



All together in harmony

staff photo by Barry Papke

Students walking between the Academic Building and the YMCA Building were treated to a guitar serenade Thursday afternoon. The singers are from left to right:

Mike Wagner, of Dallas; Karen Supan, of Plano; Eric Wagner, of Dallas; and Ronnie Gajdica of Plano.

Israel, U.S bonds subject of lecture

by Leigh-Ellen Clark
Battalion Reporter
Immigration, democracy and the attitude towards the Soviet Union are the common bonds between Israel and the United States, an author and lecturer on the modern Middle East said Thursday night.

Dr. Raphael Danziger said that like the United States, Israel takes in people from all over the world who apply for immigration and citizenship.

But since 1948, the year following the Holocaust, Israel has had the Law of Return that allows all Jews the automatic right of Israeli citizenship.

"Although Israel doesn't have the appeal that the United States does, immigration of all people is welcome," Danziger said.

The United States is the leader of democracy in the free world, Danziger said. "To maintain a special relation with them (the United States), another country must have a democracy."

Israel is the only true democracy in the Middle East, he said. It has a multi-party system, and the people vote to change the government.

"The country tries to serve the American interest. It will not be overthrown by a coup d'etat, and there won't be a communist overthrow," he said.

"Because of these things the special relation between the two countries will endure," he said.

Danziger also said the Israeli attitude towards the Soviet Union is much the same as the United States' attitude.

"The U.S. sees the U.S.S.R., and rightfully so, as the principle threat to the free world," Danziger said. "It permeates the defense policy, no matter who the president is or what the administration."

"Israel is against Soviet encroachment in the Middle East, and this position has not changed since 1950."

"Not only is Israel against the Soviets, but it has a very credible military power. It is in a position to do something about it," Danziger said.

The Soviets are being laughed at, Danziger said. They supply arms to the Middle Eastern countries, but they don't get the respect that the United States does.

"For instance, you don't see the Arabs going to the U.S.S.R. for the things they want," he said. "Washington has become a mecca for the Arabs."

Danziger was sponsored by the Political Science Society and the Israel Club as part of Israel Awareness Week.

White sticks to 24% on teachers' pay hike

United Press International
AUSTIN — Gov. Mark White says the Texas legislature has plenty of time to work out a state budget that includes a 24 percent pay hike for school teachers, and that it's too early to think about special sessions.

"I think we're in a position to there will be significant increases in teacher salaries," the governor told reporters Wednesday. "Hopefully we can hold a special session."

Despite revenue estimates that continue to decline, White said he will not back down from a campaign promise to update teacher's salaries. And he said 24 percent is the bottom line.

"That's a good place to start," he said. "I wouldn't want to retreat from that number."

White has been quoted as saying he would not hesitate to call a special session if lawmakers

fail to accept his recommendation on teacher raises. But he said there is enough time to work out a budget plan before the Legislature adjourns on May 30.

"Given the fact that we had 50 freshmen members of the House who may have caused slowness at the start," said White. "But at the same time, I think they are learning very quickly. I think they'll make the right choice before the session is over."

Some lawmakers have said it will be impossible to grant a pay hike to teachers of more than about 10 to 13 percent unless new taxes are levied. The \$30 billion-plus budget proposed by White has a \$1 billion deficit because of revised revenue forecasts.

But White said his three-pronged revenue-raised plan, centered around an \$800 mil-

lion "sin tax" package, is still viable.

"I'd like to avoid any tax," he said. "We ought to tax luxuries and ought not to be taxing necessities."

White declined to rule out support of an additional 1 percent increase in the state oil and gas severance tax, despite claims it would hurt an already economically depressed oil industry.

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