

Awards featured

Events fill Parents' Day

Easter Sunday was Parents' Day at Texas A&M University, and an awards day for students.

"This is a great event in the academic year," said A&M President Jack Williams. "It's also one of the many activities planned and carried through entirely by students."

The festivities started at 7:30 a.m. in the Corps dorm area with a flower-pinning ceremony.

The "Aggie Parents of the Year" award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Walker Jr. of Houston at the Parents Day program. The program was held in Rudder Auditorium, and included the presentation of Corps of Cadets awards based on academic

standards, military proficiency, improvement, leadership and participation in campus activities.

The Thomas S. Gathright Academic Excellence Award was presented to individuals from each class and college with the highest grade point ratio. Frederick Earl Wilson, a senior in the College of Science, led the field with a 4.0982 average. A 4.0 represents straight A's. Wilson surpassed perfection with physical education grade points.

An Easter Service was held in the All Faiths Chapel, and included an invocation by Capt. Ira Orr, special music by Student Body President Fred McClure, and dismissal by Col. Logan Weston.

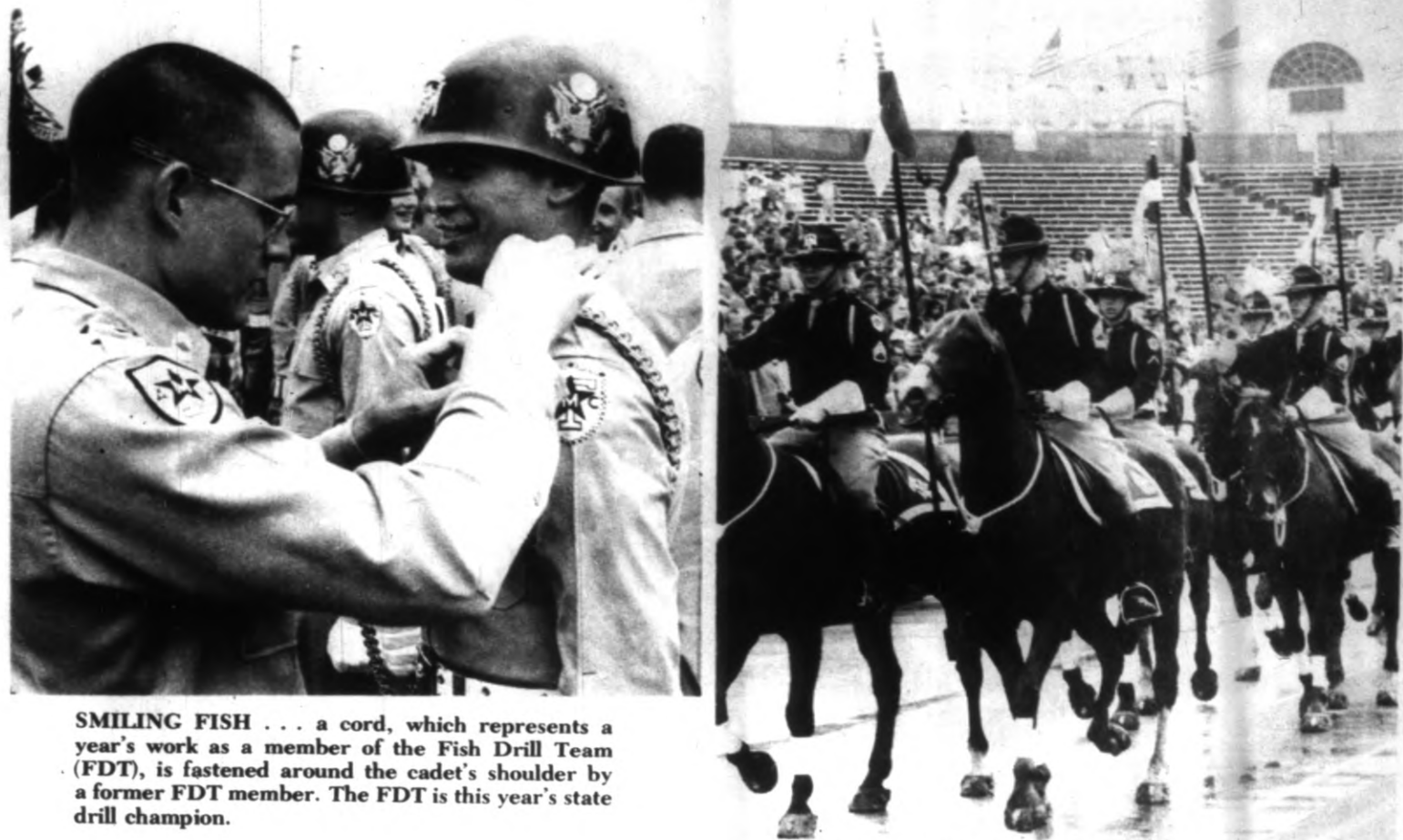
The Ross Volunteers performed in Kyle Field, and were followed by the Corps Review and an exhibition by the Fish Drill Team.

