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## Life Memberships

By Jerry Thomas

**Great news!** You can now become a **Life Member** of the Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter (CCAC). The money will go into an endowment fund that will generate monies to support the ROTC program at UTA forever. As surplus funds build up in the endowment (which they will), that surplus will be transferred into the **Cadet Corps Endowed Scholarship Fund**—to provide scholarships for future cadets. It's a worthwhile cause and it's a chance to help the Cadet Corps long into the future. Here are the options:

- ◆ If you are a Life Member of the UTA Alumni Association (or an annual member), then you can become a **Charter Life Member** of CCAC for \$200.
- ◆ Or for \$1,000 you can become a Life Member of the UTA Alumni Association and a **Charter Life Member** of the Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter (and the Alumni Association will split the money 50-50 with CCAC).

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## News From The Front

By LTC George Shuplinkov

**The 101<sup>st</sup> Maverick Battalion** stood up on 22 August 2003 with over 130 cadets. I am very proud to have assumed command of the battalion and look forward to the upcoming year. I want to publicly thank my predecessor, LTC Jeff Wood, for a smooth transition, leaving the unit ready and capable of accomplishing its mission, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

Arriving from V Corps and Operation Iraqi Freedom, I will be integrating the latest lessons learned, instilling the warrior ethos, and preparing the future lieutenants of the U.S. Army to succeed. I would like to introduce the new cadre. **MAJ Glenn Bergeron** is the training officer and MS III instructor. We served together in the 507<sup>th</sup> PIR. He definitely is a high quality individual. **CPT Joel Coleman** is the battalion executive officer and MS I instructor. A fellow paratrooper arriving from Korea, he has the hard task of keeping the

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Wed., Oct. 8  
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Centennial Plaza

#### Distinguished

##### Alumni Gala

Sat., Oct. 25, 6:00 p.m.  
E.H. Hereford  
University Center

#### Hall Of Honor

Feb. 21, 2004

## The Great Cannon Caper

By Ned Allan

**It was the fall semester of 1962.** The Corps of Cadets were a voting block to be reckoned with on campus at Arlington State College. Nationwide, lines in the sand were starting to be clearly drawn between the two factions of military and nonmilitary students. The war in Vietnam was daily headline news. Protests, Kent State, and burning ROTC armories, draft cards and American flags seemed to be the order of the day. At ASC, the Sam Houston Rifles, or Jodies, as they were nicknamed, represented the most radical of the "Pro-Military" movement. Not only were they the best in the land when it came to precision marching, but hard core in dedication and physical stature. The Jodies were campus leaders, future heroes, and career Army officers, and the team had a tradition of excellence as the oldest organization on campus.

The other side of the coin, the Jody counterparts, or adversaries, were the fraternities. Their purpose in life was to party. They dressed and acted in stereotypical fashion. They wore the latest in clothes and fashion with *Gentlemen Quarterly* hairstyles. No real goal or direction, these young men sought to become successful in life by a network of "who you know," or "good old Frat buddy system." To a man, these students were against the war and, for lack of any real purpose, were the first to line up on the war protesters' side along with the hippies, druggies and flag burners. Alas, there were no fraternities at ASC to spar with. Under the Texas A&M System, no fraternities were allowed on campus. Suitable alternatives would be found elsewhere.

Within the ranks of the Jodies were two distinct elements. One was the serious student who was concerned about

**See the new CCAC website at [www.cadetcorps.org](http://www.cadetcorps.org)!**

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## Sam Houston Rifles

SHRAA PRESIDENT Mike Parker

**For decades** it has been a normal sight to find the leadership in the corps of cadets proudly wearing the black and gold cord of the SHR. Today is no exception. There is a long and distinguished line of those who have earned membership in the leadership laboratory that is the "Jodies." It was through building high performing organizations like the SHR, the Rifle and Pistol Teams, the Insurgent Team, and others, that cadets learned about leadership, character, and how to build these exemplary organizations. These "teams" provided a lasting foundation of leadership skills that endured in an ever-changing environment. For those of us who selected the military as a career, we found organizational change and evolving doctrine and tactics the norm. The constant in all of this was leadership and the requirement to build a winning team of teams. This same skill set proved invaluable to those both in and out of uniform.

