

121 seniors get military commissions

By DOUG HALL
Reporter

With the sounds of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band in the background and the faces of proud parents in the audience, 121 seniors received their commissions as officers in the U.S. Armed Services Saturday in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Commissioning for many of the officers marks the culmination of a college career and allows them to officially begin serving an obligation to a chosen military branch. However, some of these officers will return to A&M to finish their degree or pursue graduate work.

Retired Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, United States Marine Corps, served as commissioning officer.

Simpson, who also advises the Corps of Cadets as assistant vice president for student affairs, spoke briefly on the oath of office he issued to each officer.

The 67-word oath is 101-years-old, Simpson said, and serves as the first official step in a new careers for officers.

"It has important meaning in all clauses," Simpson said. "You must support and defend our Constitution, nothing more . . . against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

Simpson also said the oath is important because the officers take it under free will and must show integrity towards God and country.

"I welcome you to the armed services of this country," Simpson said amongst three standing ovations. "The rewards will be enormous, not

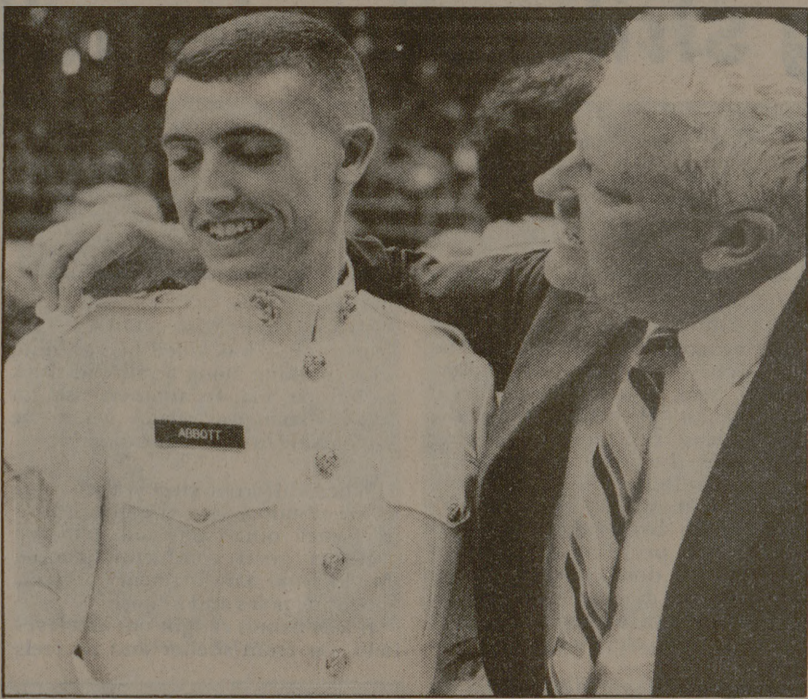


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Newly commissioned soldier Preston Abbott eyes his new brass being polished by his father, Frank Abbott.

monetarily, but you will be contributing something worthwhile. You will have the opportunity to lead. Never forget that responsibility . . . My only regret is that I'll not be there serving with you."

On a personal note, Simpson told the Corps it must summon all of its inner strength to make the Corps a happier place for underclassmen to live and work.

With a great deal of emotion, Simpson then said, "And now it is time for me to go. I shall not be here when you return, but I'll be watching you with confidence."

Commissioning exercises also included the presentation of the Doherty Award, a \$3,000 award given

to a graduating senior in the Corps, to Gregory J. Lengyel. Lengyel, an engineering technology graduate from Randolph Air Force base in San Antonio, served as commanding officer of the First Wing this past year and will enter the Air Force as a pilot.

To receive the award, the cadet must have received a commission in the armed forces, have high moral character, believe in God and have a strong sense of patriotism towards country and state.

Texas A&M President Dr. Frank E. Vandiver presented the award established by Wilfred T. Doherty, Class of '22, in memory of his parents.

CS to sponsor free concerts

By ELIZABETH MICKEY
Reporter

Get out your blankets and lawn chairs and get ready for a summer of free concerts.

The College Station Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a summer concert series with the Arts Council of Brazos Valley. All of the concerts will be held at Central Park in College Station from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is free and concession stands will be available.

Susan O'Connor of the College Station Parks and Recreation Department says there has been a good turnout at past concerts. Attendance depends on which band is playing and what else is happening that weekend, she says.

