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Bush will address students

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Vice President George Bush will visit Texas A&M Tuesday at 12:30 a.m. for a speech sponsored by the Memorial Student Center Political Forum. The appearance at Texas A&M is the vice president's second in four months.

Tony Zaccagnino, a public relations spokesman for Political Forum, said Bush will make about a 25-minute campaign speech, but the occasion is not a political rally and signs will not be allowed in the auditorium.

Zaccagnino said the student political organization has sent invitations to both parties asking candidates to speak on campus, but so far there has been no response from the Democratic party.

"We were pretty sure we could get Bush here sometime this fall," Zaccagnino said, "but we didn't find out until Thursday afternoon that he was coming."

Rudder Auditorium seats about 2,500 people but Political Forum expects attendance to be greater than the number of seats, so the organization is planning a simulcast in Rudder Theater for those unable to get seats in the auditorium.

Zaccagnino said if the crowds are as heavy as anticipated that speakers may also be set up outside the auditorium.

Because security for the vice president's appearance will be tight, those who attend the speech will be required to go through a magnetometer — a metal detector like those used for airport security.

The magnetometer can handle only about 700 people an hour, so anyone planning to attend the speech should be at the auditorium no later than 11:45 a.m. Doors will open at 11:15.

Bush's last appearance at the University was May 4, when he delivered a spring commencement address.



Photo by DEAN SAITO

Silent flight

David Colling, a sophomore aerospace engineering major from Corpus Christi, sits at the silent flight club's booth Sunday night.

The club was just one of the many Texas A&M clubs represented at the MSC Open House.

Corps begins to investigate cadet death

By DAINAH BULLARD
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Student leaders of the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets have begun an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of a fellow cadet.

Charles Rollins, student commander of the Corps, was given permission Friday to begin investigating the death last week of cadet Bruce Dean Goodrich. Rollins requested permission to begin the investigation at a special meeting of the Corps enhancement committee, an ad hoc committee of the Texas A&M Board of Regents.

"We have never tolerated and will never tolerate any actions such as what has happened," Rollins told committee members. "We want to do everything possible to figure out exactly why this happened, and to examine ways to prevent this from happening again."

Rollins said the Corps has guidelines to prevent abuse of privileges by upperclassmen and established punishments to discourage such abuse. However, some cadets choose to disregard the Corps' regulations, he said.

"We've taken stances to prevent this, but it still happens because there are this percentage of people who don't want to conform to rules and regulations," Rollins said. "When you've got a volume of 2000 people...you're bound to have a percentage that are not going to want to go with the flow."

Only a few of the Corps outfits habitually violate regulations, Rollins said. The Corps investigation will concentrate on these outfits, and will not "cover up" for any guilty cadets, he said.

"Most definitely, most units are not like this," Rollins said. "We're going to look into those outfits, and we know exactly which outfits we need to investigate."

Committee chairman Joe C. Richardson Jr., who opened Friday's

meeting with a silent prayer for Goodrich, said the regents would do their part to prevent any future tragedies.

"We want to assure the parents of the students in the Corps of Cadets that the Board of Regents, the commandant's office, the leadership in the Corps are not going to tolerate this in the future," Richardson said. "We want our parents, the parents of these students to be aware that they can sleep easy tonight, that this is not going to happen again."

Richardson, who described the Corps as the "life blood and the backbone of the school" said the committee approved of the actions taken by Corps student leaders.

"We are very pleased and proud that the Corps and the leadership here on this campus has undertaken this (investigation)," he said.

The student investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Goodrich is one of four investigations underway.

Goodrich, a 20-year-old sophomore transfer student from Webster, New York, died Thursday afternoon in Saint Joseph Hospital. Goodrich was hospitalized at 4 a.m. Thursday after collapsing during a "crap out" conducted by three junior members of his outfit, Company F-1.

Goodrich and his roommate, another transfer student, were awakened at 2:30 a.m. Thursday to take part in "motivational exercises." Goodrich and the other sophomore, who suffered no ill effects from the session, performed push-ups and sit-ups in addition to running.

Goodrich reportedly collapsed during the run, but was encouraged to continue. After returning to his dormitory, Goodrich was helped into the showers by a fellow cadet.

