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# LANDMARKS

## PORTRAITURE — TED

— by Leroy Thomas

(Managing Editor's note: Professor Ted Pyle, an Assistant Editor on WESTVIEW's staff, died on Wednesday, January 26 in Oklahoma City following heart-bypass surgery. Memorial services were held on Saturday morning, January 29, 1983 in the Pine Acres Mennonite Brethren Church of Weatherford; interment was in Rush Springs. The following is a tribute to the SOSU Language Arts Department's most colorful member.)



Departmental ray of light — stolen by subtle thief Death.  
Leaving happy memories of a  
Giggler, hee-hawer, overcome with his own laughter  
Over a private joke or a student faux pas.  
A trick-player but also a sport when the trick was on him.  
No one's rubber stamp — a man of his own —  
Even among the Big Boys —  
Self-styled complainer  
Willing to fight for something considered right.  
Crusty exterior almost concealing sensitive nature —  
With a Christian heart and soul.  
Happy memories of an inspired  
Teacher, scholar, and devoted friend.

Death — an empty word  
For  
Ted.



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### 26 January 1983

— by Elsie Lang

Our Teddy Roosevelt died today:  
Our mini Telly Savalas,  
Our court jester,  
Our peacemaker,  
Our heart.  
We'll miss you, Mr. Pyle.

(Managing Editor's note: Ms. Lang has taught at SOSU since 1971. She teaches Composition, Introduction to Fiction, the Methods course for Elementary Education majors, and Women's Literature. One of the first participants in the Oklahoma Writing Project [OWP] at OU, she enjoys experimenting with words.)

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