

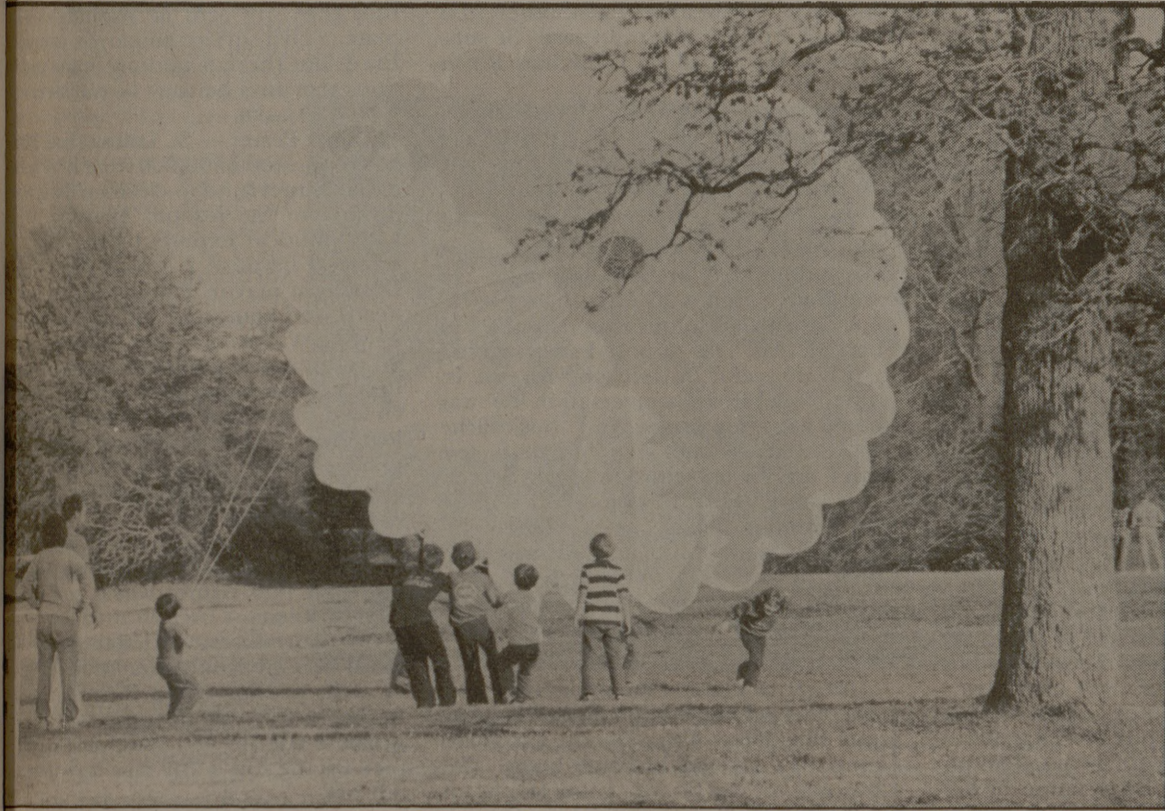
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Tug of war

photo by Cindy Lyons

Enjoy the mild weather while you can. The weekend's winds are expected to give way to rain by Wednesday. On Sunday afternoon,

Ruth and Joe Anderson look on while the Anderson children and their friends do battle with a parachute.

Target 2000 report sets goals for A&M system

by Kim Schmidt

Final touches are being added to a report on the Target 2000 Project and the project's director says it will be ready for presentation to the Texas A&M Board of Regents on May 23.

Target 2000 was created by the Board of Regents in October 1981 to define problems the System may face in the next 20 years and to recommend solutions to them.

The report, originally scheduled for presentation last December, was delayed slightly because revising the report took more time than expected, said Dr. Robert Shutes, director of the project.

But Shutes said the delay does not mean the project committee is having problems with the report, but rather that necessary changes are being incorporated into the report, making it a better finished product.

"When you create as comprehensive a study as this and if it is to be good, it ought to undergo a series of metamorphoses," Shutes said.

Now in its fourth draft, the 476-page report is complete in content but needs editing before it is ready for presentation, Shutes said.

He said completion of the report has taken a long time because a large number of people had to review many issues for the project. The Target 2000 committee is made up of 230 citizen members, most from Texas.

"Our task involves 11 parts of the System," he said. "Each one is sizeable and complex and merits a large portion of our attention."

The System parts being reviewed by Target 2000 include four agricultural agencies and services, three engineering agencies and services and the four academic institutions — Texas A&M University, Prairie View A&M University, Tarleton State University and Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Target 2000 committee members reviewed the programs, clientele, resources, organization and management of each System part.

In studying those areas of each organization, the committee has confronted such issues as preserving the Permanent University Fund, limiting enrollment, funding research, attracting qualified faculty members and promoting growth at Prairie View, Tarleton State and Texas A&M at Galveston.

All issues are geared toward making the System better by obtaining additional resources, Shutes said.

