

Shannon Faulkner paved way for 61 female cadets at Citadel

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Shannon Faulkner spent less than a week in the Citadel's corps of cadets, but her presence is still felt around campus.

Faulkner set off a storm of protest several years ago when she sued to enroll as the military college's first female cadet. Bumper stickers around Charleston read "Save the Males." She received threats and her family home in Powdersville, S.C., was vandalized.

After a bitter legal battle, a federal judge ordered the school to accept Faulkner into the corps, and a place was cleared for her in the student barracks. In August of 1995, she moved in for the cadet orientation, otherwise known as "Hell Week."

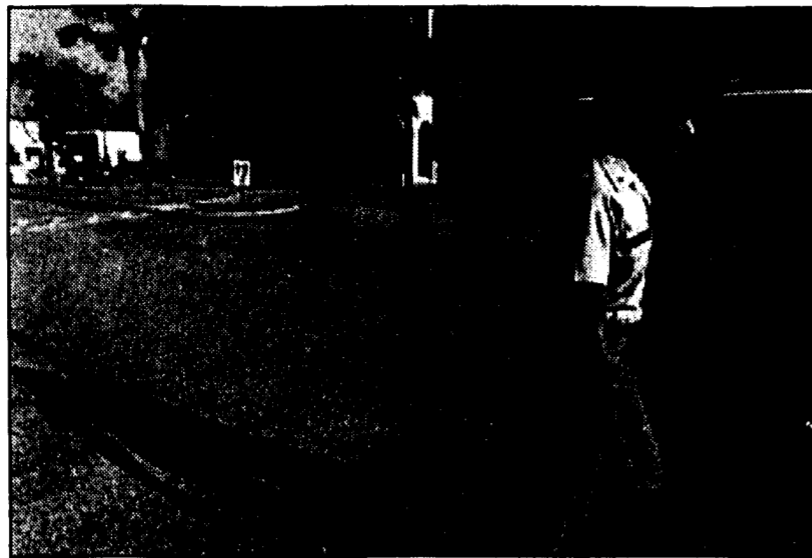
Faulkner lasted five days. Sick with heat exhaustion and overwhelmed by the stress of her ordeal, Faulkner spent much of that time in the school infirmary. Before departing campus, she held a tearful press conference in the rain.

"I know that by me leaving today, so many people are either mad at me or disappointed in me," she said. "Some are elated. All I have to say is, I have to think about my own health right now."

As word of her departure spread around campus, cadets broke into cheers.

The following June, the U.S. Supreme Court declared unconstitutional

the men-only policy of another state-sponsored military college, the Virginia Military Institute. The Citadel's governing board saw the writing on



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Sha Peterson walks across campus on her way back to her barracks after working at the campus post office. As a sophomore, she is not allowed to walk across "the deck," a large grassy area in the middle of the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

the wall. Soon after, it voted unanimously to welcome women.

Four women enrolled the next fall, in 1996. Two of the four left the Citadel midway, charging they had been illegally hazed and sexually harassed. They sued and reached out-of-court settlements.

Now, 61 of the school's 1,648 cadets are female.

Though problems persist, several of those women said the opposition is growing less intense: if not all their

classmates are happy about their being there, more are simply resigned to it.

Retired U.S. Army Brig. Gen.

Emory Mace was one of those who had opposed letting females into the school. The commandant of the Citadel's corps of cadets still wears his Citadel class ring, engraved "1963."

"My wife and I were both against women coming here because we thought there was a place for single-gender education," Mace said, "the bonding the males would have in this environment."

But, being a military man, he said,

often too small to monitor every link and every move on every site. But those in charge, via the front page of the server and/or student handbooks and other literature, make their message loud and clear: you may be our student, but that doesn't mean we agree, endorse, or allow what you're saying.

They're not kidding either. Just ask former DePaul student Charles Lowell, whose site, sporting obscene swipes at some fellow DePaul students, was removed without so much as a notice.

"One of the students called and complained, and poof, it was gone," said Lowell, a 1999 graduate. "I guess that's fair, but I would've liked some warning. I guess that's the way it works."

Dejected, Lowell did not make a comeback attempt on DePaul's Shrike student pages server, choosing instead to open an account with Yahoo!'s Geocities, which Lowell felt would give him more freedom to speak his mind.

