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Frank McGee Is Hospitalized After Beating

A night clerk at the Memorial Student Center remains in Joseph Hospital Wednesday as area law enforcement officers seek the man who severely beat him while he was in the MSC lobby early Tuesday.

The clerk, Frank McGee, 50, was attacked by a lone assailant as he sat in the MSC lounge, facing the main desk, about 3 a.m. MSC Director J. Wayne Stark said a check of the cash register, gun collection now on exhibit, showed nothing missing.

Stark said apparently McGee was beat mercilessly about the head with some kind of blunt instrument. He said officers searched the building for a weapon, but none was found.

"We have been afraid for a long time that something like this was going to happen," Stark said.

He said that McGee, in his dazed condition, told officers that his attacker was someone young, possibly wearing a white shirt.

Sheriff J. W. Hamilton said that the assailant fled when McGee struggled and called for help.

Stark said there was no indication that the person sought for the attack was a student.

McGee lives at 1518 Boone St. in Bryan. He works from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. in the MSC.

Campus Security officers and College Station police are also investigating the beating.



ROSS VOLUNTEER COMPANY ... will honor permanent firing squad Saturday

Ross Volunteer Banquet, Ball Scheduled Saturday

The annual Ross Volunteer Banquet and Ball will be held Saturday night, with Doyle R. Avant Jr., of San Antonio as the principal speaker.

Also featured will be the presentation of the 1962-63 permanent firing squad, an honorary group of 21 company members.

THE BANQUET will begin at 6 p.m. in the banquet room of the Triangle Restaurant. The ball, with music by the Aggieband Orchestra,

Class Election Filing To Begin On Thursday

Filing for class elections will begin Thursday, election commission advisor Wayne Smith said Tuesday.

Positions open will be officers for the classes of '64, '65 and '66 he said. Officers to be chosen are president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and social secretary. An historian will be elected by the junior class.

FILING WILL close May 1, Smith said, and the election will be held May 8. Elections for all classes will be held on that day.

According to the college regulations, class officers must be academically classified with their classes at election time and at the beginning of the year for which they are elected.

Class officers must have a minimum grade point ratio of 1.00 at the time of the spring election (through the preceding semester). All students may vote for their respective class officers. A runoff will be held May 14.

Students desiring to run for class positions may file in the Student Programs Office in the lower level of the Memorial Student Center.

ALL STUDENTS who file must be cleared through the registrar's office before their names may appear on the ballot.

Filing for Student Senate and school representatives to the Senate will begin May 9. The elections will be held May 21.

Should any election result in a tie vote, the winner will be selected by a run-off election.

Name-Change Bug Hits Tech As Students Ask For 'Status'

The name-change fever has again reached Texas Tech, where for years college factions and the student body have on occasions sought a name-change so that Tech might become a university.

With A&M's name-change bill almost out of the house and a similar bill already passed for West Texas State, Tech's student newspaper The Daily Toreador has called for action on a student poll taken last spring in which the student body chose Texas State University as the best new name.

The name most often proposed for Tech is Texas University of Arts, Sciences and Technology.

neering student at A&M. He was a member of the Ross Volunteers.

Now associated with L. A. Nordman, a San Antonio independent oil operator, Avant worked for Sun Oil Company from 1953 until 1957. He served as an army officer following his graduation in January, 1951.

THESE 21 MEMBERS were chosen by the platoon leaders for permanent firing squad honors:

David C. Anderson, Thomas M. Ashy, Jimmie P. Burney, Billy G. Clawson, John R. Dickson, John H. Gabbert, Lawrence N. Garrett, Joe E. Glover, Charles H. Gregory, Gregory G. Holfochwest, George L. Hubler.

Kent Hudson, Ben E. McCulloch, William K. Monier, Larry G. Porter, Richard C. Railston, Charles H. Reese, James E. Schnabel, James F. Setchell, Albert N. Simmons, and Edward J. Zatopek.

Lower Voting Age Rejected By House

AUSTIN (AP) — House members turned thumbs down Tuesday on a plan to bolster the Texas Democratic Party by lowering the voting age.

