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Should Pattie Gilbert have received football tickets?

Ves. A&M booster LYNN Warren Gilbert told The

BOOHER Dallas Morning News that former A&M vice president for finance and administration Robert Smith and head football coach R. C. Slocum asked him not to reveal any-

thing about paying nine football players for work not performed until they got their "final report in to the NCAA." His exact quote was, "Every time

Robert Smith would call, his statement to me was, You do not reveal anything to anybody or talk to anybody until I tell you." Gilbert said that Coach

Slocum told him which football players to hire. He also contends that he didn't know the players weren't working. Gilbert's management company runs 23 Dallas projects for the Department of Housing and Urban Development; a company whose size could support that contention.

Obviously, if all of this is true, A&M is responsible for the millions of dollars lost after it was suspended from television air time and a probable Cotton Bowl game, not Warren Gilbert. He is just a man whose loyalty to the school he loves has been taken advantage of by officials of that school. Regardless of whether Gilbert's alle

gations are true, his wife Pattie should have had no problem obtaining the reserved football tickets to which the Gilberts' 1978 12th Man Foundation donation of \$30,000 entitles them. By making that donation, they are entitled to four reserved tickets and parking for Aggie football games for life.

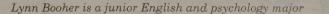
The Gilberts say that other previously disassociated boosters have not been restricted from their preferred seating, according to The Dal-las Morning News. If this is true, then all ef-fort on A&M's part to deny the Gilberts their tickets was uncalled for.

The University tried to deny that the "tickets for life" constitute a legal contract. When A&M President Ray Bowen asked the NCAA to send in an arbitrator to settle the dispute, however, the NCAA didn't see the need for arbitration. Is it possible that they recognized the contract and saw no further need for argument? Pattie Gilbert said, "No one has said one word to me about arbitration."

18/0° * m Some question the timing of Warren Gilbert's confessions to The Dallas Morning News. They think he was just mad about the tickets and wanted to get even. Those people should reconsider Gilbert's motivation.

Perhaps the tickets were just the final straw in an excruciat-ing ordeal that left him standing alone as the Beelzebub of the A&M football program while everyone else involved in the game played on. It is not Warren Gilbert who betrayed A & M, but A&M who betrayed him.

The ticket incident may be over, but determining who's at fault is just beginning.





versity of this size is a pit-tance. That they are still receiving preferred seating and

other perks is a problem with policy though, and not with the Gilberts. The Gilberts in particular should

have graciously accepted Texas A&M's offer of a refund. Instead, Mrs. Gilbert insisted on receiving her tickets.

Her argument was based on the idea that she should not be punished for her husband's alleged mistakes. Offhand, that looks like an appropriate argument, but upon closer inspection it falls apart completely.

The Gilberts gave the money together, and they were granted the tickets as a couple, not as two separate entities. Marriage is a partnership, for better or worse. The money came from their joint account, and it is improbable to expect the university to treat them differently now. Mrs. Gilbert should not have received the tickets in the first place because they were entitled to them from the same money, therefore they should

both lose them.

The scandal that Gilbert is accused of orchestrating rocked the entire University's structure and embarrassed Texas A&M nationally. Though he did not originally deny his guilt, since the football ticket scandal he has come forward with several startling new allegations.

In the latest round of childish accusations, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are saying they were asked to cover up

A&M's role in the payment of football players. They are telling the media listen that Mrs. Gilbert met with coach R.C. Slocum in a DE dark parking garage after the NCAA forbade her husband to meet with him, amid other vio-UE lations. If this is true, than HE she was involved in the whole mess, and the basis for her whole argument is destroyed. Even if she was not intimately

involved, the entire affair is very cut and dried. Warren Gilbert was judged guilty

by the NCAA and Texas A&M did not

to send him his priority seating tickets in order to comply with the probation sentence. The University cannot separate the \$30,000 dollars into "his" and "hers" and thus it appropriately did not send any of the tickets.

Mrs. Gilbert's temper tantrum should not have been rewarded. If she wanted A&M to'treat her differently from her husband, she should have donated money on her own. The way it stands now A&M just looks, once again, like a university that tried to take a stand and failed.

I SHOULD LOOK

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"The patient died, but the operation was a success!..."

Teach them to fish and they'll eat every day

Volunteer heads back to school, this time to teach overlooked kids

s the second week of school is coming to a close, the mood on Campus is changing. Freshman are starting to leave their maps in their dorm rooms, seniors are considering buying books and almost everyone has been hit with the realization that first rounds aren't that far away. We are starting to get a little nervous about the reading schedules on our syllabi, professors who don't curve and scantron tests

this particular to our president n calculus ction campaign, Across the country, just outside of o take action by Los Angeles, Katy Farrar, a recent special envoy to graduate of the University of Southsituation. ern California, is experiencing much

the face of fiere of the same anxiety. School starts ion, Bill Clinter for her on Wednesday. 'Only this Fein, President time, she is the teacher. ind several other As a part of the Teach for America alists into the national teaching corps, Katy will now Clinton has teach English and psychology to self to taking an

eighth grade students in Compton, an area of South Central Los Angeles. The district is plagued by crime, drugs and poverty.

