Tuesday, August 31, 1971 College Station, Texas

# Pentagon assigns Trigon new ROTC commanders

# Parsons PMS, Army head

Army Col. Thomas R. Parsons has, been assigned to head the Texas AdM reserve officer train-ing program, AdM President Dr. Jack K. Williams announced. Parsons, a 1949 Texas AdM

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graduate presently commanding the 4th Infantry Division' Artillery at Fort Carson, Colo., will succeed Col. Jim H. McCoy as

nullified when he was after-

h The Texas Maritime Academy's

office on the main Texas A&M

University campus closed during the summer as part of a program to shift all TMA activities to the university's new Mitchell Cam-

TMA cadets in the past have spent their freshman year on the College Station campus before transferring to Galveston for

their final three years. At one

time, the cadets studied here

Adm. James D. Craik, TMA

superintendent, explained the

consolidation will enable the

academy to spread professional

requirements for the students

over four years rather than

bunching them in the final pe-

Under the current system, the

students emphasize general cql-lege courses while studying at

through their sophomore year.

pus at Galveston.

riods of study.

TMA moves all

offices to Galveston

Parsons will arrive in late July transfer of duties from Colonel McCoy, who is retiring. Fall ster organization of the 1971-72 Corps of Cadets and start of classes will occur during the last week of August.

commandant of cadets and pro-fessor of military science. sons was commissioned at Texas April announcement of Col. A&M. An education major, he Billy M. Vaughn as commandant, was a 1st Battalion staff member of the 2nd Regiment in the Corps

other oceanographic and marine-

the university in Galveston.

the academy has maintain

Building.

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of Cadets and a member of "A" Battery Field Artillery. Parsons, 43, entered active duty at Camp Hood with the 2nd Ar-mored Division in 1949.

The father of three has a served with the 7th, 28th and 9th Infantry Divisions and 3rd Ar-mored Division in Kores and Ger-many. After attending and in-structing at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., during 1962-65, the Louisiana native was a training directorate staff mem-ber with the Military Assistance

Command, Vietnam. He commanded howitzer and Honest John rocket battalions at Fort Lewis, Wash.; attended the U. S. Army War College and served on the Pacific Command mmander's staff in Hawaii.

He went to Fort Carson last August to command the 46th Field Artillery Group and became the bulk of their maritime-related curriculum while enrolled at Gal-4th Division Artillery commander The total shift to Galveston coincides with the scheduled oc-cupancy this fall of the first two buildings for the 100-acre Mitch-ell Campus on Pelican Island.

Barbara Jo Jordan of Beeville. A daughter Linda, 17, will be a high school senior this fall and Steven M., 15, will be a sophowhen the 46th was deactivated in more. Philip R., 20, attended UT-El Paso and plans to join the

Parsons' decorations include the

Austin man admissions director The two structures inc classroom - administration lude a classroom - administration build-ing and a technical laboratory. Dr. Billy Gene Laytof Austin as been named admissions direc-Craik said the transfer of all has been named admissions direc-tor here, announced Dean H. Loyd TMA activities to Galveston in no way changes the ac nship to Texas A&M. It is

Lay succeeds Edwin H. Cooper part of the Texas A&M's Moody who recently became assistant to A&M President Dr. Jack K. Wil-Marine Institute, which also in-cludes the Marine Laboratory and The new admissions director

served the past year as dean of boys at Austin's Crockett High related activities conducted by School while completing require-ments for his Ph.D. in education Since its establishment in 1962, office in Texas AdM's YMCA istration at the University of Texas.

Lay, 40, is a 1954 graduate of Texas A&M. He earned his mas-ter's degree at the University of Tevas in 1966

Col. Thomas Parsons

Bronze Star with valor device and

torious Service Medal, and Ko-

He is married to the former

rean President Unit Citation.

Army this summer.

Before joining the Crockett staff, he was principal at Baker Junior High School, also in Austin. He previously taught math-ematics in Pasadena.

fessional background has been such that he is particularly suited ions work at Texas A&M," Heaton said.

