

Albertson's to move further from campus

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On-campus students at Texas A&M will have the convenience of shopping at Albertson's Food and Drug Store on South College Avenue beginning Nov. 12. Albertson's will relocate to 615 University Drive in place of Randalls Food and Drug Store. Last week, Albertson's offered a lump sum to Randall's Corp. to buy the store location.

Randall's will vacate the building by 6 p.m. Nov. 8. Albertson's will close its South College Avenue store Nov. 11 at midnight and move into the Randall's shopping center at 8 a.m. Nov. 12.

Kathy Boyd, store manager for Albertson's, said the transition to the new location on University Drive will be smooth.

"We are going to restock the store," Boyd said. "It will be business as usual."

Some Randall's employees are part-time and full-time A&M students.

Boyd said Albertson's intends to hire some Randall's employees.

She said the employees will be required to fill out an application, interview and take a drug test just as Albertson's employees are required to do.

Some students are concerned about the absence of a grocery store near campus.

Christy Ryan, a junior aerospace engineering major, said it is hard to get items she needs because she does not have a car. Ryan lives on Northside and walks to Albertson's to

cash checks and shop for groceries.

"There aren't any other places near campus that I can go to," Ryan said. "I just hope someone moves into the store soon."

Other students have said they do not understand the reasoning for the Albertson's move.

John McAllen, a freshmen biology major, said the Albertson's location on South College is a prime spot for business.

"I can't see why Albertson's would move," he said. "They have a focused mar-

ket being so close to campus. I see students in there all of the time."

Some students who live off campus said they are glad to see Randall's leaving and Albertson's moving into the University store.

Stephanie Greere, a senior agricultural development major, lives near the Randall's shopping center. She said does not like to shop at Randall's because the store has higher prices than other grocery stores.

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Female cadets say Corps must continue integration

By COLLEEN KAVANAGH
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Although gender integration in the Corps of Cadets began almost 25 years ago, female cadets said they

think fear was a big factor when integration began."

TARA TRIPP
 CADET, SENIOR ENGLISH MAJOR

are working to increase the number of women in the Corps.

MSC Great Issues sponsored a forum on integrating women into the Corps of Cadets featuring a panel of female cadets from different companies last night in 212 MSC.

Monica Alcover, a cadet and a senior biomedical science major, said the first approach the Corps used to

integrating women caused the process to continue until today.

"At first, all women were put into one outfit, W-1," she said. "Women were in the Corps, but they were still segregated from everyone else."

Tara Tripp, a cadet and a senior English major, said male cadets are not hostile to the women, but sometimes they do not know how to treat women in the Corps.

"I think fear was a big factor when integration began," she said. "Once male cadets saw that our only difference was using different bathrooms, wearing skirts and wearing our hair up, they saw us as equals."

Alcover said she always has been in a military environment because her father is a command sergeant in the U.S. Army.

"When I spent the night with the Corps, I didn't see many females," she said. "It is challenging to make it four years, and I like challenges."

The female cadets said they have worked to increase integration, and they hope to serve as role models for other female cadets.

Monica Strye, a junior animal science major, said being in the Corps is hard for everyone, not just women.

"I advise girls to get into shape physically," she said. "When people are broken down physically, it is easy for them to break down mentally. We support females, and try to demonstrate that it can be done."

Alcover said as a freshman and a sophomore, she worked hard to keep up with everyone in the Corps. Now, she said she works to be a role model for the women underneath her.

Tripp said respect is based on more than just the physical training in the Corps, and women generally have higher grade-point ratios than their male counterparts.

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Becoming a part of tradition

Change would allow Ph.D. candidates to receive Aggie rings

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The Graduate Student Council, the Student Senate and the Student Leader Advisory Board have submitted a resolution requesting graduate students be able to receive their Aggie rings upon reaching Ph.D. candidacy.

Clifton Griffin, president of the Graduate Student Council and a doctoral student in the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Services, said it is important for Ph.D. students to receive their rings before they graduate.