While studying those areas and making its recommendations, the committee decided to reword its report to change the tone of its suggestions.

Shutes said the committee originally wanted to "tell it like it is," using strong language to emphasize its restrictive recommendations and to expose problems.

But, Shutes said, the committee realized it could not foresee everything that would be happening in the future and therefore, could not make every necessary recommendation.

The committee has decided to be less restrictive in its suggestions without being too vague, giving future University officials the freedom to make timely decisions that may arise, Shutes said.

"The committee's goal is to make clear-cut recommendations to be responded to in a creative way by good leaders," he said. "We didn't want to make recommendations that would tie the hands of administrators trying to respond to future changes."

Although the committee's recommendations are geared toward dealing with future problems, Shutes said most of the issues need to be addressed and dealt with now so the System can be ready for the year 2000.

And some of the issues are being addressed now, Shutes said. He said that such issues as linking the parts within the System to other university systems through a satellite telecommunications network already are being researched. Committee recommendations in these areas, therefore, will support what already is underway, he said.

Shutes, enthusiastic about the recommendations to be made by the Target 2000 report, nevertheless is cautious in his predictions of what the report will accomplish.

"It is my guess that if we do a good job (on the report) we may raise a few eyebrows," he said.

"This isn't going to be a sensational report, but one that deepens in meaning over time. The problem is going to be trying to get people to stay with it (the report and its recommendations) long enough."

SG elections open today

Voting in Student Government elections opened today and will continue through Wednesday at selected polling places on campus.

Students may vote at the following places from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

- Shisa Dining Hall
- Memorial Student Center

- Academic and Agency Building
- Corps Quadrangle

Due to a lack of workers to run the polling sites, some previously announced voting areas will not be open. The Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Building polls will be closed both days. Polling places that will not

be open today include:

- MSC bus stop
 - Sterling C. Evans Library
 - Zachary Engineering Building
- Election Commissioner Les Asel says library, bus stop and Zachary polling places probably will be open Wednesday, but there is no guarantee.

Reagan preparing new arms proposal

United Press International WASHINGTON — President Reagan is preparing to place on the negotiating table in Geneva, Switzerland, an interim proposal for the United States and Soviet Union to limit the number of medium-range missiles in Europe.

The move will temporarily shelve Reagan's "zero-zero" option. That proposal provides for the Soviets to dismantle about 500 missiles aimed at European cities and the United States not to proceed with deploying Pershing II and cruise missiles in December in Western Europe.

Reagan has been soliciting the views of NATO allies on the issue. His negotiators are expected to present

the revised proposals at Geneva today.

The president is set to unveil the interim proposal in a major foreign policy speech Thursday at a Los Angeles World Affairs Council luncheon.

Under Reagan's proposal, the United States would agree to deploy fewer than 464 cruise missiles and 108 Pershing II missiles if the Soviets agree to dismantle a certain number of their missiles.

One official said, however, the new proposal would not mention specific numbers, but would call for a verifiable plan to include equal numbers of U.S. and Soviet missiles.

Both the White House and State

Department refused comment on reports a new U.S. proposal would be offered by chief negotiator Paul Nitze by the time the talks recess today. However, officials indicated the president would not stake out a position in public that was not first placed before the Soviets in private.

"It's logical to assume if there is a proposal, it'll be put before the Russians before it is before the public," one official said.

Reagan has had several options under consideration and apparently made a decision last week. One of the key options calls for the superpowers to limit their arsenals in Europe to about 100 missiles and 300 warheads.

Herpes invades horses

United Press International VIENNA, Austria — Officials said the origin of an incurable herpes virus that killed 33 of the famed Lippizaner horses and threatens 26 more is a mystery but ruled out the possibility it was contracted during a U.S. tour.

"We have no idea where this virus came from, and as the incubation period can range from several days to several months, there is no way of saying with certainty exactly how many horses will be affected," Dr. Kurt Arbeiter said Monday.

Six brood mares and 27 foals — more than half the number born this year — have died since the disease surfaced in mid-February at Austria's only stud farm for the majestic white

horses, the Ministry of Agriculture said.

Another 26 of the 40 remaining brood mares are believed to have been contaminated, an official said. None of the high-stepping stallions at the Riding School in Vienna have been contaminated, officials said.

Veterinarian Dr. Walter Schlegler said there was no truth to rumors Riding School stallions contracted the killer disease during a recent U.S. tour.

"Not a single one of the animals that toured the United States has been to the stud farm since then," he said.

The officials said the disease was confined to the stud farm in Piber, southern Austria, where there are 217 horses.

Dr. Erwin Rothensteiner, a veterinarian, said the outbreak of herpes will not endanger the 400-year-old Lippizaner strain.

"Although more than half this year's foals have died, the loss is not as great as might at first appear to be the case," he said.

The stock of brood mares at the stud farm, worth a minimum of \$6,000 each, will be replenished with horses from Yugoslavia, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

The strain of herpes — equine rhinopneumonitis — is specific to horses and not directly related to the human strain. Veterinarians said coughing, nervous disorders and miscarriage were primary symptoms of the disease.

