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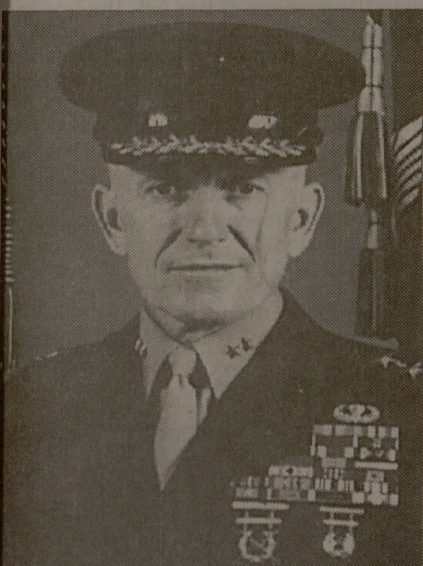
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Southerland names commandant

Maj. Gen. M.T. "Ted" Hopgood Jr. will lead Corps



By Ann Marie Hauser
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Marine Maj. Gen. M.T. "Ted" Hopgood Jr. has been selected from three candidates to fill the position as commandant of the Corps of Cadets.

Hopgood said he is looking forward to the challenge and can hardly wait to get started.

"I'm excited and feel honored to have been selected," Hopgood said. "I want to continue the great job Maj. Gen. Darling did."

Hopgood is replacing retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Darling, who stepped down June 1, to become executive director of the University's Corps Endowment Campaign.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for Student Affairs, called Hopgood yesterday in Virginia to offer him

the position, and said he feels good about the decision.

"We were looking for an energetic, vigorous person who had demonstrated leadership abilities," Southerland said. "But also someone who had demonstrated an understanding of what a university in a university community is."

Hopgood graduated from Texas A&M in 1965.

He went on to become a highly decorated veteran who served three tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in combat. He also participated in Operation Restore Hope in Somalia.

As a Marine Corps officer for 31 years, Hopgood has been stationed in numerous command and staff positions.

Currently, Hopgood serves as president of the Marine Corps University in Quantico, Va.

Blake McKinney, the recruiting sergeant and a junior biomedical science major, said the Corps was pleased with Hopgood's appointment.

Hopgood graduated from Texas A&M in 1965. He currently serves as president of the Marine Corps University in Quantico, Va.

"He was our number-one man," McKinney said. "I could not be happier."

Karl Koehler, the Corps staff recruiting officer and a senior education major, had the opportunity to meet each candidate and was impressed by all of them.

"Every one of them had different talents and advantages," Koehler said. "But I liked Maj. Gen. Hopgood the best."

The new commandant said he was looking forward to continuing the emphasis on education as the Corps' top priority.

