

# Bush blasts regulations in talk at A&M

by CAROL THOMAS

**Battalion Staff**  
Increasing government regulations, spending and taxes are three major problems in the country today, George Bush said Thursday in a program presented by the SC Political Forum.

Bush spoke to a 2,500-person audience that filled Rudder Auditorium, including the aisles, and which gave him 17 ovations during a 37-minute speech. He said he would try to correct those problems if elected president.

"We've got darn too much regulation in this country," Bush said, receiving cheers and agreement from the audience. "We need to get people who understand that the part of the government should be to assist, not control."

Bush also said he would cut down on federal spending if elected.

"We have tried to spend our way into prosperity, and the very people we try to help are the ones we hurt the most — those at the lower end of the income spectrum, and those that have saved all their lives for retirement," he said.

Bush also said that taxes should be cut, but not drastically, as he believes Ronald Reagan favors. A huge cut in taxes would increase the deficit and inflation, Bush said.

But a smaller cut in taxes, \$20 billion, would definitely help people to save and invest, he said. This would especially help young people who were trying to save in order to buy a home, he said, a statement that also received applause from the audience.

Bush hammered away at his criticism of President Carter's handling of foreign

affairs and Reagan's lack of experience in international matters or the business world.

"Jimmy Carter's only experience in foreign affairs was eating at the International House of Pancakes," he added, smiling, as the audience rocked with laughter.

"My opponent is a lot better out there on the lecture circuit," Bush said concerning Reagan. "But he has not had that experience of rolling up his sleeves and doing something and I think that's important for a president of the United States."

Bush is a former CIA director, Republican Party national chairman and congressman from Houston. He also served as ambassador to the United Nations.

Although Bush said he supported Carter's recent attempt to rescue the hostages in Iran, he said the move should have been made sooner.

Bush also said that he supported the volunteer Army, but said the draft should be used if necessary.

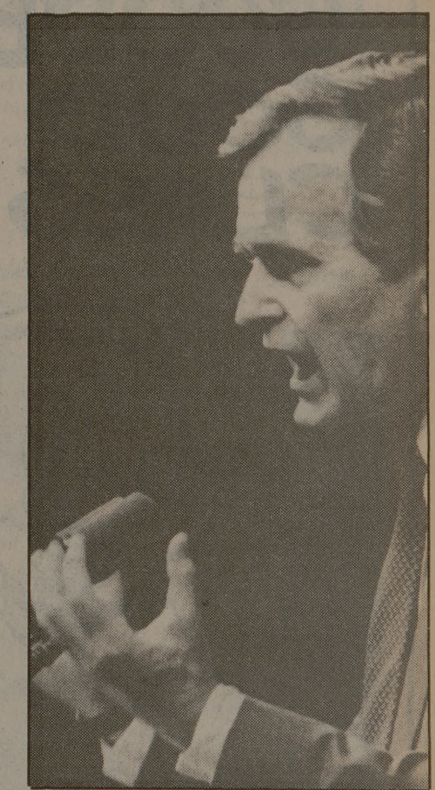
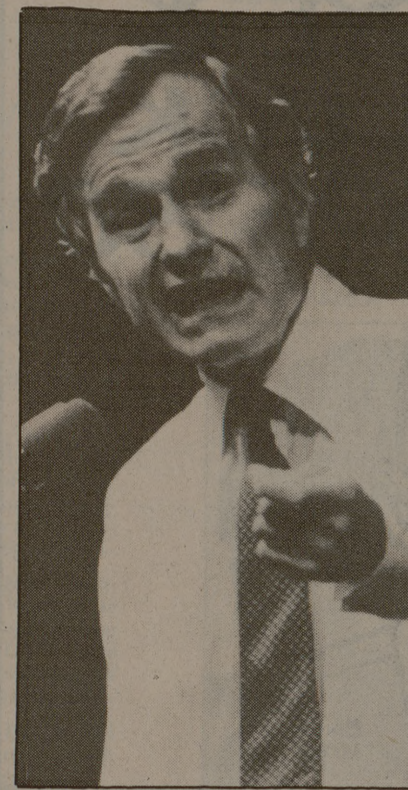
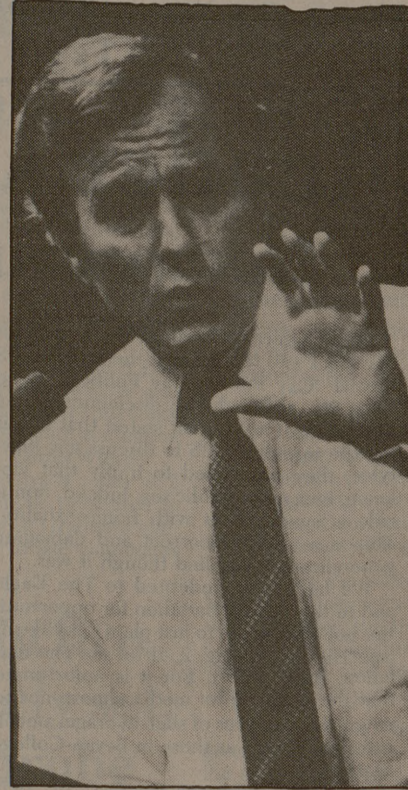
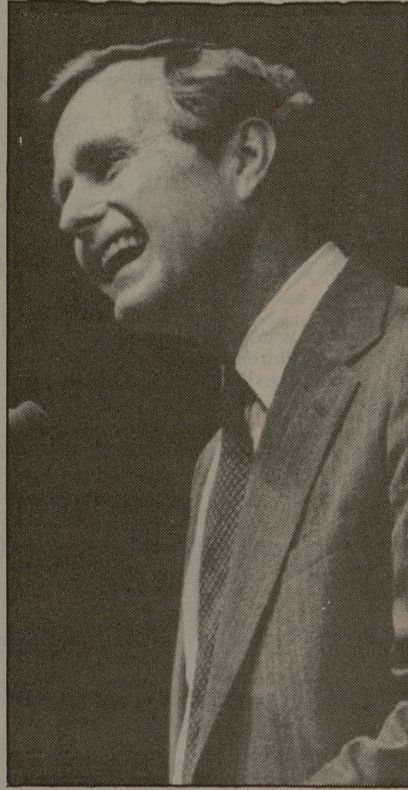
"If we need a draft, it will be fair," Bush said. "Some rich kid isn't going to get his Ph.D. while a ghetto kid gets the rap."

