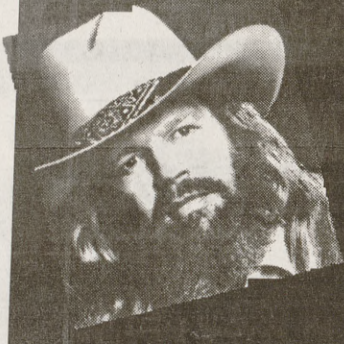


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A&M to stunt enrollment growth



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Traffic was packed on campus Saturday as countless students attempted to move in to residence halls. Freshman enrollment is expected to top 6,100 this year.

□ The office of admissions and records estimated that 6,100 freshmen are enrolled in the University this fall.

By James Bernsen
THE BATTALION

The freshman class at Texas A&M remains one of the largest in the nation, but officials say there is little likelihood of it rising any more than it has.

Gary Engelgau, executive director of admissions and records, said the interest in A&M remains high, with the current freshman enrollment expected to be about 6,100 this year.

The figure is estimated from the number of applicants, but the actual enrollment will not be known until the 12th day of classes.

"Since 1990, the number of applications went up by 50 percent," Engelgau said. "The interest is clearly expanding. We continue to take, to our knowledge, the largest freshman class in the United States."

The size of each class has been controlled in recent years because of financial reasons.

"You need professors," Engelgau said. "We're running pretty close to the edge on our resources."

The large number of freshmen creates problems with class availability, he said, especially in required courses like English 104.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for finance and administration, said the lim-

it on the number of new freshmen is a clear policy to ensure the University not exhaust its financial resources.

"Back in 1987, the Board of Regents viewed the history of enrollment," said. "They created an enrollment management plan and set target numbers each year."

The plan began in Fall 1989 and the maximum-enrollment figure for freshmen, 6,300. The number was consistently below this target until this year.

The overall A&M enrollment is 14,000 and the Board has decided to lower it to 13,000, Gaston said.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said it would be difficult to see more growth, but that is impossible next year.

"If you had the ability to have a modest, controlled growth [and] the ability to have such growth, that would be a good location business is solved, I don't see movement there."

Much of A&M's costs continue to be borne by the state, causing the ceiling in enrollment, he said, but it is better than more financial burden to the students.

"The quality of the education is a tremendous bargain," he said.

It is more than the quantity of students coming in that matters, Southerland said.

"The extreme high quality of the people who are deciding to come to A&M remains high," he said.

Corps recruitment efforts pay off

□ More than 750 cadets went through training during Freshman Orientation Week.

By Sean Chaffin
THE BATTALION

The number of recruits in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets has increased for the third straight year and is the largest it has been since 1987.

Tom Epting, Corps assistant recruiting coordinator, said 769 freshman recruits reported this year, 61 more than 1994. The 1995 Corps recruiting class has 72 women, 11 more than last year.

Epting said the Corps reached its recruiting goals for this year.

"We've definitely met our expectations but still have room for more," he said.

The Corps uses many programs to help recruiting, such as Spend the Night with the Corps, which brings high school juniors and seniors to campus and exposes them to a routine night in the Corps.

This year's 1,911 high school participants observed formations and Corps activities.

Another recruiting program is the Corps Leadership Outreach

(CLO), in which former students recruit at high schools in their home towns.

"We have CLOs in Texas, California, New Mexico and Missouri," Epting said. "Most CLOs are very active and great information sources. We are also adding 28 new CLOs this year."

Beckie Campo, a freshman in company A-1, said the Corps offers the structured lifestyle she desires.

"I joined the Corps because I needed more discipline in my life," Campo said. "I wanted to be a true part of the University in the Corps of Cadets."

Last week the new cadets went through Freshman Orientation Week (FOW). The recruits learned Corps history and basic drills. The freshmen participated in their first parade as cadets Saturday when they marched in the FOW Review.

Freshmen also learned basic Corps traditions in FOW, such as "whipping out," which is when a freshman cadet stops, shakes hands and introduces himself to a cadet upperclassman.

Brian Head, a freshman in company B-2, said FOW was a good experience.

"It's been great," Head said. "I learned how to keep myself and my buddies motivated. We're learning how to take orders so



Louis Craig, THE BATTALION

Cadets march on Simpson Field for their first review of the year day afternoon in front of family members.

we can give them [later]."

Tyson Voelkel, Corps commander, said FOW went well.

"We've exceeded what we expected," Voelkel said. "FOW has gone very smoothly. The upperclassmen have worked diligently and tirelessly."

Voelkel said cadets learn communication and networking skills that are essential in the "real" world. Freshmen cadets learn how to follow, and sophomores, juniors and seniors learn how to become positive leaders, he said.

Lt. Col. Michael J. ... training officer, said the Corps offers many opportunities for new recruits.

"I think they gain a tremendous opportunity in leadership," Duke said. "They get a sense of belonging and family."

Voelkel said he expects a bright but good things from Corps this year.

"[This year] 2,100 people joined together for the same goal," he said, "and because of that can overcome any challenge."

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