to excellent in the leadership of youth have played an important role in his selection," said Steve Barnett, program administrator for the NCSSAD. "The National Council is honored to have Mr . Reich as a state award recipient."
Reich is past president of THSADA.
else is doing it," or "That rule is stupid in the first place; it ought to be changed."
Increasing exploitation of athletes should be of concern to us. We have heard of one talented high school basketball player who recently played in so many all-star games following his serior games following his senior season that he missed enough classes his final semester to flunk out of school and lose his college scholarship.
Special interest groups, corporations and untold sponsors appear much more interested in selling their product and reaping the benefits of extensive public exposure than in providing for the welfare of athletes.
No longer is the courtroom the exclusive domain of the criminally accused. Instead the legal system is swollen with disputes involving swollen with disputes involving
breach of contract, conflicts over breach of contract, conflicts over
what is in the best interests of the what is in the best interests of the
sport, appeals of eligibility standards, and cases involving product
liability or damage suits.
It would be easy to say that our state associations do not suffer from the same disease which is infecting the rest of the country or to regard the problems of high school sports as being less severe than those which exist at the collegiate and professional levels.
professional levels.
Yes, we have enjoyed a relatively Yes, we have enjoyed a relatively
untroubled athletic life and can be untroubled athletic life and can be
justifiably proud of the state interscholastic sports programs; but that program must not be taken for granted, and a proper perspective toward sports must never be lost.
Above all, we must accept the fact that winning is not everything. Valuable lessons can be gained from athletics based on participation alone regardless of the contest's outcome. Sure it is fun to win, and outcome. Sure it is fun to win, and
victory should be the goal of each team and player in the game; but team and player in the game; but
losing isn't an issue of life or death losing isn't
importance.

When you give your best in com-
petition, you're a winner no matter what the score. A person has to learn to accept defeat in sports as well as in life. Disappointments and setbacks will confront all of us in business, society and our personal affairs. We must learn to grow and benefit from adverse experiences as well as favorable ones.
Participants in high school athParticipants in high school ath-
letics-far more so than their col-letics-far more so than their col-parts-are being educated on the playing field as well as in the classroom. They can experience the good that results from teamwork, sacrifice, loyalty, poise and self-discipline.

As skills and physical ability develop, a sense of confidence and self-assurance is also born. And at the very basic level, participation in interscholastic sports is wholesome from the standpoint of providing exercise, entertainment and unadulterated fun.

## Volleyball questions answered

1. Question: Are volleyball players required to tape their hair to keep it out of their eyes during competition?
Answer: No, a non-abrasive unadorned single colored head band no wider than two inches made of cloth, elastic fiber or soft leather, pliable plastic or rubber may be worn.
2. Question: Can a volleyball team that has already played two matches in a week play an addimatches in a week play an addi-
tional match to break a tie for the tional match to break a
district championship? district championship?
Answer: No. Rule 11 of the Volleyball Plan limits a team or contestant to two scheduled contests per week. A district tournament may be held in addition to the two matches per week, provided that at least three teams are assembled at one site at one time on
successive days for an elimination contest.
3. Question: What is the penalty for violation of this rule?
Answer: No high school team shall be eligible for district honors that has violated any portion of Rule 11 of the Volleyball Plan. A team which did not win district honors this current year shall be ineligible for district honors for the next volleyball season if they vionext volleyball season if the
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4. Question: Can a basketball 4. Question: Can a basketball
player attend a clinic outside the player attend a clinic outside the
regular UIL basketball season?

Answer: Student attendance at basketball clinics prior to October 15 or after February 24, could be a violation of Rule 28 of the Basketball Plan. The following could be ruled as a formal or organized practice: wearing or using basket-
ball equipment used during formal workouts, e.g., shoes, shorts, jerseys, or basketballs, outside the athletic period of the school day; players working on drills or playing against each other with no nonplayers involved; players or prospective players signed a check list or registering for a clinic; receiving instruction, either directly or indirectly, outside the athletic period; playing in the gym outside period; playing in the gym outside
the school day in the off-season when the rest of the student body has not been informed that the gym is open for free play.
5. Question: Can basketball players attend clinics during the regular U.I.L. season?

