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## Jordan Institute Program inducts eight students

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Eight Texas A & M students were inducted into the L. T. Jordan Institute Fellows Program in an installation ceremony Monday night.

Mrs. Jessie W. Jordan, who funds the institute, wants students to have the same type of positive overseas experiences that she and her husband had, said Kathy Kelley, Director of Fellows for the L. T. Jordan Institute.

"Throughout the year Fellows attend seminars and activities relating to international topics," Kelley said. "International travel grants are awarded to each Jordan Fellow in response to a proposal describing travel activities."

These grants are intended to facilitate individual travel goals, she said.

In addition, the Fellows are expected to share their overseas experiences with other students when they return to A & M.

"We (members of the Jordan Fellows Program) promote international awareness on campus," said Anne Linstead, chairman of the program. "This is the most prestigious area of the six groups of the Jordan Institute."

John Crosby, a Jordan Fellow and graduate student in international business, will travel to Belgium and France to study the effects of the European economic community on French corporations.

"Each student individually creates a program and then has it approved," he said. "Each proposal must satisfy the three unofficial goals to enrich yourself, enhance career goals, and to allow you to bring something back that will promote multiculturalism."

According to Crosby, the program is not really intended to furnish education in the pure, classroom sense.

"So much of the learning comes from getting out and seeing the people."

Four basic criteria allow a committee to narrow down the applicants during an interview process. These include a 3.0 grade point ratio for undergraduates, 3.5 GPR for graduates, United States citizenship, enrollment at A & M, and at least one semester remaining after returning from overseas.

"The committee can choose up to ten, but this year there were only eight," Kelley said. "The program will award them grants of up to \$3000 each for their studies."



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The dead rise in front of the house of Jimmy England on the 400 block of Jane St. England said that his wife and children make the decorations each year. There have been many positive

comments from Aggies, England said, but a pumpkin has been stolen and some decorations have been thrown in the road by vandals.

## General Motors chairman resigns

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DETROIT — Robert Stempel resigned under pressure as General Motors Corp. chairman Monday, ending a 2-year-old command that failed to stop record financial bleeding at the world's largest automaker.

Stempel's departure makes his tenure the shortest of any of the 11 men who have chaired GM.

Published reports quoting unidentified GM board sources said he would be asked to resign because he was moving too slowly in cutting costs to stop devastating financial losses.

"I could not in good conscience continue to watch the effects of rumors and speculation that have undermined and slowed the efforts of General Motors people to make this a stronger, more efficient, effective organization," Stempel said in a statement.

The 59-year-old automotive engineer had kept a low profile since Wednesday, when he angrily denied the board was trying to evict him from the company he joined in 1958.

A statement Thursday from John Smale, chairman of the board's executive committee,

amounted to a no-confidence vote.

Smale said no management changes had been made, but, "The question of executive leadership is a primary concern."

Smale, 65, former chairman of Procter & Gamble Co., is expected to be named interim chairman when the GM board meets Nov. 2 in New York.

Smale said in a statement Monday the board had accepted Stempel's resignation and asked Stempel to continue as chairman until a successor is named. Stempel said he would comply.

GM stock was trading at mid-afternoon at \$33.37 1/2, down 12 1/2 cents.

Wall Street analysts weren't surprised Stempel resigned rather than wait to be fired. None interviewed felt a new chairman would make much difference in the 84-year-old automaker's attempts to regain the competitive edge.

Under GM's highly publicized plan to shrink, the company will close 21 plants and cut 74,000 jobs by 1995. Analysts said that strategy must remain on track regardless what happens in the boardroom.

## Former students to honor December graduates

The Texas A&M University Association of Former Students will be honoring December graduates with a banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the College Station Hilton.

The Senior Induction Banquet will be on two separate nights, November 4th and 5th at 6:30

p.m. to accommodate as many students as possible.

The banquet, designed to officially welcome the Class of '92 into the Association of Former Students, will include a steak dinner compliments of the Association.

A program following the banquet

will feature members of the Class of '85 and '87 sharing their experiences in the working world and how the AFS has influenced their lives.

With the exception of commencement ceremonies, this will be the last time the seniors will meet as the Class of '92 until

their five year reunion in 1997.

Tickets to the event are complimentary. However, seating for the banquet is limited, and tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis in the Memorial Student Center today through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Perot takes over campaign briefing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Ross Perot took over a campaign briefing in Dallas on Monday and angrily repeated

his suspicions that the Republicans had concocted a plan to smear his daughter, and sidetrack his candidacy. He conceded that he had no direct evidence of any dirty tricks and the press secretary to President Bush likened Perot to a "crazy man" who believes in UFOs.

Perot said he was trying to reduce the subject to a "one-day story" and return the debate to presidential issues.

His surprise appearance at his son's news con-

ference, telecast live by CNN, caused a sensation as Perot discussed how he had been a victim of death threats, wiretapping and political tricks.

The Bush campaign issued a statement saying it had never "attempted, directly or indirectly, to tap Perot's telephones, disrupt his daughter's wedding, alter photographs of Perot or his family, or take any other action to interfere with the private lives of Perot or his family."

Bill Clinton describing the Perot-Bush episode as "strange." He said of the feud, "Just let 'em go," and brushed off Perot's statement, quickly rescinded, that Clinton wanted to "go toward socialism."

