

# Stay blocks woman from Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C.—The gates of The Citadel opened to a woman armed with a court order Wednesday. But after Shannon Faulkner registered to take day classes, the nation's top judge blocked her from attending them.

At the request of the 151-year-old military college, Chief Justice William Rehnquist granted a stay to keep the 18-year-old student from attending classes Thursday.

The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute are the nation's only all-male, state-supported military colleges. Admissions policies at both are the target of federal lawsuits.

Ms. Faulkner, who plans to major in education, walked several hundred yards through a driving rain and a horde of reporters Wednesday to register in Bond Hall, the turreted administration building that dominates one end of The Citadel's parade ground.

"I didn't expect all of this and I didn't really expect to be here," Ms. Faulkner said. "I actually expected the battle to be a lot longer."

She said she was treated nicely by college officials and signed up for biology, math, English, history and education.

But she said she felt "overwhelmed" by the attention. "Everybody is saying, 'You're making history,'" she said.

## In opening speech prosecutor says Koresh built army

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Followers of David Koresh were "arming an army," a prosecutor said Wednesday in opening statements for the trial of 11 cultists charged with murdering four federal agents in a gun battle.

"You'll find, ladies and gentlemen, that David Koresh told these people his name was death," said prosecutor Ray Jahn. "If you want to die for God, you must be willing to kill for God."

Jahn told jurors that prosecutors will prove Koresh's group, the Branch Davidians, were engaging in "a massive arms buildup" that included hand grenades and other illegal weapons.

"We will show you ... the physical acts of arming an army," Jahn said.

Prosecutors say the defendants stockpiled 11 tons of weapons and planned a murderous battle to fulfill Koresh's doomsday prophecies. The cultists say they acted in self-defense after agents raided their compound with excessive force.

In a victory for the defense, U.S. District Judge Walter Smith said lawyers could try to establish the defendants' state of mind before the raid by discussing how Koresh told his followers about other deadly government raids.

Four agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were killed and 16 wounded in the shootout that broke out Feb. 28 at the Branch Davidians' compound near Waco when more than 100 officers tried to search for guns and arrest Koresh on weapons charges. Six Branch Davidians are believed to have died as well.

After a 51-day standoff, federal agents pumped tear gas into the buildings, and Koresh and some 80 followers died as the place went up in flames. Investigators said the cultists set the fire in a mass suicide.

All 11 defendants, some of whom survived the fire by jumping out of windows, could get life in prison without parole.

Twelve anonymous jurors and six alternates were seated on Tuesday. The judge ordered their identities withheld to protect them from pressure. The trial was moved to San Antonio because of heavy publicity in Waco.

The jury includes a former Roman Catholic nun who said she had "negative feelings" about cults; the mother of a 1-month-old baby who said only police should own guns; and a woman who said she had never heard of the case.

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—Faulkner, woman trying to attend male school

Ms. Faulkner initially was accepted by the college after she had references to her gender deleted from her high school transcript. The Citadel rejected her application when it discovered she was a woman, and she sued, challenging the constitutionality of the all-male admissions policy.

Last August, a federal judge said Ms. Faulkner could attend classes, but not join the corps of cadets, while her lawsuit proceeds. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused to overturn the order.

Ms. Faulkner, who is from Powdersville, said she hoped to become a full-fledged member of the grey-uniformed corps of cadets within a year.

"I don't think you can get the full Citadel experience without being a cadet," she said.

Since Ms. Faulkner sued, five incidents of vandalism have been directed against her and her family.

U.S. Attorney J.P. Strom said the FBI was investigating threats against Ms. Faulkner's "personal safety" and unspecified threats against her family and attorneys.

"I know I feel safe here on campus, it's just the off-campus stuff I do have to worry about," she said.

She will stay with a Charleston family that has requested anonymity.

After registering, Ms. Faulkner toured campus escorted by Lynn Hook, one of 1,649 women who take evening classes at The Citadel. Ms. Hook supports keeping the corps of cadets all-male.

"If we can obligate people to go to coeducational schools, which we do, why can't we obligate them to go to single-gender schools?" Ms. Hook said.

When Ms. Faulkner arrived on campus, she was greeted by Pat Johnson, one of three women veterans who sued in 1992 trying to gain admission to day classes.

That case was dismissed after The Citadel, worried about coeducation, abolished a program allowing male veterans to attend classes with cadets.

"It's kind of like a football game. I feel like a quarterback handing the ball off to Shannon Faulkner and she's running through the gate," Ms. Johnson said.





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