

ARMY REACHES PEAK, SHUTS OFF DRAFTING
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 —(AP)— The Army, already at its authorized strength, has slowed its recruiting program and stopped taking draftees to keep from going over the legal limit.

An official said that as of Saturday no two year enlistments will be accepted. While 18-year-olds may continue to enlist for one year as provided by the draft law, all other volunteers must sign up for three years' service.

While the Army had been authorized to build its strength to 937,000 men, President Truman's budget message set a new ceiling of 677,000. Officials said that figure would be passed if enlistments were allowed to continue at the present 35,000 a month rate.

As for the draft, Maj. General Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, ordered local boards to stop, until further notice, just about all activities except deferring registrants and registering 18 year olds.

LEGISLATOR'S PAY BILL DUE AGAIN

AUSTIN, Jan. 17 —(AP)— Another effort to raise the pay for state legislators is due in the house of Representatives today.

Vernon McDaniel of Wichita Falls said he would offer a resolution to provide a year-round payment not to exceed \$7.50 per day for both senators and representatives during their term of office.

The year round payment would be in addition to present payments of \$10 per day for the first 120 days of a legislative session and \$5 a day for the remainder of the session.

Similar efforts to raise legislators' pay have been coming up in recent sessions. McDaniel said that practically the same bill as his lost by one vote in the last senate.

NEW DALLAS MED SCHOOL PLANNED

DALLAS, Jan. 17 —(AP)— A movement to bring a state-supported medical school to Dallas was begun at a meeting in Longview Saturday the Dallas Morning News reported.

The News said that a group of University of Texas alumni, together with a few doctors, met to work out a plan for such a college. Present plans call for such a college to absorb Southwestern Medical Foundation in Dallas, which now is graduating about 50 students each year. Under the proposal, the combined school would graduate about 100.

The project, according to the proposal, would not disturb the present University Medical School at Galveston, which accepts about 100 students each year.

MISSING PLANE FOUND WITH PILOT KILLED

ALBANY, Tex., Jan. 17 —(AP)— The body of J. W. Thomas, Jr., of San Angelo, Texas was found Saturday under his crashed plane on a ranch near Albany, Texas.

Thomas, 35-year-old chief observer for a Stanolind Oil and Gas Co., field exploration crew had taken off from San Angelo last Sunday about the time a blinding ice and snow storm hit West Texas. He had taken off for Tulsa.

\$75,000 IN BILLS STILL IS MISSING

WAUKESHA, Wis., Jan. 17 —(AP)— Postal inspectors have found a stolen mail bag, but the \$75,000 in good and mutilated bills it contained Thursday still is missing.

Two Milwaukee hunters walking on a rural road Saturday morning found the bag, its straps slit, and an empty pouch within, postmaster Jay Laing declared.

The sack disappeared Thursday night while being taken from the postoffice to a line train.

BLACK DAHLIA MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17 —(AP)— On the second anniversary of the brutal "Black Dahlia" slaying, harassed police investigators today were no closer to cracking the mystery than ever.

The latest of a long string of suspects, Jeff Conners, 40, a self-styled writer, was released Saturday night after 24-hour questioning.

And the quest for the sadistic butcher-murderer of dark haired Elizabeth Short—the "Black Dahlia" to her friends—turned cold again.

GREEK NATIONALS SCORE

ATHENS, Jan. 17 —(AP)— A general staff spokesman announced Sunday Greek National troops have dislodged guerrillas from Naoussa and are pursuing them.

Guerrillas captured the biggest part of Naoussa, an industrial town 90 miles west of Salonika, from a 400-man garrison Saturday. A general staff communique earlier today said fighting continued in the area.

Invitations Available At Student Activities

Graduation Invitations may be picked up at the Student Activities Office according to Grady Elms, assistant director of Student Activities.

Elms urged all seniors that have placed orders for invitations to pick up their orders as soon as possible.



BOB SMITH, senior agronomy student from Rule, Texas, was selected King of Cotton by the Agronomy Society last week. He will reign over the Fifteenth Annual Cotton Style Show Pageant and Ball.

Goff and Griener Receive Top Awards At Brazos A&M Club Banquet Friday

Aggie Spirit in 1948 Commended by Dallas Club; Harnden Wins Lifetime Athletic Pass

By SACK SPOEDE

Bobby Goff and Max Greiner were the men of the hour at the Brazos County A&M Club Banquet honoring the members of the football squad and Cross Country team in Sbis Hall Friday night.

