

# Corps outfit disbanded

## L-1 has final review

by TODD WOODARD

**Battalion Staff**  
Commandant Col. James Woodall has deactivated Company L-1, the Lonestar Company — much to the dismay of outfit members, who are upset over the way it was handled.  
In a memorandum dated April 23, Woodall told Jeff Fincher, L-1's commanding officer, that the unit would be deactivated as of May 10.  
Woodall cited attitude and apathy problems within the outfit and referred to three incidents he said were indicative of problems within the outfit:  
An attempt to release a pig on Kyle Field during the Texas game.  
The destruction of two trees valued at \$400 belonging to a University professor.  
An FL game in which a pig manure in a cadet's room, causing \$400 in damage.  
"I'm trying to do what's best for the Corps," Woodall said.  
Because of arguments from outfit members and pressure from parents and friends, Woodall took until Final Review to reconsider the decision.  
Fincher picked a real bad way and a real bad time to do it, said commanding officer Jeff Fincher. "I found it difficult to think about the outfits when I was taking a break."  
The threat of disbandment would have been a real kick in the ass, he said. "Other units have really shaped up in the same situation."  
Fincher and other outfit members put together a letter to the Lonestar parents and friends which explained the outfit's version of the events mentioned in Woodall's memorandum. The letter was drafted in the hope that its recipients would pressure Woodall into reversing the decision.  
In the letter Fincher explained that the pig incident resulted from a similar successful action two years ago. The freshmen who released that pig "distinguished themselves and added spirit to the game," Fincher wrote.  
Efforts by other Corps members to release a stubborn chicken caused an uproar when the chicken was injured. The incident resulted in a no-animal rule at Kyle Field. Freshmen this year wanted to duplicate the Arkansas pig plot.  
But Fincher wanted to spare "the Office of the Com-

mandant any further embarrassment," he wrote, so he passed the word to Corps Staff to stop the incident. They did.

He went on to explain the other two incidents. Briefly, both were misunderstandings, Fincher wrote. The tree damage was during the Christmas season, when freshmen decorate the halls of their dormitory. As part of the process, they are expected to furnish Christmas trees.

They were told not to cross property lines, fences, or private property while hunting for a tree. The freshmen crossed onto some property owned by the professor, cutting down the trees valued at \$400.

The pig manure dump came at the prodding of last year's seniors, Fincher said. Some former seniors told freshmen they should dump pig manure in a sophomore's room to get back at that sophomore, who had insulted them and the unit's first sergeant, Luis Gonzalez.

They did — and four of them got caught. The four paid for the damages and were placed on conduct probation. Conduct probation means a student cannot represent Texas A&M in any official capacity. He is not eligible for financial aid, and the probation goes on his record.

Fincher said the problems had not occurred before. He said the freshmen overran guidelines.

"We didn't teach those fish to do that," he said. "It's just been a screwed year," said L-1 freshman Harvey Haney. "We tried to do things right, but just screwed up on them."

"They obviously couldn't control their freshmen," Woodall said. "Freshmen will respond to the attitude of the upperclassmen," he added.

"We say that a commander is responsible for what a unit does and does not do," outfit adviser Capt. Donald Markus said. "I have seen other outfits with attitudes that were worse, and other outfits with attitudes that were better."

"As far as my opinion, I support Col. Woodall and his decision," Markus said.

The people who will be hurt the most by the deactivation order will be the five juniors in the outfit.

Of those five, Gonzalez will lose the most. He was commander-designate.

"I'll be the first to admit we haven't performed up to par," Gonzalez said. "But we were getting better. There should have been some kind of probation. From the

things Col. Woodall said, it was a decision he had to make."

Haney said, "We have done some stupid things, but all fish do stupid things."

Fincher disagreed with Woodall's bad attitude charge. He said that classes before this year had the reputation of being "red-ass," of resisting authority and being rebellious. "We were a quiet class," he said.

