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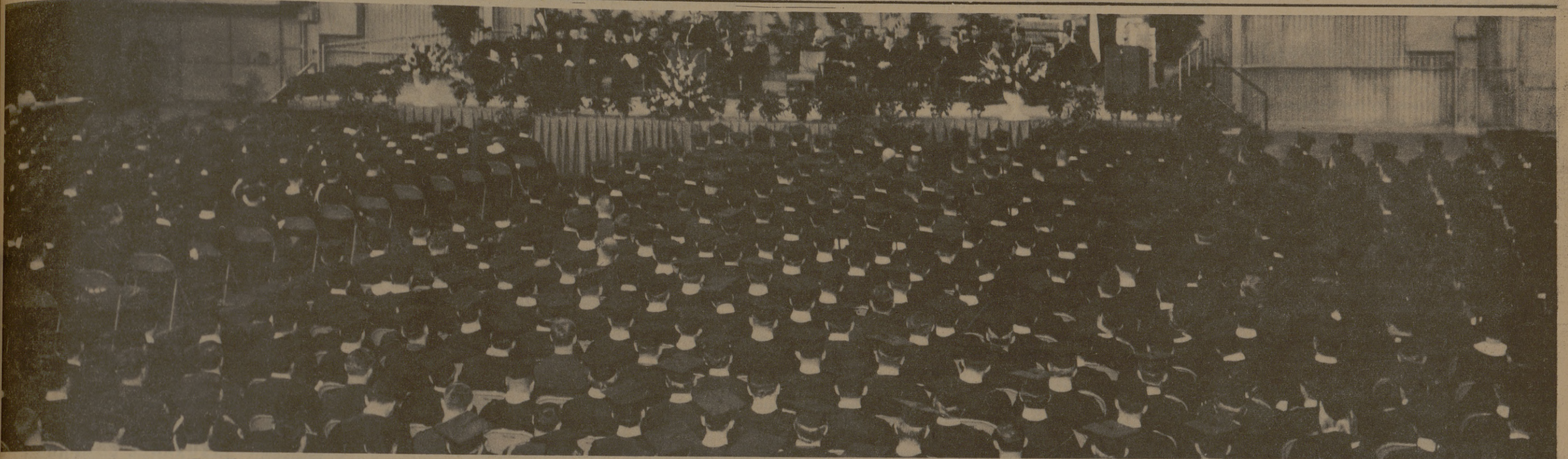
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Dr. Charles Allen speaks at graduation in G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday. He told 930 graduating seniors that America needs some "new affirmations."

U.S. becoming atheistic, Allen tells fall graduates

America is becoming a nation of "practical atheists," Dr. Charles Allen said here Saturday. The noted pastor of Houston's First United Methodist Church was Texas A&M's commencement speaker at ceremonies for a record 930 mid-term graduates.

While pointing out that nationwide polls reveal a high percentage of people who say they believe in God, Allen said society is becoming too secular. "We are not a nation of atheists," he agreed, "but we are becoming a nation of practical

atheists." The graduating class included 668 students receiving baccalaureate degrees, with 197 earning master's and 65 doctorates. Allen, who in addition to his pastorate writes a column which appears in several large news-

papers, urged re-emphasis of the importance of human and spiritual values.

"We are more and more emphasizing things and machines more than people," he observed. "Machines do a lot for us, but they also do a lot to us," the Georgia native quipped. "You can't beat a crisis with a Cadillac."

He said that too often in the crisis of life, people have "nothing inside" to carry them through.

Allen said there is too much criticism abroad in the land — criticism of the nation, of institutions and society in general.

"You do not build a great society on criticism," he reminded. "You build it on affirmations." "We need some new affirmations—things we can plant in our hearts and believe in," Allen added.

He said society needs to have said to it again the Biblical observation: "Man shall not live by bread alone."

In commissioning ceremonies

for 124 of the new graduates, Lt. Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, Army deputy chief of staff for military operations, told the new officers they entered "an uncertain future full of promise and full of danger."

