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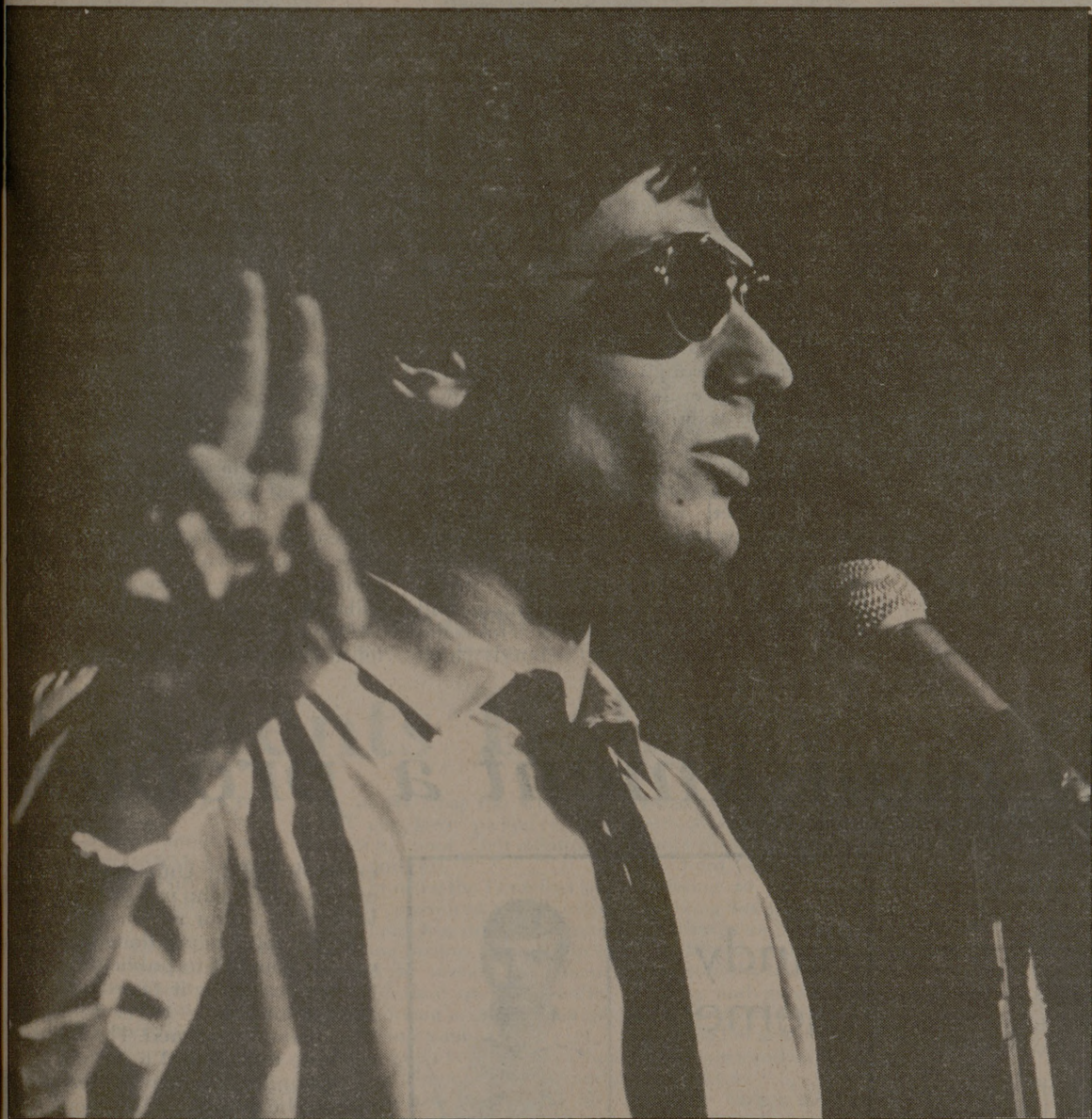


Photo by Greg Watermann

## Comedian pokes fun at Aggies

Comedian Bob Dubac, opening act for the Pablo Cruise concert in Rudder Auditorium

Friday night, had the audience laughing with his spontaneous humor and mock magic tricks.

## Trial scheduled today in GSSO vs. A&M suit

By DENISE RICHTER

Battalion Staff

The Gay Student Service Organization's suit against Texas A&M University is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. today in U.S. District Court in Houston. Judge Ross N. Sterling will preside.

