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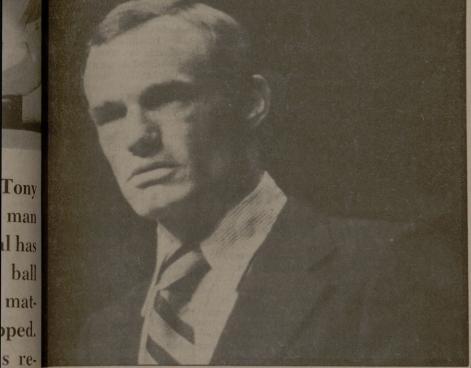
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Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr.

"free enterprise system is slowing down"

## Goldwater says Carter's policies hurting economy

The American free enterprise system is slowing down, Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr. said last night in a Political Forum presentation at Rudder Theater. Goldwa-ter is a Republican from California.

Goldwater, son of Arizona Senator B. Goldwater, has served in Congress since April 19, 1969. He said the "great engine of America's economic machine" is slowing down because of heavy tax increases imposed by President Carter.

Historically, America has had plenty of luck and plenty of resources, Goldwater said. "We've used up our abundance of

energy and are resorting to "hard-to-get-to" gas and oil," he said.

"A tax on well heads — that's pure socialism," Goldwater exclaimed. "If we follow Carter's energy plan we'll surely run out of oil and gas.

economic endeavor, yet there are too many governmental regulations. Tax increases are resulting in a "choking off" of invest-ment capital, Goldwater said.

"Compared to other industrial nations. we rank last in real wages and benefits. I believe decisive action to reduce taxes without inflation should be taken," Gold-

Goldwater proposed a 30 per cent tax cut over a three year period, ten per cent each year. Savings, which would be the result of

"Most Americans pay more Social Security taxas than income taxes," Goldwater said. He reasoned that fewer workers are supporting an increased number of re-tirees. Social Security's benefits have increased, he said, but its taxes didn't increase proportionately.

Goldwater's solution to the Social Security 'problem' is to create separate funds for

a tax cut, would provide an increase in tools for production and yield net expansion, Goldwater said.

programs like Medicare, which he termed "extraneous." This would eliminate limitation (allow retired people to return to work. and continue paying Social Security) and would stop inflation by cutting taxes.

> Goldwater said he feels the American people have been outrageously misinformed. "Americans believe that America has prospered because of what the government has done for them," Goldwater said. "It's what individuals have done for

### Student radio may close if finances don't improve

Student Government may foreclose on a \$5,783.64 debt owed by student radio station KANM and suspend its operation if the station is not self-supporting by the end of this

A resolution presented at the October 5 meeting of the Student Senate stated that the student radio board has proved to be ineffective in handling the financial responsibilities of stu-

The resolution also stated that the radio board be dissolved and that the executive branch of Student Government be given control of KANM until December 31, 1977.

The final vote for the resolution will be taken at the October

19 meeting of Student Government. If it passes, Student Government will provide student radio with \$500 (from the Student Government Reserve Account) to cover operating costs of the station up to January 1, 1978. Any unused money will then be returned to Student Government.

KANM was created in the spring of 1973 as an agency of Student Government. The student radio board took over operation of the station in 1975, but Student Government has continued financial support.
Student Body President Robert Harvey said the the Student

Senate will review the station's finances in December. If it isn't financially sound, he said, student government may suspend broadcasting and sell the station's equipment to regain some of "We want them to at least start meeting their monthly ex-

penses and quit being a drain on Student Government," Harvey said. "When the money was loaned to the station, the agreement was for it to start generating its own income and begin paying some of the money back. So far, it has done neither and we are getting taken on the whole deal." Hoyt Thomas, general manager of the station, said it can be

self-supporting by December. Thomas said KANM will have to rely heavily on advertising subscriptions from area merchants for financial support.

The station broadcasts out of Ridgecrest Barber Shop on Texas Avenue. To continue operation, KANM will need \$197 a month to pay rent and meet other expenses.