Answer: Yes, but students should pay their own clinic fees and transportation costs.

## All-state

## Coaches asked to nominate deserving players

Got a fullback who rushed for 600 yards last week?
How about a linebacker who answers to the name of "Kong" and has a temperment to match?
If so, you might-if only for your own well being-want to nominate him for a spot on the respective Texas Sports Writers Association all-state team.

Deadline for nomination of players is December 2 and all nomina-
tions should be sent to the TSWA all-state chairman for each respective conference.
Chairmen are: Conference AAAA Jesse Miller, Brazosport Facts P. O. Box 547, Clute, Texas 77531; Conference AAA-John Inman, Longview News-Journal, 316 Methvin St., Longview, Texas 75601; Conference AA - Mike Lyons, Waco Tribune-Herald, 900 Franklin St., Waco, Texas 76703;

## Guidelines on replacing ousted coach listed

The rules in many sports are now providing explicit instructions as to the removal of a coach from the game and the designated area to which a coach is assigned. These circumstances have necessitated establishing specific guidelines for officials to follow in the event a coach's conduct is flagrant or persistently usportsmanlike.
Whenever it becomes necessary to disqualify a coach from the game, to disqualify a coach from the game, the official should ascertain the
availability of another coach or availability of another coach or
qualified faculty member who can assume responsibility for the team,
and then employ the following procedure:
(1) If the administrator or his representative is able to designate such a person, the disqualified coach should be removed from the immediate area;
(2) If the administrator or his representative is not able to make this designation, the disqualified coach should be assigned to an area where he can visually observe the game so that he will be available to protect the safety and welfare of the team. If the disqualified coach
uses this privilege to communicate with the team, or if he is again guilty of an unsportsmanlike act, the game shall be forfeited.
Officials must use discretion in exercising their prerogative as most often these situations call for a high degree of tact. The unruly coach should be dealt with in a stern but courteous manner the very first time his actions prompt any cautioning by an official. This will usually forestall any punitive measures having to be taken at a later and more critical time of the game.

Conference A-Van Thomas, Nacogdoches Sentinel, P. O. Drawer 311, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961; Conference B-Garet von Netzer, Amarillo Globe-News, Ninth and Harrison Sts., Amarillo, Texas 79166.

Along with nominations, coaches should include all vital statistics such as size, weight, class, position and past honors.

Nomination of backs should include number of carries, yards gained, touchdowns scored, number of passes completed and attempted, interceptions, yards gained per carries, punt returns, kickoff returns and any other statistics available.
Nomination of linemen should include speed, quickness, number of tackles, quarterback sacks, blocked passes, etc.
"It is a great thrill for a youngster to be named to an all-state team," said Bill Farney, athletic director. "Coaches should not deprive the deserving player from an opportunity of being selected to one of these teams merely because he failed to send in his nomination."

## Postscripts on athletics

## No exception clause nixes discrimination

By BILL FARNEY
Director of Athletics
There has been much debate recently over the status of interscholastic athletics in Texas. Traditionally, athletics and all interschool activities have been considered a privilege.

Lawsuits against coaches and school officials have resulted in this consensus: Activity coaches and sponsors have the right to make rules and regulations concerning their activity.

For example: A coach has the right to determine who makes the varsity and who doesn't. A coach has the right to run his offense and his defense as he chooses and he has the right to determine who will play quarterback.
Rules which do not infringe on Constitutional issues, such as race, sex discrimination or flagrant violation of school board policies have been upheld in courts throughout the nation.

Occasionally, a judge will rule otherwise at a preliminary hearing or in a lower court, but in almost all cases, the higher court will reverse the decision of the lower court.
The privilege status of athletics has extended to the state association who make the rules governing athleties within that state. Most judges realize the need for a standard code. They realize chaos could and most probably would result if states did not have such rule structures.

