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General addresses cadets

Officers receive oath

By MARY JO RUMMEL
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Leadership and commitment are the keys to being a successful officer, Lt. Gen. George C. Cleveland told the newly commissioned officers at the 1981 Fall Commissioning Friday. Cleveland, commander of the University at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama, administered the oath of office to the 66 new officers. Twenty-six second lieutenants were commissioned into the Army, 21 second lieutenants into the Air Force, 10 cadets became Marine second lieutenants and nine cadets were commissioned as ensigns in the Navy. "It takes a special kind of dedi-

cation — a motivation to serve rather than to be served — to be an officer," Cleveland said.

"There is a trend in the country and military away from institutional commitments and toward individual occupational commitments, but it is fundamentally inconsistent with the purpose of the armed service."

The military is not just another job — it requires selflessness and self-discipline, he said.

He told the new officers that, as they enter into the service, they are "75 percent of what (they) will be or what (they) can be ... but (there is) a lot of room for improvement."

At the beginning of the ceremonies, Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver presented the Doherty Award to Jess W. Mason.

Mason, of Colorado Springs, Colo., graduated in May 1981. While in school, he served as executive officer in the First Brigade and 1981 senior class president.

The award was established by W.T. Doherty, Class of '22, in honor of his parents William Doherty and Kathleen Pace Doherty.

The award, given each semester, goes to a graduating senior "who has spent four years in the Corps, received a commission and has demonstrated high moral character," Vandiver said.

Soviet foreign policy to be main topic at conference

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Each year, Texas A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs brings students, faculty, government officials and public figures together to discuss topics of national or international importance.

The main topic of SCONA 27, held Feb. 10 through 13, is "Perspectives on Soviet Foreign Policy," which includes the goals and domestic considerations of the Soviet Union, its relations with other major powers and its policies in Eastern Europe and in developing countries.

David Givens, SCONA planning subcommittee chairman, said the conference wanted a topic that was both international and timely.

"We want to bring in a different perspective on the Soviets," he said. "We hope to emphasize what the Soviets are doing."

The speakers will examine what motivates the Soviets' foreign policy, Givens said.

Questions that SCONA would like to answer at the conference include what the Soviets would like to accomplish with their policies, how their domestic policies affect their foreign policy and what role ideology plays in their policies.

The keynote address will deal with the mainsprings of Soviet foreign policy. A speaker has not been confirmed, but SCONA has sent invitations to former President Richard Nixon, current Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Malcolm Toon, former United States ambassador to the Soviet Union.

Other potential speakers include Averell Harriman, former ambassador-at-large and ambassador to the Soviet Union and Great Britain, and Marshall Schullman, political science professor at Columbia University.

Other topics will be Soviet foreign policy and the balance of power with Olge M. Sokolov, current minister-counselor at the Soviet Embassy; and Soviet policy in Eastern Europe with Longin Paszkiak, a specialist in Soviet-East European affairs and director and professor at the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Problems of Capitalism in Warsaw, Poland.

Also at the conference will be Roger E. Kanet, a political science professor at the University of Illinois, who will speak on Soviet policy in the developing countries.

Peter Osnos, a journalist who has written such books about Russia as "Carter Watch: Foreign Policy in the 1970s," "War and Peace: the U.S. and Russia," and "Foreign Correspondent in the



Space Age," will give the closing address.

An important part of the three-day conference is the round table discussion, during which student delegates divide into groups of 18 students along with two round table co-chairmen, and exchange ideas on the topics presented.

"This is the heart of SCONA," Givens said. "This is where delegates get to bump heads and test and defend ideas presented at the conference."

Ruth Burns, public relations chairman of SCONA, said the co-

chairman will moderate the 10 round table groups and guide the discussion of the topics.

Some co-chairmen who have accepted SCONA's invitation include Dr. Henry Dethloff, head of the Texas A&M history department; Elizabeth Costello, a former academic counselor with the Mexico/Central America, Institute of International Education in Mexico City; and Dr. A. E. Bock, a naval systems engineering professor at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

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