

## On April 9th, Aggies must choose a Congressman who will abide by the "Code of Honor"

Gene Fontenot claims to be the ultimate advocate for Pro-Life, opposing abortion even as a last resort to save the life of expectant mothers.

However, the hospital Fontenot owned and managed routinely performed elective abortions while he claimed to be a "hands on" manager.

Gene Fontenot says he opposes all gambling, saying he refuses to trade with gas stations which sell Texas lottery tickets.

However, Fontenot was a major owner of stock in Circus Circus, one of the largest casino operators in the Las Vegas gambling industry.

Gene Fontenot claims to be a responsible business owner, paying taxes and obeying the rules and regulations that apply to all businesses.

However, the federal government had to sue Fontenot to force him to pay the \$2.4 million in taxes he withheld from employees but failed to pay.

## Kevin Brady lives by the "Code of Honor."

As a Texas State Representative he kept his word to work to create jobs, reduce government interference in our lives, protect victims rights, punish criminals, stop the state income tax and allow for local control of our schools. As our next Congressman you can count on him to keep his word to fight for a balanced budget, a Federal Sunset plan to eliminate agencies which no longer serve the taxpayer, mandatory criminal sentences and the protection of the Second Amendment.

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## Marijuana: Use divides students

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phere of A&M encourages people to stay away from smoking weed. And when a joint happens to come their way at a party, non-marijuana smokers simply avert their gaze.

Charley Perry, a junior biology major, said he looks the other way when marijuana makes the rounds at parties.

"I just pass it on and tell them that's the way it is," he said. "If it's too pressing, I'll just leave the party."

Scott Blackwell, a student affairs administration graduate student, said that as an undergraduate in Indiana, he avoided the marijuana scene. He said it was easy to avoid marijuana if a person did not want to smoke. "I would imagine it's not much different here," he said. He said he has never come

across the drug since he started working on his masters at A&M.

Erin Chafin, a freshman animal science major, has had a few run-ins with people smoking pot. But she said marijuana use here cannot compare to her high school in Clear Lake.

Marijuana users in her high school turned Chafin off to the recreational drug.

She said one student she knew started using marijuana as a freshman. By the time he was a senior, he had lost all passion for his former loves. His school and football talents faded behind a cloud of marijuana smoke.

"By his senior year, he didn't care about anything else," Chafin said.

Chafin strongly disagrees with marijuana use. "I don't think it's neces-

sary," she said. "It has no place in my life."

Perry takes the same stance. "I don't believe in smoking or using any type of drugs," he said. "If any type of drugs are going to be used, it should be alcohol."

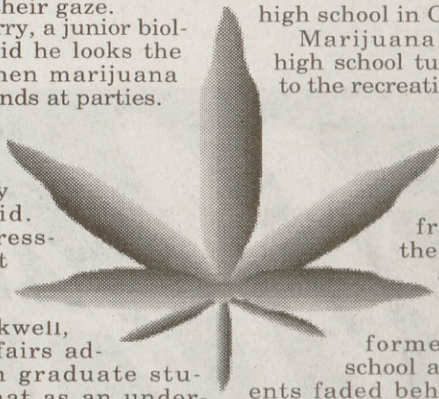
Blackwell said he can see both sides to smoking marijuana, but he takes a strong stance against marijuana use.

"If I had a kid and the kid was a user, I would not be happy about that," Blackwell said. "If they were using, I'd ask them why they were smoking it, and I'd try to convince them that they were giving their bodies long-term damage."

He said no matter what excuses people can create for smoking the herb, the drug's legal status serves as a reminder of the downsides of marijuana use.

"It's illegal and dangerous so is the mind-altering nature of legal substances like alcohol," he said.

"I'm pretty much into natural highs myself."



## Fellow workers lend a helping hand to give Spencer a new lease on life

By Amy Protas  
THE BATTALION

In October 1993, Devi Spencer, a former teacher in the English Language Institute and doctoral student in educational and curriculum instruction, was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia.

She was told she had only three months to live. Almost three years later, Spencer is about to resume her doctoral studies.

When Spencer was diagnosed, the doctors gave her a slim chance of survival.

"Because my disease is so life threatening, I was told I had a 10 percent chance of survival," Spencer said, "which meant that it had a 90 percent chance of re-occurring. Then, I was given the option of hoping it wouldn't come back or 12 months of strong chemotherapy. My husband and I thought about it and decided I would go through the chemo."

Spencer's cancer finally went into remission, but it was a hard road. For 12 months, Spencer went through chemo treatments five days a month for 24 hours straight.

"Of course I got very sick," Spencer said. "I lost my hair and lost weight. I was bald for 15 months. My chemo ran until December of 1994. I needed a lot of blood transfusions, which is where the A&M campus came in handy."

People from the ELI and the EDCI worked together to organize a blood drive.

Deanna Wormuth, director of the English Language Institute, helped coordinate the drive.

"I was among a group of peo-

ple who coordinated a blood drive with people at the University of Houston and A&M," Wormuth said. "She's just a very dear friend, and we knew we had to do something to help her; anything we could do to help."

Spencer said all the help she received from people at A&M helped lift her spirits and aided significantly in her recovery.

"The two departments really contributed to the blood drive, which kept me alive," Spencer said. "I want to thank those people. I was also told many people attempted to give blood and couldn't, and I want to thank them. There were a lot of students who didn't even know me and stood in lines for hours. There were a lot of unknowns who gave blood."

Wynell Biles, an instructor in the ELI, said she has known Spencer for many years and was happy to see so many people turn out in the effort to help her.

"I've known Devi since 1985," Biles said. "I wasn't able to give blood, but I can tell you that many of the international students who were her students when she taught English at Koriama gave blood."

Biles said that people at U.H., where Spencer also teaches, helped significantly in Spencer's recovery as well.

"Mostly, I just got people informed about how she was doing," Biles said. "Being here in College Station, however, we weren't able to take food to her. But her colleagues at the Language and Culture Center at U of H were able to take her to her treatments."

Everyone who knows Spencer agrees that she has a fighting and determined spirit.

Dr. Frank Clark, a professor of curriculum and instruction in the college of education, said he admires Spencer's endurance.

"She's certainly a strong force and has a lot of determination," Clark said. "She has the ability to turn things around and make things good. She has a lot of character and is a very nice person. I'm very pleased she's going to be continuing with her studies. I've been working with her on a lot of things, and she's been doing a lot to get back in the fold."

Another person who has been helping Spencer resume her doctoral studies is her committee chair, Donna Wiseman, an associate dean and professor in the College of Education.

"I touched base with her while she was in Houston," Wiseman said. "She tried to keep up with her studies, but it was too hard. But she never seemed to give up. She called me a year ago in January and told me she was starting a new lease on life and it was a whole new world. Her percentage for living will grow every month. She makes it until next December she has as much a chance of living as you and I."

Spencer said she has many plans for the future, and thanks to the help of everyone.

"After being off for two years, I've decided to resume my doctoral studies," Spencer said. "I'm very optimistic because of my friends and family. I wanted to thank the donors and all the support and the cards I received. It's why I recovered."

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