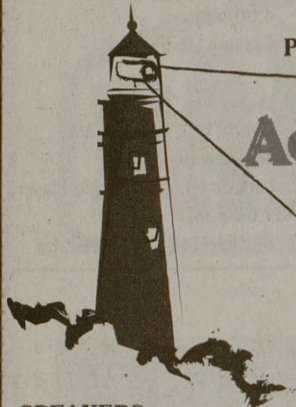


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## EXHIBIT

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"We want to spark discussion and interact in a civil fashion," Sperrath said.

The Texas A&M chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW), a historically pro-choice group, will have a table set up at Rudder Fountain, where they will be distributing information and speaking with students.

"We aren't going to be obnoxious or loud," said Krista Benson, secretary of the A&M chapter of NOW and a senior psychology major. "We are just going to sit in our place and be there representing our group."

Dennis Busch, assistant director of special event facilities, said Rudder Fountain is one of three designated free-speech areas on campus. To reserve a free-speech area, an application for public assembly must be completed and approved by Busch.

"I can't make a decision based on context," Busch said. "It's a free-speech area. It's almost an automatic approval, as long as the space is not already reserved for that time."

## GRADES

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major, said the Corps has an ongoing focus on academics.

"We have been caring for many years that academics are number one in the Corps," Carson said. "We are here to get a degree, and that's our number one focus."

Cadets have many academic resources available to them.

The Corps also has a mandatory "call to quarters," during which cadets must be in their rooms and studying between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sunday through

Forrest Lane, student body president and a senior political science major, said students have the right to free speech in this area, regardless of content.

"No one wants to take away the free speech rights of students," he said. "It is a designated free speech area, and they have every right to set up displays."

There will be signs warning students about the exhibit as they approach Rudder Fountain.

"Students who do not want to face the panels can choose not to walk by there next week," Lane said.

Durkin said increased awareness and cooperation between groups is necessary in this controversial issue.

"Since the Roe vs. Wade decision, there have been a great number of benefits that have come from abortion," Durkin said. "For example, the mortality rate of low income minority women has decreased dramatically."

"If people are truly wanting to reduce the number of abortions occurring, we should join together to increase awareness through education and easier access to medical care."

## WEHNER

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"We didn't gain any additional space despite our move from Blocker," he said.

However, Hellriegel added that demand for space is much greater now then when Wehner was built, because of a drastic increase in business school student enrollment.

Hellriegel said the two most distinctive and exciting features of the new wing will be the trading floor and the special events room, which is designed to host events such as honor luncheons, scholar banquets, student group meetings and visiting speakers.

The plans for the new wing were first discussed internally. A group of business professors and faculty members established a list of features that were desired and needed. Hellriegel said these plans initially totaled more than 124 pages.

"We needed to write down what our base needs were and how we could facilitate those goals," Hellriegel said. "The amount of funding

Thursday, Carson said.

"We have been very strict with that, to make sure the freshmen are studying," Carson said.

The GPR for the Corps in Fall 1987 was just below 2.29; for freshmen, it was 2.1. Since then, the Corps' overall GPR has risen, with only a few variations.

The Fall 1999 GPR of 2.7 was the highest Corps average in the past 13 years.

"With any organization, you try to pick out your flaws," Carson said. "There are many things you can do to improve any part of any organization. We try to do that all of the time."

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— Phillip Carson  
Corps of Cadets scholastics officer

available and the number of square feet ultimately decides what the new wing will hold."

He said once preliminary ideas were established, the committee met with architects and design planners from the Facilities and Planning Department on campus.

Hellriegel said the main goal of the additions was "to be seamless, so if you came five years from now you would never even know it didn't exist before."

The interior design is designed to be similar to the main plaza of the original structure.

Haas said that there should be no major long-term disruptions to parking around the Wehner Building during construction, and no additional parking areas are planned to be added to the Wehner complex with this renovation.

Haas said bids for the construction will open this summer.

"If all goes as planned, we will begin construction in December of 2001, and we should finish in June of 2003," he said. "This will allow occupancy to occur in September of 2003."

## CORPS

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largest collegiate Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program in the nation. A&M is the biggest of the six senior military colleges, surpassing the population of the Citadel.

"Most cadets choose to join the Corps for the solid foundation and unique set of skills that are applicable anywhere the cadet chooses to go in life," Welsh said. "The Corps makes one sharper, stronger and more competitive in either civilian or military life."

Welsh said the Corps presents unique opportunities to their cadets, such as special operations training units.

"If a cadet chooses to participate in a branch of the military, the Corps is obligated to provide a cadet with the type of training adequate to graduate as a military officer, and the cadets are commissioned as lieutenants on the day they graduate from A&M," Welsh said.

Welsh said many students join the Corps for the intensity and "the way it sharpens the whole person by developing a final product with a solid academic foundation and excellent military training."

Trent Johnson, Corps Recruiting Officer and a senior biomedical science major, said the Corps participates in numerous recruitment efforts, including attending college nights at high schools across Texas, at which Corps members speak to prospective students and their parents about the benefits of joining the Corps.

Johnson said he tries to impress upon potential cadets the opportunity to "be a part of the tradition the school was started upon." He added that he attempts to present the challenge and glory of being a member of the Corps.

Johnson said there are also financial benefits to joining the Corps. The Corps issued over 800 scholarships last year alone, and Johnson said that if a student signs up with the ROTC, cadets could be eligible to receive a four-year scholarship from the ROTC. In addition, the University waives out-of-state tuition costs for cadets coming to Texas from other states.

Johnson said A&M has more officers enter the Air Force than any other military academy in the country and A&M continues to contribute many officers to the other branches.

Welsh said the Corps is an excellent place to do good things and be recognized for them while building personal character.

"The Corps is for people who want to inspire, motivate and lead people to a common goal," Welsh said.

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