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Texas A&M accused of violating NCAA rules

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Coaches and boosters at Texas A&M gave football players thousands of dollars in car deals, weekly allowances, performance payments, signing incentives and bonuses, the *Dallas Times Herald* has reported in copy-right stories.

In three weekend stories, the *Times Herald* said interviews with 40 former players and other sources indicate A&M players tapped into a wealthy network that allowed them special privileges in violation of NCAA rules.

The *Battalion* was unable to contact any A&M Athletic Department officials Sunday for comments concerning the *Times Herald's* allegations.

Southwest Conference Commissioner Fred Jacoby told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* on Saturday that the A&M football program is under investigation by the NCAA for possible rules violations.

"The NCAA has already started checking into it," Jacoby said.

Asked if A&M was still conducting its own in-house investigation, Jacoby said, "Yes, that's right," adding that, "to the best of my knowledge, the investigation is still going on."

Gary Rogers of Dallas, a former A&M player, told the *Times Herald* he received so much money from Dallas banker and Dallas A&M Club president-elect Riley C. Couch III that he began to doubt one man alone was supplying it.

In another story Saturday, the *Times Herald* reported that Jackie Sherrill, head coach of the 1985 Southwest Conference Champion and Cotton Bowl-bound team, has conducted a "cover-up" by denying reporters access to players as well as information about their vehicle registrations.

In comments made available Saturday to The Associated Press by A&M officials, Sherrill denied any improprieties.

"If the only thing the *Times Herald* has come up with is what the reporters have confronted me with — and that's a couple of lame allegations made by people with very definite axes to grind — then I feel good about our program, past and future, and will probably limit the extent of our own investigations," Sherrill said.

The *Times Herald's* allegations are "very vigorously disputed by people who have a basis for knowing the facts," Sherrill said.

Many reports of improprieties came from players

who were dismissed from the team for various reasons, the *Times Herald* reported.

Among the irregularities, the newspaper reported:

- Envelopes allegedly stuffed with hundreds of dollars were slipped anonymously into lockers and shoes in the dressing room after games or under doors in the athletes' dormitory rooms.

- Elroy Steen of Gonzales, a player dismissed from the team in 1980 for drug-related reasons, claimed he and other players got \$600 to \$700 from coaches at the beginning of a season in exchange for a season's worth of complimentary tickets.

- Kathy Leonard, who tutored Earnest Jackson, a star A&M running back from 1979 to 1982, said Jackson and other players "each had a name and a (phone) number. . . They would always joke about it saying, 'My sugar daddy is richer than you sugar daddy,'" Sherrill said.

Jackson, now a member of the Philadelphia Eagles, denied the report.

"I don't know about any of these things," Jackson

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Jackie Sherrill

Students line up for bowl tickets

By JO BETH MURPHY
Reporter

The Twelfth Man is already standing up to show its support for the football team's upcoming performance in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

And not only are Aggies already standing up, but they also are lying down, sitting down and playing around — as they wait in line for Cotton Bowl tickets.

Some students started lining up at the ticket windows of G. Rollie White Coliseum as early as three days before the tickets go on sale there Tuesday at 7 a.m.

Scott Joachim, a senior industrial distribution major from Humble, was first in line at one of the six ticket windows. Joachim said he set up camp about noon Sunday.

And like many of the people in lines, he plans to get the maximum of six tickets each student is allowed.

Equipped with a lawn chair, sleeping bag and a set of dominoes, Joachim fills his six-hour shift and waits for a friend to relieve him of his post.

Other students brought more elaborate equipment to make their wait bearable.

Carolyn Nickerson, a senior from Conroe, supplied a VCR while Mary Lou Mauro, a senior political science major from Richardson, brought a television. The two have a video tape of the 1985 Texas A&M-Texas football game and a copy of "We've Never Been Licked" to keep them occupied for a couple of hours during their two-day wait.

And when they get hungry, they have popcorn, chips and a cooler full of soft drinks to satisfy their appe-

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Don Avant, a civil engineering freshman from Dallas, studies while waiting in line for Cotton

Bowl tickets Sunday. Tickets go on sale Tuesday at 7 a.m.

Photo by JOHN MAKELY

Deficit reduction plan attacked by Cleveland mayor

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Republican president of the National League of Cities on Sunday called a congressional plan to attack the federal deficit "cowardice in the worst sense" and said federal taxes must be raised to avoid devastating cuts in city services.

Cleveland Mayor George V. Voinovich accused President Reagan and Congress of avoiding tough decisions on taxes. He said the administration and Congress were "like Pontius Pilate" washing their hands of urban problems and programs in a plan to eliminate the \$200 billion a year federal deficit by 1991.

"I just wish he would get out into American cities and see firsthand what's going on," Voinovich said of Reagan. "I think honestly if he did he might feel differently about all these programs that are being proposed to be eliminated."

Voinovich, whose city is one of the nation's largest that is headed by a GOP mayor, made the comments in a news conference at the start of the Congress of Cities, a meeting of more than 4,000 municipal officials.

Voinovich and other urban leaders said the agreement by House and Senate negotiators to a budget-balancing plan would doom most programs under which federal money is provided to cities and towns.

