

HALFWAY THERE

Brooke Leslie,

Matt Segrest

turn the corner

in their student

leadership

positions

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Brooke Leslie's day starts at 7 a.m. and is filled with hours of paperwork, meetings and speaking at special events, not to mention attending classes and studying.

Leslie willingly took on these responsibilities when she was elected student body president last March.

"It takes a lot of time and a lot of energy," Leslie said, "but overall, it has been what I expected and more."

Leslie said she has accomplished many of the goals she set for herself as president. For example, her goal of having a leadership retreat center built was approved by the A&M administration. The land for the center was allotted and construction on the center begins next year.

Other accomplishments include a campus Crimestoppers program that will go into effect later this semester.

"Everything that I've accomplished thus far has not been solely me," Leslie said. "It has been other people who have given their lives to my administration that go out and make sure my ideas are accomplished."

Leslie said the new administration helped her reach her goals.

"We are so lucky at Texas A&M in terms of student leadership because this is the only school I've seen that the administration really listens and is very supportive," she said.

Leslie said that because she has the administration's cooperation, she has been able to spend her time making a difference for students instead of fighting the school.

Perhaps the biggest challenge Leslie has had to face was learning that you can't please everyone. Leslie said this is difficult because she is the type of person who wants to please everyone.

"You have to do what you feel is right in your heart and what you know is right," Leslie said.

Being the first female student body president has been a challenge for Leslie.

"I realize that there are a lot of females behind me who look up to me," she said. "That's a lot of pressure knowing that if I don't do a good job here, it may close the door for females behind me."

There have been some benefits to being the first female student body president, Leslie said. She has given more speeches, traveled more, and been invited to more special events than past student body presidents.

Leslie said the reason for these benefits is that people outside of the University community are curious to see if she is a different type of leader because of her gender. However, Leslie insists there has been no reason to think that her administration is any different than



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Brooke Leslie was elected student body president in March 1994.

in the past.

"I'm an Aggie just like everyone else and I love this school dearly," she said.

Leslie said the most memorable event she has participated in was the George Bush Presidential Library ground breaking.

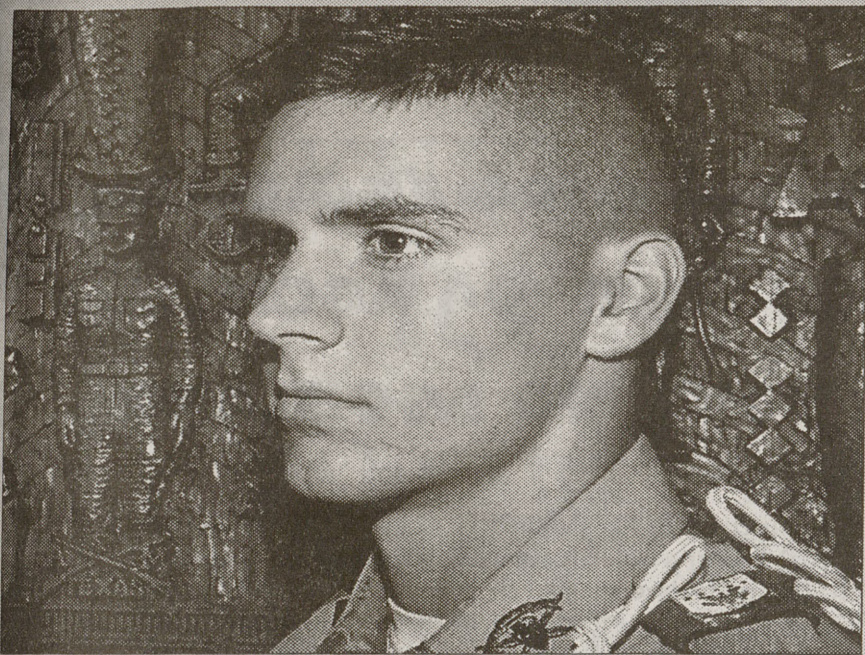
"That was truly unbelievable for me," Leslie said. "Getting to meet these people that I had seen, watched and read their books was unbelievable."

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said he thinks Leslie has been an outstanding student body president.

"She attempts to represent all of the students, listens to points of view and takes a stand," Southerland said.

Leslie said representing the students at Texas A&M to so many people has been her favorite part of being president.

"One of the best things any Aggie has the opportunity to do is to spread the Aggie spirit and tell people everything that this school offers," Leslie said. "I love being the official representative of what I think is the best school in the nation in terms of tradition, hard work and loyalty to the school and the Aggie family."



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Matt Segrest is the commander of the Corps of Cadets.

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Imagine being in charge of everything that happens in the Corps of Cadets. It's a job that Matt Segrest calls "a once in a lifetime experience."

Segrest, a senior management major from Bryan, is halfway through his term as the Corps commander. Segrest said good communication throughout the Corps has helped them avoid any major disappointments.

"Since I've been here, this is probably the best working relationship I've seen between all of the commanders in the Corps," Segrest said. "Having good communication makes your job a lot easier."

Segrest said developing such communication has helped the Corps establish its purpose.

"I think everyone is starting to focus more on what the Corps should do," Segrest said. "It should give each member leadership training and character development."

To help achieve this purpose, Segrest said the Corps has emphasized recruiting and scholastics this semester. New positions have been created such as recruiting coordinator and a scholastic advisor. He credited these new positions with increas-

ing recruits and said the Corps had its highest semester grades ever.

Segrest said he enjoys having an impact on freshmen and teaching them leadership skills.

"You have the opportunity to mold their character and teach them lessons of integrity, honor and character," Segrest said. "Learning leadership is useless unless I pass it on to somebody."

Gary Kipe, sophomore class president and a member of the Corps, said he thinks Segrest has been an effective leader and has had a positive impact on the cadets.

"I think that Matt Segrest has made favorable progress for the Corps of Cadets and has done well representing us," Kipe said. "He's doing an outstanding job and will make his second semester as commander very productive as well."

Segrest said that as commander he has worked hard to improve the Corps' relations with the rest of the student body and the community. He said he tries to get more coverage of the way the Corps benefits the University and community.

Mary Jo Powell, associate director of University Relations and member of the Corps Development Council, works closely with the Corps to help improve their public relations.

"They have spent more effort and put a higher priority on increasing the positive visibility of the Corps this year more than any year I can remember in the 16 years I have been on this campus," Powell said. "They have done a wonderful job improving their public image."

Powell said the Aggie Band Centennial was beneficial to the Corps of Cadets' image.

"The Aggie Band Centennial was a very good high-visibility event that made a lot of people look at the Corps and what the Corps offers to A&M," she said.

Segrest said that positive visibility will help improve the attitude the student body sometimes has toward the Corps. He said that this image is created by ignorance of what the Corps is about.

"I think people are scared of our sense of confidence," he said. "If they took the time to learn what the Corps is about, they'd love us."

Segrest said his role as commander he has caused him to sacrifice things such as sleep and grades, but that the successes that the Corps has had under his leadership make it all worthwhile.

"The University looks at the Corps right now and smiles," said Segrest. "We're on the up and up and are moving in the right direction."

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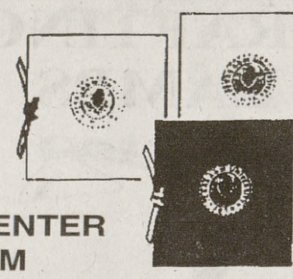
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