



Kubiak forms committee on military

By JAMES WALKER
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Before leaving College Station for a whirlwind swing through the 6th Congressional District, Democratic nominee Dan Kubiak, a former Texas legislator for 14 years, announced the formation of his National Defense Advisory Team to assist him in planning military expenditures.

His advisers include retired Gen. James P. Hannigan, former Dean of Students at Texas A&M, retired Air Force Lt. Col. John O. Teague, a Vietnam veteran and Army Col. William Snyder, interim Director of the Military Studies Institute at Texas A&M.

Kubiak said U.S. defense systems have reached such a lull that if not reversed, world peace cannot be assured. He said this condition was brought on by the expansion of strategic arms at the expense of multi-purpose weaponry. "The nation cannot let conventional military forces... our first line of defense... deteriorate while focusing attention mostly on the nuclear arms race."

"We must focus on military programs that can be implemented quickly and give the American people what they need," he said.

Kubiak also expressed disappointment over the constant 'boom-and-bust' cycle of defense funding. Appropriations for defense "resemble a pendulum swing to and fro, rather than a reasonable and predictable amount that the Pentagon can anticipate and plan around," he said. To correct this situation Kubiak is for the establishment of a long-term budget that military managers can plan around. According to a study by the Congressional Budget Office, such an approach could save \$63 billion over five years and purchase the same amount of hardware.

Parents taught how to prevent child molesting

By CATHIE ANDERSON
Reporter

Approximately 120 children were molested in Bryan-College Station this year, says Sue Ann Jackson of the Department of Human Resources.

The College Station Police Department along with the Department of Human Resources held a class last Thursday aimed at helping parents prevent child molestation. The class, instituted by Police Chief Jarvin Byrd, teaches parents how to "street-proof" their children, Lt. Ernie Kapella said.

Kapella said that one in four girls and one in 10 boys under 16 will be molested. Many of these, he said, will be attacked under the age of six. Children are taught to "always be afraid of adults," Kapella said, "but that's not always good."

"You have the right to say 'no' to Aunt Mary or Uncle John if you don't want to kiss them."

Dr. Joseph LoPiccolo, a psychology professor at Texas A&M, says that child molesting goes on more than most people suspect. Now that people are sympathizing with the

molested child, he said, rather than blaming them, the incidents are being reported.

People are often shocked and stunned to find out that the child molester is a troop leader, a baby sitter, or even the child's uncle, LoPiccolo said.

Kapella said a main goal of the classes is to dispel myths about molestation, such as those which suggest most child molesters are strangers.

"Strangers won't get close to kids," said psychology professor Emily Davidson. "The most likely people are the ones they know and trust."

Probably 99 percent of the people caring for a child are legitimately concerned for his welfare, but LoPiccolo stresses that that 1 percent makes the difference.

While some child molesters use kindness to attract children, others use lures to get children close to them, like shouting fire, pretending to be sick, or picking them up after school, Kapella said.

LoPiccolo dealt with both victims (now adults) and criminals at the Sex Therapy Center, Department of Psychiatry, at the State University of

New York at Stony Brook where he worked as director of sex therapy.

"This wasn't molestation," is the molester's most common statement, LoPiccolo said.

"She wanted it," they insist," he said.

"So what?" LoPiccolo asks them. "If I were the father of a six-year-old, and I told that six-year-old, 'Why don't we go buy some guns and go hold up a bank?' would the judge not hold me accountable?"

When talking to Davidson, Kapella, and LoPiccolo, a picture of the child molester comes into focus. He is white, black, brown, red, yellow, heterosexual, homosexual, young, middle-aged, elderly — in short, he's anyone and he's waiting.

"Things happen just as well in this community as they do in others," he said. "Just because we're small, that doesn't make us different."

Another class for parents will begin in November. For more information, call Lt. Bernie Kapella with the College Station Police Department at 764-3605 or Sue Ann Jackson with the Department of Human Resources at 823-0921 after October 28.

Search still on for hit-and-run culprit

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University police officers are still looking for the person who was responsible for a hit-and-run incident that occurred on campus earlier this week.

The investigation is continuing on the incident which happened Tuesday morning about 11 a.m. be-

hind Hobby Hall.

A beige, semi-compact 4-door car hit a student while she was crossing the Asbury and Hogg Street intersection, Lt. Russ Kline, of the University Police, said.

The car failed to yield the right-of-way and was last seen heading north on Asbury, Kline said.

The driver was described as a 20-year-old female with short, dark

hair, Kline said. She possibly could be of Mexican descent.

The student sustained minor damage to the right ankle.

Aside from the victim, the only other witness known to the police is a friend that was with the victim at the time of the accident. Neither the victim or her friend realized what was happening, Kline said.

Police investigators are looking

for any other witnesses with information about the accident.

Members of the Emergency Medical Team responded to the call. The student then was taken to A.P. Beutel Health Center where she was treated for a strained and bruised ankle.

Anyone with information about the accident is encouraged to contact the University Police, Kline said.

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