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Yell Leaders: Group looks forward to a great year

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"I've always wanted to run for yell leader," Michael Thornberry said, "but I never seriously considered it until I came to A&M and joined the Corps."

Torn said his decision to run did not have anything to do with family tradition or his brother being a yell leader last year.

"Ever since I was little, when I went to football games and saw the yell leaders, I've wanted to be one," Torn said. "Those guys stood out, not because they are any better than anybody else, but because they are different."

Torn said being a yell leader will give him the chance to meet many different people outside of the Corps of Cadets.

"I wanted to see the University from everyone's perspective and get to know some non-regs," he said.

"Some people run because they think it will look good on their resumes. That was in no way my intention," he said. "I love Texas A&M and there is no other place I'd rather be."

Hewes said he ran for yell leader in 1994-95 to give something back to A&M and he believes being a yell leader is one of the biggest services he could give.

"I was an out-of-state student when I got here and I didn't know much about it," he said. "The Aggie spirit kind of engulfed me."

"I ran a second year because I thought with the wisdom and dedication I had earned, I had a better chance to serve the Twelfth Man."

Kemp ran for yell leader again this year

because of the good experiences he had as 1994-95 junior yell leader.

"First of all, I ran for yell leader because A&M has given me so much," Kemp said. "It's given me good friends and a family."

"I wanted the chance to go out and talk to people and represent A&M."

Kemp and the others all agreed that the best part of being a yell leader is being able to represent A&M, not only at games but at Fish Camp and A&M Mother's Clubs.

"I enjoy just talking to people and watching their eyes get big when I tell them about all of A&M's traditions," Kemp said.

Hewes said he also enjoys being able to represent A&M and express to others, especially people who do not go to A&M, what his school is all about.

"It's about being able to touch people's hearts and make a difference," Hewes said. "I want them to look through my eyes and see the spirit of A&M."

Kemp said other school's also react positively to A&M's yell leaders.

"The cheerleaders and even the coaches are just amazed at how yell leaders get the crowd going," he said. "We've had several coaches come up and say we're doing a great job because the Twelfth Man is so loud."

The group has several meetings with A&M Mother's Clubs scheduled for this summer.

Kemp said he had planned some meetings before the elections to have something to pass on to the new yell leaders.

Torn said the group will follow the lead of former head yell leader Scott Torn who made plans for boosting school spirit.

"We'll try to increase support for women's athletics," Torn said. "I don't think there's a problem with support of football, but there is a little lack of support with basketball."

Hewes said a winning record is the best tool for getting people to come out and support the basketball teams. Both the women's and men's teams are doing an exceptional job, he said.

Hewes said the relationships between yell leaders and the athletic teams has improved and will make for a better year.

"They respect us and our job and we respect theirs," he said.

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— Chris Torn

1995-96 junior yell leader

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 Wednesday, April 5 **PFLAG Panel** 601 Rudder 6:45 p.m.
 A panel of representatives from the Houston chapter of Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbian and Gays will be sharing their experiences with us. The panelist will take questions from the audience.
 Thursday, April 6 **General Meeting** 212 MSC 7:00 p.m.
 Officer elections will be held and events for the remainder of the semester will be discussed.
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