Biggest among the programs is the general revenue sharing program, providing \$4.6 billion for use in all types of urban services, and the \$3 billion community development block grants for economically distressed neighborhoods.

Voinovich said the loss of those programs would mean "devastation" for many cities, causing cuts in even basic services like police and fire.

The National League of Cities' board of directors agreed to a resolution backing, with some reservation, the House Ways and Means Committee's version of a tax-overhaul bill. Coupled with the measure was a call for closing income tax loopholes to raise more money.

In agreeing to the deficit elimination plan, which is separate from the tax overhaul, the House and Senate negotiators acceded to a version of the so-called Gramm-Rudman proposal first offered by Sens. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, and Warren Rudman, R-N.M.

The measure would require automatic cuts in many programs if Congress falls short of budget targets. What mayors want, Voinovich said, is for taxes to be raised to avoid many of those cuts.

Cities have already endured cuts of about 50 percent in their federal aid programs in the past five years.

University Police arrest bomb threat suspect

By BRIAN PEARSON
Senior Staff Writer

University Police arrested a man and are close to identifying six other suspects connected with a Friday bomb threat in Bolton Hall, a police department spokesman said Sunday.

James Andrew Drapela, 21, a junior political science major from El Campo, was arrested Friday as his 11:00 a.m. political science class in Bolton was evacuating the building due to the threat.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and traffic at Texas A&M, said a man called a secretary in Bolton at 10:52 a.m. Friday and told her a bomb would go off in the building within 30 minutes.

As officers responded to the threat at 10:56 a.m., a student called University Police and described a man who had made a bomb threat several minutes earlier from a pay telephone outside the Sterling C. Evans Library, Wiatt said.

He said officers arriving at Bolton checked to see which 11:00 a.m. classes were having exams in the building.

Drapela, who met the description given by the witness, was found in one of the classes, arrested and charged with making a terroristic threat.

Terroristic threat is a Class A mis-

demeanor that carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison, a \$2,000 fine or both.

After the arrest, University Police found the telephone number of the Bolton secretary written inside a notebook Drapela was carrying at the time.

Wiatt said Drapela gave a statement to the police in which he said he made the call.

He said Drapela told University Police he and six other students were studying in the Sterling C. Evans Library Thursday when they decided to make a bomb threat to stop a class exam that was scheduled for Friday.

Wiatt said Drapela told police his classmates got the bomb threat idea from reading *The Battalion's* weekly Police Beat column.

Wiatt said Drapela told police that the six students offered him three cases of beer, a bottle of Jack Daniel's whiskey, \$20 in cash and three bar drinks to make the call.

Wiatt said the six students also may be charged with making a terroristic threat.

"We are also going to identify the six students who urged Drapela on and they will be referred to the Department of Student Affairs for disciplinary action," Wiatt said. "There could be possible criminal charges because it was a conspiracy."

AIDS

Officials: Incidents of exposure to virus up in Brazos County

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND
Staff Writer

Health officials in Brazos County say more people have been exposed to the AIDS virus in 1985 than in 1984.

Local health clinics report blood tests are revealing more cases of AIDS contaminated blood.

Dr. Oscar Beck, epidemiologist and owner of Beck Biomedical, said his lab has found 38 positive tests this year, an increase of 19 over last year.

Beck's lab does clinical blood testing for physicians and clinics in the Brazos Valley.

At the Brazos County Health Department, nine people have been identified as seropositive.

Seropositives do not suffer from

the effects of AIDS, but can pass the disease to others through sexual contact.

Local clinics are using a test to identify the HTLV-III antibody, the marker for the AIDS virus in the blood.

A person who has tested positive is identified as seropositive.

No one knows when seropositives may move from the less dangerous infected stage to the actual diseased stage.

Homosexuals, intravenous drug users and people who often receive blood transfusions have the highest risk of coming in contact with AIDS.

In Texas testing centers, the number of individuals exposed to the disease is growing steadily.

Texas began testing at county health clinics in April 1985.

Since that time 4,695 people have taken the test and 537 were discovered to have HTLV-III antibody in their blood.

Al Mayo, communicable diseases specialist at the Brazos County Health Department, said state health officials expect 1,400 AIDS victims in Texas by the end of 1986, up from the current 748.

Local physicians say they are concerned about the spread of AIDS locally, but they stress caution in using HTLV-III numbers as an indicator of the prevalence of AIDS.

"You have to be careful what you say because you don't want to start a panic," Beck said. "There are probably several reasons for the increase that may not signal an actual increase in incidence of the disease."

Beck said the higher numbers

may be the result of more accurate testing procedures and the fact that more high risk individuals have begun to come in for testing.

Dr. Ted Rea, a Bryan gastroenterologist and one of the first physicians in Bryan to diagnose an AIDS sufferer, said HTLV-III numbers accurately reflect the growing presence of the disease.

But Rea said HTLV-III numbers do not indicate that all of those who are seropositive will get AIDS.

"Right now we believe only 10, 15, maybe 20 percent of those who are discovered to have been exposed to the disease will ever suffer from effects of full-blown AIDS," Rea said.

Dr. Claude Goswick, director of A&M's A.P. Beutel Health Center,

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