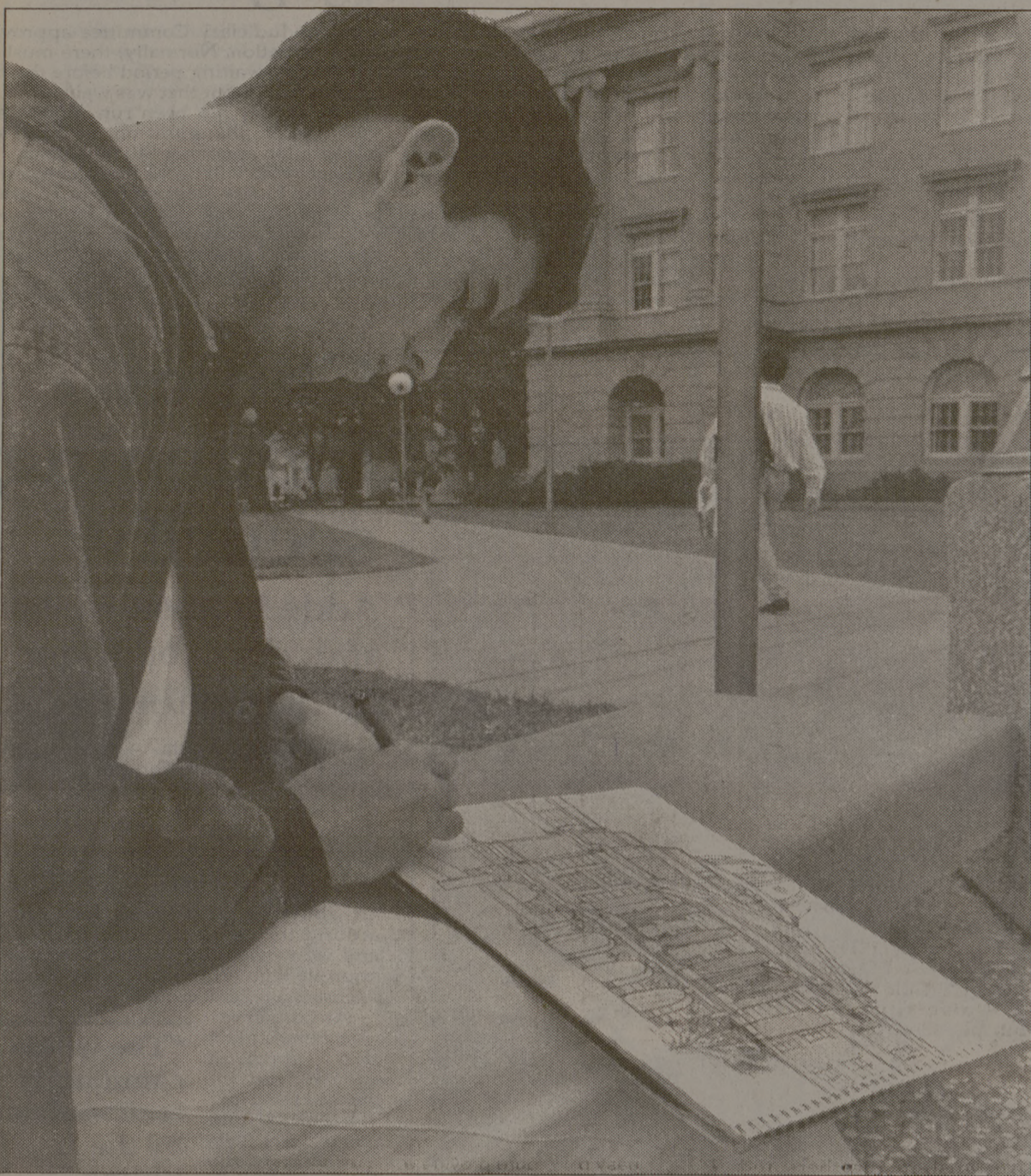


Academic drawings



Darin Tubbes, a freshman Landscape Architecture major, works on a sketch of the Academic Building for an Environmental Design class. Darin enjoys the challenge of drawing and the reward that comes with completing a project. He plans to use his major to design golf courses.

Clinton imposes limits on space station funding NASA officials fear impacts of cuts

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— Under orders from President Clinton, NASA has begun redesigning its proposed space station with a goal of scaling it back dramatically in size, cost, working lifetime and capabilities.

"We want to have a fresh look at this," NASA administrator Daniel Goldin said Thursday, describing the latest — and possibly, the most drastic — of the many redesigns of the \$31 billion project.

Clinton "wants the current space station redesigned as part of a program that is more efficient and effective and capable of producing greater returns on our investment," Goldin said in a memorandum to NASA center directors and at a news conference.

He said he does not yet know what dollar limits the Clinton administration will put on the station. Until now, development had been budgeted at \$17 billion — of which half has nearly been spent — and construction operations at \$14 billion.

The space agency head said he got his marching orders Tuesday from the Office of Management and Budget, which tells executive branch agencies exactly how much they can spend.

"We had two choices," Goldin told a news conference. "We had an opportunity for no space station or we had an opportunity for a space station. NASA has chosen to work with the White House to have a space station."

Goldin has issued orders that no new work be begun on the current station design and that no overtime is to be incurred. But he said work will continue on projects in progress.

"We are much concerned about jobs," Goldin said. "We are going to be very sensitive because human beings are involved." The president, he said, "intends a significant increase in aeronautics and in technology."

The new design team's work will be reviewed at the end of every month through May by a blue ribbon panel that has not yet been named. The science community, long opposed to a space station, will be represented in the reviews, Goldin said.

In the broad outlines from Goldin, many of the previous design goals would change.