The UIL is composed of 1,038 high schools. Each school has one vote in the rule making or rule changing process. Every rule in the Constitution and Contest Rules has been placed there by a majority vote of the member schools.
There is a viable reason for each rule. In many cases, there are no exceptions to these rules. For example, a student who has reached his 19th birthday on or before the
first day of September is ineligible for interschool varsity athletics.
A student who does not pass the required number of credits the previous quarter is ineligible also.
There are a number of rules which fall into this category. Schools have adopted this set of standards and operate their activity programs by this code.
It is interesting to see the ramifications of having the codes overruled. In the Greg Kite case this past summer, one youngster was allowed to attend a summer basketball clinic. The rule was not changed for all students, just this single fase.
The decision of the judge is now under appeal. Educators throughout the state are concerned with the decision, especially the reasons for the judge's ruling: That athletics is a constitutional right and a student has the right to develop skills which could enhance his chances for a college scholarship or professional career.

This is a dangerous philosophy.
Limitations are placed on every sport sponsored by the UIL. These limitations are deemed necessary by the school and the administrators who represent the local school
boards and the communities.
Without such restrictions, one sport could conceivably be emphasized to the extent a student-athlete would be forced to specialize, causing him to curtail participation in other extracurricular programs.
Pressure either directly or indirectly could be applied to youngsters by coaches and community leaders to spend virtually all their free time developing one skill in one sport.
Conceivably, such intensification in one area would deprive the student of a high-quality, well-rounded academic education. And that is the academic education. And that is the
purpose of educational competition. with athletics ever forget the real reason we have sports? If educational values are lost through overemphasis of one sport or several sports, we have missed the boat and have run counter to the philosophy which drives our athletic programs.
Generally, when a particular rule is questioned, the person doing the asking has something at stake. Their philosophy is "we should Their philosophy is "we should
make exceptions to these rules."
In reality, they are seeking excep-
tions for themselves only, not for those involved in the overall pro-
gram. They don't realize that if one exception is made, myriad exception requests will follow. And coaches and school administrators already and school administrators aiready have more than they can do. The
obligations of operating an athletic program and administering the school is legion.
With every case an exception, these people would spend most of their time debating eligibility requests. Then, everyone would suffer.
Judicial interference-temporary restraining orders, for examplewhich lift the rules for those students financially capable of seeking redress through the courts, damages redress through the courts,
the extracurricular system.
the extracurricular system. In addition, these injunctions in
effect make every rule subject to effect make every rule subject to
change on a moments notice. When change on a moments notice. When
one student has the right to go beyond a rule, then others should have that same right. And under our socio-judicial system, that is impossible.
When exceptions are allowed, someone is always discriminated against. And by having a no-exception clause to League rules, the tion clause to League rules, the
League program is administered as League program is ad

Next month: The role of the Next
school.

## Survey gauges administrator's views

A survey seeking input from school administrators on topics ranging from summer camps to out-of-state competition was mailed to member schools in late September.
Results of the survey will be examined by the Legislative Council during its November meeting and those items deemed worthy will be placed on the April referendum ballot.
Topics included on the survey included increasing cross-country distance from two to three miles, sum-
mer camps, revising the boys' and girls' track and field event structure, rescheduling the State Meet program, baseball practice dates, college recruiting visitation guidelines and modification of out-ofstate regulations.

Administrators were also asked to comment on proposed changes in the holiday basketball workout schedules and changes in the varsity basketball scheduling procedures.
"There has been quite a lot of discussion on changing various sections of the League rules and this survey is one way to find out just what the administrators of the state desire," said Bonnie Northcutt, assistant athletic director.
"The information in these surveys will be studied and if it becomes apparent that certain changes are necessary, we'll begin taking steps in the direction of that change."

## League sports shorts

## Texas spikers star

For the first time ever, a Texas high school sports team will be featured in a National Federation training film, said Bonnie Northcutt, assistant athletic director.
The film, Volleyball Today, will feature the San Antonio Thomas Jefferson team and coach Delores Dyer, Northcutt said, adding "approximately 300 copies of the color film will be made and distributed throughout the nation, Canada and several other foreign nations."
Tentative dates for filming are November 13-15.
"We are looking forward to the filming and the opportunity to display the talent and good playing skills of the young women of Texas and to demonstrate the support and enthusiasm of our schools, parents and fans for our Texas high school volleyball program," said Northcutt.
Contributing to the production of the film are Julyne Cabiness, assistant athletic director of the Spring Branch ISD; Linda Fletcher, SWVB Officials' Association president; Pam Erwin, volleyball rule book editor; Brice B. Durbin, Federation executive director; Fritz McGinness, sports film director; and Delores Billhart, Ohio High School Athletic Association assistant commissioner.

