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Goldwater says Carter's policies hurting economy

By MARGIE SANTAMARIA

The American free enterprise system is slowing down, Congressman Barry Goldwater Jr. said last night in a Political Forum presentation at Rudder Theater. Goldwater 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."

He said the key to American prosperity is economic endeavor, yet there are too many governmental regulations. Tax increases are resulting in a "choking off" of investment 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," Goldwater said.

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

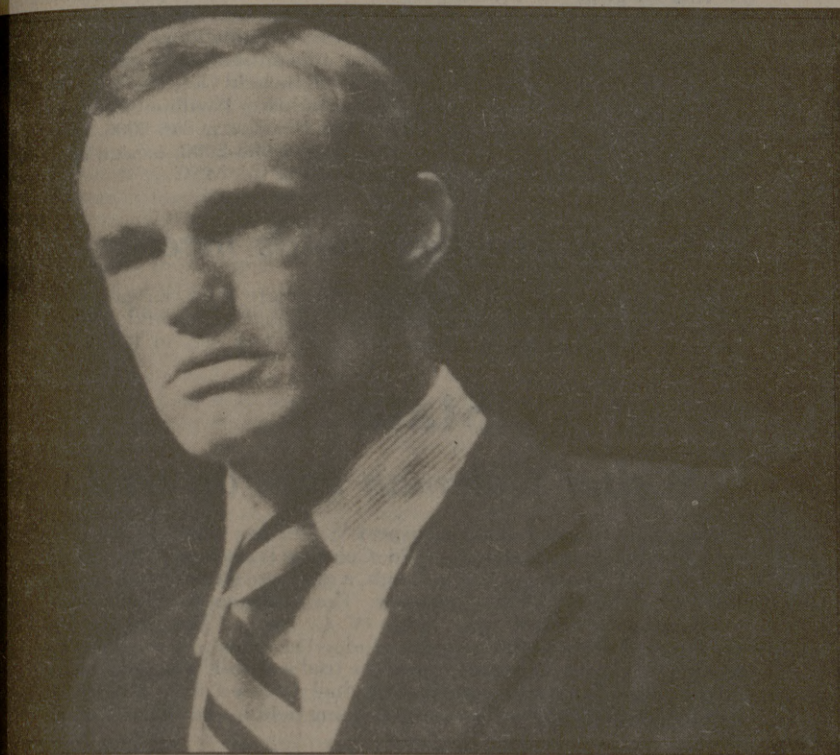
a tax cut, would provide an increase in tools for production and yield net expansion, Goldwater said.

"Most Americans pay more Social Security taxes than income taxes," Goldwater said. He reasoned that fewer workers are supporting an increased number of retirees. 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

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 the government."



Congressman Barry Goldwater, Jr.
"free enterprise system is slowing down"

Student withdrawal rate lower this year

By STEVE MAYER

Ever think of dropping out of school? As of last Wednesday, 229 Texas A&M students have officially dropped out of school — or "withdrawn" as university officials refer to it.

At the end of Fall semester 1976, the withdrawal total was 522.

Toby Rives, assistant director for student affairs, is in charge of university withdrawals and keeps statistical information on withdrawal students. She said she hopes to compile and compare A&M's figures with other universities.

In a sample of 50 students from Rives' files, 24 lived in apartments, 18 in houses, and four in dorms, three in mobile homes and one in married student housing.

The average withdrawal age is 23.

This age is high because many graduates and older students withdraw when they find jobs," Rives said. She said there are fewer Corps members withdrawing this year than last year.

Rives said an undetermined number of students put themselves at a disadvantage by dropping out of school without going through proper channels.

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 office," 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 Center.

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

By RUSTY CAWLEY

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 definitely was.

TWS vice president Mike Connors made the offer directly to Koldus in mid-September. The University would have been allowed to use the facility free of charge.

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.

The committee turned the offer down by an 11 to 1 vote Sept. 27. One member was absent. The committee, Koldus said, is predominately made of students.

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

speedway would be remote. Also, the committee said, the speedway 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 the bonfire.

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 impact of the bonfire," Koldus said.

TWS vice president Connors said he first contacted College Station Mayor Lorence 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, Connors said.

"The mayor told me Koldus was in charge of such matters, and that the bonfire 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 sound system," 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 favors control tower

By GARY WELCH

The Brazos Valley Development Council (BVDC) Board of Directors unanimously approved a resolution Thursday night supporting continued operation of the Easterwood Airport air traffic control tower.

The resolution was passed in response to a recent FAA study that suggested the tower's cost outweigh its usefulness. If the FAA were to implement the study's find-

ings, the Easterwood tower could be closed.

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 in keeping the tower open. According to the resolution, the safety of the thousands of persons who use Easterwood Airport annually depends upon continued operation of the tower.

A BVDC summary of its findings about the tower listed some other considerations about the FAA's approach to the tower's 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 assistance.

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

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 the tower's increased activity, combined 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 said.

City health laws amended; allows 'ice cream' sale

College Station health laws were amended last night by the city council, allowing a non-dairy "ice cream" manufacturer to sell the product to local restaurants.

