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Protocol

Committee members for the MSC Wiley Lecture Series greet former president Gerald Ford at Easterwood Airport Monday night. From left, the committee members are Debbie Stafford, Chris Eford, Susan Yeager, Ruben Brochner, Gigi Shamsy, and Chris Wagner. Ford is in

town to participate in the Wiley Lecture Series, which begins today. Other participants in tonight's lecture, "U.S. Interventionism: Resolving International Conflict", are former president Jimmy Carter, historian Stephen Ambrose and journalist George Will.

166 die after plane crashes into mountain

MORELIA, Mexico (AP) — A Mexicana Airlines jet carrying 166 people crashed into a mountain Monday soon after leaving Mexico City for two Pacific resorts and Los Angeles. The airline said everyone aboard was killed.

Robert R. Crigler, manager of the Mexicana Airlines office in Los Angeles, said seven U.S. citizens and two Canadians were among the victims, but he did not give their names.

The Boeing 727 hit the peak about 90 miles northwest of Mexico City, near Maravatio, on its way to stops in Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan.

An airline statement said the pilot radioed that he was losing altitude and mentioned problems with cabin pressure in his last message. A source at the Mexico City airport said contact with the jet was lost 14 minutes after takeoff.

"Unfortunately, there are no survivors" Mexicana spokesman Fernando Martinez Cortes said of the 158 passengers and eight crew members on Flight 940. He said federal highway police were first at the crash site on the 7,792-foot mountain known locally as El Carbon, and reported that all aboard apparently were killed on impact.

Helicopters began taking the bodies down to a base camp for transport to Morelia by ambulance. Officials said crews at the site were looking for the flight recorders, but the body recovery operation was suspended when darkness fell and would be resumed Tuesday.

Jorge Sanchez, a helicopter pilot who brought down six bodies, said the jetliner was "in pieces. . . . The

largest single piece was the tail, and everywhere there were bodies."

He said the tail section was in a clearing on a ridge, with other wreckage scattered over 500-600 yards. He reported the crash started several small brush fires.

Sanchez said witnesses in the

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Oil prices fall below \$11 a barrel

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices hit their lowest levels in eight years Monday, plunging more than a dollar a barrel to less than \$11 on the futures market.

Analysts said a continuing fall into single-digit figures was likely. Andrew Lebow, at the Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. securities firm, said, "There's nothing holding the market up."

In Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Saeed Oteiba was quoted as saying that oil prices would drop to "\$8 to \$5 a barrel" without cooperation among producers inside and outside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

But U.S. Energy Secretary John Herrington disagreed with that view.

"I think we're getting near the bottom," he said at a meeting with

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Reasons for Fox's, Carter's bids for CS school board vary

By Paula Vogrin
Reporter

Ronnie Fox, candidate for Place 5 on the College Station School Board, did not plan to run for a position on the school board, but was pulled by the lack of community interest in the election.

"Last year there were 10 candidates for four positions on the board," Fox, 43, said. "When I saw there were only three candidates for three positions, I was disgusted by the lack of community interest. I felt running for Place 5, I might be able to get the community involved in the election."

Places 3, 4 and 5 are up for election, but only Place 5 is being contested.

Fox said he wants to serve the community but doesn't want the community to have to pay for that. For that reason, Fox said, he is financing his own campaign and he will not accept any donations.

Fox said that if elected he will push for a larger junior high school, good teachers, a new sports complex and more interest from everyone involved in the school district, including parents, teachers, staff, administrators, taxpayers and students.

Fox has owned and operated Aggeland Service and Repair for five years and has lived in the College Station Independent School District for 10 years. He has a son that attends A&M Consolidated High School.

Fox said one of the first improvements of the school system that needs to be made is the construction of a new junior high school and elementary school.

Consolidated's sports facilities also are too small and out-dated for a 5-A school. He recommends building a sports complex.

Currently the school's football team plays its home games on Texas

A&M's Kyle Field. Fox said he is concerned about the possible injuries team members might suffer by playing on an artificial playing surface.

Fox said the baseball and track teams also need new facilities.

"If we can provide 5-A facilities for a 5-A school, we can bring home state championships," he said. "We need a new sports facility to house football, track, baseball and soccer, and the facility should be within the limits of our tax dollars."

Fox said that although sports play a big part in school, they should never overpower academics. He said academic programs always have room for improvement.

The school board has performed exceptionally during the past year, Fox said, especially with five new members and a new superintendent.

"Ray Chancellor has done an excellent job as superintendent. . . ." Fox said.