University of Texas student Julie Chen took a similar route, opting to host her "Texas Students for John McCain" page — *tx-students-formccain.org* — with an independent company, Hypermart, because the University of Texas doesn't allow its students to run political pages on its servers. Likewise, students at Northwestern aren't allowed to use their pages for commercial use. Moonlighting entrepreneurs will have to go elsewhere, school officials said.

Still, while ambitious students such as Chen are surfacing more and more, the typical student is still getting his or her feet wet when it comes to untangling the publishing intricacies of the Web.

"I basically started this page because I wanted to try it," Marting said. "I have no big ambitions here. It's just something fun to do."

Students carving out new home on Web

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CHICAGO (TMS) — Just about every day, Nathan Marting slips out of his dorm room and into a bondi blue virtual living room he's created for himself on the Internet.

Marting's home page — *www.public.iastate.edu/~nmarting/homepage.html* — is one of thousands on Iowa State University's campus servers. Its centerpiece is Marting's resume, but there are also family photographs and bios and all sorts of information concerning the Chicago Bulls, the Weather Channel, and Garnavillo High.

"Sure, it goes in all directions, and some guy in Italy may not care too much about my family," said Marting, a junior. "But I enjoy doing it, and I'll keep it up as long as I can."

Contrary to new wives' tales, not everyone is out to raise money or hell on the Internet. For every *Amazon.com* trying to solicit business, there are literally millions of personal home pages that would like just a minute or two of your time. Many — if not most — are maintained by college students.

Not interested in the life and times of Nathan Marting? That's fine.

There are more than 10,000 personal student Web sites on Iowa State's servers alone, ranging from Jose's "Page of Love" — *www.public.iastate.edu/~offsprng/homepage.html* — which is more about music than love, to Dana's "Wonderful World of Mystery" — which isn't so mysterious because most of the links are related to her work in architecture class.

School administrators have greeted students' rights to do more than surf the Internet on campus with excitement and extreme caution. That's because students are posting controver-

sial pages all the time and, more recently, clogging campus computer networks by trading and posting massive collections of pirated music, software, games, and movies. But the availability of student Web pages, in the eyes of students anyway, is to colleges and universities what air conditioning is to cars: a nice bonus in the past, an essential today.

"My older brother goes to DePaul [University, in Chicago], and they gave him his own Web account when he enrolled," says Marjorie Tomko, a sophomore at Columbia College in Chicago. "I was expecting the same thing when I came to Columbia, or at least an e-mail address. I was shocked to find out that they offered neither."

Natalie Hamilla, whose site, "Natalie's '80s Page," — *www.personal.psu.edu/users/n/sl/nxh158/* — is one of more than 26,000 student home pages residing on Penn State University's servers, said that even the simplest home pages make for good practice — and that students need this practice.

"Everyone is looking for people who can do this stuff," says Hamilla. "I don't care what you wanna do with your life. This is the way it's going, and this is the best way to learn how to do it."

This new necessity is what most motivates schools, beyond all the risks, to include personal pages for their students.

"Just like schools want the best books and materials and the best instructors, this is just another way to get ahead," said John Zimmer, an administrator for Northwestern University's student pages directory, "Pubweb," which encourages students to experiment "on a modest scale," as noted on the site's main page.

Don't underestimate the weight behind that "M" word. Schools voluntarily play the honor game with students because their technical staffs are

cent? Unmistakably Texan. Attitude? Quite neoteric.

"The youth of this city [people between 18 to 30] ought to be represented on the city council," Markland says. "If you have students running for office, if you have students getting involved with political campaigns, it's gonna get naturally more students voting."

That's important because "nobody's gonna listen to what the younger portion of the population wants unless the younger portion of the population votes," he adds.

Not only does Markland face the expected low turnout for younger-aged voters on Election Day (May 6), he is also up against four veteran politicians. "I'm not intimidated," Markland says. "[But] they certainly have a good deal more of

experience."

A former news editor and reporter for the campus newspaper *The Daily Texan*, Markland said he gained most of his political experience covering the Austin City Council meetings and state legislative sessions. Then he grew restless with the perpetuating status quo when it comes to how the council operates.

"I think things need to change quickly and it's just simple things, too," Markland said. "Basic services the city is supposed to provide. We're probably the only major city with unsynchronized traffic lights. We're short on police force. As our city continues to grow and expand and the population continues to rise, these little basic things are gonna become the sticking points."

