

# King Gill Recalls Grid Game Inspiring A Sacred Tradition

By RAY HARRIS  
D. X. Bible motioned to a young man in the press box spotting for a sports writer. When King Gill came down through the stands and took his place on the empty bench, the nucleus for the most sacred Aggie tradition was formed.

Dr. E. King Gill is today an eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist and has been practicing in Corpus Christi since 1934. Activities in divic and professional circles and a tight daily schedule keep Dr. Gill a busy man, but between patients, he managed to tell how spirit of the Twelfth Man originated.

A decisively favored Center College team met the Aggies in a gridiron contest on Jan. 2, 1922. They were sort of an outland bunch and were rough, said Gill. Dubbed the Praying Colonels, the famed Center College griders

had established themselves as formidable opponents. And they had three All-Americans on the 1922 team to prove it. Previously in the season, the Colonels had crumpled Harvard, which at that time was one of football's all-time upsets.

AS THE COLD, raw wind swept through the wooden stands, an inspired Aggie team found themselves in big trouble, Gill commended.

During the first quarter the Aggies had battled the Colonels to a standstill, but because of injuries, its 18 man squad had been reduced to only 11—the bench was empty and three long quarters remained to play.

"The game was a jinx," Gill said. "Our entire starting backfield and one substitute had to leave the game because of injuries received in the first quarter."

"Coach Bible knew I was spotting for a sports writer," Gill said, "and began motioning to the press box and pointing to the bench. Earlier in the season I had gone out for football but dropped from the squad to devote all my time to basketball. At 165 pounds, I was a little light for football."

GILL KNEW WHAT Bible wanted and ran down through the bleachers and onto the field. Gill put on Heinie Wier's uniform. Wier, the Aggie team captain, was one of the casualties and could not return to the game.

The stadium, which incidently was near the present site of the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, did not have dressing rooms. In those days we dressed before we reached the stadium and took cabs or buses to the field," said Gill. "Anyway," he said, "I put on Wier's uniform. I don't know what they put on him. I guess they gave him my clothes."

THE REST OF THE TEAM members managed to finished the game and come up with an Aggie victory. Gill didn't have to play in that game, but what happened that day has had far greater effect on A&M than that one inspiring win.

"Exactly how the tradition of the Twelfth Man came about is hard to say," Gill said. "I think it really got its start when a New York City magazine, The Pigskin Parade, published an article about what happened sometime later."

DR. GILL EARNED a starting fullback position on the Aggie football team the following season. That year, his efforts were a big part of a 14-7 A&M win over the University of Texas.

At A&M, Gill earned letters in basketball, baseball and football. He also was a member of the Cadet Corps and a member of the Ross Volunteers.

Gill was graduated in 1924 with a mechanical engineering degree. That fall he coached at Greenville High School. The following year he entered the Baylor medical school.

Upon graduation from medical school, Gill entered the Army Medical Corps. He spend some time in the Army and retired from the service with the rank of colonel.

Gill and his wife now live in a residential section of Corpus Christi.

## Engineering Graphics Profs Planning Annual Winter Meet

Engineering graphics educators from throughout the nation and Canada will be on campus Wednesday through Friday for their annual mid-winter meeting. W. E. Street, head of the Department of Engineering Graphics and conference host, said approximately 150 persons are expected for the meeting of the Division of Engineering Graphics of the American Society of Engineering Educators.

The theme of the conference will be "Engineering Graphics — An Essential Discipline of the Engineering Profession."

THE PROGRAM INCLUDES a bus trip Wednesday to the famed domed stadium and ship channel at Houston followed by a full schedule of meetings and presentations on Thursday and Friday. Conference sessions will be held at the Memorial Student Center.

The public is invited to attend the sessions at the MSC, Street said. B. L. Wellman of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute is the division chairman and will be presiding.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS will be Col. Archie Higdon, head of the Department of Mechanics at the Air Force Academy. He will speak at the noon luncheon Fri-

day. Higdon is vice president of the American Society of Engineering Educators of the West Sections.

Dean Fred J. Benson of the College of Engineering will welcome the visitors to the campus at the first general assembly Thursday morning, and Street will give the opening remarks.

## Pinky Keeps Tabs On A&M Visitors

A total of 20,738 visitors were on the campus during the months of June, July, August, September, October, November and December, 1963, P. L. Downs Jr., official greeter of the University, announced recently. They were attending short courses, conferences, class reunions and other scheduled meetings.

