

\$ in acres? A&M gets oil land royalty; value uncertain

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Texas A&M University may have received a very valuable gift. On the other hand, it may have gotten nothing.

Clayton W. Williams Jr., an independent oilman from Midland, has given the school an overriding royalty interest in approximately 86,000 acres. The land is located in various parts of Brazos, Burleson and Robertson counties in Central

Texas and is just north of Kurten Field, one of the state's newest oil fields. The royalty interest has a market value of \$2.37 million.

An overriding royalty interest means that when and if oil or gas is found on this land and is produced, Texas A&M will receive a percentage of the gross value.

For Texas A&M to profit on the royalty, though, oil or gas must be found while Williams still has a lease on the land. If the lease runs out

with no discovery of minerals, the school will lose its interest and no money will be received by the University. Some of the leases start running out in 1981.

Robert M. Rutledge III, director of the Texas A&M University Development Foundation, which will handle this gift, said the foundation has another option — it can sell the interest.

"The trustees of our foundation are at this time reviewing the asset and the possibility of production of oil and gas in this area to determine whether or not it would be better for us to hold it, sell it, or hold part of it and sell part of it," Rutledge said.

Rutledge said that when an income from the gift is realized, the following distributions will be implemented: 50 percent to the Center for Education and Research in Free Enterprise; 15 percent unrestricted to the foundation; 10 percent for the NCCA-sanctioned athletic programs; 10 percent to benefit women students; 5 percent for the Texas Aggie Band; 5 percent for general student financial aid, and 5 percent to The Texas A&M University System Press.

Bill fails, leaving rape law same

United Press International
AUSTIN — The Senate has refused to consider rewriting a Texas law that protects from prosecution husbands who rape their wives.

Sen. Gene Jones, D-Houston, proposed a change in the law Tuesday to allow prosecution in cases where the couple is separated.

But critics blocked consideration of the bill on a 16-14 vote. Under Senate procedure a two-thirds majority is needed to debate a measure.

tute books, to drop the provisions for prosecuting husbands for raping their wives.

Under Jones' measure the term "rape" would be replaced with "assault" and "aggravated assault." He said the terminology change would help eliminate the degradation and sexual connotation of the word rape.


The legislation also would eliminate gender references in the law and thereby allow capital murder charges to be pressed against a male convicted of raping and murdering another male.

"An asset such as this could be worth nothing if we didn't sell it, or it could be worth a fraction of the value, or 20 times the value, depending on if there is any oil or gas produced," he added.

Williams, a 1954 graduate of Texas A&M, gave \$100,000 to the University a year ago to be used by the Free Enterprise Center, the Modesta and Clayton Williams President's Endowed Scholarship and the foundation.

He has directed that the income from this latest gift be distributed to academic programs, athletics and student aid.

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"If it's the wife or somebody he cohabits with it's not the same penalty as if he rapes some stranger?" asked Sen. Raul Longoria, D-Edinburg.

Jones said he will revise his bill, which also included provisions to eliminate the term "rape" from sta-



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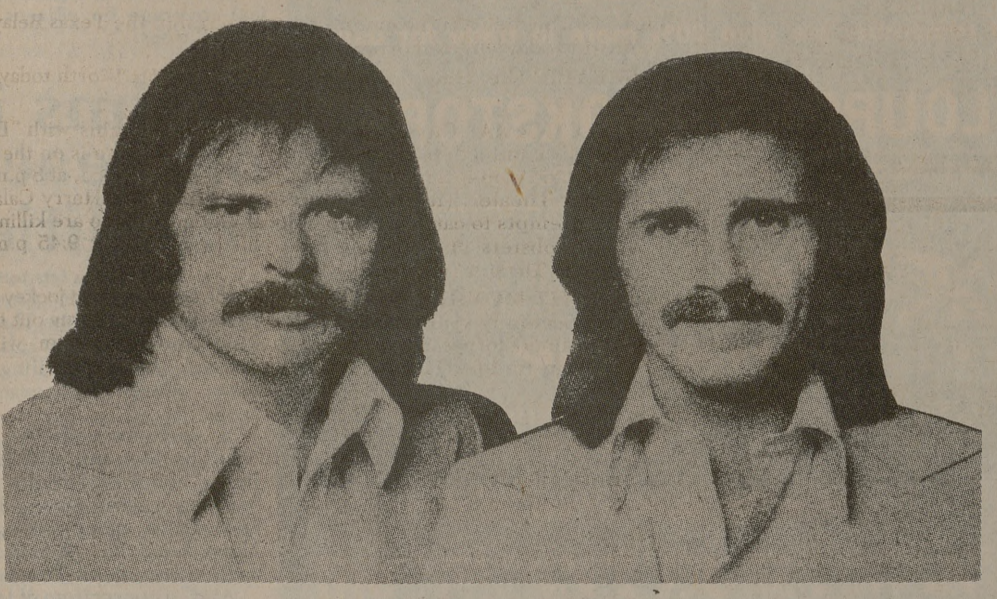
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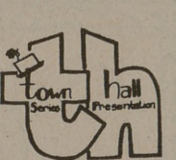
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