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The Battalion

Cadets gather at A&M for Military Weekend

By Karen Praslicka
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Texas A&M will welcome cadets this weekend from eight military institutions and academies to discuss and build leadership skills.

Michael Graham, chairman of Military Weekend, says the eighth annual event will give Corps of Cadets members the opportunity to gather with other ROTC students to exchange leadership ideas.

Graham, also the Corps' public relations officer, says the visiting cadets will arrive Thursday.

To demonstrate "Aggie hospitality," Corps members plan to take the visitors to the Dixie Chicken or Texas Hall of Fame.

A round table discussion is scheduled Friday with students giving a 10-minute presentation about their school's leadership programs.

"The focus of the whole weekend is the roundtable discussion," Graham says.

After the roundtable discussion, students will tour campus and attend a "combat bash" dance party Friday night.

The Fish Drill Team will perform at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kyle Field. The Corps will assemble in dress uniform at Simpson Drill Field at

2:30 p.m. and march by a reviewing officer.

Performances are open to the public.

Dr. E. Dean Gage, A&M provost and vice president for academic affairs, will be the keynote speaker at Saturday night's military banquet. A military ball in the MSC Grand Ballroom follows the banquet.

Graham says most of the students attending are from purely military institutions.

At least 25 students from the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy, New Mexico Military Institute, Virginia Military Institute and others are expected to attend.

Graham says A&M's cadets differ from other student delegates since a military obligation is not required for Corps members.

Corps members are given the option after their sophomore year of becoming drill and ceremonies (D and C) cadets with no military obligations following graduation. Graham says almost 50 percent of the Corps are D and C cadets.

Graham says the Corps' goal is to produce "leaders above the state and nation."

"This (Military Weekend) is a good opportunity for A&M to put its best foot forward," he says. "We're proud of our program here."

Committee forwards bill on lottery vote to House

AUSTIN (AP) — A House committee approved legislation Monday that would give voters the decision on starting a state lottery. But opponents said the real test will come when the full House considers the issue.

The House State Affairs Committee voted 9-3 to send to the House a proposed constitutional amendment permitting a lottery.

"Nine-to-three here doesn't really show what the vote in the House is," David Hudson, a lobbyist for the Baptist Christian Life Commission, said.

Hudson said 60 to 65 House members oppose a lottery, enough to kill the measure when 100 of the 150 lawmakers must endorse it.

Gov. Ann Richards told the House panel that a lottery, if approved quickly, would raise money that state government will need for the 1992-93 budget year.

"Next January, this state is going to need money and need it badly," Richards said.

However, she warned, lawmakers must move fast or the lottery will do no good in helping the state cope with its financial woes. "My interest is getting this on the May ballot, and

I have no interest beyond that," Richards said.

Because starting a Texas lottery would require a constitutional amendment, voters must ratify any plan that the Legislature passes.

Richards urged lawmakers to place the question on the May 4 ballot so the state could begin making money as quickly as possible if the game wins voters' OK.

State Comptroller John Sharp estimates that if voters agree, a lottery could start in January 1992, bringing in \$731 million for the 1992-93 budget period. The Legislature faces a \$4.6 billion budget shortfall for that period.

But lottery backers are in a time squeeze.

Secretary of State John Hannah has said March 1 is the latest date the proposal could be passed and still meet requirements for placing the question on the May 4 election ballot.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said the House may wait until early next week to vote, adding that lottery sponsors have indicated to him they still may not have lined up enough support.

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Three-car collision

College Station police officer Doug Muxworthy records information at the scene of a three-car accident Monday morning. The collision, which occurred at the intersection of Harvey Road and the west feeder road of Highway 6, resulted in minor injuries.

Radioactive garbage

Texas appeals waste dump ruling

EL PASO (AP) — Allowing Maine to dump its waste in Texas would only open the door for other states to unload their radioactive garbage on the Lone Star State, an attorney said Monday.

But a state official said legal safeguards will keep that from happening.

The state of Maine is dangling \$20 million before Texas lawmakers, seeking their approval to dump its low-level radioactive waste in Texas.

"I think there is going to be a domino effect," El Paso lawyer Darcy Frownfelter said. "If Texas lets Maine in, then it'll let Vermont in, New Hampshire, all these little states are going to solicit Texas."

Frownfelter represented El Paso and Hud-

peth counties in their successful lawsuit against the state to keep it from building a dump near Fort Hancock, about 50 miles south of El Paso. The state is now appealing.

Maine's largest waste generator is the Maine Yankee nuclear power plant in Wiscasset. The 19-year-old plant could be decommissioned as early as 2008 and would require massive disposal space.

Maine Yankee has hired Hilary Doran, former Gov. Bill Clements' chief of staff, to lobby the Legislature.

Sen. Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, favors the idea. The Fort Hancock site is in his district.

"I think we need it," Sims said. "I don't care where they eventually put a depository — federal

law is very specific that if you do not have a compact partner, (others) can use you as a dumping ground." But an El Paso judge last month ruled the Fort Hancock site unsuitable for nuclear waste and ordered the state to stop construction.

Frownfelter said he believes the authority is considering a compact for three reasons. First, the state needs the money.

"Now that the legislature is in session, the budget is of course a major issue," he said. "The Legislature is looking for any way it can get money to defer costs, including accepting radioactive waste."

Frownfelter also contends that the state must justify the price of the dump, estimated at \$40 million versus the volume of waste it will store.

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