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## MSC members get awards at dinner

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The outgoing president of the Memorial Student Center council was presented the prestigious Thomas H. Rountree Award at the MSC awards banquet Saturday night.

Ernen Haby received the Rountree award, first presented in 1966, which recognizes the outstanding student of the MSC Council and Directorate.

The plaque commemorates Thomas H. Rountree, a 1952 graduate of Texas A&M University, who was instrumental in developing an "international awareness" on campus.

Also presented was the J. Wayne Stark Distinguished Service award given to Council and Directorate members. Students and advisers in the Council and

Directorate can nominate any student who they deem representative of the "lifeblood" of the organization.

Recipients of this award include: Doug Dedeker, the new MSC president; Kirk Kelley, Great Issues chairman; Sara Morse, vice president of programs; and Cindy Phelps, Aggie Cinema chairman.

In addition to these awards, the outstanding service award was presented to the outstanding member of the 19 Directorate committees and 15 special project committees.

The directorate committee chairmen distributed 52 outstanding service awards and 145 meritorious service awards to the various committee members.

## Wiretap bill may lack House backing

United Press International  
AUSTIN — A controversial wiretap bill — which has high priority with Gov. Bill Clements — could be considered on the House floor this week, but not before some maneuvering is done by members of a committee.

The bill, which would allow law enforcement officers to use electronic surveillance equipment in major drug investigations, was im-

properly reported out of a subcommittee last Thursday.

Rep. Lanell Cofer, D-Dallas, held a subcommittee meeting in her office without giving proper notice. However, Rep. Terral

Smith, R-Austin, indicated that he would ask that the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee approve the bill without an official report from the subcommittee.

Indications are that Cofer, an opponent of the bill, would introduce a series of amendments on the House floor in an effort to kill or weaken the bill.

The bill is part of Clements' anti-crime package, which the governor has been supporting for more than two years.

Clayton, who said he is not sure if he supports the bill, said the bill should be reported out of committee to allow the full House to decide the legislation's final fate.

The speaker said he did not think the legislation would help curb the drug problem.

"I personally don't think that will happen," he said. "But there's enough of that sentiment that it ought to get a run on the floor of the House."

## Cause of grain explosion still under investigation

United Press International  
CORPUS CHRISTI — The rapid series of explosions that rocked the Public Grain Elevator earlier this week apparently hurled a security guard more than 100 yards into the ship channel.

The body of 19-year-old Gilbert Garcia was found in the ship channel Friday by workers performing routine dredging operations to make the passageway deep enough for large ships.

Garcia's body was found in the ship channel about 200 feet west of the ship dock at the elevator, said port authority spokesman Don Rodman.

The body of a 43-year-old grain elevator employee presumed dead by port officials still had not been recovered as of late Friday.

The explosions at the Corpus Christi Public Grain Elevator earlier this week killed six men, injured 33

others and caused more than \$130 million in damages and anticipated revenue losses to the massive grain storage and shipping complex.

Although officials have said the explosion was caused by grain dust, they have not discovered what sparked the series of explosions that hurled hundred-pound sections of concrete more than 400 feet and damaged more than 60 of the 109 elevators.

Nueces County Port Director Harry C. Plomarity said the Robert J. Anderson Co. of Toledo, Ohio has been hired to investigate the cause of the explosion.

"I feel it's vital the port get whatever expert help is available to find the cause of this explosion," Plomarity said. "Anderson is a nationally recognized expert and never has had any connection with this elevator."

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## Thousands mourn last five-star general

United Press International  
EL PASO — A steady stream of people filed past the flag-draped coffin of Gen. Omar N. Bradley Sunday in the last full day of Texas tribute to the nation's last five-star general.

About 6,000 people had viewed the closed casket in the Fort Bliss Center Chapel by late Sunday, including Texas Sens. John Tower and Lloyd Bentsen. The body had lain in a flag-draped casket watched over by members of the Old Guard since the wake began at the post late Thursday.

Bradley, 88, who had been active until the very end of his 69-year Army career, died Wednesday while visiting in New York City.

Bradley's body, accompanied by his wife Kitty, was to be flown Monday to Washington, D.C., from El Paso, the city where they moved in 1977 because of the close relationship between the military and civilian communities.

The presidential plane carrying his body was scheduled to depart at 10 a.m. MST and arrive at Andrews Air Force base in Washington D.C. Monday afternoon. His body will lie in repose in the Bethlehem Chapel in the Washington National Cathedral until his funeral Tuesday.

Bradley's body will be taken in a funeral procession to Arlington National Cemetery, where graveside services will be held.

A memorial service was scheduled at noon MST at Fort Bliss, beginning with a 19-gun salute fired at one minute intervals. Brig. Gen. Archie Cannon, assistant commandant of the U.S. Army Air Defense School, will present the eulogy.

Participating in the service will be the 62nd Army Band and an honor contingent of Fort Bliss soldiers.

When Dwight Eisenhower — Bradley's classmate at West Point — was supreme allied commander, Bradley was field commander for American forces that stormed ashore and opened the western front on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Following D-Day, Bradley was then placed in command of more than 1.3 million American combat troops in four armies that swept across France and into Germany and played a vital role in ending Adolf Hitler's Reich.

Besides his wife, Bradley is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Bradley Dorsey of Washington, D.C.

## Coast guard ceases search for workman

United Press International  
GRAND ISLE, La. — The Coast Guard suspended its search Sunday for a seismographic workman blown into the Gulf of Mexico from the deck of his experiment ship by an explosion.

A Coast Guard spokesman said three men were conducting tests involving explosive charges Saturday when the blast occurred. The accident took place 50 miles off Grand Isle.

"One of the charges blew while the person was handling it," he said.

The two other men were airlifted from a nearby oil rig for treatment of injuries. Their conditions were undetermined.

The ship, identified as the Nacoco No. 6 owned by Gulf Oil, was slightly damaged by the explosion but made it to port under its own power with a Coast Guard escort.

Names of the men were being withheld pending notification of their families.



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