

Fish With Same Name Find A&M Bewildering

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Life for an Aggie Freshman is usually confusing, but for two Fish by the name of Maddox, bewildering is more.

It seems a certain William Allen Maddox has managed to enroll twice, join both Air Force and Army ROTC, and be in two places at one time. Of course this is impossible as A&M registrars, teachers and platoon sergeants have discovered.

The dilemma has arisen over two young men whose parents just happened to like the name of William Allen Maddox. One is from Brenham studying business, while the other Bill Maddox hails from Carson City, Nev., majoring in Pre-Law.

Upon arrival at Aggieland, each was given the other's tran-

script and issued the other's books.

Bill Maddox from Texas explained, "At the Registrar's office they kept asking me if I was sure my name wasn't John, Tom or Steve. Somehow they gave me the wrong schedule, and the next thing I knew I was taking Pre-Law."

The Nevadan Maddox discovered he had signed up for Air Force ROTC, and wound up in an Army outfit. The situation finally came to a head when both reported to the same biology class, and tried to sit at the same assigned seat.

Bill Maddox from Nevada grinned, "It was pretty funny; I walked up to this other Fish and whipped out, 'Howdy Fish Maddox is my name; I believe you're sitting in my chair. He re-

turned the greeting, and explained his name was Maddox also, and his first and middle names were William Allen. Of course I told him my name and we both started laughing."

The Bill Maddox duet made another hasty retreat to the Registrar's Office, where things were finally straightened out after a week of chaos. The solution arrived at was quite simple, after everything they do they must sign their name with an accompanying Nevada or Texas.

"Tex" Maddox said his biggest problem came from greeting upperclassmen who insisted that they had met him before.

"All the upperclassmen kept screaming at me and asking me why I couldn't remember their name," Tex confided. Tex added, "The way things looked for awhile I thought I was going to be forced to become a lawyer."

"Nevada Bill" wants to practice in Hollywood where he hopes he will be "discovered," and become a star. Upon being asked how he likes Texas A&M he replied, "It sure is a helluva long way from Carson City."

He misses a young lady attending Oregon State University which he considers, "A mere separation of 2,700 miles." Bill is somewhat of a party goer, and says he finds adjustment to military life rough at times.

"At least I'm learning good study habits," he said rather remorsefully.

Tex is worried about the mail situation, and explained, "I sure hope my girlfriend doesn't lose my box number, some of my letters might be embarrassing if read by a stranger."

As a result of the mix up, Bill and Tex have become good friends, giving this strange story a happy ending.

The question still remains though, "Will the real Bill Maddox please stand up?"



"BUT I'M BILL MADDOX"
Aggie freshmen William Allen Maddox, left, and William Allen Maddox, right, can't seem to agree on which Maddox this letter is intended. Since enrolling in A&M last week, the two fish have received each other's mail, class cards and classroom seats. (Staff photo by Gus De La Garza.)

Criminal Code May Prevent Death Penalty

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. Bob Armstrong of Austin, one of the framers of the controversial criminal code revision, said Thursday he plans to ask Gov. John Connally to call a special legislative session to soften some of the code's changes.

In an unrelated development, attorneys for former University of Texas student James C. Cross Jr. of Fort Worth said they believe the revised code makes it impossible to win a death penalty against Cross.

Cross, 23, is charged in the deaths of two Dallas coeds, Shirley Ann Stark and Susan Rigby. Armstrong told The Associated Press he knew of the death penalty controversy only what he had seen in newspapers, but said he agrees with local police officials' complaints that the criminal code revision goes further than necessary in requiring that accused persons be warned of their rights against giving statements to police.

"I haven't written the letter yet because I want to read some of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions so I will be able to write a knowledgeable letter," Armstrong said.

Pro-Communist Agitators Raid Army Post In North Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A small armed band of pro-Communist agitators attacked an army post in a remote area of the northern state of Chihuahua Thursday and 13 persons were killed in a 1½-hour battle.

The dead included eight of the attackers and five soldiers.

The Defense Ministry estimated the number in the band as between 15 and 18 and said its remnants were being pursued through the rugged Sierra Madre Mountains Thursday.

It described the band as "a group of agitation," and listed two known pro-Communist leaders among those killed.

The ministry earlier had estimated the number of attackers at between 30 and 40 and had said the attack had no political significance.

A company of soldiers — about 100 men — was at the post, in Madera, a town of 12,000 about 200 miles south of Ciudad Juarez, which is across the border from El Paso.

At least 100 soldiers were sent from Ciudad Juarez to reinforce the Madera garrison.

Among the dead was Arturo Gamis, a former professor who had been leading a pro-Communist armed band for two years.

Also killed was Gamis' second in command, Dr. Pablo Gomez.

Government sources here said the two belonged to a strongly pro-Communist and violently anti-United States organization called the People's Electoral Front.

They reportedly were killed when homemade bombs they were preparing to hurl at the soldiers went off in their hands.

The attack was launched about dawn after the attackers had surrounded the garrison and demanded first that the soldiers surrender. The garrison commander refused.

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Military Reserves Plan Active Drive For Youths

WASHINGTON (AP) — U. S. officials said Thursday they may have to persuade tens of thousands of youths to volunteer for the six-months active-duty Reserve program in order to fulfill military manpower needs.

This would be in addition to doubled draft calls, recruiting for regular service and trying to get men to re-enlist — to provide the 340,000-man buildup which President Johnson approved in July to raise the armed services to two million.

The officials blamed the need for turning to short-term full-time soldiers on congressional refusal to go along with Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara's

Johnson decided against this in July — falling back on increasing the draft from 17,000 to 37,000 a month.

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Tower Claims Republicans Will Focus On Senate Race

By GARTH JONES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — U. S. Sen. John Tower, R-Tex., said Thursday the entire campaign effort of the Texas Republican Party will be behind his re-election bid in 1966.

Tower told a capitol news conference that Texas Republicans had arrived at "the realistic conclusion" that the 1966 Senate race would be the only "extensive contest for the GOP on the statewide level."

The Wichita Falls senator, who has been making numerous Texas

appearances recently, said he would make a formal re-election announcement at a suitable time "but I have always expected that once I received an office I would continue in it."

Tower added that Texas Republicans would have a GOP candidate for governor against Gov. John Connally "but I don't expect him to be an active candidate."

Tower's only announced Democratic opponent is State Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr. U. S. Rep. Jim Wright, D-Tex., is considered a probable candidate.

In answer to questions, the Republican senator said he had

worked with the Texas Democratic governor along several lines. Tower said he had "communicated" with Connally on Texas' protests against the merger of the Army reserves with the National Guard, the right of a governor to veto certain poverty program provisions, and Connally's opposition to a congressional plan that would ban state right to work laws.

Tower said he felt the status of the so-called state right to work laws — which say that no worker shall be required to join any organization in order to hold his job — would be a main issue of the 1966 Senate race. Wright has endorsed the congressional plan to outlaw the state statutes.

Other issues will develop later," Tower said. "There is a certain unanimity of Viet Nam and I don't expect that to be an issue."

Earlier Thursday, Tower told an Austin civic club he supported the firm stand President Johnson is making against Communism in Asia.

"As Texans we certainly cannot abdicate our tasks with regard to our national defense establishment," Tower said. "Our state supports nine key Army installations; four key Navy installations and no less than 18 major Air Force bases."

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