

Ready, aim....

Katherine Hurt, Battalion photo

Greg Noel, a sophomore from Midland rifles class last week. Noel is a mechanical engineering major.

## Oilman positive about nomination

by Brigid Brockman

Battalion Staff

Houston oilman Rob Mosbacher told Texas A&M students Monday that he feels he has a good chance of winning the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate because he has the capacity to reach voters who are hesitant to vote Republican.

Mosbacher said he feels there are many people who support a conservative economic policy but will not call themselves Republicans because of social issues. He said he will try to get those people into the party by establishing a "common ground."

He said he does not want to cut back the budget so much that many social programs are cut.

"This isn't a main part of my campaign, but I am not opposed to many of the social issues," Mosbacher said.

"I support Right to Life and the Equal Rights Amendment."

One issue that is a main part of his campaign is that of expanding the private sector. Mosbacher, who served on President Reagan's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives, said he wants to continue the shift of responsibility from the federal government to local communities.

"We will never reduce the size and cost of government unless state and local governments, businesses and individuals help to solve community problems," he said. "This program does not spend any of the tax payers' money."

A Gallup Poll conducted in November showed that for the GOP nomination, 43 percent of the Republicans and Independents were undecided.

In the Democratic nomination, 45 percent of the Democrats and Independents were undecided.

Mosbacher said he knows he isn't as well-known as the other five candidates, but he said he feels he still has a good chance of winning the Republican nomination because of the large number of voters who are undecided.

In the GOP nomination, Phil Gramm from College Station is leading the battle showing 46 percent among Republicans, Ron Paul of Lake Jackson shows 16 percent, 34 percent are undecided and Mosbacher trails with 4 percent.

Mosbacher said he is campaigning heavily to overcome the fact that he is little known outside of Houston and has never run for office before.

## United Way drive coming to a close

by Michelle Powe

Battalion Staff

With one week left in its official Brazos County United Way campaign, Texas A&M has raised 72 percent of its \$110,000 goal.

Texas A&M's drive is divided into three parts: the University units, the System units and the students.

By the end of last week, the University had raised more than \$45,000 — 81 percent of its \$56,000 goal. The System had raised more than \$32,000 — 72 percent of its \$45,000 goal.

The students are bringing up the rear with 15 percent of their \$10,000 goal. So far students have raised \$1,547 for the United Way drive.

John Mark Stephenson, coordinator of the student drive, says as much as \$3,000 to \$5,000 may have been lost when three student-organized fund-raisers were rained out Saturday, Nov. 5. But another one is planned for tonight.

Schuhmacher Hall's first annual golf tournament and the Off-Campus Aggies' planned street dance in Culpepper Plaza were both rained out Nov. 5.

OGA has rescheduled the street dance for March 3, 1984.

Aggie Alliance, a health and physical education majors club, planned an Aggie Alliance Run to raise money for the drive. The run also was rained

out, and has not been rescheduled yet.

But the fundraiser tonight is still planned. Underwood Hall is sponsoring a turtle race put on by Coors tonight at Graham Central Station.

Underwood Hall President Michelle Hlavinka says teams bid for a turtle, the minimum bid being \$30, and the top fifteen bidders were given a turtle.

Trophies will be given to the fastest turtle, the best-dressed turtle, the best-dressed turtle trainer and the best-supported turtle.

Hlavinka said 50 percent of the money raised at the turtle race will go to the United Way drive.

## Some bus drivers cross pickets, return to work

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PHOENIX — Chanting "Hell no, we won't go," striking Greyhound workers burned company letters and staged "walk aways" from bus terminals Monday, but some drivers crossed picket lines to return to work.

"I've got 19 years with Greyhound and I just can't see throwing it down the drain," said Boyd Dillon, one of three drivers who crossed picket lines and entered the side door of the Sacramento, Calif. terminal.

The company has announced plans to resume limited service on Thursday and said it would hire replacements for drivers who did not return Monday.

Greyhound spokeswoman Leslie White said drivers all over the country were crossing the picket lines but she declined to give any estimate of how many were back.

"Greyhound's been good to me and

my family for 19 years and I don't think they're going to change," Dillon said.

Sacramento striker Kathy Gilbert was one of those not returning.

"We decided not to take the contract and we're not going back to work and we'll stay out 'til hell freezes over if necessary," she said.

Elsewhere, strikers held rallies at Greyhound facilities across the country.

## Ex-prof may get appointment

by Ronnie Crocker

Battalion Staff

Dr. Helmut Merklein, former petroleum engineering professor at Texas A&M, has moved a step closer toward his appointment as assistant secretary of international affairs for the Department of Energy.

The Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources unanimously approved Merklein's nomination on Monday. The nomination was

announced by President Reagan on Oct. 11.

Now that the committee has approved the nomination, the full senate must vote on the proposal before Merklein can be sworn in to the position.

A senate rule forces measures approved by committees to rest for three days before the full body can take action on it.

However, in a telephone interview

from Washington, D.C., Monday, Merklein said there is a chance that the rule will be waived by the senators so that they can make a decision before their scheduled recess on Friday.

Merklein left Texas A&M Oct. 24 and now is working as a consultant for the international affairs office of the DOE until he is sworn in as assistant secretary, provided he is approved.

## Presnal will not run for re-election

Texas State Rep. Bill Presnal, D-Bryan, announced Monday that he would not seek another term in the House during next year's elections.

Presnal made the announcement at Texas A&M University during a hearing for the House Joint Study Committee on Child Abuse and Pornography of which he is a member.

