

Draft phase-out

Thoughts of war and death

In the chill greyness of predawn, a row of 19-year-old men stood in the glare of floodlights outside the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Houston. As each man nervously gave Mrs. Rideout his name, she placed a checkmark beside it on her roster. The men somberly boarded the waiting bulk of a chartered bus. They sat, some talked quietly while others seemed to ponder thoughts of war and death. A few minutes the engine roared and the bus left the brightly lit terminal on a journey to the Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station in Houston. The men were waiting for the armed forces exam-

ination or induction into the U.S. military. Rideout noted on her roster the names of those who did not report and prepared for another day as executive secretary for the Selective Service System in area 9. Area 9 was composed of Brazos, Grimes, Robertson, San Jacinto, Montgomery, and Walker counties. The last such draft call was in December 1972. Since 1972 the U.S. military has relied on volunteers to fulfill its personnel requirements. The United States has been without a draft option since 1973 when the last draft law expired. After April 1975, by presidential proclamation, 18-year-old men no longer had to register with the Selective Service System. For the last three years, the Selective Service System has been gearing itself down. Area offices have sent all files and draft registration cards to national record centers. The last area offices in the United States were closed Feb. 27. Five regional offices will be established in October throughout the United States. They will serve as a nucleus for restarting the draft, if a new draft law is passed. "When you are depending on a volunteer army, you don't know whether enlistments will meet re-

quirements. . . The draft can always furnish men," Rideout said. Rideout said she thought it would require an attack on the United States before the Selective Service System was reactivated. "It was the attitude of the American public that ended the draft. . . The American people are afraid of another Vietnam," she said. Rideout received the Selective Service System's bronze medal on Feb. 26 for superior performance during her twenty years in the area 9 office. The area 9 office closed Jan. 31. Rideout then began working in Congressman Olin E. Teague's office.

Rescue tries fail; 15 miners dead

Associated Press
OVEN FORK, Ky. — A twelve-hour effort to rescue 15 miners trapped four miles deep in a Southeast Kentucky mine ended in despair today. Rescuers found the bodies of all 15. Nine of the men had apparently been killed instantly in a methane explosion Tuesday, rescuers said. The other six had tried to build airtight barricade to keep out deadly gas but apparently suffocated when the barricade leaked. The explosion occurred at the Scotia Coal Co.'s No. 1 Black Mountain mine at 1:15 Tuesday afternoon. Company officials said 108 men were working underground at the time and all the others escaped safely. Rescue efforts began immediately and continued through the day. At least eight rescue teams worked in shifts, clearing the 6-foot-high passage section by section. They pushed ventilating equipment behind large screens, clearing boulders from the smoky, gas-filled passageway. Thirteen bodies were found be-

Director's 2nd march published

Maj. Joe T. Haney has had a second march, "Braso Brillante," published by the Southern Music Co. The Texas Aggie Band director wrote it for the brass sections of the Texas A&M organization. It joins "Noble Men of Kyle" in national distribution by the San Antonio-based publishing firm. "Braso Brillante" followed "Noble Men" off Southern Music presses by a year. Haney, in his third year as Aggie Bandmaster, has also been recognized by his peers. He was elected to the board of directors of Phi Beta Mu, Texas chapter of the national band directors fraternity. Maj. Haney was elected to the two-year board term at a recent Texas Music Educators Association meeting.

Dorms open during break

All residence halls will remain open during the Spring Break, March 13-21, 1976. Board meals will not be served during this period. Duncan and Commons dining halls will close after the noon meal on Friday, March 12. Sbsa dining hall will close after the evening meal on Friday, March 12. The MSC cafeteria and Tower restaurant will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17. The golf shop snack bar will be open from 10:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily. The Health Center will be closed from 5:00 p.m. March 17 until 6:00 p.m. March 21.

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