"We would like to operate out of the basement of the Memorial Student Center," Thomas said. "If we could operate as one of the committees sponsored by the MSC, we wouldn't have to the contract of the contrac pay rent. Our only cost would be running phone lines to the

cable companies that carry our signals. "It would also be handier for students who are interested in working with radio. Our present location isn't very convenient," he said.

Eighty-five students work at KANM. They are responsible for the station's programming, advertising and accounting.

"There is no licensing requirements for students who help

out at the station," Thomas said. "Since we are carried by cable only and our signals don't go out over the open air, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) doesn't regulate us." Lynn Gibson, president of the Memorial Student Center

Council and Directorate, said the possibility of the station be-

coming an MSC committee depends on the group's plans.

"I have checked into the possibility of them becoming a part of the council and I see no problems with it, unless they plan on broadcasting open air rather than on the cable," Gibson

Under present FCC rulings, a university can have only one

station licensed to broadcast over airwaves.

University-funded KAMU-FM has such a license. It began broadcasting on campus March 30, 1977.

"KAMU-FM doesn't really want anything to do with us,"

Thomas said. "They are set up entirely different than KANM and past negotiations haven't brought about much."

## Student withdrawal rate lower this year

By STEVE MAYER

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The average withdrawal age is 23.

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who would "This age is high because many o it coulde raduates and older students withdraw NCAA, his then they find jobs," Rives said. She said cre are fewer Corps members withdraw-this year than last year.

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If a student doesn't process a withdrawal form, course grades will be recorded as failing. Any fee refunds cannot be obtained, and, if the student is not in good standing with the university his records may be blocked.

The form must be signed by the college dean, the financial aid center, the housing

office and the registrar's office.
Rives said she determines additional departments that must clear the student, such as the University Police and Corps Commandant's office.

One student at the withdrawal office, located in the YMCA Building, said he is dissatisfied with the system.

"It's a run-around," he said. "I don't owe these people anything, heck, they owe me money." When the student got tired of waiting he commented, "I can

drop out anytime," and he left.

However, secretaries in Rives' office said there is usually no crowd waiting.

Rives said she expects withdrawals to increase after mid-term grades are mailed. Not all students drop out because of poor grades according to Rives' files. Their reasons are varied: realization of becoming

an alcoholic, inability to find a babysitter. health problems and simply not wanting to attend school.

"Before coming to the withdrawal of-fice," Rives said, "students can solve their problem through other sources."

For academic problems, she suggested consulting professors, department heads,

academic advisors and the college dean.
For personal problems, she advised the
Personal Counseling Service in 017 YMCA
and for health problems, Beutel Health After withdrawing, a student needs only

to apply for readmission to return to school, Rives said. She said students can withdraw as many

times as they want. She noted that if a student attends

another school before reapplying, a transcript must be provided.

#### Bonfire won't be at TWS

### Committee turns down offer

**Battalion City Editor** 

Texas World's Speedway's offer to hold Texas A&M's annual bonfire this year was turned down by the proper committee, Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services, said Thursday.

Earlier newspaper accounts questioned whether the offer was presented to the proper authority. But Koldus said it defi-

TWS vice president Mike Connors The committee turned the offer down speedway would be remote nade the offer directly to Koldus II September. The University would have een allowed to use the facility free of is predominately made of students.

Koldus said he immediately phoned Tom Parsons, chairman of the bonfire and yell leader committee. Koldus told him of the offer and asked him to bring it up at the next committee meeting. Parsons is director of University traffic and safety.

by an 11 to 1 vote Sept. 27. C was absent. The committee, Koldus said,

Koldus said the offer was turned down for several reasons.

First, the committee considered the speedway to be too far away from the campus. Because students do much of the bonfire work in times between classes, the

is in the opposite direction from the bonfire cutting area, which is north of College Station, near Hearne. The speedway is six miles south of town.

