

Commander says 'a few bad apples' taint Corps' reputation

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Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets comnander stood by his statements Sunday that "a few bad apples" are tainting the corps' image after a committee report aid last week that discrimination and haassment of women is much more pervaive than Corps leaders let on.

"I strongly disagree with that," said enior John Sherman. "I stand by my statement until the end. It is a few individuals who openly hold malice toward women or anybody else. It is not a majority of the Corps.'

An independent investigative com-mittee appointed Oct. 4 by A&M Presi-dent William Mobley released an interim report Thursday, which among other things, said acts of discrimination and harassment of women in the Corps were more prevalent than statements by Corps leaders indicated.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Darling said on Sunday that the report was what he ex-pected, and he had "no argument" with

the major recommendations. But Darling said he would quibble with some wording in the report, including the part about "more than a 'few bad apples' discrimi-

nating and harassing women. "That's so vague," he said. "What is a few? It's difficult to say what that means. That kind of thing is a little troublesome to me. I'm not sure they (vague com-ments) help our understanding of what the committee's findings were.

Sherman said he agrees with several points made in the report, including one recommendation to institute a program to educate cadets about what is harassment and discrimination.

"A lot of people are leery about what they are, especially after (Anita) Hill and (Clarence) Thomas," he said. "We all know about the obvious forms, such as calling a woman a derogatory name. But there are topics to be discussed about the nuances of harassment and discrimination.

Sherman said he would like to invite an attorney to speak with the Corps about gender-based discrimination and harass-ment.

But Sherman said he disagrees with the committee's statements that the Corps needs closer supervision, and that there is a lack of knowledge or background among the undergraduate leaders to handle such sensitive issues.

"I don't think our supervision is faulty," Sherman continued. "The whole purpose and meaning of the Corps is to build leadership. It is a laboratory to build our leadership skills."

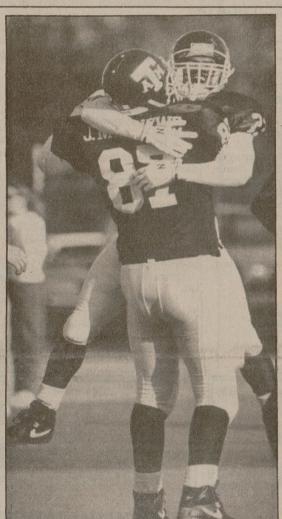
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Cotton Pickin' Good Time

The 12th Man walk-ons (above) celebrate Cotton Bowl berth since 1987. Tony Harrison (right) is congratulated by Jason Matthews after Methodist by "Sawing Varsity's Horns Off" after the caught a 46-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter. There was plenty of celebration The win second quarter. assures the Aggies of its first SWC title and as the Aggies rolled up 567 yards of offense.



Israelis criticize talks site

United States picks Washington as venue for peace conference

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israel's Cabinet on Sunday blasted the United States for ignoring Israeli wishes and setting Washington as the site of the next round of peace talks. But Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said he did not expect the peace process to be derailed by the dispute.

Israel has not said whether it will accept the U.S. invitation to attend talks starting Dec. 4 in Washington, although the Bush administration said it wanted responses by Monday. The Jewish state has lobbied hard to hold the next round of talks in the Middle East.

Israel television said Israel was unlikely to reply by Monday, and that it would condition acceptance on a promise that future talks would convene in the Middle East.

The issue of the site is a highly charged one, because Israel believes that sending representatives to Arab capitals and receiving Arab envoys would constitute de facto recognition of the Jewish state.

Police Minister Roni Milo was quoted by Israeli radio as urging that Israel hold off beyond Monday on giving its response to show Washington it "cannot pull this rope with us any tighter."

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Republicans introduce debate on tax package **Economic Analysis**

WASHINGTON (AP) – When House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich outlined a year-end tax package that blends capital gains reductions with expanded IRAs and other attractive-sounding breaks, congressional Democrats

e and see said, 'No responded predictably. "It has no shred of sincerity about it," House Speaker Thomas in Kyle has been S. Foley sniffed at a weekend breakfast meeting with reporters. fter a SIM "It's a flat-out public plot ... cooked up by a group of Republi-cans not to do a thing for the econanted tog the way

omy nor help any American." With that, the congressional tax debate of the 1992 election year was officially inaugurated in the waning days of the 1991 session.