Goff, a junior fullback from Kenedy, won the Lipscomb-Colson award as the most valuable player on the team. The 190 pounder, whose legs look like they have gone loco when he drives through the line, was second in conference ground gaining until injuries kept him out of several games.

Annual Title Final Election Slated Tuesday

The final election on the title of the student yearbook will be held tomorrow evening, according to Keith Allsup, election chairman.

The two remaining names to be voted on are AggieLand 1949 and Final Review.

Ballots for the military dormitories will be distributed through the Student Activities Office. Other dormitories will receive distribution through the two offices of William G. Breazeale and Robert O. Murray, Jr.

Housemasters will have the ballots distributed by 5 p. m. and will collect them at 10 p. m. Tuesday.

Ballots must be in the Student Activities Office by 8 p. m. Wednesday.

Greiner, a two year letterman in his sophomore year, won the Bert Pfaff Award as the outstanding blocker on the team. After finishing Beaumont High, he enrolled in A&M in the spring of 1947 and was therefore eligible for varsity sports immediately. Also a 190 pounder like Goff, Greiner suffered an attack of pneumonia after the Thanksgiving Day game and missed several weeks of school.

Plaque Presented

As an added attraction J. W. (Skinny) Williams presented the varsity football squad with a plaque that read: "Dedicated to the unconquerable spirit of the Texas Aggies of 1948. Presented by the Aggies of Dallas" the plaque was given by the Dallas A&M Club.

One thing that the coaches at A&M probably appreciated more than the plaque, however, was the large number of stars from the Dallas high school ranks that were present at the banquet.

Al Saender, toastmaster of the evening kept the laughs rolling, with his frequent cracks at the speakers and the members of the Aggie coaching staff. Bill "Dog" Dawson, assistant to Athletic Director Bill Carmichael, was referred to as "Old Legs and Lungs" Dawson, while basketball coach Marty Karow, who helped with the scouting for the footballers, was said not to be able "to track an elephant in a snowstorm" in reference to his abilities as a scout.

Skinny Williams, the Dallas representative, got off the joke of the night, however, with his tale of the drought in West Texas this year. Things got so dry, he said, that there were two trees chasing every dog.

Freeman Sends Regards

Dick Freeman, sports editor of the Houston Chronicle, sent a wire regretting his inability to be present at the banquet, referring to the Aggies as the "Co-champions of the Southeastern Conference." (Compare the results of the Thanksgiving game at Austin with that of the Orange Bowl.)

Two members of the A&M squad were not able to be at the banquet. They were Bob Goode and Herb Turley. All the others were present to receive their awards. (See BANQUET on Page 3)

Preliminary Fee Paying Will Begin Tuesday

Preliminary registration for the spring semester will start tomorrow when students will be allowed to pay their fees and reserve rooms.

The Fiscal Office has announced that their representatives will be in Room 100, Goodwin Hall tomorrow and Wednesday to accept payment of fees.

Students who do not pay them at Goodwin at that time may pay them at the Fiscal Office in the Administration Building before registration.

Veteran students should secure a fee exemption slip from the Veteran's Adviser's Office before paying their fees. Total fees for the veterans are \$5.50, and if paid by installments, the first installment is \$9.70.

Corps members will pay \$240.90 if paid in installments, \$75.10 will be paid at the time of registration.

Registration for rooms will begin at 8 a. m. tomorrow and continue until noon Saturday for men who wish to reserve the rooms they now occupy, Harry Boyer, chief of housing, announced.

Students who wish to reserve rooms other than those they now occupy may do so between 8 a. m. January 24 and 5 p. m. January 26. Written permission from the student's housemaster or organization commander must be presented in order to change rooms.

Beginning Thursday, January 27, all remaining rooms will be available on a first come, first serve basis, Boyer said.

Representatives of the Athletic Department will be in Room 100 of Goodwin Hall from January 18-26 to issue coupon books to students who have paid their fees.



HEAD FOOTBALL COACH HARRY STITELER presents co-captain JIM WINKLER with his bar and letter for the football campaign of 1948. Winkler terminated his career at A&M this fall after playing four years of outstanding ball at guard and tackle. Winkler has signed a professional football contract.

Band, RVs to March In Austin Parade

A&M Drill Team Will Escort Jester In Procession Down Congress Avenue

The Aggie Band and the Ross Volunteers will represent A&M at the Governor's Inauguration Tuesday.

