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Committee works to ensure alcohol-free Bonfire '92

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With the raising of centerpole last Thursday, and bonfire exactly 22 days away, Texas A&M students are beginning to make plans for bonfire night. The Bonfire Alcohol Awareness Committee hopes that Aggies include intelligent consumption of alcohol in their plans.

The Bonfire Alcohol Awareness Committee has been in existence for four years.

It was started in 1989, because bonfire had gained the reputation of being a wild and drunken party.

Cans and bottles strewn around bonfire sight, complaints by residents in nearby houses of garbage and drunken revelers urinating on their lawns caused University officials to reduce alcohol

consumption at bonfire.

"Technically and legally you're not supposed to have alcohol any public place on campus and that includes the bonfire field," said Lynann Moses, assistant coordinator of the Center for Drug Prevention and Education - The Rainbow Center - and chair of the Bonfire Alcohol Awareness Committee.

"So, we started this campaign to minimize and eventually reduce alcohol consumption at bonfire."

The committee is comprised of 20 student leaders from various organizations including Residence Hall Association, the Corps of Cadets, Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol, and Off-Campus Aggies. The alcohol awareness committee is a sub-committee of the larger University Bonfire Advisory Committee, which includes committees on

safety and health, environmental issues and other university leaders.

Moses said that the committee hopes to let students and the community know that the University is serious about reducing alcohol at bonfire, and is concerned with the safety considerations involving bonfire.

One of the new challenges the committee is facing this year is the new location of the bonfire. Moses said although the University Police Department and College Station Police Department will be working together to monitor the three major intersections around the bonfire sight, the committee is concerned with people frequenting the drinking establishments along University Drive and Texas Avenue before and after bonfire.

"One of our concerns is that there are all kinds of restaurants and drinking establishments

along there that people will be there early partying all day and they will try to cross the streets to bonfire," Moses said. "When we get our posters out, we are just going to saturate the area and we're going to ask them what their plan is to do bonfire night to reduce the consumption."

Establishments do have a certain amount of liability when it comes to serving intoxicated people."

At bonfire, Moses said there will be a holding area for UPD and a College Station judge will be there to adjudicate people for crimes such as minors in possession and public intoxication. The committee is also working with businesses and publications on and off campus to let people know about the campaign. Publicity will include committee members appearing on KAMU-TV's 15 Magazine and radio stations along

with the donation of 500 t-shirts from AT&T. Jennifer ReAux, graduate assistant for the The Rainbow Center, said that students often don't relate bonfire as a tradition with the seriousness of other traditions on campus.

"One of the main things we're trying to emphasize is that bonfire isn't just a big party - it's a tradition," said ReAux. "No one would ever, ever think twice about going to Silver Taps or Muster drunk."

"Bonfire is the symbol of the burning desire of Aggies beating the hell outta t.u.," ReAux continued. "It's a time when we all come together."

The committee will begin its strong push for students to control drinking the week of November 16 and Moses hopes that students will listen.

"We're not promoting abstinence in drinking," said Moses. "We're promoting responsibility."



Candidates use final strategies as election ends

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Bill Clinton charged confidently through a final, grueling day of campaigning

Monday, beckoning voters to "embrace new ideas" after 12 years of Republican presidents. George Bush predicted a poll-defying upset and attacked his rival to the end as "slippery when wet."

Ross Perot purchased two hours of election-eve network advertising and skewered both his rivals as men who "don't know how to create jobs, don't know how to manage money, don't know how to build businesses."

Democracy's most sacred rite was already under way in Texas, where polling places opened on Oct. 14. Officials said more than one million voters had already marked their ballots.

Nationwide, there were estimates that the votes could total 100 million on Tuesday, not only to pick a president, but 35 senators, a new House of Representatives, a dozen governors, and countless state and local leaders.

Clinton was the leader in all the nationwide polls as the three rivals reached for the finish line. A 50-state survey by ABC said the Democrat was either clearly ahead or leading in states with 295 elec-

toral votes, more than the 270 needed for victory. Bush was clearly ahead or leading in states with 81 electoral votes in the survey, with the balance of the states rated as toss-ups. The Arkansas



