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Bush

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the leaders who were sitting beside him and in the audience.

"When I look out here at the dedicated leaders from my administration, I see... well, I see half the field for the 1996 campaign," Bush said. "This library and everything it represents would not have been possible without these people."

Some of his special guests were Brian Mulroney, former Canadian prime minister; George W. Bush, governor-elect of Texas; Lamar Alexander, former secretary of education; Andrew Card, former secretary of transportation; Edward Derwinski, former secretary of veterans' affairs; Lawrence Eagleburger, former secretary of state; Lynn Martin, former secretary of labor; Brent Scowcroft, former national security advisor; Louis Sullivan, former secretary of health and human services; and John Sununu, former chief of staff.

The Bushes, A&M officials and former members of Bush's administration then participated in the actual breaking of ground for the library.

After the ceremony, the Bushes attended a luncheon at the MSC with six hundred invited guests, where Bush was presented with a hardhat as a remembrance of the groundbreaking events.

Bowen said he was anticipating the time when Bush would return to the University.

"I look forward to the days when you're a frequent visitor to

our campus," Bowen said. "This is a wonderful occurrence for all of us, especially the future generations of our students."

The Presidential Library Center will include the library and museum, the Center for Presidential Studies, the Center for International Studies, the George Bush School of Government and Public Service and several academic departments.

Bush said he hoped the library and school will give something back to the people.

Construction will begin soon on the \$82 million project with completion set for 1997.

The Bush Library will be the 10th presidential library operated by the National Archives.

Bush graduated from Phillips Academy in 1942 and served as a fighter pilot in World War II. When commissioned, he was the youngest pilot in the U.S. Navy.

After the war, he graduated from Yale University with a degree in economics. He moved to Texas and co-founded Zapata Offshore Co. in 1953.

He represented Texas' 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1966 to 1970. He was director of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1976. After serving eight years as Ronald Reagan's vice president, Bush was elected president in 1988 and served until 1993.

He and his wife Barbara now live in Houston.



Tim Moog

A day to remember

After the groundbreaking ceremony Bush shakes hands with

Ross Volunteer, Grant Commanding Officer of E

Center

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Dr. Nancy Dyer, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said she was interested in the academic side of the Bush library and museum.

"Academic programs are the strength of all of this," Dyer said. "They will enhance the value of the library and the graduate programs in presidential studies."

Lawre Alexander, a senior theater arts major, said she thought the event was a well-handled, respectful event.

"He's the kind of president that it should be that way," Alexander said.

Alexander said she hopes the library will be useful and not just be a monument.

"I think it is cool he is teaching," Alexander said, "but I bet it will be hard to get his class."

"Bush says he wants public service to be a big emphasis of this library," she said. "If he is actually out there teaching students, that will show he means it."

New parking areas under consideration by Regents

By Jan Higginbotham THE BATTALION

The Texas A&M System Board of Regents planning and building committee approved a proposal Wednesday that could bring more parking spaces to the school's campus.

The proposal, which will be presented to the entire Board today, will create 430 surface parking spaces near the Medical Sciences Library and the Reynolds Medical Building on West Campus.

Tom Williams, director of Parking Transit and Traffic Services, said the new lot will include 168 visitor parking spots.

"The key now is having the parking there when we need it for visitors," Williams said.

The new lot will include a toll booth, barrier gates and card readers placed at three entrances. The contract for the project, if approved, will be awarded to Young Contractors, Inc. of Bryan for almost \$500,000.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, interim vice president for finance and administration, said the project should pay for itself.

"Funding for the project would be from parking revenues," Gaston said. "The big cost will come from extending the electrical currents to the

toll booth and the barrier gates."

The construction of the toll booth along with the new lot is expected to create new student worker positions.

"The need for visitor parking is agreed upon," Gaston said. "The question now is the staffing. The value of the person on the job there is much more than what it would cost us in one year to pay that person."

Regent Guadalupe Rangel said the workers in the toll booth would add a measure of safety to the parking lot because their presence could de-

ter any possible criminal chief in the area.

Regent T. Michael O'Connell said he would like the University to look into the possibility of building a new parking garage on West Campus.

"I suggest we go ahead with this base bid and then into the construction of a two-story parking facility," Connor said.

Gaston said he will report to Board at its next meeting on the University's future plans for development where he discussed the possibility of new garage.

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