

Bush

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"We fund locally and govern centrally. That's not right. We must fund centrally and we must govern locally."

Bush expressed concern about whether the state is spending less money per pupil and passing the bill on to local property taxpayers.

He said state government should make education the top priority by figuring out the cost of providing a basic core, no-nonsense quality education that's fair for everyone, and getting the courts out of it then funding it.

"I say the state must define what education's basic mission is," Bush said.

"What are its goals? They are literacy in basic courses and good citizenship, not condom distribution or social engineering."

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Bush also called for the abolition of the regulatory powers of the Texas Education Agency in order to stop the red tape, paperwork, regulation and top-down direction that's stifling the schools.

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New teaching methods, new curriculum and new educational entrepreneurship must be developed by governing locally, he said.

"I believe most teachers, principals and administrators are good, caring, decent people," Bush said.

"It is the system that needs to be changed, not the people."

Bush also discussed crime and called for reforms in the criminal justice system.

These reforms would include no parole for rapists, child molesters and other sex offenders.

"I am hard-nosed on adult criminals, because I believe most of them are beyond rehabilitation," Bush said.

"I say, put them away and make them stay there. But let's talk about our kids. If society can't save our kids, we are not functioning as a society."

Bush's reforms in the juvenile justice code would include tougher laws for youths caught with guns and "zero tolerance" for discipline problems in the classroom.

Bush proposed a system of Tough Love Academies staffed by retired Marine and Army sergeants. The next step would be boot camps.

As a last resort, Bush said he would set aside 1,000 brand new hard-time jail beds in facilities devoted to juveniles.

"I'll fight for this," Bush said. "I care for our kids. My generation must accept responsibility of saving the generation coming up, before it's too late. I believe we are ready to accept that responsibility."

As far as the state budget is concerned, Bush said the trend of increasing budgets will stop when he becomes governor.

Bush said he is running for governor because he cares about Texas and is worried that the state is changing, and not for the better.

"I see Texas becoming like the rest of the nation," Bush said. "And that's not good enough. I want Texas to be a beacon state. I want to protect the way of life that makes Texas unique."

Carson Campbell, of Jewett, Texas, drove over 60 miles to hear Bush speak.

"I think he has pinpointed the basic problems," Campbell said. "He will bring government back to the people and that government will be based on the good, common values we grew up with."

Ann Horton, a resident of College Station, said she is glad Bush is running for governor.

"He speaks my language," she said.

"I think it's criminal what is happening to our school system. I think we have a heck of a better shot than what we have now."

Bombs away!



Rick Hernandez (left), director of the Blinn tech-prep program, is helped out of a bomb squad suit by Lt. Brad Clark of the College Station Fire Department (middle) and Brazos County Constable D.W. Thompson (right). Hernandez, as well as the officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel were taking place in a photo shoot in Research Park Thursday for an occupational promotional shot for Blinn College that will be shown to their Board of Directors.

Laws

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holidays, we are keeping the office open late," he said. "Minors can offer a plea, or make their court appearance that night."

Boyette said one reason for this is because most tickets issued at Bonfire are written between 5-7p.m.

"After all of the publicity Bonfire gets, I would think people would get the message about not drinking, there have been plenty of warnings," he said. "So I can say that I will not be lenient."

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— George Boyette, justice of the peace

the patrolling of Bonfire will be similar to last year.

They will have a command center at the outskirts of Bonfire and officers around campus looking for staggering people.

"We will be very pro-active, using around 100 officers, and will utilize vans to transport people to jail if needed," he said.

"We will be emphasizing alcohol is a no-no. If you are over

21, we will ask you to pour it out, and if you are under 21, you will be cited.

"All alcohol laws will apply," he said.

The Brazos Valley Trafficking Task Force will have six officers on horseback to monitor the crowd and TABC will work all of the bars, looking for intoxicated individuals. Also, CSPD will patrol Texas Avenue and University Drive.

Center

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back that states the individual has three class days to contact the conflict resolution center. If the person does not contact the center they may face additional disciplinary charges.

Zdziarski said the student can either accept the punishment or

contest it and defend themselves in a disciplinary hearing. The severity of the punishment depends on the student's prior behavior.

"The student disciplinary action can range from a letter of reprimand, which officially goes on file, to placing the student on conduct probation, in which the student is not in good standing with the University and may possibly lose scholarships," he said.

The center anticipates the rate of alcohol consumption to decrease from past years.

A&M students have heeded the warnings about alcohol consumption on campus during Bonfire, Zdziarski said.

"There has been a significant change in the student behavior in association with Bonfire," he said. "I hope we can keep the numbers even lower than last year."

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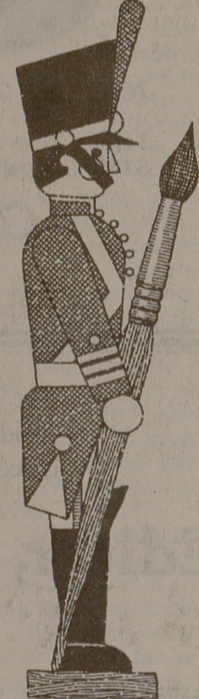
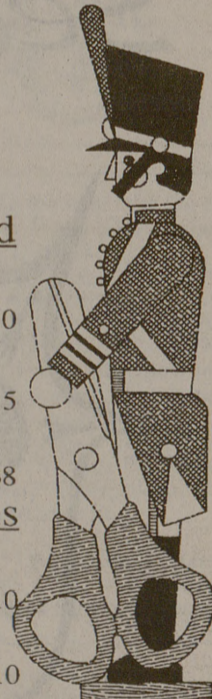
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