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School Representatives located in the MSC Flagroom and Foyer

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Mills said. "I can't make sweeping generalities about someone else's viewpoints."

John said the problem with the lack of acceptance in the Corps is that the institution breeds its own attitudes and not many are willing to set a new precedent.

"The institution perpetuates themselves, but the individuals come and go," he said. "The Corps needs to be open to things it can't understand before going with the status quo — want to understand, ask to understand."

Nonetheless, John said the existence of the gay community within the Corps is common knowledge to cadets. He said he has heard that the gay population is estimated to be between 15 and 20 percent of the Corps.

But he said that because of the nature of the Corps, no gays are open about their preferences. John said acceptance of gays is not the Corps' only discriminatory feature.

"The integration of women is still a problem in the Corps," he said.

Every cadet who leaves the Corps has to go through an exit interview.

"This is when he can discuss what is on his mind and if he chooses not to acknowledge it at the time then what can we do," Mills said. "We would be glad to discuss this with him, but every case is different, every human is different. We are here and willing to listen and help him arrive to solutions."

For the first time, two women were placed in Company E-2, a traditionally all-male outfit, for Fall 2000. Neither of those women is still in the outfit today.

However, John said, the discrimination felt by gay cadets outweighs discrimination based on race and gender.

"I wish people could understand what I go through on a daily basis," he said. "Being black, or a woman, you can see and understand that. But I think being gay is misunderstood because it is not something that is tangible."

Despite the legal protection of gay students now provided by the student rules, put into effect this semester by A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen, John said it would still be almost impossible for a gay student to remain in the Corps.

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— "John" a former Corps member who requested anonymity

He said other cadets can "ram" a cadet out of the Corps by being very petty with inspections, thus issuing enough rams — demerits — that could force a cadet out.

"Much like many other aspects of our organization, the Corps models its basic approach to sexuality issues after the official approach adopted by the Armed Forces of the United States while also following Texas

A&M University policies on the subject," said Corps Commandant Welch, a senior finance major.

However, John said that the military and hence the same "ask, don't tell" policy is inappropriate. Unlike the armed forces, the Corps Standard does not place cadets cannot be in uniform, but that does not apply. John said, regardless, for a degree from A&M will be his perseverance.

"I know that there is anti-discrimination here," he said. "Grad from A&M means a lot to me."

Being open in what he called "Closet Station" and getting the Corps shot down all of his career plans and ultimately change his life. John had served four years of active duty in the military and was on contract to complete a degree before returning.

"I basically gave it all up because it was too difficult for me to lie," he said.

But being at A&M has had a positive impact of its own. "It opened a lot of things that I had been repressed for four years in the military," he said. "If they are going to be a disgrace or embarrassment, then they are saying that gay is bad."

John said gay cadets cannot tell themselves to arms because they remain underground, but he believes that if all gay cadets were to announce their sexual orientation, the Corps would be more accepting.

"I am not on a personal crusade," John said. "But if I can help a person understand what it's like to be gay, I have done something for the betterment of someone."

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