No unit has been deactivated in the last five years, although some have split or combined, Lt. Col. Don Johnson, assistant commandant, said.

When a unit disbands, the people in it have few choices. They can change to another unit, drop out of the Corps or drop out of the University.

Outfit members don't like the idea of going to other outfits.

"When you go to another outfit, you're an outcast," Gonzalez said.

Fincher wrote, "When the cadets of this outfit are re-assigned to other outfits, they will be nothings."

"The ease of frogging in is a function of what outfit it is. It is not easy," he added.

Frogging in — which usually means entering the Corps after a student's freshman year — means jumping to other outfits in this sense.

"We (the freshmen) have got the best deal for going into other outfits," Haney said. "The seniors next year, they're not going to be anything."

"If I were a junior in that outfit, I'd look for a unit that had a job opening," Johnson said. "Or they may say, 'I have some good buddies in another unit.'"

"We would like to place them where they have friends already," Woodall said.

Woodall said he sympathized with the unit. His own unit, Spider D, disbanded when he was a freshman to make room for more air and navy units. He said he understands the difficulties of switching units.

"The decision was mine," Woodall said. "If it's a bad decision, I'll take responsibility. If I thought that it was a bad decision, I wouldn't make it."

"I just don't think he (Woodall) was right," Fincher said. "It seems to me, that if he were really sympathetic, he would have given us another chance. I just think the people next year deserved another chance."

"I'm going to be leaving the Corps with hurt and pain."



Sophomore Jeff Langston, guidon bearer for Company L-1, studies the unit standard he carried for the last time during Final Review Saturday. Col. James R. Woodall, Corps commandant, has disbanded L-1, effective this Friday.

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Inside today The Battalion presents three special photo features. Page 6 features a story and photo sequence on the black community of southwest College Station. On Page 12 is a picture page highlighting the weekend's Final Review and Commencement activities, and the sports section features a special on the region-champion women's softball team.



## Some Iranian visas not to be renewed

by JANA SIMS

**Battalion Staff**  
Texas A&M University international student administrators were notified last Wednesday that Iranians will not be given extensions of stay.  
The Immigration and Naturalization Service said Iranian students who have I-94 permits (permits to stay) with expiration dates will be expected to leave the United States by that date. Officials still do not know the fate of those students with I-94s stamped "duration of status," a term allowing students to remain as long as they enroll in a specified number of credit hours.  
Dr. P. Wayne Gosnell, director of international services, said

15 students have expirable permits and will be affected by the recent decision.

An April 30 letter which International Services mailed to all Iranian students advised them to request an extension of stay as usual because the situation is "constantly changing."

The letter said that under present regulations, a student applying for an extension will be turned down and given a voluntary departure date, 30 days from the day action is taken on his request.

Extensions, however, will be granted for someone needing urgent medical treatment available only in the United States. Also, an Iranian can adjust his status to that of a permanent

resident if he has close family ties to a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

Gosnell said his office is advising Iranian students to "double up" their course loads if they are anywhere near finishing their degrees.

"If I was an Iranian student," Gosnell said, "and it would be possible for me to finish my degree this summer by working double hard, I'd do it."

Also stated in the letter, the INS is proposing a procedure that would change the duration of status to expiration dates for all international students. If accepted, International Services said the process will probably begin in late summer and they are still

awaiting word as to how duration of status Iranian students will be affected.

Jena Shasai, a Texas A&M political science graduate, said she and her two sisters have duration of status permits and she has taken the letter to mean that they will have to leave the United States.

Shasai said she had applied for graduate school but after reading the letter, she said it is "very likely" that by mid-summer the INS will ask Iranian students with duration of status permits to leave.

"I like it here," she said and if she and her sisters must return to Iran, she said she will try to come back when possible.

## Miller shuns student, refuses to shake hand

by DEBBIE NELSON

**Battalion Staff**  
When cadet Melanie Zentgraf received her diploma from Texas A&M University President Jarvis E. Miller at graduation ceremonies Friday night, she expected him to shake her hand just like he had shaken the hand of every other graduate.

