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Corps Fish Drill Team reinstated

By TANYA NADING THE BATTALION

Disbanded in 1997 for hazing violations, the Corps of Cadets Fish Drill Team will be reinstated for Spring 2001, Texas A&M officials said.

In 1997, a complaint arose from a freshman cadet who said the upperclassmen advisers were physically assaulting him. Further complaints

developed and resulted in the suspension of nine upperclassmen student advisors from the Corps.

Shortly after the nine students were suspended, a decision was made to disband the team for the 1997-1998 school year with no set reactivation time.

Trevor Voelkel, Corps public relations officer and a senior finance major, said special regulations will be instituted to prevent hazing from occurring.

'There'll be a lot more rules and reg-

ulations for the advisors and participants to use to stop any hazing from occurring," Voelkel said. "There's a whole different mentality in the Corps now then there was in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Cadets know that it's not necessary to haze to produce a

strong drill team." Col. Anthony Groves, Corps assistant commandant for training and operations, said juniors Jerry Aymond, a history major and Michelle Peters, an interdisciplinary studies major, were chosen Tuesdays as senior advisors.

"I'm really pumped," Aymond said. Peters will be the first woman to be a senior advisor to the drill team.

"I'm looking forward to helping to bring back a tradition in the Corps," Peters said. "This is a positive opportunity that will represent the Corps in national competitions."

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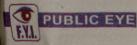
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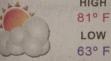


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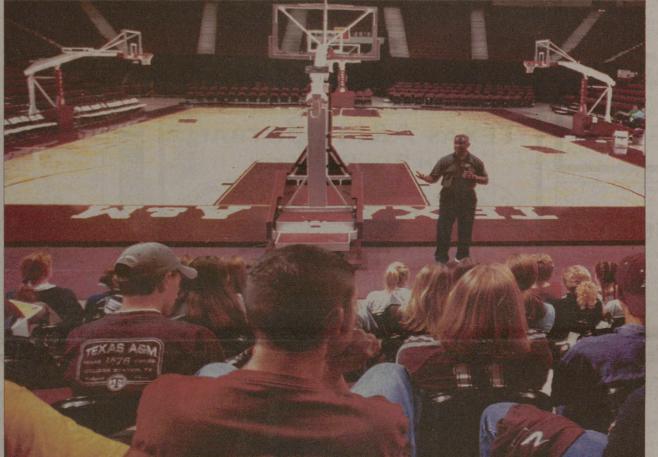
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Texas A&M men's head basketball coach Melvin Watkins they are working on putting "post-season" into the Aggie vocabaddresses students in Reed Arena Thursday evening. Watkins ulary. The Aggies will host two exhibition games, one on Nov. 8 spoke and answered questions about the team, the upcoming and another on Nov. 14, before the regular season opens season and the future of Aggie basketball. Watkins also said that against George Washington University on Nov. 19.

'Hullabaloo Caneck,' correct?

By C.E. WALTERS THE BATTALION

A recently proposed Residence Hall Association resolution would encourage Aggies to sing both verses of the Aggie War Hymn, rather than repeating the second verse twice.

The resolution was proposed at the Oct. 24 RHA General Assembly by Carrie Edstrom, a junior political science major.

The motion was tabled so delegates could go back to their halls and get

Many members expressed concern

that it was not an appropriate time, while supporters argued that it had to be done soon so future freshman might learn it at Fish Camp.

"It's always bothered me that we have two verses and only sing one," Edstrom said. "I really like the idea of being about what we're about instead of what we're against."

Edstrom distributed lyrics before the Iowa State game and said she was encouraged when many students sang both verses. Edstrom said she has also been sending out her proposal in emails and posting it on forums.

She and RHA Public Relations

Director Matt Speight have also been talking with Yell Leaders, whose support is essential if the effort is to be successful, Edstrom said, but added that she hopes students make up their own minds.

"I think it really depends on what the yell leaders want, but I would like the student body to decide for themselves," she said.

Edstrom said yell leaders have not supported past measures to introduce both verses.

"If the student body doesn't support singing both verses then I'll let it

drop," she said.

Senate approves Bonfire measure

By ELIZABETH RAINES THE BATTALION

The Student Senate passed a resolution Wednesday, urging Texas A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen to keep his commitment to having a Bonfire in 2002

The resolution, which passed 39-13 after a lengthy and heated debate, reaffirmed students' support for Bonfire and asked the adminstration to secure the necessary funds for the project and urges Bowen to do everything in his power to ensure Bonfire burns next year.

'President Bowen has a commitment to the students of Texas A&M — to ensure that the quality of our life and the things that are important to us about this university continue," said Kevin Capps, a senator and sophomore history major. "I know that he understands and that he respects that and that he will hopefully do everything in his power to make sure that we will have Bonfire 2002."

Capps said the idea for the resolution came about after many students approached him about their concerns regarding the future of Bonfire.

"We've got to make decisions," Capps said. "We have to do our job to speak on behalf of the student body."

Most senators supported the resolution, including some of who may not have personally supported it.

Sen. Trent Collier, a senior biomedical science major, who personally does not support Bonfire because of the experience he had surrounding 1999 Bonfire, said he was in full support of the resolution to pass.

"I really want this resolution to pass," Collier said. "I understand how important this is, and I understand that the majority of students don't share the opinion that I have, which is why I really, really want this resolution to pass."

Some senators opposed the wording of the resolution, which, they said, was

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Wiatt continues to fight crime after 50 years

By AMANDA SMITH THE BATTALION

At age 75 and with 50 years of service under his belt, Texas A&M Police Department Director Bob Wiatt said he plans to continue his work indefinitely and has no

"I have a wonderful wife, Ann, who tells me I better not sit around the house and contemplate retirement, Wiatt said. "I have no hobbies. I have never really had a lot of time for them.

Wiatt, who has a law degree, began his career in law enforcement as an FBI agent in 1951. His assignments with the FBI included working with the assassination investigations of President John F. Kennedy and federal Judge John Wood.

Before being transferred to Bryan in 1958, his duty assignments included work in Atlanta, New York, Puerto Rico, Phoenix and Houston.

We fell in love with the Texas A&M community when we came here," Wiatt said. "We decided

After Wiatt retired from the FBI in 1980, he served

two years as a chief investigator and intake attorney for

the Brazos County District Attorney's Office in Bryan. In 1983, Wiatt was hired as the director of the University Police Department, which, at the time, was also responsible for parking until the Department of Parking, Traffic and Transportation Services (PTTS) was created in 1989.

"We then became a pure police department," Wiatt said. "So we were able to supplement our parking people with security people. With that, we became a police department, rather than a hybrid department."

Wiatt said he inherited a police department that was not favored by the community.

"When I came here, our police department was not looked upon with too much favor," Wiatt said. "I think we have since established the fact that we are professional. We have superb personnel."

Among his staff, Wiatt is favored for his commitment to enhancing law enforcement at A&M.

Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, who was appointed to supervise UPD's Crime Prevention Unit in 1989, said Wiatt shows a great deal of compassion for the community.

Bob Wiatt





"I can truthfully say that Bob really cares about the safety and security of the A&M community," Kretzschmar said. "He supports sound police work, investigations, and preventative education. He has a deep compassion for the victims of crime. This can be reflected in the fact he is on several victims communityoriented boards. Mr. Wiatt truly believes in the fellowship of law enforcement and his community.

Sgt. Betty Lemay, a 16-year veteran of UPD and a member of the crime prevention team, said Wiatt has responded to the change and growth within the Texas A&M community.

'This campus and our department have experienced

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