Bush said his major reason for wanting to be president is that he has lived in a communist country, Red China, which he said is devoid of freedoms, and he wants America to continue being a free country.

Bush, a Texan, is not predicted to do well in Saturday's primary. He faces an uphill battle against GOP frontrunner Ronald Reagan.

Regarding his losses in the primaries, Bush said the race is not over yet.

"The opera is not over until the fat lady sings, and believe me, she hasn't even begun to clear her throat yet," Bush said.



George Bush, Ronald Reagan's lone remaining rival for the Republican presidential nomination, told an audience of 2,500 in Rudder Auditorium

Thursday that the government's aim should be to assist, not control, the American people.

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### Spray inhibits berry picking

by MICHELLE MORREY

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This is a berry good time of year to bake pies, cobblers, and cakes with fresh-baked berries.

It is also the time of year when railroad vegetation control companies spray weeds around the tracks where dewberries are a popular harvesting spot for pickers.

The dewberry peak season is in the early spring, said Norman Winter, extension assistant at Texas A&M.

"People ask why dewberries are sprayed

when the dewberries are ripened," Walter Nittsche, local agent for Missouri Pacific said. "That's the best time of year to control the weeds."

The railroad vegetation control companies that are contracted by local railroad companies spray twice a year in this area, once in the spring and once in August, because of the long growing season, said Gene Bagerhuff, president of SSI industries Inc., a railroad vegetation control company.

SSI will be spraying around the Missouri

Pacific tracks within the next weeks in the Bryan-College Station area. Three men will spray the weeds from a modified boxcar as it travels through town en route to Waco, said Edward Evans, manager of the spraying service for SSI.

Bagerhuff said the chemical sprayed, Bromacil, is a herbicide; it is toxic only to weeds. It has been approved and registered by the Environmental Protection Agency. He said it is less dangerous than aspirin in its concentrated form and will not harm animals, humans or insects.

### Saudi Arabia to raise price of oil exported to U.S.

**United Press International**  
America's largest foreign oil supplier, Saudi Arabia, soon will announce a price increase — possibly later this month, a Saudi newspaper says.

The Qatari news agency quoted the Saudi newspaper Al Madina as saying "there is a strong trend" among OPEC members to hold a ministerial conference

in May and "devote it to the question of prices."

Kuwait, another OPEC member, plans to impose an \$8-a-barrel premium on top of its official price of \$27.50 a barrel, a Kuwaiti newspaper said.

Venezuela, a major exporter of heavy oil to the United States, has announced it is lifting some residual fuel prices by between

32 cents and \$1.10 a barrel, effective Saturday.

Al Madina said Saudi Arabia wants other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to lower their prices.

The Saudis, whose crude had been the OPEC benchmark before the 13-nation cartel failed to agree on a single price for its oil in Caracas last December, are charging

only \$26 a barrel. The average OPEC price is \$30 a barrel.

