

Bush campaigns at high school

Candidate tells teens not to gripe if they don't vote

FLOWER MOUND (AP) — George W. Bush took his campaign for governor to a school auditorium filled Tuesday with teen-agers who cheered the Republican's plea that they join the political process.

"If you do not vote, in my opinion, you do not have grounds to gripe," Bush said.

About 750 students at Marcus High School sat through the 30-

minute assembly. Officials at the suburban Denton County school said attendance was optional.

A butcher-paper banner on stage proclaimed "Welcome Mr. Bush!" and students stood to whistle and wave posterboard signs at his arrival.

Teachers nodded their approval at various points during a speech that urged teen-agers to stay off drugs and take responsibility for their own behavior.

The speech — sprinkled with the phrase "when I'm the governor" — was a slight variation of the one Bush is delivering at rallies across Texas before Election Day next Tuesday.

His Democratic opponent,

Gov. Ann Richards, spent Tuesday campaigning in Central Texas. Bush was headed to Conroe and Houston.

Several of the teen-agers in Flower Mound said they wanted to hear what Bush had to say about sex education and the future job market. But Bush did not take questions from the audience.

Joel Rice, a 17-year-old senior who described himself as a Democrat, was impressed the candidate took time to speak to a young crowd containing so many ineligible voters.

"A lot of people appreciate the fact that he's coming," he said. "It makes them feel like a part of the process."

Richards 'cautiously optimistic' about next Tuesday's election

SAN MARCOS (AP) — After imploring fellow Democrats to get out and vote, Gov. Ann Richards said Tuesday that her re-election campaign has turned the corner.

"I had a feeling about 10 days ago that we began to turn the corner," Richards said after speaking to a rally on the lawn of the Hays County Courthouse.

"I'm very cautiously optimistic. But I think we've got a good chance to win it," she said.

Several recent public opinion polls have shown the governor locked in a near dead heat with Republican challenger George W. Bush.

But in a series of fiery stump speeches the past week, Richards has challenged Bush's qualifications and accused him of distorting her record.

On Tuesday, she predicted that the Nov. 8 election would depend on which party can do the best job of getting its voters to the polls.

Her forces are ready for that fight, she said.

"We have a really very good, very sophisticated get-out-the-vote effort. We have more grassroots people," Richards said.

At the rally, the governor said Democrats



Richards

can't take her race for granted.

"So are you going to turn out to vote?" she asked cheering supporters. "Have you talked to your momma and your daddy? Have you talked to your cousins and aunts and uncles?"

"Every single vote counts. I run into people all the time that say, 'Aw, Ann you don't have a thing to worry about' . . . Let me tell you that the only way we can lose this race is if you don't go to vote. If you are too complacent. If you take it too much for granted."

The governor said her outlook began to improve as soon as she hit the campaign trail full time.

"It's just a feeling I had getting out with people," she said. "A lot of things started to come together. You just started to see it happen."

Richards' campaign has spent weeks and millions of dollars on a TV ad blitz criticizing Bush's business record, claiming that companies with which he has been associated lost \$371 million.

Campaigns getting out of control in '94 election

(AP) Things are getting strange out on the campaign trail.

A Hawaiian congressional candidate has vanished. A bank robber is running for the Legislature in Montana. A dead man is likely to be re-elected in West Virginia.

And around the country, more than one candidate is making this promise: "Elect me. I'll resign."

Putting aside the serious issues in next Tuesday's election — whether more Bush offspring will be elected than Kennedys; whether Californians will make their state nanny-free — 1994 has had more than its share of political oddities.

Take Alaska. While voters there have been enthralled by the quadrennial debate over whether to move the state capital from Juneau to someplace colder, a real issue has taken root in the race for governor.

Republican Jim Campbell, who is partly bald (this is actually relevant), is attacking Democrat Tony Knowles for, among other things, having "good hair" like President Clinton.

Does this mean that Knowles gets his hair cut on airport runways by someone named Christophe? That hasn't emerged as an issue so far; this being politics, it's probably too early to rule it out.

Nor has Knowles retaliated yet by comparing Campbell to former President Ford. There's time for that, too.

From Alaska to Alabama, negative campaigning is the favored tactic this year. But some candidates are willing to balance the attacks with some references to their own qualifications.

For instance, Joseph Brennan, a Democratic candidate for governor in Maine, says he has "more experience with firearms than any other gubernatorial candidate."

Specifically, Brennan, an Army veteran, has attested to his competence with machine guns and bazookas.

This has prompted some chuckling in Maine — cartoons of Brennan in full combat regalia and so forth. But seriously, with weapons like that, who needs the line-item veto?

There is one tactic taking hold this year that is harder to categorize as negative or positive. What do you say about someone who promises to quit if elected?

Fisher feeds Houston homeless children as part of campaign for U.S. Senate

HOUSTON (AP) — Democratic Senate candidate Richard Fisher touted his unorthodox style Tuesday while criticizing Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison for running an "anti-septic" campaign.

At the House of Tiny Treasures, Houston's only licensed day-care center for homeless children, Fisher helped serve broccoli and mixed vegetables to preschool children.

The stop was part of Fisher's "Make A Difference" campaign, which he said is designed to avoid traditional appearances in the final days before the Nov. 8 election. Earlier in the race, Fisher adhered to more conventional strategies; he still is running television advertisements.

"We served 150 meals while my opponent was speaking to the National Rifle Association," Fisher said in an apparent reference to a campaign stop Mrs. Hutchison made Saturday in Dallas.

"It underscores the difference between us. . . . My opponent is running an antiseptic, Peter-Pan collar, AstroTurf campaign."

Fisher said he wants to finish the campaign "in a way that is meaningful. I'm going to enjoy my last week."

While Fisher was serving children's lunches, Hutchison was at her Dallas campaign headquarters. There she told reporters and supporters that she is the candidate of the people.

"Last night I was in Del Rio and Eagle Pass, where the De-

mocrat mayors came and the Democratic county judges came to thank me for the work that I have done for our border communities," Hutchison said.

"I have been in more small towns and more cities throughout this state through the last two years than any candidate running for public office. I am the grass-roots candidate in this race. And it's not something that I just thought of a week ago."

At the day-care center, Fisher emphasized his welfare reform proposal, which he said would provide more money for day-care centers like the House of Tiny Treasures. Homeless parents leave their children at the center while they attend college or job-training.

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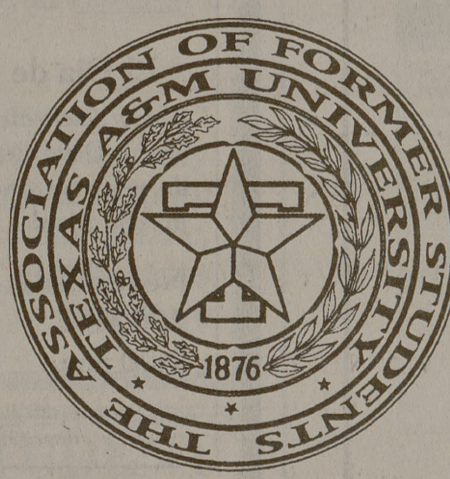
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