

University Student's Tower Death Fall Termed Voluntary

The death plunge from the University of Texas Tower Saturday by a 19 year old student was termed "voluntary" today by an Austin justice of the peace.

The student, Graydon Grounds of Dallas, leapt 19 stories from the observation deck of the famed University landmark at 11:06 a. m. His was the third death resulting from a fall or leap from the tower.

Grounds, an art and sciences major and former sports writer for The Daily Texan, was the first person to sign the visitor's registration book in the Tower Saturday morning. He was reported by the Daily Texan as having gone on the observation deck about 10 a. m.

Mrs. Bess Fraze, tower hostess, said Grounds left the deck shortly after he entered it at 10 a. m. and she did not remember him returning, but that she had been busy with a group of Girl Scouts.

Students on Tower

Two other University students told detectives investigating the death plunge that they had been on the Tower the same time as Grounds, but that they did not remember seeing him. They had both been on the north side of the deck. They first heard of the plunge when they were riding down in the elevator.

Another student, Paul Langford from Dallas, reported seeing a person get up on the parapet of the Tower, walk along it, and get down about 10:50 Saturday morning. He did not watch the Tower after that.

Bob Evans, a University student from Pharr, said he saw something fall from the Tower shortly after 11 a. m. He went to the Tower and looked out a hall window from which he could see Ground's body.

He notified a girl elevator operator that someone had jumped from the Tower. She called the University Health Service and they dispatched an ambulance.

Verdict Delayed

The verdict, as to the cause of Ground's death was delayed by Justice of the Peace Travis Blakeslee. He said he was "positive" the student didn't accidentally fall, and that there was a "mysterious angle" which had not been explained to his satisfaction.

The verdict of death "due to in-

juries sustained in a voluntary fall" was issued Monday by Blakeslee.

Personal Worries

No reason was given for Grounds' leap, but the Texan reported that he had recently consulted several faculty members regarding his personal affairs.

Dean of Men Jack Holland said he had had two confidential talks with the student, and Colonel George E. Hurt of the Longhorn

Band said that Grounds had consulted with him three times. Colonel Hurt, the Texan said, reported that Grounds had been terribly worried lately.

"The boy had studied above his head in the field of psychology and had become terribly confused," Colonel Hurt said.

Grounds was a graduate of North Dallas High School, and had formerly attended Baylor University.

Baylorites Collect Fund To Aid Bryan Vet's Son

WACO, Tex., Oct. 19—(AP)—Eddie Wayne Franks, 15 months old, has abdominal cancer.

His parents Wayne and Anna Ruth Franks, prayed for his recovery today. Doctors say there is little chance he will live.

Both parents are GI students at Baylor University. Fellow students and Waco organizations are collecting money to help pay Eddie's bills.

The baby had not been eating well for about three months, but his parents thought it was only because he was cutting teeth. Physicians operated and found a malignant cancer.

Eddie is in the oxygen tent. Dr. C. G. Shellenberger says he is responding to X-ray treatments.

Baylor students suggested the fund they are collecting be used to send the baby to a nationally famous medical center.

Franks, 25, is a baseball letterman at Baylor. His home is at Bryan, Texas. Mrs. Franks, 24, is a former woman marine, of Newcastle, Pa.

Senate Approves Farm Airplane Research Here

Washington, Oct. 19 (AP)—The Senate today approved a resolution endorsing research at Texas A&M College to develop an airplane suited especially for farm operations.

Sponsored by Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) the resolution notes that crop dusting and other such farm activities, are carried on largely with old biplanes and surplus military airplanes. Teague (D-Tex.), is pending in the House.

This bulletin was received this morning on the Battalion Associated Press wires.

The resolution passed as a result of the recommendations of the National Flying Farmers Association formulated at the annual meeting at Fort Collins. The recommendations were made after a brief survey of the research project.

The research project, which is presently being conducted with the cooperation of the Flying Farmers,

USDA, Department of Commerce, and the A&M System, will be directed toward development of an all around airplane for agricultural use, with planting and dusting accessories being developed by the college agriculturists.

Research on the various types of seeding and dusting equipment as well as distribution of the resulting seed and spray is already under way at Easterwood Airport and the college wind tunnel.

A&M Selected

The reasons for selection of A&M as the base for the project were the ready availability of a flying field, wind tunnel, and laboratories, and close tie-in between outstanding personnel in both the engineering and agricultural field. Dean of Engineering H. W. Barlow said. Also a factor is the twelve month flying weather in this vicinity. Professor F. E. Weick, aeronautical engineer in charge of the project, added.

Steering Committee

The research is being guided by a steering committee composed of men from the various organizations associated with the project.