The three-star general said the United States will face its strongest test within the next decade. Noting atomic weapons, communist goals and the problems in the Middle East and Latin America, Stilwell stressed the armed forces will be expected to do the country's sacrificing, regardless of the cost or the demand.

Texas A&M commissioned 88 Army officers, 33 for the Air Force and three Marines.

Stilwell said Americans have in the past, and will continue in the future, to tackle its social ills.

"America means standing up for values when they are threatened," he said. The general added it is impossible to enjoy the country without obligations, or answers to its problems.

Center for draft advice opened here by Aggies

By BILL GOULD
Battalion Staff Writer

A draft counseling center staffed by Texas A&M students recently was set up in College Station to serve area residents.

"We've been here about three weeks, but we've been busy mostly in setting up and posting handouts," philosophy senior Don Branson, one of the counselors at the center, said.

Dale Gravett, political science senior, and Keith Alaniz, philosophy freshman are other staff members at the center, located at 305 Old College Road.

Branson said they picked the off-campus location because they didn't want to limit the service to just college students.

"We're trying to reach anyone who needs help or information. That includes high school students as well as people who are no longer in school," Branson explained.

The center operates in conjunction with the Southwestern Regional Draft Counseling Association and works with lawyers and clergymen throughout

the state.

The center cooperates with the Selective Service System and receives current draft information from the National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and the state director in Austin, Branson added.

"We are not counseling draft evasion—that's illegal. But there are legal alternatives to being inducted, and they are available to every registrant," Branson said.

The center is just an agency which gives out public information, he said.

"We're here to see that all registrants know their rights and responsibilities regarding the draft. There are many people who are drafted who should not have been. There are also many who are not drafted who should be."

"The problem is that mistakes are made on the part of the local Selective Service boards as well as by the registrants—neither side fully understands the law. That's why we urge all registrants to contact us anytime there is a change in their draft status."

The center is open Monday through Friday from 5-9 p.m. Its phone number is 846-3945.

Mayor proclaims POW week

The week of Dec. 14 has been proclaimed Prisoner of War Week, by D. A. Anderson, mayor of College Station.

Anderson said that almost 1,600 members of the armed forces are listed either as missing in action or as prisoners of war in Southeast Asia, and that these men and their relatives have suffered

Because they have carried out their duty to their country, the American people should remember these men, Anderson said.

All citizens are urged to show their respect by joining in the current letter writing campaign, Anderson added, and praying for the safety and speedy return of the servicemen.

College courses for high school seniors? It's done here

By LEE DUNKELBERG
Battalion Staff Writer

Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Dr. W. David Maxwell, will

tell you that he sees no reason why a high school student should not be allowed to do college work if he is able. As a matter of fact, he can cite 12 good reasons why they should.

His 12 reasons are all seniors in high school at either A&M Consolidated in College Station or Stephen F. Austin in Bryan, and all are participating in the Superior High School Student Program at Texas A&M.

This program, instituted by Maxwell this year, is attempting to make the transition from high school to college easier.

Maxwell says there have been too many "artificial barriers" raised by dividing education into sections such as high school, undergraduate work and graduate work.

He maintains that these divisions make initiative and talent overlap, and it is this overlapping that presents the barrier.

Seniors from A&M Consolidated High School participating in GREAT SAVINGS PLAN made even better by new legal rates at FIRST BANK & TRUST. Adv.

Maxwell's program are Kathleen Kuttler, Susan Maxwell, Diana Weihs and Michelle Zingaro.

Stephen F. Austin High School (SFA) participants are Barbara Buchanan, Mary Dane Carter, Larry Galvin, Timothy B. McCandlies, Tommye Morehead, Mary Newman, Ruth Sypatak and Herbert Thorn.

Courses offered this semester are Journalism 315, beginning photography; Philosophy 341, elements of logic; American History, freshman level; third semester Spanish; World History, freshman level; Sociology 205, Principles of Sociology; first semester Czech.

