

CLASS OF '96

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Junior Activities for the day of Elephant Walk • November 17, 1994

You don't want to miss the events that prepare the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 1996 to take over campus!



- 96 minutes after noon (1:36 pm): party pics with a live elephant at Duncan Field!!!
- Move to Kyle Field to hear awesome speaker Pat Patterson '26, who helped with the very first Elephant Walk in Aggie history!
- Be a part of a human "96" on Kyle Field for more fun pictures!
- Aggie 96 and Pull out Yell Practice WHOOP!

"The Class of 96 feeds 96 families."

Please bring a canned food item to the Junior activities at Kyle Field on November 17. Gig' Em!

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

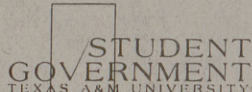
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Qualifications for editor of The Battalion are:

- 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 daily college 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. Monday, November 14. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Publications Board meeting beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 16, in room 301A Reed McDonald Building.



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Boxes are located in the Koldus Building, and also in the Student Programs Office, located on the second floor of the MSC.

Doctors have found a way to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS from mother to infant... Come and find out how.

Politicians want to make it mandatory for all women who become pregnant to be tested for HIV/AIDS... Is that right?

Come listen to the experts and discuss with them how you really feel.

Do Our Children Have To Die?

E.L. Miller Lectures Series: Wednesday November 16, 1994 7:00 pm Rudder Theater

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Smith

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Gaston called Smith's trial a sad occurrence for Texas A&M.

Many people on Gaston's staff, who had previously worked for Smith, were in the courtroom Thursday to show their support for Smith when the guilty verdict was announced.

Gaston said he wanted his staff to go to the courthouse to support Smith.

"I told them to go down there because I thought they should be there," Gaston said. "The support that has been shown is indicative of the feelings for A&M."

After his sentence was announced Friday, Smith said he intended to prove his innocence.

"My objective in this has been the same and that is to prove my innocence, and I don't intend to quit now," Smith said.

Houston lawyer Dick DeGuerin, Smith's attorney, said he expects to be successful when he appeals the case to a higher court.

"I don't say that often," DeGuerin said. "The jury's hands were tied without knowing what the law is. This was a miscarriage of justice."

DeGuerin said the trial and

punishment were not fair because Smith did not do anything wrong.

"As a guest, it is permissible to receive food, lodging, entertainment and transportation," DeGuerin said. "It is clear under the law and the rules of Texas A&M University."

District Attorney Bill Turner said there is a law that allows government officials to accept food, lodging, entertainment and transportation from people they are contracting with, but it does not allow the government official to be the initiator.

"There is a clear distinction," Turner said. "It is a wise distinction this country has honored."

During the trial, DeGuerin repeatedly said the trial was a means for others to "trash" Smith's name.

Smith did not answer when asked if he thought that was true but said, "that is a story best left for another day, but there will be a story. I can promise you that."

Turner said Smith's sentence was significant because people will now know what is expected of the government.

"It is a word to the wise," Turner said. "People need to stand up and take notice."

Turner said although Smith's reputation did not make him

above the law, it did matter when it came to recommending his punishment.

"When you have a community the size of A&M's, people will mess up," he said. "This case reflects that this community can take care of the problem. This is not about A&M. This is about Robert Smith."

Smith's probation does not begin until the appeal process is completed.

Turner said his ongoing investigation into A&M could soon be coming to a close.

Turner, the Texas Rangers and the FBI began their investigations last year when questions over the Barnes & Noble contract were raised in an anonymous letter sent to Gov. Ann Richards. The letter mentioned Smith, Ross Margraves, former chair of the Board of Regents, and Regent John Lindsey.

"The focus is now on one or two individuals," Turner said. "These are based on the anonymous letter sent to Gov. Ann Richards. We've seen the bulk of the work behind us."

Bowen said soliciting gifts as a public servant is not a genuine problem at A&M.

"I think the district attorney thought this was a broad-based problem," Bowen said, "but then realized it was an isolated case."

Welfare

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"People ought to have to do something for any resources they get if they are able-bodied under the age of retirement," he said.

Welfare reform was a favorite issue in this year's campaigns. Clinton used his promise to "end welfare as we know it" to define himself as a new, centrist Democrat two years ago.

Republicans and many Democrats agree that welfare must be overhauled to promote work, end long-term dependency, and strengthen child support collections.

The House plan goes even further by ending monthly welfare checks and housing assistance to unwed mothers 17 and younger. States would also be allowed to ban cash benefits to women ages 18, 19 and 20.

Rep. Jim Talent, R-Mo., said Tuesday's election outcome signals a demand for dramatic

change in a welfare system that discourages marriage and work, and encourages illegitimacy.

"This was a decisive repudiation of the policies of the Great Society," said Talent, who wrote the ban on welfare to young mothers. "We've got to change the incentives in the system ... and attack the problem with the out-of-wedlock birth rate. And the only way ... is to end the cash and cash-related benefits and take care of families in a different way."

Under the Republican bill, the savings generated by denying aid to teen-age mothers would be returned to the states to provide services to the women and their children. These services would include promoting adoptions and establishing orphanages or group homes, but none of the money could be used for abortion services or counseling.

Older mothers would be required to identify the fathers of their children to receive a monthly check and would be required to work after two years on welfare.

Gramm

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no problem in running for president while carrying out the responsibilities of the majority leader.

Specter, 64, has scheduled news conferences Monday in Philadelphia, Concord, N.H., and Des Moines, Iowa, as part of "exploratory travels" to test his appeal among party moderates seeking an alternative to more conservative candidates.

Specter, who gained national prominence and much criticism from women's groups for his questioning of Anita Hill during Clarence Thomas Supreme Court confirmation hearings, subscribes to a "big tent philosophy" in which the Republican Party includes people of all views.

Both Gramm and Dole visited Iowa last weekend, preceding Specter to the state where the party's first presidential caucus takes place next year.

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