Corps looks to future

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This interview is the final installment of a four-part history of the Corps. The Batt has attempted to outline Corps traditions and purposes as a prelude to Military Weekend.—Ed

In reporting the history of the TAMU Corps of Cadets, a re-occurring complaint is heard from all cadets through all ages; that the Corps will soon be gone.

That was the prediction when undergraduate girls were admitted to the school in 1963 and the Corps was made completely non-compulsory in 1965. The size of the Corps has continually declined since then but it remains a unique institution and a potent influence on campus.

Col. Thomas R. Parsons, commandant of the Corps, was a junior at the time the freshmen were moved to the old Bryan airfield in 1947. "I remember distinctly," said Parsons, "our reaction was that the Corps was finished . . . ruined forever. Sure enough, we became stronger because of it. It was a traumatic period for the Corps, but we were seeing change even then and that is what our cadets are seeing now."

Parsons continued, "You have to have change. What must be done is to change those things which are bad and build on those things which are good. I don't think everything in the corps is good—nor do they."

Parsons spoke of the different organizations within the Corps. "I think the continued support of the various activities in the Corps program by the members of the Corps itself have been important because again that helps to develop people for whatever future pursuit they have," said Parsons, "I speak here of organizations like the Ross Volunteers, the Fish Drill Team, rifle teams, and the Cavalry platoon—things of this nature. It gives everyone that 'something extra' we keep talking about in coming to A&M."

"The things that the Corps does are a little difficult to measure, but I still believe myself that the Corps adds a 'flavor' to Texas A&M that makes it what we know it as. In other words," said Parsons, "a school with high standards of not only academics, but of conduct of the student body as a whole in terms of love of country, state and flag. I think they add this stability to the university."

Parsons then set his sights on the future. "I hope I can forsee an enrollment increase which is certainly what we think we anticipate for next year," Parsons said. "Also with the inclusion of young ladies in the program, we will have problems there to work out jointly, but they will be in the program. Consequently they will be more people with commissioning opportunities."

"I believe in more integration of the Corps in terms of whether a person wears an army, navy or marine uniform," said Parsons. "I think it should be one big family with outfit spirit. I am planning to assign freshmen units without regard to their ROTC affiliation. In other words freshmen will be assigned to outfits at random."

Col. Parson's reason for this is to get a better division of fish throughout the Corps. In the past some outfits have had only a few while others have had many.

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a month and a single bedroom utility apartment rents for $300 a month."

"She walked right up to students, introduced herself and started talking. She caught them in the MSC snack bar, the bowling alleys and under trees," said Evans.

"The students responded like they were aware fo her presence around campus and were very willing to answer her," said Evans. "Many times she carried on conversations and searched out the information that she wanted to know, professionally yet making the student feel at ease."

bulletin board

SATURDAY

SCUBA CLUB will have a weight making party at Lake Somerville. Bring lead and food and meet at the divelocker at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call Gary Sartor, 693-3136, or Donna Cox, 846-7032.

SKEET AND TRAP CLUB will host the Trinity University and Baylor University Skeet Clubs in the Aggie Spring Invitational. The meet will be held at the Bryan-College Station Skeet and Trap Club facilities.

SUNDAY

CAP & GOWN will meet at 1314 Angustine Court, College Station at 2 p.m. for a workshop. Attendance is required. Map posted in the Cubicle.

MONDAY

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS will meet at 5 p.m. in Room 6 of the Zachry Engineering Center.

WILDLIFE SCIENCE WIVES CLUB will have a tasting party at 7:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Ann Cain, 1110 Merry Oaks in College Station. Husbands are invited.

TUESDAY

MODERN DANCE CLUB will begin intermediate level classes from 8 to 9 p.m. in Room 261 of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

ACCOUNTING SOCIETY will meet in Room 225 of the MSC at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

MARINE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT will feature Dr. Jack Knetsch of the Environmental Defense Fund, in Room 206 of the Oceanography Building at 3 p.m.

CAP & GOWN will meet in the MSC Tower at 8 p. m. in Room 404.

WOMEN'S AWARENESS WORKSHOP will hold a business meeting at 8:30 p.m. in Room 308 of the Rudder Tower.

THURSDAY

PANHANDLE HOMETOWN CLUB will meet in Room 308 of the Rudder Tower at 8 p.m. to make plans for rides home.

MODERN DANCE CLUB will have beginning classes from 8 to 9 p.m. in Room 261 of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Campus Briefs

Country Concert

Country musician Roy Clark and The Sound Generation will perform in G. Rollie White Coliseum tonight at 7:30 p.m.

General admission is free to TAMU students with activity card, date tickets $2.50 and $3 for the general public. Reserved seat tickets are $3 for TAMU student and date and $5 for the public.

Tickets are on sale now at the University Center Box Office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Born to be wild

Drug, bikes and the quest—all elements for the American mythology—make the scene here Saturday night as "Easy Rider" comes to the University Center Theatre.

The film, starring Peter Fonda, Dennis Hopper, Jack Nicholson and Karen Black shows at 8 and 10 for 50 cents.

Ag seminars

The president of CF Industries, an organization owned by 18 regional farm cooperatives in the United States, will be the fourth speaker for a series of 12 spring semester "Energy for Agriculture" seminars here.

R. R. Baxter, will speak on "International Trade in Energy—Food for Crude and Fertilizer". The program is 3 p. m. Monday in Room 226 of the university library.

Culture display

A miscellaneous collection of Spanish and Mexican culture will be on display on the first floor of the MSC. The collection, on loan from the Institute of Texan Culture in San Antonio, will be here through Monday.

Committee applications

The application deadline for next year's Town Hall Committee has been extended to Friday, March 8. Interviews will be conducted during the week.

These applications are for the working (ushers, stage work, etc.) Town Hall Committee, not the Selection Committee that chooses the shows for the upcoming year.

Application blanks can be obtained at the Student Programs Office of the MSC, second floor. Questions may be directed to Doug Thorpe, chairman-elect, at 845-3904.

Aggie Parents

Parent(s) of the Year nomination forms may be picked up in the Student Government office, Larry McRoberts, campus projects chairman, said yesterday. Students may nominate any Aggie's parent(s) until the April 1 deadline.

The award is an adapted form of the traditional Aggie Mother of the Year.

Variety show

The door-to-door solicitor of charitable donations is now trying to give people something for their money.

The March of Dimes of Brazos County are preparing a variety show "fads of the 20th Century" musical—to bring in funds. "Everyone interested in starring in the show or helping backstage are welcomed," said Glenda Chaney, March of Dimes member. "There is room for creative writers, musicians, carpenters, and directors."

Interested people are to attend the cast and activity call, Monday at 7 p.m. at the National Guard Armory, East 25th Street, Bryan.

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