## No false-start rule adopted

Track and field contestants will be competing under the no-false start rule, effective for the 1978-79 track season, said Bill Farney, League athletic director.
Previous rules allowed two false starts before the runner was disqualified. Under new National Federation track and field regulations, the runner will be disqualified on his or her first false start.
"We recommend all member schools to adopt this rule at all levels of high school competition," Farney said. "Contestants need to make this adjustment at the beginning of the season in order to avoid greater difficulty during district, regional and state meet competition."

## All-star games discouraged

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFSHSA) has joined the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the National Junior College Athletic Association and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in issuing a joint statement directed primarily to high school administrators to urge their assistance in discouraging participation in high school all-star games scheduled during the academic year.
The Interscholastic League has long been opposed to the recent proliferation of high school all-star games scheduled during the academic year.
According to the statement released jointly by the NFSHSA, the NCAA, NJCAA and NAIA, "Participation in these all-star contests has resulted in significant loss of class time for the student-athletes involved, creating situations in which the student-athlete may not meet reasonable attendance standards during his senior year in high school.
"As a result, these all-star games may interfere with the academic pur suit of the student-athletes, and could affect their academic eligibility to suit of the student-athletes, and could affect their academic eligibility to
participate as college freshmen in intercollegiate athletics. Further, in participate as college freshmen in intercollegiate athletics. Further, in
some instances, these all-star games serve primarily to benefit (only) the some instances, these all-st
promoters of the contests."

## Record book published

The first ever official National Interscholastic Record Book was published by the National Federation of State High School Associations this past summer, and is available at selected sporting goods stores, libraries and bookstores.
More than 40,000 names of high school students are included in the book, and contents include team and individual records for both boys and girls, plus state high school association championship results and records. Also contained in the book are stories and photographs highlighting the outstanding and unusual performances in high school athletics.
Fourteen sports are covered: Baseball, basketball, cross-country, field hockey, football, boys' gymnastics, girls gymnastics, ice hockey, soccer, softball, swimming, track and field, volley ball and wrestling.

## Slide rule success factors examined

In his brief tenure as League slide rule director, John Cogdell has come to one realization: There's not much arguing about success.
"I have gained a lot of respect for the strength of the slide rule contest since I became involved with it last spring," he said. "I didn't know at the time that students in this contest often turn out to achieve high success in other activities.
"In one high school, almost half of the schools' National Merit Scholars were typically slide rule contest participants.
At present, he said he is working to redesign the contest in response to the diminishing availability of the slide rule but added," whether it be a gadget, process or whatever, ne doesn't redesign anything without knowing the specifications. An mportant component of that An mportant componen of that work that has made the slide rule contest
such a great contest."
Factors contributing to the contest's success, Cogdell said, include The slide rule contest involved combination of manual and menta skills which required deep menta concentration.
"This means that slide rulers learn to discipline themselves to the hard work of intense concentra tion," he said. "Undoubtably, this discipline carries over to other studies and accounts in part for the high achievements of slide rule participants."
Success in the slide rule contest comes only after extensive, consistent practice.
"Given that a student has the physical and mental skill, that tal ent must be brought to a competitive edge through hard work over a long period of time," Cogdell said. "Many speak of the tricks it takes to win. So far as I see it, the main trick is hard work."

The slide rule contest gives the beginner the opportunity to do well, perhaps win the state title.

