

Kubiak to try again for congressional seat

by Robin Black
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If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Democrat Dan Kubiak obviously believes this old adage — he is taking his second shot at the 6th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Kubiak was defeated last February by Republican Phil Gramm in a special election for the seat, but announced his candidacy Wednesday in College Station to run again in the 1984 state primary.

College Station was Kubiak's first stop in a one-day tour of seven cities in the district. The announcement officially kicked off his campaign.

The other cities he visited Wednesday were: Cleburne, Monroe, Corsicana, Fort

Worth, Hillsboro, and Waco.

There will be no incumbent in the race because Gramm, who now holds the 6th district office, is pursuing the U.S. Senate seat that will be vacated by John Tower.

Kubiak said this will "make all the difference in the world" in the election.

The most important issue in the campaign right now is experience, Kubiak said, because it is essential in fully representing the people of the 6th district.

One specific issue he addressed, was that of higher education. He said that it is important that higher education receive the same support on a national level that it is receiving on the state level.

Kubiak is a strong supporter of the Permanent University Fund, a state constitution-



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al endowment of money generated by the mineral rights to

2.1 million acres of West Texas land. The money is invested to produce revenues for the Texas A&M and the University of Texas systems.

Kubiak, who has only recently moved to Brazos County, said he will take a stand on specific issues after he has better established his campaign.

A graduate of the University of Texas, he served as a state representative from 1968 to 1982 and has been named to a number of committees on agriculture and education. He is also a businessman and farmer.

Before becoming a legislator, Kubiak was a teacher and coach at Cypress Fairbanks High School in Houston and Vernon High School in Vernon.

Mid-term report bill passes Student Senate

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A bill recommending that mid-term grade reports be eliminated for all students except freshmen was passed to the academic affairs committee for research at the Student Government Senate meeting Wednesday.

The bill recommends that fall mid-term grade reports continue being sent to freshmen.

Senator Ronald Palomares introduced the Mid-Term Grade Policy Bill. He said that after much research his committee has found that the grade reports are a waste of faculty time and university funds. He said students can easily find what their grades will be from their professors, and in some cases professors give "blanket" grades at mid-term.

In talking to 15 different universities concerning their policies on mid-term grade reports, Palomares learned that only one of the universities, Tarleton State University, has a policy similar to the one here. Tarleton is part of the Texas A&M University System.

Some universities contacted that did not have mid-term grade reports were the University of Texas, Baylor University,

Southern Methodist University, Cornell and Stanford.

While researching the bill, Palomares said he talked to many associate deans at A&M who agreed in part with the suggested bill. Palomares said that grade reports are used primarily to advise students, and many colleges are too large to use the grade reports adequately for individual advising.

Palomares also said that the university would save \$9,000 each semester if mid-term grade reports were eliminated.

After some questions from different Senators, Senate Speaker David Alders passed the bill to the academic affairs committee for further study.

In other business, the Senate

unanimously passed a bill recommending that a traffic light be placed at the intersection of Anderson and Southwest Parkway. The recommendation will now be given to the College Station City Council.

The Anderson-Southwest Parkway Bill was introduced by the external affairs committee which has studied the traffic problem at the intersection.

Donna Banfield introduced the bill and said that she has talked to the head of traffic control in College Station, who said that the problem at the intersection has also been looked into by the city.

Wednesday's meeting was the last meeting of the semester.

Shuttle fixed in flight Astronauts researching

United Press International
SPACE CENTER, Houston

The shuttle astronauts fixed a vacuum furnace Tuesday glass and metal melting and researchers on Earth reported a major atmospheric discovery earlier Spacelab experiment.

The crewmen in the lab aboard the shuttle Columbia started the growth of a superprotein crystal to help scientists determine the molecular structure of an enzyme required for babies to digest lactose, the sugar in mother's milk.

And they began taking detailed mapping pictures of selected portions of the globe using a German telescopic camera mounted in Spacelab's extra observation window.

The emphasis on the third of the nine-day science mission switched from the life

science experiments of the first two days to materials processing studies that have important implications for the electronics, pharmaceutical and metallurgical industries.

The start of some of those tests was stalled by a leaking flange in a furnace designed to heat metals, glass and composites up to 2,400 degrees F. to see how their liquid forms behave in the absence of gravity. Byron Lichtenberg finally fixed it by replacing the flange with a spare.

Mission commander John Young and his "red team" of scientists Robert Parker and Ulf Merbold worked the midnight to noon shift with co-pilot Brewster Shaw and his "blue team" of scientists Owen Garriott and Lichtenberg on the second shift of the around-the-clock mission.

"Everything looks super," said flight director John Cox. "It's been a very good last couple of shifts."

Thirty-three of 38 instruments aboard Spacelab had been started by the end of the first 48 hours of flight.

Lichtenberg appeared to have been affected by space motion sickness the first two days of flight, but he woke up Wednesday saying, "I certainly feel good today."

He commented later on sandwich making in weightlessness: "It's a whole lot easier to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich on the ground than it is up here."

The atmosphere discovery came from the operation earlier in the flight of a French ultraviolet radiation scanner. It measured deuterium in the upper

atmosphere for the first time.

"The measurement is really a first, a real discovery in this mission," said Dr. Karl Knott, mission scientist for the European Space Agency.

Scientists had assumed that deuterium — a heavier cousin of hydrogen — had been in the upper atmosphere about 50 miles high, but its concentration was too sparse to be detected before.

Because it is so light, deuterium has an important role in the vertical mixing of gases in the atmosphere, Knott said. He said the new finding will help researchers better understand atmospheric processes.

The protein crystal growth experiment from the University of Freiberg in West Germany was started by Merbold Wednesday morning and it will run for 60 hours.

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UT announces discovery of oil

United Press International
AUSTIN — The discovery of "extremely rich and pure natural gas" reserves in deep water off the Louisiana coast was announced Wednesday by University of Texas researchers.

The exploration and subsequent analyses by UT's Marine Science Institute provided the direct evidence that petroleum reserves exist in what is known as the "Green Canyon" of the Gulf of Mexico.

This is the first time anyone has found, verified and characterized an oil seep in the

northern Gulf of Mexico," said Dr. P.L. Parker, professor of marine studies and chemistry.

Parker said such seeps have been found offshore in California.

An analysis of core samples showed "there is oil down there and it is real, natural petroleum," he said.

"There is a pathway for the oil associated with a salt dome," said Parker. "The hydrocarbons probably reached the surface through faults and fractures above the salt dome."

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