The inaugural parade will begin its march down Congress Avenue at 10:30 a. m. The Band will lead the way with Governor Jester and his party following. Jester will be escorted by the Ross Volunteers who will march in double columns on each side of the Governor's party.

The inaugural is at noon on the steps of the Capitol. Lloyd W. Davidson, commissioner of the Court of Criminal Appeals, will swear in Lieutenant Governor Allan Shivers. After Shivers' address Chief Justice John E. Hickman of the State Supreme Court will swear in Governor Jester for his second term. Then Jester will make his inaugural address.

Plans are for both houses of the Legislature to be seated on the board terrace in front of the Capitol.

The Hardin-Simmons University Cowboy Band from Abilene will play before the ceremony. Thousands of spectators will stand on the spacious Capitol lawn.

Austin's Inauguration Committee and traffic officials are planning for a crowd of around 60,000 for the parade and inauguration.

Following Governor Jester in the parade will be Shivers escorted by the Texas Ranger Company, a Texas University ROTC unit, Veterans of Jester's World War I outfit—Company D, 357th Infantry, of the 90th Division—will march near the head of the parade.

Other parade units include the 90th Infantry Division Band from Corpus Christi, troops from the 2nd Armored Division at Camp Hood, the 36th Division Band from New Braunfels, Texas National Guard troops from San Antonio, Lockheed, Gonzales and Luling and high school and college bands.

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Registration Schedule For Spring Semester Released

Registration for presently enrolled students for the spring semester of 1949 will be held in Sbis Hall Monday and Tuesday, January 31 and February 1.

Students now enrolled and in good academic standing will receive their assignment cards at the east entrance to Sbis Hall Monday and Tuesday according to H. L. Heaton, registrar.

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Monday, January 31, 1949
8 to 9—G, H, I.
9 to 10—Ho, I, J, K.
10 to 11—A, Be.
1 to 2—Bi, By.
2 to 3—T, U, V.
3 to 4—W, X, Y, Z.

Tuesday, February 1, 1949
8 to 9—L, Ma.
9 to 10—Me, N, O.
10 to 11—P, Q, R.
1 to 2—S.
2 to 3—C.
3 to 4—D, E, F.

Any student who has not completed his registration and returned his assignment card to the Registrar's Office by 5 p. m. of registration day will pay an additional matriculation fee of \$2.00 for late registration.

As in the past, students will be required to follow a definite sequence in registering. After securing assignment cards, they will pay all fees at the Cashier's Desk and then report to the Chief of Housing. The next step, Heaton said, will be to secure approval of the proposed courses from the head of the departments or their representatives.

After registering in all of their courses, registrants will then report to the dean of their respective school for approval of the schedule. The deans will be located in the Sbis Annex. Veterans will then secure approval of book requisitions. The final step in registration will be turning in the assignment card at the Registrar's Desk.

Old returning students who have been authorized to return will follow this same procedure, Heaton said.

In order to avoid conflict in final examinations, students have been asked to take courses which have different letter designations appearing at the end of the section number. Heaton also suggested that students will simplify registration by planning their schedules so that all of their classes will have the same section number.

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Schools of Arts and Sciences and Agriculture will be required to have their assignment cards initialed by the heads of their major departments before presenting the cards to their deans for approval.

All students in the Schools of Agriculture and Engineering who have attained junior standing or above must have their approved degree plans when presenting their assignment cards to their deans for approval.

