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because we've all made it through the same thing. The freshmen haven't been through all of it yet, but many of them will be great leaders in the Corps."

Pharr says Aggie pride is also evident when they receive awards after competition.

"Most of the other teams yell and scream when they get seconds and thirds, but we receive our firsts in silence," he says. "Everyone looks at us and thinks we're cocky and we are."

Lechowich says he initially joined because he heard of the team's prestige, although he didn't know what to expect.

"I didn't really know how hard it was going to be until I got out there the first day," he says. "It's pretty tough; it's really demanding; it's very intense."

Intensity is involved in every aspect of Fish Drill Team, Lechowich said. Even when they eat in Duncan Dining Hall, they're required to look straight ahead, move briskly, eat quickly and leave.

"The whole point of it is being intense, and that's how they're number one," he says.

Despite the stress and strain of being on the team, Pharr says it helps freshmen more than it hurts.

"When you first come into the Corps, you're stripped of all your privileges, so you already feel like you're bottom dog."

"Being on drill team puts you a step up," he said. "You're no longer just any freshman in the Corps; you're one of the top freshmen in the Corps."

Lechowich says that he feels elite being on the team.

"Right now there's 60 of us out of 100 freshmen in the Corps."

"Some things seem stupid and people think the Corps is crazy, but it teaches you discipline, how to be a good listener, how to show respect and how to get in good shape."

Lechowich said his goal for the year is to imitate his upperclassmen who can set a good example in the Corps.

"The things I'd like to get out of Fish Drill Team are the comradery, excellence, leadership, and respect," he said. "Fish Drill Team is respected by all because everyone knows how tough it is."

