

Corps leader says search for commandant nearly over

By Genevieve Blute
Reporter

Garland Wilkinson, commander of the Corps of Cadets, told an audience at Sully's Symposium Wednesday that the search for a civilian commandant should be over in a couple of weeks.

Wilkinson and Mandy Schubert, deputy Corps commander, addressed a variety of topics that involve the Corps.

Wilkinson spoke of the advantages of having a civilian commandant who must work for the University.

"By working for the University, the new commandant will be directly involved and provide longevity to the position," Wilkinson said.

He said the selection process has narrowed the number of candidates for the job to four.

Wilkinson also discussed dormitory renovations, saying they should begin in May 1987.

Twelve dorms will be renovated at a cost of \$31 million, he said, and a number of major renovations are planned including the installation of all-season heating and air conditioning and the removal of pipes that protrude from the ceiling.

Wilkinson said showers also will be re-done so that individual stalls will replace the group showers currently being used.

Duncan Dining Hall also will be closed for remodeling Dec. 1, he said, and as a result, the Corps will be eating in Sbis Dining Hall and in the Commons dining room for one year.

Cadets will eat breakfast after their 6:50 a.m. formation, and will have the option of eating in Sbis, the Commons, or not at all, Wilkinson said.

"This will help in opening up the Corps to the student body and integrating them together," he said. They will use the time as any other student would."

However, Sbis and one side of the Commons eating area will be closed to students around 6 p.m., Wilkinson said, to provide cadets with an area where they can dine together.

Wilkinson added that the Corps is consistently becoming more open.

"As a freshman, I would never have believed my deputy would be a female," Wilkinson said. "What is important is that we work for the Corps, and we do a good job, rather than whether we are male or female."

Schubert, the first female deputy Corps commander, spoke on the good reception women now have in the Corps.

"I've seen a 180 degree change in attitude," Schubert



Photo by Mike Sanchez

Garland Wilkinson, commander of the Corps of Cadets, (left) and Mandy Schubert, deputy commander of the Corps, discuss coming changes for the organization at Sully's Symposium.

said. "It was more in the Corps than in the community, sort of mental hazing, but a lot has changed since then." Schubert also said females are incorporated in almost every area of the Corps.

Medical library limits use by undergrads

By Bob Grube
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The Medical Sciences Library, in conjunction with the College of Medicine and the College of Veterinary Medicine, has implemented a card entry system that controls who enters the library.

Virginia Algermisson, director of the Medical Sciences Library, cited security, overcrowding and abusive treatment of student workers as the reasons for the card system.

"I've received letter after letter and complaint after complaint from many primary users of the library about the behavior of non-medical students and about the lack of research space in the library," Algermisson said.

"We are a professional library. Unless students need to use the medical collection, they should study at Sterling C. Evans Library," he added.

Before implementing the changes, Algermisson said she consulted the Medical Sciences Library Advisory Committee, who had heard the complaints, and had advised her to go ahead with the modifications. The committee is made up of three veterinary school faculty members, three medical school faculty members and three at-large faculty members.

Entry into the library will be restricted from 6 p.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday. The library closes at 6:30 p.m. Fridays and 5 p.m. Saturdays.

The library will be open to all students on these days.

All Texas A&M faculty, staff, professionals and graduate students can use the library any time. Cards are available upon request at the circulation desk of the Medical Sciences Library.

Undergraduate students must complete a form (to be filled out by their department head) stating the reason the student must use the library. They must sign in at the circulation desk each time they go to the library.

Algermisson said undergraduates may be asked to leave after 6 p.m. if they are not using the medical collection or if there is not enough room for the medical students.

"Most medical libraries on other college campuses are closed to non-medical faculty and students," Algermisson said. "Up until now, we have been operating outside the normal bounds of medical library operating procedures."

"We have done this reluctantly. We hope we will have no more problems."

Hindu temple in Dallas area draws criticism

PARKER (AP)—Dallas-area Hindus want to build a 4,000 square-foot temple in this North Texas community, but residents who live near the proposed site fear the structure would decrease property values and make them a target for terrorists.

The temple, proposed for a site near the Southfork ranch of television's "Dallas" fame, would be a place to preserve ancient Hindu culture, religious leaders say.

On Tuesday night, the Parker City Council and Planning and Zoning Board postponed action on a building permit.

"It'll be a blight in the neighborhood," said C.W. Deloney, who lives across the street from the site. "So far, no one wants it out there."

"If we have to have it, at least make it blend in," said Deloney. "If they built a temple like the (Baptist) church next door, that'll be fine."

But Hindus say the temple's design of ornate sculptures is a crucial part of their religious practice. Each part of the temple's design has a religious meaning, said architect and temple designer Rajiv Parikh.

"It has to be of certain proportions and of a certain height," he said. "Each stone has some meaning back to the old, ancient times."

About 200 Hindu families raised \$500,000 to build the temple, said Pradeep Pandya, vice president of the Hindu Temple Society.

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