

Cadet to be commissioned in Honduran army Saturday



Oscar A. Alvarez

by Cyndy Davis
Battalion Staff
Amid all the green, white and blue uniforms at commissioning ceremonies Saturday, one khaki uniform will stand out. Oscar A. Alvarez, a senior member of the Corps of Cadets, will become the first cadet to receive a commission in a foreign army during a Texas A&M commissioning ceremony. Alvarez will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army of Honduras by his uncle, Brig. Gen. Gustavo A. Alvarez Martinez, commanding general of the armed forces of Honduras. Alvarez, a political science major who will graduate in August, will report as an airborne ranger instructor in the second battalion of his country's army. Alvarez, a platoon leader in Company I-1, learned about Texas A&M through Major Robert Epps, an Aggie who was

assigned to the U.S. Army group in Honduras. Alvarez said it took almost a year for the U.S. Government to allow him to take Reserve Officer Training Courses as an allied cadet. Since his situation was unique, no one seemed to know what to do with him, he said. Upon the request of the Honduran government, Alvarez was accepted. Since he was unfamiliar with the English language, Alvarez attended the English Language Institute here during the 1978 fall semester. He joined the Corps the following spring. Communication was his big-

gest problem upon entering the Corps, he said. "I had to learn three languages — English, Texan and Spanish," he said. "But when you are an Aggie, everyone takes care of you." Even now professors sometimes use words he doesn't understand, so Alvarez borrows notes from his friends so he doesn't miss anything. Alvarez said he feels his experience in the Corps will be invaluable to him in the future. "You become a big family in the Corps," he said. "They treat me like a brother. My roommate's parents treat me like another son."

Twenty-eight people, including family, friends and government officials, are coming from Honduras for his commissioning. Alvarez said he is glad his uncle is taking time to come to Texas A&M to commission him in light of the problems Honduras is having on its Nicaraguan and El Salvadoran borders. Texas A&M differs from Honduran universities because Honduran universities "spend too much time on politics," Alvarez said. When he was a student in Honduras, strikes sometimes prevented classes from being held.

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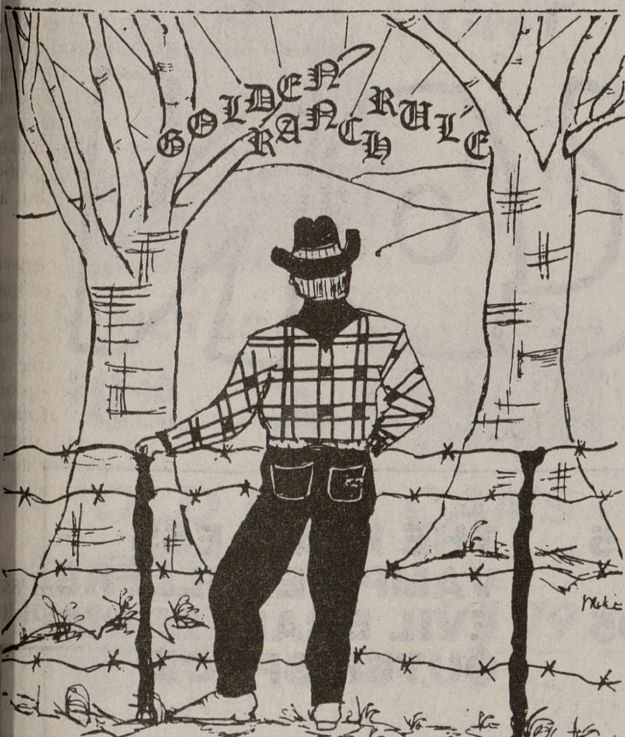
by Hope E. Paasch
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An argument behind Dudley's Draw resulted in the shooting death early Wednesday morning of a Bryan man. Steven Lee Schenck, 23, of E. 29th Street, died at St. Joseph Hospital from a single gunshot wound in the chest. Capt. Ron Miller, of the College Station Police, said an autopsy will be performed. Miller said the incident began with an argument which occurred behind Dudley's Draw between Schenck and two other white males. Schenck left in a car driven by a friend, and the two men followed in a pick-up truck. About 12:20 a.m., the two

vehicles stopped in the 100 block of College Main, near Loupou's Bookstore. Schenck got out of his car and started walking towards the truck when he was shot once in the chest. The two men in the pick-up truck left the scene. Schenck's friend put Schenck back in the car and took him to St. Joseph Hospital, where he later died. An employee of Dudley's Draw told police she heard a noise like a firecracker at about the time of the shooting. No suspects have been arrested, Miller said. Schenck, a native of Iowa, was not a student at Texas A&M University.

Today's Almanac

United Press International
Today is Thursday, May 6, the 126th day of 1981 with 239 to follow.
The moon is moving toward its full phase.
The morning star is Venus.
The evening stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.
Those born on this date are under the sign of Taurus.
Sigmund Freud, Austrian neurologist and founder of psychoanalysis, was born May 6, 1856.
On this date in history:
In 1816, the American Bible Association was organized in New York City.
In 1935, the Works Progress Administration was established

to provide work for the unemployed in the depths of the Great Depression.
In 1972, an armed man who hijacked a plane in Pennsylvania parachuted over Honduras the next day with \$303,000 ransom.
In 1975, President Ford made a broadcast appeal to Americans to welcome the thousands of Vietnamese refugees pouring into the United States by air from their communist country.
A thought for the day: American writer F. Scott Fitzgerald said, "It is in the 30s that we want friends. In the 40s we know they won't save us any more than love did."



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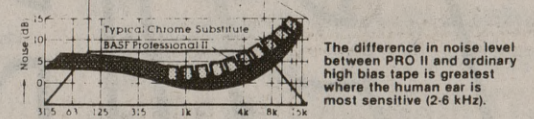


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