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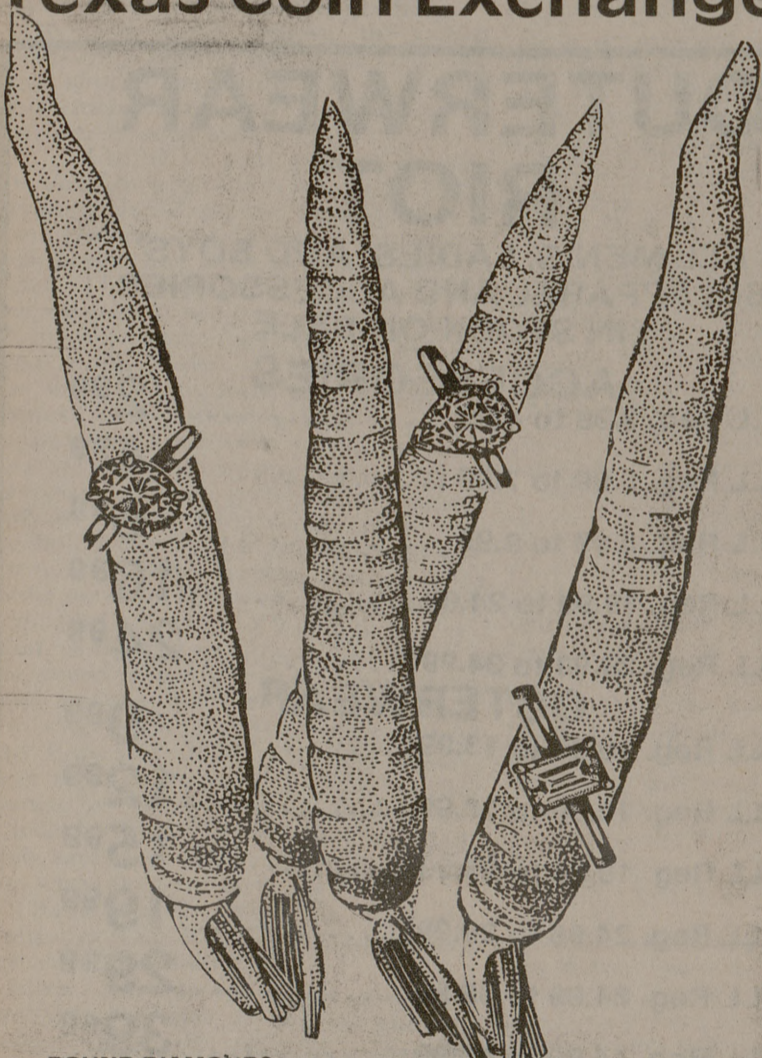
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Hightower gives Jackson support for presidency

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower endorsed the Rev. Jesse Jackson for president Wednesday, saying Jackson is carrying a populist message to voters and speaking for the little guys.

"I am here today not merely to endorse a presidential contender but to make a statement of conscience, to stand as a matter of principle with one who has stood consistently for the needs of the many against the greed of the few," Hightower said.

"Jesse Jackson is speaking in a clear and an articulate voice to an ignored majority of the American people whose lives have been frustrated, if not actually flattened, by the economic policies of recent years," he told a crowd of about 400 in the Texas Senate chamber.

Jackson called the commissioner's endorsement "an historic moment" for his presidential campaign and said it marks "a revival of the soul of the populist movement" in the United States.

"Today is a milestone in the revival of people's politics," Jackson said. "Jim Hightower has taken our quest for the nomination a giant step forward."

Jackson also said his second-place finish in Vermont's non-binding primary on Tuesday, combined with other high finishes in Minnesota and Maine, shows that his support is widespread.

"I can get votes in any section of the country," he said.

Hightower added, "The conventional wisdom says that Jesse Jackson can't win. Someone better clue in the voters."