Frostline representatives Larry Rodriguez and Jeff Thomas answered councilmen's questions about their product.

"You can compare it to a non-dairy creamer," Thomas told the council. "Milk is replaced by milk substitutes."

Corn and corn by-products replace the milk in the ice cream," Thomas said.

Thomas said the softserve is a dry product that is combined with water and served with a machine. It will be sold for commercial use only.

The council unanimously approved the amendment.

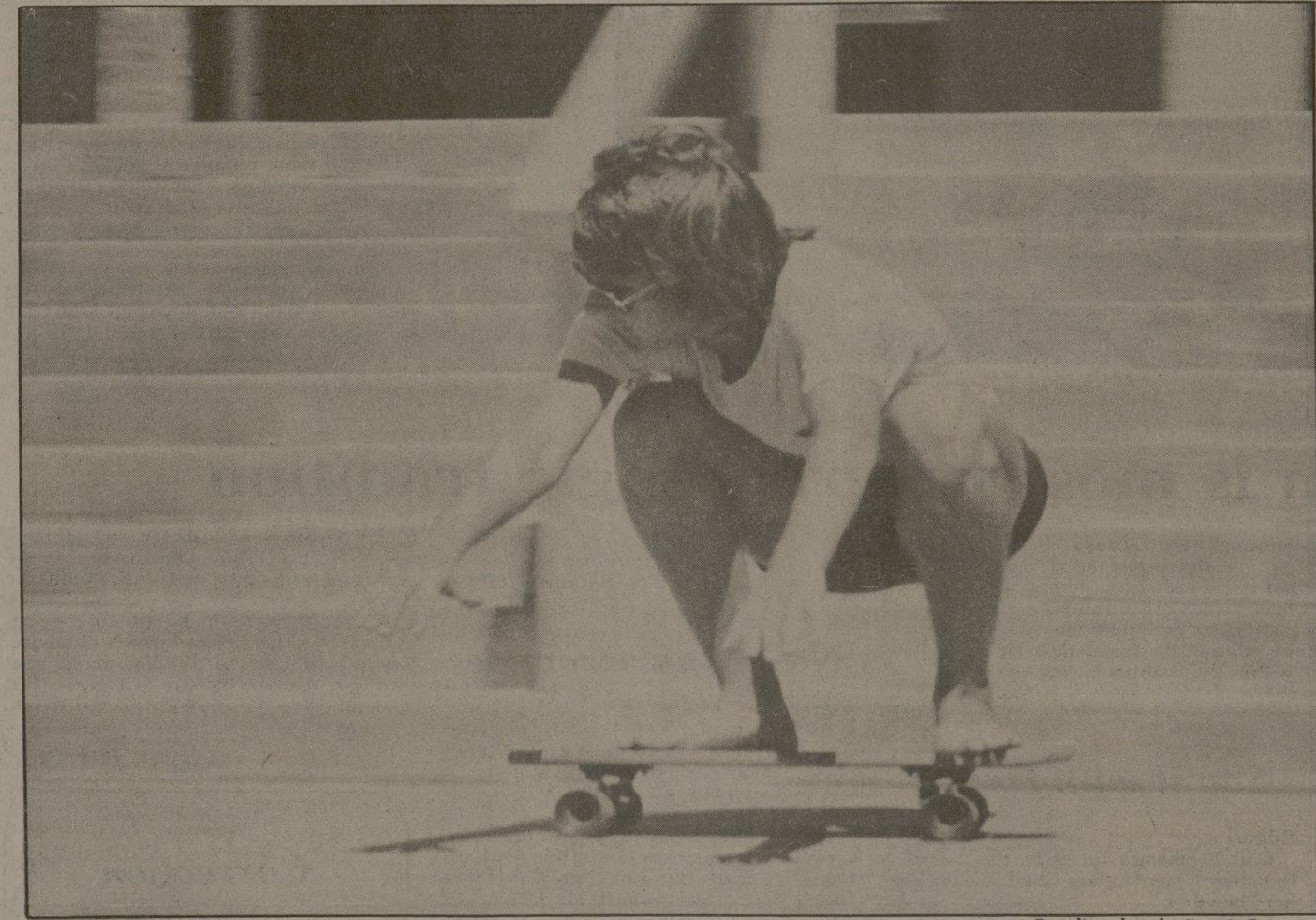
In other action, the council authorized the staff to negotiate a contract with the designer of a swimming pool for Thomas Park.

The council also turned down a request from Don Dale, owner of Pooh's Park amusement center, to put three curbs along his land.

Dale asked the council to suspend city policy and allow him to put the three curbs along 350 ft. of Texas Avenue.

City Engineer Elroy Ash told the council that policy was to allow three curbs for 20 feet.

No motion was made to approve or deny Dale's request, which died for want of a motion.



Battalion photo by Donnie Brannen

The only way to travel

Andrew Brannen zooms across the Campus of Texas A&M's Moody College in Galveston. Bran-

nen has joined a growing number of pedestrians who have found that rolling beats walking anytime.