

Present Leadership Assures FSA Progress

PROGRESS is inevitable for the Former Student during the coming year with such a capable man as J. Harold Dunn '25 of Am-arillo in its presidency.

'May 30 Orders' A Mistake?

'WATCH monkey; do like monkey.' This military treatise has been followed continuously here in the operation of the Corps of Cadets and has many times proved to be its undoing.

The reason, of course, is simple: The cadet officers are willing to "dish it out, but don't like to take it," consequently, the subordinates do not wish to follow certain directives.

A recent example is the wearing of uniforms until May 30, for purposes of "corps control."

Although the plan is sound in theory and approved by both cadet officers and the Commandant's Office, it has not been followed by the cadet officers.

They have continued to remain non-reg; that is, out of uniform, and with little attention from the military authorities.

Although the officers may not be responsible for checking the MSC Fountain Room, many seniors could have been found out of uniform there at any time of the evening. The counsellors, however, rarely strayed from the MSC main lounge.

We have no complaints against civilian clothes, in fact, we like them. However, we feel that orders should be issued with the idea of enforcement. These orders it seems should have never been issued.

Dunn is fortunate to have been proceeded by A. F. (Smiley) Mitchell '09 of Corsicana, who with his deep religious convictions, love for the school and unselfish work and ability has continued to develop the association into a better working organization.

The association has been fortunate indeed to have been blessed with the leadership it has received during the last few years.

This weekend as the association's Council held its annual spring meeting, fuses to destructible time bombs were exposed throughout the meeting times. A letter with such an effect from a member of the Athletic Council was circulated secretly and never made public at the meeting.

However, both Mitchell and Dunn have shown they know how to deal with such a problem.

Mitchell explained it when he told the Council that the Board of Directors are responsible for the management of the college and not the former students.

Dunn expressed his feelings strongly when he said that he would work for the objectives of the A and M System in coordination with the objectives of the association.

He also shunned any affiliations with any secret organizations, or such, which may exist in the association, as they exist here at the college. He said he would represent all of the association and not any one clique or faction "if in fact they exist."

The former students can prove to be a continued profitable affiliate of the college.

With the guidance which they will have in the coming years, we feel they will play a major role in building a greater A and M. We wish them luck.

Students Must Leave Dorms By Saturday

All summer school students who are now in school must move to their new rooms by 3 p. m. Saturday, said Harry L. Boyer, chief of housing.

All dormitories except those to be used this summer will be locked at 3 p. m. Saturday.

Students who will change rooms, but who want to leave the campus before Saturday, may make arrangements with the present occupant of the room about storing possessions.

Military students who move early must clear with their dormitory counselor before checking out of their old rooms. Boyer said.

A room key and a yellow receipt for the key deposit are necessary to turn in room keys. The key and receipt may be turned in at the Housing Office, room 101, Goodwin Hall.

All students are urged to discard paper and trash as soon as possible so there will not be such large amounts to clean up the last few days of the semester, Boyer said.

CS, Bryan Start Civic Music Week

Civic Music Week started yesterday in College Station and Bryan to raise money for at least three concerts in this area by famous musical artists.

Sponsored by the Bryan Civic Music Association, the project's success depends upon selling enough memberships to form a local civic concert plan in this area.

This plan consists of a large number of non-profit co-operative associations combined to bring famous musicians to communities that would otherwise be unable to afford such concerts, according to Sarah Watts, publicity chairman of the campaign.

Mrs. Kirby Whaton, national representative of the Civic Concert Service, explained details of this plan yesterday to members of the Bryan Civic Music Association at Parker Dining Hall.

A campaign will be carried on throughout the rest of this week to sell memberships and promote the plan in this area.

Adult memberships cost \$6 and student memberships cost \$3. Deadline for memberships is 5:30 p. m. Saturday, May 30. Promotion will be carried on over local radio stations and by speeches at high schools and at civic club meetings.

Concerts will be booked and announced Saturday night. Headquarters for the campaign are in LaSalle Hotel Lobby.

Development Fund Short Of Last Year's Total

A&M's 1953 Development Fund is more than \$3,000 behind last year's progress at the same time, said E. E. McQuillen '20, of College Station, director of the fund.

The amount contributed so far this year is \$3,037.21 less than last year at this time, and the number of contributors is 514 behind the 1952 number, McQuillen said.

The average unrestricted gift, however, is 10 cents below that of last year—\$8.77 as compared to \$8.87, he said at the annual Spring Council meeting of the FSA here Saturday.

