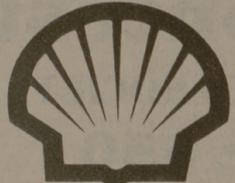




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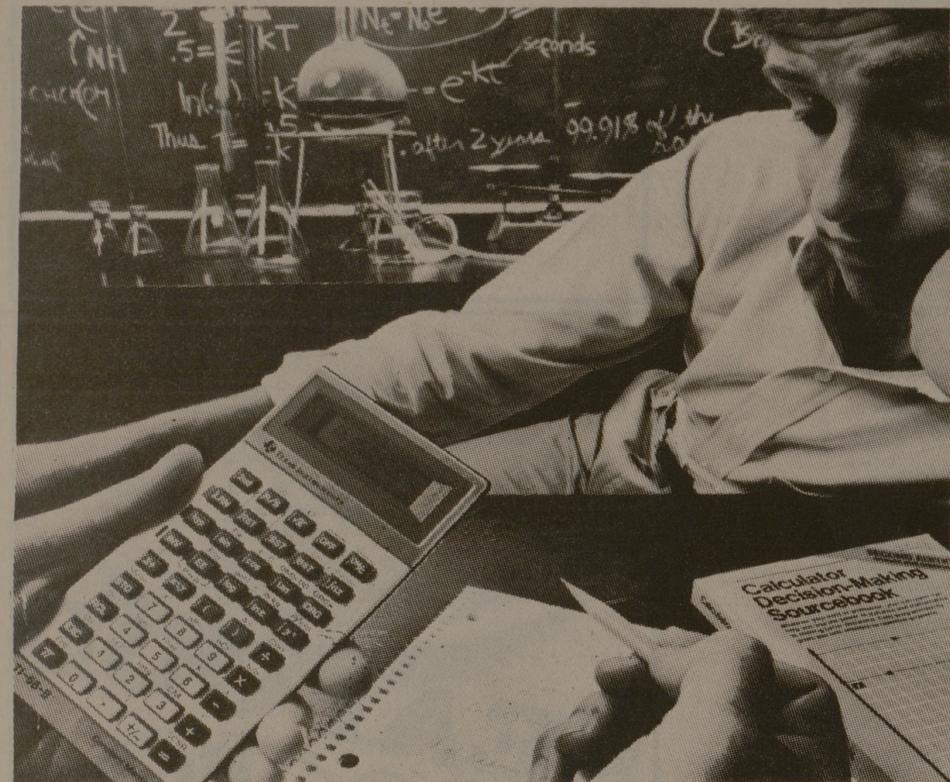
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Muster speeches compiled in new book by A&M prof

By LORA BEST
Reporter

One of the most unique and revered Aggie traditions is Muster. First held in 1883, the Muster ceremony honors Aggies who have died during the past year. Muster gained national recognition during World War II when a group of Aggies held a ceremony while under fire on Corregidor Island in the Philippines. But the Muster speeches, a major component of the ceremony, have only been documented by private taping - until now. John C. Adams, assistant professor of speech communications at Texas A&M, has assembled most of the Muster speeches since 1946 and made them available to the public. The compilation of Muster speeches includes those by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, James Earl Rudder, Olin Teague, Maj. Gen. Wood B. Kyle and Col. Tom Dooley. Adams says it took five years to complete the research for the book. "I wanted to make sure I got as many speeches as I could get my hands on," he says. He says that when he felt sure every available speech was in his possession, another one would surface. Speeches made over a long period of time are difficult to gather, he says. "That's the way speeches are, they're spoken and they're gone,"

Adams says. While his major research area is the history of American public address and rhetorical theory and criticism, Adams explains that personal reasons also compelled him to compile the speeches. He says his brother-in-law was killed while they were both serving in the Vietnam War, and Adams was asked to escort the body back to the United States. That event had always remained in the back of his mind. When he came to A&M after finishing his studies at the University of Washington, Adams says he assigned students in his freshman-level classes to write a paper on public speech. Many of the students did papers on Silver Taps, and he says he could see the emotions involved in the writing. So Adams decided to attend a Silver Taps. He says he was moved by the experience, and then someone told him about Muster. "This is a significant event - there are not too many events like this anymore," Adams says. Adams says the book is like a hymnal full of spoken hymns. He explains that Muster speeches celebrate a certain set of values such as courage, justice or wisdom. In this case, he explains, A&M and the values Aggies possess are being celebrated. From the material in the

speeches, Adams says he is able to describe an Aggie. "(An Aggie is) Somebody who has a balanced respect for tangible and intangible rewards that comes from shouldering responsibility," he explains. "There is also a deep desire to preserve an attitude." Adams says he originally planned to have the speeches made in the archives, but he began to think about having them published. Zos Valley Printing published the book. The books are available at Brazos Valley Printing and at Sampson's Bookery in Culpepper Plaza. Adams will have a book-signing Nov. 7 at Sampson's Bookery. Five percent of the profits will be donated to the Speakers Bureau, a group of students who travel throughout the state and make give speeches about A&M to organizations such as mother's clubs and former students groups. Carolyn Adair, director of student activities, says while the bureau does not receive any money yet, she knows where it most likely will be spent. "We'll probably get more publicity with it to let clubs around the country know we're available," Adams says. Some of the proceeds also will be used to buy a mini-camera to record the students' speeches, she says.

Pharmaceutical companies pay participants in medication studies

By TAMARA BELL
Staff Writer

It's mid-semester and you're down to your last dollar. If being a guinea pig doesn't bother you, then participating in clinical tests conducted through Texas A&M is a way to earn extra money. The clinical tests are open to faculty, staff and students, says Terry Coghlan, a biochemist in the College of Medicine. About 90 percent are students because of the money, he says. The tests require students who have allergies or asthma to take medication that hasn't been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, Coghlan says. "The risks are minimal to the students who participate because by the time the medication is ready to be tested on people, it has already undergone extensive animal testing," Coghlan says. "The medication will undergo more testing after we're done," he says. "After an additional three to five years, the pharmaceutical company will take the information to the FDA and submit the medication for a license based on the laboratory trials in Europe and the United States."

For three years experiments at A&M have been conducted by Coghlan along with Dr. Barry Paull, an assistant professor of medical microbiology and immunology, Coghlan says. Money to pay the students comes from the pharmaceutical companies who want to market a particular drug, he says. Before a student is admitted to a study he must first meet certain requirements, Coghlan says. For example, a student must suffer from allergies to be admitted to an allergy study, he says. After it has been determined that the student suffers from allergies, he signs an informed consent, Coghlan says. This paper tells the participant what is going on during the study and what was found in previous studies. It also informs the student of the number of blood samples that are drawn, the potential risks and benefits and the basic side-effects like an upset stomach, he says. "The study can last either one day or 28 days," Coghlan says. "For a good percent of the experiment the students are on their own. The students take the medication throughout the day and record the information in a patient diary we send home with them."

Although the companies are percent sure of the side-effects, students aren't allowed to take medications during the trial period in case something unusual should happen, he says. "The tests are designed to take into account all the variables," Coghlan says. "It's a double blind study because some students will be on placebo, sugar pills, while some will be taking the actual medication. But we don't know which students are what. This allows for an unbiased search." Because female students are child-bearing years, they are allowed to participate in the experiments, Coghlan says. The FDA established this rule because of liability involved if a former participant should have a physically deformed child, he says. Coghlan says students make subjects because they are interested about the results of the medication and they follow the rules of the study. On the other hand, he says students make bad subjects because they continue to consume alcohol though they've been warned against it.

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