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## Werdungs File Damage Suit In Ag's Death

The parents of a Texas A&M student fatally burned in an automobile accident Oct. 15 in Fort Worth filed Thursday a \$253,654 damage suit against the driver of the car which struck the auto in which their son was riding.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Werdung of O'Fallon, Ill., filed the suit in U. S. District Court in Fort Worth against Phillip E. Laughlin, a prominent Fort Worth resident. The suit alleges that Laughlin was speeding and ran a stop light before slamming into the car in which Aggie sophomore Wayne Werdung was a passenger.

The A&M student suffered burns over 78 per cent of his body when the car's gas tank exploded. He died Oct. 25, his 19th birthday, in Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Another A&M sophomore in the car, Joe Wilson Jr. of Texarkana, died Oct. 24 at BAMC after suffering burns over 80 per cent of his body in the accident.

A Fort Worth traffic investigator said facts concerning the accident would be presented to the Tarrant County grand jury for the possibility of filing criminal charges against Laughlin.

The fatal mishap occurred while the two students were in Fort Worth for the A&M-TCU football game. Witnesses said they were stopped at a red light when a car slammed into them from the rear, driving them into a third car and rupturing their gas tank.

The gasoline ignited, set their clothing afire and they were severely burned before passersby could pull them from the sports car.

Werdung's father, an officer on active duty in Viet Nam, flew to San Antonio after the wreck.

Werdung was an industrial engineering major and a member of Squadron 8. Wilson was a mechanical engineering major in Squadron 7.

## Peerce Tops Activity Slate

### Weekend Wrapup

A Town Hall performance, All-University dance, historic Aggie Band reunion and a South-west Conference grid clash highlight a crowded schedule of weekend activities.

Kicking off the festivities will be an appreciation dinner Friday night honoring Congressman Olin E. "Tiger" Teague of College Station.

Astronaut Scott Carpenter, NASA launch chief Dr. Kurt Debus and Veterans Affairs Administrator William J. Driver will be featured speakers at the testimonial, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Sbisla Dining Hall.

Popular vocalist Jan Peerce is

on tap at 8 p.m. Friday in G. Rollie White Coliseum. A veteran performer of opera, radio, concert hall and television, Peerce is making his first performance at A&M.

Singing in Town Hall's third attraction of the season the Metropolitan Opera star plans to work a large proportion of popular music into his act.

Friday's action will end with the traditional midnight yell practice after Town Hall.

Activities get under way at 11 a.m. Saturday with registration of former A&M bandmen for the first reunion in history of the "Fightin' Texas Aggie Band."

More than 500 former band members, from as far away as Thousand Oaks, Calif., and as far back as the class of 1904, are expected on campus.

The musicians will register in the Dormitory 9 lounge, near the east wing of Duncan Dining Hall and will be honored with a luncheon in Duncan Hall before the A&M-SMU football game.

The former bandmen will be saluted during halftime ceremonies at the game.

A pre-game dinner will be served for Aggie exes on campus for the grid duel. The 11 a.m. lunch will be available at student prices in Sbisla Hall's cash cafeteria.

Kickoff time for the Aggie-Mustang tilt is 1:30 p.m. Saturday as the injury-riddled Cadets attempt to surprise SMU, fresh from a resounding upset over the University of Texas.

Rain is predicted for the game which will be preceded by a march-in by the Corps of Cadets.

### MSC To Sponsor Post-Game Dance

The Town Hall Committee will sponsor an "Aggie-A-Go-Go," dance on the second level of the MSC at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Bands playing at the dance will be the Jades, the Avantis, and Tobias and the Sounds. Admission will be \$2.50 per couple.

Selection of a dance sweetheart will highlight the event scheduled to run until 1 a.m. Sunday. Door prizes will be given.

The classes of 1925 and 1930, on campus to celebrate their 40th and 35th reunions, will be honored at halftime.

A&M's first All-University dance in three years will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday on the entire second level of the Memorial Student Center. The "Aggie-A-Go-Go" is the only university-sponsored dance slated for the year.

Climaxing the dance and the weekend will be the crowning of dance sweetheart.

Chosen from the girls present, the sweetheart will be selected by a panel of faculty members and students.



BEHIND THE SCENES

Aggie Players lighting technician Frances Flynn adjusts stage lights as The Players go through final rehearsals for their first presentation of the year. The group will produce "Death Of A Salesman" at 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday in Guion Hall.