The 1953 Fund objectives include the Inter-Faith Chapel, the

FSA Uses Over \$250,000 For Student Loans Fund

More than a quarter of a million dollars is now being used by the Former Students Association to give aid to students through loans, said Sterling C. Evans '21, Student Loan Fund trustee and president of the Federal Land Bank at Houston.

Explaining to the FSA Council here Saturday, Evans said that as-

sets now totaled \$272,381.03. The majority of this money, \$154,194.76 is invested in municipal bonds at cost, he said.

From the \$272,381.03 total of assets, \$23,508.66 is earned and used in giving aid to students. Loans to recently graduated students also are being considered, he said.

Evans praised the loan fund as a most worthy project.

He lauded A. F. (Smiley) Mitchell '09 of Corsicana, outgoing president of the FSA, as one of the persons most responsible in establishing and building up the loan fund.

The FSA's balance sheet through April 30, shows a total of \$135,998.80. The complete balance sheet is:

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, listing items like Cash on Hand, U.S. Savings Bonds, and various funds with their respective amounts.

ARTS AND DARTS

Suspenseful 'I Confess' Has Good Photography

By JERRY BENNETT Battalion Co-Editor

'I Confess' starring Montgomery Clift, Anne Baxter, Karl Malden and Brian Aherne—Warner Bros.—Campus Theatre.

'I Confess' is another Hitchcock testimony proving that good movies can still be produced without Marilyn Monroe or a hoard of Roman gladiators slaughtering sexy Christian slaves.

Although director Alfred Hitchcock has filmed this story without his usual shock effects, he still retains the combination of an unusual setting, situation and cast of characters which have long been a trademark of his productions.

Canadian Priest

The movie concerns a Canadian priest (Montgomery Clift) who hears the confession of a murderer. Since he learned of the murderer's crime in confessional, he is bound under the priesthood oath not to reveal the murderer's name to the police. This brings slight complications when the priest himself is accused of the crime.

Once again demonstrating his quiet and unassuming acting technique, Clift gives the priest's

Movies Set Tonight For Little Leaguers

Two movies of instructional material to Little League baseball players will be shown at 7:30 tonight in A&M Consolidated High School's cafeteria, said J. R. Oden, co-sponsor of the league.

The films, which will last approximately an hour, cover the methods of playing infield positions. Admission is free.

All players from high school leagues on down are invited, and Little League major and minor players and their fathers are especially urged to attend, Oden said.

role a sincerely natural characterization. Anne Baxter, as Clift's former lover, turns in her usual fine performance.

Karl ("Streetcar Named Desire") Malden, as a smiling bulldog detective, and Brian Aherne, as the playboy Crown Prosecutor, also clothe their roles with believable acting.

Suspenseful Atmosphere

Under Hitchcock's direction, the film's photography does a great deal in carrying the film's suspenseful atmosphere. Angle shots of majestic Canadian churches and cathedrals are both beautiful and weird examples of excellent movie photography.

The camera technique of photographing a series of street signs which finally point to the murder room is only one of the films several suspenseful novelties.

Two Exes Finish Specialists School

Two Aggie-Exes have completed a course in chemical warfare at the Eta Jima Specialist School in Japan.

They are Second Lt. William J. McLean of Lampasas, '51, and Second Lt. Charles R. Dunn of Waco, '52.

Lt. McLean received a BS degree in industrial education. He is the son of Joe G. McLean of Lampasas. His wife, Peggy, lives in Lampasas. He entered the army in March of 1952 and prior to overseas shipment, was stationed at San Marcos Air Force Base.

Lieutenant Dunn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dunn of 2726 Live Oak Waco. He received a BS degree in geological engineering from the college in May of 1952, and entered the army in July, after serving as a geologist for the Humble Oil Co. at Wichita Falls.

New Officers

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J. B. (Dick) Hervey '42, of College Station, executive secretary of the FSA, remained a member of the Council and also was reappointed as executive secretary of the Executive Board.

Nominating Committee Members of the nominating committee were:

William J. Terrell '46, of Port Arthur; George C. Moffett '16, of Chillicothe; X. B. Cox Jr. '37, of San Angelo; John F. Younger '37, of Midland; A. E. Hinman '25, of Corpus Christi; D. Pat Wheat '28, of Beaumont; Harold E. Cowley '42, of Freer; Tyree L. Bell '13, of Dallas—vice chairman; A. G. Plaff '25, of Tyler—chairman.

Cox presented the nominations to the Council in the absence of the chairman and vice chairman.

CHS Third Grade Gives Program

The third grade pupils of A&M Consolidated School gave the year's last assembly program for the elementary school Friday.

