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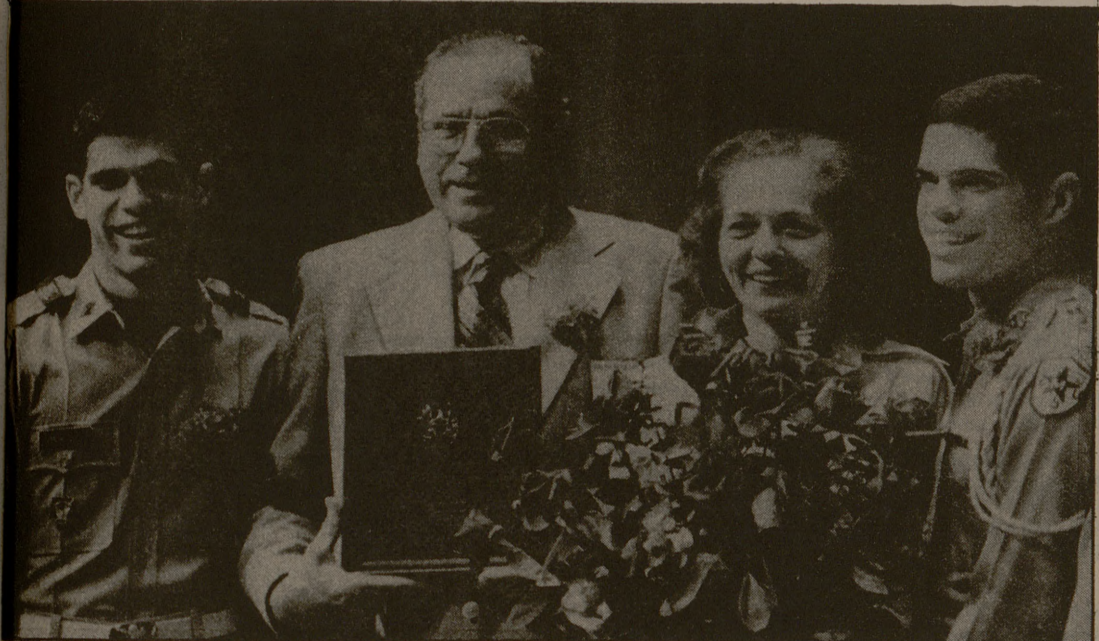
## CAMPUS NAMES

**Co-op student cited**  
Jeffery Harris of College Station has been cited by the firm which he worked in Texas A&M University's Cooperative Education Program.

Certificates were presented to the Texas A&M students recognizing top qualities displayed on the job. Awards were given at the College of Engineering Cooperative Education Convocation.

Outstanding Research Report awards in the program also went to Charles A. Thompson of College Station. Judged by Texas A&M faculty, outstanding reports are recommended for publication in technical journals.

"Co-op" students alternate on-campus studies with a semester of work for which they can get academic credit. The program also helps students earn their way through school.



The 1978 Parents of the Year, Ralph and Inez Menefee pictured here with their sons, Tom and Tim.

Battalion photo by Susan Webb

## Menefees named as parents of the year

"I am not a politician, nor a campaigner, nor an expert of marketing strategy. I am not familiar with techniques of 'selling my parents' in popularity as this is new to me. It is more difficult to write about people so personal and close to me. However, I believe beyond all doubt of qualification, that I have the most outstanding Aggie parents to be found anywhere."

—Tom Menefee, son of the Aggie Parents of the Year.

By MICHELLE SCUDDER  
Battalion Staff

Tom Menefee didn't try to sell his parents as Aggie Parents of the Year, but he did. Ralph and Inez Menefee were named Aggie Parents of the Year Sunday morning at the Parents' Day Program in Rudder Auditorium.

The Menefees were selected from seven recommendations by a ten-member student committee.

The Menefees currently have twin sons enrolled at Texas A&M, both members of the Corps of Cadets and the Class of '78. Tom is the executive officer of Third Battalion staff, a member of the Ross Volunteers Firing Squad and an industrial distribution major. Tom is

commanding officer of Squadron Five and a recreation and parks major.

The Menefees, from Alvin, own a small restaurant in the small town 20 miles south of Houston.

The family have a dog named "Rock," after Rock the Good Agg, and they also have personalized Aggie license plates. One says "4 Ags," which represents the two sons, one daughter who also attended Texas A&M and their son-in-law, and the other license plate says "ROTC '78."

"They have never missed an A&M football game in Kyle Field," Tom wrote in a letter nominating his parents. "And even this past December one of my parents had surgery postponed until after the Texas A&M vs. U. of H. game just so they could watch my brother and I in our last football review."

"They didn't want to miss it for anything," Tom said.

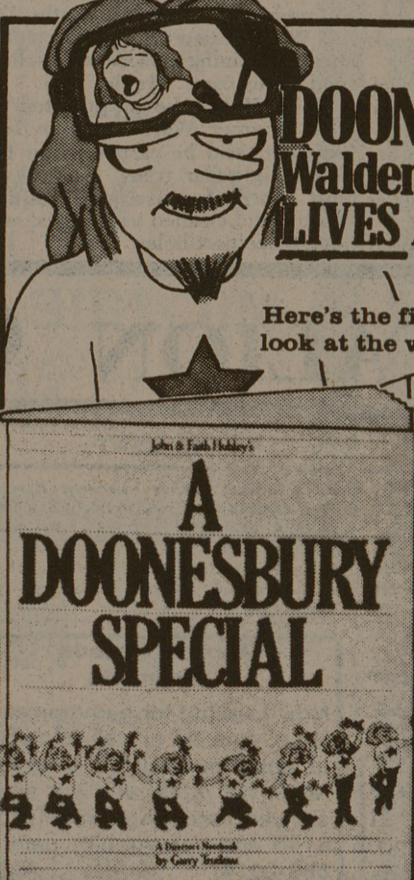
The Aggie Parents of the Year are chosen on the basis of written recommendations from students currently enrolled at Texas A&M and for their involvement in community and University activities," said Laurie Began, member of Parents' Day Committee.

"My parents have always been a big part of everything we were involved in — like Boy Scouts, Texas A&M Mothers' Club, and Little League baseball," Tom said. "In the summer their world slows down just like ours does because there is not really anything going on."

"My dad never went to college. He wants to see us excel at something when he sees us excel at something I think in a way he sees himself excelling because he sees so much of what we do as a part of him," Tom said.

Ralph Menefee is easily recognized during his regular visits to Texas A&M because he always wears a collection of name tags on his collar to show his support. One name tag reads, "Ralph Menefee, 12th Man, 13th Man, and 14th Man." Two other name tags, one from each of his twins say "An Aggie's Father."

Ralph Menefee proudly donned an additional name tag Sunday. It says he and his wife are Aggie Parents of the Year for 1978.



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