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Mobley helps RHA kick off FLS, speaks of leadership roles

By Timm Doolen
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President William Mobley addressed about 150 residence hall students and Department of Student Affairs Residence Life staff members Saturday to kick off the two-day Residence Hall Association's Fall Leadership Seminar.

Mobley first spoke about the construction on campus, near the residence halls and otherwise. He said that although parking is a serious problem now for the residents of the southside halls, the new parking garage near the Commons will be completed in July of 1990 and that the parking congestion on that side of campus will be resolved.

Dr. Mobley also addressed the importance of the leaders in residence halls, calling them the first line of leadership at the University.

"Campus life is in no small way a function of the quality of the residence living experience in student housing," Mobley said. "And those in the leadership roles in this area are in a position to a great deal to set the tone, to provide the attitudinal leadership, and to provide the counseling and support students need to find their way through this complex university."

He also discussed the growth of A&M and the importance of having a global perspective and leadership skills, which A&M offers its students.

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— William Mobley

Among the other speakers for the seminar were Associate Vice-President for Student Services Dr. Malon Southerland, Interfraternity Council adviser Charles Goodman, Director of Student Affairs Ron Sasse and Associate Director of Student Affairs for Residence Life Tom Murray.

Among the topics of the seminar were responsibilities of the hall council members, fundraising, freshman programs, intramurals, leadership training, and the RHA.

Trey Jacobson, chairman of the Fall Leadership Seminar, said the focus of the first seminar was the development of more informed and effective hall council leaders.

"The program was a success in several aspects," Jacobson said. "The hall council officers became more informed about their positions, they became more informed about RHA, and they learned more about leadership and motivation. All those will benefit the hall councils and consequently the on-campus residents."

Student leaders practice leadership skills at camp

By Timm Doolen and Michael Kelley
Of The Battalion Staff

Many of Texas A&M's student leaders gathered for three days of leadership training at the Fall Leadership Conference in Trinidad, Texas, on August 22-24.

"Fall Leadership is an introductory leadership workshop where student leaders around campus gather to get acquainted in an informal setting to develop leadership skills," said Brenda Holland, chairman of the FLC committee.

The conference, first held in 1953, is sponsored by the Memorial Student Center Fall Leadership Committee and is held on camp grounds of a Texas Utilities electric plant in Trinidad, a small, rural, East Texas town.

According to Fall Leadership literature, the conference was originally designed by John Samuels, a student who wanted to instill leadership qualities and unity into the men under him, while working to solve problems of the MSC.

Paul Henry, co-adviser for FLC and MSC Assistant Director, estimated that 100 students, 15 special guests and 15 faculty and staff attended the conference. "We had stu-

dents from the Residence Hall Association, Student Government, vocal music groups, class council, bonfire, Corps Staff, and, of course, the MSC," Henry said. "We had minority students as well, including students from the National Association of Black Journalists, the Southwest Black Student Leadership Conference, the Committee for the Awareness of Mexican-American Culture, and the Chinese Student Association."

Kristi Jackson, director of visual resources for the conference, said that the conference was successful overall.

"The Fall Leadership delegates started on their trip to Trinidad on three buses," Jackson said. "Along the way, not only did one bus break down, but two of the three experienced mechanical failure. All of the approximately 100 delegates were then squeezed onto the only remaining working bus. This could be seen as a negative factor, but the delegates ironically turned this into a positive opportunity to get to know each other."

Henry said the students got along well together.

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Freshmen Orientation Week ends with unexpected 'air out' on quad

Fish wakened for Corps' traditional late-night run, yell practice

By Michael Kelley and Timm Doolen
Of The Battalion Staff

Thursday night on the Quad-rangle, an old Corps of Cadets tradition known as "air out" marked the end of the 1989 Freshmen Orientation Week.

Corps Chaplain Brett Bowers, a senior secondary education major and Corps Staff member, said that during the event, the freshmen literally get "aired out" of their rooms.

"They're tossed out by their own means or other means Thursday night, at the end of a very long, grueling orientation to the Corps," Bowers said.

