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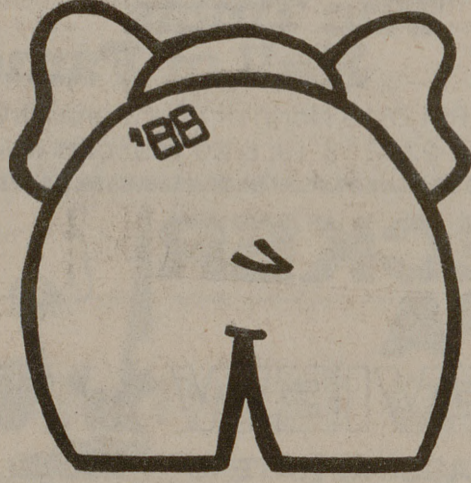
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State and Local

Bush's son visits CS to kickoff dad's Brazos County campaign

By Carolyn Kelby Reporter

Presidential candidate George Bush's son, George Bush Jr., left off the Brazos County "Bush for President" campaign at the Cafe d' Amerique in College Station Tuesday morning.

"Vice President Bush is a Texan," the younger Bush said. "He understands this state and he built his business in Texas. The Bush family is not going to take Texas for granted."

The older Bush was impressed with the spirit he saw at A&M when he visited the campus once in 1980 and again in 1984, his son said. "He loves A&M," Bush said. "Some of the best events he has ever

had in his political career have been here on the A&M campus."

The vice president is uncertain whether his travel plans for the presidential campaign will include a visit to College Station, Bush said.

"But if he needs an uplift he will come to the A&M campus because it has the most energetic crowd," Bush said. "Bush wants to be known as the education president."

Bush spoke about the organization and financial strategies of the vice president's campaign to a room full of people, including regional coordinator and steering committee member Richard Smith and College Station Mayor Larry Ringer.

"The campaign is organized at a grassroots level to turn out the votes," Bush said.

The financial strategy of the campaign is to have enough cash on hand to carry out a successful campaign, he said.

Bush estimates that his father will have about \$9 million in cash on hand by Feb. 1 — a month and a half before the primaries on super Tuesday.

The senior Bush advocates strong education and strong defense.

A strong defense will help to keep the Soviets at the negotiating table, Bush said, and this is important because for the first time in history there is about to be an entire class of nuclear weapons eliminated.

Bush also will campaign for a clean and healthy environment as well as some fiscal and tax issues.

"(The senior Bush supports) an increase in income taxes and a capital gains differential that says it's important to encourage savings and investment in the United States through the tax code," Bush said.

Bush's dedicated family support, the spirit behind his campaign, Bush said.

While the vice president's wife Barbara Bush, and his eldest son are campaigning in New Hampshire.

Although Bush is director of Harken Oil and Gas Inc. of Dallas, he moved to Washington D.C. to work closely with his campaign director Lee Atwater and Rich Bond, on the overall strategy for the campaign and budget control.

A&M official says Soviets falling back in technology, may lose power status

By Alan Sembera Reporter

The Soviet Union's policy of perestroika, or restructuring, is the result of the gap in technological progress between the Soviet Union and the United States, said Dr. John Thomas, director of Texas A&M's Center for Strategic Technology.

"The Soviet Union is in rather serious difficulty because it is falling behind economically and technologically," said Thomas, who traveled to the Soviet Union in October.

"That last issue is very important because modern economies are based on technology," Thomas said, "and technology comes from scientific research. And their research establishment is a very overbureaucratized, unproductive operation."

Perestroika, led by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, is an attempt to restructure almost all aspects of Soviet society in order to make the economy more efficient.

Thomas said that if perestroika doesn't show success, the Soviet Union will lose its superpower status over the next 30 to 50 years.

Thomas said that at the conference he attended in the Soviet Union, several of the Soviets indicated a great sense of urgency about the restructuring efforts.

"(There was) a feeling that Mr. Gorbachev has to do two things," Thomas said. "He has to show some benefits from perestroika, and he has to convince a bunch of nervous bureaucrats that it is nothing to fear. The general feeling that came through was that they have about 18 to 24 months in which to do that."

The reason many Soviets are nervous about Gorbachev's policies, Thomas said, is that many people understood the old system and made it work for them. They have become successful under the old system and Gorbachev wants to change the rules, he said.

Thomas said he doesn't think Gorbachev can succeed the way he's going now.

"The kind of changes required in the Soviet Union to make them competitive are so pervasive, so extensive, that I think it would destroy their system to make those changes," he said.

Another aspect of perestroika, Thomas said, is the Soviets' claim that they are revising their military doctrine to reflect a new view of future superpower status. This doctrine would include nuclear-free world, the elimination of chemical and biological weapons and sufficiency — a nation would have just enough weapons to defend itself but not enough to attack someone else, Thomas said.

There isn't enough substance coming out of the Soviet system to make any judgment on the sincerity about this, Thomas said. He said he is bothered by the Soviets' insistence that the United States join them.

While in the Soviet Union, Thomas spoke with Valentine Falin, a Soviet historian running a press service who went into a long discussion about the interdependence of the economies of nations. Thomas said he remembers that one of Falin's major statements:

"Technological developments that occur in one nation must in the future be transferred quickly to other nations," Falin said. "If this is not done, it causes imbalances, which can lead to instabilities."

Civil defense coordinator offers tips to help residents survive tornadoes

By Richard Williams Reporter

Following a few simple instructions before, during and after a tornado could save lives, the Brazos County civil defense coordinator said.

