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## Republicans should integrate minorities into party, outreach director tells Aggies

### Coordinator for Republican Committee asks for party integration

By Michael Kelley

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Alvin Williams, deputy director of Black Outreach and youth coordinator for the Republican National Committee told the A&M chapter of College Republicans Wednesday night that the Republican Party should be working to integrate minorities into the party.

Williams was chosen to fill his two positions on the national committee in January by committee chairman Lee Atwater. He is presently on a tour of Texas college campuses to promote the Republican youth of the state to interact with minorities.

"Through interaction, you will find that people aren't really as different as they appear," Williams said. "In America, people always think of a TV image of a black person, a woman, or a Hispanic, and it's just not the case."

Williams praised President

George Bush as the trump card for minorities because of the political opportunities he has given them. He said that there is tremendous support for Bush from minorities in America, citing Bush's 60 percent approval rating from the black community in only 10 months of his administration.

"Blacks are seeing that they have a man that is genuine about the inclusion of all Americans," he said. "George Bush to this day has appointed more minorities and women to his cabinet than any other president before him."

"One that stands out is the appointment of Colin Powell as head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. We're not talking about a 'traditional token appointment' here, but a substantive position."

Williams said he is promoting Atwater's goal of political outreach by aggressively seeking minorities to join the Republican Party.

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mittee has an aggressive candidate recruitment for minorities," Williams said. "We realize that we have

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to start creating role models for our groups. Blacks should be able to look into Congress and be able to see a couple of black Republican congressmen or senators.

"Right now the chairman (Atwater) definitely has an aggressive candidate recruitment program

whereby he brings potential candidates to Washington and gives them a day with the president, the vice president, members of the cabinet and various senators as encouragement to become a Republican candidate in their respective state or locality," Williams said. "That's part of my job — to seek out qualified black Republican candidates."

Williams said he believes all Americans, especially minorities, should be included in both parties.

"Minorities have an emotional attachment to the Democratic Party," Williams said. "I want to see us melt this attachment and bring them home. We are convinced that we (the Republicans) are the majority party and that mainstream America is conservative."

In order to get minorities to vote Republican, Williams said that the party as a whole needs to purport the American dream through community service to such places as ghettos and inner cities.

## Ellerbee cancels speech; fears anti-abortion link

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN (AP) — Linda Ellerbee, a former Bryan resident whose syndicated column is printed in the Bryan-College Station Press has withdrawn as a speaker for next month's annual meeting of the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas saying she is concerned that she would be linked with anti-abortion forces.

Ellerbee said her decision was based on an incident in Austin last month in which the leader of the Texas pro-choice movement was removed from a list of women to be honored by the Austin Women's Chamber of Commerce.

Phyllis Dunham, executive director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League, had been invited to the awards luncheon. But the invitation was withdrawn after some chamber leaders determined that such a stand was tantamount to taking a stand on the abortion issue. Sondra Apelt, president of the Austin women's chamber, said.

Ellerbee said the chamber made a statement on abortion when it withdrew that invitation.

"Their attitude was they didn't want to get involved, but by uninviting Phyllis Dunham they did get involved," she told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

## Panel discussion kicks off World Food Week at A&M

By Cindy McMillian

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MSC Student Conference on National Affairs and MSC Great Issues will present the 1989 World Food Day Teleconference Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

The panel discussion, "Food, Environment and Development — A Sustainable Agenda for the 21st Century," will be broadcast by satellite from Washington for the first hour of the program. Panelists include Dr. Verghese Kurien, director of an Indian dairy cooperative and winner of the 1989 World Food Prize; Ambassador Stephen Lewis, Special Advisor for Africa to the United Nations Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar; Dr. Roberta Balstaad Miller, Director of the Division of Social and Economic Science of the National Science Foundation; and Senator Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee.

The panel will be moderated by

Judy Woodruff, chief Washington correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour and anchor of her own PBS documentary series.

After the televised panel discussion, the audience will hear local viewpoints. Dr. George Bates, a biochemist and biophysicist specializing in nutrition; Nancy Hardeman, president of the Brazos Food Bank; and Dr. Ron Knutson, professor and extension economist in agricultural policy will speak.

The public is invited to attend the teleconference, which kicks off World Food Week at Texas A&M. A canned food drive competition between the Corps of Cadets, the Residence Hall Association and A&M fraternities and sororities will last Monday through Friday, with collection barrels set up at major points around campus. The food will go to local families.

World Food Week ends Friday with the REACH organization's "Dance Against Hunger" at 8 p.m. in the Pavilion. Admission to the dance is two cans of food or \$1.

## National council offers minority fellowships

By Steven Patrick

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National fellowships designed to increase the presence of underrepresented minorities on university faculties are being offered through the National Research Council.

The goal of the minority fellowships is to increase minority representation at the college faculty level and provide students the opportunity to engage in advanced study.

The fellowships, sponsored by The Ford Foundation, are aimed at the six most severely underrepresented minority groups in the nation's Ph.D. programs, including Native American Indians, Alaskan Natives, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Native Pacific Islanders and Puerto Ricans.

Both predoctoral and dissertation fellowships are available to those minorities currently pursuing or planning to pursue doctorate degrees in such areas as the humanities, the behavioral and social sciences and engineering.

The National Research Council will conduct the national competition to award 55 predoctoral and 20 dissertation fellowships.

The awards will be presented to those individuals who have shown superior scholarship and future promise of achievement, as determined by a panel selected by the NRC. The panel will weigh academic records, letters of recommendation and a written application during the selection process.

Those eligible for the predoctoral fellowships

are students planning to earn a Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Science degree and are currently at or near the beginning of their graduate study. The predoctoral fellowships include annual stipends of \$11,000 for a maximum of three years.

The dissertation fellowships will be awarded to students who have completed all work for their graduate degrees except their dissertations.

Dissertation fellows will receive a one-year stipend of \$18,000.

The application deadline for the fellowships is Nov. 9.

For applications and more information concerning The Ford Foundation Fellowships, call the National Research Council at (202) 334-2872.

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