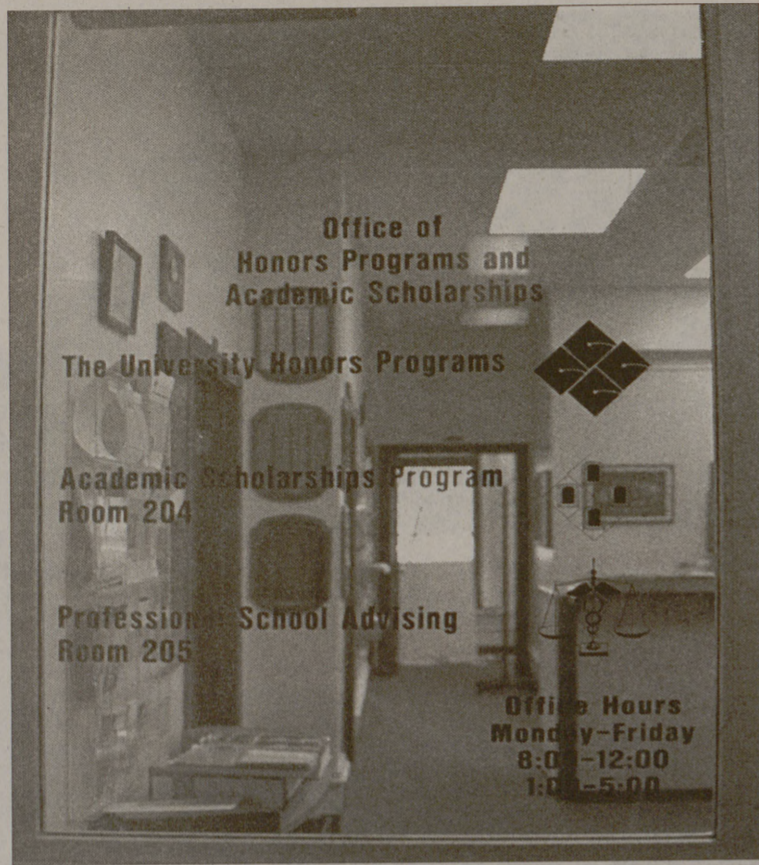


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Program opens door

By Cassie Oberloier
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The Honors Program is an organization for A&M students who have graduated in the top 10% of their high school class. They have to score at least a 1250 on the SAT or a 28 on the ACT. Freshmen sign up at the New Student Conference. Upper classmen can register for their next semester honor classes in November and April.

"Not only can you register early, you can take smaller classes with some of the university's top professors" said Lauren Imlay, Class of 2004.

"I love the Honors classes here because students have the opportunity to take classes not usually offered and the professors teach the courses according to their focus or specialty," Christine Humphrey, an Honors student.

Honors classes are small,

usually having around 20 students. Honors pupils have more of an opportunity to be one on one with the professors and feel

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more relaxed when talking to the teacher. Honors professors teach both regular and classes

and the Honors classes.

Entering Freshmen can only take one Honors class. If an Upper Classmen wishes to take two classes they should talk to any of the Honors Advisors and tell the advisor why they need or want to take another one. The advisor will then look at their GPR and if it is high enough the Honors Program will let the student take the extra class. To take two classes, the pupil must be working toward graduation with the Honors Program.

The Honors program helps the students get international scholarships. The Office of Professional School Advising, an office in the Honors Program, helps students who want to be in law school or in another professional program after leaving A&M. Being in the program gives students an advantage that they might not have in a regular class.

Are you ready?

By Christina Kollman
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"Nurse, I need 5 cc's of phine stat!"

This is a common phrase associated with an emergency room doctor. New freshman checking into A&M this week found out their childhood dream, finally, come true. With the Office of Professional School Advising (OPSA) available at A&M, students can go to college and still be working towards getting their Medical Degree.

Thanks to television series, "E.R.," popular belief is that Medical School is the only professional school, but it's not. TAMU has the only Vet School in the state, it also has many other professional schools. A&M students can go to professional school, study Law, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry, Secondary Teaching Certification can also be obtained at a professional school.

OPSA hands out pamphlets and informational packets about the courses students need to take in order to go to a professional school after graduation. It also helps students acquire the personal skills to help them to become a better student in both college and in a professional school. These personal skills include the ability to talk in front of a crowd, patience, compassion, an understanding of the job they are about to embark on.

Nothing but good reports can be found about the OPSA and the help for that matter.

"We help students out by providing need help." Said Iman Akbar, OPSA student worker.

Added Quentin Perry, "I'm more transferring into business in the fall, "I would definitely go to OPSA for help because choosing a graduate school is a big decision and I want to know all of the options."

Cadets strive to be good enough

By Justin Rector
THE YAPPER

Recruits. That word means a lot to Corps of Cadets, and future Corps of Cadets members. On Tuesday, June 18, 2002 cadets gathered to meet the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) captains at the Corps Center to learn about what will happen once they join the Corps. Many weary and excited parents gathered to watch their children begin college life.

The Corps of Cadets is a military training operation on campus and is in its 125th anniversary year. The road down the Corps is a long and rigorous four-year journey. The Corps members

must dress in military attire and the "fish" or freshmen must go through ROTC. Also there is a band known as the Fighting Texas Aggie Band which is strictly Corps.

In the first years of the university, students were required to belong to the Corps, but now it is voluntary.

The goal of the Corps is to raise its student numbers to 2,600, the number is currently at 2,000.

