

## Group To Study MSC Expansion

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A 22-member committee, composed of students, faculty and staff, was appointed Monday night by Memorial Student Center Council President John Rodgers to study the expansion of the MSC.

The committee will start studying the facilities of the MSC at the beginning of the spring semester and report its finding to the council during May.

"This committee will inform the council what has already been planned in past years and what is expected to be done," Rodgers said.

The Building Study Committee is composed of two groups, one of regular council members and one of ex-officio members. These

groups will work separately during the study phase.

Named to the regular council committee were Rodgers, Steve Gummer, Roy May, Gerald Garcia, Ken Vanek, Joe Buser, former students representative and Dr. Carl E. Shafer, professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Sociology. Rodgers will serve as committee chairman.

Composing the ex officio committee are Dave Graham, two MSC Directorate assistants to be named later, two from the MSC Directorate as a whole to be named later, Robert Wimbish,

former honorary vice president of the architecture students; Charles Wallace, special council consultant; J. Wayne Stark, MSC director; William B. Lancaster, assistant director of the MSC; Harold Gaines, student group supervisor; Dr. Harrison Hierth, professor in the Department of English; Dr. John B. Orr, professor in the Department of Philosophy; Col. Fred Dollar, head of Food Service; and Mrs. Betsy Fisher, MSC public relations director.

The committees will study the addition of a new wing to the MSC which will add new meeting

rooms, lecture rooms, guest rooms and other recreational facilities. Another study to be conducted by the committees will be continuing educational needs.

The new proposed wing will extend either to the south or the east. If the wing is placed to the east, it will absorb Guion Hall and include a new auditorium.

In other business, the council: Heard a report from Gummer on the Lost and Found Auction held Nov. 24. The auction made \$253.98 which will be placed in the council cash account.

Approved an addition of \$220 to the Contemporary Arts Committee budget to be used for payment of newspaper subscription bought for the Browsing Library.

Approved a \$1,650 budget for the Dancing Committee to be used in the spring term.

Approved \$150 for the Travel Committee for scholarship use. The funds will be divided into two \$75 scholarships to be given to students for travel in Mexico in the summer.

Allowed the travel committee to start planning and promoting the charter flight to Europe. The committee each year sponsors a charter flight from Houston to London for students who plan to participate in the Experiment in International Living.

Accepted a silver service tray which included a coffee pot, tea pot, sugar bowl with cover, creamer and a tea strainer with caddy from Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gee, Balboa, Canal Zone, given in memory of their son Jan David who died in 1955.

Accepted five books, donated by Akramuz Zammon, Texas A&M student, to be sold by the council and the funds raised to be used as the council wishes.

Approved a Great Issues Committee prospective speaker list for Hydro-Space Fiesta '66, set for Feb. 6-11 in the MSC. Speakers listed include Lyndon Baines Johnson, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, from Washington, Cmdr. Scott Carpenter, Mercury astronaut and Sealab II aquanaut; Dr. John Lilly, who does work on the language and habits of porpoises; Rep. Emilio Q. Dabbario, from Connecticut; Robert Morse, assistant secretary of the Navy for research and development; Rear Admiral O. D. Waters, commander of Navy office of oceanographic research; and Dr. Sam Ridgway, veterinarian for Tuffy, porpoise with Sealab II.

Carpenter, Waters and Ridgway have accepted invitations to participate at the Fiesta.

## MSC Hot Spot Of Controversy Since 1950 Birth

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The present Memorial Student Center was completed in September of 1950 after four tumultuous years of planning and scheming.

The students and the former students of the time had opposing views as to the purpose of such a building, with both groups settling for several compromises in the final analysis. They were forced to use it as both a student union building and as a continuing education center.

A committee composed of staff, student and former student members began study on the proposal in 1946 and submitted its recommendation to President Gibb Gilchrist in June, 1947.

Originally allotted \$1 million for the project, the planners designed a \$3.5 million building but were forced to cut back to the final cost of \$2 million.

Director J. Wayne Stark was hired three years before its completion, in October of 1947.

Additions to the MSC and construction of an adult education building have been proposed off and on since that time.

In 1956 Chancellor M. T. Harrington formed a committee to study the possibility of building a continuing education center separated from the MSC.

The A&M Board of Directors set aside \$10,000 to map out the blueprints of the project and to

observe similar buildings at other colleges in the United States.

When the plan was presented to the Jones Foundation in Houston, the Board announced that it would allocate \$1.25 million if someone else would match the figure.

A similar multi-million dollar proposal was made soon afterward with \$65,000 spent on research. It too, was turned down.

When Harrington took over as both president and chancellor of the college a former student announced he would contribute \$50,000 to the addition of a west wing to the MSC.

Earl Rudder, then vice-president, began working with an architect to study the feasibility of rebuilding Guion Hall and extending the eastern end of the MSC until the two buildings met.

