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Just a little taste

Corps of Cadets members relaxed their pace Saturday for an afternoon of fun. The noon to 4 p.m. bash was held at a park by East Gate. Above, Joel Rolling samples some chili and at right Rich Schrader and Denise Tanner from Fowler Hall enjoy the kissing booth. Fowler Hall president Wendy Clark said Fowler made \$50.25 from kisses despite "freebies" given to Corps staffers and others. The cadets acted like gentlemen, she said. "No mashers — no wandering hands," she added.

Battalion photos by Paige Beasley



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81-year-old collects history, magic

Ex-architect still gets punch out of life

United Press International
ELGIN, Ill. — The old man walked down the street pushing his wheelchair in front of him. "Something to lean on," he said. "Get tired, have something to sit in. Meet a friend, sit and chat. Meet a kid, do a trick."
The black hand-lettered sign reading "ELMER GYLLECK, Architect" near the old cement steps leading to his basement workshop began fading long ago. But the magic one encounters inside upon meeting the spry 81-year-old is very much alive.
Gylleck is surrounded by such things as antique maps and charts,

punching bags, stained glass from one of Elgin's two original churches and thousands of photographs. He has more stories to tell and theories about things than anyone has time to hear.
Give him a ping-pong ball and he'll make it disappear.
Ask about the dozens of photographs on the walls and he will show you boxes where he is holding twice as many more.
Ask him about children and he will dust off his vaudeville dummy, "Twinkletoes." He performed with it as a ventriloquist on local television several years ago.
"Children still come to my door to watch me do this. It's much better for them than cutting out paper dolls and watching television."
Ask about his town and he will recite a list and show you photographs of Elgin's first settlers. He will unveil his 1-100th scale model of Elgin as it looked in 1855, complete with outhouses. "You can't

forget those," he said.
Ask about keeping fit and he'll offer you a cure for arthritis and hit a punching bag in time with a John Philip Sousa record pulled from a nearby shelf.
"It's a lost art, this punching," he repeated until the march was over. "Even Muhammed Ali doesn't do it like I do."
Asked for an example of his architectural expertise, he said he designed his workshop. He also displayed a book with at least 200 copies of miniaturized blueprints he had printed in a family homes column during the 1950s.
He claims to have so many hobbies "if you took something away, I'd just get something else going to take its place."
"I used to be a figure skater, too, until I got arthritis. But as long as my hands are working, I can do just about everything else."
Gylleck has spent his life in Elgin, an industrial city of 56,000 popula-

tion northwest of Chicago. His parents, Swedish buttermakers, settled there in 1892.
In his youth, he was a professional ventriloquist and a magician. He attended the Armour Institute and the Bozar Institute of Design in Chicago, but went off to World War I and never graduated.
After the war, he set up his own architectural firm. He is an honorary member of the Chicago Historical Society and a member of the Elgin Historical Society.
"And if I had it to do all over again, I'd become a chiropractor, a food nutritionist because I do believe in medicine and vitamins, unnecessary operations," he said.
"I'm going to live until I'm 100, unless a plane drops on my head."

A&M becomes dove laboratory

Using the main campus of Texas A&M University as a laboratory, a wildlife scientist will soon begin testing the survival strength of the most popular hunting bird, the mourning dove.
Every year, 2 million mourning doves are shot by Texas hunters. At the request of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Bert Bivings, a doctoral candidate at Texas A&M, has been requested to study the survival of the mourning dove's nest chicks after one of the mates has been lost.
The study, along with other dove nesting studies in the South, could cause the opening of the mourning dove hunting season throughout the state to be moved to late September.
Currently, the Texas dove open season is split between two zones. The season in the north zone starts on Sept. 1 while the season opening in the south zone is delayed until Sept. 23. Brazos County is along the northern border of the south zone.
A number of questions have been raised on whether dove hunting season should even be allowed to start in September. "Bivings said, 'That's why I want to gather data on how many nests are active during hunting season this year, and how many survive.'"
The Texas A&M campus is a good control area to study, he said. "There is no hunting and there is a year-long resident dove population. During the peak of the dove nesting period in June and July there may be as many as 1,000 nests on campus. We'll be using about 60 nests in our study."
Bivings will be analyzing the survival rates of the young birds nesting in disturbed and undisturbed nests.
To disturb a nest, Bivings will either trap or shoot one of the mates from the 60 nests used in the study.
Trapped birds will be released when the study is completed. Birds which are killed will be donated to the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Collection at the University.
Mourning doves are very attentive parents, Bivings said. Both the male and the female are involved in raising the fledglings. They take turns guarding the nest. One hunts for food while the other sits with the nest.
"From egg to fledgling to leaving the nest is only about 30 days, but during those 30 days the young birds are cared for almost constantly," said Bivings. "Another study has shown that if one of the mates dies when the young birds are less than a week old, then they don't have much chance of making it. It is an area of wildlife science we need to examine much more closely."
Bivings' dove study will be included with studies being conducted in other states. The Texas A&M study should be complete in late October.

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