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150 Delegates Help Open SCONA III

Salvaging Starts In Fire-Gutted W. S. D.

Salvage crews yesterday began clearing debris out of the gutted W-S-D Clothier building which burned Tuesday night.

At the same time, engineers and insurance investigators were busy estimating damage to adjoining buildings and the loss caused by the flames. The store was a complete loss, with estimated damages \$150,000.

Adjoining buildings, Caldwell's Jewelry and The Fabric Shop, received smoke and water damage,

Farm Outlook Bad for 1958, Says Teague

Sixth District Congressman Olin E. Teague said yesterday it was apparent during his recent tour throughout his congressional district that farmers will face another economic emergency during the new year.

The only way this could be prevented, remarked Teague, is if the emergency designation of the state by the Farmer's Home Administration could be extended to 1958.

After Teague conferred with several farmers, FHA county officials and bankers in various small towns, he compiled the information and arranged for several conferences with State FHA officials in the national office.

As a result, state officials have been conducting a survey throughout the state. After a telephone conversation with Walter McKay, state director of FHA, Teague reported that McKay said their study was near completion and that he (McKay) expected to make recommendations to Washington before the end of the month for additional lending authority.

although flames did, not reach either store.

Mrs. J. S. Caldwell, owner of the jewelry store, said her building was damaged by water which leaked through the ceiling but no merchandise was damaged seriously by the smoke.

However, the Fabric Shop received some smoke damage. Mrs. P. J. Palasota Jr., wife of the owner, said, "I just couldn't say how much damage was done." None was apparently done to the building of the fabric store.

Mrs. Caldwell said the walls in her store were damaged to some extent.

Reported at 9:05

The fire alarm was turned in at 9:05 last night by a postal employee, Frankie Nemeec. Firemen from Bryan, College Station, and Bryan Air Force Base answered the call and the fire was brought under control about 10:30. But it was 4 a.m. yesterday morning before the last truck left the scene. The Bryan trucks went back to the scene twice to extinguish flames whipped up by 40 mile per hour gusts of wind. The two return trips were made at 4:30 and 5:05 a.m.

From the three fire departments, a total of nine trucks answered the call, and firemen from all three departments and many citizen volunteers fought the flames whipped up by the frenzied north wind.

An unidentified fireman said that the fire fighters had trouble handling the hoses because of the strong winds and ice forming on the hoses. He said that if the wind had been absent he believed that much of the store could have been saved.

"That wind just kept the flames roaring out of control until all we could do was try to keep them from spreading to nearby buildings," he said.

Bryan Fire Chief Sam Noto said the operations last night combating the blaze were "mighty smooth."



SCONA Gets Underway

The third annual Student Conference on National Affairs got underway yesterday with 150 student-delegates from 66 colleges and universities attending the sessions. Seated at the speaker's table for the first

session of SCONA III are, left to right, Bob Kidd, Bill McKown, Joseph E. Johnson, president of Carnegie's Endowment for International Peace, Cong. Olin Teague and Col. Guy H. Kissinger.

SP Board Reviews 'Batt' Editorial Policy

Student Publications Board members yesterday reviewed Battalion editor Joe Tindel's editorial policy complying with a request from the Corps of Cadets.

In a 2 1/2 - hour session, board member Bill Libby, Corps representative, presented to the board

an objective study of Tindel's editorial policy and handling of the news.

Corps students had felt Tindel's policy had not been consistent with the Code of Newspaper Ethics.

They charged him with using his power "for any selfish or otherwise unworthy purpose" under Article I of the code and "promotion of any private interest contrary to the general welfare" under Article III of the code.

Libby presented the board with particular editorials and news stories to which the Corps had objected most.

He ended his presentation with a recent letter published in The Battalion, written by Kenneth Haggar, Corps senior, who suggested that Battalion editorials were not the cause of the strife.

After Libby completed his presentation, Corps Commander Jon Hagler and Ray Bowen, deputy Corps commander, presented the Corps' feeling.

Bowen said he felt the basic issue was that The Battalion editor's views concerning the best interest of the college differed from the Corps'.

Tindel, in presenting his side of the argument, agreed with Bowen.

