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George Bush Jr. aims at gubernatorial bid

Former president's son files papers to establish campaign committee

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — George W. Bush, eldest son of the former president and general partner of the Texas Rangers baseball team, Wednesday moved closer to launching a 1994 gubernatorial bid.

While stopping short of a formal declaration, Bush filed papers with the Texas Ethics Commission establishing a campaign committee that can raise money for the Republican primary in March.

"I will run because of my commitment to Texas and my concern

for its future," Bush said in a statement. "Texans want an expanding economy that creates jobs and opportunity, less government, safer communities and better schools for their children. I am committed to reaching those goals."

Bush, 46, is expected to make a final announcement after baseball season.

Should Bush be the GOP nominee to challenge Democratic Gov. Ann Richards, it would set up a battle both Republicans and Democrats say they'll savor.

Richards, a political star since her 1988 Democratic National Convention keynote address lam-

basting the elder Bush, is preparing to seek a second term.

George W. Bush, who served as adviser and confidante in his father's campaigns, has stumped for state and local Republican candidates for years. He's built a vast reservoir of good will among the GOP rank and file, party leaders say.

"He's a real, live Texan. He's very forthright, he's very honest, he's very blunt. He's also very, very well-liked," said Texas GOP Chairman Fred Meyer.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, a longtime friend, looks forward to being on the 1994 GOP ticket with Bush.

"The kind of person he is, and the kind of candidate he'll make, are basically the same. People re-

ally enjoy being around him," Perry said. "He's got a great sense of humor, and he's not hung up on who he is, who his father is, what he's done."

Democrats say Bush is a political novice, who's only solo political experience was an unsuccessful 1978 bid for Congress.

"The fact is, no amount of money from his daddy's rich friends can make young Bush qualified to be governor of Texas. He simply doesn't have the qualifications," said Ed Martin, Democratic Party executive director.

Karl Rove, an Austin political consultant working for Bush, disputes such criticism.

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Hijackers commandeer Russian jet

Three Iranians force plane down in Norway, request political asylum

The Associated Press

ULLENSAKER, Norway — Three hijackers brandishing grenades and explosives forced a Russian jetliner with 52 people aboard to land in Norway on Wednesday. Police said the air pirates asked for political asylum.

Regional Police Chief Knut Austad said all 10 women and seven children aboard were let off the Aeroflot aircraft two hours later. A Justice Ministry spokeswoman said they were allowed off the plane to rest and eat, and it was not clear whether the hijackers had demanded their return.

The jet sat in the dark, surrounded by ambulances, fire engines, and armored vehicles. About 300 heavily armed military and police troops were deployed at the airport.

Police spokesman Per Jarle Hellevik said the hijackers "came with one demand. They wanted to make sure they were really in Oslo. Negotiations are going on in English and Russian."

The Tupolev-134 jet was en route from Azerbaijan when it was seized over southern Russia. It was forced to land near Kiev to take on fuel and an English-speaking Ukrainian navigator, before flying to Norway.

The pilot, Capt. Mikhail Osavin, said the hijackers threatened the crew with hand grenades and explosives, said a Russian security spokesman, Alexei Zakharov.

After the plane landed at the sealed-off and darkened Gardermoen charter airport, one man left the jet, and was driven to the control tower in a Civil Aviation Board car, the national news agency, NTB reported. He was driven back in five minutes and reboarded.

"They are talking and it is in English," said Bjarne Myrstad, a special government spokesman.

No demands preceded the asylum request, he said. Another spokesman, Dag Amundsen, said there were at least three, possibly four hijackers.

Ukrainian and Azerbaijani officials said the hijackers were Iranians, linked to the radical Shiite Muslim Hezbollah militia of Lebanon, but no government spokesmen could confirm that.

Norway was the site of the breakthrough peace talks between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Radical Islamic groups in the Middle East have denounced the agreement and have vowed to disrupt any peace efforts.

About 100 heavily armed members of Norway's special Delta Troop force, wearing bulletproof vests, arrived at the airport with armored jeeps and black, box-like trailers. The NTB news agency said it "had reason to believe the trailers contained weapons."

