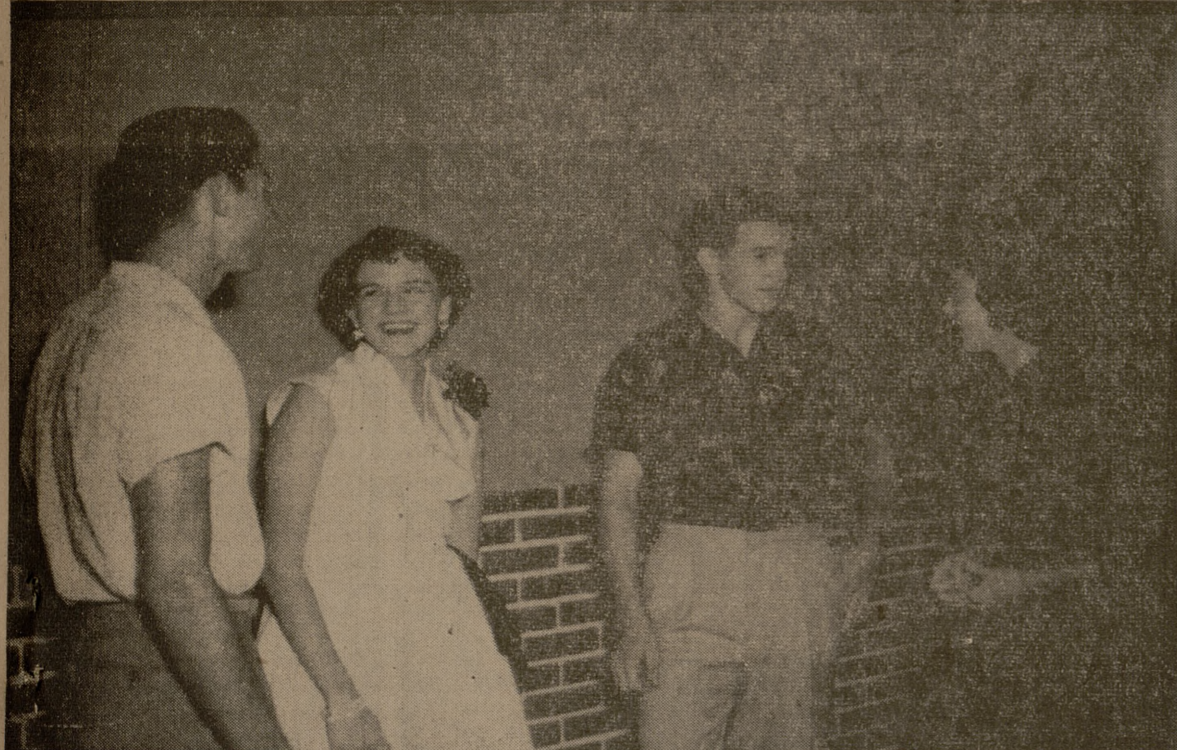


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**HOSTESSES**—As far as most of the freshmen were concerned, the bright spot at the MSC open house Sunday was the local girls as hostesses. Here are (left to right) Chuch Brice, Margaret Berry, Paul Carroll, and Carol Butler.

## Nationalists Still Pounding Red Buildup

TAIPEH, Formosa, Tuesday, Sept. 14—(AP)—Nationalist planes, warships and artillery pounded the Red mainland without letup yesterday, further damaging the Communist buildup opposite Quemoy.

While the artillery of Quemoy pounded away at Red positions, the high command of Nationalist China, accompanied by Vice-President Chen Cheng, visited the strategic island seven miles from the mainland.

With Chen were Gen. Yu Ta-wei, defense minister, who arrived only yesterday from Washington to take up his new position, the commanders of the army, navy and air force and high Defense Ministry officials.

An official announcement said the visitors heard a report from Gen. Liu Yu-chuang, commander of the 30,000-man Quemoy garrison, and made a tour of inspection.

The Defense Ministry gave few details of yesterday's action except to report that Quemoy's artillery shelled Tateng Island, a mile and a half north of Quemoy.

The Communists confined their reaction to occasional gunfire on Quemoy and adjacent Little Quemoy. And though the present phase of hostilities was in its twelfth day today, there still was no sign of Communist air or naval counteraction.

## Casey To Join Engineering Staff

Thomas J. Casey, retired naval captain, has been appointed an associate professor in the mechanical engineering department, C. W. Crawford, head of the department, announced.