## Heavy Rains Drench County As Brazos Begins Rising

Brazos County rain gauges overflowed Thursday as moist air from the Gulf of Mexico brought heavy rains to the Bryan-College Station area for the third consecutive day.

More than five inches of rain had been reported in the area early today from the drenching

which began Tuesday night.

Rain was predicted during the weekend amid fears the Brazos River may rise to a dangerous level if the down pours continue.

Similar rains last spring caused serious flooding of farmland west of College Station.

The heavy local rainfall was

comparable to figures recorded over the state Thursday. Many stations reported readings of two to three inches and Freeport recorded 5.78 inches, heaviest reading in the state.

The moist air flowing from the Gulf coupled with a western cool front to cause the precipitation. The cool front dallied along a north-south line from Amarillo to Midland. There was drizzly, foggy weather ahead of the line and clear skies in its wake.

As the front moved southeast, the area of misty weather moved to a line extending 100 miles between Denton and College Station.

Rainfall readings across the state included Austin, .67; Corsicana, 1.94; Houston, 1.63, and Waco, 3.13 inches.

The rains have already figured in at least one death and hundreds of collisions.

A three-year-old Dallas girl died when her mother's automobile skidded out of control on a rain-slick street and slammed into a concrete post.

### Bach Society Presents Musical Show Nov. 21

The J. S. Bach Society of Houston will present "Music for a Sunday Afternoon" at 3 p.m. Nov. 21.

MSC Town Hall season ticket holders will be admitted free. There will be no reserved seats, however. Tickets are on sale in the MSC Student Program office.

## Automated Machines Kill Checks Written On Drafts

Automation isn't replacing man. Machines can't keep up with homo sapiens.

An example lies behind a policy going into effect at Texas A&M Jan. 1, 1966.

After that date, bank checks written on drafts will not be accepted by the University Fiscal

office.

"We want to encourage students to use checks issued by their own banks," R. Clark Diebel, University controller, said in announcing the policy. "It will be a service not only to the student, aiding him in keeping records of his disbursements, but to the Federal clearing house in Dallas."

The government agency is getting too many checks that cannot be sorted by machines. Individual bank checks carry symbols in magnetic ink that respond to the sorting machine. Draft checks do not bear the banking symbol.

Diebel said the fiscal office handles all personal checks presented on the campus, usually 60,000 to 75,000 a month.

"About 60 to 70 per cent of those are drafts," he noted.

Clearing house machines cannot sort them since drafts must be done by hand.

### 'Last Lecture' Talk Scheduled Monday

Professor Alan Stacell of the Division of Architecture will make the final presentation of the "My Last Lecture" series at 6 p.m. Monday in the YMCA.

Stacell, who has been on the A&M faculty for five years, received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Illinois. He served as a graduate instructor for two years there and later worked as an artist illustrator for a professional studio for one year.

## Community To Honor Olin Teague Tonight

A near-capacity crowd is expected for the testimonial dinner tonight honoring College Station Congressman Olin E. "Tiger" Teague.

The fete is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in Sbisla Dining Hall.

Featured speakers include Dr. Robert Gilruth, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Manned Spacecraft Center; Dr. William Driver, chief of the Veteran's Administration, and Cmdr. Scott Carpenter, Mercury astronaut.

Gilruth will discuss Teague's leading role in America's space program. Driver will outline the congressman's service to military veterans and Carpenter will report on recent developments in outer and inner space.

Other speakers include A&M President Earl Rudder, who will speak on Teague's contributions to A&M, and Cadet Lt. Col. John Rodgers, who will detail Teague's assistance and support of student programs.

Alton Bowen, superintendent of the Bryan School System, will be master of ceremonies. The invocation will be delivered by former A&M Chancellor Dr. M. T. Harrington, now coordinator of international programs.

Teague began his day Friday with briefings on space programs at the university from various NASA officials, including several representatives from the



OLIN E. TEAGUE

Washington office.

He also inspected A&M's multimillion dollar research program in space-related sciences and visited the \$2 million NASA Space Science Center under construction.

The congressman was to have been honored with a review by the Corps of Cadets Friday afternoon but heavy rains for the third straight day washed it out.

He and the other headliners at the dinner will be guests of the university at the A&M-SMU game Saturday.

Teague entered A&M in 1928 and was graduated and commis-

sioned in 1932. While a student he was cadet captain and commander of Company G Infantry, a member of the Ross Volunteers, an expert on the Lyon's Rifle Team and a member of championship intramural baseball teams in 1929 and 1931.