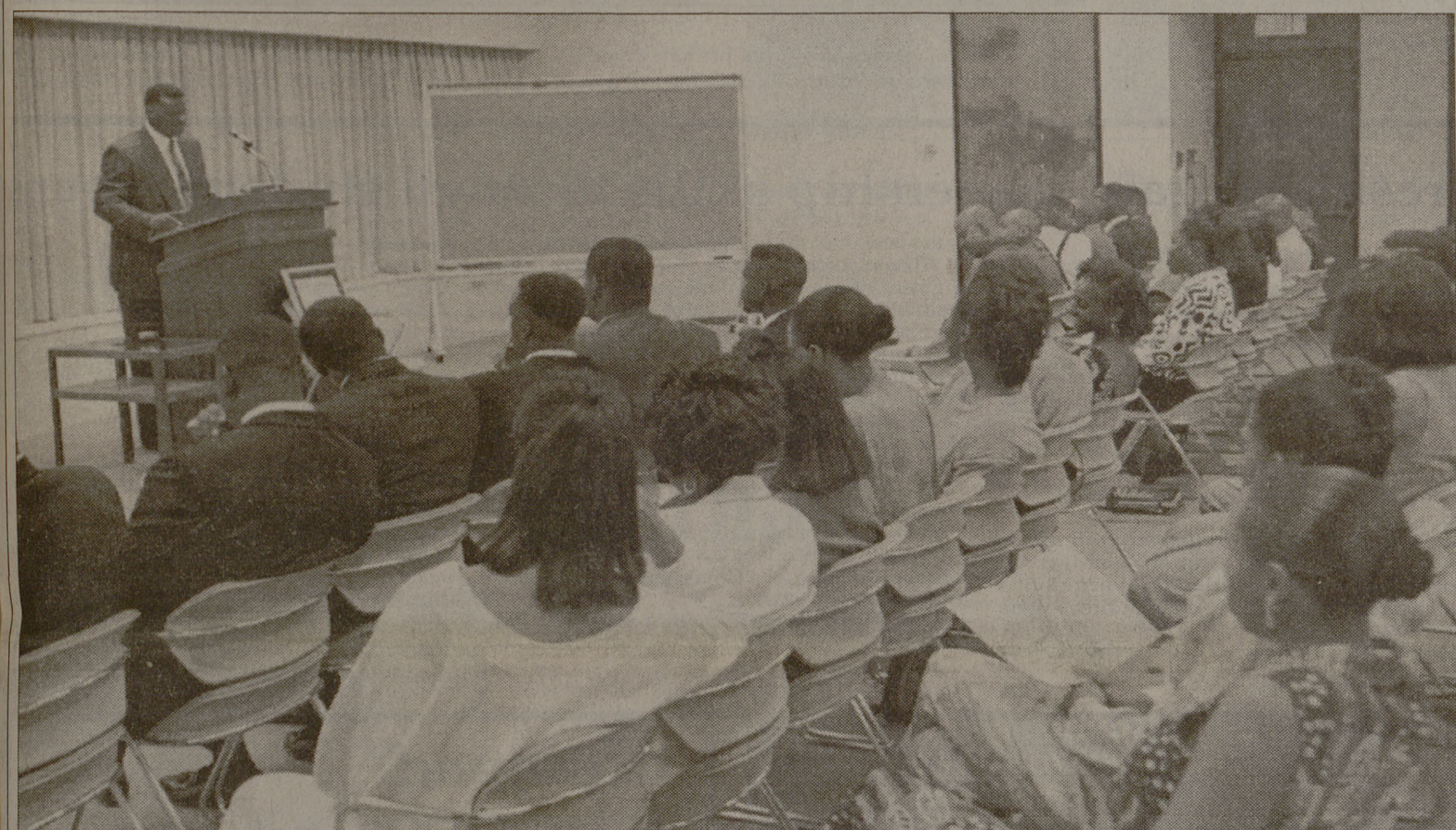
Three military helicopters flew over the airport. According to NTB, one landed at the airport with lights off.

A policeman at the airport near Kiev said the hijackers had offered to release the female passengers, but the women refused to leave the plane.

The jet flew across the Baltic Sea and Sweden before landing in drizzly weather about 3 1/2 hours later at Gardermoen, 25 miles north of Oslo.

The jet had been en route from the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, to Perm in the Ural Mountains when the hijackers diverted it to Ukraine, authorities in Russia said.

Alpha Phi Alpha anniversary



Varnell Hopkins III/The BATTALION

Carl E. Carey Jr., class of '92 and an admissions counselor at A&M, speaks about social and historical issues to his fellow fratern-

ternity brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha and other attendees at the fraternity's eighth charter anniversary Wednesday night.

LSU provost appointed as A&M dean of engineering

By Cheryl Heller

THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents is expected to confirm at its Friday meeting a Louisiana State University official to head several Texas A&M engineering programs, A&M officials said.

Dr. C. Roland Haden, current vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost at LSU, will assume the positions of vice chancellor for the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), dean of the College of Engineering for Texas A&M University and director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station on Oct. 15, subject to the regents' confirmation.

