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Clinton wins historic second term

(AP) — It was Dole's last speech as a candidate, ending a remarkable political career that included 35 years in Congress and a record 12 years as the Senate Republican leader. "Tomorrow will be the first time in my life I don't have anything to do," Dole said.

Victories in 30 states and the District of Columbia gave President Bill Clinton 375 electoral votes — well above the necessary 270 and more than the 370 he claimed in defeating George Bush. An electoral landslide assured, Clinton had one last hope for the night: that Ross Perot's candidacy would not cost him a majority of the popular vote.

With 69 percent of the national vote counted, Clinton was at 50 percent, Dole 42 and Perot 8 percent. The president asked his Little Rock rally to applaud Dole and his runningmate, Jack Kemp.

Clinton was already weighing Cabinet changes as he plotted a second-term agenda and looked for his place in history, becoming the first Democrat to be re-elected since FDR. Republicans also hoped for a milestone: Not since 1930 has the GOP won both chambers of Congress in consecutive elections.



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It was a victory by Republican Tim Hutchinson in Clinton's Arkansas that assured the GOP of keeping its Senate majority. Projections based on exit surveys suggested the House would stay in Republican hands, too.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich celebrated his own re-election in Georgia and said he was looking ahead to running the House in the new year.

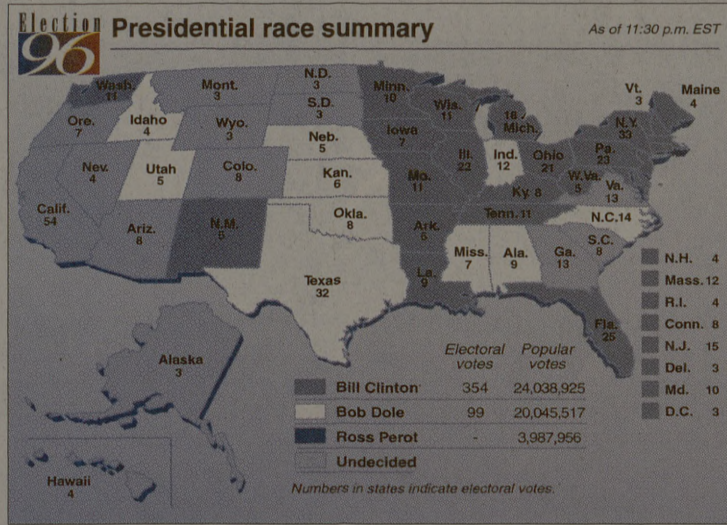
Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Republicans were willing to work with Clinton on balancing the budget and tax cuts for families — but sounded skeptical Clinton would follow through on his election year conservative conversion.

"He talks about how the era of big government is over," Lott told The Associated Press. "We'd like to help him keep his word on that, keep the government smaller and smarter." In a sobering note for Clinton, Lott promised tough investigations of questionable Democratic fund-raising from foreign interests.

The jubilation in Little Rock afforded Democrats just a brief respite from controversies and scandals raised by Dole and Perot.

The breadth of Clinton's victory was sobering news to Republicans who once held an Electoral College advantage based on strength in the South, Plains and Mountain West.

Clinton began the big night by becoming the first Democrat



to win Florida in 20 years and hours later got the Pacific West sweep that guaranteed an electoral landslide.

Dole monitored the results from his Watergate apartment before calling Clinton to offer con-

gratulations. He then headed to a Republican gathering. Ohio delivered a blow to Dole's upset hopes: no Republican has ever won the White House without that state.

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Election '96 Campus Reactions

By MELISSA NUNNERY
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The following are the reactions of campus leaders and analysts to Tuesday's elections:

• Dr. George Edwards, director of the Center for Presidential Studies: Edwards predicts small-scale changes in upcoming years. He said there are insufficient funds in the federal budget for drastic change in government policy.

"Clinton can't claim a mandate," he said. "We have a divided government and there aren't any resources in the budget for change."

• Richard Holt, president of the Conservative Coalition and a senior finance major: Holt was pleased the Republicans will maintain control of Congress.

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Student senator appeals grades

Dismissal from Senate pending until decision reached

By MARIKA COOK
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A senator who did not meet the Student Senate grade requirement is challenging her spring grades to prevent dismissal.

This senator and two others who did not meet the grade requirement were informed of the dismissal. Only the College of Education senator asked the Senate for a grace period to appeal her grades.

The College of Education senator did not meet the Senate's requirements of earning a 2.0 grade-point ratio in

Spring 1996 and maintaining a 2.25 cumulative GPR.

She has not yet been dismissed because the Senate is waiting to learn whether her appeal will be granted by a University committee.

The Internal Affairs committee of the Senate met Tuesday to discuss the senator's appeal. The committee asked the senator to provide written proof by Friday that an appeal is in progress and its estimated completion date.

Chris Reed, speaker of the Senate and a senior finance major, said he made sure the other two senators were also aware of their appeal option.

"Neither of them told us they wanted to appeal," Reed said. "So based on no further contact, we removed them."

David Brown, a senior political science major and former president of the College Republicans, was a North-side senator who was dismissed.

