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Reception tonight honors Rep. Lewis

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A reception and fundraiser for State Representative Neely Lewis, incumbent Democratic candidate for the 14th District, will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Ramada Inn.

For a contribution of \$10 or more, supporters will have the opportunity to mingle with several state officials. Among those expected to attend are Speaker of the House Gib Lewis, Chairman of Ways and Means Committee Stan Schlueter, Land Commissioner Gary Mauro and state Senator Kent Caperton.

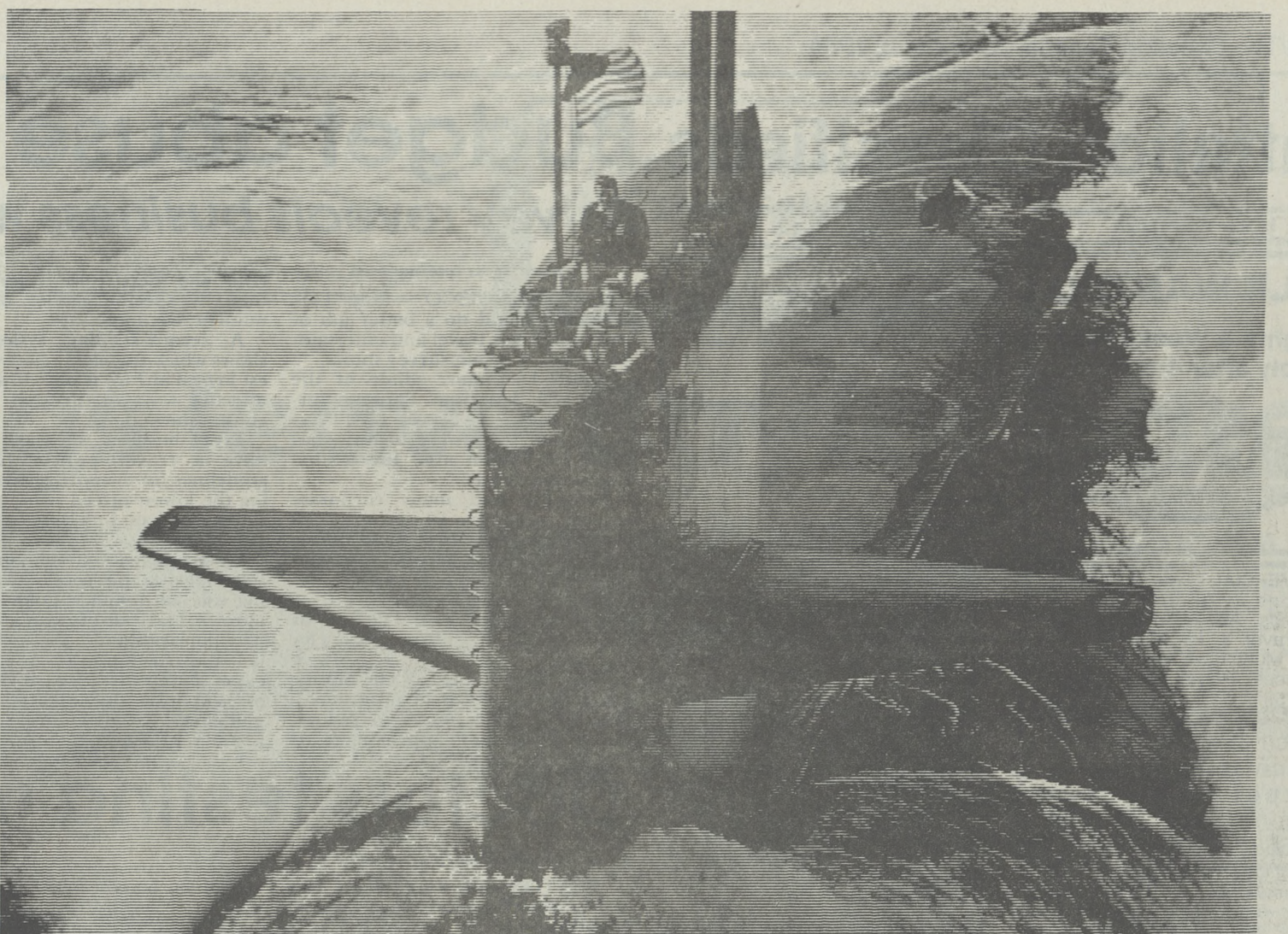
Lewis' campaign manager, Harley Spoon, said the event will be open to the public and "University students are more than welcome."

Lewis is running against Republican Richard Smith, a land developer and Texas A&M graduate. The race

began when Gov. Mark White called for a special election to fill the seat vacated by retiring representative Bill Prensall earlier this year. Lewis edged out his opponent for the 14th District seat by 29 votes.

During his short term in office, Lewis, an attorney, found that a proposal to raise the state tuition rates had failed to meet required approval of the Higher Education Committee even though the Ways and Means Committee had approved it. As a result, proposed tuition changes are still on hold, and awaiting further committee hearings.

Lewis also teamed up with Senator Caperton to revise the taxing formula in the state education bill to turn a one million dollar loss of revenue into a two million dollar gain for the Bryan and College Station school districts.



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