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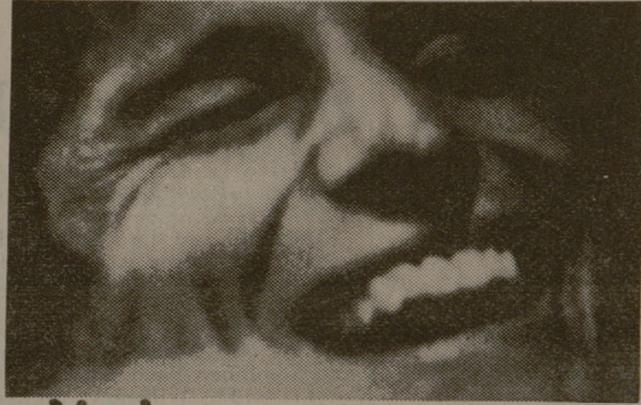
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Camp experiences bring awards

**A&M cadets win military honors**

By CRAIG ROGERS  
Battalion Reporter

Overnight bivouacs, cramped submarines, gas tents, and jets were just a few places Aggies spent the summer.

Military summer camps offered members of the corps of cadets a closer look at the military. The Aggies responded with outstanding records.

For the fourth straight year, Army ROTC cadets from Texas A&M University won Institutional Honors at Fort Riley, Kan. The 127 Aggies ranked highest out of 2,500 cadets attending the six-week camp.

Texas A&M Army ROTC instructor Capt. Ray Armour said the cadets were "well motivated."

"They seemed to enjoy themselves," he said. "Overall I'd say they did just really well."

Air Force Col. Kenneth W. Durham was equally pleased with the Air Force standings.

"We can see we are doing about twice as well as the average," he said. In the first camp, 38 percent of the Aggies scored in the top 22 percent of the total group. Durham said this left the other schools with lower averages.

Lt. Cmdr. Donald Tippett, a Texas A&M Navy ROTC instructor, said this was also a particularly good year for the Navy and Marine cadets. They were sent to the fleet for firsthand knowledge of the Navy. "They really get a realistic picture of what's going on," he said.

Becoming familiar with the military services was the basic purpose of each camp, officers said.

The army showed the cadets the use of tanks, radio equipment, weapons, and tactics. In every area the Aggies said they felt they were better prepared.

Kevin Troller, who attended Army camp, said, "The main thing at camp was being able to work with people who didn't know as much as you. It's just a good feeling knowing people relied on you."

Troller won the Camp Commander's Leadership Award, the second highest honor at the camp.

Ron Greenwade, one of the Aggies to win the Platoon Leadership award, said, "Aggies get more attention by far than the others. We really have a lot to live up to."

The Navy offered a variety of cruises. Sophomore scholarship holders joined Navy units around

the world, while senior and junior officers with the Navy.

Juniors started the summer Corpus Christi learning about air components of the Navy. They traveled to either Charleston, S.C. or San Diego, Calif., and familiarized with submarines, ended the summer at Littleton, Va., learning about the surface and the Marine Corps.

Aggies from the Army ROTC attachment won a number of individual awards. The highest given at Fort Riley was the Commander's Leadership Award won by senior Mark Smith.

Aggies who won the Platoon Leadership Award were James Bauch, John Bonn, James James Moore, Michael Thomas Taylor, Lloyd Walter, and Dane Reeves.

Six Air Force cadets were cited. Robert East also was cited for receiving the Commandant's Award representing the top ranking training group.

The Vice Commandant's Award was won by James Edge, Mark Harp, Robert Meadows and Pepin. Thomas Dean won the Athletic Award.



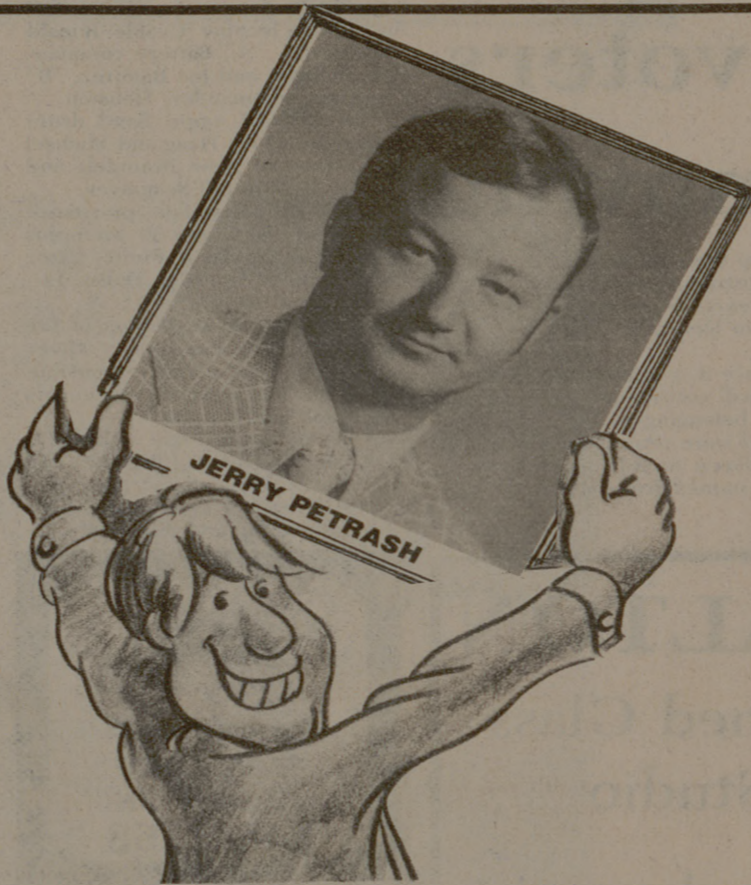
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