These men are Weick, chairman; E. E. Brush, head of A&M Aeronautical Engineering Department; John H. Burke, National Flying Farmers Association, Oklahoma City; J. M. Chamberlain, chief safety, Washington; C. W. Von Rosenberg, chief aircraft division, W. M. Berry, assistant to the administrator, both from the fourth region CAA, Ft. Worth; and Dr. H. G. Johnston, head of the Department of Entomology at A&M.

Also E. E. Tullis, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils, and Agricultural Engineering USDA and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Beaumont; J. D. Long, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering Washington, D. C., and Frank Irons of the same Bureau, Toledo, Ohio; Dr. Fred C. Bishop, and Dr. J. S. Yuill, Bureau Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Washington, D. C.



These five TSCW seniors, all dating Aggies over the TCU corps trip weekend, held a short yell practice in the wee hours of Saturday morning, just to be sure their voices were ready. In a hump, from left to right, are Tidge Rattan, Col-

lege Station; Marilyn McCarty, Wichita Falls; Mary Ruth "Tax" Taylor, North Little Rock, Marie Bradshaw, Houston; and Patsy Conn, also of Houston.

—Photo courtesy The Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Sophomores To Meet First Time Thursday

The Class of '52 will meet tomorrow evening from 5 to 6 in the assembly Hall, according to Ralph Rowe, last year's class president.

The sophomore meeting will be held to acquaint class members with regulations and procedure for the coming election of new officers, Rowe said. This meeting was called by last year's officers, who met with Grady Elms, assistant director of activities, Monday at 5 p. m.

The out-going officers set several dates for the election and filing of officers. Filing for the nine positions open to classified sophomores will begin Friday, October 21, at 8 a. m. in the Student Activities office.

Deadline for filing is Wednesday, October 26, at 5 p. m. The preliminary election of officers will be held Thursday night, October 27.

Three men who receive the most votes in the first ballot will be candidates on the second and final vote, which will be held Monday night, October 31. Winners in this election will be determined by a plurality, although a majority in the first election will eliminate the necessity of a run-off for any position.

The nine positions open are: president, corps vice-president, non-corps vice-president, secretary, treasurer, social secretary, parliamentarian, sergeant-at-arms, and a combined reporter-historian. Other details will be announced at the meeting, said Rowe.

Free Trip Planned To Shrine Circus

A free all-day trip to the Shrine Circus in Houston is planned for a group of local school children on Friday, November 4, according to Dr. G. W. Schlesselman, chairman of the Crippled Children Committee.

The trip to the big top will be made by bus. All school children not able to attend otherwise are eligible to go with this group, Schlesselman said.

The group will be chaperoned, and any one wishing to serve in that capacity should contact the department head at his office or home. "Anyone knowing children who could go to the Shrine Circus with this group are requested to contact me promptly," the doctor said.

Deans Attend College's Meet

Two A&M men will take part in the program at the meeting of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities to be held at Kansas City, Mo., October 21-27.

Dr. M. T. Harrington, dean of the college and dean of the School of Arts and Sciences is chairman of a panel before the Division of Arts and Sciences on October 24. He will preside over a meeting of that division on October 25.

Dean C. N. Sheppardson of the School of Agriculture will give a report to the Committee on Organization and policy to the resident instruction section on October 22. He will give a committee report to the section October 24 on "Problems of Transfer Credit in Agriculture."

More than 300 of the nation's top educators will attend the meeting.

Nutrition Meeting Set Here Thursday

Top-flight authorities in the various fields of nutrition will take leading parts in the Texas Nutrition Conference to be held on the campus Thursday and Friday, according to J. R. Couch, Poultry Husbandry Department.

Dr. Couch is chairman of the conference which is sponsored by the Biochemistry and Nutrition Department.

Out of state participants include W. W. Craven, associate professor of poultry husbandry, University of Wisconsin. Dr. Craven is chairman of the poultry subsection of the National Research Council. He is noted for his research work in poultry nutrition and especially in relation of diet to hatchability.

H. J. Konen, nutritional director of Uncle Johnny Mills, Houston, has spent considerable time in research nutrition for animals.

E. I. Robertson, director of nu-

Date Moved For Frankie Carle

Scheduled date of the appearance of Frankie Carle on the Town Hall Program has been changed, according to "Spike" White, assistant to the dean of students for activities.

Instead of appearing October 21, as previously scheduled, Carle will appear on the program November 4.



This block of Aggies and their dates at the mid-night yell practice in Fort Worth Friday night wildcat their approval of the last remark by the yell leader. As best we remember there was some

mention made of cleaning TCU's plow the next afternoon.

—Photo courtesy The Fort Worth Star Telegram

It's Got a Sandwich Bar, Yet . . .

New Kyle Field Press Box to Open For Aggie Fish-TCU 'Wog Grid Tilt

By BILL THOMPSON

More space and a better view will be the keynote of the new A&M press box which will have its baptism of the TCU and Texas Aggie freshman game, Thursday night, October 20.