Casey's last command in the U.S. Navy was at the post graduate school at Monterey, Calif. He has a master of science degree from Columbia University, class of '23.

## Weather Today



**PARTLY CLOUDY**

Scattered clouds today, clearing tonight. High yesterday was 89 degrees; low last night was 63 degrees.

## Batchelor Case

### Witness Discloses Korea Spy Trial

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 14—(AP)—A slender, dark-haired man from Corinth, Miss., testified today that during his trial on spy charges in a North Korea prison camp, Cpl. Claude Batchelor said he should be shot.

Wilburn Watson, 33, said the spy charges against him came after the Chinese Communists found in his billfold a card showing he was a deputy sheriff in Tishomingo County, Miss.

Watson was the final prosecution witness in Batchelor's general court-martial on charges of collaborating with the enemy.

## CHS Enrollment Up 10 Per Cent

A&M Consolidated schools show an increase of ten per cent over last year's enrollment, L. S. Richardson, superintendent, said yesterday.

Total enrollment in the elementary school, grades one through four, is 476, with 115 in the first grade, 132 in the second, 116 in the third, and 113 in the fourth.

One hundred two students in the fifth grade, 98 in the sixth, 75 in the seventh, and 64 in the eighth made a total of 339 pupils in the junior high school.

Two hundred two high school students enrolled, with 50, 66, 48, and 38 in grades nine through 12 respectively.

Enrollment at Lincoln school is about 275, said Richardson. He expects it to increase later in the fall to about 350.

He said that there would probably be a small increase in the white schools too.

Because Consolidated's new high school building is not yet completed, high school and junior high students are sharing the junior high school building. The gymnasium, cafeteria, and some offices are also being used for classrooms.

The new building is expected to be finished by Sept. 27.

## Arrowmoon Holds Roundup Meeting

Arrowmoon Scout district will start its fall program with a Roundup meeting at the Stephen F. Austin high school in Bryan at 7:45 p.m. today.

After an opening general session for all scout leaders, the following meetings will be held: Cub leaders roundtable, Scout leaders roundtable, Explorer leaders roundtable, Arrowmoon district committee meeting, and a commissioner staff meeting.

Adult leader units due to register in this area include A&M Consolidated Mothers and Dads club, College Station Kiwanis club, Crockett school Parents and Teachers Association, St. Paul Methodist church, College Station Three Star Service club, and Hearne PTA.

Papers showing he had served as a constable and town marshal also may have figured in his captors' accusation that he was an American "CIC" agent—presumably, Counter-Intelligence Corps—and "a capitalist running dog who was captured on purpose to undermine any teachings the Chinese were trying to put across to the POWs."

## Red Officer Testifies

Watson said a Chinese officer arose at his trial and told watching U. S. POWs that it was a Chinese custom to shoot spies, and that the officer then asked Batchelor what he thought.

Watson quoted Batchelor as replying: "In my opinion, Watson is detrimental to the group remaining behind. I go along with the commander's idea. I definitely think the man should be shot."

The prosecution rested its case after testimony today by Watson, Sgt. Clarence Peterson, 25, Fort Knox, Ky., and Sgt. John Fields, 30, Gallax, Va.

Fields testified Batchelor told fellow POWs over the prison camp public address system that Americans on Koje Island—where Red prisoners were rebelling were shooting Chinese Communist and North Korean prisoners and "feeding them to the K-9 dogs."

## Changed Minds

Batchelor, 22, from Kermit, Tex., and 22 other Americans decided to stay with the Reds after being captured in Korea. Later he and Cpl. Edward Dickenson changed their minds.

Sgt. Peterson, whose home is Medina, Pa., quoted Batchelor as having said in his prison camp broadcast that the atomic spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, were "murdered by the United States."

## Its Name Still Means Girls' Dorm

A member of the Former Students association executive board had what sounds like an earth-shaking idea at their meeting here over the weekend.

He wanted to build a girls' dormitory on the campus.

It was during a discussion of the Development fund objectives. The man, C. A. Shipley from San Antonio, suggested for some time in the future a "ladies reception center, or in good old Aggie language, a girls' dormitory."

Turned out that he wanted the former students to build a place on the campus where students could keep weekend dates, but it gave the meeting a shock for a while.

## FSA To Give Faculty Awards; New Military Plan Discussed

### Ex-Aggies Praise, Blast Board Action

After the Former Students association ran through their order of business in about a half hour Saturday night, they spent another two hours discussing the new optional military plan for A&M.