The GSSO is seeking University recognition as well as damages to compensate for Texas A&M's refusal of recognition, court costs and legal fees. The amount of damages sought has not been announced.

Representing Texas A&M will be Lonnie Zwiener and Ann Kraatz, assistant attorneys general; James B. Bond, vice chancellor for legal affairs; Genevieve Graffeo and Ted Hajovsky, staff attorneys.

Patrick Wiseman, of the Nelson and Mallett law firm in Houston, will represent the GSSO.

Defendants cited in the case are: Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services; the late Jack K. Williams, former president of Texas A&M; Clyde Freeman, System executive vice chancellor for administration; and the Texas A&M System Board of Regents.

The plaintiffs, Michael Minton, Keith Stewart and Patricia Woodridge, were members of the GSSO when the original suit was filed.

The organization requested official

University recognition in April 1976, a request which was refused the following month. In February 1977, the group filed a civil rights suit against the University.

In November 1977, Judge Sterling dismissed the case. However, in February 1980, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals overturned the federal court decision.

Texas A&M appealed this ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court in March 1980. In December, the Supreme Court refused to hear the University's appeal. This action meant that the case could finally be heard on its merits in federal district court in Houston.

## BANA department seeks undergraduate degree

By GARY BARKER

Battalion Staff

The Department of Business Analysis and Research (BANA) is the only department in the College of Business Administration that doesn't offer a degree. But Department Head John Dinkel hopes that will change.

BANA courses and the BANA specialty program are designed to teach students to use quantitative methods and computer technology to solve business problems systematically. Applications of BANA include production operations management, management of business computing systems and inventory management.

He said the BANA department is seeking approval of the undergraduate degree plan, to make it available by the fall of 1982. Degree plans are subject to approval by the Texas A&M System chancellor, the Board of Regents and the Texas College and University System Coordinating Board.

The other four departments in the business college — management, finance, accounting and marketing — offer degrees. Majors in these departments are required to take at least nine hours of BANA courses. Business students interested in taking more BANA courses can take up to 15 hours of the subject as part of a BANA specialization program. If the degree plan is approved, BANA majors will be able to take up to 36 hours of the subject.

"Graduates who take the specialization in BANA are in greater demand and are offered higher salaries," Dinkel said. "They have very little trouble getting jobs and getting placed in situations they find desirable."

The College of Business Administration currently offers a master of business administration in business computer science that requires a student to take a number of graduate BANA courses and BANA-related courses. But a large number of students who don't want masters' degrees could benefit from an undergraduate BANA degree, Dinkel said.

Dinkel said an increased demand for an undergraduate BANA degree has come about from recruiters and students.

"People who recruit here see the usefulness of our BANA specialization program and I think the time is right for

a BANA degree," he said.

Most universities in the U.S. with business degrees have a major in a field of study similar to the BANA program, said Dinkel, who has been head of the BANA department at Texas A&M for two years. The University's BANA department was established in 1963.

If the degree is made available by next fall, only a few additional courses would be required because almost all of the degree courses are offered already. Dinkel said the department would add some of the new courses in the spring and would need to add two or three other courses as senior electives if the degree plan is approved. Fifteen courses are offered now, and 19 will be offered in the spring.

Dinkel said the degree plan was approved by the University Curriculum Committee during the summer and by the Academic Council on Oct. 22.

In addition to his comments on the degree plan, Dinkel commented on overcrowding in certain BANA courses.

He said that because of a shortage of faculty, introductory BANA course sections have been large. Some of the sections have 160 students. The course, BANA 217, Business Data Processing Concepts, is required of all business majors, some agriculture majors and some liberal arts majors.

Dinkel said the department has hired additional faculty members, and he feels confident the section sizes will become more manageable.

"We can't find enough qualified faculty — that's a problem of the entire business college — and as a result the section sizes get large," Dinkel said.

## Urges Reagan to talk with PLO

## Egypt calls peace plan hopeful

United Press International  
A high Egyptian official praised Saudi Arabia's Middle East peace plan as a hopeful and promising sign and a Saudi diplomat said his country's proposal called for recognition of Israel.  
Egyptian Foreign Undersecretary Osama El-Baz told a news conference Monday night the Saudi plan amounts to a call on both Israel and the Palestinians to recognize each other and urged the Arab administration to open a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization.  
"The fact Saudi Arabia found it im-

portant to step in with its own peace formula, advising the Israelis and Palestinians to accept the concept of mutual recognition, even if it does not say so, is a very hopeful and promising sign," said El-Baz, who was foreign policy adviser to President Hosni Mubarak when he was Egypt's vice president.

