



AGGIE RING ORDERS

ATTENTION: UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENTS

Students who will either complete all of the following requirements after the Fall '99 semester final grades are posted, or after commencement, may order their rings beginning approximately January 18, 2000 for April 2000 delivery.

Any student or former student who completed all the requirements as of summer '99, must visit the Aggie Ring Office to complete a ring audit no later than December 8 to order their ring by the December 10 deadline for March 2, 2000 delivery.



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CLAYTON W. WILLIAMS, JR. ALUMNI CENTER

DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8, 1999

Undergraduate Student Requirements:

You must be a degree seeking student and have completed all of the following requirements to order an Aggie ring:

1. 95 cumulative undergraduate credit hours reflected on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System degree audit. (A course passed with a grade letter of D or better, which is repeated and passed, cannot count as additional credit hours unless the catalog states the course may be repeated for credit. The lowest grade is the repeated course.)

2. 60 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University if your first semester at Texas A&M University was January 1994 or thereafter, or if you attended prior to 1994 and do not qualify under the successful semester requirement defined in the following paragraph. The 60 credit hour requirement will be waived if your degree is conferred with less than 60 A&M credit hours. The waiver will not be granted until after your degree is posted to screens #123 & #136 of the Student Information Management System.

30 undergraduate credit hours must have been completed in residence at Texas A&M University, providing that prior to January 1, 1994, you were enrolled at Texas A&M University and successfully completed either a fall/spring semester or summer term (I and II or 10 weeks) as a full-time student in good standing (A full-time student is defined in the university catalog as one that completes 12 credit hours with a 2.0 GPR in a spring or fall semester; or 4 credit hours with a 2.0 GPR in a 10 week session.)

Please remember that you will lose resident credits if you pass a course at A&M with a D or better and retake it at another institution and make a higher grade. The lowest grade is always deducted by the university as a repeated class.

3. 2.0 cumulative GPR at Texas A&M University.

4. Be in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

Graduate Student Requirements:

If you are a December 1999 degree candidate and do not have an Aggie ring from a prior degree, you may place an order after you meet the following requirements:

1. Your degree is conferred and posted on the Texas A&M University Student Information Management System; and

2. You are in good standing with the University, including no registration or transcript blocks for past due fees, loans, parking tickets, returned checks, etc.

However, if you have completed all of your course work prior to this semester and have been cleared by the thesis clerk, you may request a "letter of completion" from the Office of Graduate Studies (providing it is not past their deadline). The original letter of completion, with the seal, may be presented to the Ring Office in lieu of your degree being posted.

Procedure to order a ring:

1. If you meet all of the above requirements and you wish to receive your ring on March 2, 2000, you must visit the Ring Office no later than Wednesday, December 8, 1999 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to complete the application for eligibility verification.

It is recommended that you do not wait until December 8 to apply for your ring audit. Should there be a problem with your academic record, or if you are blocked, you may not have sufficient time to resolve these matters before the order closes out on December 10.

2. Return no later than December 10, 1999 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. to check on the status of your audit and if qualified, pay in full by cash, check, money order, or your personal Discover Visa or MasterCard (with your name imprinted).

Men's	10K - \$332.00	14K - \$438.00
Women's	10K - \$204.00	14K - \$227.00

* Add \$8.00 for Class of '98 or before and \$15.00 if ring needs to be shipped out-of-town. The ring delivery date is March 2, 2000.

WTO Delegates push ahead with talks despite riots

SEATTLE (AP) — Stunned by violent street protests resulting in scores of arrests, delegates to a 135-nation trade gathering insisted they would push ahead yesterday with efforts to launch a new round of talks aimed at breaking down barriers to global commerce — and city officials vowed to back them up.

Washington Gov. Gary Locke ordered as many as 200 members of the National Guard and 300 state troopers to the city, where they will serve as backup to police who battled rampaging protesters with tear gas and pepper spray Tuesday.

Yesterday, city officials declared a no-protest zone for nearly all of the city's downtown area, about 50 city blocks, acknowledging they were caught unaware by the magnitude of the disturbance.

"Clearly, in hindsight, the approach we used yesterday did not work, and we're going to have to take a different approach today," assistant police chief Ed Joiner said at a news conference.

Police, who arrested 68 people Tuesday, moved swiftly yesterday morning to break up pockets of demonstrators and arrested about 250 of them, bringing in transit buses to take them away.

Most of the protesters were nonviolent, going limp as police tried to pick them up.

"This conference will be a success," Mike Moore, director general of the World Trade Organization (WTO), said. "The issues are far too important to be ignored."

Police chief Norm Stamper said at a news conference: "The downtown area needs to be and will in fact be made safe today for everyone."

Mayor Paul Schell, interviewed on NBC's "Today," said, "I think we've secured the town."

He said Guard troops will be used primarily for backup. "They are not armed. I don't want armed personnel in the streets. I think that might even be more provocative."

WTO delegates long had expected protests, but nothing like the storm that hit Seattle when at least 40,000 activists took to the streets on the day the conference was to open.

