

Parents' Day: Wet but fun

By BARBARA FRICKE

Moms and dads arriving for Texas A&M University's 52nd Annual Parents' Day last Friday, were welcomed by their children and greeted by the familiar Brazos Valley rain. The rain failed to keep the A&M students and their families inside, however. Throughout the weekend students were seen showing relatives and friends around campus.

Not only did families hear about the scholastic life, but many got a sample of the nightlife at Aggieland. Valerie Baty, sophomore recreation and parks major, introduced her brother, a high school sophomore, to a Saturday night at Sparkey's. "For a rock-and-roller he sure did like Sparkey's, and he really enjoyed learning to kicker dance," she said.

The Phelps family came in from San Antonio to see their son, Rusty, a sophomore accounting student. Phelps took his visitors with him to Lakeview Saturday night. "They had a great time. I spent the evening dancing with my mom and my grandmother, and taught my sister to dance because she's coming up here next year," Phelps said. Many of the families never even

left the campus for entertainment. The Friday night amusement included two movies, a play and a night of gambling sponsored by various university committees and organizations. Saturday night entertainment-seekers were able to choose between a concert, a play and two movies.

Sunday was dominated by Corps activities, and the first ceremony was held at 7:30 a.m. Outfit awards were presented to outstanding cadet companies. Company B-2 received the military achievement award, given in memory of Gen. Bruno A. Hochmuth. Squadron 12 earned the Gen. P.F. Jouine award for scholastic achievement. Company D-1 ranked first in overall achievements, earning the Gen. George F. Moore award.

Among other awards was the President's Flag for the battalion or group with the highest scholastic standing. The Fourth Battalion, led by Walter Wilson Jr. of El Paso, received the award.

The Corps Color Guard won the Gen. O.R. Simpson streamer for the outstanding color guard of the year. Outstanding individuals in the 1976-77 Corps were also recognized and more than 100 cadets received awards.

The Ross Volunteers, the Fish Drill Team and Parsons' Mounted Cavalry performed drills. The Aggie Concert B and also performed, and the Corps of Cadets marched in review at Kyle Field.

Parents' Day was first held May 10, 1925. It was "dedicated to the interests of the mothers and fathers of the students at A&M," said articles in the April 8, 1925, and May 6, 1925, issues of The Battalion.

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gram. Later Sunday, the honor parents, who have four sons attending Texas A&M, were on the reviewing stand for a Corps of Cadets review.

Top students receive academic award

Thomas S. Gathright Awards for academic excellence were presented to 30 Texas A&M University students Sunday at Parents Day. Named for the University's first president, the awards were presented by President Jack K. Williams.

Receiving the award were the senior, junior and sophomore of each college with the top grade point ratio for their class. In case two or more students have the same GPR, Gathright award winners are determined by total scholastic hours and student activities, in that order. Grade point ratios of the 1977 re-

ipients ranged between 3.92 and 4.06. A GPR better than 4.0 is possible for students who received grade points, but no credit hours, for required physical education.

Recipients, by college and hometown, are:

Seniors — Joe B. Anders, Science, Kountze; Sue A. Covell, Education, Pasadena; Frederick Evins, Architecture and Environmental Design, Bryan; Patricia A. Grothouse, Geosciences, Houston; Beverly A. Jenschke, Business Administration, Fredericksburg; Neil M. Jones, Engineering, Athens; Mark A. Pitman, Marine Sciences, Angleton; Lorelei M. Raesner, Lib-

eral Arts, Rosenberg, and Randolph M. Vaclavik, Agriculture, Elmen-dorf.

Third Year Veterinary Medicine — Michael E. Paulsen, San Angelo.

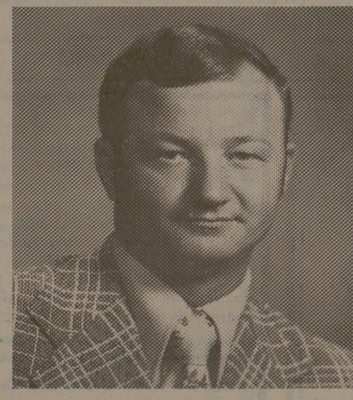
Juniors — Grace M. Chen, Geosciences, Kowloon, Hong Kong; Don Harton, Architecture and Environmental Design, Houston; Kenneth M. Kuhr, Agriculture, College Station; Robert A. Lacy, Science, Lake Charles, La.; Michelle S. Marti, Liberal Arts, Cleburne; Bryan E. Mitchell, Engineering, Houston; Michael Pate, Business Administration, Brownsville; Mimi M. Sicilio, Education, College Station, and Thomas

R. Turner, Marine Sciences, San Antonio.

Second Year Veterinary Medicine — Allen Garrett Stevenson, Rockwall.

Sophomores — Katherine Diem, Education, San Antonio; Karen L. Hoermann, Agriculture, Refugio; David E. Lancaster, Engineering, Amarillo; Jane E. McGregor, Business Administration, Rockdale; Ronny J. McWhorter, Geosciences, Houston; Teri Ruch, Architecture and Environmental Design, Bryan; James D. Seaver, Science, Fort Worth; Charmiane L. Walter, Marine Sciences, Coxsachie, N.Y.; and Casey E. Zesch, Liberal Arts, Mason.

