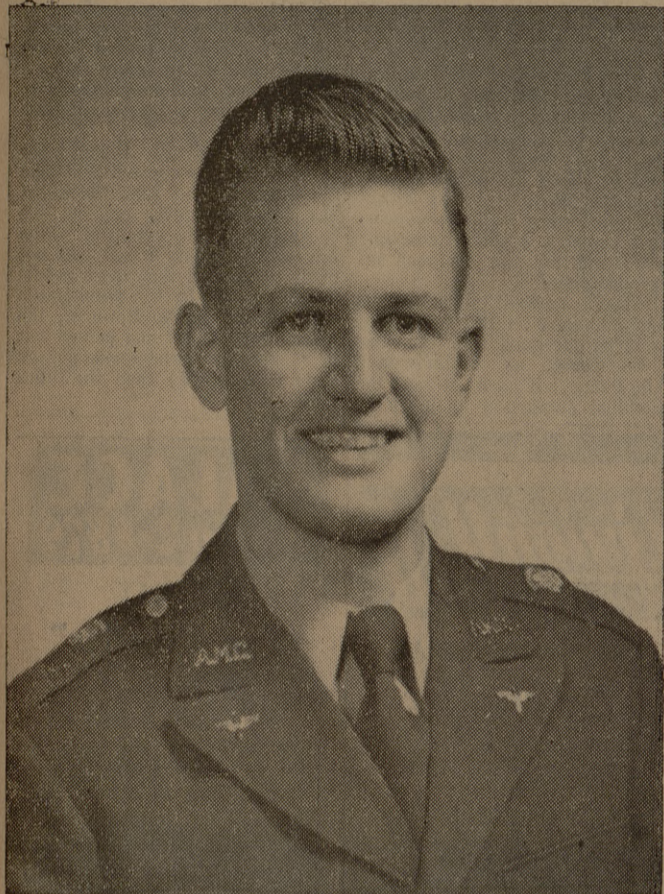


Carlson First Air Force Colonel of the Corps



Eric W. Carlson

For the first time in the history of the A&M Cadet Corps, an Air Force branch student has been chosen to direct and lead the military portion of the student body. Eric W. Carlson, former serviceman and distinguished student, needs no introduction to upperclassmen of the Corps, but for the benefit of the new students at the College, it might be well to give a little of the background of A&M's new four-diamond colonel.

The 22-year-old economics major was born in Elgin, Texas, a community close to Austin. From the time he was a young boy he has wanted to come to A&M. Carlson's parents came to the United States when they were in their early 20's and their son spoke very little except Swedish until the time he started grammar school.

After graduation from high school, Carlson served in the army for two years and rose to the rank of T-4. He received basic training at Aberdeen, Md. and was sent to Japan within six weeks after enlisting. While overseas, he saw service in the military police and with the ordnance.

After enrolling as a freshman in the Fall of 1948, Carlson made up his mind to make the military a career. It was the military customs of A&M which made him decide on such a career, the tall, Corps Commander said.

As a freshman, he served as a major on the air force squadron staff at Little Aggeland, the Bryan Field Annex. He was also (See CARLSON, Page 4)

Against Andy

Pinky Swims To Settle Coffee Rib

The biggest problem confronting the 10 and 3 o'clock coffee club since the price of coffee went up has been solved. Pinky Downs can swim.

Members of the morning and afternoon coffee club had a long standing argument on about whether or not Pinky could swim. They said the man the P. L. Downs, Jr. Natatorium was named after could not swim a lick. The man who made "Gig 'em." famous finally proved he could Friday.

The problem was solved when Col. Frank Anderson, track coach, challenged Downs to a swimming meet. The challenge was accepted and the training began.

Betting on the event reached its highest pitch when the name of the swimming pool was put up as a stake by Downs. Col. Andy said he would turn over his job to Downs if he lost. At the end the bets were cancelled.

Both men agreed that Art Adamson, swimming coach, should be the match maker and handle the pool arrangements. President M. T. Harrington and Dean C. C. French were named judges of the event.

At swim time Col. Andy showed up at the pool attired in a cut-away coat, top hat, glasses and false nose, and swim flippers. The flippers were ruled out by Adamson.

Timing the event turned out to be a problem. A stop watch and an alarm clock were not deemed adequate and both contestants agreed on a calendar.

Colonel Andy jumped the gun twice, each time losing his spectacles and diving to retrieve them. After he was proclaimed winner, he did a flip-flop backward dive from the diving board, just to show he had something left. Then he walked around the pool to the starting end, where he dived to retrieve his glasses again.

The crowd cheered wildly as Downs reached the finish, half a length behind Anderson. Downs had proved that P. L. Downs, Jr., natatorium was not named for a non-swimmer.

College Nite Program Set for 7:30 in Grove



Maj. Gen. Clark L. Ruffner, commander of the U. S. Second Infantry Division, greets his new assistant commander, Brig. Gen. Haydon L. Boatner. General Boatner joined the second division late in August. He came to Korea from duty as commandant at A&M where he served from 1948 through 1950.

