



## Lifestyles

### Data decisions

As technology advances and invades the privacy of homes, the privacy of lives diminishes with the emergence of data driven decision making. ■ 3



## Sports

### Aggie plays in U.S. Open

Aggie tennis player Austin Krajicek played in the main event in August at the U.S. Open. Krajicek is the second Aggie to compete at the U.S. Open. ■ 7

### Big 12 sweeps opponents

After a rocky Week 1, the Big 12 rebounded by defeating all of their opponents. A&M took it's first victory it's season behind backup quarterback Jerrod Johnson. ■ 7



## Voices

### Drinking age laws revisited

The Uniform Drinking Age Act was established two decades ago. Experts and students agree that the current drinking laws need tweaking. ■ 11



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Lt. Gen. Joseph Weber was selected Aug. 15 by the A&M System Board of Regents as the vice president of Student Affairs.

# Three stars, three pillars

## New vice president of Student Affairs, Lt. General Weber feels right at home in Aggieland

### Joseph Weber

- born in Weimar, Texas
- A&M class of 1972
- 36 years in Marine Corps
- Master's from the University of Texas
- Taught leadership and speech in the Navy

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### Matt Woolbright

Special to The Battalion  
Thirty-six years and three stars later, Lt. Gen. Joseph Weber has returned to Texas A&M to serve as the vice-president of Student Affairs. While students moved into doms, the General, as he likes to be called, settled into his office. “I feel wonderful, magnificent,” Weber said. “This is a tremendous opportunity and I just about dropped the phone and fell off my barstool when [Elsa A. Murano] offered me the job.” The General met his wife at Aggieland and their two children have graduated from A&M. “I don’t know who was more excited, me or them,” Weber said. A&M holds a special place in Weber’s life. “My priorities are my God, my family, my country and my school,” Weber said. “There’s something special here — it’s called the spirit of Aggieland. If you haven’t been here, you can’t understand.” Weber said that while he served in the Marine Corps, he could always tell who was an Aggie because they were the ones who stood up and took the tough jobs. “It’s the training they received [in Aggieland] that prepared them so well,” Weber said.

Weber has three essential pillars to development during a student’s time: the mental or academic aspect, the physical, social aspect and the spiritual or inner-self peace. Weber said he plans to improve the academic pillar by fusing students and faculty together. “We need to create not only professional relationships between them, but personal relationships as well.” The social pillar is centered around more than 800 student organizations at A&M. “I want to be with the students and their programs. I am so interested and want to get involved with all of them,” Weber said. The final pillar may seem like it represents religion, but that is not the case. Weber called it the inner-self peace because it is different for every person. For some it may be religion, for others it could be anything. “We need to fill and satisfy that inner void inside of the students here,” Weber said. “We have enough organizations here for that to be accomplished for every Aggie.” Weber intends to take a very direct role in accomplishing these pillars, as he does not plan to be in his office very much. “I am going to be where the students are,” Weber said. “I want to ensure that we are doing the very best

# Aggies team up to recycle

## ■ A&M recycling gives students a chance to clean up their campus and their community

### Madiha Rizvi

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A student walking through the aisles of the computing center, may wonder where all the discarded cover sheets in the recycling bins go. This is where the Texas A&M recycling program, under the Physical Plant Department, comes in. “We have recycling bins [for paper] located in 135-145 locations on campus. The custodial workers collect those interior containers to recycle and bring them out the central location,” Tom Marshall, coordinator of recycling services said. “I have two drivers on a regular route and they pick up those bins when they are full and bring them back to the facility on trucks. My student workers take those bins unload them off the trucks and bring them into the facility and start manually sorting through them.”

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### What goes where

- College Station curbside pickup:
- All cans
  - Clear or brown glass
  - Plastic #1 and #2
  - Magazines and newspapers
- For more information: call 764-3690
- Bryan drive-in center:
- All cans
  - Plastic #1 and #2
  - Plastic bags
  - All paper
  - Cell phones
  - Batteries
- For more information: call 209-5675

# Commanding a campus presence

## ■ Corps seeks to involve freshmen in University life

### Nathan Ball

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Student leaders are bringing different priorities to the Corps of Cadets, starting with the freshmen. Jordan Reid, a senior political science major from Whitehouse, Texas, is the Corps commander, the highest ranking officer in the Corps and Andrew Davis, a senior international studies major from Longview, Texas, is the deputy corps commander. They want to make the Corps a more outreach-focused organization. Reid and Davis said that Corps life, especially for freshmen, is time-consuming. The freshmen can get so wrapped up in Corps activities and classes that they do not benefit from the diversity of people and student organizations Texas A&M has to offer. Reid and Davis said that Corps members who do not get involved are missing out. Reid said the Corps staff previously focused on raising academic and professional standards in the Corps. “Last year’s Corps Commander, Nick Guillemette, did lots of really great things,” Davis said. This year, Corps staff is encouraging Corps members, especially freshmen, to get

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Corps commander, senior political science major Jordan Reid, and Deputy Corps Commander, senior international studies major Andrew Davis, stand at the Academic Building.



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