In New York, Gaafar M. Allagany, Saudi Arabia's ranking diplomat at the United Nations, said in an interview in the New York Times Sunday the Saudi plan does recognize Israel.

The Times said it was believed to be the first time a Saudi official said public-

"You can't negotiate without sitting together, and that means recognition," Allagany told the Times. "It does recognize Israel. It says 'all states.' We are not afraid to say that it does recognize Israel. We are not shying away from that word 'Israel' in any sense."

Previously other officials have said the plan, which has been rejected by Israel, merely implied but did not flatly accord recognition to the Jewish state.

The eight-point plan advanced by Crown Prince Fahd calls for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab lands,

including East Jerusalem, and establishment of a Palestinian state in return for implicit Arab recognition of Israel's right to survival.

The Saudi move, El-Baz said, "will bring us sooner or later closer to peace. It will make easier the job of the moderate Palestinians and other Arabs."

He said the Reagan administration should "engage in a dialogue with the PLO to encourage PLO moderation and allow the PLO to participate in the peace process, indirectly at first and directly afterwards."

## Reagan wants to rebuild strong America

### President speaks to 1,500 at Houston fundraiser

By NANCY WEATHERLEY

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HOUSTON — President Ronald Reagan told Republican well-wishers Friday night that his White House team is working to "make America strong again."

The Republicans were gathered at a fundraising dinner in the Hyatt Regency Hotel to honor James A. Baker III and Texas presidential appointees.

Reagan told 1,500 people — who paid a minimum of \$500 per person for the dinner — that he wanted to make the United States strong economically, militarily and spiritually.

His address included a general update on the progress his economic plan has made since taking office in January.

Concentrating on those economic policies, the president defended his economic plan — which authorizes several tax cuts even though there is a federal budget deficit. He said any tax increases to help pay back the national debt would only weaken the economy more.

"We can restore to full prosperity, this nation, and balance the budget with the revenues that such an economy (one based on investment) would generate," Reagan said.

However, he cautioned, the results from the new economic plan will take time and may not be immediate.

"Our plan didn't start until (October) and we won't really feel the effects of it for some time now."

Besides the initial tax cuts that have gone into effect, the president said the economic package calls for several more tax cuts in the three years to come, for

its successful completion.

Reagan stressed that cuts in taxes were the only things he was considering and said there would be no tax increases.

"There is one thing I don't believe we need, one thing I'm against: we're not going to have a tax increase."

"Our program was designed to stimulate the economy, increase productivity and create jobs."

Former Governor John Connally served as honorary vice-chairman of the dinner entitled Salute to a Stronger America. Connally defended Reagan's economic policies and agreed it will take time before results of the president's plan are known.

"We are going to have a stronger America at home because this president is going to do what he told the American people he was committed to do," Connally said. "He said, 'I am the one to cut taxes,' and he has recommended and pursued to Congress to cut taxes."

