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Edwards starts bid

By MARK POWER
Chet Edwards launched his bid for the 6th Congressional seat with the start of a two-week grassroots tour that will cover all the counties of this district.

Edwards was in the Bryan-College Station area Monday morning to announce his candidacy in the May Democratic primary. He will be running for the seat now being vacated by Olin Teague.

"I'm convinced that we need elected officials who promise less, listen more and admit they don't have all the answers," said Edwards in an interview Monday night.

At 25, Edwards is the youngest candidate in the running. But he said his youth is not a liability in the election.

"Texas has elected young members to Congress in the past and kept them there to acquire the experience and seniority necessary to provide productive leadership," said Edwards. He said new ideas are the key to a progressive government.

Edwards will base his campaign on issues he termed "important to the residents of the 6th district." Edwards cited agricultural policy,

support of the Social Security program, and deregulation of natural gas as major issues in this race.

"I support the idea of getting government out of the gas-pricing business," said Edwards. He favors a policy of long-term deregulation to protect consumers from a price imbalance and allow business to plan ahead for new production of natural gas.

"I support human rights abroad and at home," said Edwards, in reference to foreign policy. "We need to see that military intervention in any confrontation is the last resort."

The candidate said he went on record opposed to the new Panama treaty because negotiators cannot agree on the provisions in the treaty.

Campus Names

Attends council

Robert Rucker, professor emeritus of horticultural sciences at Texas A&M University, was one of the two representatives from Texas at the National Council of State Garden Clubs (NCSGC) held in Pikeville, Tenn. last week.

Rucker was one of the members from 42 states who completed a five-day intensive training program for environmental education workshop facilitators. The 75 participants will work within the NCSGC's eight regions teaching others the skills necessary to successfully conduct workshops in environmental education.

Environmental field studies including a forest environment and a surface coal mining operation, were a focus of the program.

Gilreath honored

Charles Gilreath of Texas A&M University Libraries has been honored by a national organization.

Gilreath, coordinator of Automated Information Retrieval Service (AIRS) at Sterling Evans Library, received the 1977 Citation of Special Recognition from the Associates of National Agricultural Librarians (NAL).

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Bob Hope talent prospect will perform Wednesday

Collegiate performers chosen for a chance to work with comedian Bob Hope will perform in Rudder Theater at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Texas A&M University.

The show is a local contest in a nationwide "Bob Hope Search for the Top in Collegiate Talent." It is

Brazos area grows rapidly

Bryan-College Station is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the nation.

Dr. R. L. Skrabanek, demographer with the Texas Real Estate Research Center (TRERC) and professor in Texas A&M University's department of sociology, reports that Bryan-College Station ranks second among Texas' 25 metropolitan areas in rate of population growth since 1970 and 13th in all of the United States.

"The most recent Bureau of Census population estimates show the Bryan-College Station standard metropolitan statistical area (SMSA) increased from 58,000 persons on April 1, 1970, to 72,300 on July 1, 1975," Skrabanek said Monday. "This is an increase of 24.7 percent, which is surpassed in Texas only by the Killeen-Temple SMSA increase of 31.7 percent."

The Fort Myers, Fla., SMSA had the highest rate of increase in the nation, 47.7 percent. Eight of the top 15 SMSAs in rate of population growth in the United States between 1970 and 1975 are in Florida. Killeen-Temple and Bryan-College Station are the only two from Texas in the top 15, noted the TRERC demographer.

Skrabanek said the Bureau of Census estimates for the B-C metropolitan area, which includes all of Brazos County, 6,100 births and 2,200 deaths between 1970 and 1975 for a natural increase of 3,900.

"Over 72 percent of the total population growth came from net migration," he said. The Bureau of the Census estimated that 10,400 more persons moved to the Bryan-College Station metropolitan area than moved out between 1970 and 1975.

sponsored by the Memorial Student Center Council.

Local coordinator Gordon Bruner said the program will feature guitarists, a rock 'n' roll band and pianists. They were screened Sunday for the first phase in a competition that could lead to appearance on a nationally televised Bob Hope special next spring.

"I was surprised at the quality we saw Sunday," Bruner said. "The performers are very, very good."

"I think the students who come out will be surprised. The show will

be something like a combination Town Hall and The Basement entertainment committee. Admission will be \$1 per student, \$1.50 per non-student.

Judges from Houston, College Station and Bryan will select the national competition in November and December. Hope will select eight to 10 finalists to appear on the TV special, planned in conjunction with the 1978 National Entertainment and Camp Activities Association spring convention in New Orleans.

TAMU seminars set

A series of seminars and short courses will be conducted at Texas A&M University this week.

A data processing short course, sponsored by the Data Processing Center (DPC), will feature Mike Dean on FORTRAN and begins today at 2 p.m. in Room 220 of the Old Engineering Building. It will be conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 13.

Robert C. Bergman, past chairman of the American Chemical Society and professor at California Institute of Technology, will present "Studies on Dehydroaromatic Molecules" today in Room 100 of the Chemistry Building.

Milton Clark will conduct another DPC short course on APL today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the Teague Building, the second part of which will be Thursday at the same time.

"Structure, Biosynthesis and Function of Glycoproteins" will be the subject of a presentation by Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine professor Dr. William J. Lennarz today at 4 p.m. in Room 114 of the Herman Heep Building.

Dr. Christoph Kratky of Harvard University will be featured in a presentation on the "Structural Studies of Chlorophylls" today at 4 p.m. in Room 112 of the Plant Sciences Building.

The Remote Sensing Center will sponsor a seminar on "Sensing

Chlorophyll in an Ocean Atmosphere System" conducted by Prof. Kattawar at noon Wednesday in Room 110 of the Oceanographic Meteorology Building.

At 8 p.m. Wednesday Rapoport from the University of Wisconsin will be the College of Architecture and Environmental Design's second visiting lecturer. He will discuss "Environment, Planning and Communication."

Thursday, D. S. Hammett, vice president of SEDCO of Dallas, will talk about "Five Experiences in Deep Water" as part of the ocean engineering seminar series in Room 120 of the Civil Engineering Building at 8 p.m.

National asset

United Press International (UPI) has named Texas A&M University as one of the nation's top 100 colleges for its contribution to the national asset.

Dole said he will sponsor legislation naming the new building the Minnesota Democrat building "the lives of millions of Americans — the old, the young, the disabled — are better today because of Hubert Humphrey's untiring efforts to champion unpopular causes."

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