Keeping in mind student needs,

rules are rules and he is on board. Mace pointed out a benefit to the current crop of young male cadets sweating and studying alongside their female counterparts: it could be preparation for what follows.

"Something's different than when I graduated 35 years ago," he said. "You might be working alongside a woman or for a woman in the military or civilian life." The Citadel's co-educational policy hit home for Mace. One of the first female cadets to enroll was his daughter, Nancy.

Because of transfer credits from another college, she completed the Citadel's requirements in three years and became the Citadel's first female cadet to graduate, in 1999. She now works for a business consulting firm.

School officials say they are committed to integrating women into Citadel life, and are encouraging more female applicants. A glossy recruitment brochure extols Nancy Mace's success and that of other women on their way to earning degrees. "We are behind these women 100 percent," said Heather Anderson, a Citadel spokeswoman.

A recent book about the Citadel, *In Glory's Shadow*, describes the sometimes brutal hazing — including beatings and cigarette burns — that has occurred at the 157-year-old institution. Its author, Catherine S. Manegold, covered the Faulkner case for *The New York Times*.

A few women currently at the Citadel, who did not want to be identified, said they have felt pressured to un-

dergo lesser hazing, such as hanging from their arms until they drop to the ground. More said they have gotten lewd comments from resentful male cadets, and have been singled out for extra marching.

Women say they face a dilemma when such hazing or harassment does occur. If they report it, they say, they may be ostracized by fellow cadets or get a fellow student kicked out under the school's tough, "zero tolerance" policies.

Faulkner, who graduated from Anderson College in her home state, now teaches high school in Greenville, S.C. She did not respond to calls from the *Chicago Tribune* seeking comment.

Citadel sophomore Sha Peterson looks at Faulkner differently now than she did back in Chicago, when she was a 15-year-old watching the evening news. At the time, Peterson thought Faulkner was stirring up trouble for no good reason.

With nearly two years at the Citadel under her belt, Peterson said she now appreciates what Faulkner did.

Despite her self-confidence, despite the gold stars of achievement on her collar and the promise of a Citadel diploma in 2002, Peterson doubts she could have done the same.

Even though Faulkner did not last long at the military college, Peterson said, she was the one who got women admitted, who tried to go it alone.

"I have will," Peterson said, "but I don't know if I have that much will. She did pave the way."

Coastal Carolina U. faculty backs removing Confederate flag from Statehouse dome

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CONWAY, S.C. — Coastal Carolina University's Faculty Senate on Wednesday, April 5, passed a resolution calling for the removal of the Confederate flag atop the Statehouse.

By a majority vote, the senate accepted political science professor Richard Collin's resolution that urged community members and elected officials to support the transfer of the flag to another suitable venue.

CCU President Ron Ingle has called for the removal of the Confederate flag on several occasions and supports the faculty senate's decision.

Ingle said CCU's admissions department received a letter from the father of an accepted out-of-state Hispanic student, explaining why his daughter was not going to attend CCU. In the letter, the student's father said the Confederate flag flying atop the statehouse was a factor in her decision not to attend.

Collin, a faculty senate member, had planned to propose the resolution Wednesday and ask the senate to vote at May's meeting.

Gilbert Hunt, faculty senate chair, thought it would be appropriate to go ahead and vote.

"If we wait until May, the issue could be gone," Hunt said to the senators. "You will have a chance to have your voice heard," he said.

A motion to amend the resolution to a one-sentence statement failed 13-10.

Paul Peterson told his fellow senators the elegance of the one-page resolution would speak well of the faculty senate.

The resolution makes it clear that South Carolina's debate over the Confederate flag is not provincial. Examples of political symbols the resolution gives are the Star of David and the Red Hand of Ulster.

"For Israel, the Star of David represents a proud nation and a place of safety for a people traumatized by anti-

semitism; for Palestinians, it signifies repression and frustration of their aspirations for statehood and self-government . . .

"For some South Carolinians, mourning the loss of ancestors who fought bravely, a flag of the Confederacy evokes emotional and historical images of a feisty and embattled people. On the other hand, many South Carolina whites and virtually all African-Americans see this banner as a sign of covert racism and hate it."