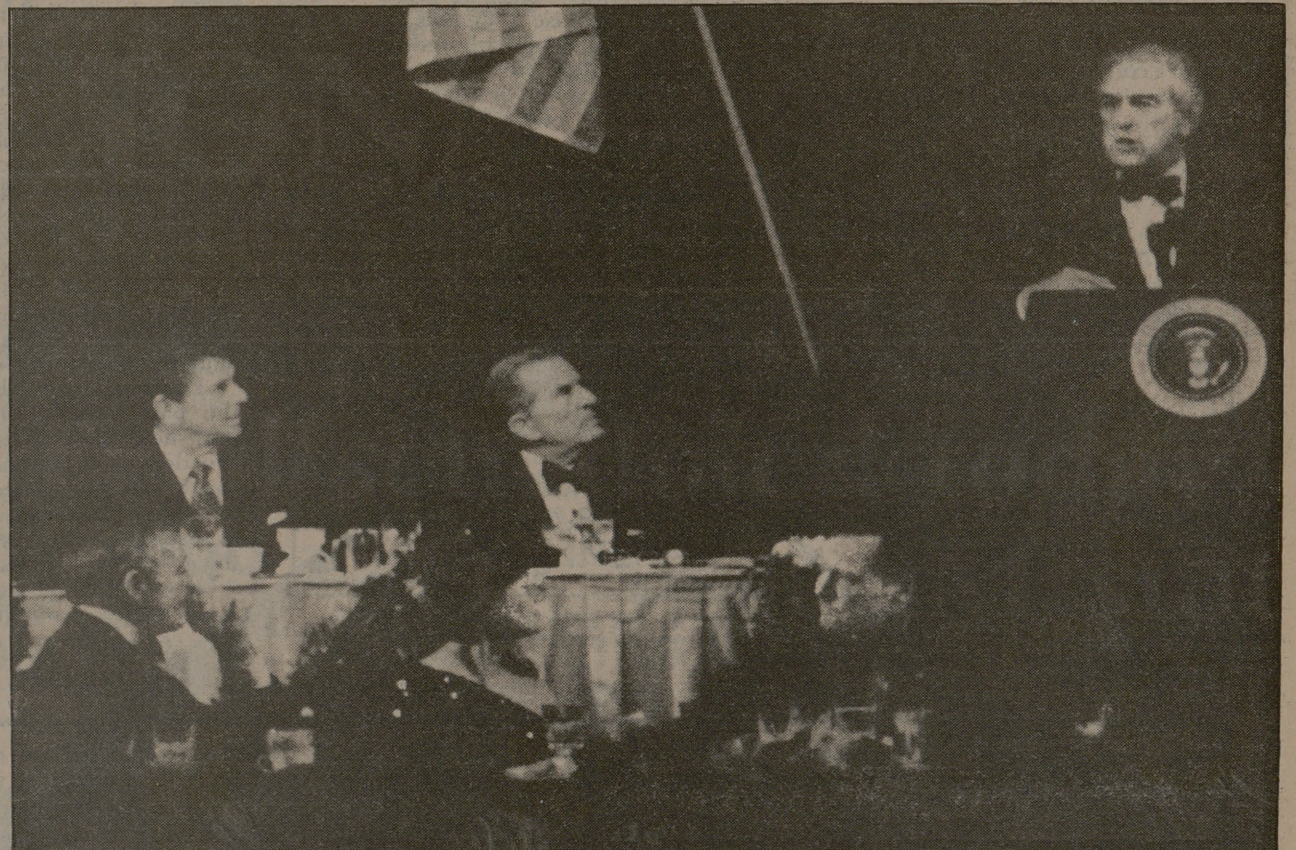
"Above all else, he has given us hope that we can reduce spending more, that we can cut taxes more ...."

However, Connally said, "No man can perform miracles. No man can in one year overturn what took 50 years to do."

"Remember that President Reagan's policies went into effect Oct. 1."

"It's going to take time. It's going to take patience."

The dinner was sponsored by the Texas Republican Congressional Committee and the Texas Republican Campaign Committee and the money raised from the dinner will be divided evenly between the two.



Staff photo by Daniel Sanders

Former governor John Connally speaks to Republican fund-raisers at a dinner honoring Texans appointed by President Ronald Reagan.

Connally praised Reagan for his economic policies. H.E. (Eddie) Chiles, dinner chairman, sits next to Reagan.

Reagan, Connally and Gov. William P. Clements were in Houston to honor the Texans which Reagan picked for his White House team.

Speaking of his Texan White House appointees, including Baker who is assistant to the president and Chief of the White House staff, Reagan said,

"With the help of these people, whom (you have) sent from your state ... I think we have a great team, no matter how much they pick on us."

## Space shuttle requires fewer repeat repairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — NASA officials say the space shuttle Columbia is in superb shape and will require fewer repairs before its third flight in March to study the

The winged spaceship, first to make two roundtrips to space, will be ferried back to the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla., next week to be readied for launch again in just four months.

Astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly, who are already back at Johnson Space Center in Houston for today's debriefing sessions, told Vice President George Bush at a private breakfast Sunday that they were disappointed about their early return because "we were just getting the hang of it."

Flight test manager Donald "Deke" Slayton said Sunday the premature landing of Engle and Truly should not affect plans for the third flight in mid-March, a seven-day flight with a 4-ton package of instruments to study the sun and monitor the ship's own space environment.

The Columbia's two-day flight of Engle and Truly accomplished 90 to 95 percent of the mission objectives planned for the full five-day mission — despite a faulty fuel cell generator, he said.

Page, who is directing the shuttle's preparation for the return to Florida, said the faulty generator responsible for the shuttle's early return will probably be removed after Thanksgiving to see what caused the problem.