Presently the idea of constructing a continuing education center has all but been abandoned, but the concept of an expanded MSC is soon to be a realization.

## Hubert Named To Governor's School Group

Dr. Frank W. R. Hubert, dean of the college of liberal arts, has been appointed by Gov. John Connally to the Committee on Public School Education.

Hubert, one of 15 Texans to be named to the committee, said the committee "is evidence that Gov. Connally has a serious intention to bring education in Texas to a place of quality performance in all areas."

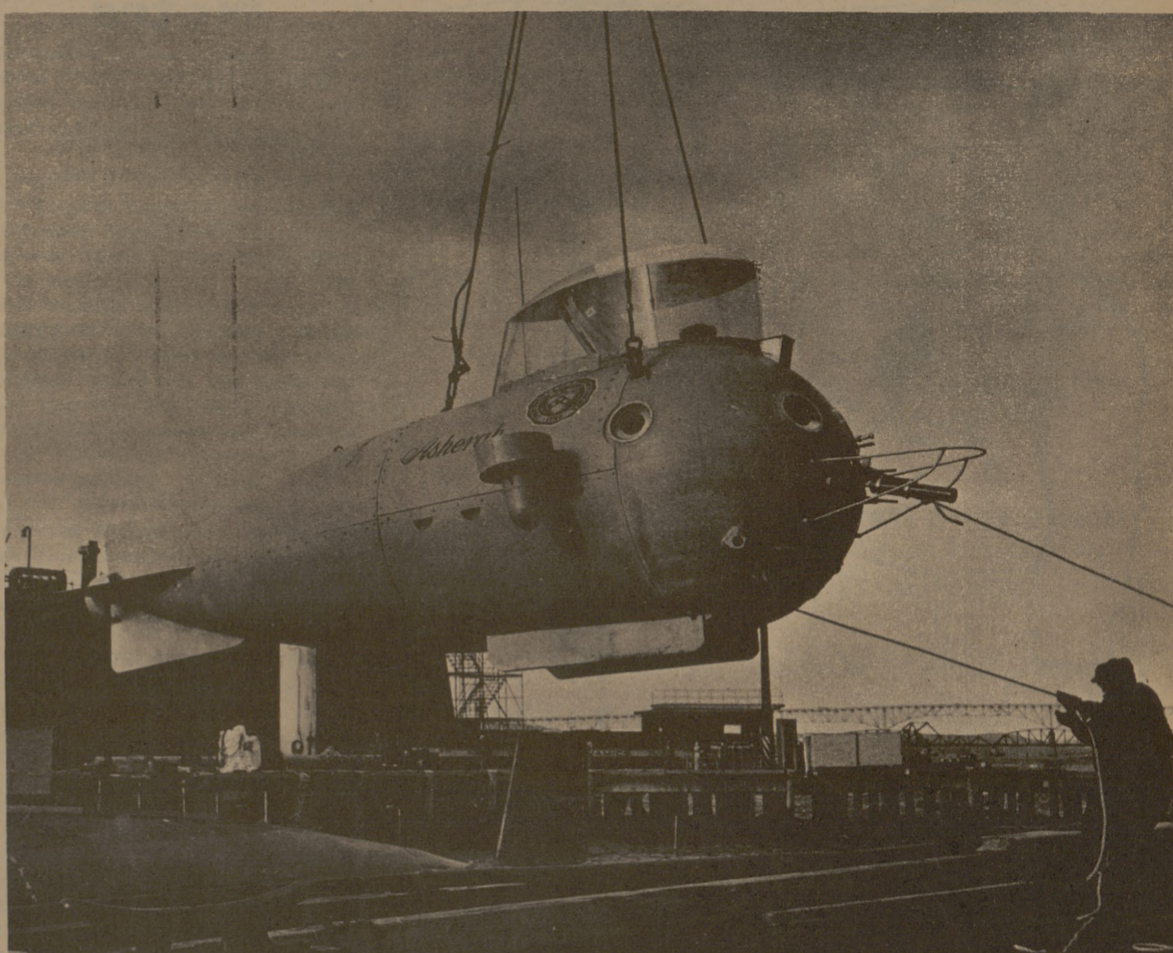
Authorized by the state legislature, the group will study a wide range of topics such as dull classes, slow learners and school dropouts.

Hubert feels the committee attempt to secure better teaching methods in order to solve the problems which exist in the public schools of Texas.

"The governor is looking at the years ahead, to 1970 and 1980, and is asking this committee to make recommendations which will assure Texas of having a quality program to meet the requirements of the big years of the future," he said.

Chairman of the committee is former State Bar president Leon Jaworski of Houston. He prosecuted some of the most notorious of Hitler's military leaders following World War II.