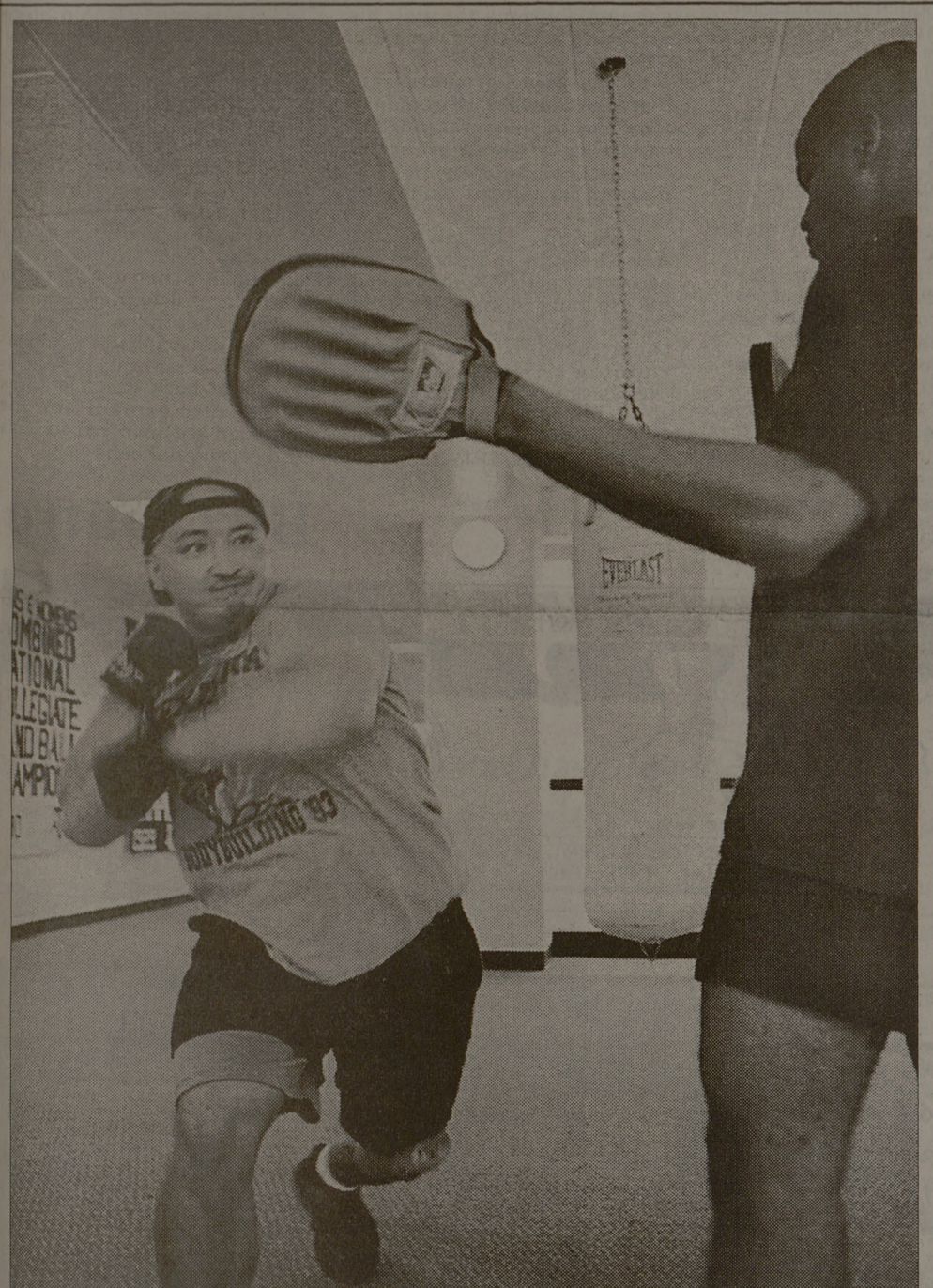
In addition to his amazing credentials, Koehler described Hopgood as a personable and approachable man who was outspoken about the importance of grades.

He said Hopgood talked about an "open-door policy," where students are welcome to speak with him on an as-needed basis.

Hopgood will assume his duties shortly before the fall semester as the officer in charge of the 2,200-member Corps of Cadets.

"We expect him to be here in mid-August," Southerland said. "I look forward to working with him."

Maj. Gen. M.T. "Ted" Hopgood Jr. replaces Maj. Gen. Thomas G. Darling.



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KNOCK OUT

Jimmee Fullerton, a senior business analysis major, slams a left hook into the

glove worn by Julus Hollie. Hollie is a graduate student in finance.



HIT ME WITH YOUR BEST SHOT

By James Francis

Tag, you're it!" children would yell as they ran around backyards, playgrounds and other areas for a good game of sneak attacks.

Nowadays, a computerized voice emitted from fitted body gear tells an individual his or her

continual status in an updated version of the childhood classic — the once popular laser tag games, which declined in popularity during the '80s.

At its inception about 15 years ago, the game was called Photon, and it was widely popular in major cities such as Houston and Austin.

But Photon did not last long for two reasons. First, customers were charged about \$20 for a 15-minute game. And second, it cost close to \$1 million just to open a

gaming facility.

Tom Meinecke, president of TJ's Laser Tag, said that a laser tag arena in College Station would be good for the town as well as the students.

"College Station is a good place and the right size," he said. "You get a lot of repeat customers."

At the beginning of Photon's plunge into the gaming industry, people were fighting over patents

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Admissions board to look at changes in light of Hopwood

By Jason Brown
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Texas A&M's admissions policies may change radically because of the Hopwood decision and the recommendations of the Admissions Advisory Board, an administration official said Wednesday.