Jackson dismissed a question

about his lack of experience in public office, saying his activity in the civil rights movement shows he can lead.

"The South is better today" because of fights he helped lead, Jackson said, including the drives for the Voting Rights Act, public accommodation law and equal education laws.

Hightower added, "We've had people in the past who've been extraordinarily experienced in public office and messed it up rather nobly."

Hightower said he knows, and likes, the other Democratic candidates.

He said his endorsement of Jackson for president wasn't a rejection of the others.

"But as hard as I have tried to remain neutral," Hightower said, "I simply have been unable to ignore the little voice of integrity saying that Jesse Jackson was forcefully, proudly and successfully carrying the populist program that I espouse."

The Democratic agriculture commissioner, who was elected in 1982 and 1986, has said he is considering seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in 1990, when Republican Phil Gramm is up for reelection.

Jackson indicated he would support that bid if Hightower makes the race.

"It's our common struggle," he said. "I hope that something in my campaign will help Jim Hightower in his career."

What's Up

Thursday

- DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH:** Novelist Gordon Weaver will read from his forthcoming novel "The Eight Corners of the World" at 7:30 p.m. in 204C Sterling C. Evans.
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION/INVESTMENT CLUB:** will have a guest speaker from the Chicago Board Options Exchange at 6 p.m. in 150 Blocker. Business attire is requested.
- GREEN EARTH SOCIETY:** will have a public forum on "The Economics and Safety of Nuclear Energy" at 7:30 p.m. in 201 MSC.
- DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION:** Pennzoil will present information on careers in data processing at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder.
- AMERICAN HELICOPTER SOCIETY:** Yan Drees will present "A Look at Tilt Rotors Into the Next Century" at 7:30 p.m. in 110 Harrington.
- CAED GALLERY:** will have an opening reception for the exhibition "Popular Art in Ecuador" at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Langford Architecture Center.
- TEXAS A&M CYCLING TEAM:** will have a team meeting at 7 p.m. in 401 Rudder.
- AGGIES FOR BUSH:** will have a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.
- WRITING OUTREACH MINI SESSION:** will present information on how to write effective resumes and letters of application at 6:30 p.m. in 131 Blocker.
- AGGIES FOR GEPHARDT:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 027 MSC.
- ODESSA HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 4 p.m. at the Dixie Chicken. Midland students are welcome.
- KANM STUDENT RADIO:** will have a DJ meeting at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

Friday

- DISTINGUISHED VISITING EXECUTIVE SERIES:** Jerry E. Lorenz, president of Lorenz Housewares, will speak on his career and business at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.
- ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS:** Dr. Sergey Averin of the Moscow Physical Engineering Institute will speak on "Soviet Astrophysical Experiments in Space" at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder.
- CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** will have its weekly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.
- CHI ALPHA:** will worship with song, prayer and a Bible study at 7 p.m. in 156 Blocker.
- ASIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION:** will have a meeting to discuss the fundraiser and the picnic at 8:30 p.m. in 026 MSC. There also will be a social at 6 p.m. in 145 MSC.
- LATTER-DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** will have a sandwich seminar at noon in the Institute Building and a LDSA council meeting at 3 p.m. in the same building.
- UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** will have an Aggie supper at 6 p.m. at A&M Presbyterian Church.
- INTRAMURALS:** Wrestling entries close in 159 Read.

Items for What's Up should be submitted to The Battalion, 216 Reed McDonald, no later than three business days before the desired run date. We only publish the name and phone number of the contact if you ask us to do so. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Submissions are run on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no guarantee an entry will run. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3315.

Officials investigate complaints of vote fraud

McALLEN (AP) — Vote fraud complaints already have surfaced in the Super Tuesday primary for Texas, officials said Wednesday.

"The secretary of state's office has received a number of complaints arising out of the absentee voting process for the 1988 primary election, both arising from absentee by personal appearance and absentee by mail," Randall H. Erben, assistant Texas secretary of state, said.