"Resolution written by political science professor Richard Collin, for CCU Faculty Senate"

Ad promising free puppies, kitties clogs student government phone lines

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Five classified ads offering free goods ran in the March 31 edition of the University of Florida's student newspaper, the *Alligator*, and had phones subsequently ringing off the hooks.

That's not too unusual, except that the ads, placed anonymously, were fake, and the numbers — two per ad, ten in all — were those of Student Government party members and candidates, none of whom were giving away any free puppies.

The ads, which ran on election day for the candidates, offered, among other things, furniture, rottweiler puppies, and Persian kittens, all for free. The outpouring of calls made it difficult for candidates to keep their phones and answering machines plugged in, let alone use them to communicate with fellow party members.

For SG presidential candidate Ian Lane, who was listed as giving away the free puppies, it was a good idea at a very bad time.

"If it was done on Thursday, I probably would have thought it was funny," said Lane. "The fact that it was done on Election Day — I would have to say it was disrupting rather than funny."

"The intent is clear," said Mark Adler, whose number was listed alongside Lane's in the same ad. "The intent is to screw up communication."

Not everyone's feathers were ruffled by the incident, however. Some shared the sentiments of presidential candidate David Winchender, who admitted the prank was a hindrance but nevertheless found it to be "hilarious."

Jeremy Kaplan, who ran for treasurer, took it one step further. He was honored to be involved.

"I was happy they included me in there because I want to be in on the fun," he said.

Group wants U. of Michigan to drop course on gay male identity

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ANN ARBOR (TMS) — A conservative group is pushing officials at the University of Michigan to drop a course on male homosexuality that it says is recruiting and teaching teenagers to be gay.

The course, titled "How to be Gay: Male Homosexuality and Initiation," is scheduled to be offered for the first time in the fall. Descriptions of the course, which will fall under the English department, state it "will examine the general topic of the role that initiation plays in the formation of gay identity" by analyzing the written, musical, and artistic works of gay men.

Gary Glenn, president of the Michigan affiliate of the American Family Association, sent an e-mail last week to UM's president and board of regents, state legislators, and Gov. John Engler, calling for the course's cancellation. The association's Web site states that it strives to "expose the misrepresentation of the radical homosexual agenda and stop its spread through our culture."

"UM actually wants to force Michigan taxpayers to pay for a class to openly recruit and teach teenagers how to engage in a lifestyle of high-risk behavior that is not only illegal but many believe immoral, behavior that further increases the burden on taxpayers to pay its public health consequences," Glenn's letter states.

University officials said they have no intentions of canceling the class. In a statement, Nancy E. Cantor, UM's provost and executive vice president of academic affairs said, "We are completely in support of Professor [David] Halperin's course and of his freedom to teach this course as he constructed it."

U. of Texas student gears up for city council run

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AUSTIN (TMS) — Many students like to take it easy their last semester of college. Not Monty Markland. In addition to taking 18 hours of classes, the 22-year-old University of Texas at Austin senior is running for the Austin City Council.

"If you want to live somewhere you ought to want to make it a better place," says Markland, a self-professed optimist with wavy brown hair and hazel-green eyes.

Party identity? Republican (i.e. free enterprise, beefing up local law enforcement, trimming administrative bureaucracy). That slight ac-

Markland has made the issue of affordable housing one of his campaign keystones.

"The city council's micromanaging policies constrict the supply side of housing, and that's why prices go through the roof," Markland explained, noting that current rates for housing around campus run as high \$800 per month.

Speaking of money, how is Markland holding up against the bigwigs? Most of the funding has come out of his earnings designing Web pages and handling computer systems for a local company, as well as local individuals.

"My parents gave me \$100," Markland said, although he's aware of the weakness of his "shoestring" campaign. Well, not to mention his personal weaknesses: "I'm short.

I'm hairy. My right eye is smaller than my left eye. I'm kind of absentminded."

"I'm probably overly optimistic," Markland added, quickly noting that most successful people are self-deprecating.

Regardless of the race's outcome, Markland said his main reason for running is his incurable optimism and idealism. And because it's fun, he said.

"The first step of good management is listening to people and letting them feel like their concerns have been expressed — you gotta let them feel like they can talk," Markland said. "If I do get elected, my most important attribute is the fact that I'm a hell of a talker but I'm a hell of a listener too."