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New golf courses could create interesting rivalry

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106 YEARS AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Gilchrist portrait removed

Complaint of racism forces former president's picture down

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Gibb Gilchrist was a president of Texas A&M University and Chancellor of the Texas A&M System. He was also a avid admirer of Confederate Civil War General Robert Lee.

Last month, Gilchrist's portrait, which portrayed him sitting in front of a likeness of Lee, was removed from the entryway of the Gibb Gilchrist Texas Transportation Institute Building on West Campus because of the fear it may offend visitors and students of Texas A&M, said Bernie Fetti, a spokesperson for the Texas Transportation Institute (TTI). Fetti said the decision to remove the 47-year-old portrait, which had hung in the entryway since last November, came after a student approached Dr. Herbert Richardson, Director of TTI, with concerns that the portrait may connote racism because of Lee's association with the Confederacy.

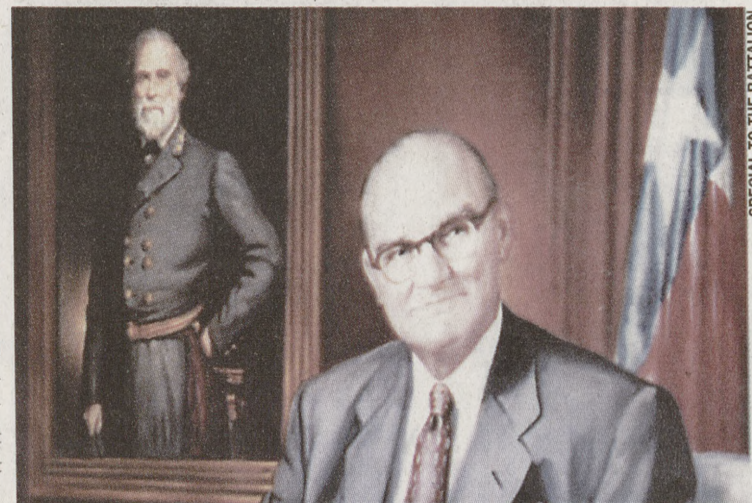
"It is my understanding that Dr. Richardson sat down and discussed the issue with the student," Fetti said. "He explained that Gilchrist just admired Lee's leadership ability, and the student walked away satisfied, but Dr. Richardson was afraid that the portrait may offend other people." Fetti said Richardson then discussed the issue with Gilchrist's son, Henry Gilchrist, and then decided to remove the portrait.

"Basically some faculty and students found the background with Robert E. Lee offensive," Richardson said. "So we plan to replace the portrait with something else, yet to be determined."

Henry Gilchrist said the decision to remove the portrait makes little difference to him.

"Times change, and it has become unacceptable for anyone to have any affection for the war between the states," Henry Gilchrist said. "It is a historical fact that the portrait had hung in my father's office and then his study for many years. ... For him, Lee represented great loyalty, a sincere person and a great leader. ... Slavery was not an issue."

Lane Stephenson, deputy director of Texas A&M University Relations, said the University had no comment on the situation because TTI, while housed on the A&M campus, exists as an independent entity.



The portrait of Gibb Gilchrist was removed from the TTI Building last month after a student complained of the inclusion of Robert E. Lee.

Officials at Cushing Memorial Library said the portrait, which is technically on loan from the library, is still being held by TTI but will be returned to the library's archives.

Aggie sports partner with E-Ticketboard

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Ticket availability, increased game attendance and minimized ticket scalping are some of the potential benefits of a new partnership between Texas A&M and E-Ticketboard (E-Ticketboard.com).

Texas A&M has recently joined forces with E-Ticketboard, an internet service that matches buyers and sellers of athletic event tickets. E-Ticketboard can be accessed by Aggie sports fans free of charge through the Texas A&M Athletic Department Website (http://www.AggieAthletics.com), however, general members must pay a fee of \$30 dollars for a total access membership that allows access to all sporting events at E-Ticketboard or \$6 for a single event membership, allowing members to place one order.

Joe Spencer, president and CEO of E-Ticketboard, founded the internet service in November 1998. "I set up a Website, an on-line marketplace where Carolina Panthers fans could buy permanent seat licenses," Spencer said. "We're going to be marketing this service nationwide. We just put up ticket boards for professional baseball, basketball and soccer, and will put up boards for the NHL and the NFL next year."

Spencer said that E-Ticketboard began as a service for Carolina Panthers fans, but quickly grew when the University of South Carolina (USC) called him, asking to use this service to provide tickets to USC fans. It was at this point, Spencer said, that he realized the secondary market for tickets that E-Ticketboard provided would make it a very popular, useful service to universities.

According to Chris Massaro, Associate Athletic Director for Ticket Operations at USC, the service has been helpful to USC.

"We began using E-Ticketboard last January and almost immediately, within a two week timespan, had 500 people sign up for it," Massaro said. "It benefits us competitively because we are able to have larger crowds, reduced no-

"Fans will find this to be a very convenient service."

— Drew Martin
A&M Assistant Sports Information Director

shows and then we sell more concessions. We are definitely going to use it again for basketball and most likely for football. We haven't made a decision on football yet."

