World hunger is biggest problem

Butz pushes profits for farmers



Earl Butz

By CHRISTINE BRZOZOWSKI Battalion Reporter
Former U.S. Secretary of Ag-

riculture Earl Butz told members of the Bryan Knife and Fork Club Tuesday night that America has got to get over this "cheap food policy" and keep the profit picture for farm-

ers looking good.

Butz, who addressed the group after a dinner held in the Memorial Student Center, said certain from non-agricultural states campaign with promises of cutting the cost of food to consumers, without considering what that means to the farmer.

Butz said that can only mean less productivity on the farm, in a nation he said ranked last in the increase of productivity of non-farm labor last

"Our need is to get the whole nation back to work," Butz said, 'we've got to get strong again.

Butz made several references to how well-fed Americans are compared to people of other nations.

Two-thirds of the people in the world go to bed hungry, while twothirds of Americans go to bed worrying if they are going to stay on their diets," Butz said.

Schools like Texas A&M give farmers new ideas and technology to try new farming techniques, said Butz, who was dean of Purdue University's college of agriculture. Americans need to support such colleges so that "the only limiting factor (to better farming) is imagina"Can we feed 7 billion people by the year 2000?" Butz said. "Of course we can. The question is, can we feed them well." Butz called this mankind's number one challenge.

"I don't care whether that body is in Tandonesia or in Texas — as soon as the Lord breathes life into that body, it has a right to food."

Butz said American agriculture, which annually has 40 percent of its products left over to sell, has a tremendous lesson to give the rest of the nation.

He said it with a quote from Wendall Wilke, who ran for president against FDR in 1940, "Only the strong can be free,; only the productive can be strong — How I wish we could broadcast that from border to border, from coast to coast.

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Caperton, McNeil highlight Meet the Candidates' debate

By MARK TRIESCH

Battalion Reporter While Jimmy Carter and Ronald eagan debated on national TV last ed their views at a Meet the Canidates Forum sponsored by The eague of Women Voters of Brazos

The Forum, which was held at 30 p.m. at the Brazos Center, was erated by League member

Candidates were allowed to make three minute opening statement d then respond to questions subed by members of the audience. r responding to their opponents vs, they concluded with a three ute closing statement. Approximately 60 persons heard

didates for State Senator District Brazos County Attorney, nty Commissioner of Precinct and Constable of Precincts rand Seven state their qualificans and positions on the issues. Headlining the debates were can-

State Senator N.A. cNeil (Rep.) and Kent A. Caper-McNeil opened his statements by

ing that his campaign was based norality, integrity and leader-. He criticized Caperton for upporting legalized abortion, stat-ig that he (Caperton) had accepted ver \$2000 in contributions from a o-abortion group.

Caperton countered by saying that he was more qualified and able to handle the problems of the position than was McNeil.

When asked what one piece of egislation they would like to introduce and have passed in their first year of office, both candidates responded that higher salaries for ool teachers was their main point

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that he feels the money is already available in the state budget but needs to be given a much higher

Another topic addressed to both candidates concerned their posi-tions regarding the future of the Permanent University Fund.

Caperton said that he feels the must remain intact, but funds must be provided to support other state supported institutions. McNeil agreed with Caperton on

this point saying that no changes

should be made in the distribution of available fund money Candidate for Brazos County Attorney Jeffrey K. Brown (Rep.) attacked his incumbent opponent John M. Barron Jr. by calling his record "dismal at best" and saying that "now is not the time for ex-

Barron replied that he had much more experience, better qualifications and great dedication to his job. He defended his record, saying that all of Brown's charges of ineptitude were either minute details blown out of proportion, or completely un-

Also taking part in the forum were candidates for County Commissioner of Precinct Three Billy E.

"Bud" Cargill (Dem.), candidates for Constable of Precinct Four, Paul E. Madison (Rep.) and Richard Fronterhouse (Dem.), and candidates for Constable of Precinct Seven, Winfred E. Pittman (Rep.) and E. W. Sayers (Dem.). The League of Women Voters

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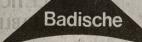
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