

Communications Authority To Speak To Army Cadets

Maj. Gen. Benjamin H. Pochy, 1929 graduate of A&M University and one of the army's leading authorities on electronic communications, returns Tuesday to the campus. He is scheduled to speak to all Army Reserve Officer Training

Corps of Cadets at 7:30 p.m. in Guion Hall on "Communications-Electronics in the U. S. Army." The general now commands the Army Electronic Proving Grounds at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Other command and staff assign-

ments include commanding general, U. S. Army Signal Training Center. Service to his country has been recognized by the awarding of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit and the Joint Services Commendation Medal.

A&M Institutions Get Galveston Land Grant

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The Texas Maritime Academy and A&M's Oceanographic Research Institute received a big boost from the City of Galveston and an Aggie-ex Thursday.

George Mitchell, '40, of Mitchell-Dobbins Land Corp. in Houston, and the Galveston City Council donated 100 acres of Pelican Island, valued at \$750,000, to A&M for the two projects.

The TMA was given 40 acres to build a new academy which would eventually replace the present school at Galveston's old Fort Crockett.

Sixty acres were allocated for the oceanographic research program.

The allocations—outright doles to A&M—were tentatively approved Wednesday night by the Galveston council after six months negotiations.

Galveston Mayor Edwin Schriber praised the institutions' value to the city.

"These installations will certainly benefit the city," the mayor said. "We feel the Texas Maritime Academy will become one of the largest maritime academies in the United States. The Oceanographic Institute could develop into one of the greatest such programs in the Gulf Coast area."

Preston Shirley, Galveston lawyer, served as special counsel in the litigation. Dr. A. D. Suttle Jr., A&M vice president for research, and Capt. Bennett Dodson, Maritime Academy superintendent, expressed their appreciation for the land grant.

"We are most grateful to these people," Suttle said. "This is valuable to us because it gives us a port to compete on the Gulf Coast with the other two top-rate research institutes."

"Almost any place you turn, there is opportunity

to serve by conducting research in the ocean," he added.

Suttle said the program would support many projects, including the Department of Commerce's program aimed at improving production from fisheries and minerals.

The A&M institute will also assist Adm. Charles B. Martell in conducting anti-submarine warfare research.

Suttle noted that the property would enable A&M to establish a "major research institution divided between Galveston and the campus."

Minimum immediate plans for the land, Suttle said, are to provide a pier, dock and major base for fitting out research vessels.

The Department of Oceanography and Meteorology currently maintains the research ship Alaminos.

Dodson said the Maritime Academy, established in the fall, 1962, will build a pier for its training ship on the 40 acres.

"We have hopes that we can have a waterfront campus on Pelican Island someday," Dodson said.

"The Maritime Academy is running out of space," Dodson said. "We will not have enough space next semester."

The Moody Foundation recently gave the university a \$1 million grant for the maritime school. The government has given the academy \$250,000 with which to repair its training ship.

"With the land and Moody Foundation grant, we can see light ahead. With acquisition of the training ship, the academy is on a sound basis. We are looking forward to having a great academy," Dodson said.

"This is far more than we expected to have at this time," he concluded.

Texans Give Good Neighbor Scholarships

Most Texans are unaware that their own state's program to strengthen the Americans already has born considerable fruit.

The program established long before the "Alliance for Progress" takes the form of Good Neighbor Scholarships. These are awarded to selected students attending A&M University and other state schools. The state awards 100 of the tuition scholarships each semester to students from other nations of the Americas.

"The intent is that these students will return to their respective nations with at least a baccalaureate degree, but more importantly, with an appreciation and understanding of the United States of America," Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences said. He chairs the campus committee for the Good Neighbor Scholarships.

The scholarships, primarily for undergraduate study, can amount to a considerable sum for a student if his record justifies renewal of the award for successive semesters. In an academic year the award provides the \$400 out-of-state tuition.

Aggies who have held these scholarships and now are back home in such nations as Colombia, Panama, El Salvador and Mexico prove the value of the program. Foreign student counselor Robert L. Melcher works closely with the winners and can cite examples of how the scholarships have made it possible for students to continue their studies.

Melcher told, for example, of "Jose who could not have attended A&M without the Good Neighbor Scholarship program." With this aid he completed accounting studies here and returned to his native Central America.

"Strictly on his own personality and with what he learned here at A&M, Jose sold himself to an international accounting firm back home and is doing well," Melcher said.

The 26 Aggies presently holding Good Neighbor Scholarships represent 11 nations and varied academic disciplines.

A&M Info Offices Take Six Awards

Three information offices of the A&M System were awarded six top honors at the annual Southwest District convention of the American College Public Relations Association held in Oklahoma City.

The System Office of Information and Publications, headed by Normand DuBeau, won honors in four categories:

First place in the annual report division for "The Annual Report of the Chancellor, 1963-64."

First place in the general news story category for a story by DuBeau announcing administrative changes in the System;

Aggieland Forecast Shows More Classroom TV Sets

A forecast for AggieLand: More and more television sets for educational television (ETV) in classrooms and laboratories.

There also are hopes that an ultra high frequency station to provide ETV for schools of this area may be operational "within possibly three years."

"We hope to move as fast as we can in this entire program," Dr. Lee J. Martin said as ETV director. He and TV engineer George H. Shearer Jr., just now are keeping a pace that would tire most anyone. Earlier this year they assumed their duties in the ETV operation of the A&M University College of Arts and Sciences.

They are busily ordering equipment and planning details of its installation, as well as exploring the future for ETV at AggieLand.

Two large videotape recorders-players are due for April delivery. Thirty-four monitors or sets are to be placed in 10 classrooms in three buildings before the Fall Semester opens.

Martin also has begun making trips to Austin to tape the English 103 course to be offered to some course sections via ETV, trips which will be unnecessary once the A&M closed-circuit system is fully operational.

And Shearer leaves shortly to attend a technical school in Redwood City, Calif.

Certain courses in accounting and psychology, as well as English will be taught partly by ETV come September.

"There are all kinds of courses in the planning stage to be put on TV. By a year from this September we expect to have more courses ready and many more monitors in operation," Martin said.

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