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New commandant hopeful about Corps

by Denise Richter
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When Donald Burton graduated from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in 1957, the Corps of Cadets was the largest student group on campus. Each of the 7,200 students attending the College was enrolled in the Corps.

Now, 25 years later, U.S. Army Col. Donald Burton has returned to Texas A&M University to head the 2,800-member Corps of Cadets, still the largest student group on campus, but now accounting for only about 7 percent of the 35,000 students enrolled. Burton replaced Col. James R. Woodall, who resigned in August.

But, despite growth and changes at the University, Burton said the Corps hasn't changed much since his days as a cadet. And, if he has his way, it won't change much during his tenure as commandant.

"I'm not going to introduce any changes immediately," Burton said. "It is not the duty of the commandant to dictate to the Corps; (his duty) is to train and administer. The seniors

command the Corps."

And members of the Class of '83 are prepared to accept their responsibility as leaders, Burton said.

"As a class in general, this year's senior class probably will do more for the academics of the Corps than any group in the last 10 years," he said. "These guys are smart."

"You always hear how the Corps brings the University grade point ratio down, but this group's average GPR is 2.4; the University average is 2.39. That sounds like splitting hairs, but there's no doubt in my mind that those folks will go all out to make sure they make the grade.

"I was in the Corps at the tail-end of Korean War. We still had the draft so lots of people (wanted) to start their military obligation as an officer rather than take a chance at getting drafted. The guys that you have today who are contracted and are going to the Army or the Air Force are dedicated — their grades show it."

Academics are important to Burton. He has high standards and said

he wants to pass those standards along to the Corps.

And the newest members of the Corps — members of the Class of '86 — are capable of meeting these standards, Burton said.

"Virtually all of our new freshmen were in the top fourth of their high school class," he said. "They're enthusiastic and show a great deal of maturity and commitment. Everything I've seen so far is outstanding."

Among the many goals he has set for the Corps, Burton said that growth — in both quality and quantity — is the most important.

"We're going to move for a larger Corps," he said. "But we have to retain. We can recruit all we want but we also have to retain people."

"The University can't grow much more within the constraints of the physical plant. But if we work on our image, if we continue to have influence and continue to offer something that you can only get within the Corps of Cadets, there's no reason the Corps can't have unlimited growth."



Col. Donald Burton

staff photo by Diana Sultenfus

Award-winning actress Ingrid Bergman dies

United Press International

LONDON — Three-time Academy Award winning actress Ingrid Bergman, 67, who captivated movie audiences worldwide with her portrayal of strong heroines, died Sunday, BBC radio reported.

Bergman, a Swedish immigrant who became the most popular movie actress in the world in only six years, was driven from the United States by one of the great scandals of the mid-20th century — the discovery she was having a child by Italian director Roberto Rossellini, while she was still married to her Swedish husband.

A decade later, as public mores changed and her talent endured, she

returned in triumph.

"I've gone from saint to whore and back to saint again, all in one lifetime," she said in 1980. The experience left her with her feet on the ground, she said, "because you never know when people will change their minds again."

Bergman had bouts with breast cancer in 1974 and 1978, undergoing two mastectomies.

Bergman won Academy Awards over a 30-year span, starting with the best actress Oscar in 1944 for her portrayal of a trusting wife being driven mad by a conniving husband in "Gaslight."

In 1956, in an "all-is-forgiven" ges-

ture after the Rossellini scandal waned, she won a second Oscar for her hauntingly ambiguous portrayal of a woman who might have been the long-lost daughter of the last czar in "Anastasia."

She won the best supporting actress award in 1974 for playing a mousy spinster in "Murder On the Orient Express."

But her best remembered performance was a role that never was nominated for an Oscar. In 1942 she played Ilse, the hauntingly beautiful married woman who drove the cynical Rick, played by Humphrey Bogart, to drink and to heroism in "Casablanca."

Students in temporary housing may move soon

by Rebeca Zimmermann
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Conditions are cramped in some of the dorms, but students who are in temporary housing — living three to a room or in study carrels — may be reassigned to regular dorm rooms by Friday.

"We have 368 women and 338 men in temporary housing," said James A. Wallace, Texas A&M housing services supervisor. Most of the temporarily housed students are in the modular dorms, the Commons area dorms, Spence, Crocker and Moore Halls, he said. In Mosher and Aston Halls, 52 men and 52 women temporarily are living in study carrels.

A bed, a chest and hanging racks are provided for students in temporary quarters.

Temporary housing assignments are based on the number of room vacancies from the previous year. At the beginning of a semester, some students' cancel room reservations to move into apartments; others decide not to attend Texas A&M and don't show up. After 5 p.m. today students become 'no-shows' and lose their reserved dorm spaces.

Wallace said the housing office expects this year to be similar to past years.

He also said students in temporary housing have first priority in room reassignments. Moves will begin Wednesday at 8 a.m.

The reassignments will be in order of a student's original date of application for dorm space.

Room and hall changes by students who are not in temporary housing will not be permitted until the second week of fall classes. This will give the housing office time to assign students in temporary housing to regular rooms.

Previously, room and hall changes began during the first week of classes, but this made it difficult for the housing office to know exactly where a student was living, Wallace said.

Also, extra time before room changes may give students who believe they are having roommate problems time to adjust and work out the problems.

