



Gen. Donn A. Starry

General will give commission oath

Gen. Donn A. Starry, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command commander, will be the commissioning official at Texas A&M University's mid-term ceremony in which new officers take the oath for service in the armed forces.

About 75 new armed forces officers will be commissioned at the 1:30 p.m. program Saturday. It follows graduation commencement in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Campus Names

The occasion will also include presentation by President Miller of the W.T. Doherty Award.

A 25-year military veteran with World War II service in Germany, Starry has been the Training and Doctrine Command commanding general at Fort Monroe, Va., since completing a tour as commanding general of the 5th Army Corps in Europe last July.

The four-star general commanded the Armor Center and Army Training Center at Fort Knox, Ky., during 1973-76. He also was commandant of the U.S.

Army Armor School there.

Along with a variety of jobs in the Pentagon in the last 10 years, Starry headed the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam in 1969-70.

Former student receives award

Air Force Lt. Col. Emmett W. Muenker of Lovelady has been decorated with the Legion of Merit, one of the nation's highest military awards.

The 1959 Texas A&M graduate was honored at Andrews AFB, Md. Muenker serves there as an

assistant operations officer with a Military Airlift Command unit.

A mechanical engineering major at A&M, he was awarded the medal for work as a staff engineer planner. The cited service was in the Directorate of Engineering and Services, Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Resources, at U.S. Air Force headquarters.

Commissioned through the AFOTC program here, Muenker was a member of Squadron 4 in the Corps of Cadets and operations officer on the First Wing staff as a senior.

Office schedules help for housing

About 50 students responded Thursday to a help session on off-campus housing, and Texas A&M officials have scheduled another for Jan. 11 to coincide with transfer and new student orientation.

The sessions are designed to answer questions and give suggestions on leasing, subletting or better pairing of roommates in off-campus housing for the spring semester. The target has been to handle as many of the spring semester problems as possible before the start of the Christmas-New Year's break.

The student off-campus referral center of the Student Affairs Office

is conducting the sessions. More information is available from the center in Room 106, YMCA Building.

They are trying to help campus students with as many options as possible. The easiest, most overlooked, is rooming and swapping.

"Swapping is good because it less work for the students, and roomers are usually happy since it doesn't involve someone being behind to pay all the rent," said Debe McCandless, student director of the center.

Roommate swap cards can be filled out at the center.

'Joe Car' hits skids

United Press International
OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Last spring a smiling young car salesman calling himself Joe Car put everything he had into printing a

manual to inform consumers how to evade unscrupulous practices by salesmen — methods he claimed could save people up to \$1,000 on each transaction.

Eight months later, Joe Car has no job, no confidence he can get another one and no money. Joe Car, actually Denny Armstrong of Overland Park, says he still has less than his 60-page manual — entitled "Joe Car's Legal Holdup Man, I'm a Salesman" — but he's asking for rather than \$10. He admits he has his idealistic battle.

"It cost me thousands of dollars my confidence and my job," Armstrong, 28, said in a recent interview. "I went from rags to rags. I need a job, any job. I'm about to give up."

Armstrong sighed with resignation and agreed to release his name, saying "there's nothing that can happen to me now." When he first advertised his manual, United Press International wrote an article about "Joe Car" that caused a furore among car salesmen and dealers. The accusations printed in the nationally publicized story — Joe Car said dealers regularly made \$1,000 profit on cars — sparked protests from many car dealers.

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Joe Car was deluged with offers from individuals and media representatives from New Jersey, Canada and Texas, seeking more information about his manual. But attempts to have his manual published about 40 publishing houses failed with failure. He had 100 issues printed at his own expense and sold a few by private request.

Two days after the story was released May 11, Armstrong was fired from his job at Van Chevrolet Mission, Kan., allegedly for appearing only sporadically for work. When a chuckle he went home with a check in his pocket, amused at the jobless future. He was sure his boss would make money.

He was wrong, and it worried him. He said if he had it to do over again, he either would have hired a manager to handle his business affairs or not have written the book.

Armstrong said he drew unemployment benefits for a short while to support his wife and two children, but said it rankled after being a car salesman for almost six years and making hundreds, sometimes thousands, of dollars each week. He's had to sell his new car, and the uncertainty of his life has robbed him of confidence.

He said he has contacted several dealerships, but has been rejected because they contacted his previous employer, who also rejected his application to be rehired.

Armstrong claims it was his book — a book he can't even get published — that caused him to be "blackballed."

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