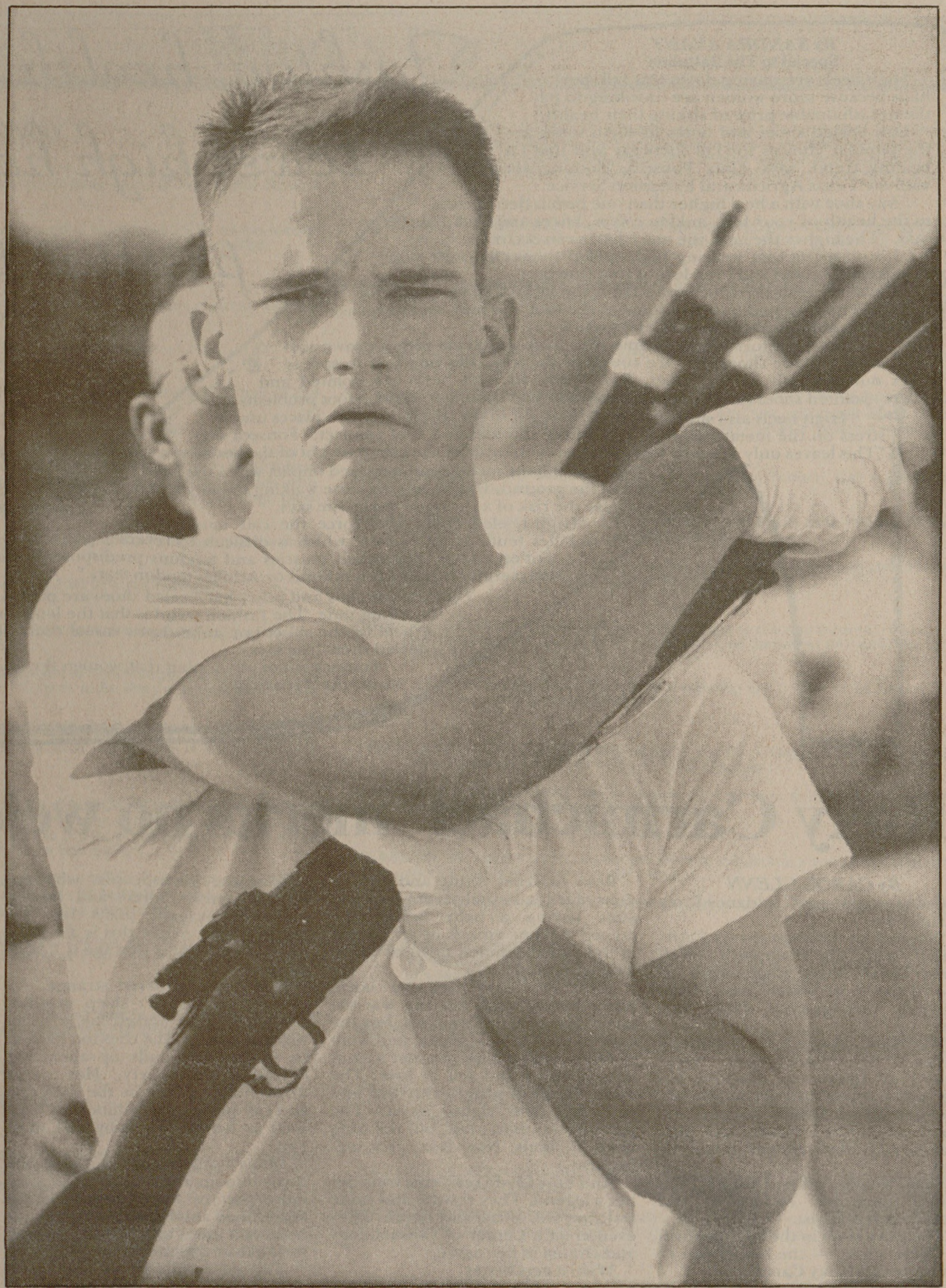


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Freshman Pinkerton stands ready for the next command during drill team practice.

Assured of his 'coolness,' columnist speaks out Inspiration lives in music, message

JOHN RIGHTER
Music Commentary

With all the tension and sexual-voice bashing that's occurred over the last month, it's important not to target other areas of ignorance, hostility and prejudice. A typology that's drawn undue angst and antipathy toward me over the last few years is not connected to sexual preference, color, or political ideology.

My discriminating characteristic is choice of music. Now I know you're thinking, "How petty and superficial is music." But just listen, maybe you've been guilty of musical intolerance or condensation and never been known it (which has been the case with subliminal racism and sexism and with religious intolerance).

I need to first clarify what type of music I'm talking about — hardcore, although that is using very loose terminology. Actually, what most of my friends, family and enemies lump together as hardcore includes punk, post-hardcore, alternative rock, some funk and industrial. But for the sake of generality, I'll use hardcore.

Let's start with a case in point. I was at a party a few weekends back and a nice, but musically docile woman noticed the tattoo on my right ankle and asked me about it.

When I informed her the tattoo was the symbol for a group named 7Seconds — a positive, straight-edge band whose direction is based on anti-hate, bigotry, drugs, alcohol and sex — she looked at me dumbfoundedly for a few seconds, then threw a smile and exclaimed, "Oh, you listen to that screaming and hearing stuff. I hate all that noise, but don't worry, I have a friend who likes it and he's cool."

See, besides having felt assured of my coolness, I also felt like I should have been standing in the financial line declaring some sort of minority status.

Case in point number two. There may be a few readers who can empa-

thize with this next quote, which I received not too long ago. "You'll grow out of that one day, won't you? I mean you won't always be like this, will you?"

Like what? We're not talking about masturbation and doll playing here. I'm afraid the tattoos are quite permanent and probably so is the caring, conviction and acceptance.

What most people fail to realize with hardcore is that it is a positive release, much like football, sewing or religion. I hope I never just wake up one morning and say, "You know I'm tired of trying to find inspiration and love in my life. It's time I just grew up, put on a tie and listened to Kenny G."

Most of the people I've found committed to straight edge and post punk also have been committed to an open heart and an open mind. They are responsible people who feel a responsibility for their actions and not the stereotypical street ruffian who has been stigmatized on hardcore by the tragic tales of Sid Vicious and the mentally-retarded Nazi skins.

Well, I'm not going to be equally cliché and say, "In fact, some of the finest and smartest people I know listen to hardcore music, including world leaders and social activists."

But, the point is if you would take a second and read the lyrics of groups such as Fugazi, Minor Threat, 7Seconds, Gorilla Biscuits, Jawbreaker, or countless others, I think it would be quite difficult for you to be so elitist or closed-minded.

Maybe you'd even like the music — it's been known to happen.

It's amazing how people who are so sexually frigid and biblically stringent can find entertainment in groups such as Van Halen, M.C. Hammer, Poison, George Michael, Bel Biv DeVoe or the countless other hormone-inflated, mentally impotent jokesters.

These are the same people who hear one note of hardcore music and throw a connotation until I take it off. Some literally threaten to pursue bodily harm because the music sounds "quite damnable to (them)."

Not all hardcore is positive. Some of it is quite damnable, and I'll be the first to admit it. But, we should all be aware of the danger of sweeping generalities, which is the basis of most hardcore bashing.

I realize this essay is somewhat self-serving. But, I'm sick and tired of feeling like society's misfortune for liking a form of music, especially when those condemning hardcore haven't even taken the time to listen to it. For if they gave it a fair ear, and dropped all their aesthetic dogmas and parental brainwashing, I'm quite confident the stigma would cease.

I'm also sick and tired of a certain condescending attitude that I occasionally receive: "I never would have guessed you listened to that. You seem normal enough. Are you having family or school problems?"

No, no, no. Hardcore music is simply a form of positive self-reinforcement, absolutely no different from the spiritual nourishment you seek in church or with your family.

We all want to be better people and to love and help this world a little more. At least that's what I want, and if you don't feel this same way, then maybe it's time you changed your music.

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