He didn't.  
After she had taken her degree from Miller, Zentgraf extended her hand to him. When Miller refused to shake her hand, she paused for a moment, then walked off the stage.

Zentgraf, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union, has filed a class action suit against Texas A&M University, Miller and various other University representatives.

Miller, in a statement relayed through his secretary Monday morning, declined to comment on the situation because of Zentgraf's pending lawsuit.

Lamar Hankins, one of the attorneys handling Zentgraf's lawsuit, said, "We expected the boozing and the hissing, but this (Miller's action) was unbelievable. I couldn't believe such a petty thing."

Hankins said the lawsuit is still in the stages of discovery and negotiation. He said he would be "perfectly happy" to take the suit to court, but he feels a court trial would be detrimental to Texas A&M. He hopes the University will agree to certain changes — out of court.

Things went differently for Zentgraf at Saturday afternoon's commissioning ceremony.

After accepting her commission, Zentgraf walked across the stage toward Col. Kenneth W. Durham, commander of Texas A&M's Air Force ROTC detachment.

More than a few eyes were watching to see if Durham would shake Zentgraf's hand.

He did. He even smiled.

## \$409 million Regents okay 80-81 budget

The Texas A&M University Board of Regents has approved a record \$409.6 million budget for operation of the Texas A&M system during 1980-81. The budget, which goes in effect Sept. 1, carries expenditures that increased 11 percent from this year's budget.

The board approved the new budget during its meeting last weekend.

System officials attributed the 11 percent increase to a combination of high inflation, high enrollment and more research activities.

Texas A&M University's operating budget will total \$230.8 million, a gain of \$24.7 million from this year's budget.

The other universities within the system also received increases. Prairie

View A&M's budget rose to \$32.1 million, an increase of \$1.5 million. Tarleton State University's budget increased to \$11.4 million, a \$1.3 million rise.

Texas A&M's campus in Galveston received an additional \$629,062 for the next year, increasing that school's budget to \$5.1 million.

Budgets for the research and extension sections of the system also received increases. They were:

— the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, \$41.1 million, up \$4.1 million.

— the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, \$35.7 million, up \$2.3 million.

— the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, \$24.2 million, up \$3.7 million.

## Local police to apologize for strip search incident

by BECKY SWANSON

**Battalion Staff**  
A Texas A&M University graduate student has reached a tentative agreement with the College Station Police Department to issue a public apology for a February incident in which she was strip-searched after an arrest for failure to appear for a traffic violation.

Shelley Ruby Lang, a nautical archaeology graduate student represented by the Brazos Civil Liberties Union, was arrested Feb. 15 for failure to appear and made to submit to a strip search by a female matron at the police station, the agreement said.

Lang complained to the BCLU about the incident, and they took her case.

"After a thorough investigation by the College Station Police Department Internal Affairs Officer, Lt. Kennedy, College Station Police Chief Marvin Byrd, agreed with Ms. Lang and the BCLU that the strip

search incident should not have occurred," the agreement says.

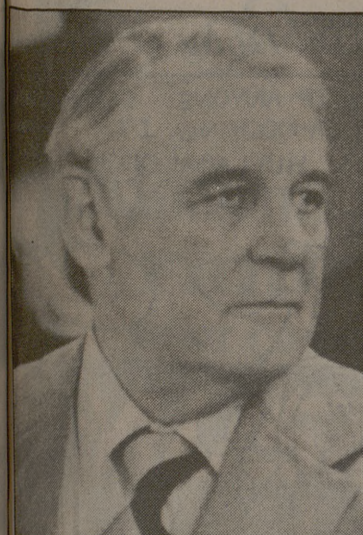
On behalf of the police department and the city, Chief Byrd "expresses his regret that the strip search of Ms. Lang occurred and offers ... his apology for the incident which was clearly humiliating and degrading to Ms. Lang and unnecessary, under these circumstances, to the legitimate functioning" of the police department, the agreement says.