The plan, which says that every student at A&M will be allowed to choose whether or not he wants to take military training, drew both fire and praise from the approximately 85 members of the council. President David H. Morgan spoke to the council, and then opened the meeting for a stormy question-and-answer period. The discussions continued for about an hour after Morgan left.

Morgan said he neither proposed nor opposed the board of directors action in making military optional, although he said that in his opinion it would build a stronger corps of cadets.

He said he thought the corps of cadets would be stronger because no student would be forced to participate if he did not want to.

Some of the members of the council shared this view; others saw the change as an attempt to "destroy all A&M has stood for."

One said it would mean the end of the "Aggie Spirit"; another said it would create "first and second class Aggies, who would then become first and second class former students."

The meeting, which started at 8:30 p.m., ended at midnight.

No official action was taken as to the former students association's stand on the optional military plan.

### Five Awards Set For Appreciation

The Former Students association council decided Saturday to give five annual Faculty Appreciation awards.

The awards, a part of the 1955 Development fund objectives, are to be given "as a means of recognition, reward and encouragement to members of the faculty and staff of the college."

The awards will be as follows:

Three for "distinguished achievement in teaching," \$500 each.

One for "distinguished achievement in individual student relations," \$500.

One for "distinguished achievement in the field of research," \$500.

The council also voted to put \$10,000 of the 1955 Development fund toward the publishing of a Former Students directory.

Estimated cost of the directory is \$30,000, and the tentative publishing date is 1957.

The president's discretionary fund, given to the president of the college from the Development fund was increased to \$1,500, a \$500 raise.

This fund is used by the president to pay for things for which there is no money available.

The rest of the \$54,000 allocated for development fund objectives will go to Opportunity awards, \$10,000, and FSA office operation, \$30,000.

The council made the provision that all the rest of the donations to the Development fund be given to the fund to build a chapel of meditation and prayer on the A&M campus.

The council authorized the FSA executive board to give the A&M System board of directors \$200,000 as soon as possible to build the chapel.

No definite date of construction of the chapel was set. A competition to choose an architect is now underway. The competition will end in February.

The FSA executive board estimated that they would have collected \$150,000 for the chapel by the end of this year.

The Former Students council, which is composed of representatives from each A&M club, is the governing body of the association.

The executive board, which is composed of the vice-presidents of the 12 former student districts, prepares the agenda for the council meetings.

## Overseas Yule Mail Should Be Sent Soon

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14—(AP)—The Defense Department said today that Christmas parcels for members of the armed forces overseas should be mailed between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15.

## Cadet Punished For Mental Hazing

A sophomore cadet is being denied admission in school for hazing freshmen.

The cadet, John W. Robertson of Dallas, was seen Saturday night at the North Gate area making freshmen "brace" and "wildcat," according to the commandant's office.

He was formally charged with "assuming unauthorized authority as a sophomore private."

This is in keeping with the new articles of the cadet corps, which says that a freshman has to take orders only from authorized upperclassmen, those in his military unit.

The cadet was reported by a college staff member. According to

the staff member, it appeared that Robertson was under the influence of intoxicating beverages.

A board composed of the commandant, the assistant commandant, the professor of air science, and a member of the cadet corps staff assessed the punishment.

Robertson has appealed to the executive committee for reinstatement as a civilian student. The executive committee meets Wednesday.

## Not in Uniform

Robertson was not in uniform at the time of the hazing. It was about 7:30 p.m., after the freshmen had gotten out of a Grove meeting and were on the way to open houses in the local churches.

Robertson said he was here early to bring a friend down to enroll as a freshman.

"Although sophomores are not supposed to be here before school starts," said Col. Joe Davis, commandant, "we wouldn't have minded if he had conducted himself properly."

"This shows that we mean business," said President David H. Morgan.

Morgan said that the A&M System board of directors at their July meeting instructed the administration to "see that hazing is eliminated."

Morgan said the board told him this meant both physical and mental hazing.

## News Briefs

R. L. ELKINS of the business administration department is on a two-week tour of active duty at the Army War college in Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Elkins is a colonel in the army reserve.

NAVAL AVIATION Cadet Claude F. Hendrickson, A&M former student, made his first solo flight recently at the Whiting Field U. S. Naval auxiliary air station, Fla. He is from Texarkana.

A 1953 graduate of A&M, Miles U. Johnson jr. of Corpus Christi, has been promoted to first lieutenant while serving with the 6006th service unit at Fort Lewis, Wash.

JAMES E. POORE, assistant district leader of the Rodent Control service, is in Denver for a national conference of all predator animal and rodent control personnel. The meeting will close Wednesday.