"The grade requirement is one University rule I do agree with," he said. "If you fail, you must get out of the Senate to work on your grades."

Brown said he disagrees with the senator being allowed to remain on the Senate while her grades are being appealed.

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Seniors prepare for E-Walk

By WESLEY POSTON
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Senior Elephant Walk T-shirts go on sale today, just one of the events reminding the Class of '97 that the annual procession across campus is drawing near.

Seniors will gather at Kyle Field Nov. 25 at 1:37 p.m. — 97 minutes past noon — to make a final pass through campus, reflecting on their time at Texas A&M.

Peggy Philpot, a program adviser who works with class councils, said the annual senior procession is returning to its original "Ol' Army" form.

"Years ago, juniors started their own tradition of 'grogging-out' the seniors," she said. Juniors threw shaving cream, water balloons and the like at the seniors as they toured the campus, Philpot said.

Courtney Lyons, a member of the Class of '97 council and a senior English major, said her class helped to keep Elephant Walk clean for the Class of '96.

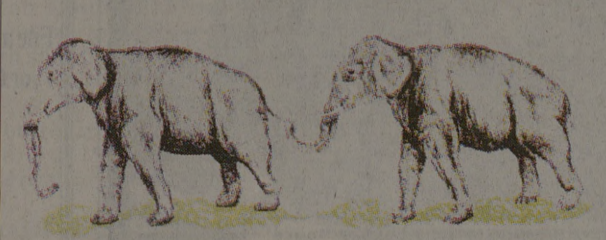
"Last year as juniors we kept the Walk as clean as it's ever been," she said. "We did our job last year and we did it very well. It's up to the Class of '98 to keep the campus clean."

Traditionally, the senior class begins its walk at Kyle Field with a guest speaker, and winds its way through campus to visit prominent sites. The procession ends at Bonfire site, where seniors may have their pictures taken with an elephant.

Tom Fitzhugh, Class of '71 and a former MSC president, will address the class at Kyle Field to kick off Elephant Walk.

This year there will be a few new additions to the E-Walk tradition, Lyons said.

Class of '97



Texas A&M

Class of '97 Elephant Walk T-shirts (front design shown above) go on sale today in anticipation of the annual procession which takes place on Nov. 25.

There will be a Final Feast barbecue beginning at 11 a.m. on the day of E-Walk featuring bands, a speaker and an alcohol awareness program.

Philpot said the pictures at Bonfire will also be different this year.

"We will have two elephants to help with the photos," she said. "We are still attempting to get two baby elephants."

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Ink Blot

Rawan Husseini, a landscape graduate student, draws the Academic Building for an inked drawing project.

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Waltz on Ice

Comedy and controversy color the theater program's production, *The Baltimore Waltz*.
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QB Controversy

A&M coaches are still debating who will start Saturday's game against the Baylor Bears.
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Miller: Jenny Jones, although revolting, should not be blamed for talk-show scandal.
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The Women Behind the Men



Special to THE BATTALION

Margaret Rudder's husband, James Earl Rudder, was the 16th president of Texas A&M.

Margaret Rudder reflects on exciting life

By MARIKA COOK
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For a girl from Menard, Texas, who rode 14 miles on a horse to school every day, Margaret Rudder has led an exciting life.

Margaret Rudder, the unofficial first lady of Bryan-College Station, has many remarkable stories about her life as the wife of Texas A&M's 16th president, James Earl Rudder, Class of '32.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for Student Affairs, said he thinks highly of Margaret Rudder.

"She is known for her willingness to be of assistance and her general interest in A&M," Southerland said.

Rudder was just as outstanding in her earlier years. In high school, she was a cheerleader, a tennis and basketball player, class officer and valedictorian of her senior class. She was voted most popular and best all-around.

As a freshman at the University of Texas in Austin, she met James Earl Rudder at a dance. Upon her graduation in 1936 at the age of 20, Rudder persuaded Margaret Williamson to work in

a high school coach. She was mistaken.

James Earl Rudder became a coach at Tarleton State University in 1941. Later, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in World War II.

During the war, he was responsible for a crucial victory in 1944 at Pointe du Hoc in Normandy. Therefore, Rudder proved to be a heroic soldier and military leader in World War II.

"Rudder was the epitome of a soldier, statesman and knightly gentleman," Fenton said.

He was the mayor of Brady for six years and then served as Texas Land Commissioner.

"President (Lyndon) Johnson offered him national and international appointments," Margaret Rudder said. "But he declined because he was asked to serve as the president of A&M in 1959."

In 1965 he became president of the Texas A&M Uni-

versity System.

Rudder passed away March 23, 1970. His funeral was held in G. Rollie White Coliseum with a full house to honor the man that changed A&M history.

"My husband's four greatest achievements as president of A&M were admitting women to the University, making Corps membership an option, integration and changing the school's name," Rudder said.

She is proud of her husband's feats and spoke fondly of their 34 years of marriage. They had five children, two of which still live in the area. They now have six grandchildren.

Rudder calls herself an old-fashioned wife because there was always a distinct division of duties.

"He took care of his job and the business, and I took care of the house and kids," she said.

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