"I reached a point where I could evaluate my period of public service," Presnal said during a break in the hearings.

"My decision was based on many considerations and I couldn't begin to single out any one reason. At the present time, I feel very comfortable with the stability in the House and that has

always been a major concern for me. I feel it is headed in a positive direction and I am glad to have been a part of that."

Presnal, who has served 15 years in the Texas House, said he has no immediate plans but hopes to continue living in the Bryan-College Station area.

The Democrat's name had been linked to a possible campaign for a Congressional seat but Presnal denied the prospect stating that he "would rather live in Bryan than in Washington."

Presnal has served as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee for 8 years.

## Concentration camp survivor speaks out

by Steve Thomas

Battalion Staff

A survivor of World War II German concentration camps said Monday that mankind is both noble and cruel, and that cruelty must not be assisted by the silence of the noble.

"We cannot remain silent when we witness the suffering of another person," said Dr. William Samelson in a program sponsored by the MSC Great Issues Committee in Rudder Theater.

Referring to his own past situation, Samelson said the Jews were being extinguished while other nations watched in horror — watched and could not believe the horror was true.

The San Antonio College foreign language professor said the world knew Germans were exterminating Jews in 1942, but free nations could not accept the truth.

Samelson called this non-acceptance of the truth, and the resulting lack of action on the part of the free world, the "sin of silence."

World leaders, he said, could not believe such atrocities could actually happen, and were hesitant to act because they remembered receiving exaggerated reports of German human rights violations during World War I.

Samelson said even his own people could not accept it at first, though they watched as their loved ones were dragged away or killed.

This kind of silence, he said, coupled with the hatred, prejudice and bigotry that still pervade mankind, could be the cause of another holocaust.

But Samelson said what redeems the human in the end is standing for what one believes and loves in the face of adversity, what he calls "nobility of character."

Choices and decisions are two different concepts, he said. Choices are often forced by situation, whereas decisions are made by strength of character.

The Jews were forced to make decisions about life and death, and about beliefs and non-beliefs, Samelson said, but added that the world must decide to stand behind those who suffer wrongly.

"The nobility of a human being is a universal nobility, and the cruelty of a human being is also universal," he said, adding that he thinks no group is either perfectly evil or perfectly just.

It is the substance of the individual, he said, that counts in the end.

He said he no longer could hate all Nazis for the savagery only a handful perpetrated.

"Man is capable of the worst, as he is capable of the best," said Samelson, adding that his survival in the German camps was aided by people from all nations, Germans and Russians included.

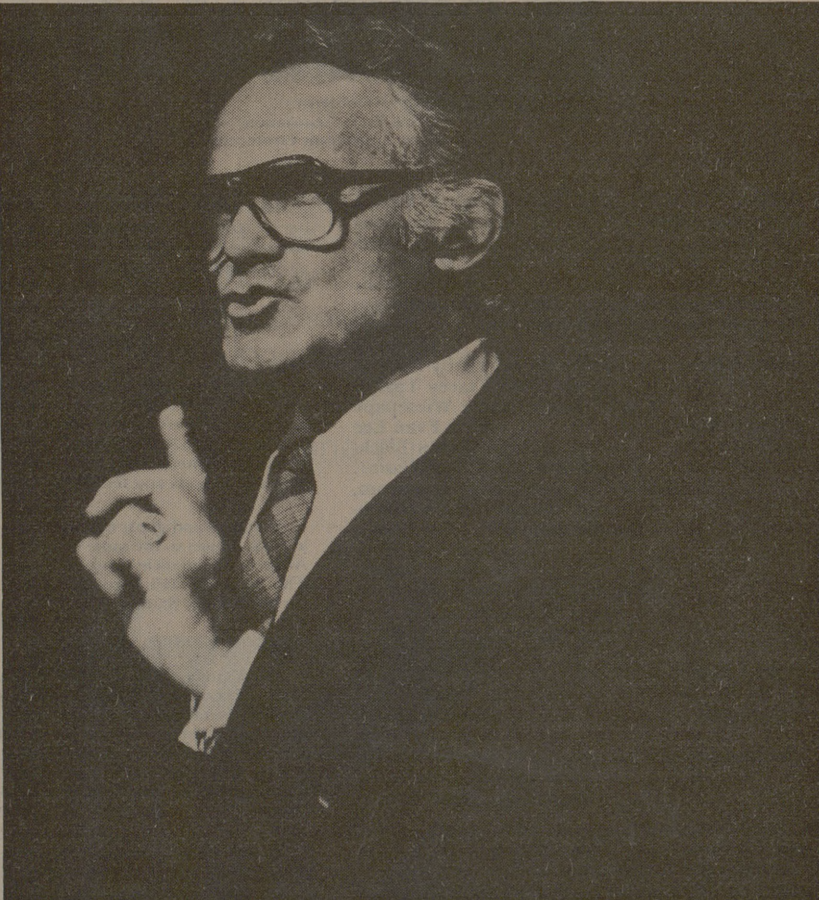
Samelson said he wanted to survive the camps though dying would have been easy. He wanted to survive to tell his story and to live his life.

"Each day I live is a day of grace," he said. "After all, I could have perished before 1945."

Samelson said the people in the camps who were founded in their religious beliefs were much better off than he was. He said his religious background was "flimsy."

But he said the experience did not increase his faith.

"What I saw around me did not point to the presence of an almighty being," he said.



Dr. William Samelson

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### forecast

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