Perot reiterated his belief that Republicans threatened to release to the tabloids a doctored photograph to embarrass his daughter, Carolyn, just before her wedding in August.

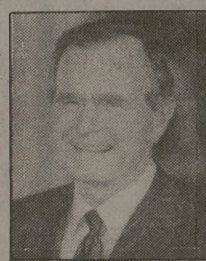
That threat was the real reason he pulled out of the presidential race in late July, he said.

"I decided it was a risk I should not take, could not take, did not have to take," Perot said in a combative session with reporters. "I adore her. And I would not risk ruining one of the most important days of her life, and I didn't."

Perot said he tried at the time to get denials from the White House, but they were silent.



Perot



Bush



Clinton

## Tradition collides with change in today's Corps

By JULIE CHELKOWSKI and TODD STONE

Reporters of THE BATTALION

Change and Tradition — two terms the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets must embrace to remain a viable organization, University President Dr. William Mobley said.

"The changes are not about tearing the Corps down," Mobley said. "It's not about traditions or rituals that's part of the process for making (the Corps) a cohesive unit. But (some Corps activities) are dysfunctional. Some have to be eliminated for the Corps to prosper. I think they understand that."

University officials and many members of the Corps are optimistic that new human relations programs, more supervision and a change in attitude will effectively address the sexual harassment problems of last fall.

"I think it will be a little while before we know (if the changes have worked)," University President Dr. William Mobley said, "but I think the moves that have been made over the past several years and particularly last spring and coming forward this year, are entirely appropriate and good."

Still, Mobley said one mistake could taint the progress cadets have made since last fall.

"I think there are some out there who are clinging to that all-male model," Mobley said. "Well, that's gone. It's gone legally. It's gone."

Since Mobley's fact-finding committee made recommendations concerning sexual harassment last April, the Corps has implemented new policies which include signing a statement that discrimination and harassment will not be tolerated.

Corps Commandant Maj. General Thomas Darling said he is confident with the changes he has directed.

"I feel good about where we've come from and where we are," he said. "It seems like the initiatives we've implemented are working well."

One change has been the addition of tactical officers in Corps dormitories to advise cadets and to handle emergency situations.

Adin Pfeuffer, public affairs officer, said it helps Corps leaders to have experienced officers to get advice — as long as they remain within their advisory role.

"The problem comes in if the tactical officers take it on themselves to clean the problem up," Pfeuffer said. "We pride ourselves as a self-governing organization. It's (the Corps) a leadership laboratory, and we're not going to learn if someone comes in and just (solves our problems)."

Darling said the tactical officers have already had a positive presence.

"I'm already aware of one or two things that they have observed and been involved in — not biggies, but things that could have become a problem," Darling said.

"We have on-scene presence overnight to deal with problems and emergencies," he said. "Most of that serves a positive role. I don't see these people as primarily policemen. They're here to pro-

vide to provide positive influence, make suggestions and recommendations."

A four-person advisory council will observe the Corps' progress and report directly to the President's office. Dr. Kenneth Dirks, director of Texas A&M's student health center; Dr. Patricia Alexander, past speaker of the Faculty Senate; Stephen, Ruth, former student body president; and Dr. Jan Winniford, assistant to the vice president for student services.

Mobley said recognizing the issues of last fall was not the problem; rather, the speed in which the problems handled.

"The issue is the speed in which we were going, and the depth of the support mechanisms (for female cadets)," Mobley said. "There's no debating — women have a right to be in the Corps, and they have the right to have a positive experience."

Dirks said he hesitated to be a part of the committee because he participated on the fact-finding panel. He did not want people to perceive that he intended to dominate the direction of the Corps.

"My interest is seeing the

Corps being the best it can be," he said. "But I don't want people to think that I'm appearing as an enforcer. First, that's not the role of our committee, and second I don't like for that to be the perception of folks as they look at the Corps and our committee's relationship to it."

Further, as the first female to the Commandant's staff, Maj. Rebecca Ray has been one of the more noticeable additions the Corps has seen since October.

As executive assistant to the Commandant, Ray has served as an adviser and counselor to both female and male cadets.

"I'm a role model for female cadets. I'm a person they can come talk to — like a mentor," she said.

Ray's first assignment was to interview all female cadets and "establish a rapport." She said the attitudes were positive and many cadets were motivated.

"I have heard absolutely glowing reports this year — I'm so encouraged," she said. "They (women) are just enthusiastic and real optimistic about this year."

Joanna Hetsko, a sophomore in the Corps, said she has noticed many positive changes in cadets' attitudes from last year.

"I've noticed that this year there are a lot of people who are a lot nicer," she said. "Last year that never happened. The relationships between the females and the males in the corps are a lot better this year."

Hetsko said the changes are visible around campus. She said that last year male cadets would not always acknowledge her when she was "whipping out," but this year is different.

"No one has turned us away, yet," she said. "Every adjustment that has been made, has been made with a lot of thought — they're not leaving out the females. I'm one of their (males') buddies, they'll talk to me like everybody else."

Still, some cadets said the Corps has over-compensated, and the organization has been "watered-down" to avoid harassment and hazing.

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