"At about 11:00 at night they find themselves being screamed at by everybody but their mother," he said. "They're hauled off like cattle down the middle of the Quad. They don't know what's going on — they probably think they're in the middle of a war. They form outside of Duncan where tonight they will [hear from] R.C. Slocum, the head football coach at Texas A&M."

At 10:30 p.m. the Corps bugler began playing "Charge," which was followed by the awakening of the Corps freshmen by the Freshmen Orientation Week cadre, the upperclassmen who had instructed the incoming freshmen cadets during the orientation. Immediately after the bugle sounded, the FOW cadre began entering the freshmen's rooms, banging on their doors and yelling.

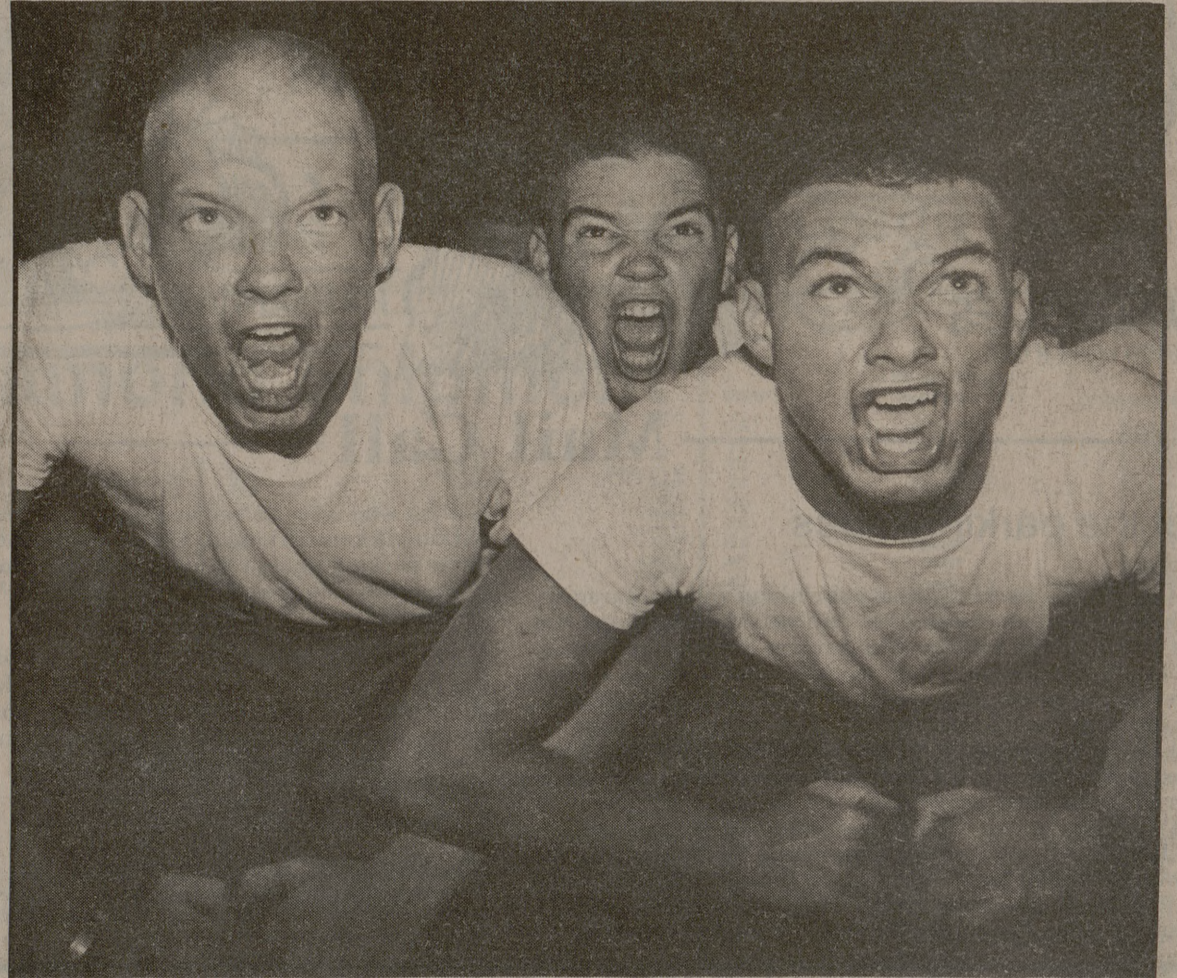


Photo by Jay Janner

Freshman cadets at yell practice in front of Duncan Dining Hall during "air out."