President Bush prefers to wait until January to outline his own economic program. But many House Republicans, nervous about their own re-election prospects, saw political advantage in pressing for passage of their plan in the session expected to end Tuesday or Wednesday.

Gingrich of Georgia said Friday that if the Democrats who control Congress let lawmakers disband for the year without enacting anti-recession legislation, as seems likely, "All their yelling and yapping about the domestic agenda will be exposed as pure demagoguery.

There was another motive, as well.

"It will let Republicans say very honestly that the Democrats defeated the only true pro-growth initiative this Congress debated before leaving," said Rep. Vin Weber, R-Minn.

"There's a sense that a sound economy is a lynch pin to the reelection next year of the president, and we as Republicans rise or fall with the state of the economy,' said Rep. Willis Gradison, R-Ohio. "This initiative is as much seeking political stimulus as it is seeking economic stimulus.

Democrats reply that the flurry of GOP activity will do little to distract voters from Bush's seeming confusion about what to do about the economy.

"The economy can't be addressed until we have the attention of the president, and the pres-ident denies the problem," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis. "Until we get his attention, ev-

erything his little leaguers do in the House is just window-dressing.

That didn't stop House Majority Whip Richard Gephardt from contending that the GOP plan would require deep cuts in Medicare under the terms of Congress'

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Church leaders upset with Magic 's safe-sex advice

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HOUSTON (AP) - Two weeks after Magic Johnson revealed he has been infected with the AIDS virus, the issue remains a topic at church pulpits in Houston.

While some church leaders praise Johnson's wake-up call to the nation about the risks associated with unprotected sex, others fault his safe-sex message as immoral.

A no-sex message would make him a real hero, they say.

The Rev. Bob Crawford of St. Anne's Catholic Church in Tomball was so upset with Johnson's safe-sex advice that he

mailed him a morality letter. The deacon spoke on the issue during Sunday Masses, and about 50 parishioners have now mailed their own letters to the former basketball star, he said.

"Don't just preach safe sex, but accept the responsibility to preach morality," Crawford's letter said in part. "Please prayerfully consider

that if we all had the courage to place ourselves in the hands of God, and obeyed His commandments, the world might not be overrun with AIDS victims, aborted babies or millions of starving

children," he wrote.

The Rev. Ed Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church, stressed in the pulpit that safe sex doesn't ex-

'Magic, if you really want to deliver a message to this genera-tion, the message is not safe sex," Young told his 12,000-member congregation.

At the 5,500-member Windsor Village United Methodist Church, more than 100 people stood in line to be tested for the HIV virus last month after a Sunday service. Another free screening will be conducted Dec. 15 at the church.

More than 700 teen-agers and adults have attended AIDS education programs at Windsor Village, which has an active AIDS ministry viewed by many as the best in the black community.

The Rev. Kirbyjon Caldwell, Windsor Village pastor, said he hopes Johnson will seize on abstinence as the best choice when he begins to speak out more.

Abstinence was a moral issue in the 1960s and 1970s. Abstinence in the 1990s or year 2000 will be a life-or-death issue," Caldwell told The Houston Post in Sunday's editions

Administrator to take over office at A&M University in Koriyama **Council appoints director to campus in Japan**

By John Lose

The new director of the Texas A&M University campus in Koriyama, Japan says it is an assignment which he is eagerly anticipat-

ing. "The project has many facets," Dr. Bill Stout said. "One of its attractions to me is that it is unbounded in its potential."

Stout, who will take over the office next spring, will manage the two-year-old cam-pus of about 150 students and 34 faculty, which is located about 120 miles north of

Tokyo. "Another part of my job is to sell A&M in Japan," Stout said. ""We are an unknown in Japan in many respects. The first question they always ask is 'What do the A and M stand for?'

Stout said once he explains what the letters stand for, he then has to explain that Texas A&M is much more than an agricultural and engineering school.

'We have to be careful about bragging,' Stout said, "but we do have to show that we rank very high in comparison with other American universities in terms of research, merit scholars.

Stout was chosen from a list of nominees by the Koriyama Policy Council, which also served as the search committee for the position. The recommendation of the council was then approved by Executive Associate Provost Jerry Gaston and University President William Mobley.

Gaston said that Stout's list of credentials will prove to be a big asset in his new office.

He has many positive characteristics such as administration experience, experience as a department head, experience with students and also international experience,"

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