"The reason I feel this is important is based on the reason why A&M is an outstanding undergraduate university—it is based on tradition," Griffin said. "In the past, graduate students have not been included in the traditions of A&M. The message to undergraduates that graduate students are interested in being a part of the entire student body and taking part in the traditions of A&M."

Griffin said he met with Porter Garner, associate executive director of Alumni Programs at the Association of Former Students, to discuss evaluation of the current Aggie ring policy.

"The bottom line is we are asking the Association of Former Students to re-evaluate the current policy in regard to amount of time that undergraduates spend on campus

and enact the same policy for graduate students," Griffin said. Griffin said Ph.D. students spend about three years on campus before reaching Ph.D. candidacy and then one or two years working on their dissertation.

Griffin said Garner said he would take the proposal to a committee of the Association of Former Students to evaluate the issue.

"Mr. Garner said he was encouraged by the interest and research put into the proposal," Griffin said.

Garner said graduate students have been able to receive Aggie rings in the last year. Griffin said the resolution did not include master's students because most master's students are finished in one or two years.

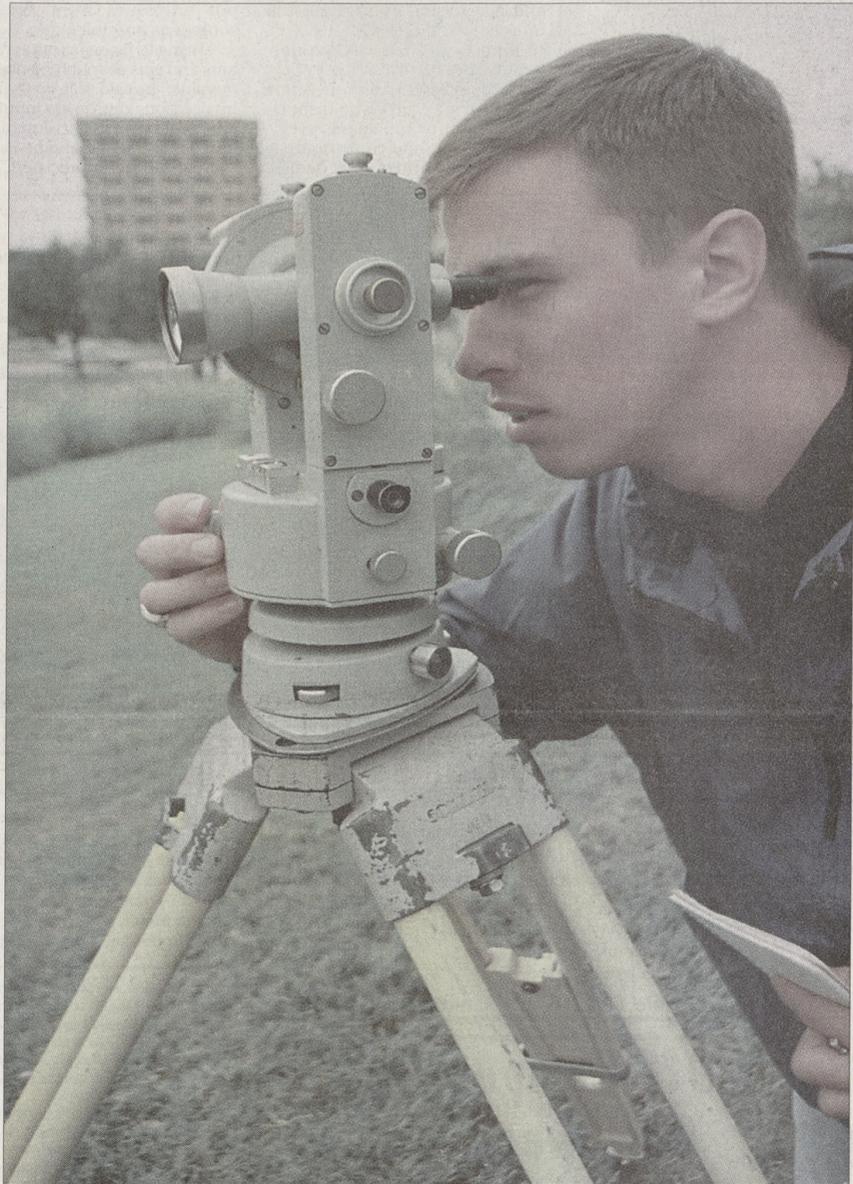
"To decrease the requirements for master's students might do an injustice to the spirit of the tradition," he said. "We want to be part of the tradition, and we want to preserve the integrity of the long-standing tradition."