"Get out! Get out! The com-mies are coming!" yelled one of the cadre to some freshmen during the hysteria.

The freshmen, who were in bed, were suddenly awakened and then instructed by the FOW cadre to get into uniform and run outside. After quickly dressing, the freshmen were led onto the Quad. "Let's go running, fish," said one of the upperclassmen to the freshmen who were wildcatting on the Quad. Screaming and yelling, the cadets ended up near the entrance of Duncan Dining Hall.

During the activities, Major General Thomas G. Darling estimated that there were 750 freshmen in the Corps as well as 50 students who were transfer cadets. All the freshmen and the FOW cadre appeared to be participating in the tradition.

After several minutes, the Corps settled down as Head Football Coach R.C. Slocum began to speak. He explained how well head yell leader Waylan Cain had done while practicing with the football team, especially with the Twelfth Man kickoff team. Slocum referred to Cain's partici-

pation in the tradition of the head yell leader training with the football team during pre-season practice.

Slocum then spoke about the upcoming football game against Louisiana State University. "When they walk out there and we kick that ball off, we want to go out there and get ready for a 15-round, knockdown, dragout dog fight," Slocum said.

Slocum's speech was received well by the approximately 900 cadets, who seemed motivated by Slocum's words. Also listening to Slocum's speech were dozens of civilians who were kept away from the area near Duncan Dining Hall by Corps Staff members.

Next, the five yell leaders led a yell practice.

The final speaker was Corps Adjutant Robert Magee, the Corps Staff member in command of the Corps during FOW. "Welcome to the best kept secret of the Corps," Magee stated, addressing the new cadets as a final note on the evening's excitement.

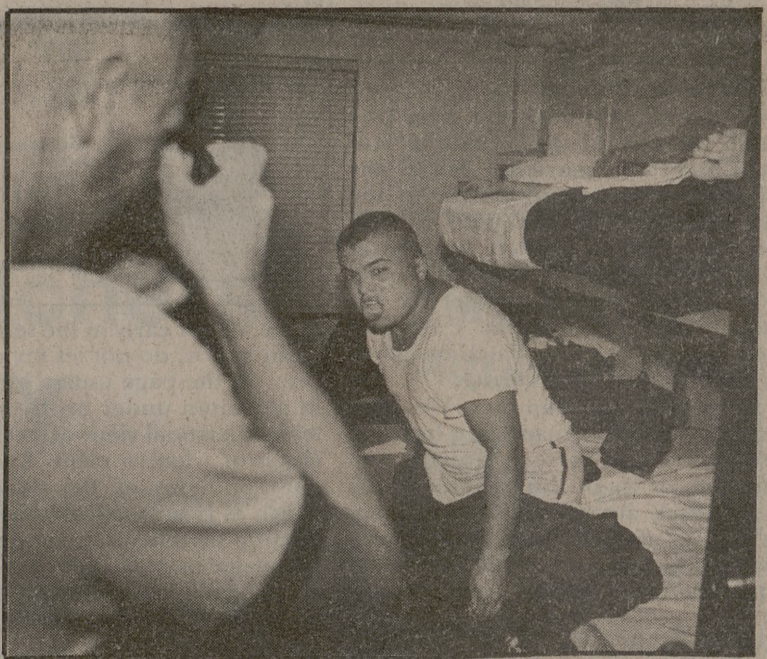


Photo by Jay Janner

Rudy Vacek photographs freshmen cadets Phillip J. Cordova (standing) and Scott Baston awakening for "air out."