"Whereas the Corps seems to feel that the future of A&M rests in the Corps, I believe and will always support the belief that A&M can and should have a strong

Aggieland Needs Picture Schedule

Clubs desiring pictures in the Aggieland '58 must schedule them in the office of Student Publications in the basement of the YMCA by Friday, Dec. 13.

Cost is \$50 for a full page; \$30 for a half page. Pictures must be paid for when they are scheduled.

Weather Today

College Station can expect clear skies today and tonight, with a high temperature of 50 degrees and a low tonight of 30.

Panels, Speeches Heard Yesterday

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace President Joseph E. Johnson predicted yesterday that many students attending SCONA III will move on to roles of leadership in national affairs.

Speaking at the kickoff session of the conference, Johnson, Cong. Olin E. Teague and Col. Guy H. Kissinger gave the 150 delegates their thoughts and ideas on SCONA.

Last night in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, a panel, composed of Eugene M. Zuckert, Dr. Charles L. Dunham and Johnson spoke on the role of nuclear energy in foreign policy.

In this meeting, jointly sponsored by SCONA and the Great Issues Committee, Johnson told the overflow audience several facts about atomic energy. He said guided missiles are important today as intercontinental carriers for atomic warheads.

Johnson told the group the most important thing is that the leaders of the Soviet Union and Communist China remain "just as hostile to the United States as they ever were and have not changed their goal of world domination."

He gave five propositions and listed them: "1. Despite Sputnik, the Soviet Union and the U. S. are now at a stand off and we must not fall behind. 2. The capacity for retaliation is essential for the U. S. but it is not sufficient. America must have carriers that can reach the heart of the Soviet Union. 3. The U. S. must have a complete range of foreign policy instruments as well as military war instruments. 5. The hardest proposition of all is that the old concept of fighting a war to a total victory is no longer meaningful. 5. The U. S. must be willing and able to fight limited wars.

Zuckert, who spoke about the peace time uses of atomic energy, said the program has suffered because there has been too much concern about "who does the job, rather than getting the job done."

Dunham, the last member of the panel to speak, informed the SCONA and Great Issues audience of the uses of atomic energy for medicine, agriculture and industry. He said atomic energy's greatest contribution to mankind is the radio isotope.

Nat'l Officer Impressed By Alpha Zetas

A&M's chapter of Alpha Zeta can stand up against any in the nation, Dr. C. B. Gilliland, high treasurer of the national agricultural fraternity, said after visiting the Aggie chapter.

"These boys do something, not only in their grades, but in extra-curricular activities as well, showing their interest and desire for development in agriculture," Gilliland said after meeting with the chapter last week.

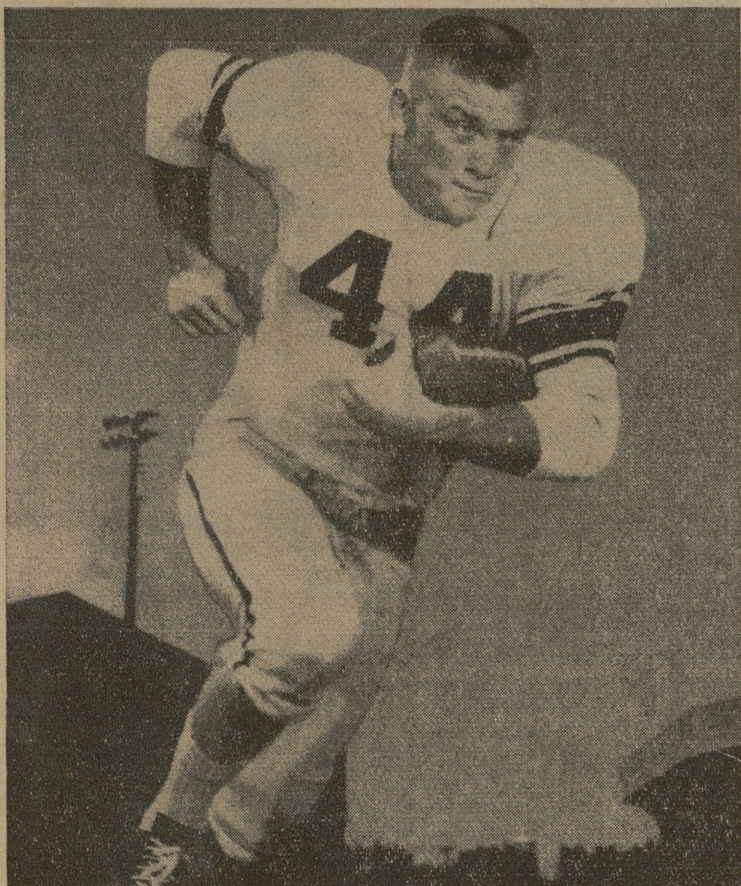
The high council treasurer came by The Battalion office on a tour of the campus during his Friday and Saturday inspection of the chapter, especially to express his pleasure with the A&M fraternity group.

