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Photo by DEAN SAITO

Some students move quickly through Zachry Engineering Center Monday while others spend their time relaxing. The use of a slow shutter speed makes the people who are moving appear blurry.

State politics

Jack Kemp to lead GOP convention in Corpus Christi

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CORPUS CHRISTI — Rep. Jack Kemp, R-N.Y., a rising star in the Republican Party, will deliver the keynote address at the Texas GOP Convention scheduled Sept. 21-22, state chairman George Strake announced Monday.

Among other speakers at the convention will be Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan.; Sen. John Tower, R-Texas;

and Rep. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, the Republican nominee to succeed the retiring Tower.

Strake told a news conference Monday he also intends to invite President Ronald Reagan to come to Corpus Christi.

Topics to be addressed during the convention include national defense as it relates to Texas, the Hispanic

vote, county fund raising and ballot security.

Despite what polls are showing, Strake said he was warning Texas Republicans that the race between Reagan and Democratic nominee Walter Mondale would be a close one in November.

Strake said he had instructed his staff to put the polls in their desks, lock them up and throw away the

key so as not to get a false sense of security.

"I really have seen these polls come out with wide margins in September and narrow to 1 or 2 percentage points in November, and I see that happening the same way again," he said.

Strake predicted 5,000 to 6,000 people would attend the convention, including 4,700 delegates.

Barton argues for anti-nuke defense

By ROBIN BLACK
Senior Staff Writer

The proposed anti-nuclear missile defense system — or "star wars" weaponry as the Democrats have dubbed it — is the strongest possible defense measure that could ever be taken in making nuclear weapons obsolete, 6th Congressional District candidate Joe Barton said Monday.

The Republican candidate was on another campaign sweep across the district Monday that began at 7:30 a.m. in Cleburg and ended around 6:30 p.m. in College Station at Easterwood Airport.

Barton was defending the proposed weapons system as the keystone issue of his campaign — an issue which has both parties strongly advised.

Campaigning with Barton was retired Army Maj. Gen. Stewart

Meyer, an expert in the field of defense, especially where the High Frontier — or outer space weapons — is concerned.

Meyer said that although the Democrats have attached the "star wars" name to the anti-missile system in a derogatory manner, he doesn't see it that way.

"If there ever has to be a World War III, I would much rather fight in space than on the face of the earth," he said.

The defense system — which must still go through many phases of research and development before it would be operational — is a satellite-based system that would destroy nuclear weapons in space before they reached their target.

Meyer said that if the Soviets were to launch an ICBM aimed at the United States, it would be in the air

over the Soviet Union for about five minutes. It would then enter space for about 25 minutes, the warhead would separate from the rocket and re-enter the earth's atmosphere. The missile would strike its target within one minute after re-entry. The ICBM cannot be recalled once launched.

If the new anti-missile system was made operational, it would destroy the nuclear warhead while in space, destroying it before it re-entered the atmosphere.

Barton said that if the system was put into production within the next year, some things could be done soon — dispatching more missiles — and some things would take a little longer — the actual satellite-based part — because of the research that must still be done.

Estimated cost for the system be-

tween now and the year 2000 is around \$90 billion. That is equivalent to the projected costs of the B-1 bomber, the Trident submarine and the MX missile combined.

Barton said the premise behind his position is that mutually assured survival is a more effective deterrent than the antiquated mutually assumed destruction.

He said that if the Soviets realize the possibilities of such a system, that may be enough to get them to the bargaining table about the nuclear arms race.

"I think this system is necessary to protect the lives of Americans and to ensure the safety of our children," he said.

Barton said plans for a debate between him and Kubiak are still in the planning stages.

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