

State and Local

A&M debates freedom of states to prohibit nuclear waste sites

By Shelley Rainwater
Reporter

Dumping nuclear waste within a state's boundaries is like dumping garbage in a neighbor's backyard, Ellen Galvan said Monday at a forum sponsored by the Texas A&M Debate Society.

Almost 300 people showed up to consider the question: Should each state have the right to prohibit nuclear waste storage sites within its boundaries?

The outcome of the debate showed that 179 people were against having the states decide where to dis-

pose of nuclear waste, and 109 people were for it.

The forum is an audience debate, with audience members divided into pro and con sections. Both sides present arguments, and after each presentation, the debate is open to the audience. Members may switch sides of the room if they change their minds during the debate.

Galvan, a senior management major from College Station who argued for the resolution, said the selection process for deciding where to put nuclear waste is not being followed by the federal government.

The first criterion for the selection is that the state must be an eastern or western state, Galvan said, but the three principle states used for nuclear dumping grounds are Nevada, Texas and Washington, all western states. Galvan said the policy forces a few states to bear the burden for the country's nuclear waste.

The second criterion, Galvan said, is that the site must be composed of crystalline rock, which forms a hard shell around the waste to prevent it from seeping into the ground. But the rock in one dumping ground in Texas is composed of salt, Galvan

said, and if water penetrates the salt the nuclear waste can escape.

Galvan concluded that since the government is not following the criteria, the states should have the right to protest nuclear waste dumpings within their boundaries.

Erik W. Mulloy, a senior computer science major from San Antonio, began for the con side by saying that the issue in question was not about Texas, but about each individual state's right to ban nuclear waste.

Mulloy said the problem of nuclear waste disposal is America's problem, not each state's.

In Advance

Student Senate to discuss divestment

By Rodney Rafter
Staff Writer

The Student Senate plans to continue discussion of a resolution recommending University divestment of investments in South Africa **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in 204 Harrington.**

The resolution was introduced at the last Senate meeting, but was tabled after questions about it were raised in debate. Two or three guest speakers representing both sides of the divestment issue might speak at the meeting, said Miles Bradshaw, speaker of the Senate.

A resolution also will be introduced to the Senate calling for a lower minimum deposit for the Aggie Point Plan.

The resolution recommends the minimum deposit be reduced by \$75, lowering it to \$175.

The resolution also calls for the subsequent deposit to be lowered from \$100 to \$75.

The subsequent deposit is the

minimum amount that can be added to a student's account. In addition, the resolution calls for the withdrawal fee to be lowered from \$50 to \$25.

The withdrawal fee is charged when students drop the point plan before their account is exhausted.

The Senate also will hear the introduction of a bill that would align the Senate with the Graduate Student Council's effort to have the University reinstate 24-hour emergency care at the A.P. Beutel Health Center.

A letter from the graduate council written this summer to Dr. John Koldus, Texas A&M vice president for student services, says 24-hour emergency service is needed because much graduate research, as well as many intramural programs, are carried out at night and on weekends.

Jury convicts man in child abuse case

HOUSTON (AP) — A 26-year-old man was convicted Monday of forcing ground pepper down the throat of his girlfriend's 2-year-old son, who later choked to death.

A jury in State District Judge Mike McSpadden's court took about 3 1/2 hours before convicting Raymond Edward Coffey. The punishment phase of the trial is set for Tuesday.

In a statement read to jurors, Coffey told police he often used pepper to discipline Christopher Kalmbach, but contended that the child took the pepper himself on May 7, the night he choked to death.

Coffey told police he left the pepper shaker with the boy after he had repeated a bad word. Upon returning, Coffey told police he found brown and gray stuff coming out of the child's mouth. The boy's face was purple, the statement said.

The judge held the boy's mother, Patty Ann Kalmbach, 21, in contempt of court for refusing to identify her son in one of the photos shown to jurors.

Geren: Higher education is needed investment in future

Congressional candidate speaks at A&M

By Mona Palmer
Assistant City Editor

Congressional candidate Pete Geren on Monday told a group of students at Texas A&M that congressmen need to differentiate between unprofitable expenditures and investments in the future.

Geren, who is opposing 6th District incumbent Joe Barton, said Congress needs to cut the budget, but not in higher education.

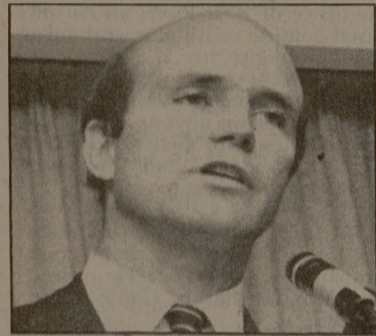
"I won't vote for short-sighted cuts that shortchange the future," he said. "Education is an investment that ensures a prosperous future."

He said Barton's voting record doesn't reflect a strong commitment to A&M and cited Barton's support for a budget that cut \$35 million in future research funds.

Geren said Barton also voted to cut \$5 million in student loan funds which would have affected one out of five A&M students.

Jeff Crosby, a spokesman for Geren, said the campaign obtained the figures from the A&M financial aid office.

He said 48 percent of A&M stu-



Pete Geren

dents receive funding from the federal government, whether in the form of a student loan, a grant or a work-study program.

The proposed budget would have eliminated the work-study program and raised the requirements on student loans, Crosby said, and between 5,000 and 7,000 Aggies would have been affected.

Geren said, "Many students cannot afford to attend school without a loan or grant."

Geren, in a later interview, explained his ideas about where to cut the budget.

"We need to shift the burden of the cost of our defense to our allies," he said.

America spends \$700 billion on Japan's and Korea's defenses and \$130 billion on Europe's defenses.

"We need to start billing them for their fair share of our defending them," he said. "We'd continue to do what we're doing but they should pay their fair share."

"Their economies . . . are certainly on equal grounds with ours."

He said a few senators have started a push for a change in the defense spending and are considering a defense tax on Japanese products.

The federal government also should encourage competitive bidding on contracts rather than negotiating contracts, Geren said.

He said the government could probably make better deals with competitive bidding since that encourages price competition.

Speaker: Democrats, Texas must decide on future path

By Ed Bodde
Reporter

The party that accepts both conservative and liberal views will lead Texas into the 21st century, state Rep. Rick Perry told the Aggie Democrats in Rudder Tower Monday night.

"When you're pulling down the middle I think you're helping the most people," Perry said.

A conservative democrat, Perry said Texans must decide where the state and the Democratic Party are heading.

"We have got to decide where we are going to go," he said. "We are at a crossroads."

Texas has a \$7.5 billion deficit it must wake up to, Perry said. The state's agricultural and oil industries are hurting and there is not much else for Texas to turn to for revenues, he said.

"We don't have an agricultural policy or a deficit program," he said. "I want our party to lead the change."

Perry said the Democratic Party won't change overnight. It is, he said, the party which can lead Texas on the right road.

Perry said the two weeks before the election are important for A&M students because the Democratic Party can provide the leadership A&M needs.

"We have got the opportunity to help A&M in its future," he said.

He said A&M and the University of Texas are going to rely on the federal government for grants and money to run the institutions.

"If party politics is more important than what A&M needs," Perry said, "I'm not on your side."

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