

# Coveted Corps Award Named For Famed Aggie General

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A plaque, trophy, and citation cords will be presented Sunday to the unit in the Corps of Cadets deemed best in all aspects of achievement at Texas A&M.

The General George F. Moore Award is presented annually on Parents Day to the outstanding company-sized unit in the Corps. It is a highly coveted award that represents the pinnacle of excellence — named for a man whose record represents the military excellence A&M reflects — Gen. George Fleming Moore.

The General Moore Award was first presented to F Company, Infantry, commanded by R. B. McCallum, on May 12, 1946. Scholarship counted for 50 per cent, military proficiency 25 per cent, extra curricular activities 10 per cent and intramurals 15 per cent.

A NEW SYSTEM of determining the award is now in effect, but the biggest factor is still scholastic achievement. It will count 60 per cent toward a unit's point total. Military proficiency (marching) counts 20 per cent, intramural proficiency 10 per cent, extra curricular participation 5 per cent, and retention of freshmen 5 per cent.

George F. Moore was graduated from Texas A&M in 1908 after gaining fame as a ferocious football player. He returned to A&M as Commandant of the Corps of Cadets with the rank of colonel in 1938. In 1940 he left for Hawaii and the war in the Pacific.

A columnist named Felix McKnight, now executive editor of the Dallas Times Herald, once recalled an incident from Moore's college days.

"OLD MAUD CAME ABOUT his nickname that still sticks on the campus way back in 1907. He was named, in a rather undignified manner, after a mule — a comic strip character. One balmy fall afternoon, George Moore halted in front of Ross Hall, an ivy-clad dorm on the campus and quietly suggested that he could kick a football over the three-story structure — spires and all. The football was produced and Moore promptly booted it over the building. For that kicking prowess and a little stubbornness . . . he picked up the name Old Maud."

McKNIGHT ALSO TELLS of Moore's greatest test as Commandant. It came on an April Fool's Day.

"Some 2,500 fish were hard at stopping a train to ride it to Bryan — a trick with dangerous angles. 'Old Maud' strolled down right into the big middle of the fish, grinning greetings. Then he crawled up on a baggage truck and made a man-to-man speech about the matter and strolled away. They followed him to the drill field and put on a mock review and from there to the mess hall, where the eats were 'on the bull.'"

Moore's finest hour came when he was placed in command of the harbor defenses on Corregidor in May, 1942. His service on the embattled fortress earned him a Distinguished Service Cross.

In April, 1942, a unit of the 1st Coast Artillery Battalion was under heavy fire from the Bataan shore and a tunnel sheltering the battery collapsed from the bombardment, trapping 60 men. A runner succeeded in reaching the command post with a request that higher headquarters be telephoned for aid, only to be turned down.

ANY RESCUE ATTEMPT seemed suicidal in the bursting shell-fire. Volunteers offered to make the attempt, however, and a re-

quest was telephoned to headquarters in Malinta Tunnel for counter-fire to lessen the shelling in the tunnel area.

Moore, hearing the desperate request, left the tunnel, walked a half-mile through intense shellfire and supervised rescue operations.

"By this total disregard for his personal safety, General Moore contributed heroically to the safety and lives of some 16 of the entrapped personnel who would otherwise have perished," read the citation for his Distinguished Service Cross.

WHEN CORREGIDOR FELL, Moore was taken prisoner by the Japanese and was not released until September, 1945. On October 15, 1945, Texas A&M conferred an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at a special convocation, "for distinguished service as a soldier in the U. S. Army, for distinguished leadership as Commandant of Cadets and Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, for heroic service as Commanding Officer in the defense of Corregidor, for loyalty and devotion to duty in peace as in war."

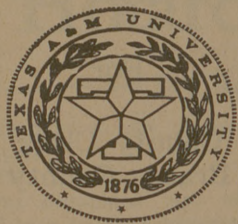
After the war, Moore was appointed commanding officer of Army forces in Mid-Pacific, Western Pacific, and Philippines—Ryukus Command. In July, 1949 after 40 years of service, he retired to live in Burlingame, Calif.

AMONG THE DECORATIONS Moore accumulated during his career were the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Unit Emblem with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Philippine Legion of Honor and the Philippine Distinguished Conduct Star.

Gen. George F. Moore died on December 3, 1949, at the age of 62.



