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## Senator caught in Abscam case resigns office

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Harrison A. Williams Jr., having failed in his fight to remain in the Senate, now may likely concentrate his efforts on staying out of jail.

Williams resigned Thursday rather than face certain expulsion for his 1981 Abscam bribery conviction. He is appealing that guilty verdict, the accompanying three-year sentence and \$50,000 fine.

"I leave in good spirit and with a strong heart," Williams, 62, a 23-year veteran of the Senate, told his 99 colleagues and a packed gallery in an emotional speech delivered at 2 p.m. As he finished and sent his letter of resignation to the clerk, many legislators — some of whom had avoided even eye contact with him during the six-day Senate trial — stepped forward and firmly shook his hand.

Afterward, Democratic Leader Robert Byrd described the entire episode as a tragedy that has no heroes.

Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., chairman of the Senate Ethics Committee that unanimously recommended expulsion, said nothing anyone can say now "will increase the Senate's outrage or decrease its sense of anguish."

Williams became the fifth senator to resign under an ethical cloud. By stepping down, he avoided becoming the first since the Civil War to be expelled.

The Senate had the votes for expulsion and a call for a tally was to be made later in the day if Williams didn't step down.

At a news conference later, Williams insisted, "I am not a broken man," and said he made his decision to resign at about 11:30 a.m. Thursday — only after being promised the Senate will look into the government's undercover Abscam bribery investigation.

"When I heard that, my conscience relieved me," he said. "I do not feel I broke any code of ethics. I feel as if a burden has been lifted. The burden I carried has been taken over by others."

Williams was convicted of promising to use his political influence on behalf of a mining venture in which he held an 18 percent interest, in exchange for \$100 million financing by an FBI agent posing as a wealthy Arab sheik.



Working behind the scenes

staff photo by Sumanesh Agrawal

Joyce Hayes, left, and Miki Bone help paint some of the props that will be used in the upcoming play "Dames at Sea." They are both Theatre Arts majors. Hayes is a sophomore from Blanco; Bone is a senior from Dallas.

## RHA picks two hall winners of security contest

by Pam Baldwin  
Battalion Reporter

Law and Haas halls have been chosen the winners of the RHA Lock-Up and Look-Out contest, in the security awareness program held in February.

That announcement was made during Thursday night's RHA meeting.

Tracy Moy, RHA facilities and operations director, said those two halls won because of the work residents put forth to carry out their ideas for promoting security awareness.

Male students living in Law Hall sponsored an escort service for females walking alone across campus at night.

Residents of Law and Haas halls will receive a free mixer paid for by RHA, President Tim Ryan said. The mixer will include dinner and will be held on March 26.

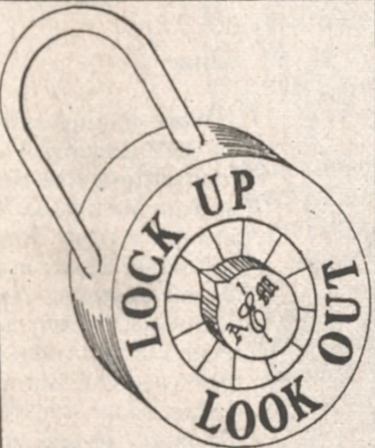
Other dorms commended for their active participation in the program include Krueger and Dunn halls, the pair receiving the Most Outstanding Project Award for the Mr. Safety Contest.

In another report, Glinn White asked for support for the Corps of Cadets' annual March to the Brazos walk-a-thon for the March of Dimes.

White said the Corps' goal is to raise \$25,000. He suggested that dorms make contributions by sponsoring particular outfits in the Corps.

Karin Tinch, RHA projects director, reported that preparations for Parents' Day and Casino Night are coming along. Casino girls and

dealers will have a meeting March 22 at 7 p.m. in 200 Heldenfels. Casino night will be held April 16, the Friday of Parents' Weekend in the Memorial Student Center.



## Two residents injured in crash at local airfield; cause mystery

by Daniel Puckett  
Battalion Staff

Two men were injured Thursday when their plane stalled in mid-air and crashed just south of Coulter Field, northeast of Bryan on Highway 21.

The men, Leonard Allen King, 51, and William Coker Marble Jr., 35, both of Bryan, were admitted to St. Joseph Hospital. This morning, King

was listed in fair condition with broken bones and an eye injury; Marble was in satisfactory condition with some bruises. A hospital spokesman said Marble was being held for observation but could release no other details.

The two men were flying a single-engine Cessna and had just taken off around 4 p.m. when the plane's engine apparently lost power. They

crashed in an empty field just south of the airport's runway.