The statement says that other means of searches, such as pat downs or the use of hand-held metal detectors are sufficient in checking for weapons.

The agreement provides that Lang will not hold the City of College Station, the Police Department or its employees responsible for "any damages or liabilities arising from her arrest ..."

## Caperton win surprises many, but not campaign manager

by NANCY ANDERSEN



William Moore

Kent Caperton's victory over incumbent Sen. William T. "Bill" Moore in the Democratic primary surprised many people, but not Caperton's campaign manager, Alan Schoenbaum.

"We've worked hard, done our homework and kept our finger on the pulse of public feeling," Schoenbaum said. "Moore had a vulnerable record, and the people were ready for a change."

But, he added, "State-wide, people are in shock." Moore, the dean of the Texas Senate, has served for 32 years.

"Moore is a fine man — it was nothing personal," Schoenbaum said, "but we have differences in priorities and positions on the issues. We need to rearrange and reassess priorities in government."

The issues, Schoenbaum said, are public education, law enforcement and senior citizens.

Caperton's number one priority is public education, he said. "The Legislature for years has taken a Band-Aid approach towards a problem requiring major surgery — public education funding."

The main problems are insufficient teacher salaries and

a large disparity among school districts, Schoenbaum said.

"Also, Caperton wants to keep A&M strong," he said, "and to keep the Permanent University Fund intact and make sure A&M gets its share and more."

The Permanent University Fund (PUF) is a fund supported by oil lease payments to the state and is the main source of funds for the University of Texas System and Texas A&M University System. Other colleges and universities in Texas have tried unsuccessfully for several years to break up the PUF so all state schools share the fund.

Schoenbaum said Texas A&M University professors don't get paid enough and the school is suffering from a classroom space deficit of at least one million square feet.

Texas A&M University President Jarvis Miller said, "We'll work with Mr. Caperton in anyway that we can if he's elected in the fall."

Miller said in response to Moore's loss, "Sen. Moore has served this district in a very fine manner for 30 odd years, and we've appreciated his support."

As for any potential harm to the PUF due to Moore's defeat, Miller said, "That is a hypothetical question. We think the University's reputation is quite high, and we'll be working with Moore's replacement, Rep. Bill Presnal

and the lieutenant governor (Bill Hobby) on this.

Another Caperton priority is to increase law enforcement by paying Department of Public Safety officers more, Schoenbaum said. This could be done by cutting out waste in government, he said.

Also, Schoenbaum said Caperton wants to help senior citizens. He said Caperton has a drug bill which would allow people to substitute generic drugs for the higher priced brand name drugs.

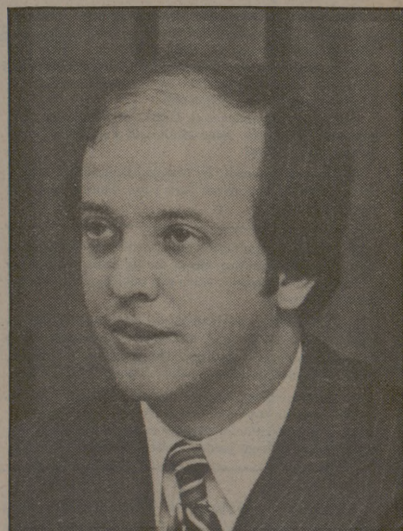
Schoenbaum denied that the new dean of the senate, Sen. A.R. "Babe" Schwartz, D-Galveston, campaigned for Caperton. "He only attended one function early in November," he said.

Schwartz and Moore were long-time political foes in the senate.

Caperton and Schwartz disagree on many issues, Schoenbaum added.

He said Caperton will work to maintain strength in the Brazos Valley district during the upcoming redistricting. Caperton's opponent for the 5th district senatorial seat in November will be Republican N.A. McNeil. McNeil could not be reached for comment.

McNeil is a former professor of genetics at Texas A&M who quit to work full-time on his campaign.



Kent Caperton