

# Corps focuses on membership recruitment

## Organization enjoys growth in numbers



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Thomas L. Epting (center) talks to incoming freshmen about joining the Corps. Recruits had a meeting Tuesday in room 205 of the MSC. See story for more information.

By Craig Lewis  
THE BATTALION

The Corps of Cadets is looking towards its future this summer through recruiting programs aimed at educating prospective members about the organization.

Sgt. Maj. Thomas L. Epting, assistant recruiting coordinator, sees the programs as essential to maintaining the unique presence of the Corps at Texas A&M.

"We are the keeper of the spirit and tradition here—that's the big part," he said.

The Corps currently conducts the Cadet Leadership Outreach Program, local ROTC programs, Corps-hosted Band Invitations and the "Spend a night with the Corps" program.

There are also cadet representatives at student orientation activities.

Epting said that recruiting efforts using current cadets are the most effective.

"They play a big part because the cadets are closer to the prospect's age," he said. "They can relate to them one-on-one."

Epting said that costs incurred by the programs are minimal because of overwhelming volunteer work by ex-Corps members who have graduated.

Lt. Col. Mark Satterwhite, recruiting coordinator for the Corps, said some programs have experienced growth.

"The 'Spend a night with the Corps' program grew quite a bit this year," he said.

In the 1992-1993 academic year, 1,030 people participated in the program.

The number has increased this year to 1,328.

Satterwhite said the growth in enrollment is indicative of growing interest in, and success of, the program.

He said that although recruiting programs have been organized for

five years, informal versions have probably existed for decades.

Cadet Capt. Chad Lewis said the recruitment programs have helped the Aggie Band in particular.

"We're in the position now where we can get the best of the best," he said.

Lewis said the overall effects of the recruiting programs have translated into superior musicians and greater numbers in the band.

Satterwhite said the enrollment of women in the Corps should double when next year's class enters the University.

Cadet Capt. Celese Roberts said this is more of a direct result of representation than of actual targeting by the recruiting programs.

"I think a lot of females used to look and only see men in uniform," she said.

"When females see other cadet females in uniform that they can talk to, then they actually consider the Corps an option," she said.

# A&M takes a bite out of crime

## Campus crimestopper program begins next semester

By Shelly Hall  
THE BATTALION

A campus crimestoppers program beginning this fall will give Texas A&M students an opportunity to help decrease crime.

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, supervisor of the University Police Department's crime prevention unit, said the program's purpose will be to empower students against campus crime.

"It gives the students an outlet to tell what they know about a crime situation, while allowing them to remain anonymous," he said. "The anonymity will hopefully encourage students who are aware of a crime to report it."

Kretzschmar said many students have information about crimes, but do not often report them.

"They need more of an incentive to report the crimes; and the possibility of receiving cash, while remaining anonymous, should work," he said.

Kretzschmar, who will supervise

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A&M Student Body President

campus crimestoppers, said such programs have been proven to work.

In 1987, seven Aggie rings, including that of the late Gen. Earl Rudder, were stolen from a showcase in the Clayton Williams Alumni Center, he said.

"A student overheard information regarding the location of the missing rings and informed crimestoppers, enabling them to recover the rings from a nearby park," he said.

Gene Zdziarski, coordinator for the Student Conflict Resolution Center, will also supervise the program.

He said the campus program will be modeled after the Brazos County

Crimestoppers program.

Students can call the crimestoppers hotline and leave information regarding a crime.

"If the information is useful in solving a case, a cash reward will be given," he said.

A&M Student Body President Brooke Leslie said this program is needed because the Aggie code of honor cannot always be trusted.

"We all like to think that everyone on campus abides by the code. But sadly enough, both students and non-students do not always follow it," she said. "This program will make Texas A&M a better place to be."

Although the student government office, which is in charge of the program, is responsible for funding, Brazos County Crimestoppers will donate start-up money.

Leslie said fund-raising is being coordinated to raise the remaining \$1,000 needed for the program.

# POLICE BEAT



The following incidents were reported to University Police Department between June 24 and July 10:

**Driving While Intoxicated**  
Various locations - Nine people were arrested.

**Evading Arrest or Detention**  
Following a traffic stop, a motorist exited a vehicle and fled the area. The suspect was apprehended after a short foot pursuit. During the inventory of the vehicle, a half-smoked cigarette containing a green leafy substance, believed to be marijuana, was found in the ashtray.

**Felony Theft**  
Lounge "F" - A television and VCR were stolen.

**Assault**  
College Avenue Apartments - A person was physically assaulted by

someone who was asked to move his vehicle.

**Criminal Mischief**  
Hotard Hall - Someone removed a fire alarm siren from a first floor wall, cut the electrical supply wires and then replaced the siren.

Dormitory 9 - An officer discovered graffiti spray-painted on a first floor window.

Parking Area 73 - The passenger window of a vehicle was broken.

**Terroristic Threat**  
Golf Course Snack Shop - Someone was threatened with physical harm by an acquaintance.

**Burglary of Vehicle**  
Hensel Terrace Apartments - The driver's side window of a 1987 Acura was shattered.

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passenger's side window of a 1993 Toyota was broken. The owner was contacted and advised that nothing appeared missing.

Parking Area 5 - A gray gym bag containing a pair of children's size-two roller skates, an adults cycling helmet and a child's cycling helmet were stolen from a vehicle.

**Burglary of Building**  
Richardson Building - An Apple Macintosh computer was stolen.  
Aston Hall - Three rooms were burglarized.

**Misdemeanor Theft**  
Forest Science Lab - Assorted tools and a quart of Round-up were stolen.

Appelt Hall - A rhinestone belt, a pair of pearl and crystal earrings and a pair of aqua crystal earrings were stolen.

Neeley Hall - A rear rim and tire were removed from a Huffy mountain bicycle.



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# Something's fishy

Paul Dorsett checks spawning containers for catfish eggs in one of the 36 smaller ponds at the TAMU Agricultural Center.

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