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Six cadets receive grants

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Six members of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets were named recipients of grants given out by the Wofford Cain Foundation, called Boot and Saber Awards, on Thursday, Oct. 8.

The grant is presented annually in honor of Cain in increments of \$1200 for seniors and \$600 for juniors. The grant is awarded to one junior and one senior each in the Army, Naval and Air Force branches of the Corps.

The awards, presented this year at the Corps fall review, were given for outstanding achievement in the University's ROTC program.

This year's winners were Army unit members Michael T. Ripley and John K. Baker; Navy members Timothy Sueltenfuss and William G. Riels and Air Force members Douglas C. Thies and Robert J. McMurray.

Each of the winners had to be nominated by their commanding officer for the position.

Ripley, in addition to being a senior cadet major, is a member of the Ross Volunteers, the ceremonies honor company of the corps; the Gen. Ormond R. Simpson Honor Society and is the chair of the Cadet Compliance and Review Board.

Baker, a junior, was named Outstanding Sophomore Cadet in the Army ROTC unit with being selected both Outstanding Scholastic Sophomore for Company A-1 and Best Drilled Freshman and Sophomore in his brigade.

Sueltenfuss, a member of the Navy/Marine branch of the Corps, was honored as a distinguished student four times and has also received an Outstanding Sophomore award and Distinguished Naval Student award, in addition to being the commander of his unit, G-2.

Riels was previously selected as Outstanding Freshman for Company E-2, served as Mascot Corporal, the cadet in charge of Reveille, during his sophomore year.

Thies, a senior who currently holds the position of First Wing Commander, was named winner of both the Air Force ROTC Vice Commandant's Award and the Air Force Association Outstanding Cadet of the Year for Texas.

McMurray was previously recognized as a distinguished student twice in addition to receiving the ROTC field training.

While the awards do not have to be used for any specific purpose, the original intent of the award was to help offset the cost of the cadet's senior boots and saber, which can cost up to \$1,200.

Yugoslavia

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lands in Bosnia, lit the fuse which started World War I. The Serbs lined up with the Allies against their neighbors — the Croats and Slovenians — who fought with the Austrians. The war witnessed the deaths of the old empires controlling eastern Europe.



Hatchett

After the war the Allies carved out Yugoslavia, placing all of the southern Slavs under one government.

This move did not go over very well with the Serbians who wanted their own Serbian state, said Roger Reese, a Texas A&M history professor. Each group — Serbians, Croats and Slovenians — had their own ideas of how the government should run.

A power struggle ensued over the next 20 years with the Serbs dominating the control of the government.

When World War II came, the Croats and Slovenians looked to the Germans as their liberators, Hatchett said. The Germans established a Croatian state and placed the Croats in control of Yugoslavia, including some Serbian-occupied areas.

The Ustase, Croatian fascists, used the opportunity to exact revenge on Serbians for their 20 years of domination. The Ustase engaged in ethnic cleansing against the Serbs and committed the same atrocities of which the Serbs now stand accused, killing an estimated 600,000 Serbs.

The Communists took over after the war. And again, the Serbians controlled the government. Josip Broz Tito led the new regime. Under Tito, problems were suppressed.

"Yugoslavia was forced back together by the strength of the Communist Party, by the strength of the Yugoslavian army, and, more than anything, by the strength of Tito," Hatchett said. "When Tito died in 1980, the strong personality which held that country together and gave it some sense of stability was gone."

"The country started to drift

apart again."

After Tito's death, the old ethnic rivalries gradually resurfaced. And lacking a strong, unifying force, these divisions erupted into war last year following the election of non-Communist governments in Slovenia, Croatia, Macedonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The non-Communist governments wanted independence from the Communist-controlled government in Serbia, Hatchett said. But, the Yugoslavian government refused. War followed.

Yugoslavian troops were first sent into Slovenia to quell the calls for independence.

"The original goal in Slovenia was to hold the country (Yugoslavia) together, keeping it under the control of the Communists and the Serbs," Hatchett said. "When it became obvious that wasn't going to work, the Serbs reverted to their 19th century goal of getting all of the ethnic Serbs under the control of Serbia."

Currently, of the seven and a half million Serbs living in the former Yugoslavia, only five million actually live inside Serbia. The rest are scattered among the other six republics which made up Yugoslavia. Both Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina contain large Serbian enclaves.

