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Competition awards timed-precision

Praetorian Guard gave their members the opportunity to develop military leadership skills through their annual collegiate drill meet held March 5 at Clark Field and Memorial Stadium.

The meet involves schools from across Texas and from across the country, including Texas A&M Fish Drill Team, Alcorn State Army ROTC and Prairie View A&M Navy ROTC.

The competition was broken up into three phases: inspection, basic drill and precision drill.

The teams competed for first prize and runner-up positions at each phase.

The judges for the event were experienced drill instructors from Camp Mabry, a National Guard base in Austin. Along with winners at each phase the judges selected one overall winner.

"This year the competition between UT and A&M was very intense because last year we lost by four points to the Aggies," President Paul Acker, liberal arts senior, said.

Texas A&M Fish Drill Team came out on top again this year but not without a fight from the Texas NROTC. In all three phases the competition "was down to the wire," Acker said.

A&M took first in the basic and precision drill phases but in the inspection phase Texas NROTC was victorious. This phase was the most heated; Texas NROTC and Texas A&M were tied and the winner was selected by having the commanders come forward and answer questions about standard regulations.

The A&M commander incorrectly answered the question in the second round and Texas NROTC was victorious.

Texas A&M won the overall competition but Texas was not far behind.

"Once again we will be looking forward to next year's competition since this year was a repeat of last year's event," Acker said.

