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By WILL ANDERSON
The schedule of training and conditioning for the A&M Ranger Company is underway. It will consist of one class a week and field training whenever possible.

The conditioning began Wednesday with a physical training session for the new members at the obstacle course west of the campus.

A rappelling exercise down the Bryan fire tower was conducted Friday. Rappelling is descending a rope, slope or from a helicopter on a cliff sliding through a special harness. The cadets descended the 60-foot tower on a double rope in an L-shaped position, using their feet to push themselves from the wall.

They had to control their descent with one hand, the other hand being used only as a guide for the rope. In the correct situation, this hand would be used to fire a weapon.

Safety is stressed as each rappeller is checked before his descent. A safety man hold the bottom ends of the ropes. If a rappeller slips, the safety man prevents a fall by tightening up on the ropes.

The obstacle course will be run Wednesday. Other exercises this semester are weapons training, an FTX (field training exercise) and a swimming test.

The cadet begins the swimming test by jumping into the swimming pool in fatigues, boots and full pack. He must free himself of this weight to return to the surface. The second phase consists of swimming the width of the pool while carrying a rifle.

Finally, the cadet is put on the 10 meter diving board, blindfolded, handed a rifle and kicked into the pool again. Survivors may consider they have passed the test.

Rudder's Rangers prepares Aggies for a nine-week Ranger camp offered by the Army each summer. A&M is allotted 14 candidates for this course, more than any other university except West Point.

Captain Arnold Laidig, company adviser, says that he is impressed with A&M's Ranger program. "Rangers are among the top soldiers today; they're elite and disciplined. A&M's program produces some great Rangers."

This year's commander, Tommy McCluer, says "The course consists of six weeks in Georgia getting in shape, patrolling and mountaineering. The toughest part is the three weeks in Florida. There is a 12 day FTX and you're moving all the time. You get one meal a day and only eight to 10 hours total sleep."

McCluer was chosen as commander by the Ranger advisers. At Ranger school, he was awarded the Merrill Marauders' Award for efficient patrolling exercises.

Executive Officer Bill Haass told of the night in Georgia they rappelled down a 200-foot cliff. "It's a difficult feeling to describe; it's something totally unique. Men do not normally throw themselves out of helicopters or down the sides of mountains."

The other cadet officers are Operations Officer Phil Tuttle, Supply Officer Robert Randle and platoon leaders Tim Frazier, Nat Hardy and Mac Walling.

Also completing the course were Mark Lenneville, Andy McKemie, David Fette, Richard Corons, John Powell and Mac Walling.



FINDING AN AIRPORT in a combat zone is not always an easy task. These Rangers are practicing in case they ever have to come out of a helicopter by means of a rope. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

Education Center Dedicated Saturday

The university dedicated the first of its new high-rise buildings Saturday with Texas Commissioner of Higher Education Bevington Reed citing the relationship between facilities and programs.

"Buildings do not make great universities, but great universities give buildings great meanings, great purposes," noted the top staff member of the Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System. "Texas A&M is to be congratulated for its commitment to learning, its dedication to service and for the quality of educational programs which give this building its reason for being."

The new \$3.5 million eight-story building, the University Education Center, provides classroom and office space for the Colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and Science.

Ceremonies dedicating the facility highlighted a weekend program entitled "Promoting Public Education." The program was the second in a fall football-weekend series having an overall theme of "Texas A&M Serves the People."

Dr. Reed spoke before a crowd of approximately 200 which, in addition to guests, included members of the Texas A&M University System Board of Directors, faculty, staff and students.

"I join with you today in your dedication of this building to the spirit of service which is so much a part of Texas A&M University—a spirit of service which encompasses the State of Texas and, more particularly the people, the individuals, who make up this state," the Coordinating Board official said.

"In the dedication of a place of learning, we recognize the dedication of the past leaders and citizens of this state to the concept of a landgrant university," he continued. "We also recognize

the present dedication of the administrators and faculty members of the university to serve others, to give direction and inspiration to young people seeking knowledge. We also dedicate the students of today and those of tomorrow to their period of inquiry and to new learning experiences."

TAMU President Jack K. Williams, who presided at the ceremonies, called the new facility a "basic building, one which speaks directly to the essentials of learning."

Following Dr. Reed's remarks, TAMUS Board President Clyde H. Wells formally presented the building, with acceptance by Dr. John C. Calhoun Jr., the university's vice president for academic affairs.

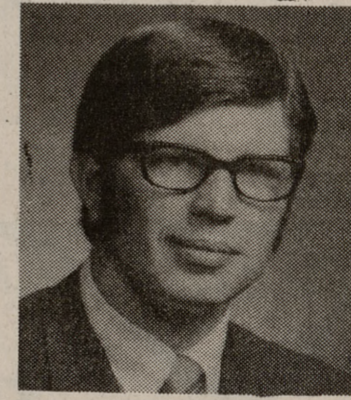
"On behalf of the Board of Directors, I formally present this building, the University Education Center, to the faculties of Texas A&M University with the hope and confidence that through its use they will continue to advance the programs of the Colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and Science, with the overall goal of promoting public education and serving the people of this state through the training of leaders," Wells noted.

"We pledge the building's continued use to the pursuit of high quality goals of education for TAMU," Dr. Calhoun responded.

"There is little doubt that this building is a fine example of the manner in which facilities can have a catalytic effect on curricular programs and faculty," he noted.

The ceremonies included tours of the building.

"Promoting Public Education" activities concluded at halftime of the Texas A&M-Boston College football game with notation of the university's expanding role in all levels of public education.



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