

SINCE 1876

## A & M Military Tradition Proud

Since 1876 when A&M first opened the doors with six students it has had a military school. The college has shouldered wholeheartedly its responsibilities for teaching military training under the National Land-Grant Education System. For many years A&M has had the largest military school in the United States. It is now one of six military colleges.

**Two Years Required**  
At least two years of military training are required of all students, except veterans, physically handicapped, foreign nationals, men over 21 years of age and transfer students with more than 30 credit hours.

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**In 1920**  
The Reserve Officers Training Corps was inaugurated at A&M in 1920. Since that year basic military training and understanding has been given to more than 41,000 young men.

At this time training is offered in both the Army and Air Force. Advanced ROTC training, leading to commissions in the Officers Reserve Corps, was given to approximately 7,000 men before the program was discontinued under the emergency of World War II.

By December 7, 1941, some 5,000 reserve officers, trained at A&M were already on active duty helping to weld the army that was to win World War II.

**Corregidor, Bataan**  
An outstanding illustration of that group were the 46 young Texans, A&M-trained reserve officers on duty at Corregidor and Bataan. Their epic of fighting ability in the face of insurmountable odds is military history.

In addition to some 7,000 reserve officers trained and commissioned at A&M, the college takes pride in at least another 7,000 officers of World War II. They received from the college varying degrees of military training that enabled them to quickly enter officer candidate school and to better play their part in the great emergency program of training a victorious military force.

**All But Two**  
Six former students of A&M have been awarded the Medal of

Honor for exceptional bravery in World War II—all but two of the awards being posthumous.

A&M trains citizens soldiers—trained men to be available for military service in a war emergency.

That it has well met that objective is evidenced by the splendid performance of its sons and by these overall figures of its training program in round numbers.

## A&M Customs Worldly Unique

Since A&M was established in 1876, its customs and traditions have grown to help make this school one of the most nearly unique in the world.

For the past 84 years customs and traditions have come and gone at A&M, some remaining only a few weeks while others have lasted nearly the whole time. It is these which make the school rich in its heritage.

Probably the first tradition and one of the most important is that "Once an Aggie always an Aggie." The class of 1880, first to graduate is said to have inaugurated it to promote school spirit. Today as we Aggies travel around the country we often meet one of these Aggies from older classes who inevitably greets us as a long lost brother and goes all out to make us feel at home. This custom of sticking together is now world known, and wherever two Aggies meet, no matter what their ages, there is sure to be much hand-shaking and back slapping.

**Speaking**  
Another great custom at Aggie-land is speaking to and meeting everyone you come in contact with. This custom isn't as old as most of us may think. F. J. Mikeska, '28, now an engineer in Shreveport, La., says when he went to school here nobody spoke as they do now. This has changed now, however, as you all so well know. The familiar "howdy" rings throughout the campus.

Another tradition which dates well back into the beginning of the school is the custom of the senior ring. The first Aggie senior ring was worn by the class of 1894. The design has changed very little, so today we still wear the ring designed by that class.

The tradition of class distinction stems from the military training at A&M. The adage "rank hath its privileges" is very true here. The senior is top dog and his word is law. The junior enjoys some privileges over the sophomores and the "fish" who are low men on the ladder. By the way "fish" is the name given the freshmen by one of the classes in the 1880's which one is not exact. The "fish" catches all the little messy jobs and lives only for the next year.

# 89 Frosh Win Scholarships

Eighty-nine high school graduates have been named winners of four-year Opportunity Award Scholarships at A&M.

An additional 12 students have been listed to receive other scholarships.

Winners of the Opportunity Awards were chosen by the Faculty Committee on Scholarships of the college following statewide competitive examinations given to more than 600 candidates April 23 and April 30.

Opportunity Awards are valued at from \$800 to \$1,200, recipients receiving \$200 to \$300 a year for four years plus part-time employment provided by the college. Winners are chosen after consideration of each candidate's scholastic record, character, evidence of leadership in high school and financial circumstances.

The plan was started at A&M 14 years ago and is supported by the Association of Former Students of the College, clubs, business corporations, foundations and individuals.

Since its beginning, in 1946, the plan has helped more than 1,300 capable high school graduates to enroll in college. Ninety per cent have either graduated or are still going to school on Opportunity Awards.

The 1960 winners of four-year scholarships are:

**ABILENE:** Cyrus James Newman, Jr. of 849 Ballinger, Marvin Cleveland Powell of 518 Palm and Mansil Alvis Williams of 208 Merchant.

**ALAMO:** Roy Loring Netz. **ALPINE:** W. R. McAfee, Jr. **ALVIN:** Jack Edward Davis. **ARLINGTON:** Charles Allen Blackwell of 414 N. Pecan.

**BAYTOWN:** Billy Wayne Nance of 1520 Cedar Bayou Road. **BELLAIRE:** Cyril Joseph Durrenberger of 5218 Brae Burn Drive.

