

Company K-2 freshman Oscar Durham, Jason Fisher, and Robert Wells sit at attention and make several chins while keeping a 100 yard stare across Duncan Dinning Hall.

Freshmen **O**rientation **W**eek



Birth of a Cadet

Parading their new military skills on Gen. Ormond R. Simpson Drill Field, freshman members of the Corps of Cadets marked the end of their orientation week and the beginning of the school year during Fish Review Friday.

FOW Commander Conrado Alvarado praised the cadets for meeting all of the goals of Freshman Orientation Week in a short motivational address,

and Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Darling administered the Corps of Cadets oath, which the freshmen repeated in unison.

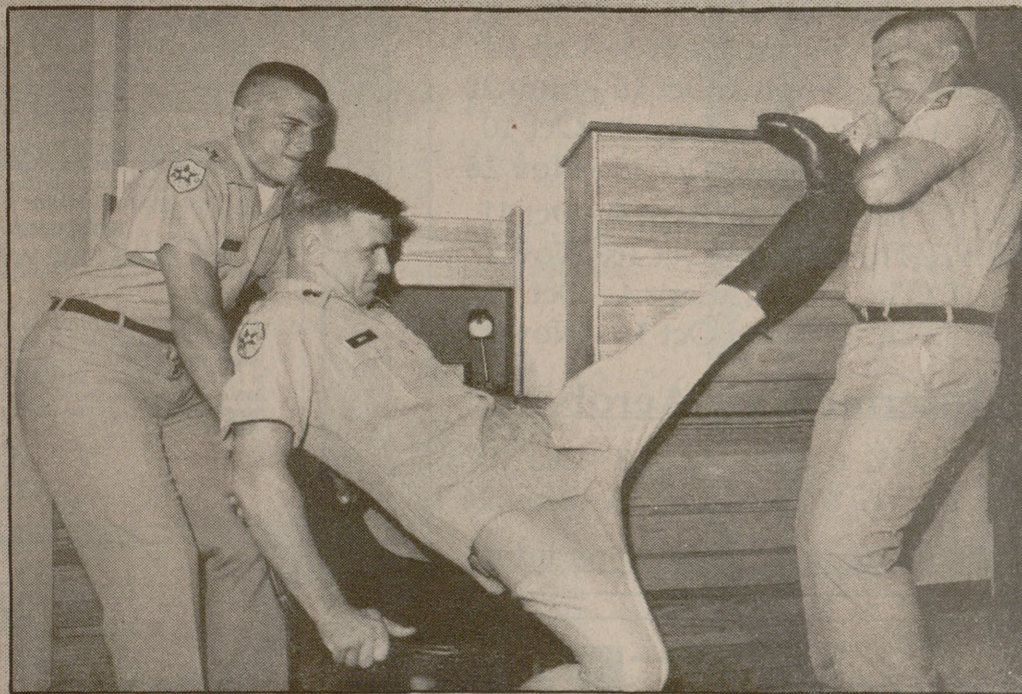
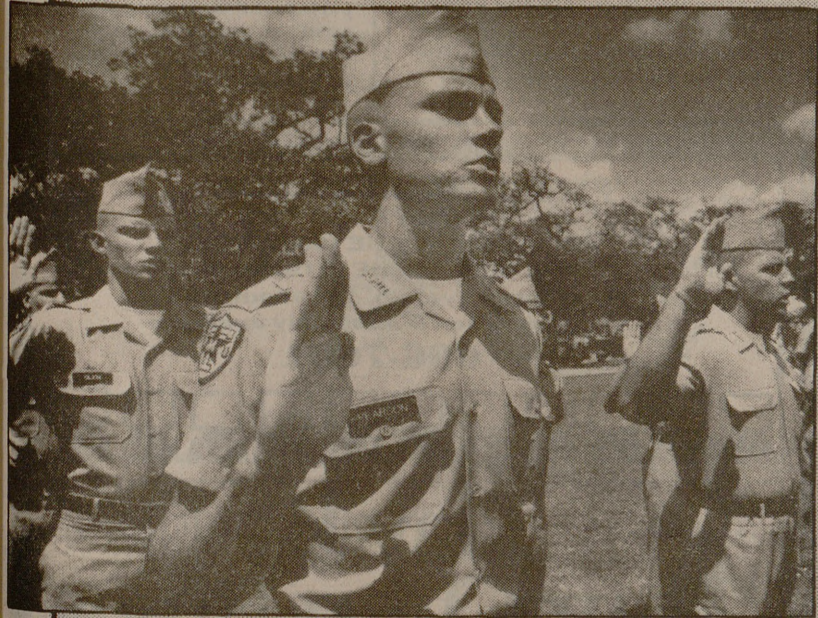
Besides teaching the fundamentals of marching and drills, Freshman Orientation Week helps the new cadets deal with the "culture shock" they experience in making the transition from civilian to military life, said FOW Commander Conrado Alvarado.

This week is the hardest week of the year, he explained. The freshmen have activities planned from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Corps loses the most cadets during this week, he said, but this year they retained over 95% of their recruits.

Corps Cmdr. Jonathan Whittles said "the hardest thing about Freshman Orientation Week is that you don't run your own life anymore."

They must learn how to be led before they can learn how to lead, he said.

Freshman Jason Viel of Plano said that training was "intense. It was a lot of work, but it will be worth it."



Headline: Matt Hannasch of F-2 gets a fish haircut in the MSC barber shop.

Clockwise top: C-2 freshman David Pearson raises his hand for the cadet oath given at fish review.

Top right: D-1 freshmen race to beat the sophomores to the dorm.

Middle: Squadron 15 freshman Jimmy Herr, Tim Burke, Pat Schmitt and David Maltby are the first to shine Sully.

Right: G-1 freshman Cindy Walton Wildcats out of Dorm 5 before fish review.

Bottom: K-1 freshman Travis Foltz and Joseph Echols try to pull off Toby Smith's senior boots.