The station would not necessarily be permanently manned by astronauts — simply visited periodically — and its lifetime would be 10-15 years, instead of the previously planned 30. The number of shuttle launches required to build the station in orbit would be cut back from the current 17 and so would the number of space walks needed for assembly.

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—Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-NJ.

America's international partners — the European Space Agency, Japan and Canada — would continue to participate and "new opportunities for Russian participation should be considered."

Operations, which were estimated to cost \$100 billion over a 30-year lifetime, should cost significantly less "in the order of a factor of two," Goldin said.

In a speech Wednesday, Goldin said he wanted the station up and operating before June 2000 as currently planned.

Goldin indicated that as much use as possible will be made of the space station parts already designed or built. NASA has spent \$8 billion to date.

The redesign comes at a time when anti-station forces in Congress are gathering strength. Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., has introduced a bill to do away with the station. There is considerable opposition in the House to spending the billions NASA will need under current plans.

One leading opponent, Rep. Dick Zimmer, R-NJ., said Clinton is throwing good money after bad in not killing the station.

"The grim reaper is knocking at the airlock of Space Station Freedom," Zimmer said. "When NASA admits in three months it can't perform this miracle, Congress will deliver the coup de grace by refusing to appropriate money."

A leading supporter, Texas Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, agreed with Zimmer that the administration may be "issuing a death sentence" to a program that means thousands of jobs to the Houston area.

Gore visits Southwest Airlines Democrats seek advice on increased government efficiency

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Bob Krueger continued a campaign swing Thursday through Texas, where they solicited ideas from workers on boosting government productivity and efficiency.



Gore

Gore and Krueger, D-Texas, met for about an hour with employees of Southwest Airlines in Dallas, the second stop on a statewide visit to secure votes for Krueger in the May 1 Senate election.

The pair was to meet with lawmakers and take a tour of an electronics firm in Austin before visiting a Houston elementary school.

Southwest Airlines led other big airlines in on-time perfor-

mance, baggage handling and fewest complaints last year, earning the airline the Department of Transportation's "Triple Crown."

"Bob suggested that we might just go to Southwest and learn from you just how these ideas work in practice. I'm told that you guys really run this company and (Southwest chief executive) Herb (Kelleher) just takes his orders from you," Gore said as several hundred flight attendants, ticket agents, mechanics and pilots erupted in applause.

Gore and Krueger took specific tips on streamlining government from about a dozen employees.

"The main theme that came from almost everyone was to come up with a common vision so that everyone would be working toward the same end, so you wouldn't have so much gridlock," said Southwest spokesman Ed Stewart.

During a San Antonio rally Wednesday, Gore said Krueger and the Clinton administration share views on cutting govern-

ment waste.

Texas GOP chairman Fred Meyer dismissed the Gore work site visits as politics.

"It appears the only Texas job the Clinton administration is interested in saving is Bob Krueger's," Meyer said.

Gov. Ann Richards appointed Krueger in January to fill the Senate seat vacated by Lloyd Bentsen when he became Treasury secretary.

The Gore-Krueger stumping has drawn the ire of two other Democrats in the race, Jose Angel Gutierrez and Richard Fisher, who say the Clinton administration should wait until a leading Democrat emerges in the May 1 election, then campaign for that candidate in a runoff.

The Krueger campaign and Democratic Party of Texas chairman Bob Slagle balked at that assessment, saying that Krueger has been endorsed as the official Democratic candidate.

Crime Stoppers

The 700 block of Lincoln Street in College Station was visited by burglars twice over a two week period.

In late January, the burglars used a crowbar to force open a window before crawling into the residence. Once inside, they ransacked through the dwelling and stole four shotguns, two rifles, and two pistols along with stereo equipment, a television, two videocassette recorders and jewelry.

In February, burglars broke into a home four doors from the first burglary and stole the same of items. The total loss for both

burglaries has been estimated to be over \$22,000.

Evidence indicates both burglaries occurred before midnight and the similarities lead College Station police to believe the crimes were committed by the same person(s). Detectives also believe the thieves will attempt to sell or trade these items locally.

Four weeks ago, these burglaries were featured as the crime of the week. Since that time, Crime Stoppers has only received two calls regarding the offenses, and police have

exhausted all leads and have no viable suspects.

If you have information that could be helpful, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. When you call, you will not have to give your name. Crime Stoppers will assign you a special coded number that will be used to protect your identity.

If your information leads to an arrest and grand jury indictment, Crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000 in cash. Crime Stoppers also pays cash for information on any felony crime or the location of any wanted fugitive.

The Texas A&M University Student Publications Board is accepting applications for

Editor, The Battalion

Summer 1993

The summer '93 editor will serve from May 24, 1993, through August 6, 1993.

Qualifications for editor of *The Battalion* are:

- Be a Texas A&M student with a minimum 2.0 overall and major GPR at the time of appointment and during the term of office;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on *The Battalion* or comparable student newspaper, OR
- Have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper, OR
- Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing I and II), JOUR 301 (Mass Comm Law) and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

Application forms should be picked up and returned to the Student Publications Manager's office, room 230 Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 1993. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board Meeting beginning at 3 p.m. Friday, April 2, 1993, in room 327 Reed McDonald.

The Office of Energy Management, Physical Plant Department and its sponsors are pleased to announce the first annual

TAMU POSTER COMPETITION

What should the poster be about?

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What are the awards?

*1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes (\$35-\$100 value)

*Honorable mentions and special awards (\$10-\$35 value)

*Certificates of appreciation to all participants

What is the deadline?

Submissions (18" x 24" in either color or black and white) must be received by 5:00 on April 16, 1993 at the Office of Energy Management at the Physical Plant.

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