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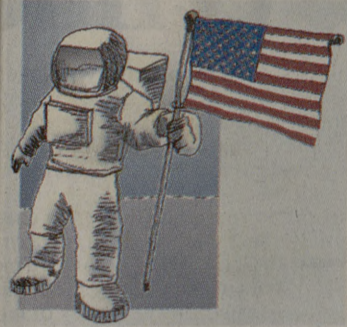
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Corps officials to examine issues facing female cadets

BY CARRIE BENNETT AND RYAN WEST
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Officials in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets and the Department of Student Life will begin an investigation into the overall climate for female cadets beginning Aug. 30.

Maj. Joseph "Doc" Mills, media relations coordinator for the Corps, said the investigation will begin this fall, when students have returned, in response to allegations of harassment and incidents of vandalism. Officials will examine not only harassment reports compiled by Student Life but all facets of female life in the Corps.

One such incident occurred during April's Parents Weekend. An intoxicated male cadet entered a women's bathroom and broke two stall dividers, one toilet and tore down two shower curtains, causing more than \$800 in damages.

In another incident, a male cadet was caught "peeping" into a women's restroom; when questioned, the cadet claimed he entered the restroom to wash his arm.

Colonel Lee McCleskey, assistant commandant for discipline, said neither property destruction nor the "peeping Tom" incidents are common within the Corps. He said in the case of the peep-

ing Tom, the Commandant's office staff determined the disciplinary action taken: The cadet was placed on probation and ordered to write apology letters.

McCleskey said the case of the vandalized women's restroom was handled by the Cadet Court, a panel of nine junior and senior cadets who operate the proceedings, which ordered the cadet to pay \$800 in restitution. He was also placed on University probation, ordered to receive counseling and perform community service. The court's decisions were validated by McCleskey.

Mills said that out of the 121 disciplinary cases last year, nine were gender related. He said all investigations concerning harassment against females have been closed.

"[Cadet Court] shows that our cadets, as a whole, do not approve of that kind of behavior," Mills said. "The cadets have mechanisms for self-policing, and they have shown they will use them."

Sgt Allan Baron, of the University Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, said that as with any other organization on campus, the correct thing for leaders to do is to instruct the victim to file a police report.

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The Texas A&M Corps of Cadets is looking into issues concerning the treatment of women in the Corps.

Commissioner OKs Bush independence

School of government to report to provost

BY VERONICA SERRANO
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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Commissioner Don Brown approved Texas A&M's request to make the George Bush School of Government and Public Service an independent academic unit that will report to the University's Provost.

The commissioner's approval, handed down Tuesday, is the final step required to remove the Bush school from A&M's College of Liberal Arts.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board considered the change to be a "nonsubstantive administrative request," which does not require as much information as substantive administrative request.

In a substantive administrative change request, the University must explain the exact administrative change proposed, project for five years the current administrative load under the present organizational structure and explain what would be expected under the new system as well as among other details regarding the change.

In a nonsubstantive change proposal, the University has only to briefly describe the change.

The Bush School of Government & Public Service

Janis Stout, dean of faculties and acting executive vice president and provost, said the whole board approval was not required because the change was considered non-substantial.

She said she is pleased with the commissioner's decision.

In his letter to current provost Ron Douglas, Brown said the board understood the administrative change will enable A&M to make use of the \$1,242,707 set aside by the Texas Legislature for the Bush School, which was contingent upon the School attaining independent status, and that the board understood other benefits the University would gain by allowing the change.

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Under control



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Air traffic controller Wes Turnbow radios coordinates and flight information to incoming planes at Easterwood Airport Wednesday.

Technical majors to offer training in language skills

BY STUART HUTSON
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A \$180,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education will allow students to have a foreign language and culture certificate training oriented toward students' technical majors starting this fall.

The program is a cooperative effort between the College of Liberal Arts' Department of Modern and Classical Languages and the colleges of Engineering, Agriculture and Life Sciences and Veterinary Medicine.

The programs to be offered include a German certificate pro-

gram for engineering students, a Spanish certificate program for veterinary medicine students, and Spanish and Russian certificate programs for agriculture and life sciences students.

Richard Curry, director of undergraduate programs for the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, said students participating in the program will take 15 hours of language courses with additional hours in international education courses.

Curry said the language and international education courses will be tailored to each major by including learning tools such as

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technically oriented reading material and speakers discussing the topic of working internationally in their areas of interest.

Students will have the opportunity to spend a semester participating in study abroad programs and internships.

Curry said that this expanded education will be invaluable to those students who decide to enter the international workplace after they graduate from Texas A&M.

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Researchers target gene-based defects

MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) — Geneticists at the University of Minnesota are one step closer to finding a way to remove human defects.

The university is one of two schools chosen in July from a pool of 90 institutions to receive a \$2.5 million grant for genetic research.

The money would further the development for what has been dubbed the "Sleeping Beauty" genetic research, a system of genetic transfer discovered at the university.

The grant, which begins Sept. 1, was handed out by the California-based Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation Technology Development Grant.

Sleeping Beauty is an artificial DNA construction that will allow scientists to study genes through mutations, according to Perry Hackett, a professor of the Department of Ge-

netics, Cell Biology and Development at the University.

Sleeping Beauty works as a transfer agent of genes. A modified version of a gene no longer found in fish, it has been awakened by Hackett's team, who named it after the fairy-tale princess.

The Sleeping Beauty transposon is a segment of DNA that moves to a new location in a chromosome. Once it marks the gene by causing it to mutate, scientists can pinpoint defects.

Ekker said this allows the researchers to locate genetic defects that are almost impossible to find.

"If you have the opportunity to develop a drug that rescues possible defects people have, you have a moral obligation to do something," he said.

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