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Expert questions quality of Dowdy tape

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Fish Drill Team to march in first competition Saturday

A&M's Fish Drill Team will perform Saturday in its first 1971-72 competition.

The freshmen will compete with nine other Texas teams in the annual University of Houston meet. Other team members have marched together at least two years. The A&M freshmen met the first time last September.

Four preceding TAMU teams won the U. S. drill title in the National Intercollegiate ROTC Drill Championships in Washington, D.C.

Commander Mark Roberts of Killeen will lead the 27-cadet Fish Drill Team into the three-phase meet at Jeppesen Stadium. Right guide David Skinner of Houston will compete in the individual phase.

"If we have a good performance Saturday, the team should place higher than it has in the past," commented senior advisor Louis Ullrich of San Antonio.

He said the fancy sequence by the Fish will be the same used in Tech and Texas freshman football halftime exhibitions. The

freshmen's best U-H performance was a fifth place in 1969.

The senior advisor noted the U-H meet will be the team's first opportunity to feel the pressure caused by other teams shooting at the defending national champion.

The regular drill competition season is during the spring semester.

Accompanying the FDT will be Maj. H. R. Haas and Capt. Charles Briscoe, sponsors, and six upperclass advisors including Ullrich.

Dr. Smith cited for Naval Reserve activities

Dr. William R. Smith, head of A&M's Psychology Department, has been personally cited for his Naval Reserve activities by Adm. E. R. Zumwalt, Jr., Chief of Naval Operations.

Smith, who holds the rank of

commander and is a member of Naval Reserve Research Company 8-3 headquartered at College Station, received a certificate of merit for his efforts in behalf of the Navy's Sea Power Presentation Program.

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