Members of the committee include Dick West, editorial director and editorial editor of the Dallas Morning News since 1930; Dr. Harold Hitt, superintendent of Midland schools for 11 years; Dr. James McCrocklin, president of Southwest Texas College in San Marcos, and Lloyd Turner, president of the Fort Worth Board of Education.



**HYDRO-SPACE FIESTA '66 EXHIBIT**  
A model of the Star II, christened the "Asherah" after the Phoenician goddess of the deep, will be one of the exhibits during Hydro-Space Fiesta '66, set for Feb. 6-11 in the Memorial Student Center. The National Geographic Society is currently using the vehicle for underwater archeological exploration in the Aegean Sea off the Turkish coast.

## 2 Doctoral Candidates Win \$5,500 NATO Fellowships

Two doctoral candidates have been awarded \$5,500 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Post-doctoral Fellowships in Science for a year of study abroad.

They are Wayne A. Dunlap of 208 Popular, College Station, and Donald G. Naugle, 503-A Culpepper, College Station.

Announcement of the grants was made by Graduate Dean Wayne C. Hall. He said A&M was the only Texas university listing award winners among 66 announced nationwide.

Dunlap, assistant research engineer in the Pavement Design Department of the Texas Transportation Institute and assistant professor of civil engineering, will study soil mechanics and foundation engineering at the University of London's Imperial College of Technology.

On completing the study, Dunlap plans to return to A&M. He will be accompanied to England by his wife, the former Jill Kavanaugh, a native of London; a daughter, Donna Jean, 7, and a son, Andrew 5.

Dunlap met his wife in London while working there as a consulting engineer in 1955-56. He earned masters and bachelor's

degrees in civil engineering at A&M.

He is scheduled to receive his doctorate in June. He plans to enter the University of London about Sept. 1.

Naugle expects to receive a doctorate in physics in August. He hopes to begin his postdoctoral studies in low temperature physics at the University of Got-

tingen in Germany this June. Naugle teaches physics part-time on a Welsh Foundation Post-doctoral grant.

The award winner earned a B.A. degree in physics at Rice University and hopes to add a doctorate from A&M in August. He will be accompanied to Germany by his wife, Elizabeth, and their one-year-old daughter, Kristine. Mrs. Naugle taught at A&M Consolidated Elementary School in 1963-64.

When he completes his post-doctoral study Naugle plans to return to the United States, but has not decided whether to teach or work in industry.

The NATO postdoctoral fellowships are administered by the National Science Foundation for the State Department.

## Applications Open For MSC Chairmen

Applications are now being accepted for Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate chairmen.

Students interested should apply in the lower level of the MSC by 5 p.m. Friday.

## But Others Hate Their Tour

# Some Soldiers Like Viet Nam

SAIGON (AP) — For some American GIs, Viet Nam duty is "the best in the Army."

For others, it means long stretches of boredom, sitting in foxholes by the hour waiting for an enemy that never seems to show, taking long, weary walks through rice paddies and jungle that sometimes erupt in a blast fire from hidden machine guns.

The American GI in Viet Nam is not quite like the GI of Korea and World War II. His officers are likely to think that he's smarter, better trained and tougher than men of the earlier wars.

A search for a typical GI is futile because all are individuals, although molded into a military pattern with its discipline and anonymity.

Most complain about the food, weather, military life in general and about the enemy. They call him Victor Charley or Charley Brown and respect him as a soldier.

Thus far, all large U.S. units in Viet Nam except the 1st Army Division has a preponderance of regulars, men who joined up for three years. This will change in some outfits, like the

1st Cavalry, Airmobile, Division as stateside replacements pour in. But units like the paratroopers and Marines will probably retain a majority of volunteers.

Most of the noncommissioned officers boast that they are "RA—regular Army all the way and in to stay."

Even draftees are likely to admit they would rather be here than "running up and down hills at Ft. Benning to no purpose," as a 1st Division private remarked.

"They're the finest kids—and the best troops—in the world," said Capt. Henry Thorpe, a native North Carolinian who commanded a company of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry in the Ia Drang Valley.

He ought to know. Thirty-one of his men died in that battle.

How does the U.S. soldier live on base and in the field? What does he do for entertainment in those rare hours off duty? Let's take a look at a few of them:

Spec. 5 Martin Torres of Guam is an aircraft maintenance man of the 545th Aircraft Battalion stationed at Camp Holloway, an Army air base just outside Pleiku in the central highlands.

He's been in the Army six years and plans to stay in for 20.

"In a way, it's the best duty I've ever had," he said. "I have to work hard and I don't mind because I'd rather drop dead from exhaustion than let down one of those guys flying our aircraft."

"We do our work and aren't bothered by spit and polish inspections."

Torres is an enterprising young man. He bought a motor scooter for \$350 and put-puts around the Pleiku area. In town there is little to do except break the monotony of Army food with a meal at the only Pleiku Chinese restaurant. This costs 150 piasters, about \$2 in the official rate of exchange.