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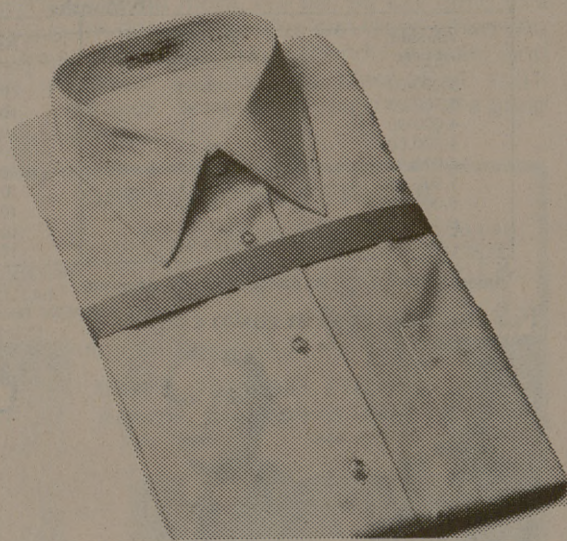
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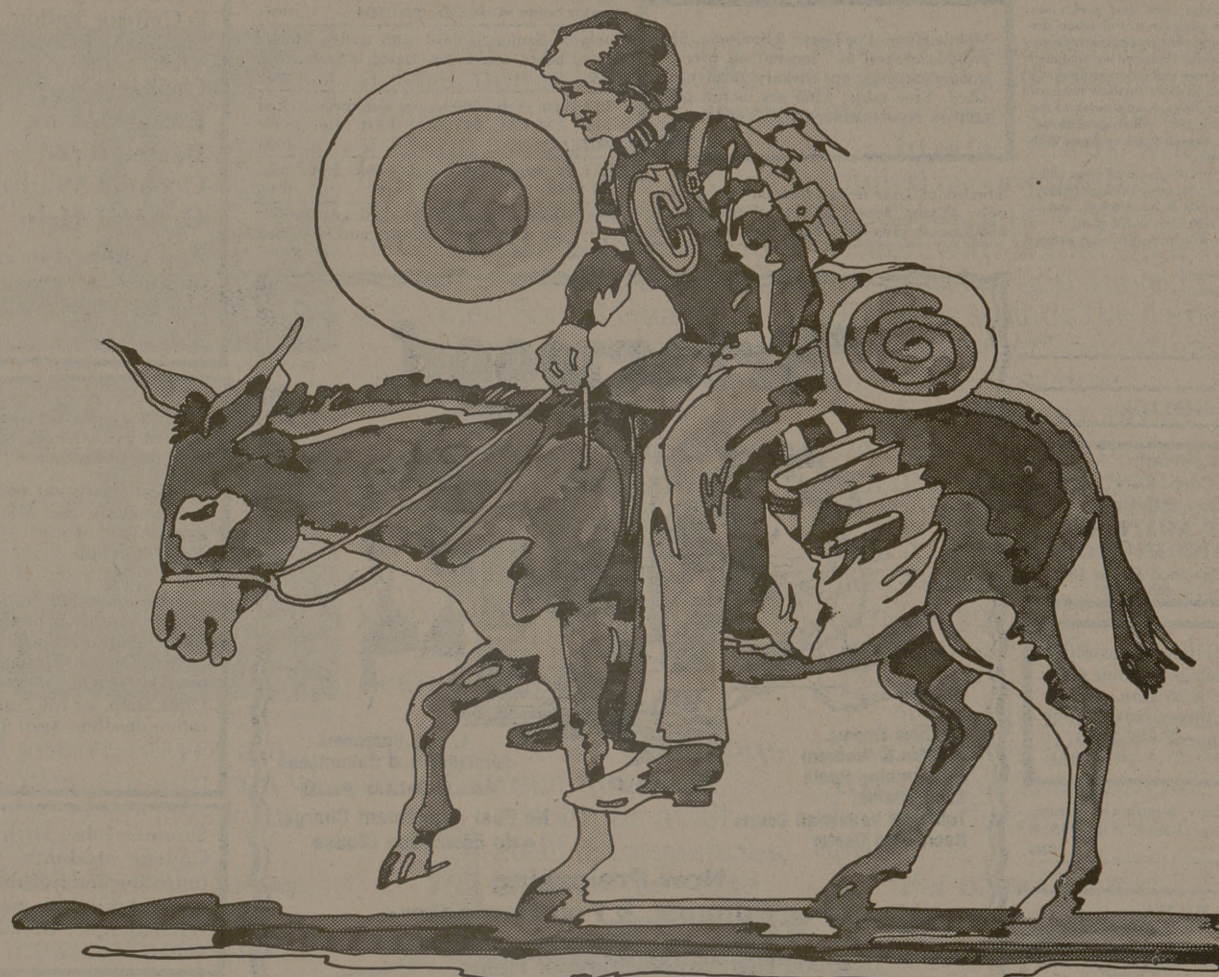


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