"The young folks are mostly Democratic," argued Rep. V. L. "Red" Berry, San Antonio legislator. "We need all the Democratic votes we can get. We've got to do something to head off the Republicans."

The House voted 91-49 for Berry's proposal dropping the minimum voting age from 21 to 19.

A proposed constitutional amendment must get 100 votes or two-thirds majority in the House before it can be passed to the Senate. Unless Berry can scrape up enough votes to make 100 and get another vote on his measure, it is dead for the session.

BERRY FIRST proposed dropping the age limit to 18 but accepted the 19-year-old minimum which Rep. David Crews, Conroe, claimed would put the voting priv-

Underclassmen Oppose Change In Aggie Ring

Organized opposition to a ring committee decision to change the Aggie ring in case of a college name-change was voiced Tuesday by both the freshman and sophomore classes.

The sophomore class called a class meeting for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Guion Hall, while one freshman presented President Rudder a petition opposing the move.

The ring committee has voted that all rings ordered after Sept. 1, 1963, will bear the new name. Rings ordered after that same date by members of the Class of '64 or prior classes could bear either the old or new name. The same police would be in effect for class favors.

The lengthy freshman petition contained the signatures of 551 students. Four hundred fifty six said they would prefer "A&M College of Texas" on their rings, while 95 voiced preference for the proposed new name, "Texas A&M University."

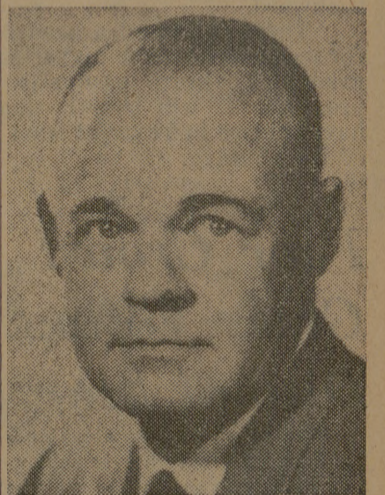
Peter B. Belinsky of Warwick, R. I., presented the petition to Rudder. The president told Belinsky he would show the document to the Board of Directors this weekend "if that's what you want." Belinsky favored the idea.

The board would not have to take action on the issue, but could send the question right back to college officials.

If the college name-change is passed by this session of the state legislature, reconsideration by the ring committee is doubtful. Committee Chairman J. B. (Dick) Hervey told The Battalion Tuesday:

"I see no reason why we should have to meet again if the name-change is approved in this session."

Final House approval of the change is expected at any time, after which the bill would go to the Senate.



HARRY E. WHITMORE

TEES Space Division Gets New Head

Harry E. Whitmore, former General Dynamics Astronautics official in California, has been named head of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station's newly organized Space Technology Division.

Dean of Engineering Fred J. Benson said Whitmore will have responsibility in several areas, including finding and organizing research talent in the several fields of engineering and science that relate to the space effort.

Whitmore said the Space Technology Division has "tremendous potential for A&M and the entire State of Texas." He has been in the guided missile field since 1946. Missile projects on which he has worked are the Corporal, Nike, Honest John, Dart, Hawk, Sergeant, Redstone, Atlas, Centaur and Agena.

Before coming to A&M he was systems integration manager for General Dynamics Astronautics' Centaur space craft program.

Whitmore, a 1942 Texas A&M mechanical engineering graduate, is a retired colonel in the U. S. Army Ordnance Corps. He received his MS degree in 1955 in mechanical engineering at Purdue University.

Whitmore is married to the former Martha Jane Nunn of Bryan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Nunn of 1404 South College.

The Whitmores have a daughter, Jeanne, 19, a student at Baylor University, and a son, Ross, 15. They live at 724 Mary Lake Drive and are members of the First Baptist Church.

Wire Review

By the Associated Press

WORLD NEWS
BONN, Germany — West Germany's strongest party overruled the objections of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer Tuesday and nominated Ludwig Erhard, sometimes called "Mr. Economic Miracle," to head the next government.

It was a bitter blow for the chancellor, now 87, who is committed to retire from the No. 1 job this fall. He considers Erhard, 66, lacks political skills necessary to run the government.

