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Gilbert charges A&M officials with misconduct

Urged not to cooperate with NCAA, he says

on staff and wire reports

Banned Texas A&M booster Warren Gilbert Jr. charged Sunday that University officials urged him not to cooperate with the NCAA in its investigation into a summer jobs scandal that led to the football team's five-year probation. Mr. Gilbert told the Dallas Morning News in a copyrighted story Sunday that A&M vice president Robert Smith, A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum and other A&M officials encouraged him not to meet with NCAA investigators. Mr. Gilbert said in the article that Smith and Slocum continued to contact him even as the University told the NCAA that Mr. Gilbert had ceased communication with A&M.

Evidence of institutional representatives being untruthful during an NCAA investigation would be grounds for the NCAA to reopen the probe and possibly sanction those involved, according to NCAA rules.

Mr. Gilbert said Slocum advised him how to answer questions from NCAA investigators.

"The only thing R.C. told me was, 'Here's what the questions are going to be and here's the way you ought to answer them,'" Mr. Gilbert said.

Pattie Gilbert, Mr. Gilbert's wife, said she and her husband "spent days, weeks and months of either Robert Smith or R.C. calling to say, 'Warren, shut up. Don't say anything. We'll handle it.'"

"Every time Robert Smith would call me, his statement to me was, 'You do not reveal anything to anybody or talk to anybody until I tell you. Don't tell anybody anything until we get our final report in to the NCAA,'" Mr. Gilbert said.

Smith's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, told the Morning News that Gilbert's accusations were, "a damn lie" and that Smith was "incensed" about the allegations.

According to DeGuerin, Smith said



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there are documents that show the efforts of both himself and the University to get Gilbert to cooperate.

Mrs. Gilbert told the Morning News that at one point she had to keep a list of all the off-campus phone numbers used by Slocum. She said Slocum was evidently afraid of violating the directives of Smith. Smith, then vice president for fi-

nance and administration, was in charge of the University's in-house probe.

Mrs. Gilbert said she once met with Slocum in a darkened parking garage in Dallas so that Slocum wouldn't be seen with Mr. Gilbert during the investigation.

Mr. Gilbert said he went public with the charges because he thought he was being used as a scapegoat for the scandal.

Mr. Gilbert said he thinks A&M officials intentionally laid the blame solely on him to avoid greater penalties.

In January, the University disassociated Gilbert from A&M athletics in order to comply with sanctions handed down by the NCAA after the organization found he paid nine football players for work not done from 1990 to 1992. As a result, the NCAA placed the athletic program on five years probation.

In the article Mr. Gilbert said he was aware that if he implicated A&M of-

icials in any cover-up it could lead to further penalties against the University such as a potential NCAA sanction that could suspend the football program.

"I didn't want to do one thing to cause the death penalty to the University," he said. "That is one reason I delayed ever wanting to testify before the NCAA."

Gilbert said he never hired anyone that Slocum didn't ask him to hire.

The Gilberts told the Morning News they agreed to talk about what they perceived to be a cover up because of outrage over the University's initial refusal to send them their allotment of four season tickets.

Mrs. Gilbert received her tickets Wednesday, but was told by the University that if her husband used the tickets NCAA rules would be violated.

A&M head football coach R.C. Slocum and A&M athletic director Wally Groff could not be reached Sunday.

University President Dr. Ray Bowen said A&M officials will meet today to discuss Mr. Gilbert's charges and the course of action the University should take.

Affirmative action ruling brings focus on universities' policies

By Stacey Fehlis
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A federal judge's ruling which upheld affirmative action has drawn attention to the necessity of affirmative action policies in universities, even though the decision found the University of

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Texas' policy in 1992 discriminated against four white law students.

U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks ruled the 1992 admissions policy violated white applicants' constitutional guarantee of equal protection.

After ruling their rights had been violated, Sparks also recognized the need for affirmative action policies in universities and upheld the school's right to use affirmative action.

"It is regrettable that affirmative action programs are still needed in our society," Sparks wrote in his decision. "However, until society sufficiently overcomes the effects of its lengthy history of pervasive racism, affirmative action is a necessity."

Gary Englegau, executive director of admissions and records at Texas A&M, said the need for affirmative action policies is obvious by comparing the number of minorities in Texas public schools to the number of minori-

ties in Texas universities.