The new press box will offer great improvements in working conditions for writers, scouts, photographers, and visiting radio programs. The new box has been built between the 45 and the 30 yard line, and the old box has been remodeled and additional facilities provided.

On the lower deck of the old press box, where writers formerly worked, there are now a number of booths. The lower part has been divided into four sections—a radio booth at the far right for visiting out-of-state radio broadcasters, two small booths for the use of the coaches to keep in touch with their teams by use of telephones, and a booth for the use of scouts only.

The scouts were formerly on the other side of the stadium. There were objections to the noise on the other side however, so they were moved into the booths.

The Humble radio studio will remain in the same place, on the top right hand corner of the press box, as will the public address system next to the Humble booth.

In the new press box itself there will be accommodations for 34 writers, giving them a much better view of the playing field. The new, wider windows and higher elevation of the booth provide a clearer view of the game.

Windows may be kept open or closed according to the weather and small ventilating portals will be provided in the rear of the box to relieve the box excess cigarette and cigar smoke on bad days when the front windows are not open.

There will be a sandwich bar in the new box in which all the refreshments to be served before the game and at the half time, will be kept. The refreshments for the writers were formerly kept in the corner of the box, or outside, where ever there was room for them.

The new higher level box, which is 10 feet taller than the lower deck of the old box, will provide a better view free from obstructing spectators who sometimes stood in front of the old writers booth.

Photographers with long-range telephoto lenses, movie cameras, and television men will have a special place on top of the new addition to the box.

There will be a wind breaker four feet high around three sides of the platform and a one foot high guard around the front to keep coke bottles and equipment from falling down on the spectators. A guard will be on duty during all games to keep people off the unfenced part of the top.

Another feature of the new box is the protection it will provide for the spectators sitting under it. There will be room for about 75 to 100 people under the box.

Back rests have been provided for the writers. There were no back rests in the old writers booth. With the improved conditions

Deadline Set For Club Applications

Student organizations are reminded that the deadline for applications for financial aid to organizations will be October 25. Funds available for financial aid to organizations will be October 25.

Funds available for this year are \$3,000 according to Grady Elms, assistant director of activities.

Eligible projects are expenses of the convention delegates, judging teams, speakers, and films. Application form may be secured at the Student Activities Office.

Student organizations are asked to be certain that a list of their officers and addresses is on file with Student Activities Office, as information pertinent to organizations will be sent out to these addresses. The Placement Office has emphasized that prospective employers are interested in extracurricular activities of prospective graduates. Cards are available in the student activities office on which to record this list of officers, time and place of meeting, and other information.

Banking Service
Elms also pointed out that Student Activities offer a banking and financial record service for student organizations and that college regulations require that all organizations deposit their funds with this office.

Explanations of details of handling organizational funds through Student Activities will be given to any organizational member or officer. Club intramural information will be disseminated through the channel or organizational officers' address. (See DEADLINE, Page 6)

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Picture Schedule

The schedule for non-corps seniors' picture taking is as follows: October 19, 20, 21, & 22: Make-up pictures for A through Z.

350 Seniors To Receive Cadet Commissions

Rufus R. Peoples, class of '28 and member of the board of directors, will be the principal speaker at the cadet commissioning exercises in Gulon Hall Friday night.

He will address 350 corps seniors and their guests assembled for the annual ceremony. Brig. Gen. Hugh Huffman, commanding general of Fourth Army Headquarters, and Col. John T. Sprague, commanding officer of Connally Air Force Base in Waco, will present the commissions.

Gen. Huffman will award cadet commissions to ground force seniors and Col. Sprague will present them to air force seniors. Louis Hartung, president of the Association of Former Students, will be one of the honor guests Friday night.

A commissioning ball to which the entire cadet corps has been invited will begin at 9 p. m. following the Gulon Hall ceremonies. Music will be furnished by Bill Turner and the Aggeland Orchestra in their first appearance of the year. The ball will last until 1 a. m.

Arrangements have been made by the Military Department for cadets to have dinner at 5:30 p. m. Friday so the commissioning ceremony may be started by 7 p. m.

All seniors who will receive cadet commissions must wear number one winter uniforms, Bob Mitchell, chairman of the event, said this morning. Cadet guests may wear either summer or winter uniforms.

The commissioning ball will be formal, Mitchell said, but cadets may wear either summer or number one winter uniforms.

Invitations for the commissioning ball have been given to all first sergeants. Freshmen at the Annex can get their invitations to the ball from Mrs. Ann Hilliard at the student center.

No invitations are needed for the commissioning ceremony, Mitchell said, as the entire school has been invited.

The honor guests for the evening will have dinner in Duncan Hall with the corps.

Tau Beta Pi Group Will Meet Tonight

The Texas Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi will hold its first meeting of the semester tonight at 7 p. m. in the Chemistry Lecture Room, Don Jarvis, president, announced today.