Gilliland, whose home office is in Washington, D.C., came to A&M as a part of an inspection tour of Alpha Zeta chapters in the Southwest.

Especially impressed with the Aggie agriculturalists, whose 45-man chapter is one of the largest in the nation, Gilliland said they deserved an excellent rating.

He also said that every land grant college in the nation except one small school in the midwest had a chapter of Alpha Zeta and that the A&M chapter would rank with the best of them.

John Crow Takes Limelight At Heisman Award Banquet



John David Crow, jarring Aggie halfback and 1957 co-captain, was presented with the John W. Heisman Memorial Trophy last night at a dinner in the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City.

The award, named in honor of the famed football coach who ended his career as athletic director for the Downtown A. C., has been presented annually since 1935 to the player adjudged the most outstanding collegiate player by a board of coaches and newspaper writers.

George I. Hall, president of the club, made the presentation before an audience including Crow's family, friends, members of the club and outstanding sports figures. He told Crow to "do the jobs of life you have to do better than you have to do them," in presenting the award.

As he accepted the award, Crow could only mumble "thank you's" at first; then perked up to say:

"I have too many people to thank. Without my family, the football squad, the coaches and a whole lot of luck, I wouldn't be here tonight. I'd like to thank them all."

Crow succeeds Notre Dame quarterback Paul Hornung as winner of the trophy. The Aggie halfback was the 26th football star to get the award.

Al Helfer, famed radio sportscaster, was master of ceremonies at the festivities.

Helfer asked the Texas Aggie star how his wife, Carol who was in the audience, felt about his playing football, and if she ever (See CROW, Page 3)

The Best Here—And Elsewhere
John David Crow, senior co-captain of the 1957 Aggies, was presented the John W. Heisman Trophy last night at a dinner in the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City. The award is made annually to an outstanding college football player, chosen by a board of coaches and newspaper writers. Crow is the fourth player from the Southwest to win the coveted award, the third from the Southwest Conference.

Bill Curry Recovering After Campus Accident Last Year

By GAYLE McNUTT

Bill Curry, '59, left A&M hurriedly on the evening of April 12, 1956.

The Comanche freshman didn't leave because he "couldn't take it" or because of grades or military action, however. He left in an ambulance after suffering a broken neck in a trampoline accident while working out with the gymnastics team, of which he was a member.

That night Bill made a record trip to Houston, riding on a special spinal injury carrier in the ambulance. They made the 100 mile trip in 65 minutes, with the highway patrol clearing traffic.

The fast ride is credited with saving Bill's life, but a long hard struggle for survival followed. For several days the doctors gave him an "even" chance, but Bill's will to live and maybe a higher Power won out.

Since that time, a year and eight months ago today, Bill has undergone 10 operations, four of them major surgery, and 4 major skin grafts along with numerous minor grafts. He has spent most of the time since that fateful April evening in five hospitals in the state.

Little by little, movement is returning to his limbs. Completely paralyzed at first, Bill can move his arms fairly well now and his hands slightly, although he still has no movement in his fingers and is still completely paralyzed from the (See CURRY, Page 5)



Back To School For Bill Curry

Bill Curry, '59, and his mother, Mrs. Fred Curry are shown above on their way to one of Bill's classes at Tarleton State College, in Stephenville. Bill plans to return to A&M as soon as possible to complete his degree in geophysics. This is the first semester he has been able to attend school since he suffered a broken neck while working out on the gymnastics team here in 1956.