Harrington, George And Pinky to Speak

By BILL STREICH
Battalion News Staff

At 7:30 the fuse will be lit on what promises to be one of the greatest years A&M has ever seen.

The student body will assemble at The Grove to take part in the memorable and spirited program, always typical of All-College Night.

The Aggie band, pulse of the fighting spirit, will touch off the program, which includes talks by President M. T. Harrington, Head Football Coach Ray George, and P. L. "Pinky" Downs. Coach George will also introduce members of the football varsity squad.

Low Jobe, head yell leader, will introduce Dr. Harrington, who will welcome both old and new students to the college. Between each talk, there will be songs played by the band and yells led by the five yell leaders; Jobe and John Tapley, seniors; Tom Collins and George Rush, junior yell leaders; and Curtis Wilson, non-corps yell leader.

Next on the program will be Coach George, who will introduce members of the football squad, by position, and make a few comments concerning the forthcoming gridiron season.

After George's talk, "Pinky" will make a few of his well chosen comments concerning Aggie fortunes for the coming year.

While All-College Night is the first official program of the young school year, other activities have been taking place on the A&M campus in preparation for the Fall semester which opened this morning at 8.

Freshmen beginning on the campus two weeks ago to take part in the annual Freshman Week program which began Sept. 14. Upperclassmen assigned to the Freshman Regiment were also on the campus at the same time taking part in orientation activities and aiding the new students in becoming accustomed to Aggie life.

Orientations, Assignments

Thursday and Friday of last week, seniors and juniors, assigned to other Corps organizations, took part in orientation programs and activities designed to get the school year started with the least difficulty.

Then on Saturday, registration was held for all students who did not register Aug. 26. The campus was buzzing with activity all weekend as students secured keys, moved possessions into rooms and began the process of readying things for another school year.

As usual, there were lines almost everywhere one might look. The Exchange Store, which had been rushed the previous week with freshmen was crowded even more with the return of the upperclassmen. The Housing Office was also a center of activity over the weekend as new and old students secured keys, and made changes in rooms.

Meeting Rooms At MSC Ready

Student organizations desiring to hold meetings in the MSC may begin filing applications tomorrow at 8 a. m. Mrs. Ann Hilliard, social director of the MSC, said Sunday. These applications may be obtained in the social and educational offices of the MSC and must be returned by 5 p. m. Sept. 26.

The MSC will not be able to accommodate all student groups desiring meeting rooms, Mrs. Hilliard said, but every effort will be made to take care of the larger, more important organizations, and those which make applications first.

Home town clubs are scheduled to meet on the first and third Thursday nights of each month, while technical groups will hold their meetings on the first and third Tuesday nights. Each Wednesday night will be given to religious groups. The Student Senate will hold its meetings on the first Thursday and the MSC Council on the second Monday. Every third Monday the Student Life Committee will meet.

Freshman Class officers are Clifton Bates, president; George Letton, vice-president; Ann Beaty, secretary; Travis Engelbrecht, treasurer; and Jerry Oden, reporter.

FSA Gives \$27,000 For Start of Chapel

By JOEL AUSTIN
Battalion News Staff

A student chapel for inter-denominational use on the campus received unanimous approval by the Association of Former Students Executive Council which met on the campus this weekend. The council pegged \$27,000 of the \$60,000 1952 Development Fund toward a Chapel Building fund.

The policy-making group of the Association first considered a report from the special committee which would have allocated the \$27,000 for a complete renovation of the YMCA Chapel Room. The committee's recommendation was voted down at the suggestion of Councilman Tyree Bell, member of the A&M System Board of Directors, the amount was set aside as the first contribution to the Chapel Building fund.

The Executive Board of the council highly favored the idea of an inter-denominational student Chapel and made it their top recommendation to the council.

Placed in Center of Campus
The chapel would be placed in the center of the campus which would make it easily available to students at all times.

"The building would give Aggies a place of quiet and solitude and a convenient sanctuary for communion with God," the Council was told in the recommendation.

Other objectives approved for

the 1952 Development Fund were as follows:

• \$10,000 was set aside for Opportunity Award Scholarships to complete the 1950 program.

• \$1,000 was placed at the disposal of the President of the College for use as a special emergency fund. Monies from this fund would finance minor expenses which cannot be paid out of state funds.

• \$22,000 was allocated for publication of The Texas Aggie, official publication of the Association of Former Students, and also operating expenses of the FSA office.

Three Day Meetings

The three day meetings which saw the Executive Board in session Friday night and Saturday morning and the Executive Committee convening Saturday night and Sunday morning, were attended by some 73 delegates from all over the United States and one foreign country.

The Saturday evening meeting was called to order by Association President George Morgan of Beaumont who gave a short welcome to the council men and visitors attending.

Association Vice-President A. F. Mitchell of Corsicana reported on plans for better-informing high school principals of the importance and value of Opportunity Award Scholarship applications.

Dick Hervey, executive secretary of the Association, reported on activities and accomplishments of the organization since the last council meeting in May.

