

IN MEMORIAM

DAVID WARREN BURKETT

David Warren Burkett, Professor and former Director of the Magazine Sequence in the Department of Journalism, will be remembered by his many students, his colleagues in the University community and his friends in the journalism profession.

Professor Burkett grew up in Andrews, Texas, and began his career as a printer's apprentice. He earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1951 and a master's degree in 1965.

Professor Burkett was Science and Space Editor for The Houston Chronicle. He worked for other Texas newspapers, including The Abilene Reporter-News and The Lamesa Daily Reporter, where he was Managing Editor.

He also was Technical News Editor for McGraw-Hill's World News Bureau, for which he also covered the Defense Department. He also worked for the Washington, D.C. bureau of Business Week, and his articles appeared in The New York Times, Time, Life, Sports Illustrated and a number of technical and scientific publications.

One of his books, Writing Science News for the Mass Media, has been a standard textbook in the field since 1965; another book, News Reporting: Science, Medicine and High Technology, published in 1986, has been used in over 25 colleges and universities through the country and has been re-published in a Japanese edition.

Prior to joining the University faculty, Professor Burkett taught at Columbia University and the University of Kentucky. In 1968, he served on a panel of experts assembled by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to help select journalists for proposed flights on the

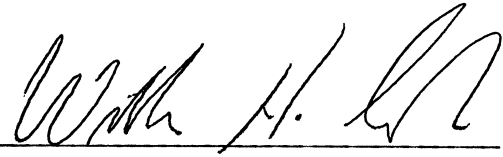
space shuttle.

He was active in the Austin chapter of The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

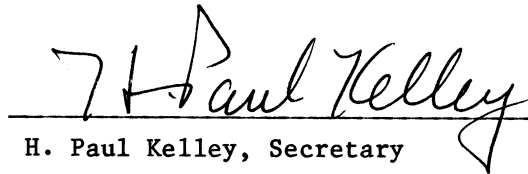
From 1981 to 1983, he served on the Board of Operating Trustees of Texas Student Publications, Inc., the University organization that supervises The Daily Texan and other campus publications.

Professor Burkett was a true mentor to all his students. He unhesitatingly gave hours of his time to current and former students; no matter how many years previously students had taken one of Professor Burkett's courses, he always had time to encourage their work and help them as they moved through their journalism careers.

His survivors include his wife, Gay; one son, Karl Burkett of Arlington; one daughter, Patricia Bishop of Atchison, Kansas; three grandchildren, Aaron Burkett of Arlington, Chester Bishop of Atchison, and Jocelyn Bishop of Atchison; and his mother, Martha Burkett of Andrews.



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