Parsons Mounted Cavalry executed a fancy drill exhibition on the Main Parade Field.

The Aggie Stage Band, under direction of Maj. Joe T. Haney, gave a concert in Rudder Auditorium, followed by the Ross Volunteer Awards Ceremony in Rudder Forum.

Parents' Day concluded with the Student Senate Awards program in the Memorial Student Center at 5:30 p.m.

Recipients of the various awards presented during the day are listed separately.



SMILING FISH . . . a cord, which represents a year's work as a member of the Fish Drill Team (FDT), is fastened around the cadet's shoulder by a former FDT member. The FDT is this year's state drill champion.

PARSON'S MOUNTED CAVALRY . . . Despite rainy weather, a large number of parents and students attended Sunday's review. The cavalry performed precision drills on the main drill field later in the day.

Outstanding cadets awarded

The annual Corps Awards are based on academic standards, military proficiency, improvement, leadership and participation in campus activities.

1. Cadet Colonel of the Corps Award — Joseph M. Chandler Jr.
2. Outstanding Brigade Wing Commander Award — Paul W. Toler.
3. The Albert Sidney Johnston Award — James C. Ledlow Jr.
4. Outstanding Company Squadron Commander Award — David N. Buttery.
5. Outstanding Cadet Officer — John I. Hatridge.
6. Outstanding Second Classman Cadet Selected for Corps Commander — Robert W. Harvey.
7. Outstanding Second Classman Cadet Selected for Deputy Corps Commander — Jerry Krenek.
8. Outstanding First Sergeant Award — Patrick Harrigan.
9. Outstanding Third Classman Cadet Award — Douglas Fogle.
10. Outstanding Freshman Cadet Award — Ronald Lastovica.
11. Best Drilled Cadet Awards — Donnie A. Anderson, sophomore; Michael E. Hoffmann, freshman.
12. Association of Military Colleges and Schools Presidents Medal — Michael H. Gentry.
13. Lurie-Hughes Lane Scholarship Award — Dale A. Lazo.
14. Society of American Military Engineers Award — Robert C. Williams.
15. Society of American Engineers ROTC Awards — Orville J. Riddles, Army; Robert Spiller, Navy.

22. Armed Forces Communications and Electronic Association Honor Award — David W. Landry.

23. Daughters of the American Revolution ROTC Awards — Charles A. Ellison, Army; John A. Daseker, Air Force; Steve E. White, Navy.

24. Richard Hanes Award — Donald Nicolais.

25. Army ROTC Awards — A. Army Superior Cadet Awards — Thomas P. Odom, Orville J. Riddles, Michael H. Gentry, Ronald W. Lastovica.

B. Association of the United States Army Award — Walter Wilson Jr.

C. Association of the United States Army Award for Military History — Robert W. Radcliffe.

D. American Veterans of World War II Award — Karel H. Sigtenhorst.

E. Military Order of the World Wars — Dewey R. Bolton, Dennis J. O'Driscoll, Paul E. Ogden, Ronald E. Franke.

F. National Sojourners Award — Michael H. Gentry.

26. Air Force ROTC Awards — A. Outstanding Flight Award — Squadron 5, Flight A.

B. Air Force Association Award — Philip J. Duchamp.

C. General Dynamics Award — Albert Frank Badeau.

D. Outstanding Flight Indoctrination Program Cadet — Daryl W. Hansmann.

27. Navy/Marine Corps ROTC Awards —

A. Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association Award — Jim B. Mickler, Robert P. Gottlieb, Frederick S. Haire.

B. Admiral Sam Robinson Award — Robert A. Cook.

C. U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Award — Don Scott Elkins.

D. Marine Corps Association Award — Michael E. Clark.

E. General Dynamics Award — Paul W. Watson.

F. The Norman Beard Award — Geary W. Caldwell.

G. Houston Chamber of Commerce Naval ROTC Award — Richard E. Avery.

H. The McConnell-Douglas Award — Thomas G. Koelzer.

28. The Bill Leftwich '54 Award — Daniel H. Fette.

29. Commander Identification Awards — Robert Harvey, Gerald Krenek, Kenney Weynand, David Borsack, Glenn Alan Francis, Jim Curley, Robert Spiller.

30. Drum and Bugle Corps Awards — accepted by James Ramsey.

31. General Spencer J. Buchanan Award — Company L-2, commanded by Phil Bohlman.

32. The President's Award — Mike Anderson.

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Aggie parents honored

The Aggie Parents of the Year award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. John H. Walker Jr. of Houston as part of the Parents Day program Sunday at Texas A&M University.