Primary voting at the polls will take place Tuesday in Texas.

At a news conference to discuss the renewal and objectives of the State-Federal Voter Fraud Task Force, Erben said Wednesday authorities are investigating the voter fraud complaints, adding that election inspectors are being deployed in areas reporting them.

"Between 20 and 30 reports of irregularities have been received by our office and they come from all over the state with a special concentration in South Texas," Erben said.

Task force members emphasized

that the state has primary responsibility for integrity of the election. Federal authorities cannot enter polling places to investigate matters except in cases involving racial discrimination.

"One of the principal reasons why many people don't vote is because they don't believe elections are honest, and we hope to encourage people to exercise one of the most precious rights of citizenship they have by doing everything we can to prevent illegal voting," said Henry Oncken, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, based in Houston.

Federal election laws prohibit such activity as vote buying, ballot stuffing (voting more than once), casting illegal absentee ballots, presenting fraudulent evidence of qualifications to vote, illegal voter registration, voter intimidation and conspiracies to encourage illegal voting.

Center produces Shakespeare bibliography

By Cindy Milton
Reporter

Texas A&M's Shakespeare Quarterly is a labor of academic love that keeps William Shakespeare fans from all over the world in touch, says Dr. Harrison T. Meserole, English professor and editor of the annotated bibliography composed annually at A&M.

The Shakespeare Quarterly references more than 4,000 works of and about Shakespeare, who Meserole calls "the world's property." Entries in the quarterly include references to books, articles, poems, plays and reprints of past works about Shakespeare.

All the information about Shakespeare that is collected every year is made available in the quarterly, Meserole said.

"Everybody from every country knows about Shakespeare," he said. "He's not only the world's property, but he's also the world's great interest."

"The number of people who are concerned about him is very large

and it's those people we try to view as our audience. And what we say to them is, 'Here in this book is all the stuff about Shakespeare that we've been able to lay our hands on.'"

The World Shakespeare Bibliography Center, located on the sixth floor of the Blocker Building, is the melting pot of all the information contained in the book, which is published by the Folger Shakespeare Library each year.

Meserole calls the project a labor of love because the people who put the 900-plus-page book together do not get paid for their efforts.

Meserole said an international committee of correspondence with people from about 45 countries submits a great deal of the information. These international works must be converted from foreign characters into Roman letters and translated into English before they can be filed in the center's library.

"We get everything from Arabic to Zulu," Meserole said. Normally, the material sent to A&M from other countries is translated by the corre-

spondents, but in some cases the center must transpose the information, he said.

"In the center at A&M (we have) four graduate students who assist us," he said. "Between us, we can deal with about 20 different languages."

The graduate students, who are all educated in Shakespeare in one way or another, help translate material from such languages as Chinese, Korean, Japanese, German and French, he said.

Some of the material sent to the center, however, isn't easy to translate. For example, Meserole received a book written in Georgian, a language spoken in a small state of the Soviet Union.

"This is one we'll have to fuss with," he said.

Other sources of information that are included in the book come from people who know about the Shakespeare Quarterly and submit their information. For example, writers and researchers will send material to the center, and newspaper clippings,

critiques and reviews are included.

One section of the bibliography is dedicated to plays under the titles of Shakespeare's works. Meserole said this will include the Aggie Players' "King Lear" presentation that will run at Rudder Theater through Saturday.

Meserole says the editing process is just a small part of putting the book together. Collecting information for the quarterly is an ongoing process because a book is published every year, he said.

"We went to press with the 1986 book on the ninth of December," he said. "Meanwhile, we were collecting information for 1987. Next, we'll put the 1987 material in the computer. By midsummer we will complete the input. Then comes the 'dirty work.'"

The "dirty work" includes editing to check the spellings of names. Proofreading and press preparation take about five months to complete. But the work doesn't get boring, Meserole says, because of the constant new information about Shakespeare that is sent to the center.

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