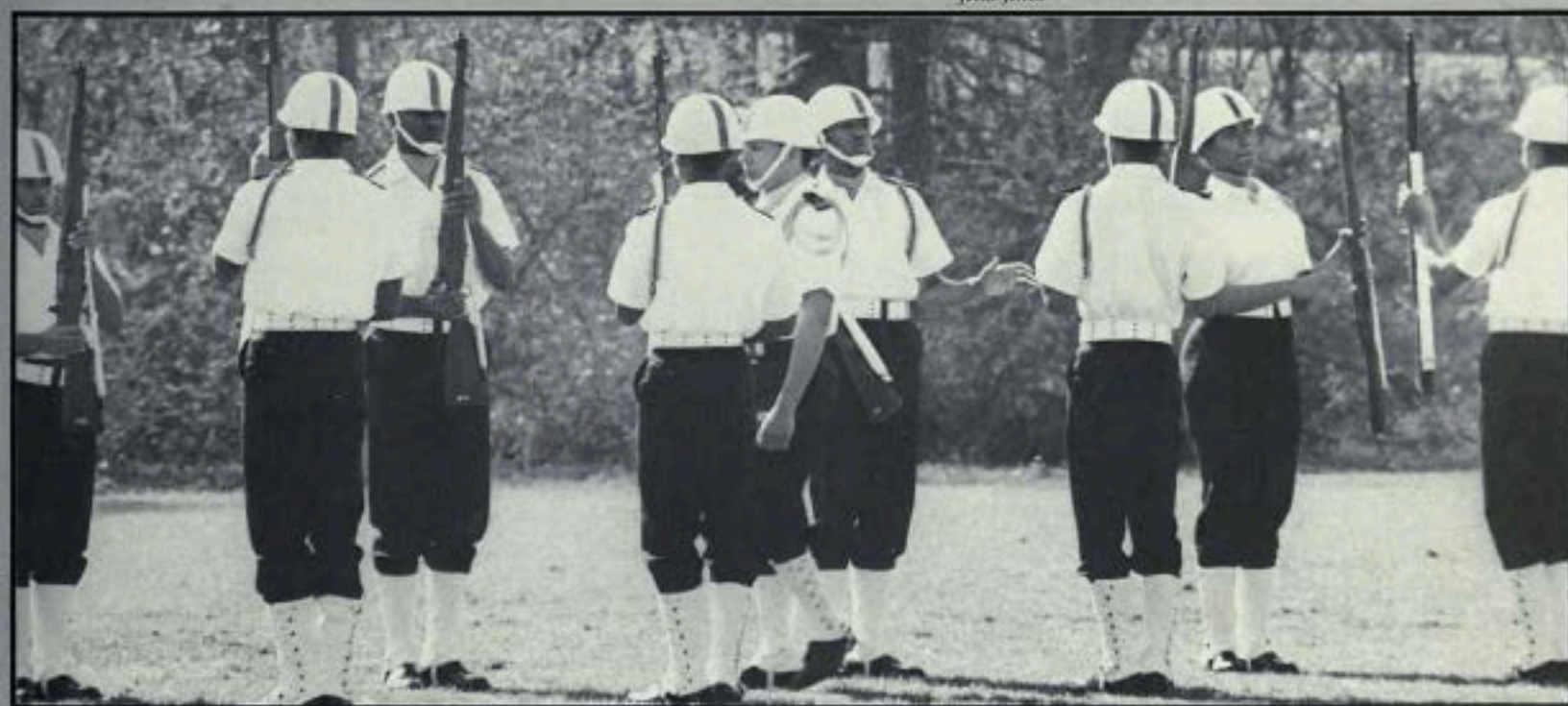
by Laurie Hernandez

FRONT ROW: Lattimer James McKenna, David Paul Dukovits, David Charles Embrey, Mami Kari, Dechen. **BACK ROW:** Clayton Edward Gikland, William Henry Adams, Paul Wilder Acker, Keith Scott Harris, Daniel Patrick Harner.

MILITARY PERFECTION: ROTC cadets from colleges throughout the state of Texas perform a timed-drill sequence with military precision at a competition hosted by the university's Praetorian Guard on March 5 at Clark Field.



Janice Jacobs



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Intense training develops leadership

Although most average university students have "many balls to keep in the air and juggle," Navy ROTC midshipmen were specially trained in this mind-boggling art.

Navy ROTC, a force of highly motivated men and women, was an especially competitive program with one important purpose in mind: to educate and train qualified young men and women for active service as commissioned officers in the United States Navy or Marine Corps.

"ROTC is very demanding because all members must maintain certain grade standards, work toward and obtain a college degree, and fulfill their Navy ROTC obligations and requirements," Battalion Commander Audrey Means, government senior, said.

All ROTC members were required to take demanding naval science courses along with their regular academic classes at the university. These included weaponry, naval history, navigation and ship system engineering.