The committee also mentioned security problems, such as guarding the bonfire and equipment used to construct it. In addition, the committee said, the

move would interfere with Town Hall performances planned for the same evening as

But the most important reason the committee gave, Koldus said, is that it would move bonfire construction out of sight of students and former students. This would lessen the emotional im-

pact of the bonfire," Koldus said. TWS vice president Connors said he first contacted College Station Mayor Lor-

ence Bravenec with the proposal

"We had heard the city was trying to get A&M to move the bonfire," Connors said. Since we had the facilities, and since we feel we're part of the community, we thought we'd at least make an offer."

Bravenec referred him to Koldus, Con-

"The mayor told me Koldus was in charge of such matters, and that the bon-fire committee reported to him," Connors said. "So I called him."

"He was very cordial about the whole thing. He simply said, 'I'm sorry Mike, but it isn't what the committee wants.'"

Connors and TWS general manager George Martin both said they disagree

with the committee's findings, particularly on the matter of security.

"We've got an eight-foot chain link fence around the entire property," Martin said Wednesday. "I don't see how anyone can call that insecure.'

Martin said the speedway infield is ideal

for bonfire, and that the stands could hold as many people as would be required. "And they could all see," he added. The speedway also offers restrooms and concession stands, Martin said.

They would have to bring their own soundsystem," he said, "but other than that, the speedway is perfect."

Connors said the offer is still open.

"The University turned it down, but

they can take it any time they want," Connors said. "I think they understand we're

not trying to push this on them. "If they want it, it's theirs."

# Development council

The Brazos Valley Development Council VDC) Board of Directors unanimously oved a resolution Thursday night supng continued operation of the Easterod Airport air traffic control tower. e resolution was passed in response to ent FAA study that suggested the towcost outweigh its usefulness. If the

A were to implement the study's find-

City health laws amended; allows ve cream' sale

lege Station health laws were aded last night by the city council, ala non-dairy "ice cream" manufacer to sell the product to local restaur-

ostline representatives Larry Rod-ez and Jeff Thomas answered councilquestions about their product. on can compare it to a non-dairy mer," Thomas told the council. "Milk placed by milk substitutes."

n and corn by-products replace the in the ice cream," Thomas said. mas said the softserve is a dry prodhat is combined with water and served a machine. It will be sold for commer-

council unanimously approved the

ndment. other action, the council authorized staff to negotiate a contract with the ther of a swimming pool for Thomas

Don Dale, owner of Pooh's Park sement Center, to put three curbcuts

Dale asked the council to suspend city licy and allow him to put the three bouts along 350 ft. of Texas Avenue. ty Engineer Elrey Ash told the council policy was to allow three curbcuts for

motion was made to approve or deny s request, which died for want of a

ings, the Easterwood tower could be

The BVDC passed the resolution "for whatever weight it will carry" in urging the FAA to continue tower operations for economic and safety reasons.

Among economic reasons stated in the resolution is that Bryan-College Station is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country. Also, the resolution said much of the

economic growth and stability of this rapidly growing area depends largely upon transportation facilities, including Easterwood Airport. Safety was also listed as a major concern

of persons who use Easterwood Airport annually depends upon continued operation A BVDC summary of its findings about the tower listed some other considerations about the FAA's approach to the tower's

in keeping the tower open. According to

the resolution, the safety of the thousands

economic situation. The summary questioned the FAA's placement of a dollar value on lives that could be lost because of a lack of tower

Also, the BVDC pointed out that the FAA study did not count the tower's benefits associated with a national aviation sys-

Another economic consideration states that the FAA has contributed more than \$1.1 million to Easterwood Airport since 1971. The BVDC questioned the FAA's possible step backwards in closing a tower at an airport in which so much money has

been invested. The BVDC summary also noted that Easterwood Airport is the only commercial and general purpose public airport with regularly scheduled passenger flights in the entire BVDC area, which includes Brazos,

Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson and Washington counties. Board chairman William R. Vance said with economic reasons and continued public support should deter the FAA.

"I think all of us who know about the tower know that if the FAA closes it they will probably have to open it up again," he



Andrew Brannen zooms across the Campus of Texas A&M's Moody College in Galveston. Brannen has joined a growing number of pedestrians who have found that rolling beats walking anytime.

Battalion photo by Donnie Brannen

The only way to travel