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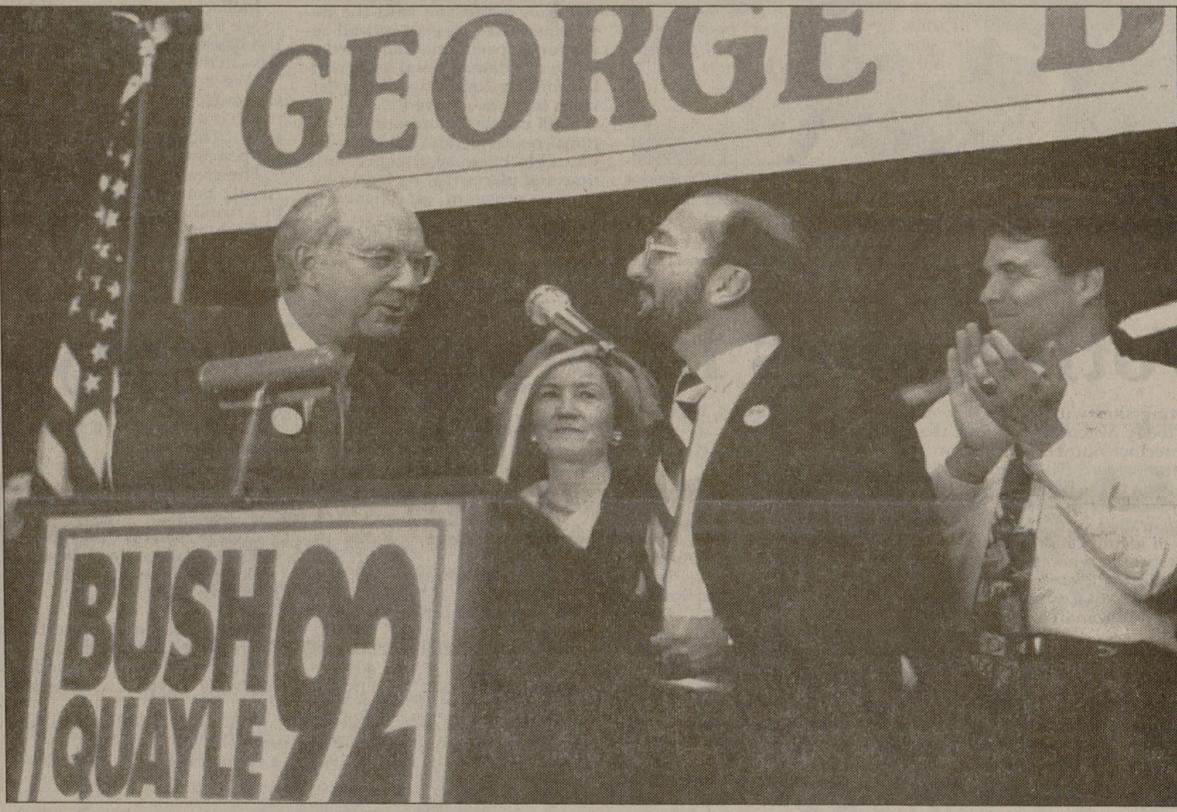
Perot

governor tested the limits of human endurance with his last and longest day as a candidate - 29 hours of campaigning through nine states before returning home to Little Rock. Aboard his jet was his physician, Dr. James Y. Suen, to offer treatment for a cracking voice.

Outside a diner in Philadelphia, Clinton said the election was a "fight between the comfort of the status quo and the courage to embrace new ideas."

"We must have a new economic policy," he said later in Ohio. "No more trickle down, not tax and spend, but put the American people first, invest in our jobs, control our health care costs, provide education to all our people. And we can be the greatest country in the world forever."

Clinton linked himself to America's heroes, telling supporters that when they vote on Tuesday, they could honor the ideas of Jefferson and Washington, the sacrifice of Lincoln, the optimism of the Roosevelts, and "the commitment to the future of John Kennedy."



BILLY MORAN/The Battalion

Sen. Phil Gramm is welcomed by David Carraba of the Gooseneck Trailer Manufacturing Co. Standing behind them are Kay Bailey Hutchinson, state treasurer, and Rick Perry, state agriculture commissioner. Gramm visited the Bryan trailer manufacturer as part of a three-day 21 city tour of Texas small businesses promoting the Bush-Quayle campaign. Gramm said that if Bill Clinton is elected, small businesses like Gooseneck Trailer, with 127 employees, would suffer under inflated taxes. Gramm predicted Bush will win the greatest come-from-behind victory in history. Perry compared the presidency of George Bush to a trailer his father bought from Gooseneck. "He bought that trailer over 20 years ago," he said. "It's still working, just like the presidency of George Bush will still be effective in 4 years."

GM calls on outsider to tackle finances

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - General Motors Corp. on Monday carried out the largest management shakeup in its history, naming an outsider as chairman and betting on the man who resurrected the troubled company's European operations.

