

Dance Arts Society

# Fall Concert

Date: Sunday, November 12th  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Rudder Theatre

Featuring: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern

Students \$3.00  
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## POWELL

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Gingrich said anew he was unlikely to run for president, but that he would talk it over with his wife after Republicans finished work on the budget.

As he bowed out of the presidential race, Powell for the first time pledged political allegiance — to a Republican Party he said was rightly dedicated to balancing the budget, cutting taxes and shrinking government.

But he bluntly rebuked prominent conservatives for "ad hominem" attacks on his character. He also said the party would be wise to show more compassion as it reforms welfare and to welcome blacks and other minorities.

"I believe I can help the party of Lincoln move once again closer to the spirit of Lincoln," he said.

In another sign of his awkward transition from soldier to author to prominent Republican, Powell would not promise to back the 1996 GOP nominee, saying he wanted to watch the campaign unfold. Nor did he rule out voting for President Clinton next year.

Powell said he had no plans to endorse a presidential candidate or campaign for other Republicans next year. A multimillionaire from his wildly successful autobiography and \$60,000 speaking fees, Powell said he would plunge into educational and charity work, entertain private-sector offers and search for a way to help build a more diverse Republican Party.

"I know that this is the right decision for me," he told a packed news conference at a suburban Washington hotel, with his wife, Alma, standing at his side. "It was not reached easily or without a great deal of personal anguish. For me and my family, saying no was even harder than saying yes."

Powell acknowledged he might be walking away from a chance to make history as the nation's first black president. Just the prospect, he said, was proof of America's progress in a time of considerable racial tensions.

## REACTION

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said that Powell was a smart man to realize the limits and strains of his popularity, an aspect many candidates do not take into account when making the decision to run.

David Brown, College Republicans president and a junior political science major, said he was personally torn as to how he should feel about Powell's decision.

"I really think that Powell was the best chance for the GOP to put a candidate into office," Brown said. "On the other hand, I'm a Phil Gramm supporter, and I think the elimination of the possibility of a Powell-Dole ticket will really give him a shot in the primaries."

Despite the consequences of Powell's decision, Brown said he was impressed with Powell because the retired general is doing what he thinks is best for the country, rather than being carried away on the wave of overwhelming national support.

Brown said he is also happy that Powell has officially declared himself a member of the GOP, in view of his moderate stance on GOP issues.

"The common perception is that the members of the GOP are all ultra-conservative, Newt Gingrich, Christian Coalition commandos," he said. "The reality is that the GOP tent is a big one with room for all kinds of people. There are lots of moderates in the par-

ty — they just don't have as loud a voice as the more conservative faction.

While Brown supports Powell's decision to join the Republican Party, Shawn Williams, Texas A&M NAACP president and a senior management major, was disappointed. Powell's declaration and said Powell changed his stance on the issues to conform to the GOP ideals.

"Since he spoke here at A&M, his positions on affirmative action and abortion have really changed," Williams said. "When he was here, he was strongly against affirmative action, and I think a lot of people in the African-American community are going to have a problem with his decision to affiliate himself with the GOP."

Williams said the GOP looks at a lot of the issues as a matter of conservative versus radical, rather than wrong against right. The view taken by the party desensitizes the politicians to the needs of the public, he said.

Powell's decision not to run is expected to benefit Republican frontrunner Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas. While Powell was announcing his decision, Dole was in New Hampshire gaining the endorsement of Republican Gov. Steve Merrill. New Hampshire is the first primary and generally recognized as the most crucial of the primaries.

With Powell out of the running, the focus of undecided Republican voters is expected to turn to Newt Gingrich, who has not yet ruled on the possibility of running for the presidency.

## FORUM

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"Just knowing that my daughter is somewhere close by would make me feel better," Staland said.

An important issue for future planning was whether to provide part-time or full-time day care.

Vicki Peart, a junior animal science major, has full-time care during the day, but said she still needs part-time care for her 6-year-old daughter.

"There are lots of tutoring programs and study sessions at night that I can't go to because I can't afford a babysitter," Peart said.

The day-care center would benefit more than just student parents by providing additional sources of employment for students.

The University of Texas' day-care

center provides 14 students with the opportunity to work with children.

"It was wonderful to see a student with a child on each knee, reading a story," Osters, who visited the University of Texas' center, said.

The University of Houston runs a day-care center which provides two centers, both for full-time and part-time care.

The center is funded partially by tuition and student services fees and offers both day and evening programs, which are used by students and faculty members.

Those in attendance had suggestions for getting the day-care center started in terms of fund-raising, including contacting the Athletic Department and Aggie Moms' Clubs.

One audience member said, "If anyone needs an incentive for a day-care center, remember that a quarter of a million dollars is going to tear up the artificial turf at A&M."

## BONFIRE

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will produce a manual on the safety measures and construction of Bonfire.

"Before now, the ins and outs of building Bonfire have been handed down by word of mouth," Grosse said. "This is a six-story structure that we're constructing here. You wouldn't go about building a six-story building just based on how someone told you to do it."

In the manual, Grosse hopes to include pictures of proper splicing, grounding and wiring techniques to give Bonfire a more defined method of construction in years to come.

Every year, a different group of students takes over construction, Grosse said. His overall goal is to get each group to add one more safety or construction idea into the building of Bonfire.

That way, he said, engineering techniques can gradually be incorporated without infringing on the spirit and tradition of Bonfire construction.

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