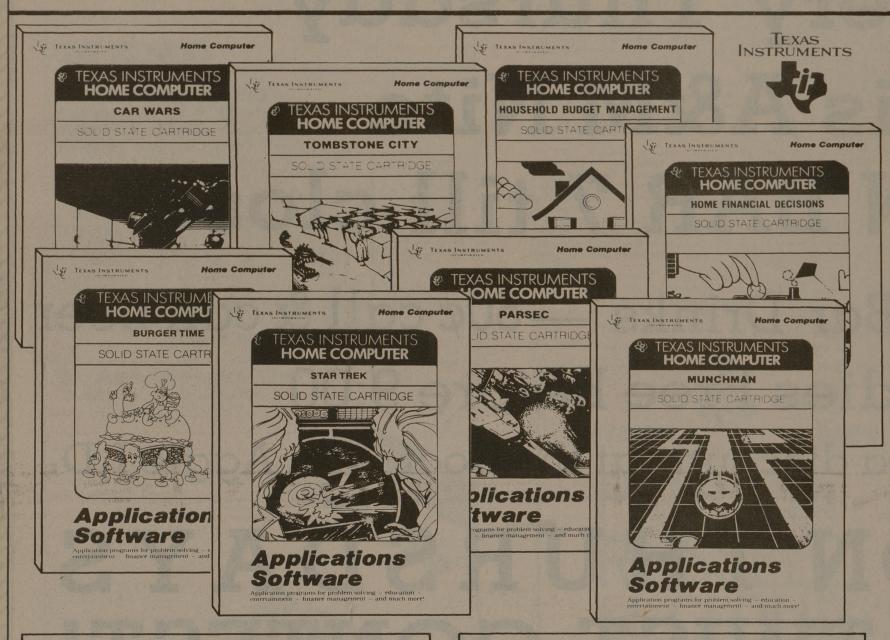
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Banks of flowers — most of them yellow — surrounded the closed casket. Weeping teenage

Around town St

Industry reps to visit with engineers

To recognize Engineering Week several industries be available to answer engineering students' questions a job descriptions and availability. The industry representations are supported to the students of the tives will have information booths in 224 MSC today fro 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 5 p.m.

# Alcohol topic of noon seminars

The Alcohol Awareness Program will present a series noon-time seminars concerning topics such as "respons drinking," "teens and alcohol," "party planning" and "p lem drinking." The first program will be today in 120AC Rollie White. Students, faculty and staff are invited to tend. For more information call Dennis Reardon at 84

### Science students must take exam

Any juniors or seniors in the College of Science who have not previously taken the English Proficiency Examinates should plan to take the test this semester unless they have completed English 301 with a minimum grade of C. dents in the College of Science are required to pass eith

English 301 or the test in order to qualify as a degree cand date in the College of Science.

The English Proficiency Exam will be administered to the English Department. Students in the Biology, Chemstry, Mathematics and Physics Departments should regist for the American Mathematics and Physics Departments should regist for the American Mathematics. for the exam in 151 or 152 Blocker before March 2.

#### Spirit award applications available

Spirit award applications are now available in the Form Students Lobby; 110 YMCA; Student Activities; and the Student Government Office. Deadline for applications

#### Tenneco official to visit class

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Kenneth L. Otto, senior vice president of Human R sources for Tenneco, Inc., will speak to Management 481 students Friday as a part of the "Visiting Executives" pri gram. Otto will tour the campus with University adn trators, as well as attend an informal luncheon with st dents in the Rudder Tower Dining Room.

# Orienteering meet to be Saturday

The Outdoor Education Institute and the Office of Continuing Education is sponsoring the Second Annul Orienteering Meet Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Texas A&M Range Science Area, approximately four mile from campus. Orienteering is a sport in which compet find their way around the backcountry with a map compass. Awards will be presented in five catagories; jut high, high school, ages 18-35, ages 36-50 and over age The courses will be divided into novice, intermediate

Instruction will be available before the meet at 8:30 am Cost for entering is \$3 for adults and \$2 for junior high and high school students. For more information contact to meet director, Rick Beelby at 845-7258.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

# Thousands attend Wrestier von Erich funeral in Denton

**United Press International** 

DENTON — They took off work and skipped school Wednesday — almost 2,000 of them — to say good-bye to their "Yellow Rose of Texas," wrestler David von Erich, dead at 25

of an inflamed intestine.

It seemed impossible to believe, especially for the adolescent girls who were his biggest fans, that a minor illness could cut down their modern gladia-

David was the blond giant who, of all his wrestling broth-ers, most resembled their father Fritz von Erich, the legendary 'Iron Claw.

Von Erich, whose real name was David Adkisson, was found dead last Friday in his hotel room in Tokyo after he failed to show up for a wrestling match. An autopsy showed his heart had been weakened by an intestinal inflammation his family thought was just a bout with the

The most loyal followers of the von Erich clan assembled in a Baptist church about 40 miles north of Dallas Wednesday

morning to mourn David.

Mack Hilliard, 69, and his wife Naomi, 65, a retired couple who live in Denton said they had followed wrestling since the heyday of Fritz, whose real name is Jack Adkisson.

"We like all of them (von

Erichs) but I believe David came the closest to his father's 'Iron

Claw," Hilliard said.

About 1,000 people fit inside the sanctuary. The others encircled the church waiting for a glimpse or sign of what was happening inside. Plans to broadcast the services on loudspeakers outside were canceled at the last minute.

girls, who only two weeks a would have been shricking love you, David," as their he entered wrestling's "squared cle," clutched still more ye

David and his brothers-vin, 26, Kerry, 23, and Mike - represent goodness, Ch tianity and patriotism to the fans. Another brother, Christonly 13. The eldest boy, Jr., died many years ago at a

Mourners sobbed and fled as three ministers scribed von Erich's "bornaga" faith. A comment from a bo ing-voiced, white-haired acher that David had lived in 25 years than most do lifetime brought a hear

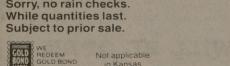
"that's right" and "amen" fr one middle-aged woman. Women and girls leaned the balcony wailing uncom lably as the casket was when up the aisle of the church cried out: "god be with y'all, h

"I just hate that he died in other country," said Sally vin, a 30-year-old nurse for Rhome, Texas. "That's to

hard on the family. "When I was little, Mamaa Daddy used to take me to wrestling in Wichita Falls wh Fritz was wrestling," she so "Then I didn't go for a will until the boys started will be so that th

She said she was amazed by such a seemingly healthy your man died of something "that usually not that terrible a dease. I was surprised he was in the hospital" if he was so sit

A block from the chi someone had scrawled on trash dumpster the ultir teenage accolade: "David



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