Griffin said doctoral students are an important asset to the University, and often represent A&M around the country.

"This would be highly beneficial to A&M, because graduate students would be making presentations at national meetings with a big ol' Aggie ring on their finger," he said.

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Survey says...



Marcus Brown, a senior construction science major, uses a theodolite to determine angles on a site near the intersection of Bizzell and Ross streets Tuesday morning.

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PROFILE:

Wayne Wylie

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Wylie

Dr. Wayne Wylie, speaker of the Faculty Senate, said his non-aggressive approach to solving issues facing Texas A&M faculty and students contributes to an atmosphere with a common goal — maintaining excellence in teaching and learning.

Wylie, who also is an associate professor of health and kinesiology at A&M, says he loves being a professor and speaker of the Senate.

"I particularly love the service part of my duties because we can all work through to solve issues that might be troubling to faculty and students," he said. "Texas A&M is a fantastic place for people to come to get their education, but we need to continually work to keep it a fantastic place."

Wylie said he has found his niche in trying to portray the feelings of the administration in the decision-making process.

"Basically, the idea here is that I truly believe that we are all working towards the same goal," he said. "If we complement each other and don't get wrapped up in arguments, we'll get to the solution a lot quicker — to me, that's better than sitting in the office and griping about what's wrong."

Wylie said he first heard about Texas A&M while serving in Vietnam as part of the U.S. Army.

"I was around a bunch of Aggies over in Vietnam, and they all told me what a great place A&M was," he said. "We depended on each other over there, and I trusted them, so I came to College Station when I came home."

Wylie graduated from Texas A&M in 1974 and taught health education at Bryan I.S.D. while working on his master's degree. Upon completing his master's, Wylie began a co-ed health program at College Station I.S.D. and coached basketball, baseball and football.

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Campus Leaders

Michael Stewart

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Stewart

Michael Stewart has his eyes on the future: his future, the future of Pan-Hellenic and the future of Texas A&M.

Eric Hopkins, a senior business analysis major and the treasurer of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, said Stewart makes good use of his time and listens to other leaders.

"Michael has good time-management skills," Hopkins said. "He balances a lot of things at one time. He is able to be a follower when others have responsibilities. Michael brings a look at the future of the organization to mold characters of others in the organization."

As president of the Texas A&M Pan-Hellenic Association, Stewart coordinates eight different organizations, targeting the black community on campus.

"In previous organizations, I have been a leader," Stewart said. "This year, I have learned to be a manager as well. We are responsible for (coordinating) programs within the black community."

Stewart, a senior mechanical engineering major and president of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, served in the Corps of Cadets for four years.

"My greatest moments were becoming a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and becoming a Ross Volunteer (in the Corps)," Stewart said. "I have seen talent all over the campus. I think that Texas A&M is the greatest school in the world."

The Corps of Cadets drew Stewart to A&M. As a senior at Kileen High School, Stewart considered attending Florida State University or the U.S. Military Academy.

"Texas A&M and the Corps of Cadets offered me the best of both worlds," he said. "Texas A&M is a true microcosm of the real world. We can learn from our mistakes without it having the effect of a life-long detriment."

Danny Feather, the Corps of Cadets commander, said he lived upstairs from Stewart when he was a freshman.

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