By Karen Boehnke
Reporter

Donald Carter said he is running for Place 5 of the College Station School Board because he has an interest in education and possesses the ability to make sound judgments.

Carter, associate registrar at Texas A&M, is running against Ronnie Fox for a position being vacated by John Reagar.

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One of the most important responsibilities of the school board is to chart the course of the school system for expansion and its needs, Carter said.

Carter, 42, received both his bachelor's of business administration in 1961 and his master's of business administration in 1966 from A&M. He

College Station Independent School District.

Carter said he thinks education should be an important issue to the community.

Gathering input from citizens and conveying that input to the board would be his main responsibilities.

Carter said the school board has been doing a good job in his opinion, although there is always room for improvement, he said.

Until March 5, Carter was unopposed in the election. But Ronnie Fox, owner of Aggeland Service and Repair, is now running against Carter, making theirs the only contested College Station school board election.

When Fox entered the race, Carter said his campaign changed. He said he's now running a more active and more expensive campaign.

If Reagar was running for re-election, Carter said he would not have run against him.

Former school board member Reagar said he supports Carter's decision to run for the school board.

"He is an individual who I would have liked to have seen on the board for a long time," Reagar said.

Reagar said he agrees with Carter's philosophy that school board members should set policy and not try to run the district.

Carter said he is not on a crusade to change the district and does not have an ax to grind. It is his first step into political life, and he said he thinks that, as a 20-year resident of the community, he can effectively convey the feelings and thoughts of the community to the school board.

"Being a school administrator, father and husband makes me a good candidate for the school board," Carter said.

Seven to be honored at Silver Taps tonight

University News Service

Seven deceased Texas A&M students will be honored in the traditional Silver Taps ceremony Tuesday.

Those to be honored are: David R. Hedegard, 19, a sophomore from Tomball; Arthur J. Strom, 19, a freshman from Dallas; Christopher Holmans, 24, a junior from Denton; John L. Thornton, 19, a sophomore from Spring; Mitchell Smithwick, 20, a sophomore from McKin-

ney; Scott Woodard, 21, a senior from Houston; and Richard Beck, 22, also a senior from Houston.

Nineteen Texas A&M students have died since Aggie Muster last year.

The solemn Silver Taps ceremony is conducted in front of the Academic Building beginning at 10:30 p.m. Students gather in silence on the darkened campus and an honor guard from the Ross Volunteers fires a rifle salute followed by a special arrangement of taps performed by buglers from the Corps of Cadets.

'Chance to curb arms race lost'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former American arms control negotiators expressed regret Monday at President Reagan's rejection of a U.S.-Soviet summit meeting to ban nuclear weapons tests, calling it a lost opportunity to curb the arms race.

While none of these analysts was surprised by Reagan's rebuff of Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's proposal, they were virtually unanimous in characterizing the president's action as a setback and in saying it broke a long-term commitment with the Russians.

Rep. Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said of administration officials, "They are rejecting something that's worth pursuing."

And a Soviet official visiting here said Gorbachev will not be deterred in offering proposals to challenge the Reagan administration to slow the nuclear weapons competition.

"We will be coming up with other initiatives," said Sergei Plekhanov, a department head at the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences.

He said it will happen "not because we have been painted into a corner and forced to be nice" but because "there's no other way."

Entering the minority view of U.S. analysts now prominent in the private arms control community, James T. Hackett, former acting director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, said new U.S. weapons tests were necessary to maintain the integrity of the American nuclear deterrence.

Hackett, now an official of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative research group, said it was the only way to assure warheads were not deteriorating and likely to malfunction. "It's like recalling a car with faulty brakes," Hackett said.

The United States found after ending a moratorium 20 years ago that several of its warheads, including the W-52 tactical ballistic missile didn't work and had to be replaced.

But four former U.S. officials and negotiators, Paul Warnke, Spurgeon Keeny, Gerard Smith and John B. Rhinelander, said in separate interviews that Reagan was wrong to reject Gor-

bachev's invitation to hold a summit in a European capital to ban further testing on both sides.

Like Hackett and Aspin, they all appeared to assume the Soviets would now end their seven-month moratorium and the United States would follow its March 22 explosion with further tests in the Nevada desert.

"I'm certainly not surprised," said Warnke, chief U.S. negotiator in the Carter administration.

"Since 1981, the Reagan administration has made it clear they have no interest in a comprehensive test ban," Warnke said.

He dismissed as "nonsense" the arguments by senior administration officials that nuclear weapons must be tested for safety and reliability.

"There's no basis for that," Warnke said. "We do very little in the way of proof-testing."

The usual procedure, he said, is to inspect

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