

# DMS honors given 60 cadets

Distinguished Military Student status has been given 60 Army ROTC seniors at A&M for 1971-72.

Col. Thomas R. Parsons, professor of military science, named DMS cadets and presented certificates and ribbons in classes this week.

DMS indicates the cadet has outstanding academic and military proficiency along with other attributes, which is desired in Army officers. The designation enables the cadet to apply for a Regular Army commission to be conferred upon graduation.

Colonel Parsons, calling the recognition a "significant achievement in these men's lives," noted that of 66 DMS cadets who applied for Regular Army commissions last year, 65 were accepted. "With cutbacks in the services,

getting an RA commission after going on active duty will become increasingly difficult," Parsons said.

Nine of the 60 recognized cadets were given provisional DMS due to their not having attended summer camp, Colonel Parsons said.

Recipients are Joseph A. Aston of Farmersville; John D. Bennett, Jefferson City, Mo.; Jan C. Bertholf, Annandale, Va.; Larry M. Bragg, Talpa; Stephan A. Bressler and Terrell W. Rowan, Killeen; James C. Brown, Alamo; Roger J. Channing, Masontown, Pa.; Pearre C. Chase, Amarillo.

Also, Jimmie L. Cook, Richard D. Curb, Stephen J. Lazzaro and Hal B. Sharp, Houston; Van N. Culpepper, Prescott, Ark.; Carl R. Esser, Converse; Gene A.

Evans and Fletcher F. Rhodes, Corpus Christi; Jimmy Dan Ferguson, Garland; Colbert L. Flanery, Dallas; Larry George, Artesia, N. M.

In addition, Pete G. Gerukos, Robert C. Raiford, Anthony M. Rios and James M. Spencer, San Antonio; Larry D. Gordy, Beaumont; Michael L. Hammack, Cochran, Ga.; Robert L. Hanson, Wilmington, Del.; Jack R. Hockey, Edinburg; Sidney C. Hughes, Austin; Michael A. Langston, Granbury; John R. Lock, Lockhart; William E. Loveless and George P. Morley, College Station.

Plus, Randall W. Masters, Orange; Charles L. McGuire, Liberty; Henry J. Osterman, Windthorst; George B. Pace, Menard; George D. Patterson and Larry

N. Patterson, Fort Worth; Craig H. Pearson, Belton; Robert F. Pence, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Richard H. Rau, Arlington; William D. Ritchie, Columbus; Ronald E. Slack, Brownsville; Severne V. Smith, Blanco; Thomas M. Stanley, Mt. Pleasant; William T. Stewart, El Paso; Donald H. Switzer, Arlington, Va.; Michael A. Thompson and Stephen J. Young, Baytown, and Lonnie J. Weaver, Plainview.

Provisional DMS went to David L. Bond, Buna; Bruce A. Brant, Chapel Hill, N. C.; John D. Carlson, Seguin; Stephen C. Gilbert, Plano; Kirk Hawkins, San Angelo; Richard A. Hoyt, Shaw AFB, S. C.; Paul E. Krugler, Giddings; Danny K. Miller, Camp Lejeune, N. C., and Stanley D. Price, Tahoka.

## In gun firings

### Paraffin test being abandoned

HOUSTON (AP)—The paraffin test—one of the oldest scientific crime detection aids to determine if a suspect has fired a gun recently—has been abandoned by the Houston Police Department.

Houston police now are using a technique involving chemicals and ultraviolet rays. Police chemists consider the new test more

reliable than the long-used paraffin method.

Linking suspects to weapons is a vital need to homicide detectives who often have no eyewitnesses to testify that a suspect fired a weapon.

Under the new system, the suspect's hands are sprayed with a chemical which makes micro-

scopic metal particles on the skin visible under an ultraviolet light.

Floyd McDonald, chief chemist for the police crime laboratory here, said the technique has revealed that the imprint of a metal object remains visible for up to 24 hours after a person handles the object. He said the imprint of a gun, knife, metal rod or similar object can be identified easily.