"It really hit me when I was at a parents meeting and saw one father wearing a T -shirt that said 'Stop the Violence. Stop the Drive by Shootings," she said. "The problems here are for real.

Still, Katy aspires to bring hope to her students. Teach for America is sed upon the idea that all children deserve the opportunity for an excellent education," she said. "I really believe in that.

curriculum until Tuesday and is ex-

pected to design her own psychology

course. Because of overcrowding,

two middle schools are being combined for the year - her class will

meet in an old storage room. Her

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month in training before being sent to their new schools. This year, train-

ng was held in Houston. The roughly

biggest challenge, she confesses, will



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purely voluntary for the students, and they received no academic credit for their participation. Team members took turns teaching two-hour lessons and worked together on daily lesson plans. Classes met four hours a day. They were limited to 20 students but were available to students throughout Houston schools. Each class was taught on one subject area. Katy's team taught language arts. Teach for America strongly advo-

cates centering education around the community. To incorporate this idea, each class worked on a service project related to their classwork. Blending their study of poetry, letter-writing and journalism, Katy's class produced a collage that will hang in a transition home for expectant teenage mothers in Houston's third ward. Such a project was particularly valuable to the students because it helped them fight a problem they are faced with every day in their own communities.

"Teenage pregnancies were a huge problem in our school this summer. One of my students was only 14 years younger than his mother,' Katy said.

When asked why she committed



Pattie Gilbert should not have received preferred seating tickets, or any tickets at all, to football games this fall. In the first place, regardless of the scandal, \$30,000 given over 16 years ago to a uni-

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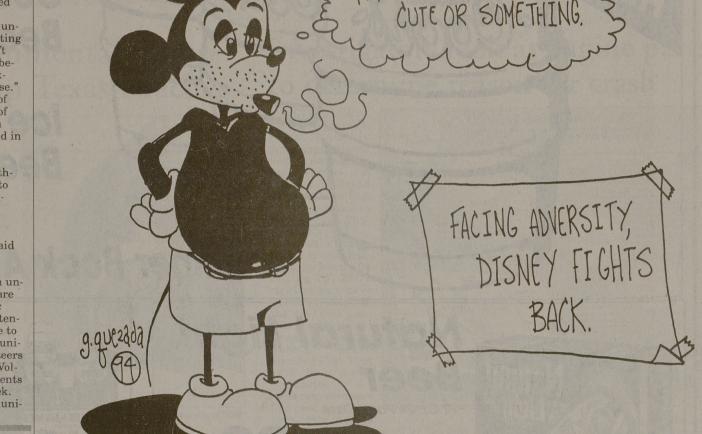
two years of her life to the corps, Katy said, "Amazing students in under-resourced schools are not getting The job ahead of her is intimidatthe attention they deserve. I don't think they should be overlooked be-cause of their socioeconomic backing. Because her school does not nave enough teachers, she has been ground, their race or anything else." told to expect classes of 40 to 50 students. She will not see the English

This summer, on the last day of class Katy allowed Edward, one of her brightest students and also a gang member with a bullet wound in his left leg, to leave the library where the class was watching a movie to supposedly go to the bathroom. Later when she returned to the classroom, she discovered Edward had been there. Across the board in big white letters was scrawled simply, "I'll miss you."

"That's what it is all about," said Katy. "That's why I'm here."

While we seldom think of the Bryan-College Station area as an under-resourced population, there are still students who need academic guidance, encouragement and attention. Opportunities are available to help students through our community through programs like Volunteers in Public Schools and the Hosts Volunteer Program. Time commitments are as little as 30 minutes a week. Making a difference in the community begins with each of us.

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the University is bound, but ethically, should A&M be threatened by legal recourse surrounding an event of violation that was clearly known and perpe-

trated anyway I think that Warren Gilbert has proven that he

has no allegiance to the University or football program when it comes to following the rules. He should not, therefore, be given the benefit of the doubt, giving him the opportunity to violate any additional NCAA rules or receive the benefits of a contract whose honor he violated.

It is finally time, given the Gilbert's use of contractual threatening, to follow legal guide-lines. Warren Gilbert should be banned from the campus for life. This action would be proper

gies everywhere who follow the rules.

I am unsure of the legalities of barring someone

from A&M as state property, but violation of under-stood guidelines should be sufficient. I believe that in such cases, privileges should be terminated. I fol-low the rules, but now I don't get all the benefits of the program I love and support along with several tens of thousands of other Aggies.

It appears that the NCAA has again given A&M the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the rules accepted for Division I sports. Mr. Gilbert has violated the school's agreements with the NCAA, sacrificed the school's integrity and ultimate ly, broken the Aggie Code of Honor.

The statement should be made to the nation o A&M's conviction to adhere NCAA rules. This will

result in favorable standing with the NCAA, and be a landmark action for other schools to follow.

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A&M owes tickets to Gilbert

It is my opinion that Mrs. Pat Gilbert should have the A&M football tickets awarded to donors according to legal contracting. Legally, it appears that punishment for the suffering inflicted upon Ag-