Short term loans break \$1 million for this year

The check for \$600 given to Mark Cunningham on Monday broke the \$1 million mark for short-term loans given to students by Texas A&M this year.

Anedith R. Hess, short-term loan coordinator, said \$1 million is an unusually high amount for any university to give out in short-term loans.

"Even other large universities don't usually give more than \$150,000 worth of loans (in an academic year)," she said. "And we have given \$1 million worth just since last August."

The average short-term loan is \$300, Hess said, and must be paid back within six months. The loans have an interest rate of 10 percent.

Hess said that since the time to repay the loans is only six months and the pay-back rate has been good, there have been no problems so far in giving out more loans.

All of the short-term loans must be used for educational purposes such as tuition, housing, books, student fees and food. They cannot be used for paying other bills, loans or other debts.

Hess said these loans would not be possible without the Association of Former Students.

"All the money for short-term loans is given either directly or indirectly by the former students," Hess said. "I don't know what we would do if they didn't give us money for these loans."

Cunningham, who is a senior physics major from Houston, said he will use his loan money to help pay for rent and food.



staff photo by David Fisher

Mark Cunningham watches while Anedith R. Hess, short-term loan coordinator, signs over the check that put the short term loans given out by Texas A&M over a million dollars for the year.

Off-campus outfit has same Corps duties

Editor's note: this is the second of a five-part series on the Corps of Cadets.

by Karen Schrimsher

The Quadrangle may seem an unlikely place to have a baby shower, but not to the 22 cadets in Company V-1. That's because more than half the cadets in the only off-campus Corps outfit are married, and one-third have children.

Freshman cadet Ken Skaggs and his wife Paula were honored with a baby shower several weeks ago by the wives of V-1 cadets and V-1 female cadets.

All cadets who are married, have prior military service or live with a parent or guardian in Bryan-College Station are eligible for membership in Company V-1. Cadets who marry after their sophomore year may join V-1 but have the option of remaining

with their old outfit.

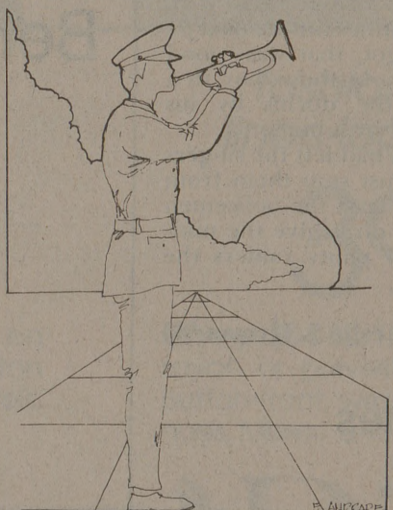
"There is a unity among the families and other members of the company," says Jonathan Ibarra, a sophomore business analysis major and a member of V-1. "There almost has to be to maintain harmony in the outfit because we all spend a lot of time together."

As for the spouses of the V-1 cadets, Ibarra's wife, Vickie, said she supports her husband's membership.

"I love the Corps," she says. "I feel I'm in the Corps just as much as Jonathan is. We go to all the games together. It brings us closer together."

Mrs. Ibarra says she would join the Corps if she was financially able to attend college and be married at the same time.

Ibarra says valuable time at home often is spent preparing his uniform or on some other school-related duty. "It's a task-filled life," he says.



"Some of us have jobs along with our Corps, school and family duties." Other spouses of V-1 cadets have

had problems adjusting to the demanding Corps schedule. Company Commander David Ogura says being a cadet lessens the amount of time a member can spend with his or her family.

Skaggs, who has a two-week-old son, says it is less hectic in the spring semester because the schedule of activities becomes more lax.

But family life and off-campus living are not the only factors that set V-1 apart from other outfits. For example, Company V-1 is the only outfit that has both male and female cadets.

Since Company V-1 is unique, it is possible for the outfit to suffer from image problems.

Only six of the cadets in the outfit joined the Corps as freshmen. The rest began as "frogs," cadets who join the Corps after their freshman year.

"That's one reason why a lot of people look down on us," Ogura says. He joined the Corps as a sophomore

after serving in the military.

V-1 sophomore Jim Cashion said it is hard for many freshmen to respect "frogs" because such cadets have not experienced the drilling of the freshman year. Cashion was the only freshman in the outfit last year.

Ogura says: "I feel that we are as good as any other outfit." The difference between V-1 cadets and those in other outfits is that V-1 cadets live off-campus and don't eat in Duncan Dining Hall, he says.

V-1 cadets attend all Corps reviews and march-ins, have guardroom duty and participate in intramural sports.

Since V-1 cadets do not have dormitory rooms that may be inspected, they are subject to inspection of their headquarters in Lounge B. And because V-1 is a small outfit, the Corps staff adjusts the V-1 inspection scores so the outfit will be scored on the same level as other companies.

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Partly cloudy skies today with a high of 69. Mostly cloudy tonight with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low near 54. Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers Wednesday morning, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon with a high near 68.