

EXCHANGE

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Carll said the Citadel has two female cadets. Getgood said VMI has females.

Strye said Texas A&M was asked to participate in the exchange program because A&M has had women in the Corps longer than any other service academy or cadet program.

"It's not perfect, but it's the biggest," Strye said.

Women joined the Corps in 1975. Fifty-one women were in the all-female ROTC unit, Company W-1.

Maj. Becky Ray, special assistant to the Commandant, said the male officers who are supportive of the integration program and the female cadets deserve credit for the success of A&M's integration program.

"We don't pretend to have all the answers," Ray said. "We're trying to share what we've learned to keep them (cadets at Citadel and VMI) from making the same mistakes we have."

In 1985, the Texas Aggie Band became the first Corps outfit to integrate women. Women became a part of other outfits in the late 1980s.

Ray said the Corps has not had all-women outfits since the late 1980s because integration works

better when women and men are in the same outfits.

"That way they can't be ostracized as easily," Ray said. "They feel like they are really a part of the Corps."

Getgood said he thinks A&M has a good integration program.

"I think the women here are fairly well-respected if not treated as equals," he said. "They seem to take it and dish it out as well as everyone else."

Ray said about 135 out of more than 2,000 cadets in the Corps this semester are women.

Strye said other outfits participating in the program include Squadron 17 and Companies C-2, B-1, E-1, G-1 and F-2.

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Doug Keegan, a Clements Hall RCC and a junior applied mathematics major, said students need to be aware of the services offered.

"I would encourage students to use the resources that we are providing them," Keegan said.

RCCs, who are in Haas, Clements and Hotard halls, must be available 10 hours per week to answer residents' computer questions.

Keegan said the RCC program's goal is to provide one consultant for every 100 residents living in the dorms.

"Stanford strives to fit one RCC to every 100 residents," Keegan said. "They have met with re-

sounding success."

Breanna Weir, a Haas Hall RCC and a sophomore civil engineering major, said she hopes more residents come to her for help in using Ethernet access.

"The other RCC and I have gotten a handful up and running," she said. "I would like to see a significant portion, about 25 percent, up and running."

RESNET

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"Students have shown such an interest that we may try to speed up the program," he said. "We are exploring different options."

The two options the University favors are year-round installation and construction and increasing work during the summer months, McCauley said.

Previously, Res Net installations have been completed only in non-occupied residence halls dur-

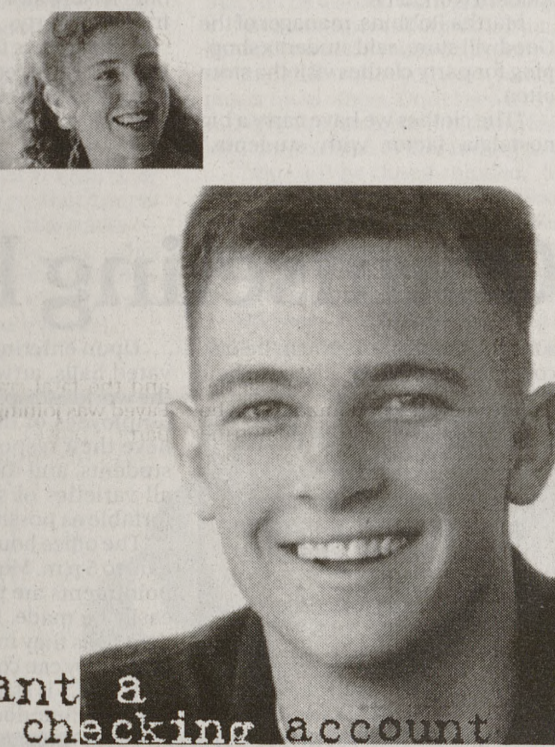
ing the summer to keep the disturbance of residents to a minimum, McCauley said.

Dan Mizer, assistant director in Residence Life, said he expects the department to meet with campus leaders within the next two weeks to discuss the possibility of construction being done during the fall and spring semesters.

Due in part to the completion of installations during the summer, Texas A&M will be able to make all necessary installations for \$1.6 million, about one-third of the expected cost.

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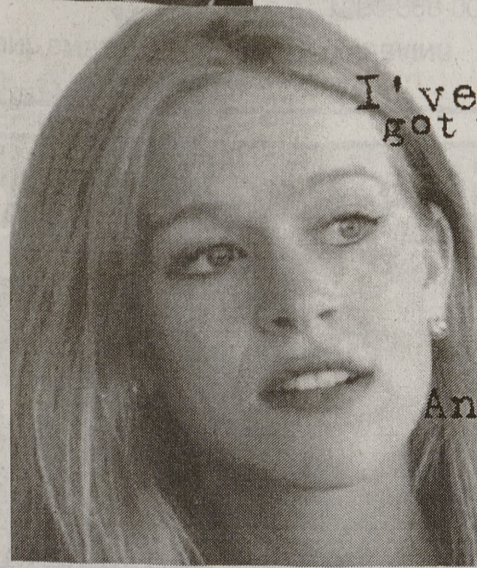


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