Al Madina said the Saudis are expected to announce at the ministerial conference they are raising oil prices and urging others to lower their crude prices to "realize a price balance" within OPEC.

The Saudi newspaper said the extraordinary session of OPEC that opens Sunday in Al Taef will not involve pricing. The Taef meeting will "focus on OPEC's future strategy" and set a time and a place for the ministerial conference, it said.

U.S. analysts have speculated for months Saudi Arabia would lift its crude prices to between \$28 and \$30 a barrel, forcing the cartel's hawks to roll back prices from the \$35-a-barrel range.

"The Saudis already are producing 9.5 million barrels of oil a day and are not likely to cut back on production because it appears the Saudi royal family is anxious to generate more foreign assets," said Joseph Tovey, a New York energy specialist.

"Saudi Arabia also is under a certain amount of pressure from OPEC to raise its prices."

### Minority votes to benefit Kennedy in state primary

**United Press International**  
Heavy absentee voting in predominantly Mexican-American areas may propel Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., into a stronger-than-anticipated showing against President Carter in Saturday's presidential preference vote in Texas.

Carter remains the favorite statewide, but absentee voting in areas where Carter has been strong in the past was light for this election, while voting in the pro-Kennedy areas was heavy.

"Kennedy ought to do real well here," said Santos Saldana, county clerk in Hidalgo County in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. "This place is pro-Kennedy; always has been."

"He'll do well, especially in the predominantly Latin American precincts. His nephew has been down here getting things stirred up."

Democratic absentee voting was heavy in the Valley, in Corpus Christi and in San Antonio, all areas where Kennedy has courted the Mexican-American vote.

Absentee voting in the Republican primary has been proportionately heavier in most areas than the Democratic voting,

although it still lags behind the 1976 levels in many cities.

Secretary of State George Strake is predicting a record 680,000 voters for the Republican primary and about 1.5 million for the Democratic primary, although Carter's campaign leaders indicate they think Strake is overestimating the interest in the Democratic primary.

Saldana said 1,804 absentee votes were cast in the Democratic primary in Hidalgo County this year, compared to 1,249 in 1976.

In Corpus Christi, where a lively state senate campaign and a sheriff's race have increased voter interest, absentee balloting is up from 1976 for both parties.

Nueces County Clerk Marian Uehlinger said 2,579 Democrats voted absentee this year compared to 1,873 in 1976, but she declined to say what impact that would have on the Kennedy-Carter race.

"You meet one for Carter. You meet one for Kennedy. I wouldn't even venture a guess," she said.

In Bexar County, where Kennedy campaigned this week, 4,665 Democrats had voted absentee compared to 3,530 four years ago. Republican absentee voting also

was slightly ahead of the 1976 level.

Bexar County Democratic chairman Joyce Peters predicted a "knock down, drag out" battle in Democratic precinct caucuses, which are the first step in allocation of delegates.

"That's the sleeper," she said. "The precinct conventions are what's going to surprise some people."

In Lubbock, absentee voting was only about one-fourth that of 1976, and the 524 votes cast by the time personal voting closed Tuesday made this year one of the lowest in a decade for absentee balloting.

In Dallas County, only 631 Democrats voted absentee this year, compared to 1,722 four years ago. But 1,383 Republicans voted absentee in Dallas, almost the same as the 1,886 total for 1976. The turnout was down for both parties in Travis County.

Carter campaign manager Bob Beckel said a low turnout Saturday will tend to favor Kennedy and hurt Carter.

Asked to estimate the Democratic turnout, Beckel said: "I think somewhere in the 1 million range is my guess. The higher the turnout the better for us."

### Arabs release hostage from Iranian embassy

**United Press International**  
LONDON — An Iranian Arab suicide squad holding the Iranian Embassy released one hostage for medical treatment Thursday, then relented on back-to-back death threat deadlines against 19 others.

Three armed members of "The Group of the Martyr" decided twice within two hours to extend deadlines set for bombing the embassy, which they stormed and occupied Wednesday. Both deadlines passed without incident.

The gunmen, who stressed they were Iranians of Arab descent, originally threatened to blow up themselves and their hostages at noon (6 a.m. CDT) Thursday unless their demands for the release of 91 comrades imprisoned in Iran were met.

But members of the "Blue Berets," Scotland Yard's crack anti-terrorist team, kept up constant negotiations by telephone with the gunmen and convinced them to extend their deadline for two hours.

"This is not a sign of weakness, but our humanitarian duty," the gunmen said in a statement to police. "We are giving the Iranian government until 2 p.m. (8 a.m. CDT) today. After 2 p.m. today, all responsibility falls on the Iranian government."