After college, he was employed in the College Station Post Office, where he worked part time during school. In 1940 he went on active duty with the infantry. In combat, Teague was commander of the First Battalion, 314th Infantry, 79th Division. His decorations include the Silver Star with two clusters, the Bronze Star with two clusters, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Purple Heart with two clusters, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Teague spent two years in Army hospitals recovering from war wounds and was discharged as a colonel in 1946 to take a seat in the 79th United States Congress.

He has been re-elected to each succeeding Congress. Since the 84th Congress he has served as chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Teague is the second-ranking majority member of the Committee on Science and Astronautics, established in the 86th Congress, and is chairman of the Subcommittee on Manned Space Flight.

### Candid Comments On Current Crises

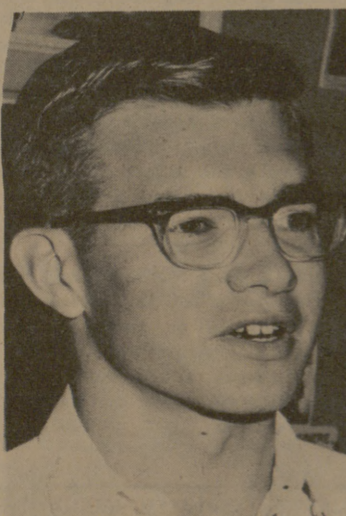
## Students Think Corps-Civilian Problems Absent

Question: What do you think is the most serious problem facing the Corps-civilian relationship?



BILL BAMBERG  
Senior, Buffalo, N. Y.

The most serious problem facing the Corps-civilian relationship is the inability for these groups to meet together with an open mind. A&M is composed of two distinct groups, but each group should respect the other as a member of Texas A&M, not as Corps or civilian.



RICHARD A. WOLTER JR.  
Senior, La Marque

The most serious problem facing the Corps-civilian relationship is that some students try to segregate the student body—thus are concerned more with relationships and less about their education. The primary reason we are here is for an education



WAYNE PORTER  
Sophomore, Dalhart

I do not think that there is a serious problem facing the Corps-civilian relationship. I, like most every member of the Corps, know that some of the best friends a person can have are civilians. A&M could be civilian and still keep that Fightin' Texas Aggie spirit.



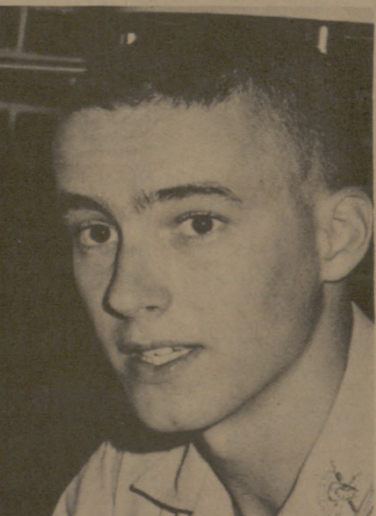
JOE TOWNSEND  
Junior, McAllen

After two years in the Corps, I am a civilian, and the most serious problem facing the Corps-civilian relationship is jealousy. Both groups are at fault! There is no easy way to solve this problem, but with cooperation from both groups the problem could be eased.



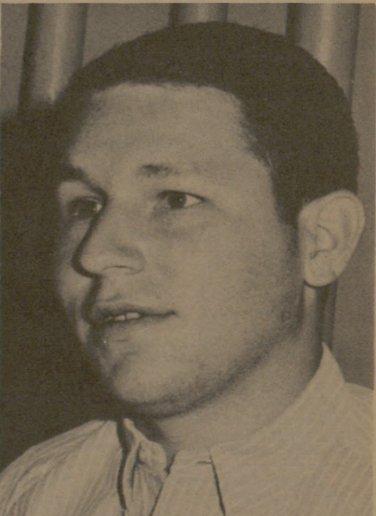
HAROLD E. COOK  
Senior, Fort Worth

I don't think there is a problem here. There has always been some rivalry between the Corps and civilians but it is all a bunch of good bull. There are always those persons who want to make a big issue out of things like these, and some have done a pretty good job.



WALT DABNEY  
Freshman, Dallas

From the point of view of a freshman, the main problem to be faced in the Corps-civilian relationship would be that the activities and interests of both segments of the school body will always be different. There seems to be no way to reconcile these differences.



RICK ESCOBAR  
Senior, Houston

I think the most serious problem facing the Corps-civilian relationship is the animosity which each segment of the student body has for each other. The Corps strives to be the pride of A&M, while most civilians do not uphold this idea—although civilians are still Aggies.