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# Sherrill

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five \$100 bills. The News also reported it has in excess of eight hours of tape-recorded interviews with Smith

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In those interviews, Smith reportedly told the News that he received approxi-mately \$10,000 from Sherrill and his staff in the form of money, benefits and airline tickets.

The News reported that Robert Smith said Sherrill did not deny sending money to George Smith, but that Sherrill main-

tained he was being coerced. Smith was highly recruited as a high school athlete. He attended A&M from the summer of 1982 until early 1984. In 1984 he quit the team and transfered to Clemson University.

The News reported that Smith said he had been contacted Wednesday night by Coach Pugh's wife. The story states that Smith said as a result of that conversation he would refu to stand by the statements he made in the tape-recorded interviews. A notarized, sworn statement was signed by Smith before the interview that he would "be truthful in the informa-tion he provides," the story says. However, Smith later tried to deny

what he said during the interview, according the article.

The *News* quotes Smith as saying, "If I say it didn't happen, nothing happe-ned." Smith is also quoted as saying Pugh, who recruited him, is being treated unfairly by Sherrill as the allegations unfold.

Smith orginally signed a letter of in-tent with the University of Georgia. He later gave the NCAA information about improper recruiting practices by a Georgia coach.

Smith then signed with A&M. The News reported that at the time Smith denied he was never offered any illegal inticements to sign with A&M. However, the News quotes Smith as saying Sherrill promised to "take care of me" and provide a good-paying job. The job was working around Sherrill's house according to the article.

The *News* quotes Smith: "I said, 'Well, coach, how will I get home in the winter months or for the Christmas breaks and things of that nature. He said, 'We can get you a summer job. That's not against the rules. Also I have work that I need done around my house. We can work that out. And I can pay you

what I want to pay you.' . . . "Once he told me he was going to take care of me and I wouldn't have to worry about nothing, I said, 'OK. I'm coming to school here.

The article also quotes Smith as saying a member of Sherrill's staff arranged to sell his complimentary tickets. According to the News Smith said,

"He just told me, 'I got a guy that's gonna take care of your tickets and you need to be patient. He'll come by and holler at you after the ball games. He'll be in the dressing room." The man is identified in the article as

"Bill from Lampasas (Texas)."

The News reported that Sherrill confronted Smith and told him the alumni transactions were too risky.

Smith is quoted as saying, "He came to me and told me that he didn't want me dealing with that guy any longer. He said, 'If you need anything, you come to me from now on.'

The article says Smith and Sherrill struck an agreement about future cash

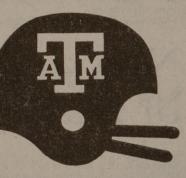
The following statement was issued by Lane Stephenson, Director of Public Information for Texas A&M, on behalf of President Wil-liam H. Mobley.

Friday, November 18, 1988

The Battalion received the statement at 10:40 a.m. today. "We are in the process as I speak of attempting to ascertain the facts from among a series of conflicting statements. We learned of the allega tions Wednesday and immediately notified the NCAA in conjunction with starting our own internal inves igation.

ial facet of the matter in A cr our opi on is that after learning of the content of the Dallas Morning News story before publication, the young man involved called Mr. Rob rt Smith, the University's officer in charge of NCAA compliance mat-ters, and essentially denied the alle-gations to be published. "University officials are in the

process of setting up a meeting as soon as possible with the young man o determine the facts in the form of sworn statement. We also will be seeking sworn statements from ev-eryone else involved, including Ath-etic Department personnel."



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tion at 845-0280 for details on today's meeting. HONORS STUDENT COUNCIL: will have a brown bag lunch at noon in 1

MSC. Dr. Tsu Tsui will speak about a new biochemistry class. CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will discuss courtship and marriage

7:30 p.m.at St. Mary's Student Center. COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. PI SIGMA EPSILON: will have a new car show all day behind the Academ

MINORITY FRESHMEN ORIENTATION '89: applications for associate direct of the Minority Freshmen Orientation '89 will be accepted until 5 p.m. Friday. CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington. POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY: will have a faculty-student mixer at 5:30 pm at Dudley's Draw.

