

Marine commandant, Bush head graduation festivities

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About 150 graduating members of Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets will be commissioned into the armed forces Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in G. Rollie White Coliseum. Gen. Paul X. Kelly, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, will commission the cadets. Kelly assumed the office of commandant on July 1, 1983 after 33 years of active duty in the Marine Corps. Kelly will give the oath of office to 37 cadets in Air Force ROTC, 90 cadets in Army ROTC and 23 cadets in Navy ROTC. Cadets entering the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps will receive the

rank of second lieutenant. Cadets entering the Navy will receive the rank of ensign.

The ceremony will begin with a speech by Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver. The Doherty award, a \$3,300 award established by W.T. "Doc" Doherty, Class of '22, will be presented after Vandiver's speech. The award is presented twice each year after the December and May graduation ceremonies to an outstanding cadet. Kelly's speech will follow the presentation of the Doherty award.

Col. Richard F. Johnson, head of the Department of Naval Science, said Kelly's speech will probably concentrate on the responsibilities of leadership. "I haven't seen the topic of

his speech yet, but I'm sure he'll stress leadership," Johnson said.

After taking the oath of office as a group, the cadets will be called forward and congratulated individually by Kelly, Vandiver and the professors of Naval Science, Aerospace Studies and Military Science (Johnson, Col. Henry C. Hill and Col. Donald L. Burton).

Final Review, the last official function of seniors in the Corps, will immediately follow the commissioning ceremony. Kelly will be the reviewing officer.

The commissioning ceremony will follow graduation ceremonies. About 3,300 students will graduate Friday and Saturday.

The ceremony for graduate students and undergraduates in the Colleges of Agriculture, Geosciences and Liberal Arts will be held at 2 p.m. Friday. San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros will be the speaker.

The ceremony for undergraduates in the Colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design and Engineering will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Gov. Mark White will be the speaker.

The ceremony for undergraduates in the Colleges of Business Administration, Education, Science and Veterinary Medicine and students from Texas A&M at Galveston will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday. Vice President George Bush will be the speaker.

Student demonstrations mar Pope's Korean visit

United Press International

SEOUL, South Korea — Riot police fired tear gas Thursday to disperse a student demonstration near a seminary where Pope John Paul II was meeting with priests and seminarians.

Reporters accompanying the pope were affected by the tear gas fumes drifting from Sungkyunkwan University where police broke up

about 1,000 demonstrating students.

The students were demanding increased campus autonomy and protesting forced induction of young dissidents into the armed forces. The protesters were apparently not demonstrating against the pope.

But the sound of exploding tear gas shells could be heard at the seminary while the pope was inside, witnesses said. Plain-

clothes presidential security agents on the seminary grounds were observed coughing and sneezing.

It was not immediately known if the pope noticed the tear gas or was aware of the demonstration.

Spectators inside the seminary compound told reporters the tear gas had come from Sungkyunkwan, a private university founded by Confucians.

Northgate committee results discussed

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The Northgate area has long been a topic of debate in Bryan and College Station.

In the past, problems with Northgate have been defined as parking, traffic (both car and pedestrian), maintenance and zoning restrictions.

Earlier this year the Northgate committee, headed by Dan McGilvray, made several recommendations to the College Station City Council concerning improvements of the Northgate area.

"This committee has probably done the most thorough job any committee has set out to do in Northgate," said Al Mayo, director of city planning. He said the committee came up with a more viable long-range solution than any committee or organization before.

"We've gotten further on this project than anyone has ever gotten before," he said.

Since the recommendations were made, Mayo and his staff have begun to implement some of the suggestions.

One of the steps to be taken will be a rezoning of the area to loosen the current restrictions.

"It's (the rezoning) trying to build in the freedom and latitude for building and rebuilding while at the same time have some control," Mayo said.

The rezoning will allow merchants to build to their property lines and will not require minimum lot sizes. It will also reduce parking requirements by about 30 percent for commercial users.