U. S. NEWS
WASHINGTON — Four Cubans left American jails and returned to their Communist island Tuesday in an exchange of 21 Americans freed by Prime Minister Fidel Castro the day before.

The Cubans were whisked out of Florida early Tuesday morning to fulfill the U.S. end of a bar-

gain with Castro.
WASHINGTON — A Pentagon communications official outlined Tuesday a plan to put five or more satellites into orbit with a single rocket to build a system that would flash messages to command posts around the world.

TEXAS NEWS
AUSTIN — Dist. Judge Jack Roberts dismissed Tuesday a suit aimed at blocking construction of a \$65 million dam in Central Texas. Roberts threw out a suit by several Brazos and Grimes County landowners against the Texas Water Commission, which found the proposed Millican Dam feasible Aug. 2 after hearing six days of testimony.

The Navasota River Dam, if completed, will create the second largest lake completely within state boundaries.

Nobel Laureate To Speak Here

Dr. George Thomas, 1937 Nobel laureate in physics, will serve as visiting lecturer here May 13-14.

Dr. J. G. Potter, head of the Department of Physics, has announced the physicist will be here under the auspices of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute of Physics.

Part of a national program to stimulate interest in physics. The program of visiting scientists in physics is being conducted with the support of the National Science Foundation.

THOMSON WAS president of Corpus Christi College at Cambridge from 1952 until 1962 and resides in the Oxford area.

Dr. Potter said Thomson will give a graduate lecture and also will speak to Physics Club members and other science students.

The British scientist was educated at Perse School, Cambridge, Trinity College, Cambridge University.

Thomson's professional career includes many appointments throughout the years: Fellow and lecturer in mathematics at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; research on positive rays at Cavendish Laboratory; professor of natural philosophy at Aberdeen University; Baker Lecturer at Cornell University and professor of physics at Imperial College, University of London.

HE SERVED as scientific adviser to the British Delegation to the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission during most of 1946 and 1947. He has served as consultant at the Harwell Atomic Energy Authority.

His honors are many: Fellow of the Royal Society, recipient of the Royal Medal, Hughes Medal and Potts Medal of the Franklin Institute, recipient of honorary degrees from major universities, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a foreign member of the Academies of Lisbon and Vienna.

Thomson is the author of a number of books including: Applied Dynamics and Wave Mechanics, The Foreseeable Future and The Inspiration of Science. He worked with J. J. Thomson with the third edition of Conduction of Electricity through Gases and wrote Electron Interaction with W. Cochrane.

The American Association of Physics Teachers is one of the member societies of the American Institute of Physics.

Nils Ekfelt Wins National Merit Award

Nils Ekfelt of A&M Consolidated High School has been named winner of a National Merit Scholarship.

Son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred E. Ekfelt of 306 Francis Drive in College Station, he will receive a scholarship ranging in value between \$400 and \$6,000, as he enters Harvard University after graduation.

A senior at A&M Consolidated, young Ekfelt has participated in the Interscholastic League Science contest, the student council and the National Honor Society.

He was manager of the high school basketball team this year. His hobbies are juggling, tennis and bicycling.

The sponsor of the scholarship is the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

All Merit Scholars are selected in an annual academic competition conducted in cooperation with secondary schools. Stipends of the four-year award are based on need and may be adjusted if the student's need changes.

Over 1,400 Merit scholars were named from some 11,000 semifinalists. About 875 of the students received the four-year scholarships.

Since the program was begun eight years ago, more than 7,000 Merit scholarships have been awarded, a value of over \$34 million.

Women Find Cadet in Ladies' Lounge

Female guests at the Hillel Foundation Ball Saturday night found quite a surprise upon visiting the ladies' lounge.

Even Col. Joe E. Davis, commander of the Corp of Cadets, was speechless when he saw a smartly dressed cadet comfortably seated on a certain piece of porcelain furniture in the ladies' lounge.

Fortunately for all concerned, the cadet turned out to be a man, jokingly placed in the lounge earlier by two Hillel Foundation members.