

## President Morgan Resigns Position; Resignation Effective May 1, 1957

### Man In Korea Calls For Tree In Letter Home

TAMPA, Fla. — (AP)—From a desolate, windswept, raw cold Korean mountainside near the 38th Parallel came this letter:

"Mother, I wonder if you and daddy could send us a Christmas tree. You know, to us Christmas means love and home. We want a real, green tree. None of those white or pink imitations."

The parents of Spec Forest Hughes Jr., ran at once into red tape while trying to fill the order. Too late to go by regular parcel post and air parcel post packages must be limited to two pounds.

The elder Hughes hit upon the solution: A do-it-yourself Christmas tree.

So Hughes scouted around, bought two little trees, each standing about 22 inches high. The base of each tree was whacked off and each tree cut in half. Tiny hinges were attached to the halves so they could be fitted together in one big tree or two smaller ones.

The trees were carefully fitted into shipping tubes and the weight was just one ounce below the two-pound limit.

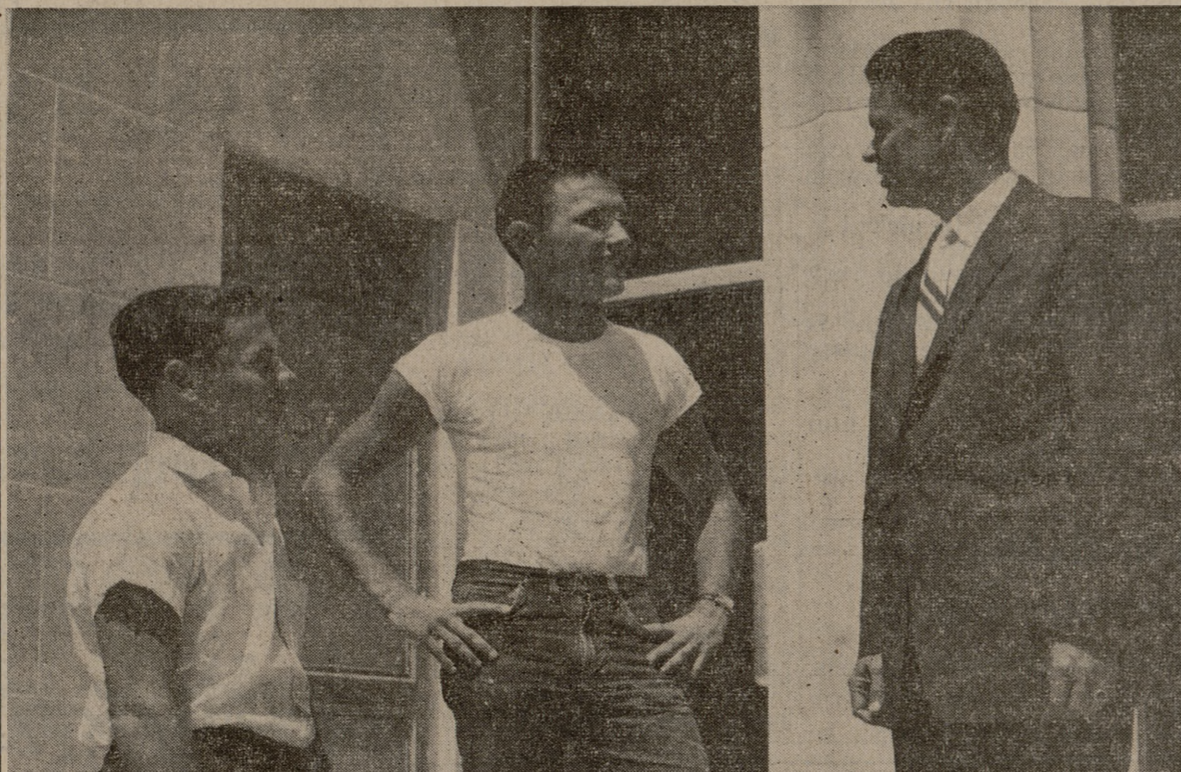
Another three tubes of Christmas decorations went along.

### Pre-Med, Pre-Dent To Hear Speaker

Lt. Charles L. Novasad, former Pre med student of A&M, speaks on "Polar Medicine" tonight at 8:15 at the Pre-Med, Pre-Dent, Society meeting in the Biological Sciences Building.

Lt. Novasad studied preparatory medicine at A&M before entering Baylor Medical College in Houston. He has recently returned from Alaska where he was stationed with the U. S. Navy.

