

Cadets wait to salute inductees

46 graduates commissioned

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Freshmen cadets crowded the doors of G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday and waited to salute the 46 Texas A&M graduates commissioned into the military.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Lewis Charles Menetrey gave the oath of office and presented the commissions to the officers.

Thirty-nine second lieutenants were inducted into the Army, Air Force and Marine Corps, and nine ensigns were inducted into the Navy.

At the beginning of the ceremony Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver presented Charles Rollins, 1984-85 Corps commander, with the Doherty Award.

The award is given to a graduate who has served four years in the Corps of Cadets and is recognized by the University as a valued and outstanding student leader.

The military personnel at A&M also must hold the person in high regard.

The \$3,000 award is given twice each year.

Rollins said he didn't know he would receive the award, but he did have some hints, such as when Col. Richard McPherson kept congratulating him but wouldn't tell why.

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Menetrey also presented an award during the ceremony.

Representing Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger, Menetrey presented the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service to Texas A&M System Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen.

The award, signed by Weinberger, recognizes Hansen for his constant efforts in support of a strong national defense.

Fifty-eight percent of America's military support is in the National Guard and reserves, Menetrey said, and these cannot be maintained without financial investments.

He said Texas employers have met this challenge and investments

have increased because of such dedicated people as Hansen.

After the awards, Menetrey turned his attention to the graduates.

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Menetrey spoke about the unity of the military and the responsibilities the officers have to each other and to the nation.

The concept of service has little meaning if individuals are not part of something greater than themselves, he said.

The cadets have accepted the challenge to work together and to protect the nation's liberties and freedoms, Menetrey said.

Even non-commission cadets, after experiencing the unity of the Corps, will be better citizens, he said.

Menetrey added, "I share your pride in today's realization of accomplishment and respect your concern for what the future holds."

Rollins, who has been out of the Corps for one semester, said he is ready to take the challenge of the Marine Corps.

"I'm not concerned about the future, I'm just anxious," he said.

Officials investigate wreck; army to ship bodies home

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First 20 bodies would be flown to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware Monday afternoon for autopsies, with the flag-draped aluminum cases holding the bodies of the remaining soldiers and flight crew members following Tuesday and Wednesday.

Crosby said there would be "an appropriate ceremony to honor all the soldiers who died" as the first bodies were loaded. The soldiers were from the 101st Airborne Division.

The people of Gander, a town of 12,000 that grew up around the airport, conducted an inter-

faith memorial service Sunday afternoon for the 248 men and eight women who died in the crash.

"The view in Gander is one of shock, sorrow and sadness for all the people who lost their lives, and sympathy for their families," said Fraser Lush, a town councilor.

Crosby, in remarks prepared for the memorial service, said he had been touched by the warm concern of Gander's residents.

The soldiers were headed home to Fort Campbell after six months of duty in an international peacekeeping force.

Pilot questionnaire shows feelings on deregulation

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though deregulation may have lowered ticket prices, it has done the same to safety standards, the pilots said.

"Deregulation has taken one of the best transportation systems in the world and virtually crippled it," wrote a Mississippi-based pilot with more than 10 years experience.

"Although competition is a good thing, I think it has taken emphasis away from safety and efficiently moving passengers from one place to another, and has wrongly placed the emphasis on making a buck," the pilot said.

The pilots, who were responding to a Times Herald mail questionnaire, all fly for passenger airlines and hold airline transport certificates. The survey posed a range of questions about the airline industry and safety issues.

The Air Line Pilots Association and the Federal Aviation Administration declined to comment on the results of the survey, the Times Herald said.

Thomas Tripp, a transport association spokesman, said the results were irrelevant because the industry's safety record has actually improved since deregulation went into effect.

"You can't debate safety on the grounds of the pilots' feelings," Tripp said. "You've got to have the

facts, something to make a point and I'm not aware that they do."

The Times Herald said some pilots acknowledged that their anger, particularly over the effects of deregulation, stemmed from the erosion of their own benefits as a result of cost-conscious competition and what they see as the union-busting tactics of several carriers formed or reorganized under deregulation.

"They're trimming back everything imaginable, maintenance and personnel," said Jerry Thompson, a Fort Worth-based captain for Eastern Airlines, in a common indictment of newer carriers.

"The management coming up is not so much aviation-oriented or business-oriented, just looking at the bottom line. They don't know the down-line effects of cutting back on maintenance, and that has caused decay in the whole system."