For over thirty years the alumni of the SHR have worked to sustain the bonds that were developed during those formative years while on the team. They have worked to sustain the organization that is the Jodies for the contribution it can continue to make in the lives of young leaders. The reputation of "winning" is the difference between the good and the great. The Corps of Cadets and the university need organizations like the SHR to help develop the leaders of character who know what it means to be a member of and help build high performing organizations. That is the continuing role of the SHR Alumni Association working with, and as a part of, the CCAC.

As my "OLD MAN" told me in a letter dated 19 Jan 71... "Still alive. Sit Rep to follow." Contact Wayne Johnson ( [wc-john@satx.rr.com](mailto:wc-john@satx.rr.com) ) for updates to contact information. Look for more information on the Jodies, past and present, in editions of the CORD and CCAC publications.

## Recruiter's Corner

MAJ Kevin Smith, PMS, UTA

This is the beginning of the 101<sup>st</sup> Maverick Battalion. This fall we set enrollment records with an 18% increase from last year. Significantly, we increased our female enrollment from 21% last year to 28.3% this year. These proud numbers are even more significant compared to two years ago. We have grown by 74% (78 to 136) in two years. Seventy-seven new faces were added this semester alone.

A new video, *I am a Maverick*, created with the help of the Video Services Department, is being used at the beginning of each Freshman Orientation. Military Science is the only department out of 230 campus organizations and departments to have a video at orientation. We thank Darrell Holloway, one of our admissions counselors, for most of the funds for our new video.

- ◆ We created a new website for the battalion with the assistance of CCAC President, Jerry Thomas, and web developer for Decision Analyst, Cristi Allen, and will co-ordinate with the UTA website for better visibility on the web.
- ◆ We sent seven fine Americans to the Leaders Training Course this summer.
- ◆ A dorm contract was established for the students receiving dorm scholarships.
- ◆ The Athletic Department will use about 60 of our water bottles for their athletes, and the cheerleaders will throw out about 60 mini-basketballs and 20 koozies.
- ◆ Out of 118 high school scholarship applicants, we interviewed 67 and placed six on scholarship. Another 15 came to UTA without scholarship aid.

We can be proud of where we came from, where we are, and where we are going as the Maverick Battalion continues to grow and train today's leaders.

If you know of a prospective ROTC student, please ask him or her to contact MAJ Kevin Smith at 817-272-5652 or at [krsmith@uta.edu](mailto:krsmith@uta.edu) for information.

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- ◆ Or for \$1,500 you and your spouse can both become Life Members of the UTA Alumni Association and Charter Life Members of the Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter (our new Bylaws permit spouses to join too), and the UTA Alumni Association will divide the money evenly with us.

All of these special prices expire December 31, 2003. Thereafter, Life Memberships increase in price. If you don't have \$1,000 lying around, the Alumni Association can set up a payment plan. Contact Kerri at the Alumni office (817-272-2595) for more details, or call Sarah Nahhas (817-640-6166) or Jerry Thomas (817-640-6166). Also, call your fellow cadets and encourage them to sign up too. This is an opportunity to transform the Cadet Corps Alumni Chapter into a permanently funded, powerful, and lasting influence to help shape and support the ROTC program at UTA.



## Where Are They Now

**Lloyd Clark** began his 37-year army career as an ROTC cadet at NTAC in 1942. As an enlisted man, he edited the *Camp Hood News* in 1944. Ten of his enlisted years were spent on active duty. He was promoted to colonel by 1976 and retired from military service in 1979 as Director of the National Defense University's course in Phoenix. He was inducted into UTA's Military Hall of Honor in 1998. Clark's journalistic career began at NTAC, where he edited *The Shorthorn*, 1941-42. During World War II and until 1948 he edited and published *Express*, a periodical that chronicled NTAC's ex-students' activities. After World War II, Clark became a reporter for the *Dallas Morning News* and received a Bachelor of Science in Journalism degree at SMU. Clark received a Master's in Public Administration from Arizona State University, Tempe, in 1972 and then served in governmental regional offices in Flagstaff, Bisbee, and Phoenix, AZ. He was a reporter and editor for the *Phoenix Gazette*, for 16½ years and continues to write a weekly column for the *Daily News-Sun* of Sun City, AZ. In 1993, the Lloyd Clark Journalism Scholarship was established at UTA by some of his NTAC classmates and Fred Freeman of Dallas, his college roommate. Under auspices of the UTA Alumni Association, the endowed fund makes monetary grants annually to an outstanding student. Lloyd Clark and his wife, Jean, reside in Surprise, AZ. They have a son, two daughters, and eight grandchildren.