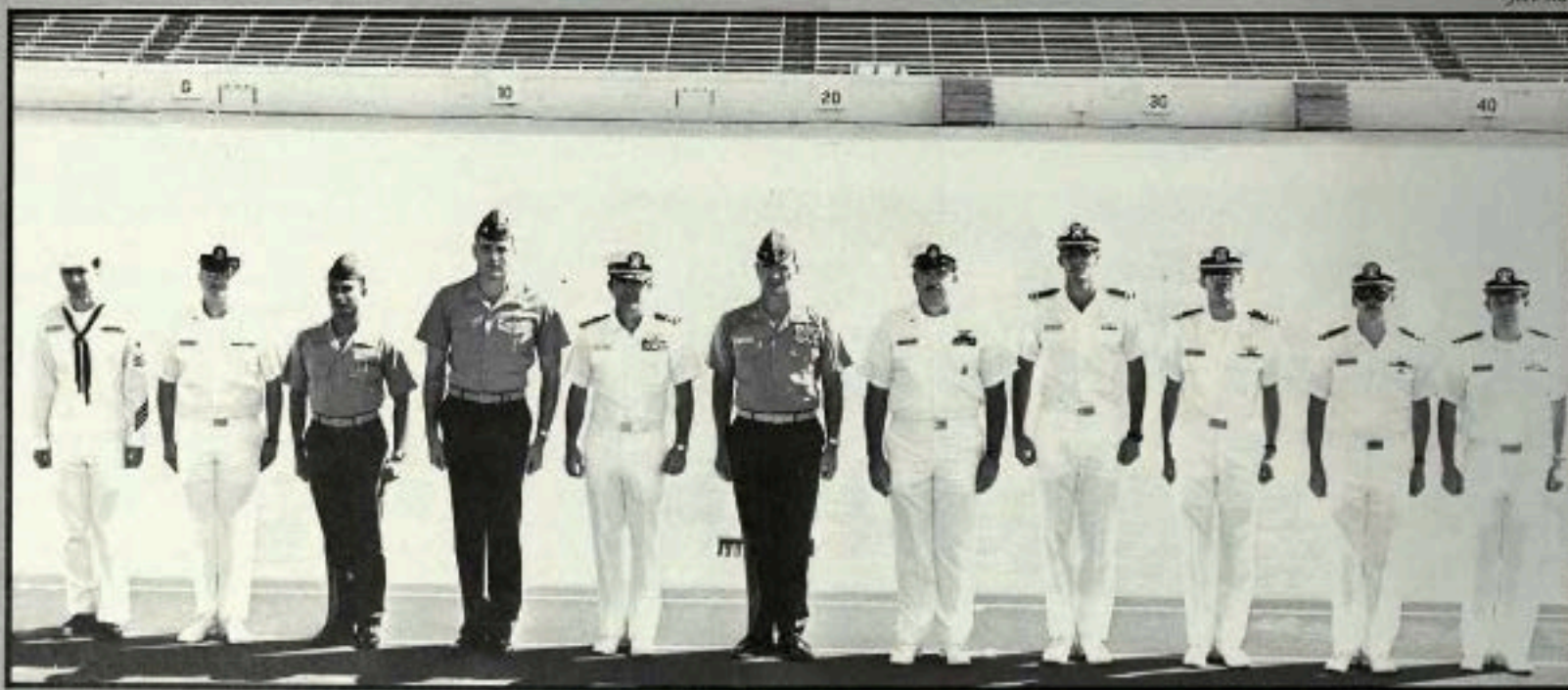
BATTALION: Joseph McKnight Thompson, John Randolph Craig, Audrey Denise Means, Sergio Pineda, Wallace George Lovely. **HEADQUARTERS:** FRONT ROW: Eric Wayne Mackey. **SECOND ROW:** Calvin Leroy Hagood III. **THIRD ROW:** Alan Gurnar Fry, Eric Ronald Jones. **FOURTH ROW:** Paul Douglas Stevens, Eric Addison With, Jake Frank Kora, Nicolas Montgomery Morales, Maria Jane Jasper, Gregory John Jordan, Joey Brett Dodger, Jeffrey Haynes Bice. **FIFTH ROW:** Kay Ramona Silva, Robert Andrew Peraboom, David Alan Pettis, James Edward Fields, Jeffrey Alan Baumgarten, Timothy Eugene Cramp, Steven Roy Page, James Edward Taylor. **BACK ROW:** Michael William Martin, William Henry Adams, Brent Elam Cohen, Todd David King, Joseph Wayne Brown, Harry Lee Hall, Paul Bradley Upson, Dennis Keith Woods, Mary Catherine McAulay, Paul Donald von Mouch. **UNIT STAFF:** Henry L. Mitchell III, Michael Wayne Hart, Michael Evan Gomez, Kevin A. Viano, Thomas Arnold Williams, Steven K. Smith, Alfred Patton, Patrick Joseph Meyers, Edward P. Geybowski, Michael E. Kidd, Jethro McGowan Mayes.



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Members learned the goals of the United States Navy and were trained in military techniques such as rank structure and drills. Many of the ROTC members were quickly promoted to leadership positions within the student-run unit although the group did have several advisors.

"There are as many different reasons for joining Navy ROTC as there are Navy ROTC members. They come for scholarships, because they grew up in a military environment or for the advantages of training as an officer," Means said.

Although many civilians see military life as too stringent, ROTC members seemed to enjoy their rigorous training schedule.

