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United Way drive supported

A&M close to half its goal

By MEG CADIGAN
Staff Writer

Texas A&M and the Texas A&M University System have raised almost half of their \$114,000 goal for the annual United Way fundraising drive. The drive began in September.

United Way is a service which raises money for a variety of community services, including the Salvation Army, Boys' Clubs of Brazos County, Girls' Clubs of Brazos County, the Rape Crisis Center and many others.

The University has raised \$34,874.29. The System-wide drive, which for organizational purposes includes the College of Agriculture and the College of Engineering, has raised \$15,262.08, says Pamela Dil-

lard, coordinator of the System's drive.

Dillard says she feels confident that the 50 percent mark will be reached by the end of this week.

A&M Vice President of Student Services Dr. John Koldus is the chairman of the county-wide campaign.

"I'm convinced we're off to an extremely good start," he says.

The student United Way fundraising goal is \$3,000.

Katherine Golley, chairman of the student drive, says a major fundraising project will be a campus-wide legs contest. Both men and women are invited to participate in the contest which will take place Nov. 13 at noon in the Memorial Student Center lounge.

Golley says applications are avail-

able in the United Way box, 211 Pavilion. There is a \$25 entry fee.

Golley also says that Schultze Hall recently held a car wash and raised \$171 for United Way.

United Way also has been receiving pledges from the Bryan-College Station community.

Koldus says, "We're on the edge. I believe, of seeing a big jump in pledges because so many of the companies and business firms, in the midst of their employee campaigns are indicating strong responses."

Foley's has pledged \$108.25 each full-time employee, a total of \$9,500.

First Bank & Trust employees have contributed over \$9,200. The bank itself has made a \$1,000 corporate gift.

New Corps policy stresses grade

By NELDA PENA
Reporter

The attitude of the Corps of Cadets has changed for the better, Corps Cmdr. Curt Van de Walle said Wednesday at Sully's Symposium.

Van de Walle, who spoke about the changing attitudes of the Corps from the 1950s to the 1980s, said that Corps policies have remained similar. The one major change is that scholastic policies now apply to everyone, he said.

The goal of improving scholastic performance is evidenced by the freshmen cadets who have maintained higher grade-point ratios than other freshmen, he said.

One goal Van de Walle and his staff have set for the cadets is promoting esprit de corps because in the past the Corps has been a lot of small military units joined to form one large organization. Van de Walle said he thinks that forming relationships with other organizations on campus will generate more interaction between the groups.

Van de Walle said he and Michele Fisher, Residence Hall Association president, have been working to bring dorm residents and cadets together.

"Mixers between the male and female dorms help to do just that," he said.

The problems of the past, especially the August 1984 death of



Curt Van de Walle

Bruce Goodrich, have prompted another important change for the Corps, Van de Walle said. Entering freshmen now are required to undergo physical examinations.

Goodrich, a sophomore transfer student, collapsed and later died of a heart attack after a series of "motivational exercises" conducted by fellow Corps members.

"It was well worth the time," Van de Walle said. "I was shocked to find out that approximately 30 percent of the freshmen didn't pass their physicals."

Many of the freshmen had health problems that even they didn't know about, he said.

"The Corps could be held liable for something that happened to a cadet if he wasn't in good shape," Van de Walle said.

Cadets who don't pass physicals

are exempt from physicals until they get medical clearance from their doctors.

Currently, sophomores, juniors and seniors do not have to take physical exams. Entering freshmen will continue to be physically examined, and eventually all the members will have had a physical, Van de Walle said.

The attitude of the Corps has changed for the better, Van de Walle said.

"Mandy Schubert, Corps administrative sergeant, functions as an even better, than the rest of us," he said. "She's great. Some of the things she does, so we can have a good day with us. She doesn't take just tags."

The freshmen and sophomores are readily adjusted to her, Van de Walle said.

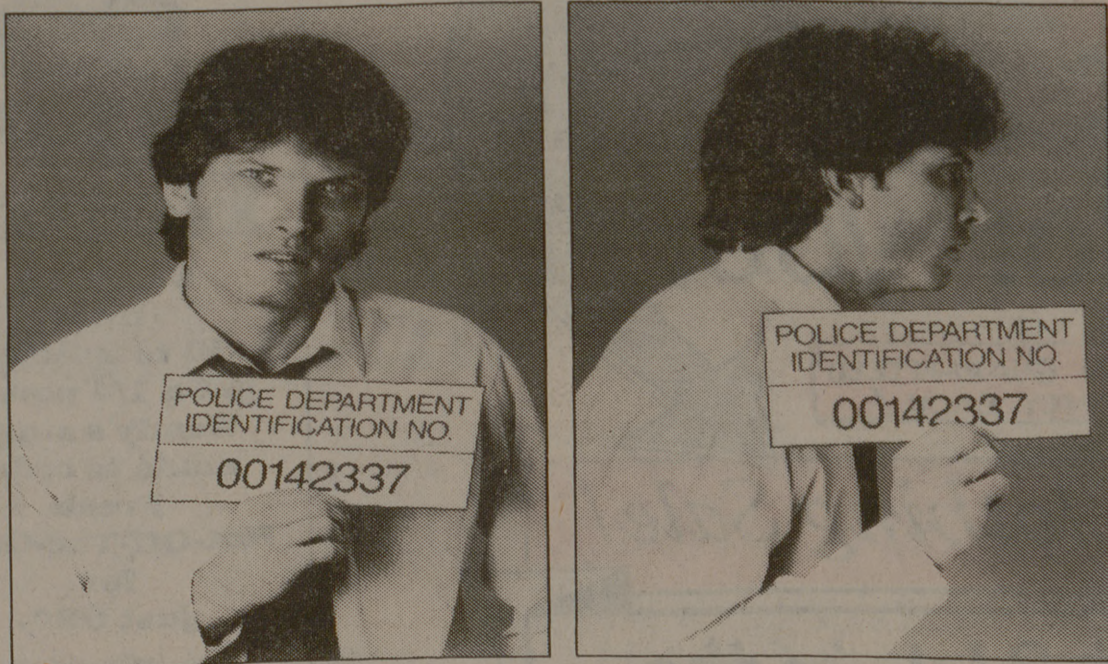
"The juniors and seniors are diehards."

During the symposium, Van de Walle asked that a demonstration of two cadets meeting each other be conducted.

"In the past this used to be a hazing," he said. "It's an attempt to get to know each other to be friendly. The Corps has known as the founder and tradition. The history of A&M is in the Corps."

Traditions will continue to be and are enforced in the Corps, Van de Walle said.

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No pictures will be taken at the Pavilion this year.