GEN. MOORE



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## State Department Presents Program On Foreign Policy

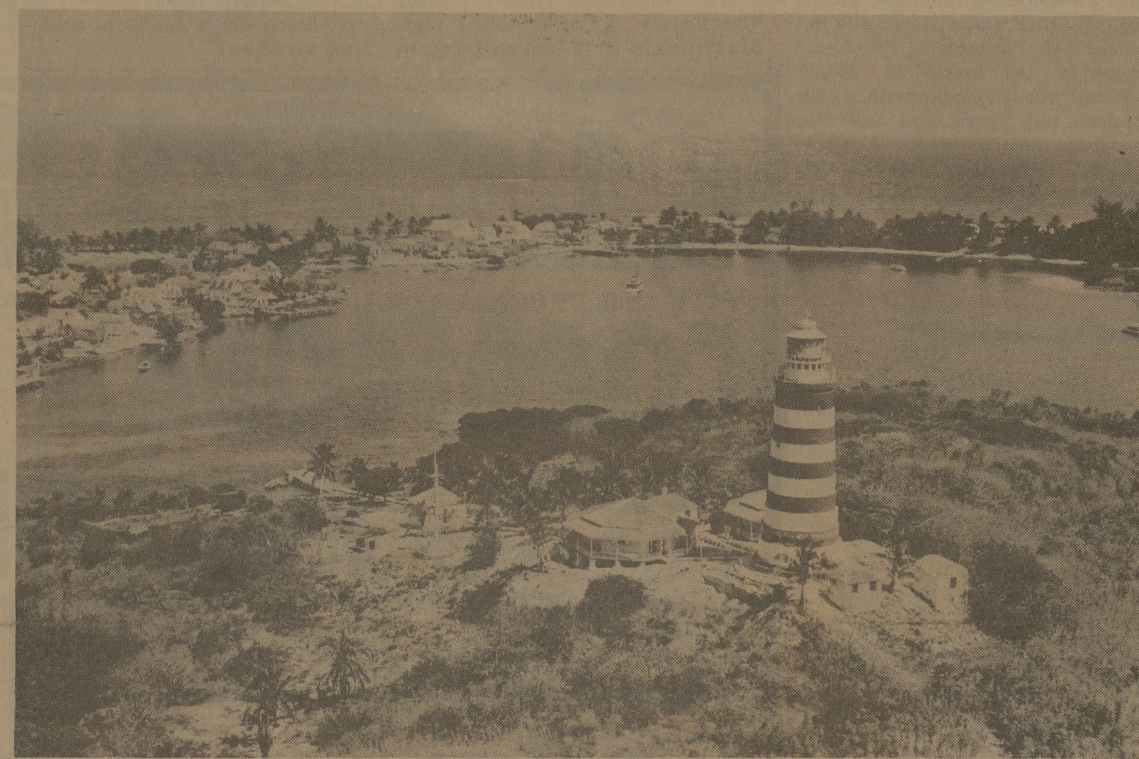
The State Department will sponsor a day-long program of meetings on foreign policy Friday.

Four of the speakers are senior officials of the State Department. Their trip to 18 cities in Texas is an attempt to talk with the people at the grass roots level.

The officers will appear on KFTX television at 11 a.m., an appearance which will begin a day of meetings with air science and government classes at Texas A&M, an assembly at Kemp High School, lunch with the Kiwanis Club, an assembly at Allen Military Academy, a press conference and formal panel discussion and reception at 8 p.m. on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center.

Speakers will include David H. McKillop, director of the office of Western European affairs; Edward W. Holmes, senior officer in the operation center of the State Department; Josiah Bennett, deputy director in the office of East Asian affairs; Jack B. Kubisch, director of the office of Brazilian affairs, and Mary Manchester of the Bureau of Public Affairs.

The general meeting in the First Bank & Trust now pays 4 1/2% per annum on savings certificates. —Adv.



### BAHAMAN TOURIST ATTRACTION

The famous candy-striped lighthouse on Abaco Cay in the Bahama Islands will be included in the final presentation of the World Around Us Series tonight. Undersea photographer Harry Pederson will present a film-lecture on the Bahamas at 8 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Admission is 50 cents for students with ID cards, 75 cents for other students and \$1 for the general public.

## 1966 SCONA To Consider Europe Topic

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The twelfth annual Student Conference on National Affairs will center on the "Challenges Posed to the United States by European Nationalism," Chairman Robert Heaton has announced.

The sessions have tentatively been set for Dec. 7-10 in the Memorial Student Center, according to Planning Committee Chairman Pete Garza.

"In arriving at SCONA topics, we tried to establish a balance," Garza explained. SCONA concerned Latin America; last year the topic was Viet Nam. This one will concern Europe."

GARZA SAID another topic receiving much consideration was Red China, but it was passed over in order to achieve balance.

"We also felt businessmen would be very interested in this subject because of the Common Market factor and the various commitments of American businessmen in European industries," he added.