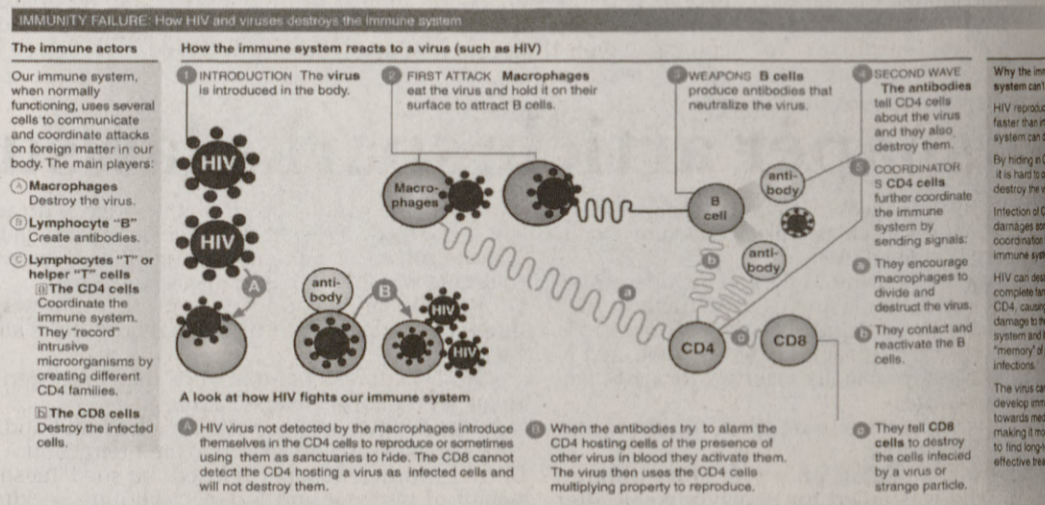
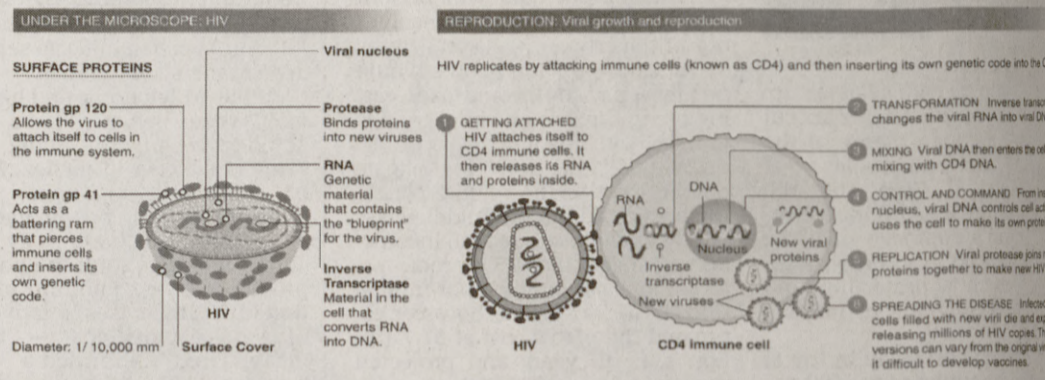
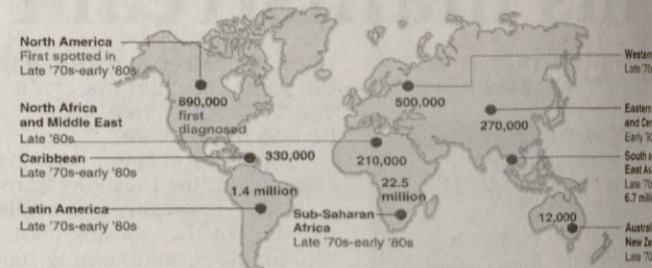
Some 5,000 protesters confronted police, with a handful launching an assault on the downtown business area.

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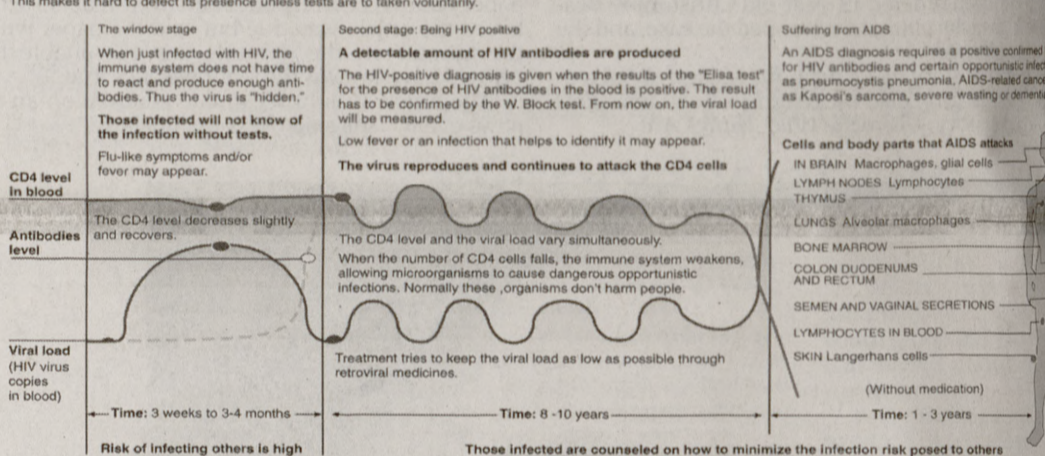
AIDS epidemic reaches global capacity

The tragedy of AIDS

AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, is a disease that attacks our body's immune system, making that system unable to defend itself from other diseases and opportunistic infections. Although most cases are fatal, improved treatment has extended the lives of many with the disease.



Diagnosing AIDS is difficult, as is HIV. Neither can be diagnosed until antibodies to the virus are found. There are few symptoms relating to HIV during the first two stages of the disease. This makes it hard to detect its presence unless tests are taken voluntarily.



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- Unprotected sex
 - Needle sharing
 - Blood transfusions
 - Breast feeding
 - 20%-40% risk during pregnancy
 - While giving birth
- It cannot be transmitted through...**
- Kissing
 - Hugging
 - Touching
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