Since the slide rule contest in volves primarily dexterity and mental skill, as opposed to advanced mathematical knowledge, younger students can get involved, advance in consistency in their scores, and even win contests in competition with seniors," Cogdell said
"This is an important feature of the contest in recruiting young students," he added
Cogdell said he was attending each of the student activity conferences this fall in order to collec input from coaches and students a to why the slide rule contest has been beneficial to the education process.
"Certainly, we wish to retain as many of these features in any new contest, in addition to adding some new ones," he said. "My goal is to work with the active people in the

## Readywriting manual still bestseller

Three years after its introduction the Ready Writing Handbook remains on the UIL's list of best sellers.
Why? Dr. Robert Kline, League ready writing director, believes it a matter of practicality.
"There are certainly problems with the handbook and we are trying to solve these with each new press run, but basically the book provides ready writing coaches with three specific ideas: Basic ideas about what a ready writing theme should be, fundamental instruction designed for the students' reading, and sample topics and papers for ready writers to study, practice with and critique."
Kline said the handbook is a rare example of consumers dictating to the ready writing directors what
they needed and wanted, and the authors producing a manuscript fulfilling those requests.
A revised version will be compiled shortly and Kline is seeking input from ready writing coaches statewide.
"If there are specific criticisms of the handbook or if you have suggestions on how to improve its content, we would certainly like to hear them," he said.
He added the new version will include newer topics since 1975 as well as winning papers from the State Meets. Some revision of the lessons in the second section of the handbook is also planned.
Kline said the format will remain unchanged, as will emphasis of the lessons, which teachers have found useful because of their concise,
direct and illustrated exercises. Planned alterations include changing the section written for judges and contest officials. "In this area we have found most of the complaints about our program," Kline said. "We intend to make more specific the guidelines for judges We are not free to dictate too narrowly specific procedures since the meets vary in size from district to meets vary in size from district to
district and judges often have very district and judges often have very
little time to read each paper prelittle tim
Still, he said he thinks some helpful suggestions can be made.
"Writing is alive and well in Texas schools and the vitality we see in students' writing in the ready writing contest on the State Meet level is proof of this vitality," Kline said.
high school community and improve an already great contest."

## OAP library

rules given
Drama Loan Library usage information is in the white Handbook for One-Act Play, eighth edition. This publication is current for the 1978-79 school year when used with the Addendum for this year. An adjustment has been made in library operations that may help with communication over mail delays.
Ten plays may be borrowed for a period of two weeks and the days are counted from the shipping postmark to the return postmark. Three days are assigned to shipping the library rate package, leaving ten days for actual reading.
Advisers should notify me if mail delay does not leave sufficient time to read. The new fine for plays not postmarked by the deadline date is 10 c per day, per package of plays. Send 50 c for postage and handling with each ten-play request.
Drama director Lynn Murray is currently working with publishers to create a common production agreement for our contest that would provide for potential performances from zone through State Meet. Such an agreement would be validated upon payment of required royalty for each performance. This agreement would eliminate publisher correspondence and phone calls. All you would need is the original agreement and some evidence of royalty payment. A letter from your administration stating that royalty had been paid or a copy of the dated check made for royalty payment would serve the purpose without anything further in writing from the publisher.

## One-act play critic judging list released

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Charles Simpson, 405. St. Mary, Carthage
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Antonio 7828 IV, IV, $121 / 734-7311$
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sity at Kingsvile, Kingsville 78363 IV,
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Sh9-3401,
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versity, Huntsville $77341 \mathrm{III}, 713 / 295-6211$
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## Suits

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disqualification," said Marshall. "Under suspension, the school would not be allowed to field a team at all. With the penalty assessed, the students can participate in the students can participate in all non-conference and conferenc games, but will not be allowed to advance to the playoffs should they win their district championship."
This is the first time a member school has ever filed on the League, Marshall added.

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land 79701 I, $915 / 684-7851$ land 79701 I, $915 / 684-7851$ University, San Angelo 76901 Ange $9159942-2031$

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Stephen J. Wyman.
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DTenotes approximate region.
† Has not attended a Critic Judging Work-
shop in the past five years.


## Rules

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Since the above stated concepts regarding mutual benefit organizations have been empirically tested, it is not likely the League membership will change their behavior either. The League office will be consistently interested and active, and we hope all affiliated school members will be active participants $t$ all times- wating until at all times-naiting until a crisis before they speak up.

All schools are encouraged to discuss any proposed changes with their Legislative Council representative. In this manner the representative may vote as a representative and not as an individual in the Nov. 5 meeting.

