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**Outstanding Student Awards
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Prestigious awards for out-
standing Texas A&M University
students were presented Satur-
day to Wade F. Seidel of Bren-
ham and Fidel Rodriguez of
Bishop.

Seidel, deputy corps command-
er, received the Brown Founda-
tion-Earl Rudder Memorial Out-
standing Student Award for 1973.
It includes \$5,000 and a plaque.
Rodriguez was presented the

Doherty Award, including \$3,000.
He was First Wing commander
in the 1972-73 Corps of Cadets.

Both cadets have near perfect
grades and extended themselves
through an exceptional variety of
student activities during their
TAMU careers. Rodriguez, a civil
engineering major, and Seidel, in
accounting, graduated Saturday
with 3.95 and 3.99 grade point
ratios, respectively, in A&M's 4.0

system.

Established from a \$100,000
gift by The Brown Foundation of
Houston, the Brown Founda-
tion-Rudder award honors an out-
standing graduating Texas A&M
senior who exemplifies the qual-
ities and traits of the late Gen.
Earl Rudder. Rudder died in 1970,
after serving as TAMU president
11 years.

Previous recipients were Corps
Commander Van Taylor of Tem-
ple and Kirk Hawkins, First Bri-
gade commander of San Angelo.

The Doherty Award was estab-
lished in 1971 by W. T. Doherty
of Houston in memory of his
parents, Mr. and Mrs. William
Doherty. The 1922 Texas A&M
graduate endowed the annual
award. Doherty stipulated that
the recipient should be a graduat-
ing senior who earned a reserve
officer commission, believes in
God, loves his family, has strong
feelings of patriotism for the
U. S. and Texas and possesses a
strong Aggie spirit and love for
Texas A&M.

Deputy Corps Commander
Thomas Bain Jr. of Dallas and
Corps Commander Thomas Stan-
ley of Mt. Pleasant were its first
recipients.

Both Seidel and Rodriguez were
members of the Ross Volunteers,
elite honor military unit, and re-
ceived the Legion of Valor Bronze
Cross for Achievement, presented
by the national Medal Honor
Society.

Among Rodriguez' many ac-
complishments at Texas A&M in-
clude No. 1 rank in his Air Force
ROTC class, standing among the
top four of civil engineering
studies, "Who's Who," corps schol-
astic sergeant last year and
leadership positions in the YMCA
and MBA Program.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fidel
Rodriguez, 704 W. 3rd, Bishop,
will begin four years active duty
at Brooks AFB as a civil engi-
neer.

Seidel is first of 157 Army
ROTC cadets in his class and a
Distinguished Military Student.
He was a Superior Army cadet
each year as an underclassman,
recreation vice president and ex-
ecutive vice president for projects
of the Memorial Student Center,
and won four separate scholarship
awards.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred
W. Seidel, 604 Peach Tree, Bren-
ham, has been a Distinguished
Student seven semesters and
ranks first among 78 in his Col-
lege of Business Administration
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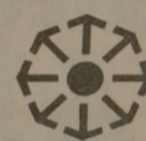
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