System Chancellor William H. Mobley and Texas A&M

University Interim President Dr. E. Dean Gage made the announcement of Haden's selection last Friday.

"We are delighted that a person with Dr. Haden's leadership and academic credentials will be joining us and leading our engineering programs to the next level of excellence," Mobley and Gage said in a joint statement.

Haden received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1961, a master of science degree from the California Institute of Technology in 1962 and earned his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin in 1965.

He is a former Texas A&M faculty member and was named director of the Institute of Solid State Electronics in 1969.

State executions increasing across the nation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — States already have executed 32 prisoners this year, 14 in Texas alone, and more than in any year since 1962. The pace likely will quicken because federal courts are "more and more willing to let states pull the switch," one death penalty foe said Wednesday.

When 31-year-old murderer Joe Louis Wise went to Virginia's electric chair late Tuesday, he became the 220th person executed in America since 1977, when Gary Gilmore's death before a Utah firing squad ended a 10-year hiatus for capital punishment.

Last year there were 31 executions.

"The death penalty is the violent response of a violent society to the violence it both fears and is fascinated by," said Herman Schwartz, an American University law professor. "Violence in movies and television is perva-

Death penalty upheld for man who raped A&M student

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — The death sentence of a man who has confessed to six crimes in which females ranging from ages 13 to 72 were killed or brutalized was upheld Wednesday by the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Serial killer Daniel Lee Corwin was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to die in the 1987 deaths of Debra Ewing, 26, in July in Montgomery County; Alice Martin, 72, in February in Robertson County; and Mary Risinger, 36, on Halloween in Walker County.

In each case, Corwin was found to have kid-

napped, raped, and stabbed his victims, according to court records. Two of them also were strangled.

Corwin was also found guilty of two attempted murders before and after the three offenses in 1987.

In 1975, he abducted a high school classmate, raped her, slashed her throat, stabbed her in the heart and left her for dead, according to court records. The woman lived, and Corwin was later assessed a 40-year sentence for the offense. He was paroled after serving nine years.

In October 1988, Corwin abducted a Texas A&M student in her own vehicle, raped her, tied her arms around a tree and slashed and stabbed her throat, according to court records. She also survived.

sive, so it must be a popular commodity. The death penalty represents revenge against vicious people whose exploits are portrayed in movies and on television."

Schwartz called death penalty opponents "a feeble minority."

Leigh Dingerson of the National Coalition to Abolish the

Death Penalty called the rising numbers of executions "discouraging but not wholly unexpected." "The number of men and women on death rows is approaching 3,000. It's inevitable more of them will be exhausting their appeals," she said.

Dingerson said the nation's

courts have grown impatient with capital punishment disputes. "We're seeing more and more cases tossed out of the courts, especially federal courts, that would have been heard five years ago," she said. "The courts are more and more willing to let states pull the switch."

Student Government to implement MAPS

Multicultural Awareness Program to inform youths about race diversity

By Kim McGuire

THE BATTALION

A new Student Government program attempting to promote multicultural awareness among Bryan and College Station area students is in the planning stages and will begin next spring semester.

MAPS (Multiculturalism Awareness Programs) is an attempt to inform local youths about different cultures and ideas in a fun and educational environment, said Ric Gonzalez, director of A&M's multicultural services and development.

Gonzalez said the program is in its initial planning stages, and a lot of work is left to be done.

"We have the logistics to work out still but the program is built on a good idea," Gonzalez said. "Everything is falling into place, so when the spring comes around, it will all be finished."

MAPS will be similar to the U-ACT program, which sponsors a retreat for student organizations and stresses multicultural awareness, Gonzalez said.

"We're considering sponsoring a retreat for junior and high school students and possibly going to the elementaries," he said. "We'd like to bring them into a college setting because they'll be more apt to learn something in a different environment."

Gonzalez said MAPS will target area youth to "create multicultural minds."

"We want to try teaching them about multiculturalism while they're still young and impressionable," he said. "Hopefully, it will make an impact on them, and they'll care about their future and want to do something in return."

Gonzalez said MAPS has received favorable support from student services advisers and Student Body President Brian Walker who introduced MAPS during his campaign last year.

Walker said he hopes MAPS will have a positive impact on area youths and increase their multicultural awareness.

"With MAPS, we're addressing an important issue and not waiting for a problem to arise," Walker said. "We don't want to have an effect, we want to try to solve the problem."

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•Thursday: sunny, warm highs near 90
•Forecast for Friday: clear, highs near 90

TEXAS LOTTO

•Wednesday's winning Texas Lotto numbers: 2, 14, 21, 30, 37, 45