

'Frog' program helps latecomers

Cadets make up lost time

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Reporter

In one summer session 10 cadets can make up one and two years of training in an Army ROTC compression program designed to compress up to two years of military training to six weeks.

Maj. Michael Hardin, director of the compression program, says most of the cadets enrolled in the program are transfer students.

Hardin says it is difficult for students to enter the Corps after their freshman year.

"It's like putting a square peg in a round hole," Hardin says.

He says the compression program helps cadets adjust to the academic and psychological burdens of transferring into the Corps.

The program familiarizes the cadet with Texas A&M traditions and Corps lifestyles, and gives them the opportunity to make up the military science classes they lack, Hardin says.

Although they may have the hours of a sophomore or junior, the cadets have freshmen privileges during the compression program.

A typical weekday for the cadets begins around 6 a.m. with a personal

inspection. Then they are drilled on "campusology," the memorization of Texas A&M lore and traditions, and they participate in various types of physical training before breakfast.

The cadets attend classes in civilian clothes until about 12:30 p.m.

After lunch the uniformed cadets make up from three to 12 hours of military science classes depending on their individual needs.

The cadets are required to study in their rooms from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. during the week.

Students who join the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets after completing their freshman year are called "frogs."

John Dvoracek, a senior Corps member helping with the compression program, says the cadets who jump into the Corps after their freshman year have a strong desire to succeed in the compression program.

"They possess a little more drive and determination than others," he says. "They know that if they don't succeed with this training, they won't last in the fall."

Hardin says there are six junior and four sophomore cadets enrolled in the program.

"Ideally we would like to have 20 to 30, but the smaller program has helped these cadets build a unique camaraderie," he says.

Ken Thompson, a junior political science major, says he is nervous about the fall semester, but feels well-prepared.

"The compression program squeezes an entire freshman year into about five weeks," he says. "You learn about everything at Texas A&M and in the Corps."

He says he has made good friends during the program.

"All 10 of us have really stuck together," he says. "And we'll make it together."

John McIntosh, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from San Angelo, says the compression program is physically and mentally demanding, but worth the agony.

"I've always wanted to be in the Corps at Texas A&M, so it's worth it for me," he says. "It requires a lot of discipline. If you apply yourself you can do it."

Hardin says the cadets work hard to make up for lost time as well as anxiously looking ahead to the fall semester and gaining the acceptance of their peers.

Village burial set for Richard Burton

United Press International

CELIGNY, Switzerland — Richard Burton, "a hell-raiser since birth" whose drinking bouts and five marriages were as legendary as his stage and screen performances, will be buried in the Lake Geneva village he considered a "little piece of Wales," his agent said Monday.

Burton's death from a brain hemorrhage Sunday drew expressions of grief from film and stage stars around the world. He was 58.

Burton's agent, Valerie Douglas, said the actor wanted to be buried in Celigny, a village now counting just 601 inhabitants in the Geneva countryside.

"This was his little piece of Wales," she told reporters at the simple house among vineyards where the actor stayed about three months a year.

He was very popular with the villagers, once flying back from the United States after the death of the man who cared for his garden.

The Burton household said the funeral was tentatively set for Thursday although final arrangements would be made only on Tuesday after the arrival of his daughter Kate from Rome, where she is filming.

Douglas, the actor's agent for 35 years, said there would be later memorial services in London, New York, Los Angeles and the Welsh mining town of Pontrhydyfen, where he was born Nov. 10, 1925.

Douglas said Burton's wife by his fifth marriage, the former Sally Hay, was unable to awaken him early on Sunday and, alarmed by his labored breathing, called a local doctor.

Burton, who was unconscious, was rushed to the nearest hospital in the town of Nyon but transferred at once to the central hospital in Geneva.

"He went into emergency surgery at 10:45 a.m. (3:45 a.m.), but he could not make it through the operation and was pronounced dead at 1:15 p.m. (6:15 a.m.)," Douglas said.

Actress Elizabeth Taylor, whose two marriages to Burton helped elevate him to the status of international superstar, was "extremely upset and unable to say anything," her spokeswoman, Chen Sam, said in New York.

Burton was the 12th of 13 children of a coal miner and arrangements were being made for surviving family members to fly to Switzerland, Douglas said.

Sally Burton, 36, was at her husband's side throughout except for his last hours in the operating room, Douglas said.

It was also Sally Burton who telephoned California to give the news to actress Elizabeth Taylor.

Taylor was not expected to attend the funeral.

Burton's two stormy marriages to Taylor as well as his drinking often overshadowed his acting performances — "he was a hell-raiser since birth," Douglas said.

Burton's first wife was Sybil Williams, by whom he had two daughters, Kate and Jessica. In 1964 he married Taylor and they were divorced in 1974. In 1975 he re-married Taylor and they were divorced again later that year. Burton married Susan Hunt in 1976.

He was nominated seven times for an Oscar but never won the award for his performances in "My Cousin Rachel" in 1952, "The Robe" in 1953, "Becket" in 1964, "The Spy Who Came in from the Cold" in 1965, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in 1966, "Anne of the Thousand Days" in 1969 and "Equus" in 1977.

