

'Aggie for a Day' hosts JROTC cadets

Corps recruitment program invites high school students to experience A&M

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The Corps of Cadets hosted approximately 2,300 Junior ROTC cadets from 45 Texas high schools during the "Aggie for a Day" recruitment program on campus Saturday.

Li. Col. Mark Satterwhite, Corps recruiting coordinator, said the program is a combination of public relations and recruitment.

The JROTC cadets attended the Louisiana Tech football game, where they watched the Corps march-in and were recognized at half-time as guests.

Salina Akhter, a Pearland High School JROTC student, said she enjoyed the program last year and decided to attend again this year.

"I liked the Fish Drill Team performance and the football game," said Akhter.

Akhter said she wants to attend A&M when she graduates from high school.

"Part of my reason for coming back to the program was because I want to attend Texas A&M," said Akhter. "I would like to be in the Corps of Cadets when I come here."

After arriving on campus Saturday morning, the JROTC cadets met their Aggie escorts, toured the Quadrangle and the Sam Houston Sanders Corps Center and watched a presentation by the Corps and the Office of Commandant in Rudder Auditorium.

Satterwhite said he hoped the students left with a lot of memories and a positive image of A&M.

"Since the Corps is their hosts while they're here, we hope they will consider A&M," Satterwhite said. "The purpose is to invite cadets to see the game and see Aggie spirit, but there are recruitment values involved."

Steve Foster, Corps commander and a senior political science major, said the program has a good success rate of students

who return to A&M as cadets.

During the presentation in Rudder Auditorium, Foster gave a speech on what the Corps means to him.

"The program is an excellent recruitment program because the students can wonder around the Quad to ask Corps members questions," Foster said.



JROTC cadets from Pearland cheer at Saturday's football game. Rony Angkriwan, THE BATTALION

Sediments help researchers predict weather

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Mud from the depths of the ocean floor hold the answers oceanographers need to determine weather conditions from thousands of years ago.

Dr. Niall Slowey, assistant professor of oceanography, said knowing exactly when certain climactic changes occurred is crucial in determining what weather conditions people may face in the future.

"Chronology is a basic tool that everybody needs," Slowey said. "This is the first time anyone has directly dated Pleistocene-epoch marine sediments beyond the range of radiocarbon dating."

Oceanographic Institute can determine when weather conditions as far back as 200,000 years occurred.

Slowey said oceanographers have studied seafloor sediments for decades. He said the studies have been able to determine what weather conditions occurred, but not when they occurred.

But by using a process called uranium series dating, Slowey and two colleagues from Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and Woods Hole

Many microorganisms called foraminifera die and sink to the ocean floor.

Researchers can test the uranium content of the foraminifera's shell to determine weather conditions at the time the organism died.

The amount of uranium in foraminifera shells indicate the temperature of the ocean at the time the organism died. From this, researchers can detect ice age shifts and interglacial images.

Thomas Crowley, deputy director of the Texas Center for Climate Studies, said in a press release that Slowey's research is crucial in dating weather conditions.

"Absolute dates are necessary to tell why and how fast climate changes happened," Crowley said.

Crowley also said Slowey's research can someday be used to test greenhouse effects on the planet.

"This will be an independent way of assessing the importance of greenhouse gas increase for climate change," he said.



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Davis testified for the prosecution that the meeting with Margraves "probably would not have taken place" if Margraves' son was not graduating.

Davis also told the jury it was the only time Margraves and Davis discussed the athletic conference issue.

Former A&M Chancellor and President William Mobley testified that Margraves contacted him four months before the trip and asked him to inform LSU officials that Margraves' son was among the graduates.

After contacting Davis, Mobley said Davis invited Margraves as an official guest to the graduation.

Margraves resigned from the Board of Regents in April 1994 because of accusations that he and other school officials profited from A&M business deals. After denying any wrongdoing, Margraves said he was stepping down to end criticism of A&M practices.

The misconduct case had a change of venue because of pretrial publicity in Brazos County.

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Nickel said the early start of leadership development for these children will help them better understand their own community and national governments, making them more productive community members.

Zach Trant, a 9-year-old fourth grader, said the program "was cool" and that he wants to run for president of the student council.

Fourth grader Danielle Palmore, 9, said she was "excited to get away from class," but she was also interested in being a historian because she likes to take pictures and color.

The Student Government members were also at the school to help implement Aggie Buddies, a mentor program pairing individual college students with the elementary students.

Brad Lancaster, Pebble Creek Elementary School principal, said the teachers are so busy that the extra help provided by Ag-

gies is crucial.

"We're (educators) doing so much more than we were 20 years ago, like fire safety and drug education," he said. "Anytime someone can come in and lighten that load for our teachers it is a great help."

Dawn DeWald, Pebble Creek enrichment specialist, Aggie coordinator and Class of '94, said the school has a need for outside help.

The subject mentors program would make use of A&M students with special interests in math, language arts and science to help teach the elementary students the basic material, she said.

Aggie Classroom Buddies, another aspect of the mentor program, would allow A&M students to adopt an entire classroom and visit to help out with class projects and group sing-alongs, she said.

DeWald said the program would be flexible to accommodate A&M students' schedules.

"Instead of telling you when and on what day, you can sign up for what times you can come," she said. "We want to adopt you and have you adopt us."

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"If you do any little thing wrong, they can deduct a point," Jones said. "It feels awkward, but I was very proud to see all the Corps there."

The outfits are ranked according to how well they perform at each march-in and review.

The results are compiled at the end of the year and the outfit accruing the most points is awarded a streamer for the guidon the outfit carries when they march in formation.

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