

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**IN MEMORIAM
MARTIN L. GIBSON**

Martin L. "Red" Gibson, professor of journalism, died on May 22, 1993. He was 59.

Professor Gibson was born on January 29, 1934, in Colorado City, Texas. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas in 1955, a master's degree from Northwestern University in 1959, and a PhD from The University of Texas at Austin in 1973.

Dr. Gibson worked as a writer and editor with numerous newspapers, including the *Austin American-Statesman*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Houston Chronicle*, and the *New York Daily News*. He also taught at the University of North Texas. In 1969 he joined the faculty of the University, where he held the Philip G. Warner Regents Professorship in Communication.

Professor Gibson wrote *Editing in the Electronic Era* and *The Writer's Friend*. He served as a consultant to the Freedom Newspapers chain and wrote a monthly column for the Texas Press Association.

Professor Gibson was a member of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ). He had recently been named to chair an SPJ national task force on media coverage of the Branch Davidian crisis and standoff in Waco.

John R. Durbin, Secretary
The General Faculty

Biographical sketch prepared by Teresa Palomo Acosta and posted on the Faculty Council web site on February 16, 2001. Additional biographical sources can be found in the Barker Texas History Center.