Coordinator Jake Canglose said people shouldn't wait for a tornado warning to start preparing.

"A lot of times the only time you're going to get that warning is when it (a tornado) hits the ground and somebody sees it," Canglose said. "It could be a little too late for you."

Before a tornado strikes, families should make sure a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and a first-aid kit are available, he said. The radio should be able to receive the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather broadcast, he added.

Before the threat of a tornado, locate the best available shelter and make sure each member of the family knows where to go, he said. Small rooms, bathtubs, closets and hallways often provide excellent protection, Canglose said.

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"When there are tornado watches for the area keep a close lookout on the weather," he said. "Look for severe weather headed for you. If you hear a sound like a freight train or a bunch of airplanes — even if you can't see a funnel and there is no warning out — protect yourself."

Canglose said since most tornado damage and deaths result from flying debris it is important to remember to protect one's head.

Getting underneath a mattress in a hallway or getting in the bathtub and covering one's head with a pillow are two good methods of protection, he said.

NOAA recommends the following procedures:

- Stay away from undergrounds and outside walls. If underground shelter is not available go to an interior hallway on the lowest floor possible.

- Get out of mobile homes or vehicles and go to the nearest substantial structure.
- Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle. In 1979 half of the deaths in the Wichita Falls tornado occurred when people tried to escape in automobiles.

- Stay away from electrical appliances.
- Do not open windows. It was once thought opening a window would lessen the damage by allowing

inside and outside atmospheric pressures to equalize — NOAA doesn't recommend this because opening a window might cause more damage than leaving it closed.

• If outside, a person should get to a ditch and lie flat on the ground and cover his head with his hands. Stay away from high or conducting objects because lightning kills more people each year than tornadoes.

Even if these measures are followed the danger is not over after the tornado hits.

Those in the area should listen to a local radio or television station to receive instructions on what to do and should watch for downed power lines, leaking gas lines and unsafe buildings, he said. Those not in the area should stay out.

Children should be kept away from drainage ditches, sewer pipes and creeks, Canglose said.

"These creeks and drainage ditches can be death traps if a tornado falls in one, so they should keep their kids away from those," he said.

Pamphlets containing more information can be picked up on the 12th floor of the O&M Building.

Retirees to share Thanksgiving with students

By Marie L. McLeod Reporter

Many Texas A&M students — especially those from areas in the United States far from College Station — are unable to return home for Thanksgiving with their families. But this year, some of those students have a chance to share a "Feast of Thanks" with a retired person from their home state or region.

The staff at the Walden Retirement Community in Bryan is looking for 20 to 25 A&M students to share a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with some of the residents, Mary Turner, the activities coordinator, said.

"We're trying to establish geographical bonds," Turner said.

The residents are from various areas of Texas and other states such as Illinois, Virginia, Michigan and Iowa. They also have one resident from France and one from Puerto Rico, she said.

The Walden staff would like to pair each out-of-state resident with someone from the same state. They would do the same for residents from the major areas of Texas.

The "Feast of Thanks" will encourage resident-student interaction, which benefits both students and residents, Turner said.

"The key is intergenerational," she said. "It's a chance to come together and share."

A common hometown helps establish a bond important to both the old and the young, Turner said.

"Even in just an evening meal, you can get to know someone," she said. "The people here are fascinating."

Contrary to the stereotype, retired residents at Walden don't sit around all day, Turner said; they continue to do the things they did before moving to the community — plus much more.

"They are risk takers," she said. "They enjoy life."

Francis Throop, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, was one of the first residents of the Walden community. She and her husband, who has since died, moved to Walden at the urging of their niece, who attends Southern Methodist University, Throop said.

The couple met while both attended the University of Texas, where she earned a degree in English, Throop said. They moved to Michigan where her husband was a professor of Renaissance at the University of Michigan.

Inspired by a love for music, she started the Society for Musical Arts

and ran it for 23 years. The society attracted many world-famous composers, which enabled her to meet many of them, she said.

Throop said she and many other residents frequently attend performances sponsored by the MSC Opera and Performing Arts Society.

Throop enjoys living at Walden, but said she gets homesick sometimes, especially in the fall when she knows that in her Michigan hometown the trees are yellow and the roads are carpets of yellow leaves.

Another of the residents, Faye Routh from El Paso, compared moving to Walden with moving from a small town to a college.

"I felt like a freshman going back to college," she said.

Her youngest son and his family, who live in Bryan, discovered Walden. With a little encouragement, she and her husband moved there, she said. Her husband has since died.

Her husband was a brigadier general in the Army National Guard and fought in two wars, she said. After he retired in 1965, they moved from Oklahoma City to Austin where he was a computer programmer for six years.

During this time, Routh was high school teacher for three years and a high school librarian for 10 years.

They both retired at the same time so they could travel, she said. They moved back to El Paso, where they had been college sweethearts while attending Hardin-Simmons College before eventually marrying.

She said it was exciting dating a man in the service. It allowed her to attend military functions, which most military wives were not able to do.

At Walden, Routh helped start a group called "Sew What," she said. The group gets together to work on various projects.

Routh said she enjoys living at Walden. They have a lot of exciting things to do, she said, such as going on trips, participating in group activities and attending exercise classes.

"My sister wants me to come visit," Routh said with a smile, "but I don't want to miss exercise class."

Turner said, "It (Walden) was built with older adults in mind, and we want them to be happy."

Good communication with the residents ranks high in priority, Turner said. They have a resident council meeting once a month.

"We are very open to change," Turner said.