When the shower failed to revive Goodrich, University Police were called. One responding officer ad-

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Discovery passes halfway mark of voyage

United Press International

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.—Discovery passed the halfway mark of its maiden space voyage Sunday and its crew added successful tests of its towering new solar sail to the mounting triumphs of the six-day mission.

The experimental solar array, reinforced by gold latticework and held up like a home movie screen, is a prototype of generators that may power NASA's space station in eight years and large communications stations in orbit.

The paper-thin blanket of solar cells was hoisted 73 feet above the ship to see how well it converted sunshine into electricity. The fliers also fired a laser at reflectors on the deli-

cate structure to monitor its stability in weightless.

With the main objectives of the flight already met, the pace slowed for astronauts Henry Hartsfield, Michael Coats, Judy Resnik, Steven Hawley, Richard Mullane and Charles Walker. Landing is scheduled for Wednesday in California.

Mullane and Hawley found time to stage an orbital physics demonstration by tossing a saucer and paper airplane back and forth for the television camera.

"You can see that Steve and I are hard at work here," Mullane joked.

"Looks like you're practicing your double plays," said John Blaha in mission control. Hawley and Mul-

lane play second base and shortstop on the astronaut baseball team in Houston.

"We did our work the first three days and now it's JR's time," Mullane said, referring to Resnik's experiments with the solar panel.

Hawley and Mullane launched three satellites Thursday, Friday and Saturday and were informed Sunday that all three spacecraft were in excellent condition in their proper orbits.

"That's great news," said Hartsfield, the commander of the mission that is getting the space program back on track after two satellite failures in February and Discovery's

fizzle on the launch pad in June.

The commercial biological processing machine aboard Discovery also was reported working well despite a rocky start. Walker, who works for the company that owns the machine, spent much of the first two days of flight fixing it.

"He's been grinning from ear to ear ever since he got that thing squared away," Hartsfield reported.

Walker will shut down the unit Tuesday after he has gathered relatively large quantities of a secret hormone for human testing next year.

Resnik, an electrical engineer and second American woman in space,

first raised the power panel to the same 73-foot height reached during its initial testing Saturday to measure its power output.

If all the array were fully covered by operating solar cells, it would generate 12.5 kilowatts — enough to supply the power needs of several average households. But for this mission, only 934 cells of three types are active. They were expected to generate 250 watts.

The ship was oriented in darkness so its tail would face the sun over the daylight portion of Earth to give the few "live" solar cells on the array full benefit of the sun's radiation.

When Discovery moved into the sun on its 47th swing around the globe, sunshine on the sail produced a spectacular view for both the astronauts and controllers monitoring the show on color television.

"The array is just a brilliant gold," Coats reported.

One view showed the golden sail, the blue and white planet below and the black shadow of the ship's tail fin and its engine pods showing through the translucent panel.

"That's a real beautiful picture," said John Blaha in Houston. "Everybody's real pleased with that."

"So are we," replied Resnik.

Labor day — no rest for Aggies

By DAINAH BULLARD
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Area schools ranging from kindergarten to Blinn College will be closed Monday to observe Labor Day, but at Texas A&M University, classes will continue as usual.

The Texas State Legislature, which determines the number of holidays allowed for state colleges, provides free days for Labor Day and Memorial Day. However, each college's administration is free to decide when the allowed holidays will be used, said Dr. Maylon Souther-

land, assistant vice president for student services.

"Technically, we get the holiday," Southerland said. But instead of using the free days to observe Labor Day and Memorial Day, Texas A&M administrators choose to have holidays "concentrated on Christmas and spring break," he said.

The decision to hold classes on Labor Day and Memorial Day is made each year when the University's calendar is scheduled, Southerland said.

The school calendar is first agreed

upon by President Frank E. Vandiver and Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen, Southerland said. The calendar becomes official after being approved by the Texas A&M Board of Regents, he said.

"To my knowledge, the University never has observed it (Labor Day) as an official holiday," Southerland said. "The only day actually taken as a holiday other than Christmas and Thanksgiving is July 4."

Labor Day, established to honor working people, is observed as a legal holiday on the first Monday in

September. It is celebrated in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

The first Labor day was celebrated in September, 1882, with a parade in New York City. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a bill making Labor Day an official holiday.

City, county, and state offices will be closed in honor of Labor Day. Area banks will also be closed, and the U.S. Postal Service will not make home deliveries or have window service.

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