Another reason for the choice, Garza said, was the recent series of policy moves by French President Charles DeGaulle and the threat they pose to the Western Alliance.

Subtopics to be covered include the proposed reunification of Germany, effect of the Common Market on Europe's economy and the challenge of a "Third Communism."

Garza said a list of 50 possible guest speakers has been submitted to the Executive Council for approval.

"THE LIST includes top names in U. S. government — from President Johnson to members of the House Foreign Relations Committee," he noted.

"In addition, the Planning Committee is obtaining a list of prospective round table chairmen," he went on. "They include prominent figures in business corporations, government, embassies, and universities."

Finance Chairman Mack Berry has announced this year's SCONA budget is close to \$19,000. Berry said the recent

fund drive has garnered over \$4,500 in contributions so far and he expects the total collection to reach at least \$9,000 when the rest of the total is in.

"The Easter drive is aimed primarily at previous contributors," he explained. "Another drive during June and one in the latter part of the summer will focus on obtaining new donors."

Working with Heaton as vice-chairman of SCONA XII will be Pat Rehmet. In addition to Garza and Berry, recently-named Committee chairmen are Charles C. Jones, publications; Art Esquivel, programs; Forbes Wallace, housing; Louis Venator, arrangements; John W. Morgan, conference manager; Steve Thurman, personnel; Tommy DeFrank, publicity; Jeffrey C. Nieland, secretary; Alvaro Dominguez, welcoming; and Kevin Rinard, transportation.

## Keltner Named Outstanding ROTC Cadet

Neil L. Keltner, commander of the A&M Corps of Cadets last year, was named the outstanding 1965 ROTC graduate today by the Department of the Army.

The 25-year-old Lansing, Mich. native now serves on active duty with B Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry at Ft. Meade, Md.

The industrial distribution graduate received the Hughes Achievement Trophy from the Under Secretary of the Army in Washington, D. C. The 100-pound, 3-foot-high statue will be displayed here following special ceremonies at the Corps' Final Review May 28.

Keltner won every major honor given a student at A&M. He ranked first in his military science class and first in his academic subject. He was a "Distinguished Student" every semester and was chosen the outstanding noncommissioned officer and the superior commissioned cadet officer.

## Engineering Dean Chosen To Building Firm Board

Dean of Engineering Fred Benson has been named a director of the H. B. Zachry Company of San Antonio.

He will serve on the board of the international construction firm, which has \$200 million in projects ranging from a nuclear power plant in Spain to a dam in Thailand.

"Dean Benson is a most capable individual and will strengthen our organization," noted the company's president. "Along with this appointment, we are offering

the entire facilities of our company to Texas A&M for engineering research."

Zachry, a 1922 civil engineering graduate, urged other industry to participate in this on-the-job research effort.

"We will meet the expenses of A&M faculty and students while they are away from the campus studying our projects," he continued. "Our reward will be the opportunity to preview good engineering talent."

## Campus Construction Booms

Texas A&M's 5,000-acre campus is being pushed into shape for the future.

A \$25 million building program to be completed in three years will advance the physical plant value to \$100 million.

Six major projects totaling \$20 million are going up and others are on the drawing board.

The largest installation is the \$6 million cyclotron, an 86-inch atom smasher. Considered 60 per cent complete, the 400-ton research accelerator will be the largest in the South and the fourth to be operated by a university in the United States.

NASA's Space Science Center is quickly taking shape adjacent to the Data Processing Center. The \$2.25 million, five-story building will contain 80,000 square feet of space. Its occupants in July will include many of the researchers concerned with space-related study, portions of the computer center and the Graduate Institute of Statistics.

A \$2.75 million addition to the Biological Sciences Building is also beginning to take shape. The 95,337 square-foot structure will house parts of the Departments of Biology, Biochemistry, Wildlife Sciences, the Electron Microscopy Laboratory and office of the Dean of Science.

A giant excavation marks the

beginning stages of the \$3.8 million enlargement of Cushing Library. Soon to be the largest building on the campus, the structure will contain 200,000 square feet of floor space. G. Rollie White Coliseum currently ranks first with 152,000.

Preliminary work has begun on

the \$3.25 million United States Department of Agriculture Livestock Toxicology Laboratory and a Cotton Pathology Laboratory, and contracts were awarded last month on the \$1.1 million Services Building to house information activities and certain research labs.

Other projects under study include addition to the Memorial Student Center, airconditioning of White Coliseum, remodeling and airconditioning of older class buildings, expansion of veterinary medicine facilities and construction of an Engineering Research Center.



CONSTRUCTION FOCUSES ON THE FUTURE . . . NASA's \$2.25 million Space Science Center near completion.