The series will feature:
• Sunday: Alpenfest;
• May 26: Four Hams on Rye;
• June 9: Totlyn Jackson;
• June 23: C.P.R. (Calvert, Powell and Resnick);

- July 14: New Sounds;
- July 28: Carter Creek Blue Grass Band;
- Aug. 11: Freeway Band;
- Aug. 25: Transit.

O'Connor says the department puts on the concerts as a service to the public.

"It's a special event for the public," O'Connor says. "Many cities sponsor summer concerts for their citizens."

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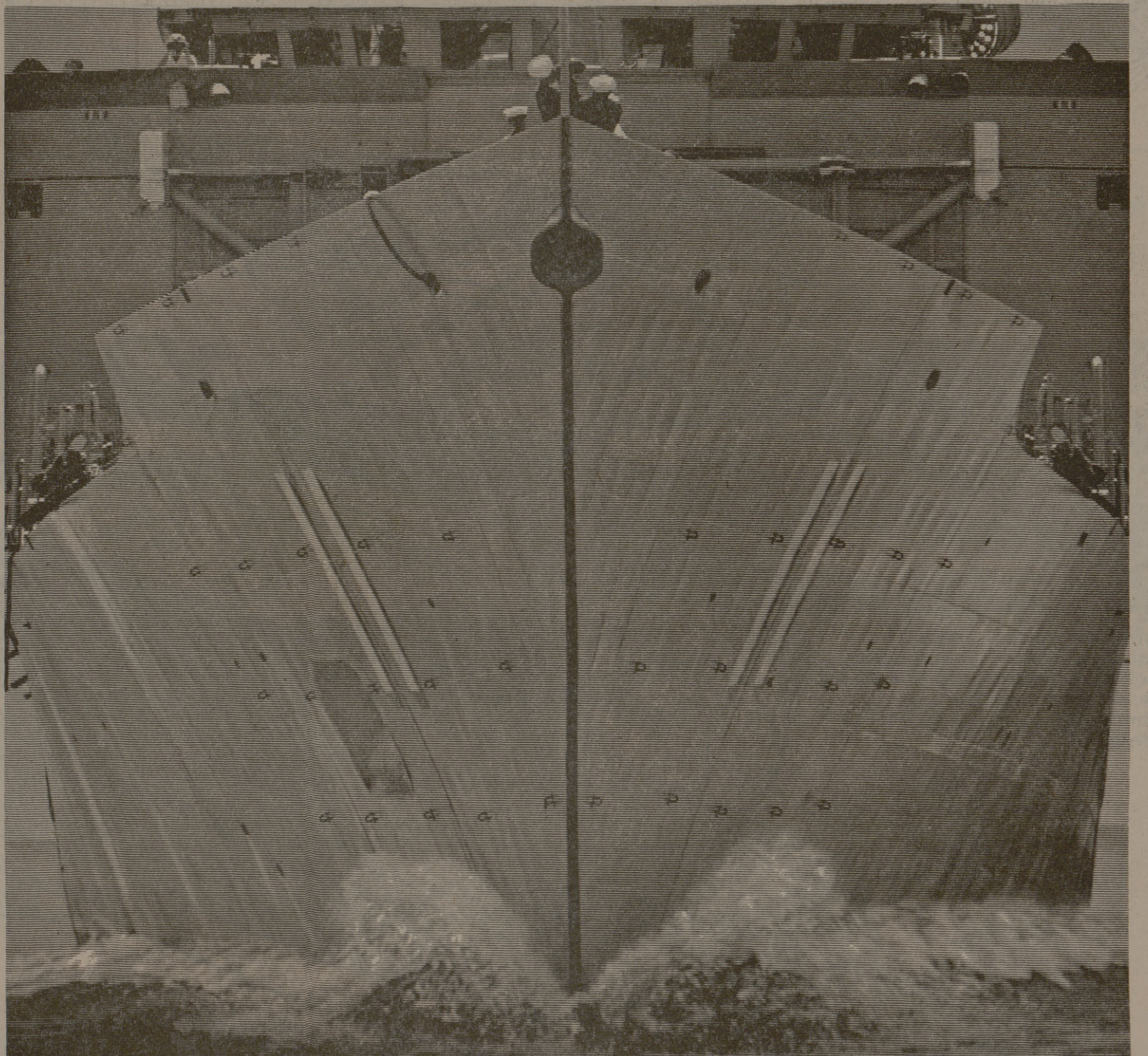
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