

Movie shows Corps life for incoming freshmen

by Jill Slayman

Battalion Reporter
"Something Extra," a film about the Corps of Cadets, offers interested people the chance to see what life in the Corps is really like.

"Something Extra," is shown twice a week at the Texas A&M student conferences, Corps Commandant, Col. Donald L. Burton says.

With the movie, Burton says he hopes to show future Aggies what the Corps has to offer, and what is expected of members of the Corps.

"I think it gets a lot of questions answered," Burton says of

the film, "I think it gets a lot of parents' questions answered too."

Many of the questions asked deal with the organization of the Corps and the average day of a cadet, says Assistant Commandant, Lt. Col. Donald J. Johnson. Many people also ask what belonging to the organization can do for the student, Johnson says.

Burton says that high school students seem to be showing more interest in the Corps lately.

Corps enrollment Texas A&M is up, as well as nationwide ROTC enrollment. This seems to be because of a change in high

school graduates, he says.

Burton says the high school graduate is looking for options for his future. While in the Corps, a cadet can choose to earn a commission, or remain non-commissioned and pursue a non-military career.

In the Corps, Burton says, "You get out what you put in."

"Something Extra" was created by Col. James R. Woodall, former commandant of the Corps. It was filmed during 1981-82, with the final editing done by Col. Burton and Lt. Col. Johnson. The film was completed in time for the first summer conference.



Gab session

staff photo by Eric Evan Lee

Nan El-Sayed, right, and Rose Ann Barzak take a break by Harrington Tower Wednesday afternoon. Both work in the thesis dissertation office of the Sterling C. Evans Library.

Student arrested in car stereo theft at Commons

by Gabriel Elliott

Battalion Reporter

After a three-day stakeout, university police Tuesday arrested Milton Gregg Wellington, 18, and charged him with burglary of a motor vehicle.

Bob Wiatt, director of Texas A&M's Security and Traffic, said Wellington was arrested at 9:45 p.m. in parking lot 24 behind the Commons as he broke into a car.

Wellington, of Fort Worth, is currently enrolled in an instructional drafting course offered by the engineering graphics department at the University.

Wiatt said plainclothes police staked out the parking lot because of several complaints by students that their cars have been tampered with and three vehicle burglaries last week in which car stereos were stolen.

"We felt that we had to put a stop to the crime before it spreads," Wiatt said Wednesday.

He said a \$600 stereo believed to have been stolen from a car in the same parking lot Sunday night was recovered from Wellington.

"Wellington was watched for about one hour before he was arrested," Wiatt said. "He

parked his car next to the one he was about to burglarize, got out, got into the victim car and began removing its stereo. At this time, plainclothes police arrested him."

Wellington, now living in Aston Hall, was taken to the County jail.

Burglary of a motor vehicle is a felony crime punishable by a 2-to-10 year prison term.

Local street is repair example

by Brigitte Crossland

Battalion Reporter

South College Avenue is about to become a familiar sight to engineers across the state because of the use of a new method of street repair.

"Being right here in our own backyard, it is a golden opportunity for us to get some good data on this fiberglass method," Robert Lytton, a Texas A&M research engineer, said.

The new method involves laying a strip of fiberglass fabric over the joints in the pavement, lining it with a special adhesive and then overlaying it with asphalt. The procedure will delay and possibly prevent cracking at the joints.

The method has been tested and used in northern states, but never in Texas.

"This fabric is the best we've ever tested, even better than Petro Mat (a similar product distributed by Phillips Petroleum)," Lytton said. "It was the only fabric that would work up north where the weather is even more severe than here."

The method was chosen for

use on South College Avenue because it is a street prone to reflection cracking — separation at the joints and cracking of the asphalt overlay.

The fiberglass strip will hold the joints together and reduce deterioration due to water.

Repairs on South College Avenue will serve as a demonstration for other engineers.

Owens Corning Corp. wanted a place to demonstrate the product, so it gave the city of Bryan an \$80,000 discount on the price of the materials.

"Owens Corning would not have done that for just anyone," Lytton said. "They were so impressed with Bryan operations manager Ed Ilshner, that they were willing to go down on the price to have him do the job."

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Prisoners get bland cuisine

United Press International

EL PASO — Prisoners accustomed to lobster and shrimp will have to make do on "Spanish turkey pie" and "cheeseburger pie," the sheriff says.

Inmates were moved to a new jail last week and have threatened a hunger strike ever since because of the bland food being dished out by an Illinois-based food services company.

In the old jail inmates prepared and served their own meals in a cook and baker school. Occasionally, as part of the school, inmates prepared lobster and shrimp cocktail.

"Inmates were spoiled in that old place," Sheriff Mike Davis said Tuesday. "They ran that jail. Now we're running this one."

However, Davis agreed with the prisoners that the prison fare is bland. Next week a spicier Mexican menu will be introduced, he said.

The new menu will offer what Davis calls "Illinois Mexican food."

Until the pepper is added to the recipes, Davis is making concessions by having larger portions of the meals served to the prisoners.

Prisoners rioted last week in the old jail over a nonsmoking policy which is in force in the new facility to reduce fires.

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