#### Saturday

TAMU SNOW SKI CLUB: will have a ski swap to trade, buy and sell any ski

ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION: will have a spaghetti dinner at 7 p.m.#

#### Sunday

HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER: will have an open board meeting at 8

BLACK AWARENESS COMMITTEE: will have a fall fashion show at 3 pm in CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a Bible study at 9:30 am a

TAMU INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCERS: will demonstrate and teach folk

dancing from 8-10 p.m. in 226 MSC. TAMU SPORTS CAR CLUB: will have a championship road rally at 3 p.m.h

the Zachry Parking Lot.

#### Monday

## SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS: will meet at 6 p.m. in 104 Zachry. POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder. CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will have a car bash from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Ruder fountail

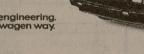
Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Red McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do a What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Sub-missions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an onterwill run the description of the contract of 245 2215. entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315

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#### payments for living expenses during the summer of 1983.

Smith reportedly told the News that he asked Sherrill for money for the season as well as how it would be handled.

The News quotes Smith as saying Sherrill replied, "'Well, I don't want you selling your tickets to anyone. What you do is . . . you come to me and I'll let you go over to my house and work and earn it. Nobody told me how much I can pay you."

Smith told the News that when he showed up to do yard work Sherrill just asked him how much money he needed.

The News quotes Smith as saying Sherrill would give him anywhere from \$200 to \$400 whenever he asked.

After his freshman year Smith decided to leave A&M. The News quotes Smith

A copy of a Federal Express mailing label on a package sent to George Matey, a member of Sherrill's staff, appears on the label as the sender of the package. According to the Dal-las Morning News Smith said the envelope contained \$500 in cash. The envelope was sent from Bryan to Smith in Atlanta. It was sent Sept. 13, four days after A&M announced the results of an investigation by the NCAA. The label accompanied a copyrighted story in today's edition of the News.

#### as saying Sherrill helped him transfer to News. Clemson. He is also quoted as saying Sherrill provided him spending money and a plane ticket.

Smith is quoted as saying he estimated he received more than \$10,000 in cash, benefits and plane tickets while at A&M. According to the article, Smith con-tacted Sherrill again as the NCAA investigation into the A&M football program started

By this time he had quit school and applied for early eligibility for the 1986 professional draft, according to the

## The News quotes Smith as saying he

decided to expose Sherrill because of anger. Smith is quoted as saying he expected Sherrill to provide around \$3,000 for vocational school tution in one lump sum, but the money kept coming in small

amounts "I wanted him to send me back to school," the News quotes Smith as saying. "I wanted to finish up. That's what I

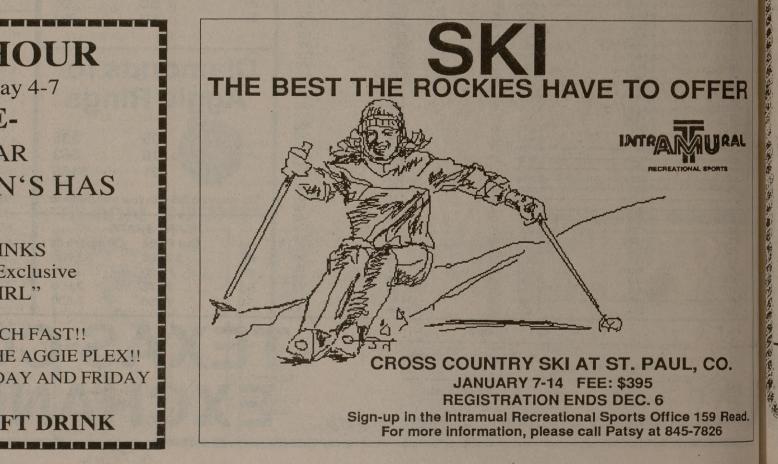
really wanted. . . . He owes me a degree. I would never have left A&M if I hadn't

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'All this was done to keep me qu for a couple of months." Several A&M football players

tacted by The Battalion said they had comment and were waiting for a meeting to be held with the coaches. They said they first heard of the charges this mon-

Jeff Henry, recruiting coordinator in A&M, said he did not know about the charges until he heard the radio report gotten screwed by the coaching staff. So of the allegations today.



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