### Lloyd Clark



See full versions of these biographies on our new website, [www.cadetcorps.org](http://www.cadetcorps.org)

### Charles McDowell



**LTC McDowell** began his career as an ROTC cadet at John Tarleton Agricultural College in 1939. He received an MA from Columbia University and a PhD from Texas A&M. He came to ASC (now UTA) as a Major in 1959 and was Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics. He was promoted to LTC and from 1960 to 1964 served as PMS&T. While at Arlington State College, LTC McDowell was sponsor of the Pistol Team, Rifle Team, the Sam Houston Rifles (drill team), and the Cadets Officers' Club. After leaving ASC and continuing his highly decorated military career, LTC McDowell served as a diplomatic courier and USSR specialist, as well as a Foreign Service Officer for the State Department in the former Soviet Union, Europe, Asia, and North Africa. In 1966 he returned to ASC as an Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages. By 1970, Dr. McDowell was the Director of the Soviet and East European Center (now Post Soviet and East European Studies Center) at UTA, and from 1988 to 1991 served as Chairman, Department of Foreign Languages and Linguistics. Dr. McDowell was selected as a member of Outstanding Educators in America in 1972 and was UTA Outstanding Teacher for 1973-1974. During the past 25 years, Dr. McDowell has made numerous appearances concerning the Soviet Union, People's Republic of China, and subjects related to Eastern Europe. The author of many articles, documents, and books, including classified government documents concerning the Soviet Union, he is also active in community affairs, such as the Kiwanis Club and the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. McDowell was married for many years to Mary Frances McDowell. He has two children and two grandchildren.

## UTA Alumni Association

The annual **Distinguished Alumni Gala** recognizes outstanding alumni for their individual achievements, contributions to their industry or profession, and service to the University of Texas at Arlington. Join us on **October 25, 2003**, for this most prestigious event. For information, please contact Mary Smith at [mefsmith@uta.edu](mailto:mefsmith@uta.edu) or 817-272-2594.

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battalion, and me, straight. **MSG Tom Pailliotet**, NCOIC and MS II instructor, is another positive addition to the team and a great example of the backbone of the U.S. Army. Lastly, **SGT Adkins** is the supply sergeant arriving from Germany. He has already undergone (and survived) the baptism of fire—the initial equipment issue to the cadets. I welcome the new team, and look forward to continued interaction and support from the Alumni.

During the summer, the corps of cadets had numerous training events. Four cadets graduated Airborne school and one graduated Air Assault school. Fifteen cadets graduated the National Advanced Leadership Course (NALC) and are MS IV's this year. Three cadets attended CTLT during the summer (2-Germany, 1-Fort Sill).

This fall, besides training the Corps of Cadets, the MS IV's are preparing accessions packets for branching and are looking forward to the results in late December. The MS III's are orienting at the upcoming fall FTX at Camp Wolters on 3-5 October, in preparation for their milestone event next summer—NALC. We will have two Ranger Challenge teams (one male and one mixed) that will participate in a brigade competition at Camp Bullis on 17-19 October, and a possible follow-on region competition. The MS I and II's are learning military skills and keeping up their grades and physical training.

I look forward to meeting you the Alumni Gala in October, and am honored to be a Maverick.

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getting a degree and a commission (this cadet usually majored in history because of the school's reputation of an easily obtainable degree). Typical of this "Type One" element were guys like Jerry Houston, Joel Ward, Gary Weber, and Rex Latham, all corps leaders, good students, and future Hall of Honor inductees.

