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## Candidates competing for Bentsen's seat discuss Senate race



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Fifteen U.S. Senate candidates speak at a forum hosted by the Texas A&M chapter of United We Stand, America, and MSC Political Forum.

By MICHAEL PLUMER

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Fifteen of the candidates vying for Lloyd Bentsen's vacated U.S. Senate seat discussed issues ranging from health care reform to the North American Free Trade Agreement at a Monday night forum in Rudder Theater.

The main topic of conversation centered around the five candidates who didn't attend the forum, the "Big Five," which includes State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Rep. Jack Fields, U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, Richard Fisher and incumbent Bob Krueger.

"I would call them the elitist candidates," Independent candi-

date Lou Zaeske said. "They have special PAC (Political Action Committee) money that we don't have. It seems those guys don't feel obligated to the people that they will be serving."

"They probably won't return calls from constituents if they are elected to serve in Washington," he said.

Republican candidate Chuck Stibley raised the question that maybe the absent candidates have something to hide.

"I find it difficult to understand why my opponent(s) is not here," Stibley said, referring to the five absent candidates. "Why would he not be here to answer questions? The answer is because he

might give the wrong answer."

Libertarian Rick Draheim had his own view on why the five did not attend the forum. "There is only so much public humiliation they can stand," he said.

When the discussion turned towards campaign issues, the candidates found that they stood on the same ground in their opposition to national health insurance.

"I don't favor it," Republican candidate Clymer Wright said. "What we need to do is improve private care. We have the finest health care system in the world."

"To stay away from national health care, we need to create pools for small business and cut costs in the private sector," he

said. Socialized medicine has worked in Canada and Mexico, Republican candidate Herber Spiro said, but it will not work in the United States.

"All it does is reinforce the position of the lower classes who have to use it," Spiro said. "If the federal government becomes involved, then it could become a mess. I favor Texas over the Feds any day."

Zaeske took a different approach. He said that instead of socializing medicine, the law profession should be socialized.

"In the Dallas phone book

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## LA readies city for King verdict

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LOS ANGELES - Hundreds of National Guard troops reported to staging areas Monday and civil rights leaders pleaded for restraint as a federal jury deliberated the case of four policemen accused of beating Rodney King.

Shielded from the public's jitters and the police buildup, the 12 jurors resumed their talks after meeting Easter Sunday afternoon.

Scores of TV trucks, satellite dishes at the ready, surrounded the downtown courthouse.

Across town, guardsmen banged their rifle butts on the bed

of a troop truck in a display of spirit at California National Guard headquarters in Inglewood.

About 600 guardsmen reported to area armories by Monday morning and the Police Department put 200 extra officers on the streets at all times in case a verdict in the case triggered violence.

Operations will be routine until the jury reaches a verdict, both agencies said.

"Unless there is a call for more, they are going to be here going through some drills, training, probably double-checking their equipment," said guard Capt. Lisa Corraiva.

## 'Nay' to the KKK

Faculty Senate unanimously votes against support of Klu Klux Klan rally

By JENNIFER SMITH

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The Texas A&M University Faculty Senate on Monday condemned a scheduled appearance of the Ku Klux Klan in College Station, calling the organization's values "myopic and divisive."

The April 24 rally, which was announced March 30, was immediately condemned by University President William Mobley.

Steven Oberhelman, associate professor of modern languages, said it is important for the faculty to condemn publicly the KKK rally.

"We need to show our students where we stand on the subject of this rally," Oberhelman said.

The Faculty Senate passed the resolution by a unanimous vote.

The resolution states, "As scholars and educators, we welcome and promote the kind of intellectual and cultural diversity that the Klan consistently has abhorred. We therefore both reject and resent indications by the KKK that our University community would provide them a fertile area for recruitment."

Yinoo Tang, a professor of chemistry, said the University's announced disapproval of the KKK rally was not an adequate response.

"If the University is so much against it, why can't the administration do as much as they can to advertise their (the KKK's)

views," Tang said. "Why don't we show the public what the KKK really is, and what they really do?"

"They want to show their propaganda, so we should show what they really are," he said.

Members of the Senate urged people not to attend the rally because it adds people to their attendance counts which inflates the group's credibility among the general public.

The Senate also announced two alternate programs to be conducted during the KKK rally from 1 to 4 p.m.

Multicultural Services will hold a meeting at the Drill Field, and the Diversity and Equality Coalition, a student organization, will hold a meeting in front of the Academic Building.

The Senate also recommended that the executive committee re-evaluate notification of the Good Friday holiday.