The crew of generals, cadets, and directors all welcomed recruits with open arms and a hopeful feeling of newness and the future. "Don't let anyone tell you its good enough, nothing is good enough," Debbie Jackson, Career Services Coordinator of the corps, said.

Phillips an incoming freshman from Denver, Colorado majoring in political science says, "I'm excited and happy to be following the family footsteps."

Phillips is the third generation in his family to come into the military. He declared that he is glad to start in the Corps and Texas A&M because, "I'm starting my life out from under my parents" and that "Coming from a military background has given me a special insight into the world of military."

Matt Maury, a Senior in B-Battery and the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band, said "The seniors are looking forward to the new Fish class because the Fish and Seniors are very close," Maury said, "I had no idea I was oblivious to what was

going on and the people I met I still know and they're like best friends."

The first two years are ROTC for Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines. And after you can continue on with your military career. "I am not going to further my military service," Maury said, "I hope to be a pilot and not follow my father in his army life and go into air force," Land said. The corps is training for life and for the future.

Every one recognizes cadets by their military attire. Matt is proud of his colors and also his uniform. General Don Johnson said that you must keep your uniform clean. As for the short hair, Lane said, "Losing the hair isn't bad. It's like a right of passage."



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A&M hosts youth program

By Jay Woodward
THE YAPPER

The YOUTH ADVENTURE PROGRAM (YAP) is a series of one-week courses designed to encourage career exploration in fields of interest for gifted and talented middle school and high school students. All courses are held on the College Station campus of Texas A&M University.

Dr. William Nash, director of Texas A&M's Institute for the Gifted and Talented, says that although there are no admission criteria, applicants should be highly motivated to learn, think, and solve problems as well as have an interest in attending college.

University professors and other professionals teach the Youth Adventure Program courses and while instructors may do some lecturing to introduce concepts and principles, major emphasis is given to "discussing (yapping) and doing" as a strategy for engaging students in the investigative process.

Courses being offered for the 2002 Summer Session include: Psychology,

Computer Design, Law School, Medical School, Performance Theater, Architecture: Designing Cities for the Future, Veterinary Medicine, Advanced Graphics and Animation, Interpreting Music, and of course, Journalism. Classes meet 9:00-11:30AM and 1:30-3:00PM Monday through Friday. Four separate weeks of courses are offered this summer and the camps run from June 16th to July 20th. Students are housed in the The Tradition at North Gate, a private dormitory located just off the Texas A&M campus.

Aside from the academic enrichment opportunities that these bright, young individuals experience, the Youth Adventure Program prides itself on the social and recreational activities that allow for interaction outside of the classroom. Bill Nash says that "the neatest thing for the kids is the experience of being with other kids who are gifted and talented. . .they find out that they're not the only one in the world with unique talents." Students are afforded the opportunity to meet other individuals from across the state and nation that have similar interests and the friendships they make at

this camp can last a lifetime. Students have access to the Texas A&M Recreation Center for rock-climbing, swimming, jogging, basketball, volleyball, racquetball, ping-pong, and pool. Other evening events include swim parties, murder mystery dinners, themed dances, and their heralded "Wacky Olympics" and "Picture Scavenger Hunt" activities.

The Youth Adventure Program was initiated in 1996 with an enrollment of approximately 100 students. The 2002 camp has nearly 300 students enrolled with every class filled to capacity. Jay Woodward, the current director of the Youth Adventure Program attributes this growth to a large base of returning students and their sharing of their positive experiences with friends back at home. Woodward also notes that graduate and undergraduate students receive University credit for participating as counselors with the program.

For more information about the Youth Adventure Program, please visit their website at www.globalnets.com/yap or phone the Institute for the Gifted and Talented at 845-1802.

THE YAPPER BIOS

This is a biography of each of the 16 YAP campers that helped create today's edition of The Yapper:

C.J. Roell lives in Austin, Texas. He goes to St Louis school and he loves to listen to his music.

Linda Berlakovich lives in Argyle, Texas and is going into 8th grade. She goes to Liberty Christian School and loves to play with her cats.

Shaun O'Neal is 13 years old, goes to AMCMS, and is going into 8th grade.

Will Erwin is 11 years old, from Grand Saline. He goes to Grand Saline Intermediate and is in 6th grade.

Shireen Jahedkar is from Bryan, Texas. She is 11 and is going to St Michaels Academy.

Cassie Oberloier is 11, goes to school at Lorena Middle School and is going into the 6th grade.

Madalyn Rizzo is 12 and is going into the 7th grade. She goes to Lake Jackson Intermediate.

Caitlyn Travis is 11 years old and goes to Brazosport Christian School. She is going into the 7th grade.

Christina Kollman is going into the 8th grade, is 13 years old and goes to Harmony Junior High.

Brittany Payne is 13, is going into the 8th grade and goes to Wills Point Junior High.

Ashley Montoya is 11 years old. She lives in Austin and loves basketball and swimming. She wants to major in marine biology.

Donny Pohlenz lives in Dallas, Texas. He is 12 years old and goes to Kimbrough Middle School.

Kaitlyn Jorge is 13 years old. She lives in Allen TX and goes to Ford Middle School.

Alicia Junaid goes to West Middle School. She lives in Arlington and is 12 years old.

Justin Rector lives in Houston and his favorite quote is "It's about life and the way you live."

Tricia Anderson goes to Liberty Christian School. She lives in Denton and turns 13 on June 23.

Dr. Lynne Masel Walters is an associate professor of journalism and director of the International Studies Degree Program.

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