New Aggie Watch program designed to make living on campus more safe

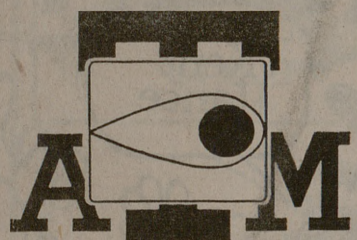
By Melissa Naumann
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The Department of Student Affairs, the University Police Department and the Residence Hall Association are determined to make the Texas A&M campus a safer place through the Aggie Watch Safety/Security Program.

Operation Identification, one of the program's three parts, encourages students to label their belongings by engraving their belongings with electric engravers given to the resident directors by Student Affairs.

Tom Murray, assistant director of the Department of Student Affairs, said when 80 percent of the residents in a hall have engraved their belongings with their drivers license numbers, they can post stickers and posters saying "Warning — Operation I.D. All items of value on these premises have been marked for ready identification by Law Enforcement Agencies."

"Statistics have proven that something like eight out of 10 thieves say that if they see that sign, they'll go somewhere else," Murray said.



Another part of the program, Aggie Community Watch, is similar to Neighborhood Watch, a crime prevention program in the community, Murray said. Students are urged to look out for suspicious activities, emergencies and other concerns, and report them to the residence hall staff or UPD.

Aggie Watch will include between 10 and 15 program presentations to the resident hall students. As the third part of the project, these programs will be presented by UPD, Student Counseling Service and the Department of Parking, Transit and Traffic Services covering topics such as theft protection, personal safety, sexual assault, bike registration and self defense.

RHA will present an award to the hall with the most outstanding secu-

rity program, Murray said.

"It's just one more little thing that we can put into this big bag to have a positive impact," he said.

Murray said the idea of Aggie Watch was conceived to supplement other actions being taken to increase security on campus such as keeping the exterior doors of residence halls locked 24 hours a day.

"We arrived at the philosophy that students should have the opportunity to decide who comes into their home, with the residence hall being their home," he said.

Two years ago, the doors were locked at the close of visitation and opened when the custodial staff came in.

"We had our heads in the sand," he said. "Two summers ago, we had three serious assaults on campus. That began some discussions on what we needed to do to increase security."

Locking the doors may be inconvenient but the positive impact will be felt immediately, he said.

"With the doors being locked, they're going to have to carry their key," Murray said. "Then there will be some motivation to carry all their keys. Would you go to the grocery

Students need only current I.D. cards to get game tickets

Remember when it was mandatory to bring an all-sports pass and a student I.D. card to pick up tickets for games? Long lines, sweltering heat and grumpy people.

Well, no more.

Or at least that's what the Athletic Department is hoping.

For those who purchased either pass, the option will be placed into the coding on their I.D. cards, and the cards will be read through scanners like they are for meal plans in dining halls.

Penny King, business manager for the Athletic Department, said the I.D. card will be better protected under the new system.

If a student reports a lost I.D. card it will be entered into the computer, and if someone tries to use the I.D. they'll be caught.

The name of who is drawing tickets for themselves or anyone else will remain in the computer.

Whenever a student adds the option when registering, the Athletic Department will immediately have that record, King said.

Records will be updated throughout the first week of school.

An all-sports pass is \$70, while a football pass is \$55.

Tickets for home football games are distributed on a classification basis as follows:

- Graduates and seniors — Monday prior to game
- Juniors — Tuesday
- Sophomores — Wednesday
- Freshman — Thursday
- Non-season & all classes (if available) — Friday

Students are allowed to pick up a maximum of 10 tickets in a group (I.D. card required for each student ticket).

Half of the group must be of that day's classification or higher, and the other half may be of lower classification or full price non-student guests.

Student tickets for the November 24 Arkansas game will be distributed to graduate students and seniors Thursday Nov. 16, juniors on Friday, sophomores on Monday and freshman on Tuesday.

Questions are to be directed to the ticket office at 845-2311.