The high school seniors are taking courses that range from freshman to junior level, and they are all making A's or B's, with the exception of one C.

As their grades indicate, the students did not seem to have too much trouble adapting to college work.

"There wasn't all that much difference," Miss Carter, taking Philosophy 341, commented, "at least not as much as I was expecting."

Howard F. Eilers, assistant

professor of journalism, has two of the seniors in his photography 315 course.

"The main problems that I see," Eilers said, "are interpretive problems. The difference in maturity might make them interpret or see things differently than the average college student."

What is it like attending high school and college at the same time?

"It's kinda rough, but I really like that college course," McCandlies, taking Journalism 315, said. "It's kind of scary, too. Photography is just a two hour course; I can't imagine taking 16 hours!"

Miss Weihs, also taking Journalism 315, says that even though she didn't get into "the college thing first class," she had a lot of fun and met many people.

Most of the students participating this semester plan to take another course next semester, Maxwell said. He said no new sections are added to allow the high school students to attend A&M, and that all of the professors have donated their time with no compensation.

"This is strictly an excess capacity operation," Maxwell said. "We are not allowed to charge

them (the students), and this causes a few restrictions."

He explained that the college finds out how many vacancies are available and how many students can be handled. After the college decides how many students can be handled at certain hours it sends a schedule to the high schools, where the high schools find students that have compatible schedules.

The students receive high school credit for their work, Maxwell explained, and they can probably get college credit by advance placement tests.

How do the students feel about the program?

"It's great," Miss Weihs exclaimed. "High school gets pretty boring."

"I think it's very good," said Miss Carter. "There are a lot of kids in high school that are capable. It's a great experience for getting prepared for college."

"I think it's too bad they didn't start it earlier," Miss Zingaro of A&M Consolidated, commented.

Dr. T. L. Miller, who has two high school students in one of his freshman history classes, says he thinks it is a very good program



THE LAWN of the architecture building is the sight of a tree planted Friday in memory of Arthur W. Licht, El Paso student killed in an auto accident Feb. 2. Planting the tree are Doyle Borman, left, of Brenham and Bob Corgar of El Paso. Licht was a sophomore architecture major. His family and friends have established a scholarship program here in his honor.

Williams to serve second term as head of college commission

Texas A&M President Dr. Jack K. Williams has been elected to a second term as chairman of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges.

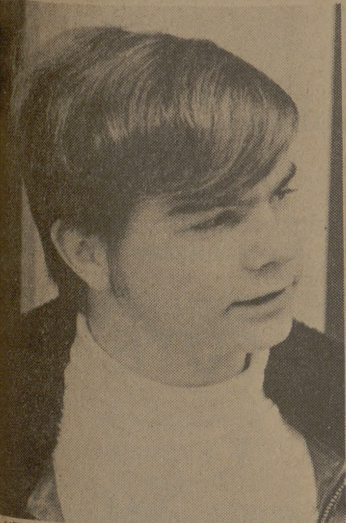
The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, one of the nation's six organizations responsible for general accreditation, represents 553 colleges and universities in 11 states, including Texas. It also includes Mexico and Puerto Rico.

The Commission on Colleges is composed of 54 members chosen from the representatives for each of the member institutions. The

association has separate commissions for elementary, secondary and technical-vocational schools.

Williams also serves on the Executive Committee of the Council of the Federation of Regional Accrediting Commissions of Higher Education, with headquarters at Chicago. That organization develops accrediting policies for all regions of the country.

The Texas A&M President was named to the additional term as Commission on Colleges chairman at the association's annual meeting in Atlanta. The one-year term is effective Jan. 1.



"Photography is just a two hour course; I can't imagine taking 16 hours," Stephen F. Austin High School senior Timothy McCandlies said of the college course he is taking this semester.

day," she said. "Whoever understood what she said in Spanish was surprised, but I don't think many understood her."



"It's great," A&M Consolidated High School senior Diana Weihs of the College of Liberal Arts Superior High School Student Program. "High school gets pretty boring." (Photos by Lee Dunkelberg)

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