The other element of the Jodies was nebulous in nature, somewhat eclectic. These were the risk takers, the guys who lived on the edge. Most of this "Type Two" element ended up on the Sam Houston Rifles by "happenstance" rather than long-range planning. They could care less about grades or learning anything in college. They had no real plans other than to have a good time and, hopefully, obtain a commission. Non-directional, with no real achievement goals, this group included guys like Doug Welch, Mark Lamkin, George Garrett, Ron Watson, Doug Dulaney, and Larry Pitz. The common thread between the two elements was their dedication to the Jodies, and wanting to be the best in the world at something. There would be no Hall of Honor inductees out of the "Type Two" group (even though Welch and Garrett would become Army Colonels and decorated Green Berets).

A "mission" was *needed* to rake havoc on the fraternity life style. An unlikely "leader" of any clandestine mission emerged: Bunky Garonzik. After high school, Bunky lived and worked in the oldest and most dangerous area of New Orleans. To put things in perspective, his rent was \$7 a week. He was "street smart," authority snubbing, totally independent, and never considered the consequences of his actions. His mentor was Ron Rendleman (who later became a helicopter hero in Vietnam). Ron had first-hand knowledge of the famous "105 Simulator between the walls at Davis Hall" incident. His reputation was legend, beginning at 16, with the attempt to use his brand new cutting torch to cut down the flagpole at Highland Park High School, along with Charles Klemme and Fred Yarbrough (all future Jodies).

The Kappa Alpha Fraternity at North Texas State University was picked as the target. This was not a random target. This route step, antimilitary group of party mongers had the audacity to have an authentic

military cannon in front of their dormitory. Here was a true contradiction in terms, and a spit in the face of anyone in uniform. Their cannon was going to vanish!

A recon mission was first necessary. G2 (military intelligence) revealed that a pledge slept by the window overlooking the cannon, with a 12-gauge shotgun. The cannon, intact, weighed over 1200 pounds. The mission was becoming complicated, but the cannon must go. The uniform consisted of blackened faces, Jody jackets reversed to the black inside, and black berets. Necessary tools were brought to disassemble the cannon that lay only a dozen steps from the dormitory. Assignments were given, and the raiding party practiced until they were as efficient as a Roger Penske pit crew. Vehicle allocations for each part of the cannon were made, and silent hand signals rehearsed. A sworn oath of secrecy about the mission was taken. In Denton, the mission went flawlessly. In less than seven minutes, the cannon was heading back to Arlington. One thing was overlooked—where was this fully operational, huge piece of military hardware now going to go?

Once reassembled, the cannon completely filled Bunky's third floor dormitory room on C ramp at Davis Hall. No problem, no one used the room to study anyway. The barrel alone weighed over 800 pounds, and the wheels stood nearly 5 feet tall. By three in the morning the solid brass barrel shined like a new penny, and the raiders admired their night's work.

Ben Franklin once said, *"Three can keep a secret, if two are dead!"* By 8 a.m., half of the Corps of Cadets were lining up to view the trophy. No one can confirm that the C Ramp Commander, Dave (Possum) Murray informed the authorities, but by 9 a.m. the cops were swarming, and the cannon was once again taken apart, and this time, reassembled on the roof of Davis Hall. The SWAT team informed the cadets, *"We know there is a cannon in the dormitory. We will be back in an hour. The cannon WILL be out front."*

One final time, the cannon was taken apart and reappeared, intact, on the front lawn. A wrecker arrived and the cannon headed north. The Kappa Alphas now had a *shiny* cannon in front of their dorm, and Garonzik and others had added a footnote to the ongoing saga of capers at UTA.

If you know of a Cadet Corps story, exploit, or caper, please send it to [snahas@decisionanalyst.com](mailto:snahas@decisionanalyst.com). After each story is included in the *REVEILLE*, it will be moved to the new CCAC website at [www.cadetcorps.org](http://www.cadetcorps.org).

The upcoming **Hall of Honor Ceremony** is set for Saturday morning, **February 21, 2004**. It is a grand affair to honor our classmates who have distinguished themselves over the years. If you would like to nominate someone for this high honor, please send your suggestions to **Jerry Houston**, head of the selection committee, at [jbhouston@comcast.net](mailto:jbhouston@comcast.net), (phone: 615-473-4128) or send it to Sarah Nahhas (604 Avenue H, Arlington, TX 76011) and it will be forwarded. Also, our annual **CCAC dinner** is held the night before. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend both events.