President Morgan introduced the area vice-presidents and J. R. Shelton of Abilene gave a condensed report concerning work of all the vice-presidents.

Financial Status Reviewed

The financial status of the Association was reviewed by L. B. Locke of College Station, followed by a progress report of the 1951 Development Fund by Dick Hervey.

Selection of 1952 Development Fund objectives followed Hervey's report.

Reporting for the Historical and Archives committee, D. B. Cofer, college archivist, told of the need for a permanent building to preserve and display items collected by his office.

President Morgan announced that a book written by George Sessions Perry and published by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company entitled "The A&M Story" would be released by that firm early in November.

Dick Conway of the Football Film Committee told the Council

Chemurgic Lab Moved

The chemurgic research laboratory of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station is now located in the old Science building. Staff members are Dr. W. W. Meinke, manager and Miss Florence Farr, research assistant.

that \$2,270 had already been submitted as advance rental on the two films to be used in the Football Film Circulating Library. He said the tremendous response to the new plan may require the purchase of three films instead of two copies of each A&M game this season.

Showing of the Humble Oil and Refining Company's film "Football Highlights of 1950" was the final item on the meeting's agenda.

Gilchrist Calls on Voters

Gibb Gilchrist called on voters of Texas to support a constitutional amendment which would broaden the base of our permanent University fund (for A&M and Texas University) Sunday morning.

Speaking at a breakfast session of the Association of Former Students Executive Council Gilchrist (See AMENDMENT, Page 2)

Three Dictionaries Approved by Mayo

Dr. T. F. Mayo, head of the English department, has requested that freshmen registering for English 103 or 104 purchase only acceptable dictionaries for work in these courses.

Dictionaries which are approved by the Department of English are: Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, G&C Merriman company; the American College Dictionary, Harper and Brothers Publishers; and Winston Dictionary, Advanced or Encyclopedia Edition, John C. Winston company.

No other dictionaries will be accepted, Dr. Mayo warned.

Eats Eggs

Bird Loose--Likes Bread, Boiled Eggs, Grasshoppers

Ever hear of a bird who likes boiled eggs, bread and grasshoppers?

Well, believe it or not, one exists but its whereabouts is unknown.

Dr. Leonard Wing of the wildlife department says the bird was lost about 7 a. m. Friday morning somewhere in College Hills. It is a royal pheasant but its correct title is Faisano Real, the Spanish name.

This unusual bird prefers to walk although it can fly if it desires.

Dr. Wing asks that anyone finding the pheasant contact him at the wildlife department or at his home. The latter may be reached by calling 6-2921.

Recommended By Faculty

One boy and one girl from each class comprise the student council.

Council members are selected from a list prepared by the faculty. Students must have an 80 average in their studies to serve on the council.

Celeste Curran and Gayle Klipple were chosen by the Senior Class to serve on the student council. Martha Ergle and James Johnston were selected by the Junior Class. Sophomore and Freshman Class representatives are David Bonnen, Penny Laverty, Carole Williams, and Roy Courim.

Mrs. A. R. Orr, math teacher; L. S. Richardson, school superintendent; and J. C. Chaney, industrial education instructor, are the class sponsors for the Senior Class. Class sponsors for the other classes are as follows:

Mrs. J. T. Duncan, and O. V. Chafin, Junior Class; Robert Boone, Tom Ryan, and Carl Landiss, Sophomore Class; and Mrs. S. S. Sorensen, Mrs. Owen Lee, and Mrs. Mildred Byrd, Freshman Class.

Room Mothers

In addition to the class sponsors, each class has room mothers. Room mothers for the Senior Class are as follows: Mrs. R. E. Leighton, and Mrs. J. B. Blakely.

Room mothers for the other classes are Mrs. Paul M. Andrews, Mrs. H. W. Barlow, and Mrs. Joe Motheral, Junior Class; Mrs. S. S. Fleck, Mrs. Byrd Price, and Mrs. Carl Landiss, Sophomore Class; Mrs. F. M. Smith, and Mrs. J. S. Beaty, Freshman Class.

Class officers were elected at Consolidated High School last week. Bob Barlow was elected president of the Senior Class. Other Senior Class officers are Wanda Goodwin, vice-president; Glenda Brown, treasurer; Dorothy Holick, secretary; and Martha Jane Arnold, reporter.

The Junior Class elected as its president Tom Barlow. Joe Motheral Jr. is vice-president. Other officers are as follows: Barbara Van Tassel, secretary; James Johnston, treasurer; Margaret Arnold, Sgt. at arms; Barbara Robertson, historian; and Antone Nemece, concession manager.

Jimmy Bond was elected president of the Sophomore Class. Vice-president is Pinkney Cooner, secretary. Eleanor Price, treasurer, Ann Williams, and reporter, Bobby Jackson.

Freshman Class officers are Clifton Bates, president; George Letton, vice-president; Ann Beaty, secretary; Travis Engelbrecht, treasurer; and Jerry Oden, reporter.

Back To The Old Grind