The university had 875,891 visitors on the campus for scheduled meetings and other activities during the 14-year period and seven months to Jan. 1, 1964, from June 1, 1949, Downs pointed out. They spent \$18,393,711, he estimated.

There were 13 different groups on the campus in December representing 1,994 visitors.

## Salary Rate Increase Slows For Some Jobs

The rate of starting salary increases for electrical and aerospace engineering graduates is slowing down, W. R. Horsley, Placement Office director has announced.

The College Placement Council's nation-wide 1963-64 survey shows that seniors majoring in electrical and aeronautical engineering are still receiving the top offers with an average of \$621 a month. But in terms of starting salary increases, they rank well below new leaders.

Offers to prospective aerospace engineers rose \$15 and those to electrical engineers went up \$14 since the close of last season.

New leaders in starting salary increases are marketing students, with a \$26 hike to \$491; chemical engineering graduates, \$20 increase to \$608; and business majors, \$20 increase to \$503. Several other curricula also recorded larger increases than aerospace and electrical engineering.

## TTI Announces Essay Competition

A&M University System students have been invited to participate in a transportation contest sponsored by the National Defense Transportation Association, John P. Doyle of the Texas Transportation Institute has announced.

Subject of the contest is "An Inquiry into a Critical Problem Facing Transportation," and the report must be no more than 3,000 words or less than 2,500.

Doyle, the McDonald professor of transportation at A&M, said all entries must be submitted to his office before noon Feb. 20. The local winner will be announced March 1, and the winning entry will be submitted in the national contest. National winners will be announced May 1.

The contest is open to all college students, although only one paper will be submitted from each college, Doyle said. Purpose of the contest is to stimulate interest in college students in transportation.

The national entries will receive prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 for the first three places.

# Presidential Order Creates Warm Discussion At Society

The recent renaming at Cape Canaveral to honor the memory of the late president caused "a warm discussion" at the annual meeting of the American Name Society, Dr. Jack A. Dabbs of the Department of Modern Languages reported.

Gist of the discussion was that it is one thing to rename by presidential order a federal installation, such as the missile base, but quite another thing to rename a geo-

graphical feature such as Cape Canaveral.

"No one questioned the right of the President to change the name of any federally-owned installation..." Dabbs said. A past president, he now is an executive councilman of the American Name Society. The society is composed of scholars and other professionals interested in names.

"The society carefully tries to stay clear of involvement in poli-

tical matters," Dabbs continued.

THE PROFESSOR said the protest by several senior members of the society concerned the "legal and moral right by which a presidential order could properly change the name of a geographical area, especially one as ancient as Cape Canaveral."

"It was pointed out," Dabbs said, "that Cape Canaveral is perhaps the oldest geographical name applied to any part of the U.S."

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The English Proficiency examination for Modern Languages Majors has been scheduled for 2:30 p. m. Tuesday, December 17, 1963 in Room 129 Academic Building. All Junior and Senior Modern Language Majors are required to take this exam and should register for it immediately in the Modern Language Office.

J. J. Woolket  
Head  
Department of Modern Languages 1787fn

### Regalia For The January 1964

All students who are candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy are required to order hoods as well as the Doctor's caps and gowns. The hoods are to be left at the Registrar's Office no later than 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14 (this will be accomplished by representatives of the College Exchange Store). The Ph.D. hoods will not be worn in the procession since all such candidates will be hooded on the stage as part of the ceremony. Candidates for the Master's Degree will wear the cap and gown; all civilian students who are candidates for the Bachelor's Degree will wear the appropriate uniform. All military personnel who are candidates for the degree of Bachelor's Degree will wear the uniform only. Rental of caps and gowns may be arranged with the Exchange Store. Orders may be placed between 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 11 and 12:00 noon, Saturday, January 11. The rental is \$2.00 for the cap and gown \$5.25, Master's cap and gown \$4.75, Bachelor's cap and gown \$4.25. Hood rental is \$1.00. A 2% sales tax is required in addition to these rentals. Payment is required at the time of placing order. C. E. Fishler, Chairman, Chairman Convocation Committee 178410

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March 14 Graduate Record Examinations April 27 Last day for Ph.D. candidates to register with the Department of Modern Languages for foreign language examinations  
May 1 Last day for filing original and two copies of these and dissertations in final form  
May 1 Foreign language examinations for advanced degrees  
May 23 Commencement

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Note 2: Candidates for doctoral degrees are reminded that the scheduling of final examinations is now published under "Official Notices" in The Battalion. Forms for this purpose must be submitted to the Graduate College no later than one week prior to the day of the examination. 1847f