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## High school students 'test drive' the Corps

By Jennifer Smith

THE BATTALION

Seventy-three high school students from San Antonio got to "test drive" the Corps of Cadets this weekend in a recruitment program that tries to show students what life in the Corps is like.

The Spend the Night with the Corps program lets high school students to spend a weekend on the Quadrangle with an outfit of the Corps and attend functions such as Yell Practice and a Corps formation.

Capt. Robert Campbell, assistant to the Corps Commandant, said most of the students who participate in the program are already interested in attending A&M, but they are not sure if they want to join the Corps.

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assistant to the Corps Commandant

"This program gives students a head start," Campbell said. "The majority that get in the program are good students who really want to come here."

Campbell said the fact that A&M is the third largest university system in the country might scare students off, but this program eases their fears.

"When they get here, they see how nice people are and they are not as scared," he said.

Campbell said 21 females participated in this weekend's program. "Female recruiting in the Corps is something we have focused on," he said. "We find that most who are interested and get here do pretty well."

The Spend the Night with the Corps program is also conducted on an individual basis throughout the year. Cadets can arrange to have a high school student visit them and see what life is like in the Corps.

This program usually culminates with the larger version once a semester.

Campbell said the Spend the Night with the Corps program helps retention rates within the Corps.

"If we can get them to see what Corps life is like beforehand, we can usually retain them," Campbell said. "It's not such a shock."

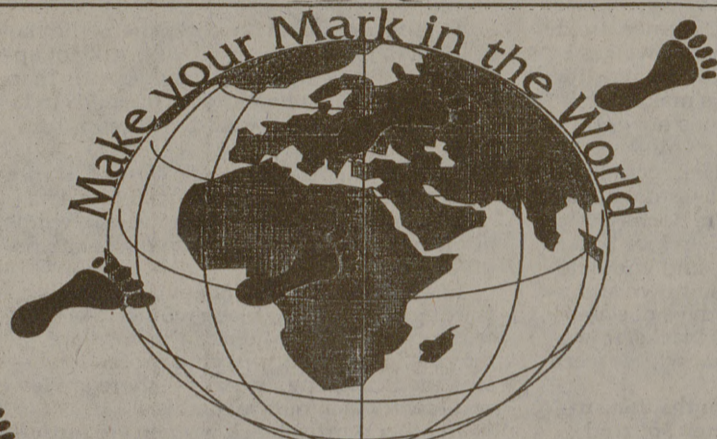
Campbell said the students were given a tour of the campus from the Visitor's Center. They also attended programs on admission and financial aid, met with their perspective college, and toured the Bonfire site.

## Trying it on for size



Tommy Huynh/The Battalion

Maj. Robert Smith shows 9-year-old Eric Hatch the Helmet Display Unit of the Apache helicopters. Two Apache helicopters landed on Duncan Field Saturday afternoon.



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## Highway organization to research vehicles

By James Bernsen

THE BATTALION

More than 200 experts in transportation are meeting at Texas A&M University this week to discuss work on Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems (IVHS) and to lay the foundations for a new organization, IVHS Texas.

Dr. Dennis Christiansen, associate director of A&M's Texas Transportation Institute (TTI), said the new organization will allow for a sharing of new developments, both public and private.

"IVHS America was created several years ago, and IVHS Texas was encouraged by it," he said.

Christiansen said TTI has been a leader in research and instrumental in creating the new organization.

Dick McCasland, a research engineer at TTI, said the conference will put new research into perspective, and separate science fiction from reality.

"The automated highway isn't here," he said. "We'll learn a lot about it, but I don't think we'll see it in my lifetime."

McCasland said many advances have been made, such as automatic breaking systems, which will function much like the cruise control devices now in operation.

"But in terms of sitting back in your car, pushing the destination and getting there, I don't think so," he said.

McCasland said one of the most promising

technologies is the use of satellite transmission and location to accurately pinpoint vehicle which could be shown on a display of a digitalized urban area map.

"It's a question of cost versus demand," he said. "We just don't have the kind of infrastructure we need in place to produce it."

Christiansen said the new organization will lay the foundation for further research to make such technologies feasible.

The conference will also discuss ways to make traffic run more efficiently, with improved traffic light systems, he said.

"An efficient traffic system reduces waste of gas and reduces pollution too," Christiansen said.

The conference begins Monday and lasts through Wednesday.

## Computer

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Texas at Dallas, where he is a graduate student in engineering.

The university said his messages strayed from any educational purposes.

UTD says the matter is simple: Steshenko broke the rules that limit the use of Internet to exchanges related to coursework.

His postings make liberal use of terms such as "holhol," which many Ukrainians regard as a racial epithet; have compared the

official Ukrainian national symbol — the trident — to a sexual device; and have implied a homosexual relationship between Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Ukraine President Leonid Kravchuk.

Provocative language is not unusual on the network, and when it comes to politics, the usual policy is "anything goes," says John Harlan, of Oxford, Ohio. Harlan is the manager of the Russian and Ukrainian electronic mailing lists that Steshenko focuses on.

Steshenko says the university's definition of "instructional

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— Shari Steele

counsel for the Electronic Frontier Foundation

purposes" is too narrow. He says his political discussions make him a better student, and notes that other students use the network for "news group" discussions of everything from Haiti to sex.

Legal experts his lawsuit could test the bounds of free speech in electronic forums and

on university campuses.

"What makes it unique is that we're talking about a brand new medium," said Shari Steele, counsel for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a group that aims to protect the freedom of individuals who communicate by computer.

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