

Now has Naval ROTC

Leaders are trained by Corps

The A&M Corps of Cadets is as old as the university itself, with the land grant origin providing for military training at the school.

An expansion of the Corps this year is the addition of Naval ROTC to the program, making A&M the second institution in the nation to offer officer training in all three services (Army, Air Force and Navy). The other is The Citadel, located in Charleston S. C.

While ROTC on other college campuses is a twice-a-week activity, A&M's Corps is a full-time way of life. Cadets are divided into units according to their branch of service and academic major.

Units are housed together in the Duncan area (Dorms 1-12). The Corps strives to develop all

aspects of its members' lives, academic, physical and extra-curricular. Cadets live their days according to a time schedule, with study hours and conditions being enforced Sunday through Thursday nights.

The main object of the Corps is to provide leadership training for all involved. Although it is military-oriented and has a fine history of service to the country, many Corps members do not serve more than two years in the military after graduation.

Due to this decrease in emphasis by the U.S., the Corps has changed to meet the leadership training needs of those individuals who will pursue civilian careers.

Positions in the Corps are determined after an extensive selection process has taken place.

Senior cadets serve as officers, while juniors hold positions filled by noncommissioned officers in the service. Sophomores do the tasks of corporals.

The Corps holds several reviews on the Drill Field for special occasions, such as the Student Conference on National Affairs, Military Day, Parents Day and Final Review. Also, a Corps march-in precedes home football games in Kyle Field. Twice a year, Corps Trips are made to out-of-town football games, with a downtown parade displaying the Corps to Dallas or Fort Worth and Houston or Austin.

A&M's Fish Drill Team, composed exclusively of Corps freshmen, has won the national drill championship at the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C., five consecutive years. This group

usually is formed the first few weeks of school in the fall.

The Ross Volunteers act as the honor guard for the Governor of Texas during his inauguration and other festive occasions. The elite unit is made up of junior and senior cadets chosen after a highly selective process. They also serve as the honor guard for King Rex during the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, La.

The 1972-73 Corps commander is Ron Krnavek of Corpus Christi. He will be assisted by Deputy Corps Commander Wade Seidel of Brenham and a staff of nine seniors and six juniors.

Another part of the Corps is the Aggie Band, the largest military band in the world. Noted for their intricate maneuvers, the Band plays at yell practices, leads the Corps in reviews and parades, performs at all home football and basketball games and other university events.



Tutoring help available to freshmen

The Texas A&M Scholastic Service (TAMSS) will once again be offering incoming freshmen free tutoring during the fall semester.

TAMSS was established in August, 1971 and has since emerged as the largest tutoring services of its kind in the nation. Last year TAMSS involved the top 128 members of the class of 1974 who composed the top 25 per cent of the membership of Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman academic honor society. These honor student tutors were selected on the basis of outstanding scholastic achievement.

TAMSS, jointly sponsored by Phi Eta Sigma and the Student Senate, will offer a wide range of courses in the fall. These include Anthropology, Agronomy, Architecture, Biology, Chemistry,

Physics, Mathematics, Environmental Design, Economics, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Registration will be conducted during the second week of the fall semester with booths being set up for the purpose in the Memorial Student Center, the University Library, and the Academic Building. Only those students requiring help on a regular weekly basis should register.

Students who need help with specific problems, papers, or quizzes on an intermittent basis should call their campus section representative who will put them in contact with a tutor.

In addition, TAMSS will have dormitory representatives in each Corps and Civilian dorm to co-

ordinate activities at the dormitory level.

During the semester TAMSS will be offering special refresher courses to freshmen and will be organizing several help sessions in the library on a round-the-clock basis.

Freshmen enrolled in TAMSS will have access to the most extensive quiz file on campus. They may also be able to "audit" preliminary courses free of charge, subject to the approval of the instructor.

Further information can be obtained from TAMSS senior adviser, Salahuddin Shariq Yosufzai of the TAMSS committee chairman at the senate office in the MSC or from the office of Dr. C. H. Ransdell, Assistant Dean of Engineering, Room 203, Zachry Engineering Center.



Ron Krnavek

Councils serve civilians, grads

Two government organizations which serve specific segments of the student body are the Civilian Student Council and the Graduate Student Council.

The GSC, headed by junior geophysics major Mark Blakemore, plans the activities for Civilian Week, a spring program which includes games, a dance, a Town Hall performance and a sweetheart contest.

Many civilian dorms have resident hall programs, and events are planned for off-campus students. The CSC holds regular meetings to deal with the specific problems of civilians.

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is led by Dick Zepeda, a Ph.D. student in industrial education. The GSC seeks to relate its constituents to life at A&M. In the past several years, this organization has made progressive improvements for graduate students.

Among these are more equitable representation on the Senate, better conditions in university housing, academic improvement suggestions and other projects.

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