

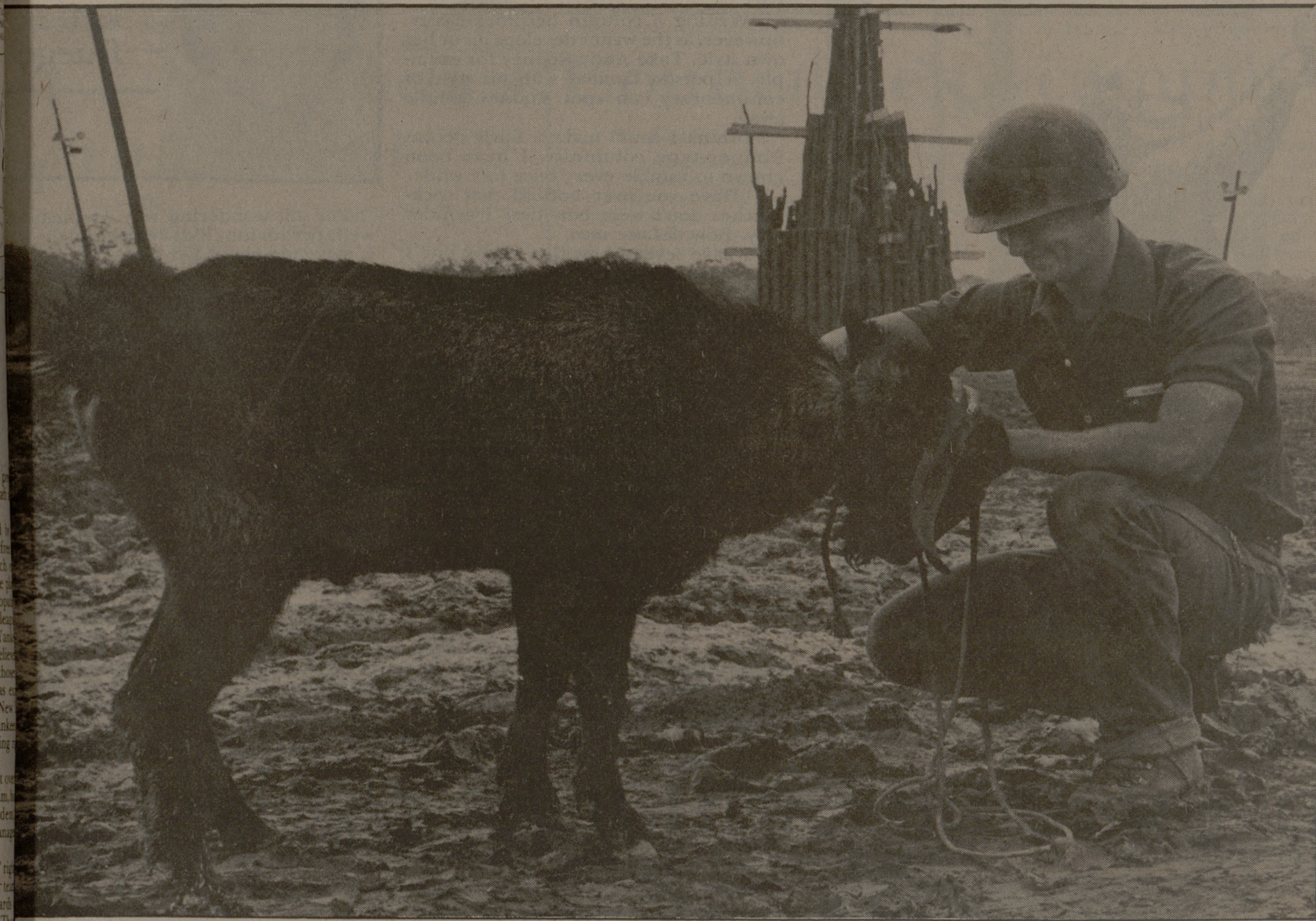
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Bonfire Mascot

Cindi Tackitt, Battalion staff

Scott Strom, a junior animal science major from Richardson, plays with the official 1983 bonfire mascot,

Zippo. As tradition, Zippo will be the main course of a celebration barbeque before the bonfire.

## Marines leave Shiite district

**United Press International**  
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Marines withdrew Tuesday from an outpost on the edge of a Shiite Moslem neighborhood that has been used repeatedly as a base of attack on the U.S. peace-keeping contingent, officials said.

Control of the outpost, in a Lebanese University building less than 2 miles from Marine headquarters at Beirut International Airport, was turned over to the Lebanese army.

Moslem gunmen based in the adjacent Shiite neighborhood of Hay el Sallom wounded one Marine in a six-hour battle Monday and killed one Marine and wounded five others in a fierce seven-hour firefight three weeks ago.

But Maj. Robert Jordan, the Marine spokesman, said the withdrawal had "nothing to do" with the attacks, but rather eliminated an unnecessary Marine post.

"It has long been planned, and we implemented the move early Tuesday in coordination with the Lebanese army," Jordan said.

"The Marine Alpha Company, consisting of 150 to 200 men, pulled out of the Lebanese University building early Tuesday. The location has been handed over to the Lebanese army," he said.

Jordan said the Marines had first moved into the Lebanese University building to act as a buffer between the Shiite neighborhoods and the Israeli army, which held much of the region last year.

"The Israelis left the region, and the Marines at the University were no longer playing the buffer role, and thus the post was no longer serving its purpose," he said.

The evacuated position, which consisted of several modern buildings, was located about one and a half miles east of the main U.S. Marine base at Beirut airport and the adjacent Shiite neighborhood.