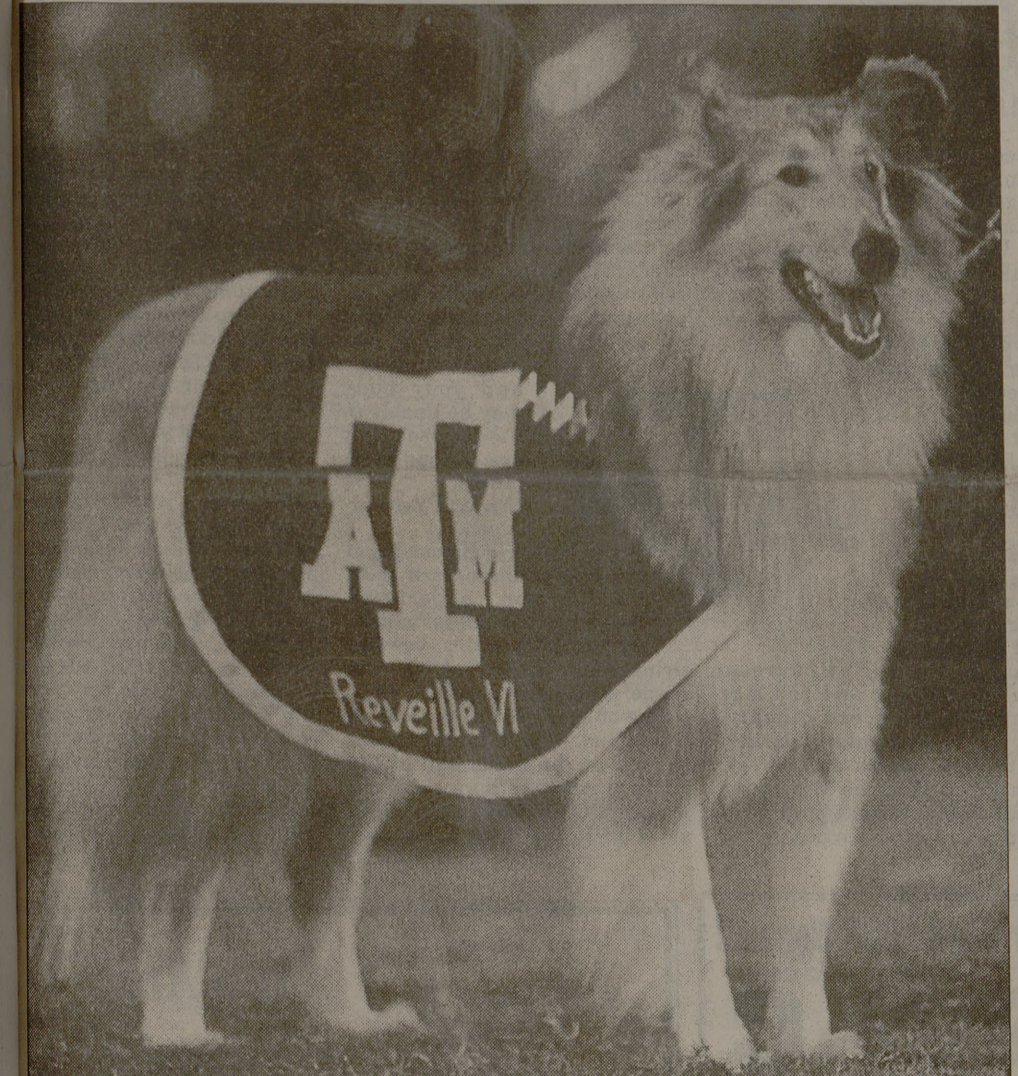
"Looking at 1992 and 1993 profiles of Texas public elementary and secondary schools, there is no majority," he said. "No race constitutes 50 percent or more."

"Most universities, including Texas A&M, are no where near that," Englegau said. "There is a definite majority."

Jay Jacobson, executive director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), said diversity is a very important component of a learning environment.

"Diversity brings something to the student body to open the eyes of other students," he said.

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Watching the Aggies Roll

A&M's mascot Reveille VI watches the football team defeat the LSU Tigers 18-13 in Baton Rouge, La. on Saturday.

International cultures requirement study to conclude in fall semester

By Stephanie Dube
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A committee researching the addition of U.S. and international cultures requirements to Texas A&M's core curriculum is expected to conclude its study this semester.

