



staff photo by Guy Hood

Thank you, sir, may I have another?

Corps commander Mike Holmes does pushups to regain possession of his saber. An Aggie Band freshman swiped the saber as the Corps was forming in Kyle Field for a picture Saturday.

SG initiates career climb

by Patrice Koranek
Battalion Staff
With elections for student body president starting today, one may wonder what has happened to former Texas A&M student body presidents. The occupations of many former presidents seem to suggest that the position is a stepping stone to a higher status. Most former presidents go on to receive MBA's, become lawyers or enter politics, says J. Wayne Stark, former director of the Memorial Student Center. He now serves as a special assistant to the president of the University.

Kent Caperton, president from 1970-71, is senator of the 5th District. Former presidents Brad Smith, 1980-81, and Frederick McClure, 1976-77, are involved in national politics. Smith works in Sen. John Tower's office as a legislative director. Last year, he worked in Sen. Howard Baker's office monitoring floor activities, answering questions and planning strategy for the Republicans. McClure recently was appointed Tower's legislative director. He is responsible for evaluating the senator's policies, designing legislation for Tower

and overseeing the other legislative directors in Tower's office. Many other former presidents now work as lawyers, financial consultants, real estate brokers and officers of major corporations. However, not all have chosen such professions.

For example, Bobby Tucker, president from 1978-79, is minister of youth at Farley Steet Baptist Church in Waxahachie.

At least three of the last 15 student body presidents are members of the Texas Legislature. Those three, Gerald Geistweidt, Kent Caperton and John Sharp, served consecutive terms as student body president, beginning in 1969. Geistweidt, president from 1969-70, now serves as representative of the 67th District. He said that during his term, Texas Government realized civi-

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lity would play a major part in campus politics. Serving as student body president had three major effects on his life, Geistweidt said. First, it contributed to his interest in politics and stimulated his interest in public service; second, it strengthened his confidence and convinced him that he could win an election; and third, it helped him develop contacts useful in his present campaigns.

Sharp, president from 1971-72, is senator of the 18th District. Sharp said his experience as student body president influenced voters in his other campaigns. "A&M Student Government was good a training ground for a political career as you can find," Sharp said, "because a candidate at A&M has to deal with a variety of groups — the Corps, Greeks, 'kickers' and off-campus students."

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Bryan council OKs pipeline, coach's day

by Craig Harris
Battalion Reporter
The Bryan City Council in its meeting Monday granted a license to Vanguard Pipeline Corp. to install pipelines to transport and store natural gas in Bryan.

The 8.5 miles of pipeline will run beneath some private property, but mainly under city and railroad property. The Council also granted permission for Ferguson Crossing Pipeline Co. to lay pipelines beneath city property, including the Bryan Municipal Golf Course.

In other action, the Council awarded a contract to Hughes Aviation for operation of Coulter Field, the airport on Bryan's northeast side. Mayor Richard Smith assured the owners of airplanes kept at the field that the city would not allow the new management to take advantage of the no-competition situation. He said hangar rental and service prices at the field would remain close to what they are now. The Council also gave final approval to set up a historical district in Bryan, the East Side Historical District, which includes 96 buildings. Smith declared March 28 as Larry Brown Day in Bryan. Brown is coach of the Bryan Viking basketball team, which has a 12-0 record in district play this year and a 34-5 record overall. Brown said he was proud of his players and said that because of them he is optimistic about the future of Bryan. "These young men have their priorities straight," he said, "and I know they can be leaders in Bryan when they graduate."

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