

# A&M Press founder retires in September

By MARGUERITE BRADEN

What kind of man has the initiative to set up three university presses? Frank Wardlaw classifies himself as a Type 22. Psychiatrists recognize this type of individual as "a mental defective without psychosis," and Wardlaw translates this into meaning "a plain damn fool."

Wardlaw founded presses at the University of South Carolina, University of Texas and Texas A&M University. Recently he was named a fellow of the Texas Institute of Letters. Wardlaw will be retiring as director of the Texas A&M University Press in September. He originally planned to work another year but decided to retire at the traditional time because of health problems which have resulted in heart surgery. Lloyd Lyman, the associate director of the press, will take over as director when Wardlaw leaves.

Wardlaw will be returning to his home in Frisco, Texas. He will continue his affiliation with the Press as a consulting editor. Wardlaw said he expects this affiliation to bring him back to Texas. "Besides," he said, "I've been converted completely to Aggies — I even gave away my orange shirt."

Wardlaw lives on the Texas A&M campus in the white-framed house between Sbis dining hall and Hogg Street. The press is also located in the same building. He said sometimes people will walk into his home, not realizing it is a private residence. Wardlaw described these intrusions as pleasant ways to meet people.

Wardlaw expects to enjoy retirement and do a lot of writing — books on Texas and South Carolina. Wardlaw has written one book and edited another. He has also written several magazine articles.

Wardlaw came to Texas A&M Press in 1974. He said he came to A&M because "I couldn't resist the

temptation to start all over again. You don't often at the age of 60 get to do that."

The first book — "Storms Brewed in Other Men's Worlds" — was published in September of 1975. This spring, the press will have published 51 books under Wardlaw. The last book to be published under Wardlaw will be "Buck Schiwetz Memories." The press has a backlog of more than 40 books and plans to publish about 20 per year.

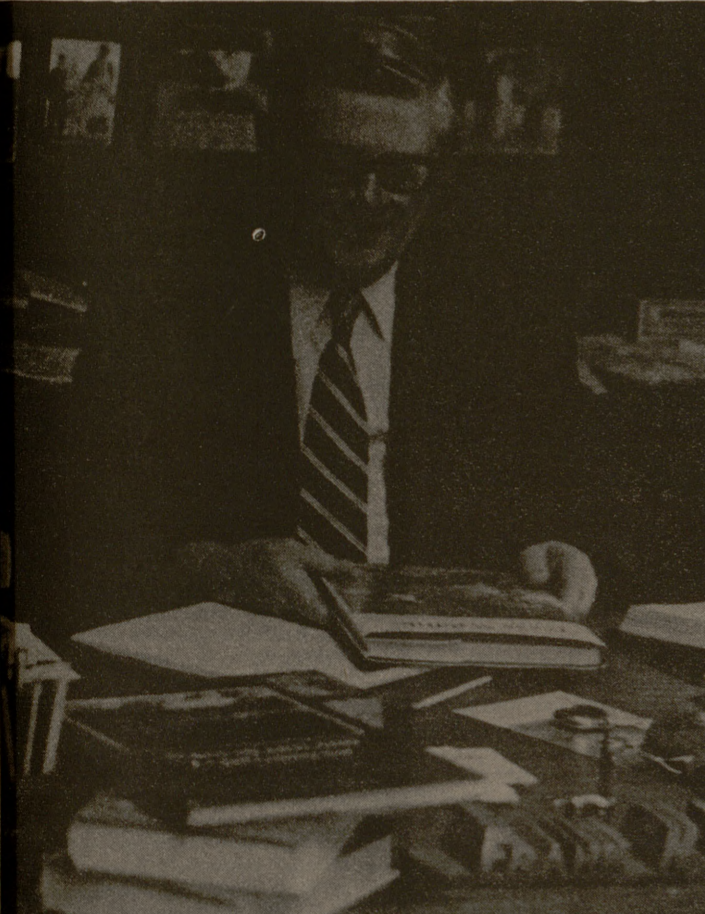
Wardlaw said one of the biggest problems of setting up a press was establishing an identity.

"The imprint of the press should mean something specific," he said. "It should represent good books, and people count on them to be

good." Wardlaw said that getting the right kind of books to publish was a problem. "The first year we had to go out and look for them," he said.

Wardlaw said that every institution has a different focus or mission. The Texas A&M Press emphasizes Texas and the Southwest through natural history books and the natural Texas Art Series. Wardlaw said the idea was to "combine the university press' traditional idea of scholarship to A&M's obligation to Texas."

"My purpose was to establish a press with a firm footing," he said. He believes he has accomplished that through his staff, facilities and the former students.



Frank Wardlaw, who organized the Texas A&M University Press in 1974, will be retiring as director of the press in September.  
Battalion photo by Marguerite Braden

## Lost something? Check MSC desk

By ANA QUINTANA

If you have lost something within the last year, you might try looking for it in the lost and found at the main desk of the Memorial Student Center. This area is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Lost articles were originally kept in a lost and found operated by the University Police, but in July of 1975, the lost and found at the MSC was opened. However, the lost and found still works closely with the University Police on purses and wallets.

Every item turned in is recorded in a book with its physical description and where it was found. Lost items are also recorded. Both the book and the items are dated and tagged with a number.

The item is then stored in a room behind the lost and found area. Lost keys are kept in a box at the main desk. Any item, which has been in the lost and found for over six months is moved to a storage room.

"We do take students up there to try to identify their lost article," said Virginia Arnold, manager of guest rooms and the main desk.

She said it is hard to identify calculators unless the student knows

the serial number. Dottie Reid, who also works at the main desk, stressed the importance of putting names on personal possessions so that when they do get lost, they can be traced to the owner much more quickly.

"We kill ourselves trying to contact people when an article is brought in with their names on it," Reid said. She added that they even make long distance telephone calls trying to contact the people whose items have been found. Letters are sent to campus visitors who leave items.

Items are not claimed in one year are auctioned off by Student Programs. Rebecca Taulman, director of operations elect, said that last year's auction brought in about \$2,000 which was used for the MSC Christmas decorations.

One major problem cited by Reid is that students check with the lost and found on the day their item is lost and then don't check back later. Then if the item is turned in they do not come to claim it.



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