Moving to decisively reverse a staggering financial and competitive slide, the GM board of directors also halved the dividend on common stock, to 80 cents a year, a move expected to save \$500 million a year. It was the second cut since February 1991.

GM announced these moves: -John C. Smale, 65, former chairman of Procter & Gamble Co., becomes chairman of the board but won't run the company. Smale was behind the beginning of the shakeup in GM's upper management in April.

-John F. "Jack" Smith, 54, becomes chief executive officer in addition to president and chief operating officer. Smith became president

in April and has been in charge of enormous cuts to GM's cash-bleeding North American operations.

-William Hoglund, 58, an executive vice president, joins the board and becomes Smith's top assistant in North America. Hoglund had been chief financial officer. He was put in charge of a new area - the Corporate Affairs and Staff Support Group.

Four senior executives, including former chairman and chief executive officer Robert Stempel have retired. Stempel, 59, will remain an adviser. Also gone are Lloyd E. Reuss, 56, who was demoted from president in April to an executive vice presidency; Robert J. Schultz, 62, vice chairman of the board and chairman and chief executive of GM Hughes Electronics Corp.; and F. Alan Smith, executive vice president of the corporate support group. The departures of Schultz and Stempel opened two board seats. Reuss and Alan Smith lost their seats in April. The board also reduced its own size from a minimum of 15 members to 12,

meaning that former GM Chairman Roger Smith could be forced out when his term expires in May.

New chief financial officer G. Richard Waggoner is only 39, among the youngest CFOs of major U.S. corporations.

Louis R. Hughes, 43, named president of GM-Europe earlier this year, was elected an executive vice president.

Harry J. Pearce, 50, was elected corporate vice president of GM and chairman of Hughes, succeeding Schultz. Pearce, who has been GM's general counsel, will remain in that role and will chair EDS Corp., the Dallas-based computer services company GM bought from Ross Perot in 1984. GM's stock closed up \$1.121/8 a share to \$31.871/2 on the New York Stock Exchange.

With the new management team beside him during a news conference after the board meeting, Jack Smith said recent rumors that GM might be forced to consider bankruptcy reorganization were ridiculous.

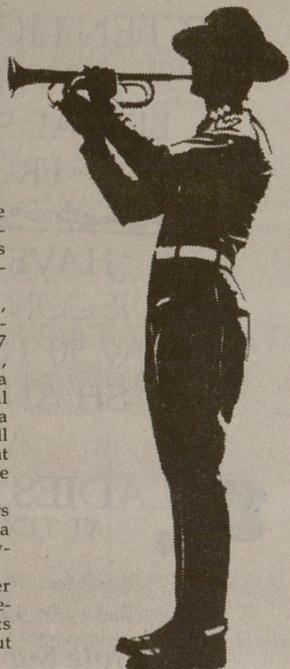
Silver Taps honors two tonight

A Silver Taps ceremony will be held tonight in front of the Academic Building to honor two students who died during the month of October.

Henry Stanley Langendorf, Jr., 24, an industrial engineering graduate student who died October 17 in a car accident in Hempstead, and Roy Pereira Sebastian, a wildlife fisheries sciences doctoral student, who died October 24 in a car accident in Corpus Christi, will be honored at 10:30 tonight in front of the Academic Building near the statue of Sul Ross.

Members of the Ross Volunteers will honor the fallen Aggies with a 21-gun salute followed by the playing of "Silver Taps."

The Memorial Student Center chimes will ring prior to the ceremony at 10:15 p.m. as the lights around campus are turned off out of respect for the two honorees.



Student forum to promote leadership

By GINA HOWARD

Reporter of THE BATTALION

The John Ben Shepperd Student Leadership Forum will be held Nov. 14 in the Memorial Student Center.

The forum, which is sponsored by MSC Student Development, will give students a chance to exchange ideas with some proven

leaders from Bryan-College Station and all over Texas.

"Basically it encourages students to be leaders on all levels," said senior marketing major Tony Martellotto, director of the forum. "The forum is important because many students are aware of only A&M. This opens up your eyes to things outside of campus."

Last year the leadership forum targeted students from the college

of business administration, but Martellotto said the program was moved to the MSC so it would be non-college specific.

"You don't have to want to be a senator to get something out of this forum, you just have to want to be a leader in whatever you do."

It is important for students of all majors to take part, he said.

"Whatever the topic may be,

positive ideas and exchanges are good for the nation and the future," Martellotto said.

Registration forms can be picked up in 216 MSC. There is a five dollar registration fee and lunch will be provided.

For more information please contact Tony Martellotto at the Student Programs Office at 845-1515.