Traditionally, students have not been relieved from classes on Good Friday until the governor proclaims the day as an official holiday the week before Easter. Some members of the Senate believe the announcement does not give students and professors enough notice and poses scheduling problems.

In other business, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution that will attempt to keep the Senate involved in the selection process of a University president and senior vice president and provost.

## It's all up hill from here



JOHN GARBER/Special to The Battalion

Mike Gross, a senior wildlife and fisheries science major looks to the top of the rockface climb event at the Intercollegiate Health and

Fitness fair. The fair travels to over 50 schools nationwide and will be at Rudder Fountain from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

## NATO starts enforcing no-fly zone over Bosnia

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - NATO warplanes patrolled above an overcast Bosnia on Monday to begin enforcing a U.N. no-fly zone in the first flexing of the alliance's military muscle outside its territory.

Among the planes was a French Mirage 2000 that went down in the Adriatic Sea, Pentagon sources said.

The USS Roosevelt aircraft carrier launched a search mission for the pilot, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The flights were meant to impress Bosnian Serbs of new resolve to enforce U.N. resolutions meant to end Bosnia's civil war.

Operation Deny Flight had more political than military significance. The year-long war has primarily been fought with artillery

tanks and infantry. NATO pilots were under strict orders to shoot only as a last resort.

Bosnian Serbs bombarded the besieged eastern town of Srebrenica with renewed ferocity Monday. U.N. officials said at least 56 people died in an hour-long barrage.

Allied planes are policing Bosnia from bases in Italy across the Adriatic. Two U.S. Air Force F-15 jet fighters, two French Mirage 2000s and two Dutch F-16s flew

the first mission. AWACs surveillance planes manned by multinational crews and Navy jets on the Roosevelt also are participating.

NATO officials declined to discuss specifically how violators would be dealt with. They said previously that NATO pilots would try to order violators back home or force them to land. Shooting down violators would be the last resort.

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## Koldus remembers 20 years as VP at Texas A&M

By MARY KUJAWA

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Three messages sat on the desk of Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services. None was from anyone he knew. The messages only said, "I talked to someone who mentioned your name. I was wondering if you can help me."

Messages of this type are not unusual to Koldus, and it will not be out of the ordinary for Koldus to return all three calls and offer his assistance in whatever way possible.

"The uniqueness of A&M is people helping each other," he said. "It's the whole idea of the

Aggie family."

Koldus will retire from his position on Aug. 31 after 20 years of service at Texas A&M. However, he will not leave the Aggie family entirely.

"I'm cutting off the ties administratively," Koldus said. "However, I will remain indirectly connected to the University by remaining in contact with the people."

One way Koldus has maintained close contact with students is through his traditional weekly luncheons.

Koldus began the luncheons several years ago. He invites 20 students to lunch every week, alternating between a freshmen luncheon and an upperclassmen lun-

cheon.

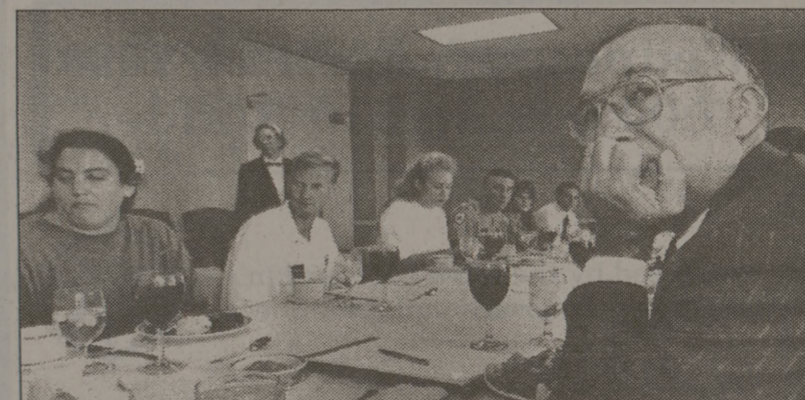
"At the freshmen luncheons, I ask the questions and they do all the talking," Koldus said.

After the luncheon, he makes a chart of all the participants and sends it to the students, so they can have the names of everyone they have met.

He said warmth and personality are the ideas behind the luncheons. They are just another way of making the big (the University) smaller, he said.

"A small, comfortable group makes the big place better," Koldus said.

He often invites faculty and staff to the upperclassmen lun-



Battalion file photo

Dr. John Koldus (far right) listens to some students share thoughts about Texas A&M at one of his famous student luncheons. Koldus is retiring after 20 years of service to A&M.

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