Police Beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police through Monday.

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:

- A brown Miyata ten-speed bicycle was stolen from in front of a student's apartment.
- A silver Trek 12-speed bicycle was stolen from the Commons bike rack.
- A brown Raleigh ten-speed bicycle was stolen from the Ross Street side of Thompson Hall.
- A dark brown Columbia ten-speed bicycle was stolen from the Blocker Building bike rack.
- A red Huffy 12-speed bicycle was stolen from the sidewalk in front of Underwood Hall.
- A Webster's twentieth century dictionary was stolen from 220 Engineering Research.
- A student's backpack was stolen from the Commons Dining area. The backpack contained textbooks and other personal items.

CRIMINAL TRESPASS:

- Several students reported seeing a man dressed as a woman in the East Kyle Women's Locker Room. Officers arriving at the scene took the man to the University Police Department, where the students positively identified him. He was put in Brazos County Jail on a charge of criminal trespass.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT:

- Two students reported seeing a nude man running around in the area of Spence Hall and Aston Hall. Officers were unable to locate the man.

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:

- A student reported that someone reached through the open window of his car in Parking Annex 48 and stole his wallet. The wallet contained \$20 in cash, his student I.D., driver's license and credit cards.

Warped

by Scott McCullar



On the Fringe

by Fred Leong



Town for sale

Heart of LBJ country up for \$425,000

United Press International

ALBERT — The old schoolhouse where Lyndon B. Johnson learned to read and write is not included in the \$425,000 sale price, but everything else is in the tiny Central Texas town of Albert.

Albert, a Gillespie County community about six miles south of LBJ's birthplace, is being sold by its owners, Marvylene Maenius and Alvin Maenius Jr., who want to devote more time to their ranch.

The price includes a three-bedroom house, a grocery, a bar, a hole-in-the-wall post office, a dance hall, several storage buildings and 12.5 acres.

Mrs. Maenius says the price is a bargain, considering the history and nostalgia involved. The grocery store was built sometime around 1890 and the post office was estab-

lished about the same time. "Sure, everything's old, except for the house, and there needs to be some work done," said Mrs. Maenius. "But someone that wanted to come in here and do a lot with what's here."

Mrs. Maenius says she and her husband bought the store in Albert from her husband's cousin, Hugo Maenius, during the 1940s when the town was a thriving community that centered on a cotton gin that no longer exists.

"Jobs were hard to come by at that time, and when Hugo asked if we wanted to buy the store and run, we figured we didn't have anything to lose," she said. "We had a lot to learn."

Johnson's cousin, Ava Johnson Cox of Johnson City, said the late president learned to read and write

in the Albert school before his family moved to nearby Johnson City.

"He wasn't but 4 or 5," she said. "But our families lived close together and he'd slip off and come to school with us older kids and finally they just let him go to school."

Cox also recalled the old dance hall, which is now used for storage, as a popular meeting place for families on a Saturday night.

"Lord-a-mercy, I've danced a million miles there," she said. "And so did Lyndon and every other kid around. It was what you did on Saturday nights. We had ourselves some great times there."

Because of the tourist traffic headed to nearby Luckenbach, Fredericksburg, Stonewall and Johnson City, Mrs. Maenius says the town's new owners might have success with a small cafe.

Some food additives are good

University News Service

Food additives are found in grocery products ranging from baby foods to coffee creamer. In fact, Americans swallow about five to ten pounds of emulsifiers, preservatives, flavorings, colorings, acids and vitamins in their food each year.

Yet few consumers can distinguish between products that use additives for a useful purpose, versus those that use additives to make a less-nutritious product more attractive, says Marilyn Haggard, a Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service nutritionist.

On the positive side, she says, preservatives help prevent spoilage, while emulsifiers keep water and oil mixed together. Vitamins and minerals add nutritional value.

According to the nutritionist, some of the most common useful additives include:

- Calcium propionate — inhibits mold growth in bread.
- Polysorbate 60 — an emulsifier.
- Beta carotene — an artificial coloring that the body converts to vitamin A.
- Citric acid — an acid that occurs naturally in citrus fruit.
- Thiamin mononitrate — a nutrient (vitamin B-1).
- Carboxymethyl cellulose — a thickening agent.
- Sorbic acid — a preservative.
- Casein — a protein that is obtained from milk.
- Vanillin — the main flavor component of vanilla.

However, shoppers should be

concerned when additives are used as a replacement for nutritional foods, says Haggard. For example, thickening agents are sometimes used to make a food look rich and thick, even if it contains smaller amounts of ingredients than a competing brand.

Artificial colorings and flavorings are sometimes substituted for fruit, chocolate or other real foods, she explains. Caramel coloring can make white bread look like whole wheat bread.

Flavor enhancers such as MSG, may suggest to the eater that a food contains more meat than it really does. And vitamins added to sugary, non-nutritious foods permit extravagant nutritional claims, notes Haggard.

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