

Distinguished Alumni

Four to be awarded

By CARMEN MOLINA
Reporter

Not only will diplomas be handed out this weekend, but four Distinguished Alumni Awards will also be presented.

The awards, given in recognition of distinguished career achievements, will be given to Richard N. Conolly, Class of '37; Orvil W. Crisman, Class of '38; Eivind H. Johansen, Class of '50 and Gerald D. Griffin, Class of '56.

Conolly and Crisman will receive the awards during the commencement ceremonies Friday, and Johansen's and Griffin's awards will be presented at Saturday's ceremony.

Conolly, who is currently serving on the executive committee of the Texas A&M Commission on the Visual Arts, says any Aggie would be proud to receive such an award.

Crisman, a retired business executive and entrepreneur, recently endowed the Crisman Institute for Petroleum Reservoir Engineering at A&M. He says he's honored to be chosen from among the outstanding graduates of A&M.

Johansen reached the rank of lieutenant general before he retired in 1980. Retired Lt. Gen. Johansen was the highest ranking A&M graduate in the armed forces when he retired from the U.S. Army in 1980. He was also the youngest general to be ap-



Richard N. Conolly



Orvil W. Crisman



Gerald D. Griffin



Eivind H. Johansen

pointed to the Army's top logistics staff, where he served as deputy chief of staff.

Griffin, the director of Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston, is a recognized leader in United States manned space flight.

"I consider it (the Distinguished Alumni Award) the greatest honor bestowed on me,"

says Griffin, who was instrumental in having "The Aggie War Hymn" played to wake up astronauts in space.

"I was flabbergasted!" Griffin says. "My jaw dropped a foot when President Vandiver told me I had been chosen to receive the award."

The four alumni were chosen from approximately 30 candidates.

Professor: Music of 50s being repeated today

By MICHAEL CRAWFORD
Senior Staff Writer

You've sung it, hummed it and maybe tapped your foot to it. But do you know where it comes from? History associate Professor Terry Anderson says popular music often reflects the mood of the country.

To a crowded room, Anderson played portions of 75 different songs that traced the roots of today's music from the 1950s. Music from that period, Anderson said, symbolized America after the victory in World War II, a sound now being repeated in today's music.

The 50s was a romantic time, full of songs with titles like "Love is a Many Splendored Thing." It was a

time, Anderson said, when about 90 percent of the popular songs dealt with romance. And American values centered around children, marriage and jobs; "in that order" Anderson joked.

The tranquil 50s gave way to the social upheaval of the 1960s.

The music took on a new social awareness that criticized the silence and complacency that some artists felt characterized earlier music, Anderson said. Songs like "The Sounds of Silence" and "Blowin' in the Wind" asked questions about racism, war and sexual freedom.

Songs from the Vietnam War told the story of alienation and revolt Anderson said, and sparked a

movement against organized religion with music from "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "Godspell."

But the music of the 70s promoted ecology, community and the common man. And songs like "I Am Woman" signaled the awakening of women as a powerful group, Anderson said. The crusade for various groups' rights ended in the late 1970s, Anderson said, because blacks and women found equality, the searched-for sexual freedom arrived and the war in Vietnam was over.

With those causes gone, Anderson said, today's music has returned to the nostalgia of the 50s and shifted to materialism.

Salvadoran men propose trading cash for probation

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Two men accused of trying to take almost \$6 million in cash out of the United States have relinquished their claim to the money in exchange for a promise that they will be placed on probation, officials said.

In a plea bargain with federal prosecutors, Oscar Rodriguez-Feo, of Miami, pleaded guilty to conspiring to transport more than \$10,000

out of the country without reporting it to the U.S. government.

Francisco Guirrola-Beeche, of El Salvador and Albuquerque, N.M., pleaded no contest to the conspiracy charge.

Statements filed by prosecutors linked the seizure with suspected narcotics smuggling. Miami pilot Gus Maestrales maintains he had no knowledge of his plane's cash cargo on Feb. 6, and that Rodriguez and

Guirrola were only passengers.

Rodriguez and Guirrola have been linked with the highest levels of El Salvador's political right wing. Guirrola's passport listed him as an independent adviser to the Salvadoran state assembly. When arrested, both men carried documents that identified them as special counselors to Salvadoran Attorney General Jose Francisco Guerrero.

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