#### Biology major wins scholarship

A senior biology major at Texas A&M University was recently awarded one of 24 national scholarships, and was the only recipient of the scholarship in the Southwest Conference.

Steve Boozalis, from Lake Jackson, said he will use the \$500 Founders Fund Scholarship to aid in the payment of medical school expenses at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Gal-

The scholarship is given annually by Phi Eta Sigma, which is a national freshman honor society. Boozalis said he was president of the Texas A&M chapter as a freshman.

The 24 students who received the scholarships were chosen from 160 applicants by the society on the basis of their scholastic re cord, creative ability, character references, evidence of financial need, promise of success and per-

He said he finished his under-

three years, and maintained a 3.7 grade point ratio. He is a member of the Premed-Predent Society, Beta Beta Beta biology society and a resident advisor for Dunn

Boozalis said he will take some business courses as electives this summer after he graduates in May. Then, he said, he will go to medical school in the fall

#### Corps presents awards

Michael D. Formby and Mark Stroman received Corps of Cadets awards at Texas A&M University

In addition to the individual awards, the Gen. George F. Moore flag for the best overall unit went to Company D-2, com-manded by Michael Hanley of Victoria. Squadron 12, led by Mark Stoddard of Houston, won the Gen. P.F. Jouine flag for academic excellence and imCompany B-2, under Jeff Et-ter of San Antonio, was recipient of the Gen. Bruno A. Hochmuth flag for the best record in military activities, retention and extracurricular activities participation.

Squadron 14 was chosen the outstanding flight in Air Force ROTC drill competition. The award consists of the Butch Baldridge Trophy and guidon

Formby was chosen the out-standing cadet staff officer. The Corps scholastic officer received a saber given by the Dallas Mothers Club. He was also selected for the Daughters of the American Revolution ROTC award to an Air Force cadet.

Stroman, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. William Stroman were named Aggie Parents of the Year, was named outstanding company or squadron commander.

Other major award winners are Michael A. Snow of San Antonio, the outstanding major unit (brigade, wing, regiment) commander; Kevin J. Udell of Friendswood, outstanding battalion or group commander; Samuel R. Hawes, Dallas, outstanding first

Also, Charles K. Casteberry, Lake Jackson, outstanding sopho-more; James K. Richardson, Lufkin, outstanding freshman; Linda K. South, Dallas, best drilled sophomore, and Michael W. Holmes, Grand Prairie, best drilled freshman.

The awards were among 150 presented during recent Parents' Weekend activities.

#### **Engineering** prof recieves award

Dr. V. Tom Rhyne, director of the digital systems laboratory at Texas A&M University, has been selected to receive the presti-gious Terman Award from the electrical division of the American Society for Engineering

The award is sponsored by the Hewlett-Packard Co. and consists of \$1,000, a gold medal and a presentation scroll.

# Vertical landing and take-off unique fighter plane feature

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. — To hear the pilots talk, this stubby-wing fighter with the funny outrigger wheels, which takes off and lands vertically, is one of the most inge-nious flying machines ever devised. The Marine Corps says it would be

a key weapon in conventional war in Europe or Asia.

But top Pentagon officials are not convinced and oppose more spending on the plane.

"I think it's a super airplane," says Maj. Mine Stortz, 34, of Corpus Christi. "It's the airplane of the future. It's just a matter of time before the got to all pertical short take-off we go to all vertical, short take-off and landing (VSTOL).

Stortz, a test pilot, is currently putting the AV-8A Harrier through a series of wing-stress tests at the Navy's Patuxent Rimer Air Test

He anticipates the day when the Marine Corps will acquire the next generation plane — the AV-8B which could be built by McDonnell-Douglas of St. Louis, Mo., under license from British Aerospace of

A British pilot demonstrated the Harrier's unique qualities a few years ago by taking off from a coal yard in central London, dashing at near supersonic speed to New York (refueling five times over the Atlantic) and landing in lower Manhattan in sight of the Empire State

The Marine Corps originally bought 110 Harriers. After suffering 39 crashes, they still want more.

In war, Marine commanders say the Harrier could be brought close to the front and would provide close support for ground troops within minutes - not hours - of a call for

help.
Since the plane needs a landing surface of approximately 75 square feet and minimal turn-around time the Harrier would not be bothered by bombed-out runways.

