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Armadillo stew, extra riding day top cavalry trip

THE BATTALION WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1974

Remnants of A&M's new cavalry unit got more than they bargained for on their 160-mile end-of-school trail ride: an extra day in the saddle and armadillo stew. The armadillo stew was the impromptu contribution of Fred Pronger of Stratford, who caught, cleaned and cooked the unfortunate beast which happened to cross the path of the TAMU group as it galloped from San Marcos to Uvalde. Holland, milita tor, serves as ac senior unit forme of TAMU's Corp 20-man unit, ins cavalry organiza participates in m games and has be in several parade the group ave day in the saddle day ride which e

"Not bad" was the culinary assessment of a transplanted Pennsylvanian, Army Captain James Holland, who rode with eight TAMU spring graduates in the ceremonial end for the 1974 version of Parsons Mounted Cavalry.

Holland, military science instructor, serves as advisor for the allsenior unit formed last year as part of TAMU's Corps of Cadets. The 20-man unit, inspired by early-day cavalry organizations at TAMU, participates in march-ins at football games and has been asked to appear

in several parades around the state. The group averaged 10 hours a day in the saddle during the eightday ride which ended late Sunday afternoon. Original plans called for the spring fling to be over by Saturday.

Captain Holland said the riders spent an extra half day at Center Point to rest the horses. They also were delayed when one horse threw

a shoe and had to be reshod.

"They (the students) learned a lot about the difficulties of doing something like this, the maintenance of their animals and themselves," Holland noted.

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They bunked under the stars and made do with what food they could find or purchase en route.

Their route took them along the "Devil's Backbone" near Wimberley, past Canyon Lake and Bandera. In addition to Holland and Pronger, the riders were Bobby Huddleston of Uvalde, Bob Byrnes of San Angelo, Ross McDaow of Columbus, Johnny Becker of San Antonio and Mike Collins, Paul Hess and Pete Dunnam, all of Dallas.

Student loan policy change now effective

Legislation effective June 2 streamlines the Federal Guaranteed Student Loan Program, and is expected to result in increased participation in the loan program.

Currently, a financial needs test is required before a student can qualify to receive federal interest subsidies on a college loan.

Under the new law, a student whose adjusted family income is below \$15,000 automatically qualifies for interest benefits on loans up to \$2,000 each academic year.

If such a student wishes to receive interest benefits on a loan larger than \$2,000, he must submit to the lender a recommendation from his school, based on a needs analysis.

A student whose adjusted family income is over \$15,000 may also qualify for the interest benefits, but he must submit the needs analysis recommendation, regardless of the amount of the loan.

recommendation, regardless of the amount of the loan. For a student who qualifies for the subsidy, the government pays all of the interest on his loan while he is in school, and for up to nine months after he is no longer in school. The student then begins repayment of the loan and begins paying the interest from that time.

Aggie awarded for best paper

Daniel V. Lim of Bryan received \$400 for the best research paper in the biological sciences by a graduate student member of Phi Sigma, the national honorary society of biology.

Lim's paper was entitled "An Investigation of Subunit Structure and Function of DNA-Dependent RNA Polymerase from Selected Drug-Resistant Strains and Temperature-Sensitive Strains of *Escherichia coli.*"

Lim resides at 1314 C Barak Lane, Bryan.





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