

## Demonstrators picket Richards rally



Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

A group of pro-life supporters gather at the Brazos Center to distribute literature to those attending an Ann Richards gubernatorial

rally. The pro-lifers do not belong to a cohesive group, they merely showed up individually to protest.

## Pro-lifers picket Dem. Richards' campaign speech

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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards received a warm welcome from approximately 120 supporters at the Brazos Center in Bryan Wednesday night. She was also greeted by the first pro-life demonstrators to picket against her pro-choice stance.

About 20 pro-life demonstrators and their children handed out anti-abortion pamphlets to Richards' supporters. They also carried signs showing slogans such as "Save the Whales, Save Human Life" and "Ann: If you won't support life- we won't support you."

"We in the pro-life movement in this area try to come out and bring the fact of the unborn baby before the people, and contact and educate them to keep the issue before the public, when a candidate, who is pro-death (pro-choice) comes to town," said Diane Sarber, who coordinated the demonstration. "I'm sorry to say, but the Democrats don't have much of a choice for governor, as far as voting pro-life because the candidates are all pro-abortion."

"As far as organizing it (the demonstration), it was very loosely organized," Sarber said. "People were just contacted if they wanted to come out and make a statement, and that's what happened."

Sarber said the pro-life demonstrators were protesting Ann Rich-

ards' stance as well as other pro-choice candidates. She said they missed Attorney General Jim Mattox's College Station appearances Oct. 25 and 27 because they were busy with their personal lives and they just missed it.

"We will come out for any one (candidate) that will not support life for the unborn," Sarber said.

Margaret Reese, a pro-life supporter from Bryan, said she came out to tell pro-choice politicians that there are many pro-lifers in Texas.

"The grassroots are much broader than organized politics realize," Reese said. "There are so many people out there that are even untouched that maybe are not participating."

When questioned about the picketing pro-life supporters outside, Richards said, "That's the first time that's ever happened, but I certainly respect their right to speak and to express their opinion."

"I have very strong feelings that most of those people do not realize that there are thousands of children in this state who are not cared for at present in the United States, over 40 percent of (whom) live in poverty," Richards continued. "I also think that it is fundamental for a woman to make that choice. A legislator or congressman or bureaucrat can't make that decision for her."

Richards said it saddens her that such people are single issue voters when the state of Texas is facing so many other problems.

## Richards calls education No. 1 priority

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Education is the key to solving the crime and economic problems of Texas, state treasurer and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Ann Richards said Wednesday in Bryan.

Richards gave the same type of motivational speech to about 120 people attending her dinner/fundraiser at the Brazos Center as the speech that brought her instant national fame at the Democratic National Convention in 1988.

"There is no single issue facing Texas as important as the education of our children," said Richards, who is a former junior high school teacher. "If we do not do our job in education, then all our work on the economy

and in criminal justice will be lost."

Richards said high technology is critical to Texas' economic future and that education is key to the success of creating jobs in Texas' high technology fields.

"Our job is to educate a work force that is prepared to work with the high technology," Richards said. "If we don't start investing in our children's brains, instead of investing in astroturf, then Texas is in trouble."

Richards criticized the state for not working to decrease the high dropout rate of teachers from Texas public schools. This rate is due to inefficient bureaucratic management of teachers by the Texas Education Agency in Austin, she said. Too much money is being spent on bureaucrats, Richards said, and not enough on teachers and children.

Richards said the only way to decrease

crime in Texas is to increase prisoner rehabilitation and to decrease the number of school dropouts. She quoted figures stating 80 percent of persons in the Texas Department of Corrections are high school dropouts and 85 percent committed the crime under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

Richards called for more investment in education to break the crime cycle in Texas in which uneducated prisoners are released from TDC facilities, but return to their old ways because they have no alternative, such as getting a job. Crime becomes their only alternative, which ends up costing the state once again. She also called for alcohol and drug rehabilitation of prisoners for the same reason.

Richards also said the state needs a health care plan to meet the needs of suburban areas of the state. She suggested training paramedi-

cal professionals also so they can transport injured persons to larger urban hospitals.

Richards criticized Mattox' plan to fund education in Texas with a state lottery because it is an unstable source of income for future generations. She suggested using lottery revenue for the general revenue funds of the state.

On public finance in Texas, Richards said she supports a temporary tax increase, because she sees no other way to meet the court order to fix the system, due by May. She said the real problem with any other system, other than a temporary tax increase, is that it takes time to do audits that determine how much money is needed and where it needs to be spent. Also, a new system takes from 18 months to two years to take effect.

## Mobley denounces racist acts

Racism is unacceptable at Texas A&M, President William Mobley said Wednesday about last week's vandalism to the anti-apartheid shack on campus.

"I am appalled to learn that racial slurs have been painted on the anti-apartheid display and that other isolated acts of vandalism have occurred at that site," Mobley said. "Such acts of intolerance cannot and will not be tolerated."

"Without making preliminary judgment about who was responsible for these acts," Mobley continued. "I call on everyone on campus — and indeed throughout the community — to exhibit tolerance and respect of each individual's right to peaceful expression and to eliminate any vestige of racial or ethnic bigotry, whether verbal or behavioral."

## A&M reacts to East Germany's freedoms

By Andrea Warrenburg

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It was an historic moment. A moment that sent chills up and down the spines of millions of people across the globe. After 28 years, the border between East and West Berlin was abolished. But to many, the chills meant different things.