Pictures for the Aggeland '57 will be taken at 7:30 in front of the MSC before the meeting. Civilians are requested to wear coats and ties and Corps members, Class A uniforms.



A CHARACTERISTIC POSE—Dr. David H. Morgan is shown talking to two, then new, students, Larry McCarty from Conroe and Richard Garrett from Hearne, on the steps of the Administration Building. This picture was taken during new student week and Dr. Morgan was answering some of the many questions that enter a freshman's mind during that uneasy period.

## Students Give Pres. Morgan Verbal Vote Of Confidence

By JOE BUSER

A&M students wondered about their college's future Monday in the wake of a campus shocking event—President David H. Morgan's resignation.

They looked back over their president's administration and gave a verbal vote of confidence in his policies.

"Why did he resign?" was the question on most students lips.

The only available answers at the time are Dr. Morgan's "for personal reasons" and A&M Board of Directors Chairman W. T. Doherty's "I was aware of differences between the president and Chancellor M. T. Harrington but I don't believe any of the directors realized the trouble was so deep."

Corps senior Jim Rowland said, "I'd like to know the real reason why he resigned, like everybody else, I guess. I think there's a reason not yet disclosed. His res-

ignation will hurt the Corps. He has done more for the school than anyone I know of."

"The loss will be realized more in the future," Rowland said.

Hugh Wharton, Corps junior, said, "I was very shocked and disappointed. The Board of Directors will have a hard time finding another man of his calibre."

Henry Ray, Corps senior said, "He has done more for our school than anyone else that I know. He is a good man. I like him."

"I think he was a good president. I was surprised to hear he resigned but I guess he has good reasons. I still wonder why?" questioned Buddy Barton, civilian junior.

Joe Artola, Corps sophomore said, "I think he should stay. I think he was doing a lot for the college."

"I don't see why he left," Fred Gregory, civilian '56 said. "He

must have some reasons."

James West, Corps sophomore, made the comment that "His resignation is a great loss to A&M."

"It will be very difficult to find another man with his understanding of the problems of the Corps," West said. "The next president could do worse than follow his example."

Edward Winchester, Corps freshman told of Dr. Morgan's personal interest and help. He said, "When I came down here my folks went to Australia. My mother wrote Dr. Morgan and asked him to kinda 'watch out for me.' He used to come over and talk and help me a lot."

"I'm sorry to see him go," Winchester said.

"I was surprised. Everybody that knew him liked him. His job is a trying one and I'm sure he has good reasons for leaving," said John Kelly, civilian senior.

Armando Quiros, Corps junior said, "He is popular among the Latin American students and we are sorry to see him go."

James Provard, civilian junior, said, "He has done a wonderful job and is well liked on the campus."

"I wonder if this will make a change in the Cadet Corps?" wondered Bill Perry, Corps sophomore. "Maybe it will bring O' Army back."

### Heaton Awarded Med Scholarship

Charles L. Heaton is the third Aggie to receive a scholarship to Baylor Medical College at Houston, according to A. B. Medlen of the Biology Department.

Heaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Heaton of College Station, receives the award for 1957.

Only two other Aggies have received scholarships to the school in Houston.

### Weather Today

Continued cloudiness with possible thundershowers during midday and light rain through the evening, is forecast. By 8:15 this morning .65 inch precipitation had been recorded. The temperature at 10:30 a.m. was 45 degrees, and yesterday's high and low, 72 and 44, respectively.

## Gives 'Personal Reasons' As Cause For Decision

### Students Asked To Lock Rooms Before Leaving

All students are requested to lock all windows and doors to their rooms by 6 p.m. Wednesday, or before leaving for the Christmas holidays except Bizzell and Ramp C of Hart which will remain open, according to the Housing Office. First floor windows especially should be locked for security purposes.

Any student who will not be able to clear his room by 6 p.m. because of transportation or other problems should contact his tactical officer or dormitory counselor.

Students who need dormitory rooms during the holidays should contact students in Bizzell or Ramp C of Hart who will not be here during the holidays concerning the use of their rooms.

To secure rooms, students should bring a note to the Housing Office in the YMCA from the present occupant of that room stating his permission, and sign a roster so he may be located in case of an emergency. This should be done before noon, Wednesday.

Any student wishing to enter a locked dormitory must check at the Housing Office for clearance.

College dining halls will be closed after supper Wednesday and will remain closed until the evening meal on January 2.