The only trouble is that Secretary of Defense Harold Brown and other top Pentagon officials have doubts of the plane's effectiveness.

They recognize the Harrier has unique qualities, but say it would fall

prey to the enemy's top supersonic fighters.

At a time of budget stringence they believe high performance F-18 are a more cost-effective weapon for the Marine Corps than the Harrier.

The Harrier program has been kept alive with \$168 million for research and development in the 1979 budget, and \$180 million in 1980. But no Harrier funds are included in the administration's 1981 budget.

A Harrier crash March 13, and a crash of one of the two AV-8B prototypes last November, have streng thened the notion of a safety

Official Marine statistics show the Harrier had an accident rate of 3.68 accidents per 10,000 flying hours over a 10-year period, compared to 5.04 for the F-8, but only 2.98 for the F-4 and 2.66 for the A-4.

The Harrier's uniqueness make for tricky landing and take-off com pared to the normal aircraft. But pilots say the skills needed to handle the machine can be acquired by the average pilot with proper training.

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Estate Research Center at Texas

A&M University won two awards

at this year's regional competition

of the Council for the Advance

ment and Support of Education

quarterly magazine, won an

award for magazines, and a flyer

used to promote the center's

annual Studies of Advancement

Real Estate Subjects program won an award for visual design. Other CASE awards presented

to the center included an achieve-

ment award for the 1979-80

annual report, and an award of

excellence in the consumer category for "The Guide to Early Mort-

gage Retirement."
"Tierra Grande" also received

visual design category for a cover

photograph of a pitcher plant in the Big Thicket.

The CASE competition was part of CASE's Region IV annual meeting in Corpus Christi last week. Publications and develop

ment personnel from colleges and

universities in Texas, New Mex-

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Louisiana attended the meeting

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### Officers kill rape suspect inside motel

United Press International AUSTIN — Police shot and killed a 20-year-old Corpus Christi man in the motel room where a young woman said she was raped.

The man was identified as Manuel

Enrique Vela Jr.
A 22-year-old woman said she was

forced into a man's car while walking across the Lamar Boulevard Bridge over Town Lake about 3 a.m. She said her assailant told her he

was a policeman and threatened to take her to jail, but then allowed her to leave the motel room after the

The officers went to a room at that location and the suspect came out swinging at them with a knife," said Assistant Police Chief George Phif-er. "Two shots were fired, one by each officer."

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# Children's illness could set record

drome — a deadly children's disease that attacks the brain and liver — are being reported at a record rate fol-lowing the worst epidemic of in-fluenza-B in 18 years, federal health officials say.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta said this weekend 419 cases of Reye's syndrome already had been reported and they expected the final count in November to exceed the 454 cases reported in 1976-77, the last epidemic year for influenza-B.

The cause of Reye's syndrome is still a mystery, said Dr. Eugene Hurwitz, epidemiologist in the center's viral diseases division. The disease follows a viral infection, such as influenza-B or chicken pox, but it is not known whether a virus itself causes the ailment.

So far, Ohio with 137 and Michigan with 56 have reported the greatest number of cases. Other states listing 10 or more cases were New York with 16, Massachusetts 13

"In the 252 cases where the outcome was known, there were 52 deaths, a mortality rate of 22 per-

ity rate compares with a rate of 38 percent in the 1976-77 epidemic

Hurwitz, who said no one knows for sure why the fatality rate is lower, suspects earlier recognition of the disease by parents and physicians and improved treatment are responsible for fewer deaths caused by Reye's sydrome. Recent studies also revealed the

79 apparently triggered a large number of Reye's syndrome cases — 405 — and that young adults were susceptible to the ailment, in addition to children in the 5-11 age group.

Hurwitz made the prediction of a record year for Reye's syndrome if the rate of surveillance and reporting

Russian influenza outbreak of 1978-

ontinues as it has this past winter. Reye's syndrome, first described in 1963, is a relatively rare disease. There is no specific treatment for it, but supportive care in a hospital

where special equipment can be used to monitor the conditions of patients appear to be important factors in reducing both fatalities and dam-age to the brain and liver.

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