Directed by Mrs. C. K. Leighton, the class gave an original play and sang songs on health and safety, emphasizing the fact that no College Station children have had serious accidents this year.

College Station Policeman Curtis Bullock talked on the bicycle safety program, and the Reverend Thomas H. Swygert of Our Savior's Lutheran Church spoke on being a responsible person.

Rev. Swygert also awarded perfect attendance certificates to 15 pupils of the elementary school.

Mrs. Walter H. Delaplaine presented Texas Readers Club certificates to 23 fifth grade pupils. Under the direction of Mrs. G. P. Parker and Mrs. Pearle Tanzer, the pupils have read during the year ten books of the types specified by the Texas Education Agency. Alba Jo Karcher was mistress of ceremonies.

Archives Material Wanted by Cofer

Former students should send in all material to the College Archives which may prove of benefit to the college's history in later years, said D. B. Cofer, college archivist, Saturday to the Council of the Former Students Association.

Citing numerous examples where the information was proving of help, Cofer also showed the Council two booklets he helped write and authenticate.

A Waco former student came to Cofer's assistance when he told of how he lost many original valuable documents during the recent tornado. He had planned to send them to Cofer, but had sent only photostatic copies.

Pennsylvania Company Gives \$1,000 Grant

The Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia has renewed their grant-in-aid of \$1,000 to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Changes Made Are Good

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"We must also recognize that a college family of 6,000 to 7,000 students is different from a family of 1,000 or 2,000 students which existed when some of us were here," Dunn said.

Changes Were for Good

Dunn said that most of the former students would agree that most of the changes which had taken place were for the good.

The new president repeatedly stressed the improvements made by the college and the better graduates it was producing today as compared to years ago.

Dunn thanked the Council for electing him president of the FSA.

"It is the most important job of my life," he said. "The compensation, although not in money, will be the greatest that I have ever received."

"Many Limitations"

Dunn asked that the Council remember he has many limitations and that "only through a combined effort of us all," can anything be accomplished.

Interrupted several times by applause, Dunn emphasized "It is not my purpose to undertake a one-man crusade. It shall not be

my purpose, regardless of my own personal opinions and convictions, to represent one clique or one faction within this great association if in fact, there exists or should develop such cliques or such factions."

Dunn called on all the association to work together in accomplishing its objectives in coordination with the objectives of the college as set forth by the state.

Expects a Lot of Help

"I expect to receive a lot of help," he said. "I am willing to work and work until you men drop."

He told the Council that a great record had been made in the past by the college in developing and educating men and a good record had been set by the association in constructive accomplishments.

"In neither case have we reached the degree of perfection which should satisfy any of us," he said. "Because of our individual love for this institution and our desire to perpetuate and carry forward its great traditions, we never will and never should reach that degree of perfection."

Quoting from the objectives of the A&M System and those of the association, Dunn demonstrated how the two should work together.

"We should make sure that our activities and our programs always conform to the broad objectives outlined in these two documents.

"As representatives of the association, we endeavor, through the program adopted, to carry as much information about the college as possible to members so their interest will be maintained through their opportunity thus provided to keep abreast with the over-all picture.

"Facts and information presented in this manner in my judgment eliminate misunderstanding and gives our individual members the opportunity to judge for themselves.

"Constructive criticism is a good thing and is to be desired, but we should try to make it constructive and based upon informed opinion and not false premise," said Dunn.

Lack of Information

Dunn illustrated the lack of information about the college now present to the former students. He said that although A&M's enrollment had dropped in number, A&M was continuing to maintain its 7.6 per cent average of the number of eligible high school graduates.

He said a survey of enrollment in grade schools indicates an increase of eligible male graduates in the state to 28,000 by 1957, which should provide A&M with an enrollment of 8,500 should the school maintain its average.

"This small drop in enrollment in 1952, does not bear out the conclusion that the college is slipping," Dunn said.

He said indications were that by 1960, A&M must be prepared to take care of 10,000 students. The membership of the association, he continued, also should rise and reach 38,000 to 40,000 by the same time.

Important to Tell of FSA

Telling the story of the FSA also is an important job, said Dunn.

He questioned the Council on the number of former students who knew the story behind Opportunity Awards, student loan funds and other projects of the association.

"If people generally knew just a few of the case histories of the Opportunity Awards students, we would have no difficulty in increasing the number of scholarships from 300 to 500, which is about the present real need."

Dunn lauded the preceding officers of the association and the staff. He asked again for their help in working for a better A&M.

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Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions "Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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