Now, retail, office and similar establishments are required to supply one parking space for every 300 square feet. With the new rezoning, they will be required to have one for every 100 square feet.

Restaurants, night clubs and similar businesses will have their one-space-for-every-three-seats minimum reduced to one space for every four seats.

The rezoning also would limit the number of high traffic generators such as restaurants and bars. Otherwise there will be no zone restrictions in the area.

"There is a need for control but also a need for latitude," Mayo said.

Each project will be open to public hearings and will be approved by its own merits.

Mayo said he wants to make it easier for developing and redeveloping while retaining the character of the area.

"We want to retain what we've got and build on it," he said.

The final rezoning plan will be ready for city council approval during the first to the middle part of the summer, Mayo said.

Parking, car and pedestrian traffic also are problems in the Northgate area that the committee made suggestions about.

After a survey of Northgate patrons, Mayo said that, contrary to the belief of the merchants, the majority of the traffic is not pedestrian. About 60 percent of the patrons get to the area by car.

One suggested option to con-

trolling the traffic is limiting parking to one hour. This would discourage students and university employees who don't want to buy parking permits from parking in the area.

"We can't allow them to ruin the area commercially," Mayo said.

Another plan will turn Patricia Street, the street which runs behind the Dixie Chicken and Loupots Book Store, into a plaza. This, however, will be the most difficult part of the plan to implement because of the money that would be expended, Mayo said.

"Most of the merchants and landowners are very positive about it," he said. "I think they all realize that they have a unique area in Bryan and College Station. If they are not involved, it's not going to work."

Mayo could not name an expected completion date, but did say that he felt that in five years a marked difference could be seen.

The funds for the project would come from federal grants and funds, he said.

Suggestions that were made by the committee which were then deleted from the plan were establishing a bicycle path system within Northgate, installing a "scrambler" traffic signal at the intersection of College Main and University which

would stop the four-way traffic for pedestrians to move in all directions, redesigning the east end of Church Street and prohibiting consumption of alcoholic beverages on Northgate streets.

The redesigning of Church Street and prohibiting of alcohol were rejected because of unfeasibility and unconstitutionality.

Other suggestions made by the committee that have already been implemented include prohibiting parking on Patricia Street between Lodge and College Main, resetting signals at old College Main and University Drive, enforcing existing city ordinances regarding trash accumulation on private lots and opening communications with Texas A&M to discuss mutual solutions to the long-term parking problem.

A few of the committee's suggestions will require approval in the 1984-85 budget. They include hiring a uniformed police officer for the Northgate beat, installing an adequate lighting system and sweeping the streets every night.

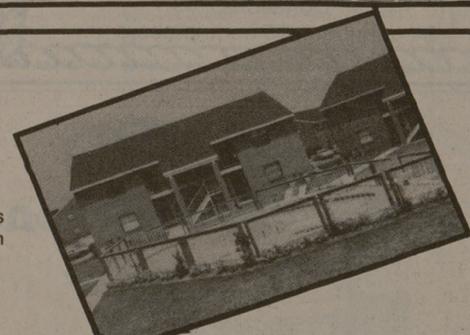
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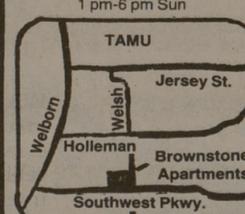
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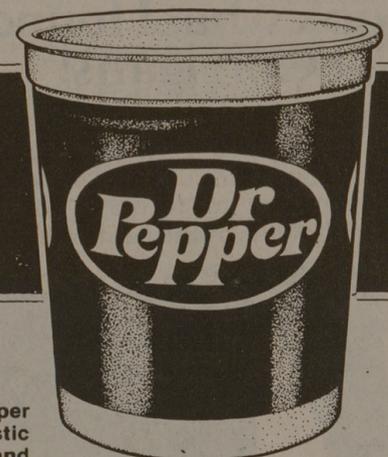


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