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# Bush formally announces plan to enter 1988 presidential race

HOUSTON (AP) — Vice President George Bush came home Monday to formally enter the 1988 Republican presidential race and ask Texans for their help in his quest to become the nation's leader.

Bush said Houston was the only place for him to make such an important announcement.

"I had to come here, to my home, to Texas," Bush told cheering supporters who gathered at a downtown Houston hotel.

Surrounded by his wife, Barbara, and other family members, Bush told the crowd he returned to the state where it all began.

"This is where Barbara and I began our life together," he said. "This is where four of our children were born. This is where I've come to say the most important words of my life."

"I am here today to announce my candidacy for president of the United States."

About 1,500 people crowded a

hotel ballroom to hear Bush's announcement, while hundreds more watched him on television in the lobby downstairs.

Bush was introduced by former Sen. John Tower, R-Texas.

During his 20-minute speech, Bush said the nation needs more racial harmony.

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"To those who have come to our country, to the Hispanics who have joined us, let me say: You are not only welcome, but needed," Bush said. "For who knows about family and faith better than you? We need your leadership."

Then, speaking in Spanish, he said, "Our party is your party. We are all family."

After the speech, Bush went downstairs to greet supporters and was greeted by three local high school bands that were playing "The Yellow Rose of Texas," and "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

"For Barbara and me, I just can't begin to describe how magnificent a day this is," he said.

wife was presented a bouquet of yellow roses.

Dozens of signs hung from railings above the lobby and many supporters carried miniature American and Texas flags.

Before his arrival in the lobby, supporters ate hot dogs and some sipped champagne and Bloody Marys while country-western singer Mickey Gilley sang.

Bush joined New York Rep. Jack Kemp, former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont, former television evangelist Pat Robertson and former Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. as officially declared candidates. Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas is expected to announce his candidacy in a month.

In choosing his hometown of Houston for the announcement, Bush returned to the site of one of his darkest political hours, where on May 1980 he abandoned his campaign to wrest the GOP presidential nomination from Reagan.

# Hogan calls on A&M students to fight turning dining area into faculty club

By Doug Driskell  
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The dining area in Rudder Tower could be a faculty club on Feb. 1 if student leaders do not curtail Texas A&M University officials, the student body president said at the MSC meeting Monday night.

"The atmosphere is what we want to preserve for the students and old A&Ms," Mason Hogan, student body president, said. "We are all for them having a club. Unity among the faculty is fine. But surely there are other locations. And if they are going to take that, what are they going to give the students in return?"

Money to convert the 11th floor into a club is a main concern, Hogan said.

"Our main concern is they are telling us it is going up in February, but where is the money coming from?" he said. "All we hear is tight bud-

gets, we don't have enough money to pay people and we can't keep up with grounds maintenance because we don't have money. But they are willing to kick money in to put in new carpet and all of that other stuff."

A constitution and bylaws for the club has not been submitted to Student Government, he said.

A survey will be given to faculty members to ask them how they feel about the club and if they really will use it once it is open, Hogan said.

One question in the survey will address the issue of alcohol on campus, he said.

"Are they supportive of having alcohol on a campus that has always been dry?" he asked. "And if they are, do they think it is ethical to drink alcohol on a work day?"

In other actions taken:

- Extensive promotion is planned for the

MBA-Law Symposium titled "The Secret of Your Success" on Oct. 23 and 24, said Andrew Pendleton, chairman of the MBA-Law committee. Twenty-one schools will be represented, including Harvard and other major schools from around the nation.

Registration will take place in the MSC and Zachry Engineering Center this week and the MSC and Blocker next week, he said. It will cost \$5 this week and \$7 next week.

The chairman of the recently formed pageant committee, Lauri Pogreba, submitted the first extensive budget for the Spring '88 Miss Texas A&M Scholarship Pageant since its creation seven years ago.

This plan hopefully will yield better publicity and management of finances directly related to the pageant, said Linda Hartman, president of the MSC Committee.

# Faculty Senate OKs report considering academic freedom

By Cindy Milton  
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The Faculty Senate Monday approved a report on academic freedom and responsibility that spent nearly four hours and two Senate meetings on the Senate floor.

Gary E. Hart, chairman of the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Tenure and Promotion, said the report, submitted to the Faculty Senate from the administration and the ad hoc committee, brings together previous University policies concerning academic freedom, responsibility, tenure and promotion.

After two hours of discussion on the report at a Sept. 14 Senate meeting, approval was postponed due to lack of time for discussion of other subjects on the agenda.

Hart reintroduced the document last night by suggesting several small editorial changes. These changes were quickly approved by the members of the Senate and additional proposals were made.

Several proposed amendments led to a two-hour debate on academic freedom and responsibility. None of the suggestions was approved, however, because of the broad interpretations that might have been made if they had been added to the document.

An amendment proposed by Hart caused a majority of the senate's debate: "It is a responsibility of all faculty members to acknowledge and respect civil liberties of their students, particularly in areas concerning moral and ethical beliefs and behavior. Proselytizing students in a classroom or other academic relationships regarding matters of conscience is unprofessional conduct."

Senators argued that the amendment could be interpreted broadly — especially in classes like philosophy and ecology —

and that it could open up more problems than it could solve.

Hart said that this proposal relates to religious beliefs or politics or sexual behavior.

"Proselytize is a very strong word," he said. The proposal would pose limitations on faculty members from expressing certain viewpoints in a classroom, he said, and senators agreed that making such a statement may restrict too much of what the faculty can do in an academic setting.

Sen. Manuel Davenport, professor of philosophy, said, "There are definite language problems to deal with here."

Sen. Herman Saatcamp added that the proposed language might have a chilling effect, and it might be too broad and raise too many indirect issues. Senate members agreed to leave any amendments that could restrict faculty members from academic freedom to the administration. They agreed that definitions on professional conduct should be established on individual bases.

The Senate amended the report, which will go to A&M President Frank E. Vandiver for further approval before implementation can take place.

Another Senate approval took place after Sen. Peter Huggill introduced a report on academic affairs that will stretch the Q-drop policy for graduate students.

The report will allow graduate students to Q-drop classes for up to 10 weeks in the spring and fall semesters, five weeks in long summer sessions and three weeks into the five-week summer sessions.

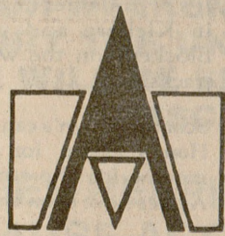
The reason for the extended Q-drop period for graduate students, Huggill said, is to reduce the amount of paperwork that occurs when students drop a class after the Q-drop period is closed.



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