Students who are not in temporary housing and wish to change halls may begin submitting requests to their area housing office today, he said.

Room change requests may be made Thursday.

But, moves into different rooms will not begin until Friday. Students changing rooms have until Saturday at 5 p.m. to move into their new room. Hall changes and a second round of room changes will begin Sept. 7. Students have until 5 p.m., Sept. 9, to complete this move.

Wallace said after Sept. 9 students cannot change where they live.

Students who remain in a room with three people or in a study carrel after Sept. 17 will receive a 25 percent reduction in dorm room rent rates, Wallace said.

He said the chances of staying in overassigned rooms permanently are greater for women.

Students shouldn't be too upset if

they don't live in the hall they first chose, he said. About 65 percent of the women who want dorm rooms request modular dorms; 90 percent of the men choose Aston, Dunn, Schumacher or McInnis.

In addition to the new policy on the time when a student may change rooms, the housing office has made some other policy changes.

Ron Sasse, associate director of housing, said that at the end of the fall semester, room keys will be collected before students leave for the Christmas holiday.

This is an experimental policy, he said, to aid security in the halls over Christmas break. Security is compromised when keys are not returned by students who decide not to come back to Texas A&M or are academically blocked from returning to school during the break between semesters.

A policy for building lofts in some of the halls has been adopted to ensure the safety of the lofts' construction. Students who build lofts must get the hall's head resident to inspect and approve the structure.

Also, students applying for on-campus housing for Fall 1983 may submit applications no sooner than Nov. 1. Previously, applications were accepted up to 17 months before the requested on-campus semester.

Deposits for room reservations are now \$200; deposits were formerly \$100.

Sasse said these new procedures were made to help reduce the number of no-show students.

All-University Night kicks off fall semester tonight

by Joe Tindel Jr.
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Thousands of new students at Texas A&M University will file into G. Rollie White Coliseum tonight at 7:30 to receive an introduction to Aggie spirit.

The event is All-University Night, an annual welcome to the new students and a welcome-back to the old ones. The event will feature head football coach Jackie Sherrill and the Texas A&M football team; the Aggie Band; University President Frank E. Vandiver; Dr. John J. Koldus III, vice president for student services; Corps Commander Mike Holmes; Pat Pearson, student body president; and head yell leader Tom Joseph.

Joseph, the master of ceremonies for the program, will welcome back each class and introduce Vandiver and Koldus for short speeches.

Joseph said he will talk about traditions and spirit, tell of his experiences in three-a-day workouts with the football team and introduce Sherrill and the team's starting lineup.

Joseph said Sherrill has strongly supported Texas A&M traditions and All-University Night.

And the event will introduce incoming freshmen to one important tradition: yell practice.

Joseph said the program should last about 45 minutes, and he expects at least as many students at the event as last year, about 8,000 to 10,000. He said this year's program should be better than ever before.

"They'll (new students) hear a lot of the songs and they'll hear all of the yells," Joseph said.

"Especially this year I think it will be better because we're introducing Coach Sherrill and his new team and leadership."

Joseph described the program as "a cram course in Aggie spirit," since it gives freshman and new students a taste of the University's traditions.

"The freshman come in and I would say about half of them don't know all the yells and probably three-quarters of them don't know many of the traditions, if any," he said.

He said the program is a great opportunity for those freshman who missed Fish Camp and want to become acquainted with the Aggie way.

Important Fall '82 dates to remember

Delayed registration and drop-add will continue through the first week of classes.

In order to drop courses and add new ones, students must first see their major department adviser and obtain a drop-add schedule revision form signed by the adviser.

These schedule revisions are to be turned in at drop-add headquarters in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Students must have their paid fee receipts and class schedules (the yellow copy) with them in order to drop-add.

Revised schedules may be picked up the following day at G. Rollie

White. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Other important dates:

•Sept. 3 — Last day for enrolling in the University for the fall semester; last day to add new courses; and last day for students who registered during delayed registration to pay fees at the Fiscal Department.

•Sept. 10 — Deadline for applying for December degrees.

•Sept. 14 — Last day for dropping courses with no record.

•Oct. 1 — Last day for dropping courses with no penalty (Q-drop).

Texas A&M hot check charge to rise to \$20 on Wednesday

The penalties for writing a hot check at Texas A&M University will increase beginning Wednesday.

Effective Wednesday, students must pay \$20 — a \$5 increase over the present charge — for any check returned to the University that is not the result of a banking error.

There also will be a \$40 penalty, a \$15 increase, for returned checks not redeemed within 15 days.

Texas A&M controller Robert Smith said suggestions for the poli-

cy change were made during the summer by a committee of two students, a faculty representative and a member of the fiscal office.

"We wanted student input," Smith said. "It was very effective and provided insight to the committee."

Last year, 5,700 bad checks amounting to over \$500,000 were written to the University, Smith said. About \$102,000 of those checks still remain unpaid.

When a check is returned to the University unpaid by a bank, the

check writer's name is placed on an insufficient check list. If the check is redeemed within 15 days, the name is removed from the list. If the check is not redeemed within the grace period, the name will stay on the list permanently.

If a person writes more than one bad check to the University, his name also will stay on the list permanently.

"Bad checks are inevitable," Smith said. "What we hope to see is a reduction in the rate of growth of returned checks."

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