

Tech spurs



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Freshman psychology major and K1 member Frank Cisneros attaches spurs to his shoes after class. The spurs consist of 104 hammered bottle caps and are worn by the freshman Corps of Cadets members to build spirit for Saturday's Texas Tech game.

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CRASH

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Flying the same route. Two men in a separate plane landed safely.

The planes had been at Easterwood Airport, and according to flight logs, both planes were headed for Arlington, but only one took off.

The two men in the other airplane both spoke Arabic and were interviewed through interpreters at the Brazos County Sheriff's office. Mann said there was a reported language barrier between the controllers and the men flying the downed aircraft, adding that they spoke only broken English.

Officials from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Houston arrived shortly before noon and took charge of the investigation. Mann said the sheriff's office was there only to "maintain the integrity of the crash site."

CORPS

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program, and this will help to do so. Another meeting with the AOC scheduled tentatively for May.

Currently, freshman and sophomore cadets are required to sit CQ Sunday through Thursday. CQ is three hours of required study time with no interruptions. Also, on Wednesday nights, cadets can sit for a "Marathon Call to Quarters," which lasts from 3 to 10 p.m.

Academic tutors and volunteers, who answer questions, are available to the cadets on a daily basis.

Dr. Mark Weichold, associate provost for undergraduate programs and academic services, said the AOC was not compiling statistics on the cadets' grades and did not approach the Corps and scholastic personnel with complaints for the August meeting.

Weichold said that not all students can study well in the same type of environment.

"Each student has individual learning styles, and the Corps style of studying may not be suited to their needs," he said. Weichold said he hopes to continue meeting with the Corps, scholastic personnel and the AOC.

Joe Wagner, elector for the Center of Academic Enhancement (CAE), said students need to base their study environments on what works best for them, and that different types of study areas need to be explored in order to find one that suits them best. The CQ program for cadets may be unsuitable for their personal needs, he said.

The CAE recommends students study three hours outside of class for every hour they are in lecture.

Laura Arth, senior academic adviser for the Corps, said some of the suggestions made by AOC are already in place and some are under consideration. However, it is not likely that definitive action will be taken because Arth said they are pleased with the grades of the Corps freshmen.

They outscore nine out of 10 freshman students in the various colleges.

Despite the attention given to academics, cadets are not required to study in their dorm rooms and have been known to go out instead of heading to the library as they told their junior in charge of Call to Quarters (JCQ).

The Navy ROTC program has instituted a plan that seems to be keeping cadets from skipping out on CQ and helping cadets keep up with their schoolwork. Steve Walker, executive officer for the Navy ROTC, said scholarship cadets under contract to the Navy ROTC who have cumulative or semester grade-point ratios of less than 2.5 are required to study 15 hours per week. This study period is enforced by setting up a study room in the Military Sciences Building and keeping it open for five or six hours a night. The cadets are required to sign in and out and are monitored by night guards.

Walker said, "Our program is still evolving and we hope to make it even better in the future."



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