The current conflict revolves around a people's right to choose their own government and the sovereign rights of a country, Hatchett said.

"The Bosnians do not want to give up territory. The Croats do not want to give up territory. And the Serbs are not going to abandon Serbs that live outside of Serbia," he said. "It is a very emotional issue."

Serbian have argued that the Bosnian conflict is merely their protecting themselves from a fundamentalist Islamic movement in the republic, such as the one Iran experienced in the late 70s. However, Reese and Hatchett discount the role of religious differences in the conflict.

Reese describes the claim as a scare tactic by the Serbian leadership to keep the people in line.

"That's an excuse and not a reason," Hatchett said. "The degree of conservatism in the Bosnian practice of Islam is not anywhere near that of the Middle East."

"It's an attempt by the Serbians to find a reason to support what they're trying to do which is ultimately to gain control over all Ser-

bian lands and peoples."

Along with the goal of accomplishing these goals, old hostilities are resurfacing after years of dormancy.

Ethnic cleansing has again become a weapon of war as Serbians exact revenge on non-Serbs in Bosnia for the crimes of the Ustase during World War II, Hatchett said. Currently, the Serbs have taken control of 70 percent of the land in Bosnia through "cleansing."

"It is all part of the belief of Serbians that they can win from terror more than they can get at the negotiating table," Hatchett said. "We've got to find a way to convince them that's not true."

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Ultimately, Reese cannot foresee any side coming out ahead in the conflict. Even if the Serbians do somehow manage to win militarily, it will not solve the problem. At some point, all parties to the conflict will have to agree to negotiations on the establishment of new boundaries reflecting ethnic borders.

"We have to use carrot and stick with the Serbs," Hatchett said. "We have to tell them that they will not participate in the world community as long as they flaunt the standards of the international community."

"But, there's going to have to be pressure on both sides," he said. "The Croats and Bosnians are going to have to understand that there will be no peace until the Serbian minorities in Bosnia

Local station airs program promoting 'street smarts'

By LT. BERT KRET-ZSCHMAR AND CPT. BETTY LeMAY

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Tonight, KAMU-TV will be airing a show entitled, "Street Smarts — How to Avoid Being a Victim."

The program will feature a former Chicago detective and humorist, J.J. Bittenbinder. He will explain how victims of crime are selected, avoidance techniques and what a person can do if he or she becomes a target of crime.

The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that one violent crime occurs every 11 seconds in this country. The University Police Department hopes everyone in the A&M community will watch this program and become more aware of personal safety issues and some common sense approaches to crime prevention and self-protection.

October is national crime prevention month, and KAMU-TV will be airing this program tonight at 9 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.

The following crimes were reported to the University Police Department in the period between Sept. 9, 1992 and Oct. 16, 1992.

- 45 cases of misdemeanor theft.
- 10 cases of criminal mischief.
- 37 minor in possessions were issued.
- five cases of public intoxication.
- one case of criminal trespass.
- four assault cases.
- five cases of felony theft.
- six harassment cases.
- one abusive call to the 911 service.
- four citations were issued for driving while intoxicated.
- three vehicle burglaries.
- one case of making alcohol available to a minor.
- one structure fire.
- one case of disorderly conduct by fighting.
- one burglary of a coin-operated machine.
- one burglary of a vehicle.

and Croatia feel secure."

And if the fighting does not stop soon, hundreds of thousands of lives will be lost during the harsh winter months, Hatchett said.

The CIA and the United Nations Refugee Agency estimate between 150,000-400,000 people will die in the upcoming winter months.

"It just looks really bleak right now," Reese said. "It is not a hopeful situation."

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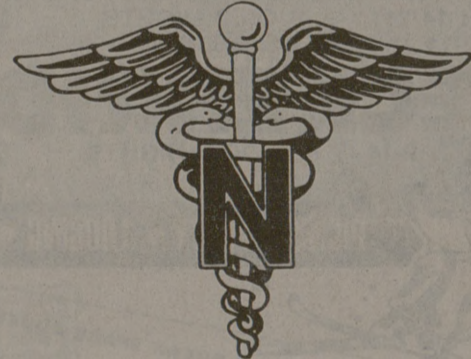
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