## **Crossland PAS**

Col. Robert F. Crossland of Dallas has been named professor of aerospace studies. His assignment as ranking of-ficer of A&M's Air Force ROTC

program becomes effective July A Southern Methodist University graduate, Crossland will succeed Col. Keith C. Hanna and acting PAS Lt. Col. Thomas W. Comstock as commander of the Air Force detachment that in-structs the AFROTC cadet pro-

gram leading to reserve and reguar officers commissions. Crossland, as PAS, and Army Col. Thomas R. Parsons, newly assigned commandant and pro-

tive officer train Parsons is a 1949 A&M graduate Crossland earlier this year comleted two years on the National War College faculty. A con pilot, he was a tactical airlift division chief, 7th Air Force, in Vietnam during 1967-68. Prior to the Southeast Asia tour, he was director of personnel assignments at Tactical Airlift Command headquarters, Langley AFB, Va. Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and Commendation Medal.

fessor of military science, will be cadet program.

ices and university for the respec He wears the Bronze Star, Air A 23-year veteran, he was commissioned through the aviation

Col. Robert Crossland

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## the first Oak Leaf Cluster, Meri-Local education center established through grant

A \$76,782 Mott Foundation grant has been made to Texas A&M for establishment of a community education center here, A&M President Dr. Jack K. Wiliams has announced.

The foundation selected Texas A&M as the location for the community education center in the Southwest. It serves Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisi-

area school district involvement programs for maximizing educational resources for all members of a community.

Philanthropist Charles S. Mott envisioned the operation and set

up the foundation to support such programs. Education Dean Dr. Frank W.

R. Hubert said the A&M center will be attached to the Department of Educational Administration headed by Dr. Harold L. Hawkins.

The center began operation July 1 with Dr. Robert I. Berridge as director. Staffing initially includes a secretary.

Hubert said the grant provides assistance in establishing the center and its first year operation. Year-to-year renewals on a cost-sharing basis are expected to match university and area school district input. Total annual budget would be about \$220,000 in line with the original proposal, Hubert said.

The education dean said the center "is an extremely fine program for the university."

Berridge has been assistant di rector of a Mott center at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind., since 1968. It is the Midwest center for dissemination, consultation, research and training in community education improvement.

He has degrees from Seton Hall, Texas A&I and Michigan State Universities, with the doctor of education awarded at East Lansing in 1969. Berridge also has done advanced work at the University of Texas at Austin and Teachers College, Columbia University.

Berridge taught and was principal and federal programs director of Corpus Christi schools. Before going to East Lansing for doctoral studies under Mott internship, he was interim director of the Community Action Program for Nueces County.

If you're a student at Texas A&M you're going

### **A&M now CLEP** center tests at other institutions.

pts acawow demic credit earned through the College Level Examination Program, announced Dr. Horace R. Byers, academic vice president.

CLEP tests, an activity of the College Entrance Examination Board, are designed to measure knowledge gained through general experience or independent study rather than formal classroom work.

Texas A&M joins more than 500 other colleges and universities

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willing to consider CLEP test re-sults for academic credit.

The testing program includes general examinations in six areas coverning the content of general education courses ordinarily included in the first two years of college and 21 subject examinations for specific college courses. Byers said CLEP examinations will be administered at Texas A&M in selected subjects, He added the university also will

accept transfer credit for CLEP

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Subjects for which tests will be offered here include American government, English, mathematics, chemistry and physics.

Coordination of CLEP testing will be the responsibility of the university's Counseling and Testing Center.

Texas A&M also participates in **CEEB's** Advanced Placement Program and offers its own credit by examination through departmental tests.

#### The center is one of 12 throughout the nation and one of three created this year by the Mott Foundation. Mott community education centers develop through faculty and

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Texas A&M's new Quick Copy Center is now available for faculy ty, staff and students seeking quality reproductions and a low

AGGIES.

The offset printing facility is a part of the Educational Media Center directed by William H. Lowry.

Located in Building D, behind the A&M Press Building, the copy center has three full-time employees, three part-time stu-dent helpers and over \$40,000 in

new equipment. Heart of the operation are two AM2650 automatic presses, one AM2000 electrostatic master machine and one AM805 electrostatic master which can reduce down to 45 per cent or enlarge up to 150 per cent of the original

size, Lowry said. The presses are fully auto-matic, including self-cleaning. "The average cost per copy is less than one cent," Lowry emphasized.

A limited number of copies can be made while the customer waits and there is same day service for major jobs.

One advantage of the new printing center, Lowry said, is there is no need to cut stencils. Electrostatic masters are made from original typing in a matter of seconds.

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