Like USC, Texas A&M will use E-Ticketboard's services for basketball, but will also use E-Ticketboard for football and baseball. Spencer said, "A&M is the first university to contract with E-Ticketboard for all three events. E-Ticketboard is the first online community that has identified and targeted this program for collegiate athletics. We are on the cutting edge, the forefront of the Internet revolution here."

Drew Martin, Assistant Sports Information Director at A&M, said this service will provide an advantage for all Aggie sports fans because it will allow fans the opportunity to purchase seats when seats are no longer available. However, student tickets will not be traded because the athletic department wants to protect A&M students' rights to sit in the student section.

"E-Ticketboard will benefit students in the case where all of the student tickets have been pulled. E-Ticketboard will allow you to get a seat from a ticket holder. You

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Aggie Hostels host Emily Tripp, a junior journalism major, dances with Kay Cox, class of '41 from Port Arthur, during a mock Ring Dance. Cox attended the dance with his wife Evelyn of 57 years. This was a special event for them because they were unable to attend Cox's senior Ring Dance 59 years ago.

Former students relive college years

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Former students returned to Texas A&M this week to re-acquaint themselves with the University as part of the 13th annual Aggie Hostel, an event sponsored by the Association of Former Students. Last night Aggie Hostel recreated Aggie Ring Dance for its participants as a conclusion to the week's activities.

Angela Winkler, director of Aggie Hostel and class of '95, said this is a time when former students, 65 years old or older and their spouses, return to campus for a week of fun.

"We eat in the Commons for breakfast and lunch and have special events for the evening," Winkler said.

She said the former students relived their college years by staying in the residence halls and attending classes taught by A&M faculty and staff, which were set up for them during the day.

Denny Cole, an Aggie Hostel participant and Class of '54 said

the week-long event is a great event for former students.

"We are learning new things and meeting new people, and it's been very enjoyable," Cole said.

Cole said the University has made positive changes.

"I was worried. I thought as the school got older and grew in size and [the Corps of Cadets] went down in size, that it would not be the same, and it's not the same," Cole said. "But I think it's a better school, and the quality of education is probably better. I'm impressed with the students I met on this trip so far."

Kristie Kaiser, hostess for Aggie Hostel and senior sports management major, said working with the event has been enjoyable for her.

"The elders are just so amazing they just touch my heart," Kaiser said.

Tonight, the former students will have a graduation dinner where they will have the honor of graduating from A&M again.

Week to focus on men's health Microsoft to split into two entities

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The Battalion

The week of June 12th-18th has been set aside by the Student Health Services department to focus on raising awareness of health issues affecting college-age men and steps they can take to improve their health later on in life.

Karen Summers and Nichole Wingo, senior community health majors and health education interns at the A.P. Beutal Health Center, worked together to coordinate this year's Men's Health Week.

Because men's knowledge of their health issues varies widely, the Texas A&M University male student population may be unaware about health problems that may affect them, said Margaret Griffith, health education coordinator. Griffith said testicular cancer, STIs, alcohol abuse and all forms of tobacco use are common health issues facing male students at A&M.

"The young and healthy population are engaging in risky behaviors which will impact their future," Griffith said. Griffith said the number one cause of death amongst males is automobile accidents involving alcohol abuse.

Alcohol abuse can cause long-term problems physically, psychologically and socially. In addition, alcohol abuse can increase the predisposition of throat, larynx, liver and esophagus cancer. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism states alcohol abuse can also cause liver cirrhosis, immune system problems and brain damage.

Gabe Roach, senior community health major and sexual health student assistant at the health center, said men's health problems also derive from emotional stress.

"Emotional stress can come from pressures of parents, academic pressures, relationship issues, your involvement in traditions at A&M and even living on your own for the first time can be a very difficult experience," Roach said.

Microsoft to split into two entities

WASHINGTON (AP)—A federal judge ordered Microsoft Corp. split into two companies, prescribing the biggest corporate breakup since AT&T while harshly rebuking the software giant for stifling computer-age competition.

Potentially monumental, the ruling by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson was not the last word in a case that could define the limits of companies operating in a high tech economy.

Microsoft has promised to appeal in the case, which had been pressed by the Justice Department and 19 states. The case could go to the U.S. Court of Appeals or directly to the Supreme Court.

"This is the beginning of a new chapter in this case," said Microsoft chair Bill Gates. He called the ruling inconsistent with past court decisions and with the realities of the marketplace.

Jackson's order gives Microsoft four months to break up the company — the time period suggested by the government — but the company asked for a stay while it appeals.

Jackson, who concluded two months ago that Microsoft had violated antitrust law, ordered the company to be split into these parts:

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MEN'S HEALTH WEEK JUNE 12TH-18TH			
	MEN	WOMEN	
LIFE EXPECTANCY	73.0	79.7	
LUNG CANCER CASES	772,000	265,000	
PERCENT LUNG CANCER DEATHS DUE TO SMOKING	93%	88%	
PERCENTAGE OF ADULTS WHO SMOKE	27%	22.6%	
ADULTS AGES 45-64 WHO SUFFER HEART ATTACKS EACH YEAR	218,000	74,000	

MEN VS. WOMEN-HEALTH FACTS

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