## Students Protest Segregation End

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Sept. 14—(AP)—About 300 high school students, carrying placards reading "No Negroes Wanted in Our Schools," paraded in the streets of this mountain resort town today.

The students, about three-fourths of the high school enrollment here, stayed away from classes to protest admittance of 25 Negroes to their school under West Virginia's new integration policy.

Another demonstration took place in Rupert, about 33 miles northwest of here where about 100 of the more than 800 in the high school there, also stayed away from their classes and marched through the streets.

## More Freeways Seen for Future

Texas motorists will soon have many more miles of expressways, according to discussions dominating the three-day short course in highway engineering held in the Memorial Student Center last week.

Design, construction and maintenance of freeways and traffic control problems were discussed by a panel of experts.

Possibilities of pre-cast concrete in highway structures were pointed out by Truman R. Jones jr., research engineer at A&M, who has been working on concrete structure research.

Douglas A. Nettleton, supervising urban engineer of the Texas Highway Department at Dallas, said many considerations are necessary in the design of expressways. Recent traffic counts, he said, on the Central Expressway in Dallas showed 5,318 vehicles in three lanes during the rush hour between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

"Paved shoulders for emergency parking," he added, "are a necessity on urban freeways. One stalled vehicle on the through pavement reduces the capacity much more than the value of one lane, and may result in a complete tieup in peak hours."

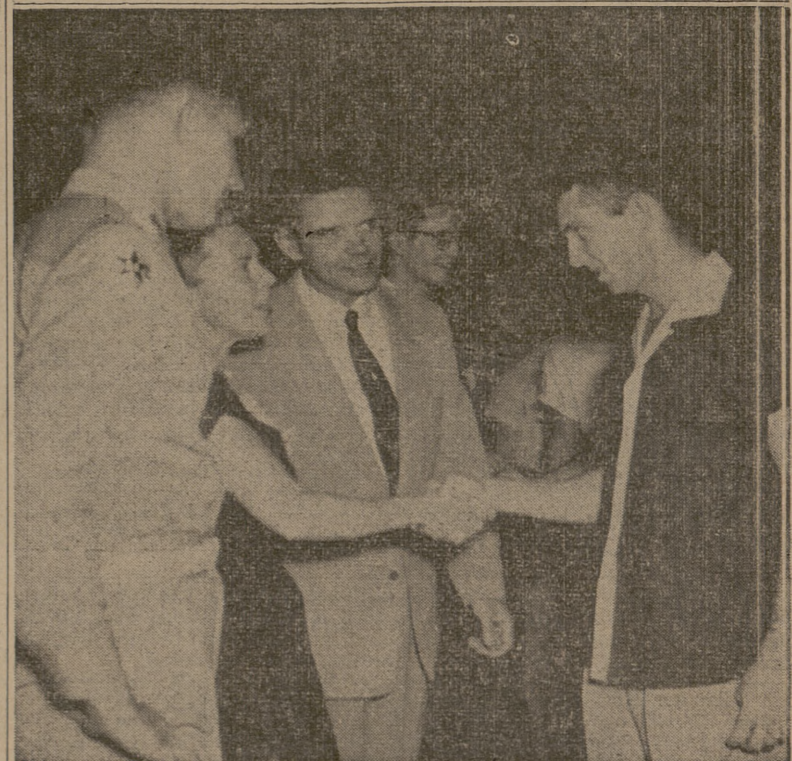
Other complex problems in design Nettleton listed were surveys of 24-hour traffic, estimates of lane capacities and average running speeds, and consideration of weaving-merging and diverging of vehicles at entrances and exit ramps.

R. A. Bossy, expressway engineer of the state at San Antonio, showed charts on the progress on freeways in that city. He went into the difficulties of horizontal alignment of arterial routes and termed rights-of-way most important in urban work.

The primary function of an urban expressway," he said, "is not to provide a facility for movement of through traffic entirely across the city. The smaller volume of that is an incidental consideration. The major function is to move traffic within the urban area.

L. K. Jonas, chief of supervisor training for the Texas Engineering Extension Service, conducted a full day's program in accident prevention for maintenance foremen and engineers.

Fred J. Benson of the civil engineering department and general chairman of the short course said every county in the state was represented in the attendance.



**WELCOME**—The MSC open house Sunday was also the president's reception for the new freshmen. Here President and Mrs. David H. Morgan greet a new student. Looking on is Bud Whitney, MSC vice-president, and in the background is Charles Parker, MSC president.