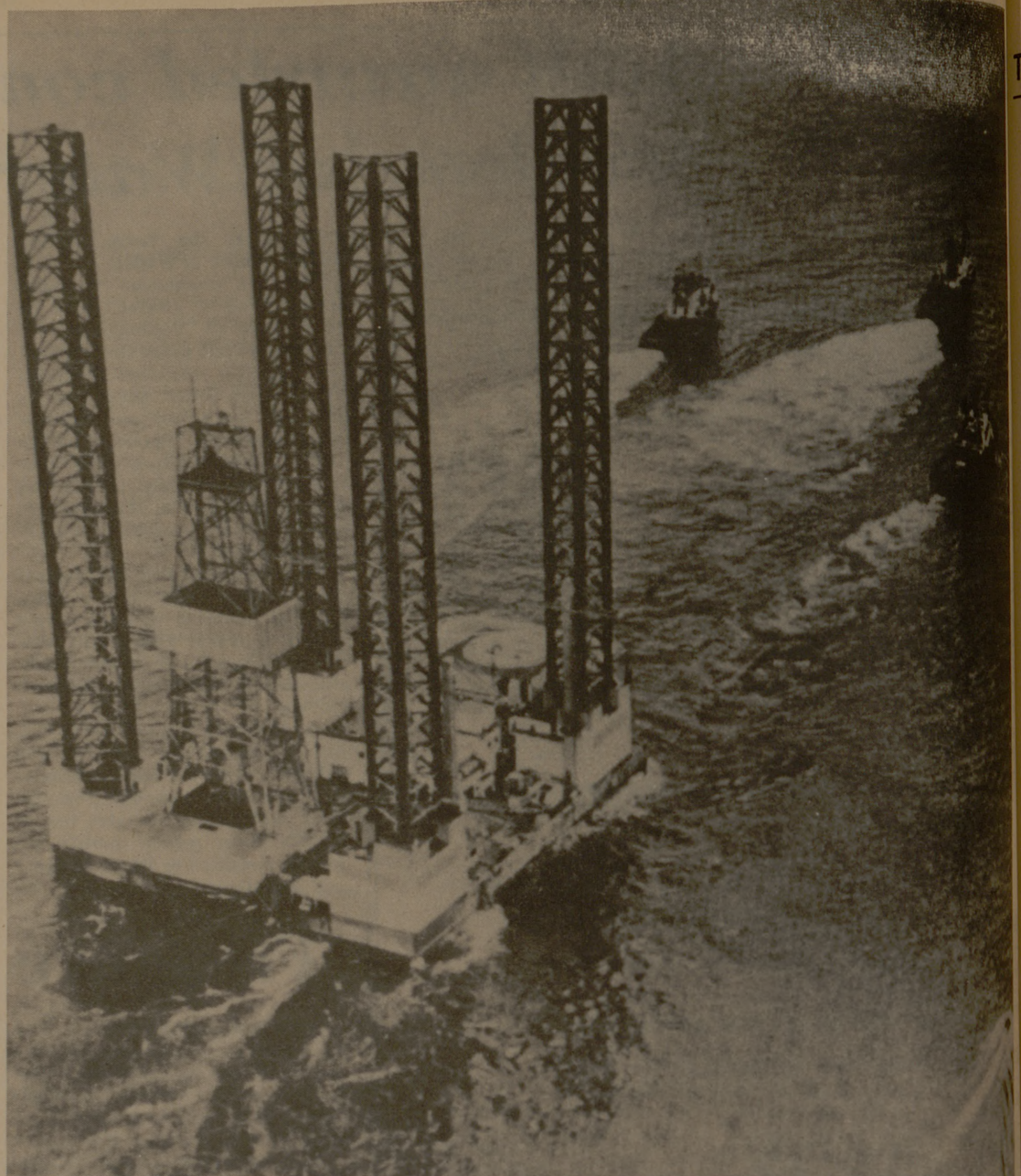
Under the old paraffin test, melted paraffin was applied to a person's hands. The paraffin was removed after it hardened and

then tested for nitrate particles, a by-product of burning gunpowder.

Although the test has been used here for at least four decades, McDonald said he has run recent checks on it and found it to be unreliable.

He said a positive reading can be caused by smoking or by traces of certain cosmetics, urine or other substances.

He said the new technique takes less time, is more reliable and has the additional advantage of showing distinct impressions of individual metal objects.



A GIANT OIL drilling platform—"Gulftide"—is expected shortly to start drilling for oil at a site in the North Sea. For Europe, North Sea oil means some freedom from mideast sheikdoms and more power for less money. Experts have estimated that by 1980 the North Sea will yield up to 8 billion barrels of oil each day, 35 per cent of Europe's needs. (AP Wirephoto)

## Results are announced for the All-Aggie Rodeo

Results of the annual All-Aggie Rodeo, held Oct. 7-9 in the Bryan Rodeo Arena, have been announced.

The results of the bareback bronc riding contest were Don Graham—first place, Robert Taylor—second place, George Vance—third place and Nick Burnham—fourth place.

In the calf roping competition Lew Rust finished in first place, Tommy Barton—second place, Robin Poorman—third place and Don Graham—fourth place.

In the saddle bronc riding contest Robert Taylor won first place, David Hammit—second place, and Billy Snow—third place.

The results of the ribbon roping competition were Tommy Blakeney—first, Wayne Groll—second, Bob Hessley—third and Ben Cornelius—fourth.

In the steer wrestling contest

Fred Harrinton won first place honors, Lew Rust—second place, George McDonald—third place and Danny Gamblin—fourth place.

The results of the bull riding competition were Keith Chapman—first place, Sidney Hanslik—second place, Don Graham—third place and Robert Taylor—fourth

place. In the girls' barrel race Nancy Palmer finished first, Leila McDonald—second, Candi Upchurch—third and Betty Boone—fourth.

All-around honors went to Robert Taylor. The hard-luck cowboy and cowgirl were Scott Harris and Lovenia Samford, respectively.

## Casting completed for 'Blithe Spirit'; Players will perform Nov. 15-20

Casting and crew assignments have been completed for Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit," a November production by the Aggie Players of A&M.

Aggie Players Director C. K. Esten said the seven-member cast consists of Eva Gramberg, Susie Aufdehaar, Alec Horn, Mike McAleer, Jean Linger, Kay Slowey and Mary Hanna.

The theater company will open "Blithe Spirit" Nov. 15. The sophisticated comedy will run through Nov. 20, Esten said.

Crews will have Rusty McInturf, head, Celia Williams, Larry Snyder, Yvonne Schmitz,

John Tyler and John Steele on sets. Lighting will be handled by Pat Castle, Sandy Sheats and Melanie Dennis. Sound will be Mike McCaskill's and Richard Dixon's responsibility.

Handling properties will be Carla Wolf, Mike McCaskill, Earl Cook, Nanette Zeig and Becky Ferenz. Lucy Egg, Oscar Oates, Karl Cook, Nanette Zeig, August Lester, Audie Beeson, Becky Ferenz, Susie Aufdehaar are on house and publicity. Marilee Roelan is script assistant.

"Blithe Spirit" will be staged at a location near the A&M campus to be announced later.

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