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Cadets receive awards

By KARLA K. MARTIN
Senior Staff Writer

The Army Brigade of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets will march in its annual awards parade today at 5 p.m. on the main drill field. But parade preparations didn't begin last week, they began last summer in Ft. Riley, Kan.

Ft. Riley, a military training camp for cadets with Army contracts, hosted 3,600 cadets for an "intensive" six week summer camp, with 89 cadets from A&M.

A&M returned with honors for the top place graduate, William B. Giessing, the third place graduate, Bonne Lyn Krumpotic; and 11 other outstanding cadets.

"It was a long, hot, miserable six weeks," said Capt. Gilbert Collins, professor of military science at A&M. "You could call it a boot camp, but while regular boot camp is for enlisted men, this was an officers' boot camp."

Richard Watts, a senior civil engineering major, said he enjoyed summer camp, but he's glad it's over.

"I did have a good time, but I don't want to go back," Watts said. "I had the chance to meet a lot of different people other than Aggies, but I could see that Aggies are much better prepared."

Watts said he felt the biggest advantage of the camp was the "on the job experience."

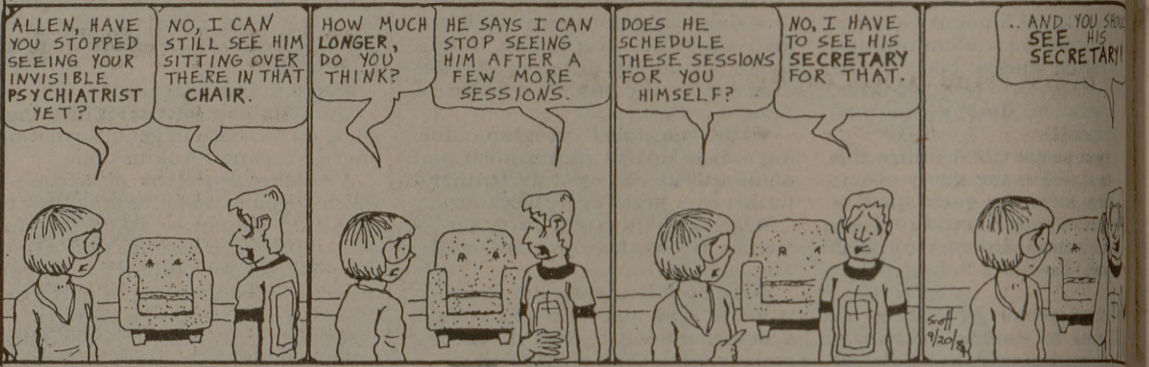
"We got the practical learning of what we learned in class," Watts said. "But the big idea was leadership. You were graded on the way you handled people."

Collins agreed. "It's basically a leadership mechanism," he said. "They get to put their hands on everything we've talked about. They become the ones in control."

Those cadets who attended the camp will enter the army with the rank of second lieutenant.

Warped

by Scott McCulloch



Costs of housing at A&M depend on individual

By ROBIN BLACK
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Whether it costs more to live on campus or off campus depends on the individual, the area and the university involved, a Texas Real Estate Research Center study says.

Housing at Texas A&M fits in at both cost extremes, says Stephanie Palubicki, coordinator for the University's Off-Campus Housing Center. Of the University's 36,000 students, about 27,000 live off campus.

The Off-Campus Living Survival Manual, a guide put out each year by the off-campus center, says the average cost of a two-bedroom, two-bath unfurnished apartment is around \$328 a month. Prices for such an apartment can be as low as \$285 a month or as high as \$455 a month.

Add to that the cost of utilities, phone service and groceries and things can get pretty expensive.

The University's undergraduate catalog lists the average cost of a dorm room for one semester as \$633 for women and \$538 for men.

But dorm prices vary as much as apartment prices do, ranging from \$332 a semester for ramp-style dorms such as Puryear or Law to \$825 a semester for the Commons area dorms such as Mosher and Aston.

Add to that the cost of meal plan — which ranges from \$625 to \$691 — and on-campus living also can get pretty expensive.

Factors other than cost must also be taken into consideration when a student decides where to live, Palubicki says.

Living in a dorm can be more con-

venient than living off campus, simply because the student lives on the campus and has the University's resources at his disposal.

On-campus life also has drawbacks. Parking for on-campus students at A&M can be a real challenge.

Linda Hamilton, a junior psychology major from Richardson, says she hates to drive off campus because finding a parking place when she returns is next to impossible.

Privacy is another sacrifice that must be made by those choosing to live in dorms.

Lynn Aldridge, a junior computer science major from Austin, says she prefers living in an apartment for many privacy-related reasons.

"I like it more because you're not sardined in one little room," she says. "You have a whole apartment to spread out in, so it's a lot like home."

"Another thing I like is being able to set my own hours. If somebody wants to come over late at night, there are no dorm hours to bother with and I can come and go whenever I want."

Students living on campus must adhere to visiting hours. With the exception of dorms housing members of the Corps of Cadets — which have no visiting hours during the week — visitors are not allowed in dorms after 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays or after 1:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The cost of apartment living can be cut considerably by sharing expenses with roommates, Palubicki says.

"Very few students live by them-

selves," Palubicki says. "Most of an apartment with one or two other students."

"For example, if four people share a two-bedroom, two-bath apartment, it often is less expensive than living on campus."

But, she says, that depends strongly on the individual.

"Where I say it would probably cost less to live off campus in some cases, it always depends on the person and his lifestyle," she says. "It depends on how much food he eats, how often he goes out and so on."

Palubicki, who came to the area from Minnesota about two years ago to take the job as coordinator of the off-campus center, says the trend across the nation is toward more students living off campus.

"Nationally," she says, "about 60 percent of all college students live off campus, and this has been a continuing trend for some time."

"Living on campus is an old tradition for students, and that started change in the '50s and '60s, as students were looking for a more independent lifestyle."

As for costs at other universities in Texas:

The real estate study shows the cost of on-campus living at the University of Houston at about \$211 a month and off-campus living around \$255 a month — both estimated at double occupancy — making a difference of \$45 a month per student.

Other universities with a less than a \$100-a-month increase for students living off campus include Texas Tech University, Austin College and Trinity University.

French doctors admit euthanasia

United Press International

PARIS — A group of French doctors admitted Wednesday they had practiced euthanasia and called on more physicians to consider mercy killings to alleviate the suffering of terminally ill patients who no longer wish to live.

In a statement published on the front page of the daily Le Monde, five eminent doctors confessed they

had "helped patients in a terminal stage of illness to end their lives in the least painful way possible."

Each decision to practice euthanasia was taken "in full conscience in doing one's duty," said doctors Claudine Bachel, Jacques Bataille, Jean Bignon, Bernard Fonty and Alain Michelet.

The five called on other physicians to add their names to the man-

ifesto calling for legalizing the mercy killing to ease pain.

The manifesto said its signatories "declared themselves ready to broach the question of death with their patients and to reflect with them on the means of ensuring an end as free from suffering and anguish as possible."

French law prohibits euthanasia. It was not known whether the doctors will be prosecuted.

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