Parents of three A&M students and seven more who plan to be, the Walkers were presented an Aggie rose corsage and a plaque by Missie Miller, chairman of the Student Government Parents of the Year Committee. Miller applauded the Walkers for the "support, encouragement and love" they have shown.

The Walkers were chosen from 21 nominated couples by a committee of A&M students. They succeed Mr. and Mrs. James M. Singleton III of College Station as Parents of the Year.

Watching the proceedings were John Henry III, a senior animal science major; Tammy, sophomore in chemical engineering; Connie, freshman physical education major, and the other Walker children, Becky, Chris, Michael, Patrick, Tommy, Cindy, and Colette.

"Gig Em," was among the first words learned by 4-year-old Colette.

The entire family attends most campus activities, athletic events, Muster, all military reviews and other Corps functions.



Proud mothers . . . and fathers attended the activities over the Easter weekend.

These parents relax while there is a small break in the day.

Academic excellence noted

Company M-1 named best unit

The General George F. Moore Outstanding Unit Award, presented annually by Texas A&M University to the best over-all units in the Corps of Cadets, went to:

- 1st Place — Company M-1, Commanded by Cadet Major Gregory Knappe.
- 2nd Place — Squadron 13, Commanded by Cadet Major Jimmie Simmons.
- 3rd Place — Company L-2, Commanded by Cadet Major Phil Bohlman.

The Scholastic Achievement Award, presented annually by the A&M Mothers' Club of Houston jointly with Texas A&M University to the units with the best record in the combined areas of academic excellence and academic improvement, went to:

- 1st Place — Squadron 13, Commanded by Cadet Major Jimmie Simmons.
- 2nd Place — Squadron 12, Commanded by Cadet Major Gerald Parker.

3rd Place — Company F-2, Commanded by Cadet Major David Elbel.

The Military Achievement Award, sponsored annually by the Houston Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee and presented to the units with the best record in the combined areas of marching, inspections, improvement, retention and participation in extra-curricular activities, was given to:

- 1st Place — Company D-2, Commanded by Cadet Major Danny W.

Davis.

2nd Place — Company B-2, Commanded by Cadet Major Mike Wollam.

3rd Place — Squadron 8, Commanded by Cadet Major Frank Reagan.

The General Ormond B. Simpson Award, presented to the outstanding Color Guard for the school year, given to:

- Second Wing Color Guard composed of: Cadet Technical Sergeant Robert A. Proske, Cadet Master Sergeant Jay Taylor, Cadet Corporal David Eisenlohr, Cadet Corporal Kenneth Connelly.

Gathright awards presented

Recipients of the Thomas S. Gathright Academic Excellence Award were:

- College of Agriculture**
Sophomore — Deborah J. Lightfoot
Junior — Michael M. Melton
Senior — Wayne F. Stein
- College of Architecture and Environmental Design**
Sophomore — Dorothy E. Pautz
Junior — William M. Ashbaugh
Senior — Ricci J. Wilson
- College of Business Administration**
Sophomore — Kathryn Elizabeth Elliott
Junior — Beverly Ann Jenschke

- Senior — James D. Payne
- College of Education**
Sophomore — Mimi Martha Sicilio
Junior — Laurie Lane Otto
Senior — Judy Ann Brockett
- College of Engineering**
Sophomore — John David Shelton
Junior — John Kenneth Wollitz
Senior — Gregory Alan Johnson
- College of Geosciences**
Sophomore — Mary Jane Greer
Junior — Patricia Ann Grothouse
Senior — Starley Lee Thompson
- College of Liberal Arts**
Sophomore — Donald R. Deere, Jr.

- Junior — Lorelei Marie Raesner
Senior — Joe Scott Poff
- Moody College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Resources**
Sophomore — Paul Watkins Gainer
Junior — Cynthia Louise Morrow
Senior — Mark Anthony Pitman
- College of Science**
Sophomore — Mark Stephen Sicilio
Junior — Paul Douglas Meggs
Senior — Frederick Earl Wilson
- College of Veterinary Medicine**
Second Year — Mark Edwin Gochenour
Third Year — Kay Lorraine Wiley

Volunteers get awards

The Ross Volunteer Company Awards:
Outstanding Junior — Leonard Hruzek.
Outstanding Member of the 1st Platoon — Michael Tucker.
Outstanding Member of the 2nd Platoon — Kenneth Weynand.
Outstanding Member of the 3rd Platoon — Phillip Hitch.



ROSS VOLUNTEERS . . . These junior and senior cadets perform a rifle ripple drill for parents on Kyle Field. The Ross Volunteer Company is Texas' oldest student organization and acts as the Governor's honor guard. These cadets live by the motto: "Soldier, Statesman, and Knightly Gentleman."