"We are specially trained to be leaders and to make important, high-level decisions while at the same time maintaining our composure. If we learn to keep a high level of pressure we can do everything well," Means said.

by Christi McCord

PROUD OF THE COLORS: Navy ROTC members Grant Lawton, William Avery and Todd Hinkel perform their daily duty of taking down the flag. The ceremony is a solemn task performed with honor and dignity. **AT EASE:** Standing at ease, Todd Hinkel awaits the command to continue with the flag ceremony where he will assist in taking the American flag down.



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Navy ROTC

ALPHA COMPANY: FRONT ROW: Michael Gatz, Steve Eric Paul Gifford, Grant David Wurschel. SECOND ROW: Eric Hirsch, Neil, Michael Ray Schwane, Blair Shelden England, Hamley Kenneth Phinney, Peter J. Wolkow, Ricky Daniel Davis, Gary Lee Townsend. THIRD ROW: Gerald Joseph Bell, Steven Glenn Cochran, Glen Garvey, Brian Joseph Kahr, George Andrew Post, Robert Thomas Franko, Thomas Arthur Waggoner, Mark Jose Madden, Jeffrey Thomas Schonger. SIXTH ROW: Ramon Gonzalez Jr., Christopher Scott Swenson, Douglas Walter Marley, Barry Allen Hammon, Denny Mark Payne, Eric Lynn Gross, Darrin Roger Meador, Scott Vincent Harris, Derrick Charles Gaudin. SEVENTH ROW: Louis Alan Sandus, Frank Joseph Lasentzen, Keith Scott Harris, Mario Antonio Romo, Juan Luis de la Garza, Joseph John Manhal, Harold Eaney Jr., Christopher Brian Kelly, Hien John Cadden. EIGHTH ROW: Mario T. Price, Belinda Rose Howell, Moss T. Ramoth III, Carrie W. Grant Jr., Michael J. DePace, Jose Aaron Gamble. BACK ROW: Duane Bruce Shamus, Stephen Wayne Long.



BRAVO COMPANY: FRONT ROW: Michael Gatz, Grant David Wurschel, David Randy Harmon, John Gatz, James. SECOND ROW: Steven Edward Hammon, David Charles Carter, Paul Gordon Johnson, Zachary Joseph Bo, Paul Henry Kacior, John Allen Orndor. THIRD ROW: Stephen Edward Amis, Marcus Anthony Serrano, Russell James Jack, James Thomas Goodwin, Kenneth Anthony Machovic, Mark Hazen Johnson, Owen Carlin Morris, Greg Alan Harvey, Kevin Doyle Padgett. FOURTH ROW: William Charles Dye, John Charles Bowlin, Stephen Emma Scott, Paul Norbert Marik, William Nicholas Avery, Lee Frank Coleman, Ron Owen Brooks, Richard Alan Hasky, Mark Kendall Lwin. FIFTH ROW: Alex R. Tolmachoff, Adam Nicu, Rodney Caughey Stevenson, Michael Pini Card, Paul David Rana, John Wade Ritchey, John Jay Karamanik, Gilbert Ann Mesa, MarChen Madro Yarbrough. SIXTH ROW: Keith Edward Haron, Phi Duc Nguyen, Colin Patrick Murray, Todd Jon Hinkel, Matthew Winslow Anthony, Matthew Halson Shurley, Everett Glenn Rhoads, Richard Quentin Smith, David Allen Adams. BACK ROW: Christopher Madison Jorgensen, James Christopher Wain, William Shane Yarn.