"After negotiating with the Lebanese authorities, it was decided to leave the building," Jordan said.

Lebanese reporters on the scene said government troops moved to the building after the Marine pullout.

## Shooting spree: 5th victim dies

by Brigid Brockman

**Battalion Staff**  
A victim of the October shooting spree that left five dead — two in College Station — died Friday in a Houston hospital.

A spokesman for Hermann Hospital said Tuesday that Anne Bennatt, 70, of Hempstead, died from her wounds on Friday. Bennatt had been in the hospital since the Oct. 11 shooting.

Eliseo Moreno, 24, was indicted for the murder of Bennatt in Waller County on Nov. 7. No bond was set.

Moreno is accused of killing five people. Two of the victims, Juan and Esther Garza, were killed in their home at the Doux Chene Apartments in College Station. Moreno has not been indicted on this charge.

After the shootings, Moreno

allegedly drove to Hempstead where he is accused of shooting a Department of Public Safety trooper, and three elderly people who would not let him park behind their house.

Moreno also is accused of taking a family of five hostage in Hempstead as he tried to flee from police. All were released unharmed.

Moreno drove through Pasadena where he is accused of taking a driver hostage and forcing him to drive to Wharton, where he was apprehended and arrested.

On Oct. 25 Moreno was indicted in Waller County for one count of capital murder, two counts of murder, aggravated kidnapping and aggravated robbery. The total bond was set at \$200,000.

No trial date has been set. Moreno is being held at the Waller County Jail.

## Debate: Keep troops in Lebanon

by Jamie Hataway  
Battalion Reporter

In a public debate Tuesday night a well-prepared group of students rallied its troops and won the majority vote against the withdrawal of the U.S. peace-keeping force in Lebanon.

In this last debate of the semester, sponsored by the Texas A&M Debate Team, students voted 215-77 against U.S. military withdrawal.

The opening speech was delivered by Jack Williams, a junior English major from Pasadena, who presented arguments for the pull-out of the U.S. military. His arguments included:

- Lebanon is fighting a civil war.

- Peace can't be kept in a country where citizens are fighting each other as well as outside forces.

- The war in Lebanon has lasted 10 years and has cost 50,000 lives. The presence of U.S. troops won't reverse a cease-fire that has already been broken.

- The United States doesn't have the ability to deter Islamic revolutionaries with brute force.

- U.S. military intervention will increase the possibility of an overall outbreak and world war.

Williams attacked arguments against withdrawal saying that they included "buzz words" that play on American emotions. Some of the words Williams listed were terrorism, U.S. credibility and the Soviet threat.

Mark McGraw, a junior animal science major from Alexandria, La., presented arguments against the

withdrawal. McGraw received a loud round of whoops when it was announced that he was also on a Marine option at Texas A&M. His arguments were:

- The Marines are trying to assist Lebanon in creating a unified democracy.

- The Marines are trying to help remove 40,000 Syrian military personnel from Lebanon.

- The United States is trying to help Lebanon achieve a unified peace.

McGraw said a pull-out by the United States would result in a "blood-bath." Lives and efforts already wasted will have been for nothing, he said.

The public debate consisted of students seated in either a pro or con

section of the room.

As the debate ended, before the final vote was taken, more seats from the pro side became empty as people moved to side with those against military withdrawal.

### Texas voters break tradition

## Proposition 6 approved

**United Press International**

AUSTIN — Texans broke with a century-old tradition Tuesday by overwhelmingly approving a constitutional amendment to allow the garnishment of wages to satisfy child support payments.

The proposal was one of 11 propositions on a statewide referendum ballot that attracted only a smattering of voters.

With 2,298 of 6,011 precincts reporting, 139,570 or 78.6 percent favored Proposition 6 — the wage garnishment amendment — while only 38,025 or 21.4 percent opposed it.

Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, a co-sponsor of the proposal in the Texas Legislature, said he was "elated" with the vote.

"I had made predictions of a 60-40 type race because it would be a low turnout and the so-called silent opposition to garnishment," he said. "But it appears that statewide, it's running about 80 percent for and 20 percent against."

Oliveira, noting Texas has been one of only two states that did not have such a procedure to ensure child support payments, added, "It's an idea whose time has come."

South Carolina is the lone state without the garnishment provision.

Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, the Senate sponsor, said Tuesday's vote was an indication that attitudes in Texas have changed.

"Something has happened in the last two years that I think has propelled Texas into the column with the other 48 states that do have stronger

child support measures," he said.

Unofficial returns showed all but two of the 11 amendments passing.

The amendments failing were Proposition 8, which would grant an ad valorem property tax exemption for veterans' organizations, and Proposition 10, which would allow cities to spend public money for replacing sewer lines on public property.

Voters also approved amendments to allow state money to be used to back loans to school districts, remove the governor from the parole process,

create a new veterans mortgage program and set up a procedure to run the Legislature in case of nuclear war.

Also approved were proposals that will allow smaller counties to maintain fewer justices of the peace and constables, bar creditors from forcing the sale of homesteads to pay off debts, allow commodity groups to assess farmers a fee to promote their products and authorize county probate judges to substitute as probate judges in other counties.

Most of the propositions were non-controversial and there was no organized opposition to any of them. But advocacy groups, joined by the chairmen of the Texas Democratic and Republican parties, put on a last-minute push for the wage garnishment amendment.



Rescue Mission

Jane Beach, Battalion Photo

Students from the TAMU Emergency Technician's course practice their skills during a mock search and rescue held at

the fire school. The students were told to find the victims and rescue them from the window of the "burning building."

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### forecast

Warmer days and cooler nights. Partly cloudy with a high 77.