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# Conservative group organizing at A&M

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Reporter

It's a chance to meet Ronald Reagan, John Tower or Phil Gramm — and maybe even follow in their footsteps.

Texas A&M students have this opportunity if they join Young Americans for Freedom, a national conservative political group.

With over 500 chapters across the country, YAF has members ranging from the president to college students, says Timm Henning, chairman

of the Texas A&M chapter. Henning, who is organizing the chapter, said that originally they planned to start the chapter next fall. They are starting now, however, because Texas A&M has been invited to the Republican Convention in Dallas this summer.

"Even though we didn't have a chapter here," Henning said, "the YAF advisers had heard of A&M's interest in politics and asked us to be represented in Dallas."

Henning said the other

Texas universities invited are Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas.

"I want to stimulate membership now because I don't want A&M to miss out on such a great opportunity," Henning said.

Attending the Republican Convention, however, is just one benefit students will get from joining YAF.

"Not only will YAF help develop the students' political leadership techniques," Henning said, "it will also give them a chance to get top-notch connections and meet influential political figures."

YAF, which was founded in 1960 by William F. Buckley, is open to any student and has only one membership requirement — the students must agree with the Sharon Statement.

The Sharon Statement is a creed outlining YAF's goals: "to support the conservative movement and bring back the morals of government that this country was founded on."

Membership dues are \$20 a semester, and there are no political party restrictions.

"You don't have to be a Republican to join," Henning said. "We do have a lot of Republicans, but only because they tend to be more conservative than Democrats. We are just a conservative group."

Although there is no deadline to join YAF, students who wish to attend the Republican Convention this summer (August 20-23) should contact Henning at 260-7953 by May 11.

"We want a strong chapter here," Henning said. "And we're looking for those hard-working students dedicated to the conservative political movement."

## Around town

### Poet visits Bryan-College Station

Poet Allen Ginsberg will be visiting in Bryan-College Station today and Friday. Ginsberg will begin his visit by reading poetry at 8 p.m. today in Rudder Forum. Friday he will lecture about "Allen Ginsberg's involvement in the Generation of the 50's and the youth revolt of the 60's" from noon until 2 p.m. in 301 Rudder. The lecture will be followed by a book signing at Half Price Books from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### ISA to hold officer elections

Elections will be held for the International Student Association (ISA) tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder. Elections were originally scheduled for April 27 but were not held because of lack of attendance. Only 35 out of 2,300 students attended the April 27 meeting.

### Seminar applications available

Applications are being accepted for the Student Speakers' Seminar which will be offered during the fall semester. The seminar is designed to prepare students to speak on behalf of Texas A&M.

Seminar sessions will include topics such as the mechanics of speaking, speech preparation and delivery, and asked questions and answers and practical experience. The seminar will be informal and designed to be useful both before and after graduation.

Places are limited to 15 sophomore or junior (or fifth year senior) students with a moderate to heavy involvement in campus activities. More information and applications are available in the Student Activities Office, 201 Pavilion or by calling 845-1133. Deadline for applications is Friday.

## Officials bar media in polling places

### United Press International

HOUSTON — News reporters and photographers will be restricted from working within 100 feet of polling places in Saturday's election because of a complaint that the news media disrupted voting in the past, officials said.

Harris County Clerk Rodeheaver said Tuesday he has advised election judges to enforce a provision in the Texas Election Code that bars anyone other than judges, inspectors or voters and their children under 10 years old from within 100 feet of where voters are voting.

Reporters and photographers traditionally have had access to polling places, Rodeheaver said she had enforced the law because of a complaint from a Republican election judge in Houston who claimed photographers disrupted voting at her polling place when they took pictures of Mayor Kathy Whitmire in the most recent city election.

Whitmire is a Democrat though city elections are partisan. The clerk said she sought clarification of the law from the secretary of State John Jones who said his election judges also have advised election judges of the election law regarding the media.

"This has been the common policy of this office for several administrations. As a matter, a number of election judges have permitted the media but that is not authorized by statute," Fainter said.

Rodeheaver said election judges have authority to make arrests on election day.

"They can do whatever they feel is necessary to keep the media out," she said.

A judge who violates the provisions of the law could be subject to a \$500 fine, she said.



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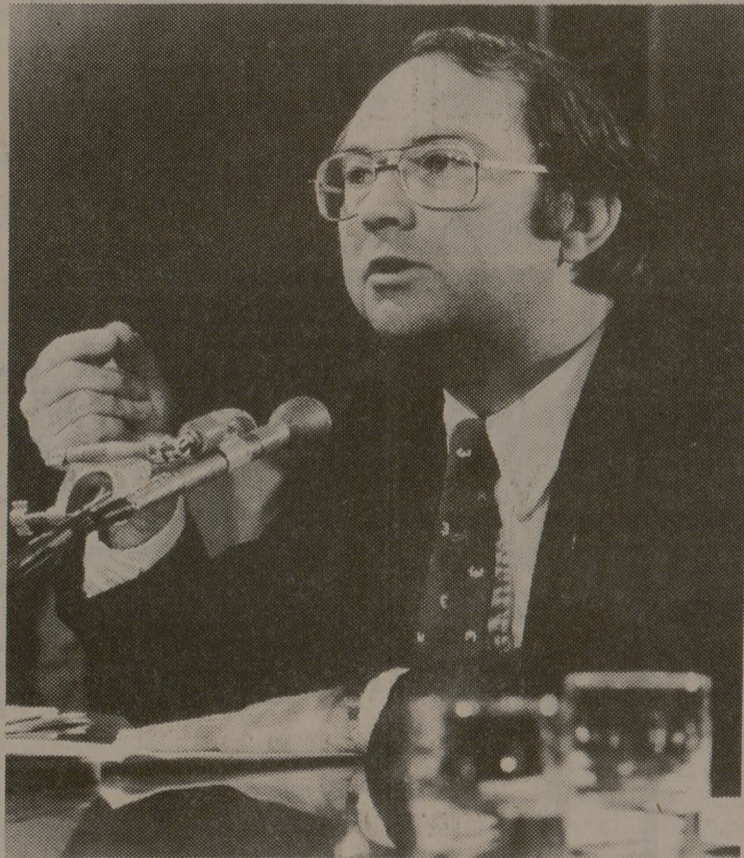
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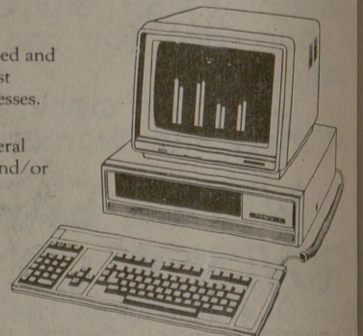
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