The Memorial Student Center will close at 6 p.m. Thursday, and will remain closed until 3 p.m. on January 2.

Students remaining on the campus during the holidays should make plans for eating off the campus while the college facilities are closed.

A few minutes before 5 yesterday afternoon President David H. Morgan received acceptance of his resignation from Dr. M. T. Harrington, chancellor.

Effective date of the resignation was set "as not later than May 1, 1957."

President Morgan said his resignation was based on "personal reasons" and declined to make public the contents of the written resignation handed in yesterday after his verbal notice Saturday.

In accepting Dr. Morgan's resignation Chancellor Harrington said, "I regret that Dr. Morgan finds it necessary to resign and want to wish him every success in any field of endeavor he may enter."

President Morgan said that several times during his three and one half years as president he had carried appeals to the Board of Directors on the rulings of Chancellor Harrington.

He said he had received excellent treatment from the Board on those occasions which he appealed Harrington's decisions.

"The president of A&M has certain responsibilities and should have the authority to carry them out," he said.

In releasing part of his resignation statement President Morgan had much to say in praise of the various groups he worked with. "I wish to commend the excellent executive committee which the college now has in the development of their respective fields. Every man on the committee has a definite contribution to make to this leadership team."

"I have enjoyed the fine relationship with, and consistent support of the academic council. Without them, I would have left earlier."

"The present faculty constitutes an excellent nucleus for developing an outstanding one, provided that they can be held."

"The former student's association and the A&M Mothers' Clubs likewise have been of more assistance than a president could expect. These are excellent organizations, the finest in the country, and have provided invaluable assistance and have been a source of high inspiration and strength to me."

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## Achievements Of President David Morgan

(Ed. Note: The following are a few of the more easily recognized accomplishments brought about during Dr. David H. Morgan's presidency.)

- Re-organization of the Corps of Cadets
- Southwest Conference Championship in football
- Organization of Student Personnel Services
- Student Health Services Program
- Strengthening of academic curricula and raising of scholastic standards
- Raising level of faculty salaries to the maximum allowed within the limits of the budget
- Redecorating of Sbis Hall
- New biochemistry and nutrition building
- Organization of Council of Military College Presidents to present the military problems of these schools to the Department of Defense
- Raising of clothes allowance for cadets (goes into effect next year)
- More parking lots and general campus beautification.

## Highway Crash Kills Galveston Freshman

By GARY ROLLINS

Silver Taps was held last night for Bernard C. Bernardoni, who was killed at midnight Saturday when the car he was driving veered off the road near Navasota and smashed into a tree.

Two companions were injured, one critically, and have been confined to St. Joseph's Hospital in Bryan.

Bernardoni, 18, freshman engineering student from Galveston and a member of "D" Infantry was driving the car, a late-model Plymouth. He was killed instantly. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bernardoni of Galveston.

Glynn Hill, 19, sophomore agricultural education major from Winters is in serious condition, with a skull fracture and numerous lacerations.

The other rider in the car, Joseph H. Norville, 19, freshman general curriculum major from Port Arthur was less seriously injured and will be released from the hospital. He suffered slight lacerations about the head and scalp.

Norville and Hill were also in "D" Infantry.

The three boys were returning to the campus from Navasota on State Highway 6 shortly after midnight when the accident occurred. Both riders fell asleep and evidently Bernardoni fell asleep, too. The car, going north, veered slowly off the west side of the road and plowed into a small grove of trees. The impact of the crash completely demolished the car.

Earlier Saturday evening, they had attended a company Christmas party in the nearby town of Snook. After the party had ended,

### BULLETIN

The Battalion learned this morning that 35 copies of a petition expressing gratitude, sorrow and hope to President David H. Morgan were to be circulated among the student body for as many signatures as possible. "If everything goes smoothly, we will present it tonight", said Colonel of the Corps Jack Lunsford.

the boys returned to the dormitory, and left again to go riding. It was still early and they were not required to be in their rooms early because of the party. They left the dormitory in Bernardoni's car and drove to Navasota.