According to a proposal by the Faculty Senate, the U.S. cultures requirement will focus on the minority perspective of U.S. history. Thirty-three percent of any course applicable to this requirement must cover minorities or women. Similarly, 33 percent of any course applying to the international requirement must address international issues.

Dr. Paul Parrish, an English professor and former associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said former Interim President Dr. E. Dean Gage asked former Provost Benton Cocanougher to appoint a committee to review the larger issues of these requirements.

Dr. Sallie Sheppard, the chair of the ad hoc committee studying the proposals, said the committee is reviewing the requirements' possible impacts, including their cost and academic efficiency.

"The committee consists of faculty, students, and administrators with the president of the Association of Former Students acting as an ex officio member...," she said. "We should finish the study within the month."

Before the study is finished, Sheppard said, the committee must determine several factors, including if there will be enough classes available for students to have a wide range of choices when picking classes to fit the requirements.

The committee must also determine if each course will have sufficient seating to accommodate student enrollment.

Dr. Ray Bowen, A&M president, said once the committee finishes its study, he will consult with

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New complexes to help housing shortage

Chamber of Commerce estimates 9,000 units available by end of '94

Angela Neaves
THE BATTALION

The housing shortage that has plagued Texas A&M students in the past several years is coming to a halt with the construction of new multi-family complexes in Bryan-College Station.

Allison Smith, coordinator of the office for Off-Campus Student Programs, said the construction of several new apartment complexes in Bryan-College Station has had a major impact on the availability of housing.

"The new complexes have eased the pressure," Smith said. "Also, some new duplexes have been built in the area which have also eased that pressure."

Smith said last year at this time, housing occupancy in the area was at 100 percent capacity.

She said of the 13,322 housing units registered with the off-campus office, 532 units are still available.

"This makes for a much easier, quicker process when looking for housing," she said.

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents requested a study of student housing in Bryan-College Station last

year after students and parents complained about the shortage.

The study showed that 4,744 multi-family units were constructed in the area from 1982 to 1992, but Texas A&M enrollment grew by 6,397 students, which caused a shortage.

In late 1993, construction on several new apartment complexes began in Bryan-College Station, according to a report from the Bryan-College Station Chamber of Commerce.

The Enclave at Holleman, a 340-unit luxury complex featuring controlled access gates, microwaves, washers and dryers, ceiling fans and other amenities, is one of two large housing complexes which opened for occupancy this semester.

The 104-unit West University Oaks complex in Bryan began leasing in May.

The Chamber of Commerce report said duplex construction in the area is also on the rise.

University Tower, a private dormitory on Texas Avenue, announced in February it would no

longer offer its hotel accommodations and will lease all rooms as dormitories.

According to the Chamber of Commerce report, more than 19,000 housing units are expected to be constructed and available for occupancy by the end of 1994.

Ted Jones, chief economist for the Texas A&M University Real Estate Center, said increased housing availability does not necessarily mean lower rental rates.

"If construction costs go up, rental rates will rise," Jones said. "To compete with the amenities new complexes are offering, some complexes might need to raise their existing rental rates. For students not willing or able to pay top dollar, that could pose a problem."

Smith, however, said the increased availability will cause rates to go down.

"As a result of there being more availability, we're seeing the rates go down," she said. "It has a lot to do with the occupancy rate."

Compromise on birth control 'very close'

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — On the eve of the opening of the U.N. population conference, a U.S. official said Sunday that a compromise on the sensitive issues of abortion and birth control was "very close."

Pope John Paul II, meanwhile, capping one of the most heated campaigns of his 16-year leadership, blasted the gathering anew with an attack on the "dangerous shortcut" of reducing birth rates by any means.

The pope's diplomatic and religious crusade against abortion and contraceptives, which has allied the Vatican with fundamentalist Muslim states, has

captured headlines. But supporters of a tough plan for slowing the world's population boom are fighting back.

The world's current population of 5.7 billion people is growing by more than 90 million a year.

Timothy Wirth, a U.S. under-secretary of state and Washington's top official on population issues, told reporters that a "very promising" compromise was being worked out on the thorniest issues in the conference's final document.

Vice President Al Gore, arriving in Cairo, said the Clinton administration opposes language suggesting there is an international right to abortion.

"We have continuously made it clear that we will insist on language that the subject of abortion is one that each individual nation should deal with," he said.



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