"My first reaction was amazement," said Teyhit Koprucu, a junior business major from Stuttgart, in southwestern West Germany. "I didn't know what to think. I couldn't believe they really opened up the border."

Woulf Koepke, an A&M German professor from Lubeck, near the border of East Germany, said, "At

first it was a big party. Now the people need to sober up and realize the great opportunity they have."

A Texas A&M historian said it was an event that will live forever in the history books, but also will be haunted by the past.

"It is remarkable to live through times where everything changes," said Arnold Krammer, an A&M history professor who has written extensively on German history. "This event may lead to reunification and that scares the daylight out of everyone. They would be about 80 million people strong. If you'll remember, whenever Germany has become strong in the past we have had a world war."

"East Germany is a country without a history," Krammer said. "It

was a political creation in 1945. And if the politics change, there is no reason for it to remain."

To a political scientist, it is a surface change with unforeseen consequences.

"The (East German) government has lost its authority derived from the Kremlin," John Roberson, A&M associate professor of political science, said. "Now that this is gone, they can't impose sanctions legitimately."

Roberson said the unforeseen consequences below the surface raise these questions: What will happen to Germany? And what will happen to the European Community?

In terms of what will happen to Germany, Roberson said if the two countries reunify, Germany will

have a difficult time remaining committed to the Western alliance. If they don't reunify, the only way West Germany can live with East Germany is to form some kind of democratic society.

In December, 12 European countries will meet in Strasbourg, France, to discuss the formation of a common European market with a common currency.

Roberson said West Germany is the most important member of the European community and the other countries want West Germany to be the location for the central bank. Now that the Berlin Wall is no longer a barrier, the other countries are afraid it will hinder the European coalition efforts.

To an economist, the world is witnessing the collapse of socialism and the rise of capitalism.

"It was a marvelous event," Dr. Morgan Reynolds, A&M economics professor, said. "There is now widespread recognition that freedom serves for wealth and slavery serves for poverty."

"But we may see horror stories along the way in how the leadership evolves," Reynolds said. "We can't rule out a Tiananmen Square boomerang. But it looks optimistic."

All agree that the opening of the western borders and ending the division of what was once a common people is a landmark event, but there are many other factors involved.

## Walesa vows aid will not get wasted

Says economic help better than military

WASHINGTON (AP) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, saluted on his historic visit to Congress with cheers, whistles and four standing ovations, told lawmakers Wednesday that U.S. aid to Poland "will not be wasted, and will never be forgotten."

He asked for more investment to help pull a bankrupt Polish economy from "the verge of utter catastrophe" and said such assistance in peacetime is "better than tanks, warships and warplanes."

In an emotional speech recounting the nine-year struggle of his union to form the first non-communist government in the Soviet bloc, Walesa gave thanks to Congress and the American people for years of support and words of admiration.

"These are appreciated, but being a worker and a man of concrete work, I must tell you that the supply of words on the world market is plentiful, but the demand is falling. Let deeds follow words now," said the mustachioed 46-year-old former shipyard electrician.

Walesa's triumphant visit to the nation's capital continued Wednesday.

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## Questions about drugs answered by telephone

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An occasional marijuana user begins to wonder about the long-term effects of the drug. An anxious mother discovers a plastic baggie of cocaine in her son's room. A smoker with a three-pack-a-day habit wants information on the best way to quit. These people now have a quick, anonymous place to turn.

The Community Drug Education System, developed by Luby's Cafeteria, combines a computer disk and telephone technologies to provide timely drug and alcohol educational information through a local access number, 268-1594. Once the number is reached, callers can access any of

55 pre-recorded messages with the help of a menu that lists the three-digit code for each message.

The formal dedication was made Wednesday at the Bryan Council Chambers. Bryan Mayor Marvin Tate and College Station Mayor Larry Ringer accepted the system on behalf of the cities from Luby's Vice President of Marketing Vernon Schrader.

A special system and menu also have been developed for Texas A&M.

CDES can be accessed from anywhere in Bryan and College Station free of charge. It was initiated by the Just Say No Foundation. The system received the President's Citation for Private Sector Initiatives Award in 1988.

## Committee hears arguments in tenure case for biology prof

By Julie Myers

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Closing arguments and testimony were presented Wednesday in the open tenure hearing of Assistant Professor of Biology Lynn Lamoreux.

Lamoreux, 56, who was eligible for tenure and a promotion in 1987, is contesting her denial of tenure on the basis of age and sex discrimination. In the biology department, as in most departments, assistant professors up for promotion and tenure are voted on by all tenured professors in the department. In Lamoreux's case, two separate votes were taken; both times a majority supported her promotion and tenure.

However, Department of Biology head Timothy Hall did not support the action.

Lamoreux subsequently appealed the decision and was directed to the Tenure Advisory Committee, where both sides presented their cases.

The Tenure Advisory Committee supported Lamo-

reux and her charges of sex discrimination and violation of due process, although they did not find evidence of age discrimination.

Lamoreux charges discrimination on three grounds. She contends she was denied use of necessary research equipment. She also cites age and sex discrimination as reasons she was not allowed to attend a symposium in Germany. Finally, she says she was required to submit research grant proposals ahead of the deadline.

In general, Lamoreux has been criticized for an apparent inability to communicate effectively with students and in work submitted for publication.

After the Tenure Advisory Committee completed its review of the case, the matter was presented to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald McDonald who then directed the case to the Committee on Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure.

Based on the two weeks of testimony, the Committee is expected to make its final decision in mid-December as to whether Lamoreux receives tenure and promotion.