Torres walks around the little Vietnamese city and drinks an occasional bottle of the local "33 export" beer that cost 40 piasters.

This is better than the life of most of the troopers of the 1st Cavalry Division at An Khe, 55 miles east of Pleiku.

Prior to the CAV's arrival, An Khe had only one bar for its population of perhaps 1,000. Now An Khe is a garish soldier town with 91 bars, many of which serve

what the troops call "boom boom parlors."

Inflation has come with a vengeance. Prices in many instances are double those of Saigon. A beer or a soft drink costs 50 piasters, a package of cigarettes 60.

Most of the troopers don't get much time in town. When Spec. 4 Clarence Wayne of Columbus, Ga., got a few hours he said:

"I'm just going to sit and rest and drink a couple of beers."

"Last time I was in town I bought silk jackets for my four-year-old boy and seven-year-old daughter."

Pvt. Rene Coutrure of Fitchburg, Mass., is an infantryman in the 1st Battalion of the 12th Cavalry. His outfit has been almost constantly in the field or on camp perimeters guard since it arrived in September.

His comments on his presence here reflect those made by many soldiers and Marines:

"Some people back home seem to think this is a civil war. They ought to have seen those dead PAVN People's Army of North Viet Nam. This is no civil war. This is an invasion and we're here to stop it."



ALVIN BORMANN JR.

## Bormann Selected As Loan Officer

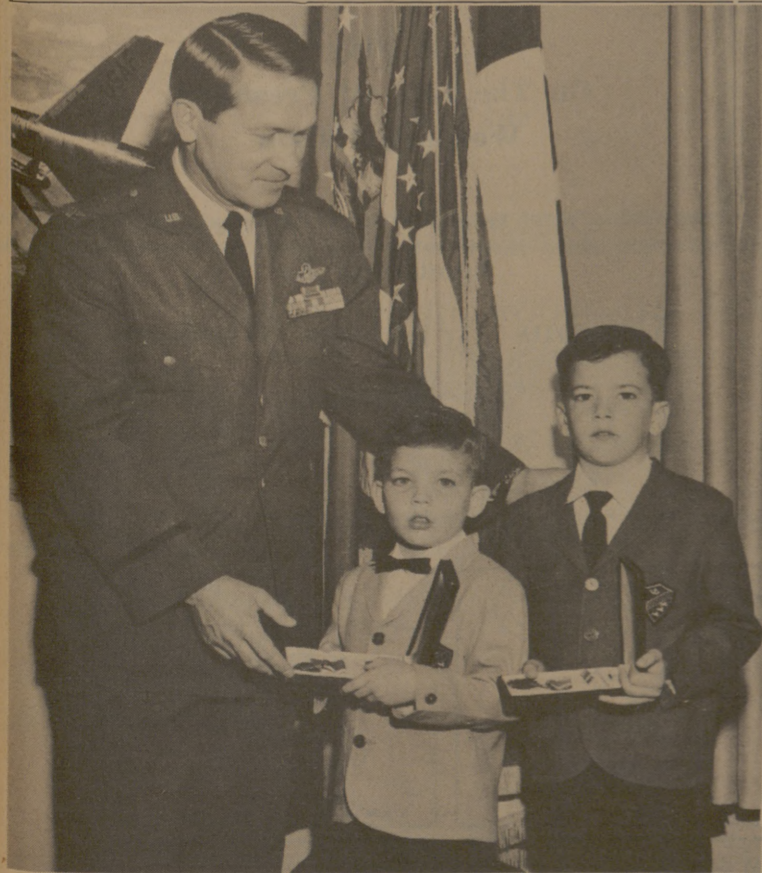
Alvin Bormann Jr. has been named student loan officer for the Student Aid Office.

A native of Brenham, Bormann has been an employe of University National Bank in College Station since 1962. He was a teller at First National Bank in Brenham in 1960-61 while attending Blinn Junior College.

Bormann will assume the post Jan. 24 following graduation from Texas A&M with a finance degree.

"Mr. Bormann's previous banking experience and knowledge of commercial loan operations will add to the strength and efficiency of our organization," said Robert M. Logan, Student Aid director.

The new employe is president of the Brethren Student Fellowship group and parliamentarian of the Finance Society at A&M.



MEDALS FOR DAD

Jeff Allen, 5, and brother Chuck, 6, study Purple Heart and Air Medal presented posthumously Monday to their father, Air Force Capt. Charles F. Allen II. He was killed in South Viet Nam in October. Col. Raymond C. Lee, left professor of aerospace studies, made the presentations. Also present at the ceremonies were Mrs. Allen, her mother, Mrs. W. V. Stewart, and sister, Mrs. Lynn Stuart, all of Bryan. Capt. Allen was also awarded the Commendation Medal two weeks before his death.