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Corps of Cadets hosts members of 16 military institutions, ROTC programs

☐ Social events, roundtable discussions, and a military review are events scheduled for Military Weekend.

By Johanna Henry
THE BATTALION

More than 60 cadets and five officers from 16 military institutions and ROTC programs will be visiting Texas A&M and staying with members of the Corps of Cadets for the 13th annual Military Weekend Review this weekend.

Military Weekend centers on three roundtable discussions in which visiting cadets and Corps members discuss honor codes, discipline and student leadership.

Erica Bobick, Military Weekend Committee chair and a senior Spanish major, said the dis-

cussions benefit cadets in their military careers both at college and after graduation.

"It is a sharing of ideas," Bobick said. "Last year, we discussed how to set up an honor program, and this year we will discuss ways of enforcing it."

Mark Mulkey, a senior industrial distribution major, said last year's discussions were attended by so many Corps members that cadets had to be turned away.

Maj. David Sahm, Class of '82, said A&M has the largest program of this kind.

"Other schools have adopted a similar format to ours for their program," Sahm said.

Bobick said other schools come to A&M hoping to get program ideas to take back with them.

Friday night, cadets and their dates will have a chance to socialize in a more relaxed setting at Combat Bash. Cadets dress up their dates in fatigues for this dance, which is the oldest Military Weekend event.

"It has been around for probably 50 years," she said. "In the '50s, it was a sock hop on the Quad. We just decided to incorporate it into Military Weekend."

Saturday at 1:30 p.m., a Texas State Historical Marker honoring the Corps will be unveiled.

The entire Corps will then march in review on Simpson Drill Field, and the Fish Drill Team will perform.

Saturday night, Vice Adm. David Robinson, commander of Naval Surface Force Pacific within the U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, will address Corps members and visiting cadets at a banquet and formal military ball.

Bobick said visiting cadets will be given a chance to relax and meet students from the University.

"We want to show them some Texas culture and give them time to get out of uniform and

relax," Bobick said. Sahm said he has seen a decrease in the past few years the number of women attending Military Weekend.

"It used to be all men came," he said, "but now one-third of all those that are women."

"In the '50s, it was a sock hop on the quad."

— Erica Bobick
Military Weekend Committee

Mulkey said total conference attendance has risen since last year when 35 cadets and five officers came.

Military Weekend began years ago as the Student Conference on National Affairs, when A&M started accepting civilian students, the Corps decided to split from SCONA and establish a separate event.

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Hutchison backs Dole, Bush stays neutral

☐ Texas will send 123 delegates to the Republican National Convention.

AUSTIN (AP) — With the Texas primary looming as a major prize for Republican presidential hopefuls, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison backed Bob Dole on Wednesday.

A second top Republican, Gov. George W. Bush, emphasized he's still not taking sides.

The move by Hutchison was designed to help pump some momentum into Dole's campaign after his loss in the New Hampshire primary to commentator Pat Buchanan.

"There's only one candidate in this race that has the ability to keep the promises that we made and that is the candidate I am endorsing today: Sen. Bob Dole," Hutchison said.

"In addition to being the right person to lead America, Bob Dole has been there for Texas," Hutchison said. She said Dole had supported legislation beneficial to the state and was backing the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Texas will send 123 delegates to the Republican National Convention, the second-largest total of any state.

Most of the presidential campaigns had assumed those delegates would go to favorite son Sen. Phil Gramm, but the Texan's withdrawal from the race last week has made the March 12 primary a major prize.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken said he sees no clear favorite in the state right now.



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— Gov. George W. Bush

"I think it's a good debate that's going on within the party and it really livens up the Texas primary," he said.

Pauken also said the New Hampshire results are a big boost for Buchanan in Texas. "It's going to be much more competitive than people, including myself, had anticipated."

ed. He's now shown he can win a primary state," Pauken said.

Both Hutchison and Bush had endorsed Sen. Phil Gramm, who quit after doing poorly in the Louisiana and Iowa caucuses.

While declining to throw his support to a new candidate, Bush said he expects he will see some big-time campaigning.

"The second-largest state in the United States deserves a lot of attention. ... I want the candidates to come to Texas, to debate on the soil," Bush said.

"It's one thing to go up to New Hampshire, where there's a lot of snow on the ground. But you come down here where it's hot and debate Texas issues in Texas soil. I can't wait to hear what I'm holding my fire until I see the whites of their eyes."

Bush sharply disagrees with Buchanan's trade, as the governor is a strong supporter of the North American Free Trade Agreement and close ties with neighboring Mexico.

"My pro-NAFTA position is very strong. I'll look forward to hearing what he (Buchanan) has to say when he comes to Texas."

Salt Lake City School Board bans all nonacademic clubs rather than recognize gay student organization

☐ The Utah Legislature is now considering two bills addressing homosexual clubs.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Chess Club — gone. The Ski Club — no more. The same with Students Against Drunk Driving and Bible clubs.

Rather than let gay high school students form an organization, the city Board of Education voted to ban all nonacademic clubs.

"Everyone suffers because of the gays," complained Brett Shields, a 16-year-old at East High School and a member of the Beef Club, a social club that met last week to eat steaks and attend a "monster truck" rally.

The 4-3 vote by the Salt Lake

City School Board late Tuesday was the latest in a bitter statewide debate over a move by students to form a gay-straight student alliance at East High.

School board members said federal law and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling gave them only two options: allow all extracurricular clubs or eliminate them all.

The issue has reverberated from the classroom to the Capitol as Utah's conservative Republican-dominated Legislature scrambles for a way to ban gay clubs without closing down such student enterprises as the Beef Club and without being accused of discriminating against homosexuals.

Roughly 85 percent of the 104

members of the Legislature are Mormon, as are more than 70 percent of their constituents. The church condemns homosexual acts and any sexual relationship outside marriage.

Some 30 service, ethnic or sports clubs at East will be affected by the board's action beginning

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— Mike Leavitt
governor of Utah

with the 1996-97 school year. The ban will also apply to the district's two other high schools.

Board president Mary Jo Rasmussen, who opposed the ban, said it remained unclear whether the high schools' varsity teams would be eliminated, too.

Doug Bates, attorney for the state Office of Education, said the new policy will cancel a club not directly tied to a classroom. During the hearing, Bates sought to assure opponents of the gay club that no students could "use the schools as a platform to organize orgies."

The Legislature is considering two bills addressing gay clubs. One would require parental consent for participation in clubs that meet on school grounds; the other would prevent school employees and volunteers from supporting illegal conduct, such as sodomy.

Gov. Mike Leavitt has not officially endorsed the legislation but has decryed the formation of gay clubs in schools on personal religious grounds.

"As far as the activity, as far as the lifestyle, I'd like it not to be promoted," he said.

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