

Students to select class gift with ballot

By Kim McGuire
The Battalion

Members of the Class of '94 will have the opportunity to vote for a class gift during student body elections March 30 and 31.

In the past, a senior class committee would decide the class gift, but a bill passed by the Student Senate allowed the gift proposals to be placed on the election ballot.

Leslie Trevino, senior class gift co-chairwoman, said the class decided to move the vote to the ballot to increase participation.

"In the past, seniors voted on the gift at the senior banquet," Trevino said. "The turnout was usually low, and we felt it wasn't always representative of the senior class. This way seniors will have more of a say, and we hope to increase participation."

She said the Class of '94 currently has \$50,000 to donate to the gift and expects to net an additional \$44,000 through proceeds from Senior Bash and Banquet and Ring Dance, which would be the most a class has ever donated.

Trevino said the class gift committee began researching gift ideas at the beginning of the year and picked the most feasible and affordable ideas. The Class of '94 gift ideas include:

- 1883 Depot Reconstruction
This class gift would be the reconstruction of the 1883 depot which was the original train station located west of Albritton Tower. In 1883, the train was the only form of transportation to the college so the station soon became known as the College Station. The new depot would be constructed close to its original location and would be a historical museum with donated displays from that time period. The Class of '94 would fund this gift in conjunction with the City of College Station. The class donation would be a third of the total cost of the project. The sum of the class donation would be \$85,000.
- Aggie Muster Endowment
This \$25,000 donation would be used to per-

manently fund the set-up and take-down of the campus Muster ceremony in G. Rollie White. This contribution would completely fund Aggie Muster.

- Aggie Ring Foundation
This \$100,000 gift would provide for the construction of a fountain commemorating the Aggie Ring to be placed in front of the Special Events Center. The base of the fountain would be 15 feet in diameter with the man's and woman's Aggie Ring interlocked and suspended by a copper pole. The fountain would be a single jet in the center, hiding the pole, with water coming out of the rings with thin water jets coming in from all sides of the base.
- Aggie Wall
The Aggie Wall would resemble the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. and would be located in the Corps Plaza. The purpose of the wall would be to honor all Aggies who have given their lives for their country. The wall would have names of all Aggies who have died in military service to their country, both domestic and international. The cost of the wall would be \$15,000.
- Matthew Gaines Statue
This statue would commemorate Matthew Gaines, an influential African-American state senator who helped establish Texas A&M. Gaines fought with the Texas Legislature in 1871 to establish Texas A&M and later Prairie View A&M. The location of the statue is unknown at the time, but the class council has been assured a place. The bronze statue would cost \$42,500.
- Opportunity Award Scholarship - Permanent Endowment
The requirements are as follows:
- The \$1,000 scholarship is offered to incoming freshmen for four years.
- The scholarship recipient must maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade-point ratio and will have one semester of probation to raise their grades if they fall below 2.5.
- When possible, all applicants who have a let-

ter of recommendation from a member of the Class of '94 will have first priority in the selection process.

- The scholarship recipient will be chosen by the Class of '94 agents.
- Sterling C. Evans Library - Enhanced Reference Services for Undergraduates
Funds from the class gift would be used to purchase items which focus on the particular needs of undergraduates. These items would include selected books, journals and audiovisuals. In addition, the library would purchase components for a modern reference desk which would greatly facilitate delivery of information services to undergraduates. A Class of '94 bookplate would be placed in all materials acquired with these funds, and a plaque would be placed on a reference desk which should serve students for the next 30 years. Estimated cost of these items is \$100,000.
- Student Retreat Center - Sleeping Dorm
This donation from the Class of '94 would partially fund the construction of a new retreat center near the Easterwood Airport. The center would contain various facilities for student use such as outdoor pavilions, meeting rooms, overnight retreat accommodations and campfire sights. A \$100,000 donation would partially fund the construction of the first building, a sleeping dorm which would house 100 people. This facility would be the first of eight buildings erected in phase one of the three-phase project. The sleeping dorm would be open to all student organizations at a minimum cost for retreats and meetings.

If excess class gift funds remain after the gift receiving the highest number of votes is determined and the gift receiving the second highest number of votes is feasible to complete with the remaining funds, the gift with the second highest number of votes will be chosen as well.

The gift will be announced April 29 at the Senior Banquet.

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"He forced his way into my home and raped me," Johnson said. "I just wanted to live. I didn't want my parents to come home and find me dead."

Johnson said she did not want to tell her parents what happened. She took a shower and washed her clothes, she said.

"I did exactly what I wasn't supposed to do," Johnson said. "Should I ever identify my attacker, it is his word against mine. I have no evidence."

The stalking law gives people much needed legal recourse, Johnson said.

"People like me need closure," Johnson said. "For over two years I haven't been able to have that. The stalking law really helps."

Johnson urged students to remember that people on campus have had traumatic experiences and to be sensitive when they discuss issues such as rape in class.

"Rape is a horrible crime," Johnson said. "Short of murder, it is the ultimate violation of self."

Guest speaker Frank Stanford, a graduate philosophy student, said

he had experienced the loss of power that a female experiences in a dating situation.

Stanford also is a member of The Battalion staff.

After a friend disclosed his homosexuality and propositioned Stanford, he clarified that although he was not offended, he was not interested. After repeated innuendoes, Stanford asked him to leave.

Women contend with this kind of situation repeatedly, Stanford said. He urged men to treat their dates with respect.

"Remember that this is a person you are with," Stanford said. "Ask yourself 'how am I behaving?'"

Representatives from the Brazos Valley Rape Crisis Center and the University Police Department gave students advice about how to protect themselves in a potentially violent situation.

Sgt. Betty LeMay, of the University Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, advised students to arm themselves with knowledge.

"When walking alone, know your surroundings," LeMay said. "Walk with confidence and make eye contact. Keep your head up and be confident."

Texas big winner after lottery sales top \$4 billion

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — While dozens of Texans have become millionaires thanks to the Texas Lottery, the state also appears to be winning.

Sales from the games of chance have topped \$4 billion in less than two years, making it the fastest growing lottery in the country, according to lottery spokesman Steve Levine.

"Both Florida and California hit \$4 billion after their second year," Levine said Monday.

About \$1.25 billion has been contributed to the state's General Revenue Fund, which helps pay for state programs such as health and human services, parks, public safety, public schools and prisons, Levine said.

"We have maintained a steady rate of growth for two years now as we continue to provide fun entertainment for our players and raise money for the Texas Treasury," said Nora Linares, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission.

Gov. Ann Richards, who pushed for the sweepstakes game in Texas, is excited about the money it has generated since its startup on May 28, 1992.

"We are real happy that the lottery has topped the \$4 billion mark," said Richards campaign spokeswoman Cindy Rugeley. "She advocated the lottery because the people asked her to. It's provided money to state services we wouldn't have had otherwise."

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who put aside his own lackluster feelings for the lottery and went along with the will of the voters when the game was brought to Texas, said Monday he was somewhat bewildered by its success.

"I've got to admit I am a little surprised, I don't know how much longer the lottery will maintain this momentum," Bullock said.

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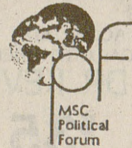
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Apr. 2	Houston (2)	2 pm	Apr. 12	SWTEX ST	5 pm	Apr. 14	Tennis (M) TCU	1:30 pm
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