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**BLESSING:** John William Fondon of 404 Hickory St. **BLOSSOM:** Thomas Gerald Monigle of Rt. 2. **BOLING:** Allen Dale Ferrell.

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**CAT SPRING:** William Frank Braden of Rt. 1. **CORSICANA:** Sidney Albert Cook of Rt. 3.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Jerry Lynn Partridge of 4818 Waltham. **COUPLAND:** Bobby Lee Limmer of Rt. 2.

**CUERO:** Arthur Charles Fischer of Cheapside Rt. **DAINGERFIELD:** William Reed Porter.

**DALLAS:** Thomas Lee Ferguson of 5303 Goodwin, Robert Paul Gallagher of 1402 Verano Dr., William Bernard Shaw of 2608 Alden, and Marshall Paige Wilson, Jr. of 3023 Aster St.

**DENISON:** Charles Loyd Lummus of 922 West Shepard.

**DENTON:** Melvyn Roy Killgore of 317 Egan St.

**DONNA:** William Edward Dillon of Rt. 1. **EL CAMPO:** Gilbert William Smith, Jr. of Rt. 1.

**EL PASO:** Richard Blair Lockwood of 6805 Navajo Dr. **ESTELLE:** Larry Don Braidfoot of Rt. 1.

**FORT WORTH:** Joe Frank Berra and Maurice Dale Wilson of 4321 Carol Ave. **FREDERICKSBURG:** Roy Alton Jacoby, Jr. of Rt. 1.

**FREEPORT:** Robert Lloyd Cates of 224 South Front. **GANADO:** William John Macha of Rt. 1 and John Maurice Scheel of Rt. 1.

**GEORGETOWN:** John Christian Doerfler of Rt. 4. **HAMILTON:** Ronald Lee Lueck of Rt. 3.

**HICO:** Royce Aidon Samford of Rt. 6. **HOBBES, NEW MEX.:** James Matchett Morgan of 1004 W. Berry Dr.

**HOUSTON:** David Ernest Blake of 1020 Waltway Dr., Gerald Bryan Kieschnick of 12913 So. Post Oak, James Ritchie Spurger of 46 Wellford Rd. and Donald Russell Veazey of 502 Medina.

**INDIAN GAP:** Gailord Murl White of Rt. 1. **JACKSONVILLE:** Billy Ray Elsbury of Rt. 4.

**JASPER:** Joe Clyde Truietto of Rt. 3. **LADONIA:** Lyndal B. Burnett of Rt. 2.

**LONGVIEW:** Delbert Lance Bullard of 320 Ruth Lynn Dr. and Clarence Albert Grett of Rt. 4. **LUFKIN:** Herman Edward Bate of 1208 Reen and Gene Marco Owens of 503 Sunset Blvd.

**MARBLE FALLS:** Keith Allen Clark of Rt. 1. **MARLIN:** Chester Henry Michalak of 1003 Clark St.

**MASON:** Floyd Robert Waller, Jr. of 545 Rainey St. **MERIDIAN:** Kenneth Albert Radde of Rt. 1.

**MILFORD:** Jacob Bryan Hull of Rt. 1. **ODESSA:** John Daniel Laird of 1500 East 57th and Kenneth Zack Scott of 321 North Amburgey.

**OLNEY:** David Randall Rounton of 307 Hamilton. **PORT ARTHUR:** Herbert Gary Jernigan of 2220 6th Avenue and John Burleson Woodall of 2838 Proctor St.

**QUEEN CITY:** Jerry Neal Kinney. **ROCHESTER:** Charles Evert Hearn.

**ROCKWALL:** Bobby L. Springer of Rt. 1. **SAN ANTONIO:** Ronald Milton

of 608 John Adams Drive, Charles Douglas Johnson of 119 Gayle Ave., and Eugene Edgar Payne, Jr. of Rt. 13.

**SEAGOVILLE:** Benjamin Dwight Stephens of 741 High School. **STERLING CITY:** Danny Den Stewart.

**TEAGUE:** Robert Arthur May of 512 Pecan St. **TEMPLE:** Jimmy Albert Alston of Rt. 1 and David Harold Beerwinkle of Rt. 5.

**TEXAS CITY:** John Walter McGinty, Jr. of 818-19th Ave., North. **THORNTON:** Jerry Bryan Lincoln of Rt. 3.

**VICTORIA:** Jake Lanford Woodruff of 906 Ben Jordan.

**VOCA:** Gerald Lynn Lemons. **WACO:** Kenneth Wayne Edman of 3328 Pewitt Dr.

**WALLER:** Richard Gray Cole. **WELLINGTON:** Teddy Eugene Gentry of Rt. 2.

**WEST COLUMBIA:** Luther Robert Powers. **WICHITA FALLS:** Jack C. Cline, Jr. of 1202 Sunnyside Lane, David Thomas Fowler of 26 W. Wichita Gardens and Franklin Lee Supercinski of 6th and Broad Streets.

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