

## Top students receive centennial grant

Texas A&M students George R. Frazer, Fred McClure, Ruth Ann Schumacher and Charla M. Smith have been chosen for Centennial Year Scholarships.

The awards were established last summer by the Board of Regents in honor of the retiring Gen. A. R. Luedcke, Dr. John E. Hutchison, Tom D. Cherry and James A. Amis. Each award is for \$500. Recipients were nominated to the Faculty Scholarship Committee on the basis of academic progress and demonstrated leadership qualifications.

Smith is a senior computer science major from Kerrville. The Amis Centennial Scholarship recipient is a member of Phi Kappa Theta, a national junior college honor society, plays intercollegiate volleyball and is a member of the Cap and Gown women's honor society. She maintains a 3.9 grade point ratio (GPR).

Schumacher, an economics senior from Gettysburg, Pa., is the first woman to command Company W-1, women's unit in the Corps of Cadets. A 3.1 GPR student and Cherry award recipient, she earned top summer field training marks at Fort Riley, Kan., and last year was the first commander of the new Women's Drill Team. She is a Distinguished Military Student in the Army ROTC program.

## Dewey Compton, 3 of family killed in local plane crash

Dewey Compton, a popular farm editor, and three members of his family were killed Saturday when the small plane they were traveling in crashed five miles southwest of College Station in Burleson County. Killed in the crash with the 49-year-old Compton were his wife, Curtis Perry Compton, 49; their son, Ronnie Compton, 25; and Ronnie's wife, Sara Hart Compton, 27.

Dewey and Ronnie Compton originated farm programming from KTRH radio in Houston. Their popular early-morning program, "Garden Line," featured expert advice to listeners with agricultural problems. Compton also did an early morning farm show.

Hal Kemp, Compton's employer, said the Comptons had flown to College Station to pick up some plants that Compton was going to place in an Israeli exhibit at the State Fair in Dallas. Kemp is station manager at station KTRH in Houston where Compton had worked since 1953. Ronnie Compton was piloting the single-engine Piper Apache and apparently became disoriented in a heavy rain and fog, according to Burleson County Department of Public Safety officer Ralph Mutchler.

Mutchler said that visibility was very poor in the College Station area when the Comptons' plane took off from Easterwood Airport in College Station shortly before 7:25 a.m. Saturday.

A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesman in Fort Worth said the cause of the crash was undetermined and that National Transportation Safety Board officials are investigating. Compton was born in Rusk County. After graduating from high school in 1944, he was an artilleryman in the Army for three years. Compton married Curtis in 1947, the same year he entered Texas A&M University. He graduated with honors in 1949 with a degree in animal husbandry. His son Ronnie was also an A&M graduate. Compton got into radio about 1951. In 1953, he became farm editor at KTRH radio.

Survivors are a son, Kerry, 21, a student here at A&M, and a daughter, Kathy, 17. Ronnie Compton and his wife had no children.

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People of various ethnic backgrounds represented their countries at the festival in the Manor East Mall in Bryan.

For those who arrived hungry there was a wide variety of foods to sample in the mall. From Bangladesh there was kajo jaam; from Mexico, sopapillas; from Italy, fig cookies, and kietbasa sausage from Poland.

Sights of blue, red and gold sarongs, paper and crocheted flow-

ers, sombreros, shalom-peace buttons and a mirage of colors created a tapestry of friendship and harmony between countries.

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