

State and Local

Reveille 'speaks' at Sully's

Her escort gives answers to questions

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Staff Writer

The Corps' top-ranking cadet was at Sully's Symposium Wednesday, and she was on her best behavior. Reveille, the 2-year-old first lady of Aggieland, was accompanied by her keeper, Mascot Cpl. Rick Holcomb of Company E-2, during the question-and-answer session in front of the Lawrence Sullivan Ross statue. Holcomb said Reveille goes everywhere with him and does everything he does during the course of the day. "She does what we do," Holcomb said. "She goes to formation, chow and class." Holcomb said most professors don't mind having Reveille in class. However, some don't like her being there because they feel they have to compete with her for the attention of the class. "She's usually pretty well-behaved, but sometimes she walks up to the chalkboard and steals erasers," Holcomb said. The mascot corporal has several jobs, Holcomb said, and one of them is protecting Reveille from would-be mascot snatchers. Holcomb said Reveille is the only Southwest Conference mascot that has not been stolen, and it's Company E-2's job to keep it that way. "Before the t.u. game, we have a 24-hour guard outside the dorm to make sure nobody kidnaps her," Holcomb said. "One year we stole Bevo and barbecued him. If students from another school got hold of Rev, there's no telling what they would do to her."



Photo by Greg Bailey

Robin Sibery, a senior animal science major, gets a kiss from Reveille V Wednesday afternoon at Sully's Symposium.

Holcomb said Reveille eats with the Corps in Duncan Dining Hall, but she eats a strict dog-food diet.

Many people ask Holcomb why Reveille is so skinny, he said, but he tells them she's not skinny, she's just picky about what she eats.

Holcomb said he enjoys escorting Reveille around the campus and students should not be afraid to walk up to her and pet her.

"It's a privilege to take Rev everywhere," Holcomb said. "A lot of times, I think she's part human."

Austin group offers support, compassion to AIDS victims

AUSTIN (AP) — PWA, which stands for Persons With AIDS, is a term that AIDS sufferers in an Austin support group prefer to the tag of "victim." Few people with acquired immune deficiency syndrome live longer than 22 months after their diagnosis. In the past 14 months, the support group has lost almost 20 members — five in July, alone. "It's like being stripped bare," said Byron, 39. "It raises all the questions of life that you seldom think about if you don't have to." Although medical experts say AIDS has no sexual preference, homosexual AIDS patients often endure blatant discrimination. As did the other members of the group, Byron asked that his last name not be published for reasons of privacy and practicality. Stephanie, 33, another group member, is a Vietnam veteran whose sex was changed from male to female in an operation at a Galveston hospital. She lost her technician's job at an Austin clinic after being accused of being rude to patients. The charge came soon after Stephanie's employers discovered she had AIDS.

Stephanie now relies on help from the Austin AIDS Project, a private group supported by the Austin Travis County Health Department and by fund-raisers, memorial contributions and donations. An estimated 3 million people have been infected by the AIDS virus, according to Dr. Peter Mansell, medical director of the new Institute for Immunological Disorders in Houston. The institute, a joint venture of the University of Texas and American Medical International Corp., is the world's first hospital for the treatment of AIDS-related illnesses and research for a cure.

Alone among the support group members, Paul, 48, is an outpatient at the institute. Outpatients agree to take experimental drugs that researchers hope will have some effect on the AIDS virus.

The group was not particularly encouraged by recent news of new drugs that have been shown to prolong the lives of a limited number of people with AIDS. They have reached varying degrees of acceptance of their fate. Despite the urge to seek refuge in

sexual intimacy, group members they have purposely isolated themselves by radically altering their usual practices. They said they be grieved if they helped spread the disease that is killing them. "If you have any love for humanity it comes to that," Norman said.

In Advance

Nuclear engineering to host 25th anniversary celebration

Harold Denton, who has just returned from the Soviet Union and an official tour of Chernobyl, will be the guest speaker at the Texas A&M nuclear engineering department's reunion luncheon Friday. Denton, director of the U.S. Nuclear Reactor Regulation, will give his presentation at 12:45 p.m. Friday in 224 Memorial Student Center. The nuclear engineering department will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. Former and current nuclear engineering students will participate. Also scheduled for the reunion are presentations highlighting

the early days of the department at A&M, presentations by the American Nuclear Society, student Chapter and a summary of the research of the Nuclear Science Center. Linn Draper, chief executive officer of Gulf States Utilization, immediate past president of the American Nuclear Society, will be the dinner guest speaker at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. On Saturday, tours of the nuclear engineering department, Zachry and the Nuclear Science Center will be given and a reception will be held honoring founding fathers of the Nuclear Science Center.

Students can change positions with resident adviser slots

If the same old grind is getting monotonous, students can apply to be resident advisers. Requirements for becoming a resident adviser include at least a sophomore status, a 2.25 cumulative grade-point ratio, residence hall living experience and leadership experience. Applications may be picked up

in any of the residence area offices. The South Area office is located in the Commons, Center Area in the A-2 lounge, North Area in the B-1 lounge. The Housing Programs office is located in the A-2 Lounge. Applications for resident advisers are due in the area offices 5 p.m. Friday.

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classification, until Friday,  
October 17.

Freshmen and Sophmores  
can be photographed until  
October 31.