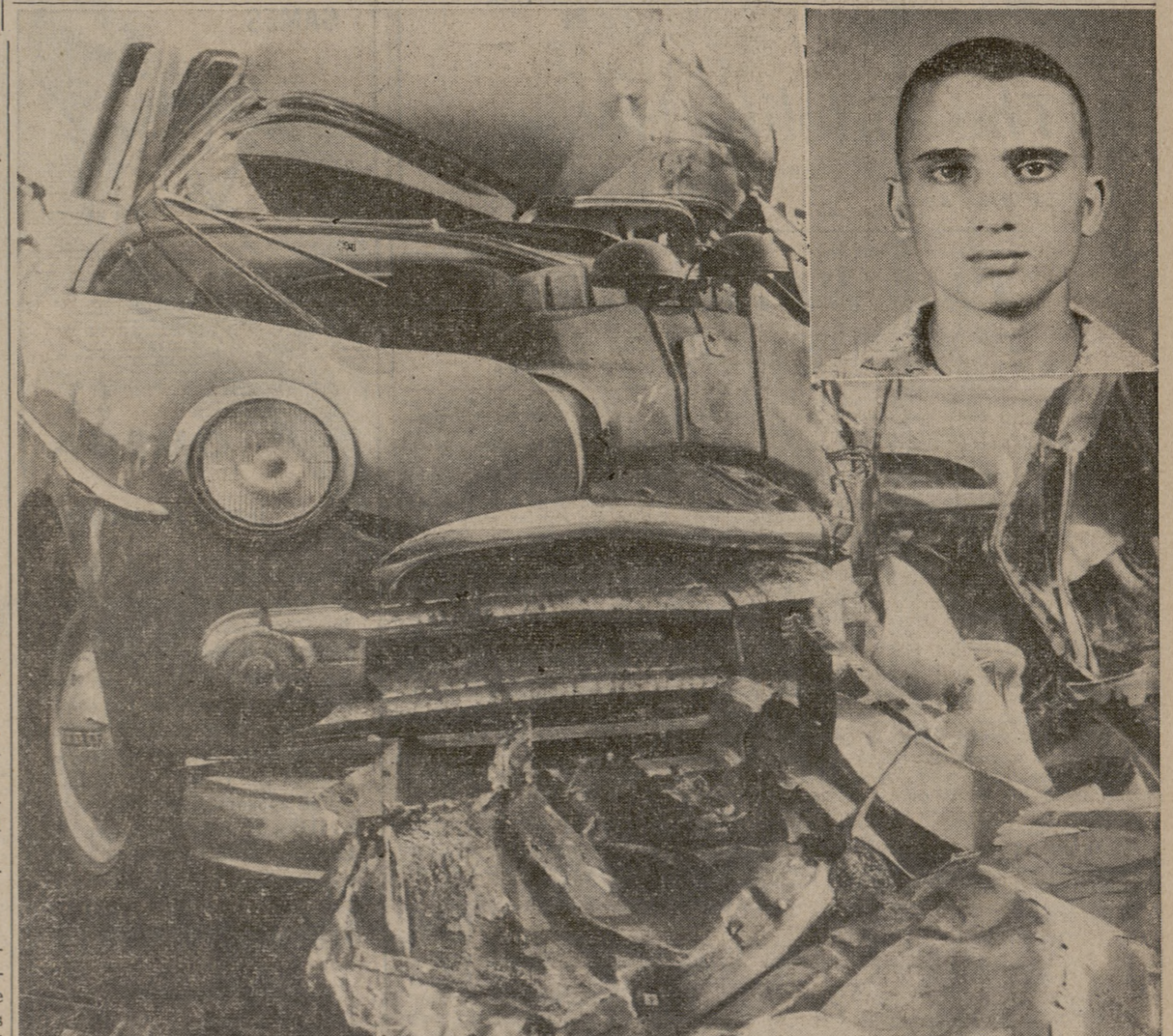
It was late when they began the return trip to the campus. Norville and Hill were both asleep when the crash occurred.

Early arrivals on the scene assisted Norville and Hill in escaping from the car, but they were unable to release the body of the driver. The impact of the crash drove the motor back into the front seat.

Funeral services were held this morning in the St. Mary's Church in Galveston. Reverend George Morrell conducted the services. The body will be interred in Galveston Cemetery.

Members of company "D" Infantry formed a military honor guard at the services. They also served as active and honorary pall bearers.

Bernardoni's death was the second automobile fatality this year.



SECOND AGGIE DIES—Above is the mangled wreckage of the car in which Bernard C. Bernardoni, freshman in "D" Infantry, died late Saturday. Bernardoni was killed instantly and Glynn Hill, sophomore, and Joseph H. Norville, freshman, also in "D" Infantry were injured in the smash-up.