Warren Bayless, a New Jersey-based DC-9 pilot for a major carrier, said he could see the effects of cost-cutting measures in his own company.

"Although I'm never forced to take a plane I don't like," he said, "I see more inclination to nurse planes along and get them somewhere else. Let's face it. It's costly to keep maintenance up to the top level. If a company can postpone a cost, it's economically attractive to do that."

Caperton stresses value of research

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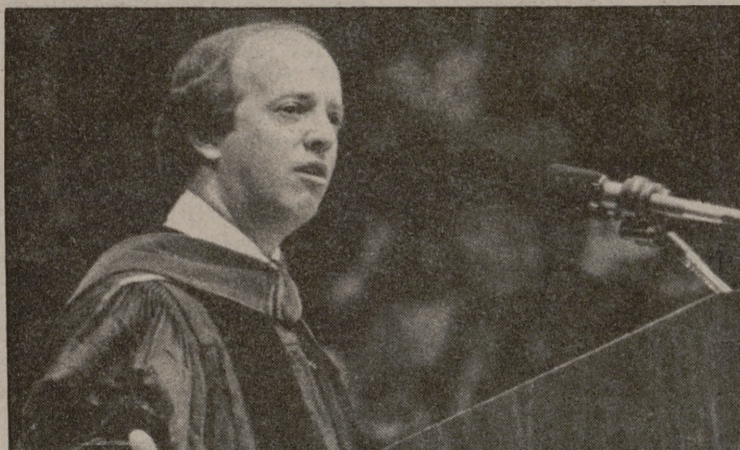
State Senator Kent Caperton stressed the value of attending and supporting universities involved in research in a speech at Texas A&M's commencement exercises Saturday.

Caperton, who graduated cum laude from A&M in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, said A&M has many distinguishing features but most important is that it is one of two major research institutions in the state.

"The importance of research conducted in the state universities is receiving a lot of attention today because the future well-being of the Texas economy depends on it," Caperton said.

Caperton said the oil, gas and agriculture industries still are important but the state cannot depend on these industries alone.

"We must diversify the economy to continue to be the prosperous state that we have been in the past," Caperton added. "Research may not appear at first glance to lead to any



Sen. Kent Caperton speaks at the commencement Saturday.

tangible product or process. We must take calculated risks in basic research as any good business would."

Caperton told the degree recipients from the colleges of architecture and environmental design, education, veterinary medicine, and

science that the result of research would be more jobs.

Caperton asked the students to evaluate their four years at A&M and to think about the benefit of research conducted at the University.

"One of the primary missions of a university is to communicate knowl-

edge and understanding," Caperton said. "The most direct link between the researcher and the undergraduate is in the classroom."

"Although research faculty spend a significant amount of time doing research and teaching graduate students, many seek out and teach undergraduate courses."

Caperton said when a student attends a major research university such as A&M, there is a strong recognition of the value of both the sciences and the humanities and a commitment to the quality of these programs.

"This commitment attracts the kinds of faculty needed to build and maintain an outstanding university," Caperton said. "This also brings faculty who do not just re-read last year's yellowed notes, but faculty actively involved in what is happening today and who wants to share that excitement with students."

"Remember, to learn in a place where greatness is present, produces graduates who know what greatness is and who will have the capacity to seek and achieve greatness."



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Class A: Men N. Wallace
Women G. Pierson
Class B: Men S. Cook
Women K. Brown



The Exes: Men's Class A All-U Champions of Indoor Soccer.

ENTRIES OPEN

Entries are still open for Basketball, the Pre-season Basketball Tournament, and the Schick Super Hoop 3 on 3 Tournament.

Entries will remain open for Soccer on an AVAILABILITY BASIS ONLY. For information, call the IM-REC Sports Office at 845-7826.

LOCKER RENEWALS

Individuals who rent recreational lockers must renew them by January 21, 1986, 6 PM to avoid having the locker cleared. All lockers not renewed will be cleared beginning January 22, 1986. Individuals may renew their lockers at any time in the Intramural-Recreational Sports Office, Room 159 Read Building. Locker rental is \$10 per semester.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The hours for the Read Building and G. Rollie White for the holiday break are as follows:
December 21-December 31
Monday-Sunday
10 AM-10 PM

The Building will be closed December 31 and January 1. Beginning January 2, the facilities will resume their normal working hours.

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