The plane belongs to Bryan Aero Inc., a flight service. King is a flight instructor who was teaching Marble how to fly.

Brazos County Sheriff's Detective Buford Thornton said when the accident occurred, the two were practicing a maneuver called "touch and go," in which the plane comes down to the

runway, touches its wheels to the ground and takes off again.

However, Brazos County Sheriff Bobby H. Yeager said, the actual cause of the crash will not be determined until a federal investigation of the accident.

"We just try to protect the scene in incidents like this," Yeager said. "We can't investigate the causes; that'll have to be one of the federal agencies."

## Mondale says Reagan's policies turned a good year into bad

**United Press International**  
AUSTIN — Former Vice President Walter Mondale is blaming President Reagan's economic policies for an unnecessary recession.

"I think the president has been watching too many westerns," Mondale said. "It's high noon with the American economy but there are no Lone Rangers in American politics."

In an address Thursday to 900 delegates of a Texas AFL-CIO con-

vention, the former vice president said most economic indicators promised America a prosperous year, but that productivity was overshadowed by Reagan's economic decisions.

Mondale said Reagan could not simultaneously cut taxes, increase defense spending and balance the federal budget and that was the reason for the problems with his economic policies.

"The irony is that this is a recession

that didn't have to happen," Mondale said. "I think they have committed the most serious economic mistake in modern history."

"This is a time for good news. But the economic policies have blown away what should have been a good year."

"I think they (corporations) ought to join the rest of us and pay taxes and help bring the deficit down," Mondale said. "We've got to have an all-

out assault on special interest government."

Mondale accused the Republican Party of being responsible for high spending deficits. He said the deficit in the spending bill submitted by Reagan was higher than the previous high deficit in 1974 under former President Gerald Ford.

"They (Republicans) are the ones that have the big deficits," he said.

## Vandiver to deliver humanities lecture

By Daniel Puckett  
Battalion Staff

University President Frank E. Vandiver will deliver the first Texas Lecture on the Humanities at the University of Texas on March 19.

Vandiver's topic will be "Biography as Agent of Humanism," that is, the purposes and influence of biography in society.

The lecture, will begin at 8 p.m. in the Opera Lab Theatre of the Performing Arts Center. A reception for Vandiver will follow his speech. Admission to both events is free and open to the public.

The Texas Committee for the Humanities, sponsor of the lecture, picked Vandiver because of his work as a military historian and biographer, said Dr. James Veninga, com-

mittee executive director.

Vandiver has written several books, including a history of the Confederacy and a two-volume biography of World War I General John J. Pershing. He is now working on a biography of Field Marshal Douglas Haig, a British military leader during World War I.

The humanities lecture will be an annual event, Veninga said. The committee hopes the lectures will help increase public awareness of the humanities — history, literature, philosophy, comparative religion, languages, political theory and cultural anthropology.

The Texas Committee for the Humanities is a 23-member state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

## Outstanding teachers to be honored with cash, watch

by Lisa Thompson  
Battalion Reporter

Outstanding teachers at Texas A&M University now will be rewarded annually for their efforts. Starting this year, selected teachers from each college will receive a Teaching Excellence Award, consisting of a wrist watch and \$4,000.

These college-level awards are separate from the University achievement awards, which are given in May.

"I think the importance of the awards is that it recognizes people who are excellent in teaching and student relations," said Sharron Cox, a member of the Liberal Arts Student Council.

The 27 college-level awards, funded by the Association of Former

Students, total \$108,000. Each college is allowed a certain number of awards depending on the amount of working hours taught in the college, Cox said.

Kathy Bartholomew, student vice president for academic affairs, said winners will be chosen by a selection committee from nominations in each college. Each committee comprises five students who are members of departmental clubs, three teachers and one member of the Association of Former Students.

Each college will have a similar method for choosing nominations to send to its selection committee.

Karen Ponish, president of the Liberal Arts Student Council, said nominees in that college will be

selected by members of departmental clubs, faculty members and members of the student council. Each member will assemble a packet on each nominee consisting of letters from current students, former students and faculty members, she said.

Any student may nominate a teacher from his or her department by contacting the president of a departmental club, Ponish said. To qualify, teachers must have at least three years' teaching experience at Texas A&M. A winner cannot be nominated again for five years, she said.

The selection process will be completed by April and winners will be announced early in the fall semester.

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## forecast

Today's forecast: Foggy and overcast with a high in the low 80s; low tonight in the low 60s. Saturday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies again with a high in the near 80.