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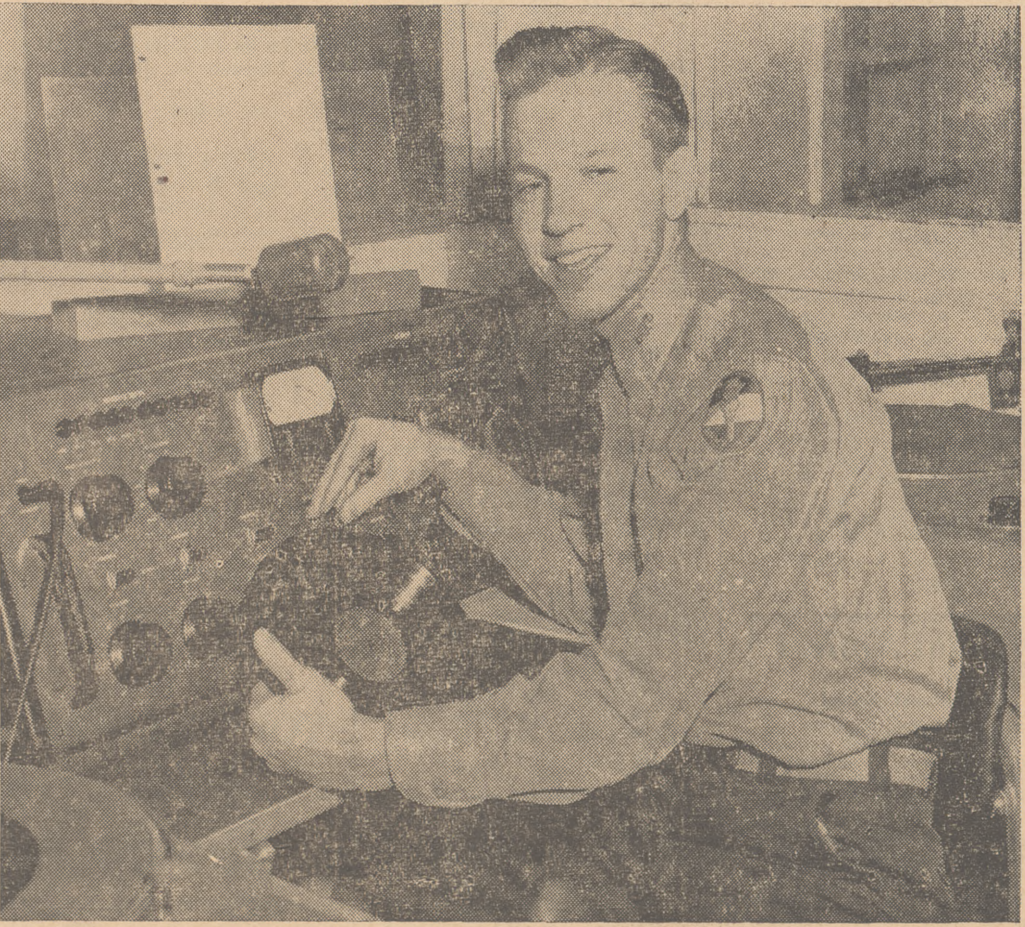
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'Requests' Keep Him Going . . .

Originator of 'On the Beam' Program Has Been Radio Announcer 4 Years

By C. C. MUNROE



BILL THOMAS, KORA "On the Beam" announcer, has spun many a disc on his all-request program.

With the exception of the War Hymn, the Spirit of AggieLand, and the Twelfth Man, probably the most familiar and most popular song along the banks of the Brazos River is Tommy Dorsey's Opus Number One. The man responsible for this unusual hit parade leader is Bill Thomas, known to local radio listeners as "Slim" Thomas, private eye.

Bill, or Slim as you will have it, is the hard working disc jockey who keeps the 1240 kilocycle slot on Aggie radios hot with his nightly edition of "On the Beam." A senior chemical engineering major from Bryan, Bill has been reading commercials, spinning records, and reading fan mail telling him to "drop dead" since he was 16, some four years ago.

Bill started in radio at the college station, WTAW. Then, when KORA went on the air he transferred down there as an announcer.

"On the Beam" fell into his hands in the summer of 1948 when Paul Denwitz, originator of the request show, left the Bryan radio station. Since that time Bill has learned that patience, and ability to take the worst with the best, and lots of black coffee are prime requisites for feeding music to students during the nighttime hours.

Five night a week, at or about 10:15, Bill sits down at the control board and begins his quiescent conversation with his listeners. Requests, which number about 25 a day, make up a major portion of the program. Ninety-five percent of these come from Aggies, but there (See ANNOUNCER on Page 4)

Dr. Hiram Coulter, A&M Graduate Of '95, Dies in Temple

By C. C. MUNROE

Dr. Hiram Thomas Coulter of Rockdale, Texas suffered a severe stroke Thursday morning, January 6, while at his office and passed away one week later, at Temple, Texas.

Burial services were held at the home in Rockdale Friday afternoon followed by interment at the Bryan City Cemetery.

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The Memorial Student Center's two confectioneries, The Cave and The Campus Corner, will stay open until midnight during the periods January 17-21, inclusive, according to J. Wayne Stark, Director of the Memorial Student Center.

The two confectioneries will also be open January 23-27 inclusive. These extra hours are for the convenience of those men who will be studying for examinations who may like a late snack.

The stores will close earlier on days of these nights if business does not warrant their remaining open, Stark said.