

Rayburn, Howell Return From SCUSA XIX

Two A&M juniors have returned from the U. S. Military Academy's 19th Student Conference on U. S. Affairs held last week at West Point, N. Y.

They are Ralph Rayburn of Ingleside and William Howell Jr. of Brenham.

Students from more than 120 colleges and universities attended

the conference, organized by the Cadet Debate Council and Forum with the assistance of the Department of Social Sciences at the academy.

"The Sputnik Decade" was this year's topic. Major speakers included Deputy Secretary of Defense, and Joseph E. Johnson,

president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Howell, who is sergeant major of the Combined Bands, is vice-chairman of A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs committee. Rayburn, a member of Third Battalion Staff, is SCUSA's Secretary Committee vice-chairman.

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 Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree Name: Cooke, William Peyton, Jr. Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics Dissertation: Convex Programming Applied to the Estimation of the Parameters of Definite Quadratic Forms and TO Related Tests of Hypotheses. Time: Monday, December 18, 1967 at 2:15 p.m. Place: Room 102 Conference Room, DPC Addition-West Wing Space Research Center. Wayne C. Hall Dean of Graduate Studies 51514

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 Final Examination for the Doctoral Degree Name: Layman, Andrew Holmset Degree: Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering Dissertation: "A Study of the Flexural Properties of a Black Base." Time: Monday, December 18, 1967 at 1:00 p.m. Place: Room 15, TTI Building Wayne C. Hall Dean of Graduate Studies 51514

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 All students who are candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Education 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 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 16 (this will be accomplished by a representative of the University Exchange Store). The Ph.D. or D.Ed. 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 cap and gown. All military personnel who are candidates for the Bachelor's Degree will wear the appropriate uniform. All military personnel who are candidates for the degrees, graduate or undergraduate, will wear the uniform only. Rental of caps and gowns may be with the Exchange Store. Orders may be placed between 8:00 a. m., Monday, December 11, and 3:00 p. m., Friday, December 22. The rental is as follows: Doctor's cap and gown, \$5.25; Master's cap and gown, \$4.75; Bachelor's cap and gown, \$4.25. Hood rental is the same as that for the cap and gown. A 2% sales tax is required in addition to these rentals. Payment is required at the time of placing orders. 508113

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Last Word Spoken By Gen. Hershey

WASHINGTON (AP) — Draft director Lewis B. Hershey said Tuesday night he has spoken his last word on the hotly debated issue of who should enforce what in the selective service law—and that word is: "The joint statement has got to speak for itself from now on."

He referred to a statement he and Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark issued Saturday, spelling out what appeared to be clearly divided responsibilities of the Justice Department and the Selective Service System in dealing with violations of the draft law and regulations.

Absent from Hershey's response to questions in a telephone interview Tuesday night was the strong reaffirmation, that has marked previous comments, of his Oct. 26 letter to local draft boards urging them to induct anyone who interferes with the draft or military recruiting.

Fake Doctor Feels Relief, Exposed After Three Years

By PEGGY SIMPSON
 DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — Freddie Brant, the ex-convict who successfully posed as a physician and psychiatric intern at a state mental hospital and as an East Texas town's only doctor for more than three years, said Tuesday he feels "a great deal of relief" at being unmasked.

"It just all sort of skyrocketed," the crewcut, slender 44-year-old Brant said of his career as an imposter.

He posted \$10,000 bond at 2 a.m. Tuesday at the Kaufman County jail. Last Friday he was charged with perjury and forgery for his impersonation of Dr. Reid Brown, a Chattanooga, Tenn., physician for whom Brant had worked as lab and x-ray technician for four years.

"I thought many times I'd like to get out of it," Brant said of his dual role at Terrell State

Hospital and in the East Texas lumber town of Groveton.

"But it was difficult to leave when there was a thousand people who needed help. I was trying to get another physician to come in with me at Groveton so I would withdraw as I had at Terrell," Brant said at a news conference in the office of his lawyer, Emmett Colvin.

Brant said he had delivered four babies during his tenure as a physician, all of them within the last month. But he said he referred all critical or terminal cases to physicians in Lufkin, about 35 miles away, or to specialists in Galveston.

"I feel I've done more good than harm," the Louisiana native said. But he said he wouldn't do it over again, especially because of the occasional brushes with his past which spelled near-exposure.

In Groveton, meanwhile, citizens circulated petitions on behalf of their only doctor and were pledging help to support him in efforts he might want to make to become a legitimate physician.

"I'm amazed by these people, by their faith in me and their desire to help," said Brant, who had been working 10-to-12-hour days at a clinic he opened there this summer.

He said he's like to return to Groveton, after his legal troubles are cleared, and practice—not as a physician—but as a laboratory and x-ray technician, which he is licensed to do on his own merits.

He said he had told no one of his double life, not even his 23-year-old wife, Sharon, his third spouse.

"She learned the hard way. I called her from the courthouse," Brant said. He said since their marriage three years ago, he had shielded her from his relatives in Louisiana and from other contacts with his past who might slip that he was not Dr. Reid Brown.

Brant said he quit formal school in the fifth grade to help by picking berries and hoeing potatoes to feed his mother and four younger sisters and brother after his father abandoned them during the depression.

During his Air Force service he earned a high school equivalency certificate at the age of 23. Off and on, between time in prison for an armed robbery sentence in Louisiana, he has studied medicine. He said he first got the yen to be a doctor when he was a prison scrub nurse and later read all the medical books he could find.

He worked at Ochsner's Clinic in New Orleans and at the Tulane University School of Medicine, then as an x-ray technician at a Chattanooga, Tenn., hospital where he became friends with the real Dr. Reid L. Brown.

Campus Briefs

Holiday Party Set For Faculty-Staff

The Texas A&M Faculty-Staff Dinner Dance Club will sponsor a Christmas holiday party Dec. 28 for all faculty-staff personnel and guests, announced Mrs. Anne Elmquist, committee chairman.

Mrs. Elmquist said the dinner dance is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn.

She emphasized the party is in addition to the club's regularly scheduled events and is open to non-members and their guests.

Tickets, costing \$3 per person, may be purchased at the Memorial Student Center's main desk or at Ramada Inn, beginning Friday.

Fall Issues Ready For Ag Students

Fall issues of the "Texas A&M Agriculturist" are now ready to be picked up, according to Manuel Pina, new editor of the student magazine. The magazine, representing students in the College of Agriculture, has been placed in the major agriculture buildings on the campus.

"This magazine is the only one for the students in agriculture; it will hopefully give them information that they otherwise can't or won't find elsewhere," Pina said.

No charge will be made for copies given to students, as they paid for their subscriptions during registration.

Astronomy Buffs To Meet Tonight

A star party is planned at a meeting tonight of a proposed county-wide astronomical association.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will be in Room 145 of the Texas A&M physics building, announced chairman Jim Thomas of Baytown.

The star party will follow a brief business meeting.

"Several telescopes have been arranged for the viewing session," Thomas noted. "All interested persons—students, faculty-staff and area residents—are welcome. Those planning to attend who have telescopes are invited to bring them."

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