CHARLIE COMPANY: FRONT ROW: Tara Mitchell Gaudin, Brice Matthew Hamilton, Lammie James McKenna, Kimberly Hentzen. SECOND ROW: James Toy Red, Bradley Dean Gattinger, Janice Shaye Holmes, Walter Thomas Watkins, Roger Lee Downing, James Blake McCabe. THIRD ROW: Maria Kuz Dondan, William Gordon Sedde, John Franklin Tolkenmeyer, Kevin Blake Johnson, David Walter Fenn, William David Goss, Gregory Alan Thompson, Richard Langfield Mearse, Michael Ryan Hughes. FOURTH ROW: Eric Lisswood Fitzpatrick, Matthew Edmund Wade, Jack White Strickland Jr., Christopher Colby Young, John Edward Selwick Jr., Joseph Patrick O'Donnell, William Joseph Murphy, Eric Lloyd Goss, Michael Randolph Ross. FIFTH ROW: Jeffrey Scott Mallon, Paul Anthony Boney, James Edward Boyle, Harold Darrin Bassett, James Richard Japena, Shane O'Grady McInosh, Holm Alfred Baugh II, Cyrus Bryan Reynolds, James Paul Madigan. SIXTH ROW: Gregory Michael Gyle, Brent Andrew Jacob, William Dee Hayes, Bayley Daniel Harris, David Anthony Gundlach, John Wesley Boomer, Bradley Gerard Sheehan, Jason Paul Kappel, Dan Alexander Starling. BACK ROW: Matthew Scott Amis, Kenneth Christopher Hampshire.



Women adopt ROTC little brothers



Frank O'Donoghue

Pledges of the Anchorettes and members of the freshman cadet class of the Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps met the big brothers or sisters they never had at a picnic in Pease Park on Feb. 28.

"Every semester, early October in the fall and late February in the spring, after we get our new pledges, the sophomore through senior guys adopt a pledge and the sophomore through senior Anchorettes adopt a freshman in Naval ROTC," President Danelle Draehn said.

Draehn added that neither pledge nor freshman knew who their big brother or big sister would be, nor did the older members know who their freshman were. "We find out at the picnic who belongs to whom," she said.

At the picnics "everybody plays games in order to find out who everybody belongs to. Everyone brings a present to give to their friend and we take pictures also," Draehn said.

The big brother/big sister system provided a

basis for close friendships. Anchorettes or ROTC members and their little brothers or sisters often went out to movies or dinner together and they kept each other informed as to parties taking place around town.

"It's also nice to have someone to talk to in case you need any help with problems concerning UT. The older people who have been here can help the cadets and pledges who really don't know their way around," Draehn said.

Friendships that were formed at the get-together often continued even after the members graduated. "We send letters to the cadets that have graduated and they write back. It gets lonely for the guys that are serving so we try to keep in touch by sending them letters and food. That's the reason we are here — to provide friendship for the cadets," Draehn said.

by Robert Shofner



Frank O'Donoghue



John Foxworth

FRONT ROW: Carolyn Lisa Espinoza, Michelle Ann Perry, Kimberly Renee Kirkwood, Britton Elizabeth Jackson, Danelle Annette Draehn. SECOND ROW: Anne Melanie Yeaman, Lisa Marie Carey, Susan Louise Haley, Angela Kay Gibbs, Mikal Candice Pallares, Kristi Beth Pate, Ginger Ann Stewart, Tracy Lee Brown, Yvonne Marie Vale. THIRD ROW: Christine Lynn Gerdner, Jennifer Kaye Tucker, Sandra Jean Dorman, Jennifer Marie Kelly, Julie Alanna Jenkins, Mary El-Habrezi, Karen Deborah McGovern, Carolyn Denise Smith. BACK ROW: Danielle Kay Gerdner, Kimberly Anne Looney, Andrea Marie Tamas, Kimberly Anne Schneider, Leah Catherine Smith, Shari Jill Oudfry, Tamara Stephanie Scherber.

BEST FRIENDS: James Taylor, finance junior, and Sam, his dog, get some sun at the Anchorettes' spring picnic on Feb. 29. **APPLE OF MY EYE:** While giving son Travis a piggyback ride at the Anchorettes' spring picnic, daddy Leo Coleman, electrical engineering sophomore, gets an affectionate poke in the eye.