But the gunmen left themselves an out, saying they would extend the deadline again "if the Iranian government will acknowledge they are negotiating with the British government."

The second deadline passed quietly. The only noise outside the embassy came from a group of nearly 100 demonstrators gathered outside police barricades shouting support for Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

Police negotiators said they had no identities of the gunmen other than their claim to be Iranians of Arab descent from the province of Khuzestan.

The gunmen demanded the release of 91 prisoners held in Khuzestan by Khomeini's government. They said they also wanted autonomy for the region and an airplane to fly themselves and their hostages out of Britain.

Just 30 minutes before the first deadline, the gunmen opened one of the two massive black wooden front doors of the embassy and released one of their hostages.

### Plan to dump peels foiled by UT police

by SHERRY WOODARD

What does a group of Aggies do with 22,000 banana peels left over from a mile-long banana split built on Kyle Field to aid charity?

They take them to the University of Texas, of course.

Six Texas A&M students loaded the peels into a pick-up truck a little after midnight Sunday morning and headed for Austin.

The plan — originated by Ken Lewis, president of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, sponsor of the banana split event — was to arrange the peels in the shape of the ATM logo (just as the banana split was arranged) on the turf at Memorial Stadium.

But shortly after the group arrived at the stadium, University of Texas campus police arrived to stop them from executing the plan.

Lewis said they told the police they had planned only to arrange some of the seats in Memorial Stadium in the ATM logo.

"They (police) probably knew we were going to put the peels on the field, but they went easy on us," Lewis said.

Lewis said the campus police took their names and told them to leave the stadium. He said because the university policemen had their names, they decided not to leave the peels anywhere on campus, but take them to one of the fraternity houses three or four blocks from the campus.

"We didn't arrange the peels in the ATM logo at the fraternity house," Lewis said.

"We just dumped them all over the porch and in front of the door so that if someone wanted to run out after us they couldn't get very far," he said with a chuckle.

### Colonel favored ending mission

**United Press International**  
WASHINGTON — Combat-tough Col. Charles Beckwith has forthrightly ended speculation he recommended going ahead with the Iran rescue operation, maintaining to do so would have risked "murdering a bunch of the finest soldiers in the world."

Beckwith, 51, an Army legend for his toughness in Vietnam and ground commander of the Iran rescue forces, admitted he was shaken at the fiery death of eight American comrades during the withdrawal April 24 from the "Desert 1" staging area 200 miles east of Tehran.

"I sat down and cried," Beckwith said. In his first public appearance since the ill-fated mission, the blunt-spoken veteran, called "Chargin' Charlie" by his men, denied he was angry the operation was scrubbed and that he was considering leaving the service.

"That's pure bullshit, sir," said Beckwith.

The powerfully built colonel told Pentagon reporters Thursday there was "no way" the mission could have continued with only five helicopters serviceable for the rescue of the 53 hostages in Tehran.

Beckwith, in charge of the assault troops, said when he learned of the chopper shortage, he thought, "My God, I'm going to fail" and went to the deputy task force commander, a colonel who had charge of the "Desert 1" site.

"I said, 'My recommendation is that we abort.'"

The colonel told Beckwith, "Would you consider taking five (helicopters) and going

ahead? And think about it before you answer me really you're the guy who's got to shoulder this, Charlie."

"I said I know that," Beckwith said. "Give me a couple of seconds to think it over. And I said to him, by his first name, there's just no way."

He was asked if there was any second guessing?

"I didn't hear any," Beckwith said. In answer to questions, Beckwith expanded:

"I have been there before and I am not about to be a party to half-assed loading of a bunch of aircraft and going up and murdering a bunch of the finest soldiers in the world. I am not that kind of man."

In the planning stages for the operation, Beckwith said, "We felt very, very strong and everybody did, including myself, that without the necessary wherewithal to continue to move forward, it would be an important place to abort. So this was planned."

Beckwith said the eight bodies had to be left after the collision of the helicopter and the C-130 transport — "a huge, monster fireball ammunition cooking off" — because exploding ammunition and fire threatened the departure aircraft and a speedy takeoff was essential.

"I had three years in Vietnam and I don't like to leave a body," he said, but it would not have been prudent to risk further lives.

Beckwith said the heat from the fire was so intense the pilots had to abandon the five working helicopters sitting nearby.

### Batt to be printed next Wednesday

There will be only one issue of The Battalion printed next week; that will be Wednesday.

The Battalion also will publish one issue each Wednesday during the break between the spring and summer sessions. The summer production schedule, which includes papers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week, begins June 3.