Dr. William Perry, dean of facul-

ties and associate provost, spoke at an MSC Political Forum program yesterday. He said Hopwood will challenge the University to maintain a diverse student body while complying with the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal's reversal of the 1978 Supreme Court case *Bakke vs. University of California Regents*. Bakke upheld affirmative action in public

university admissions.

"Imagine you've been building houses since 1978 with a hammer and nails, and someone's taken the hammer away," Perry said. "We now have to find another tool."

Perry, who chaired the Admissions Advisory Board, said the Board

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A&M set to host Diversity Institute seminar

By Amy Protas
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On Saturday, faculty and staff members from 29 universities will convene at Texas A&M for a meeting of the Diversity Institute, sponsored by the Department of Multicultural Services-Office of Diversity Education.

Sheri Schmidt, coordinator of diversity education, said the institute is a seminar for trainers in diversity education.

"We're going to teach staff members to go back to their campuses and provide workshops and other learning opportunities for their campus community," Schmidt said.

Diversity education highlights the cultural differences existing among students.

"Diversity education provides opportunities for students to learn about each other," Schmidt said. "This is in terms of cultural differences. There are many cultural dimensions to an individual — race, gender, religion, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation

and even the region they're from."

The Institute was created two years ago by Schmidt and Kevin Carreathers, director of the Department of Multicultural Services.

"We determined there was not a training opportunity for higher education professionals like this one so we decided to create one," Schmidt said. "This is becoming a new field on campuses. We realize there is a need to educate students in this way to prepare them to enter the work force."

The four-day Institute focuses on stereotypes, cultural identity, facilitation skills and relations with university administrators.

Carreathers said he wants the participating universities to learn from A&M's example of diversity education.

"The Institute allows A&M to share with others throughout the country some of the diversity education initiatives that have been successful for us," Carreathers said. "I think one of the skills and strategies to develop is enhancing their own programs."

Tanya Williams, a volunteer

with the Institute and a Class of '94 graduate, said both A&M and the visiting universities will benefit from the seminar.

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— SHERRY SCHMIDT
coordinator of diversity education

"For A&M, it's a value to have people from across the country come to talk about diversity issues and how they affect our campus as well as theirs," Williams said. "For the participating universities, it is an opportunity to come together with colleagues and bring new ideas and new ways to work with students."

Schmidt said the Institute serves two purposes in educating the participants.

"Some are coming specifically to find out about peer education

programs like University Awareness for Cultural Togetherness (UACT)," Schmidt said. "Some are just coming because they want to learn how to do these programs at things like new student orientations and student government training."

"A&M is pretty far ahead in providing resources and staff time for diversity education," Schmidt said. "Our campus is so large and our staff is so specialized, we are able to do that."

With diversity gaining importance in education and the workplace, workshops are becoming more commonplace throughout the nation.

Schmidt said the Institute is significant because diversity education will help people succeed in the business world.

"Diversity is an important dimension of being a leader," Schmidt said. "It is important to be able to make the most of relationships with people different than you. It maximizes the potential of a group when the leader of the group is culturally literate."

Netanyahu demands stop to terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a tough speech to Congress laying out conditions for Mideast negotiations, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared Wednesday that Syria and the Palestinians can stop terrorists from attacking Israel and demanded that they do so.

His vow never to give Arabs control over any part of Jerusalem brought Republicans and Democrats alike to their feet applauding.

The American-educated prime minister looked at home in the House chamber as he walked up the center aisle and grasped outstretched hands. His wife, Sarah, looked down on the scene from the family section of the gallery.

Netanyahu had to wait five minutes before the applause died down and he could start his address to a joint session

of Congress.

"If I could only get the Knesset to vote like this," he began, referring to the often fractious Israeli parliament.

Netanyahu's speech mixed pledges to continue pursuing peace with Israel's Arab neighbors, with demands that the Arabs do more to make the region secure from terrorist attacks.

"We cannot, we dare not forget that more men, women and children have lost their lives to terrorist attacks in the last three years, than in the entire previous decade," he said.

"We are ready to resume negotiations with the Palestinian Authority," said Netanyahu, adding that his newly formed government was prepared to "engage Syria and Lebanon in

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