

Resurrection: Christians celebrate life

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"When it first started it was just a group of students who wanted to get Christians from different denominations together," Blackmon said. "We've got different denominations and different groups and sometimes they worship in different ways."

"When it comes right down to it, the basics of what we believe are all the same."

Blackmon said that before Resurrection Week, there was not much cooperation between the different denominations.

"We wanted to do something that we could all do together," he said.

Amy Rimmer, a junior industrial distribution major, attended the barbecue and said she plans to attend other Resurrection Week events.

"It's a reminder and a celebration for me," Rimmer said. "For me it's bigger than Christmas because it's not as publicized."

Blackmon said the week's events are not religious activities.

"They are events people can come to, have a good time at, enjoy themselves and hear what the Christian faith is all about," he said.

Tonight, Resurrection Week will host Billy Hobbs, an Aggie football star, in Rudder Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Blackmon said Hobbs played football for A&M in the '60s and went on to play for the NFL.

"He won two All-American awards and they called him the meanest man to walk Kyle Field," Blackmon said.

The committee chose Hobbs as a speaker for his efforts in spreading the Christian faith to students

and groups across the country.

"He decided to take his walk with Christ seriously," Blackmon said.

Hobbs will speak after a dramatic presentation of the crucifixion scene, also to be held in Rudder Auditorium.

Tuesday at 6:30 a.m., Mamie McCullough, a motivational speaker, will hold a Bible study in Room 292 in the MSC.

McCullough travels around the country speaking on women's religious issues, Blackmon said, and has written several books on the topic.

"She's really good at speaking with women about their relationships with Christ," he said.

White Heart, a Christian rock band, will perform in Rudder Auditorium at 7 p.m. Blackmon said White Heart is one of the top bands in Christian rock. This is the only event that is not free.

A video put together by the Resurrection Week staff will be shown after White speaks. The video includes interviews with well-known people speaking about the successes in their life and what is important to them.

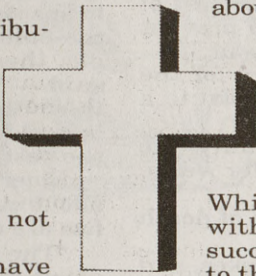
Wednesday is also the day for people to wear Resurrection Week t-shirts.

The last day of Resurrection Week will be Thursday, when another crucifixion scene will take place at 12:30 p.m. at Rudder Fountain.

Blackmon said people respond positively to the resurrection scene every year.

"Usually the plaza is packed with people," he said. "A lot of people walking by stop to watch it."

"It's something that you don't see very often in the middle of campus."



Groups unite to combat violence against women

The rally focused on the conservative agenda of the new GOP-led Congress.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under the banner of combating violence against women, a broad coalition of interest groups rallied Sunday on the National Mall, embracing a wide range of causes, from abortion rights to affirmative action.

The rally, organized by the National Organization for Women, was endorsed by more than 700 groups, including abortion-rights advocates, labor unions, gay and lesbian organizations, environmentalists, socialists and victims' rights advocates.

The rally was meant to "make the connection among the physi-

cal attacks on women, the anti-abortion terrorist attacks at clinics and the political attacks we're facing in Congress," said NOW President Patricia Ireland.

Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, related domestic abuse to violence at abortion clinics and other forms of violence against women.

"Be it personal terror or political terror, it has just one purpose — control," Smeal told the crowd.

"We are the majority. Our rights will only be taken away if we allow the terrorists to reign."

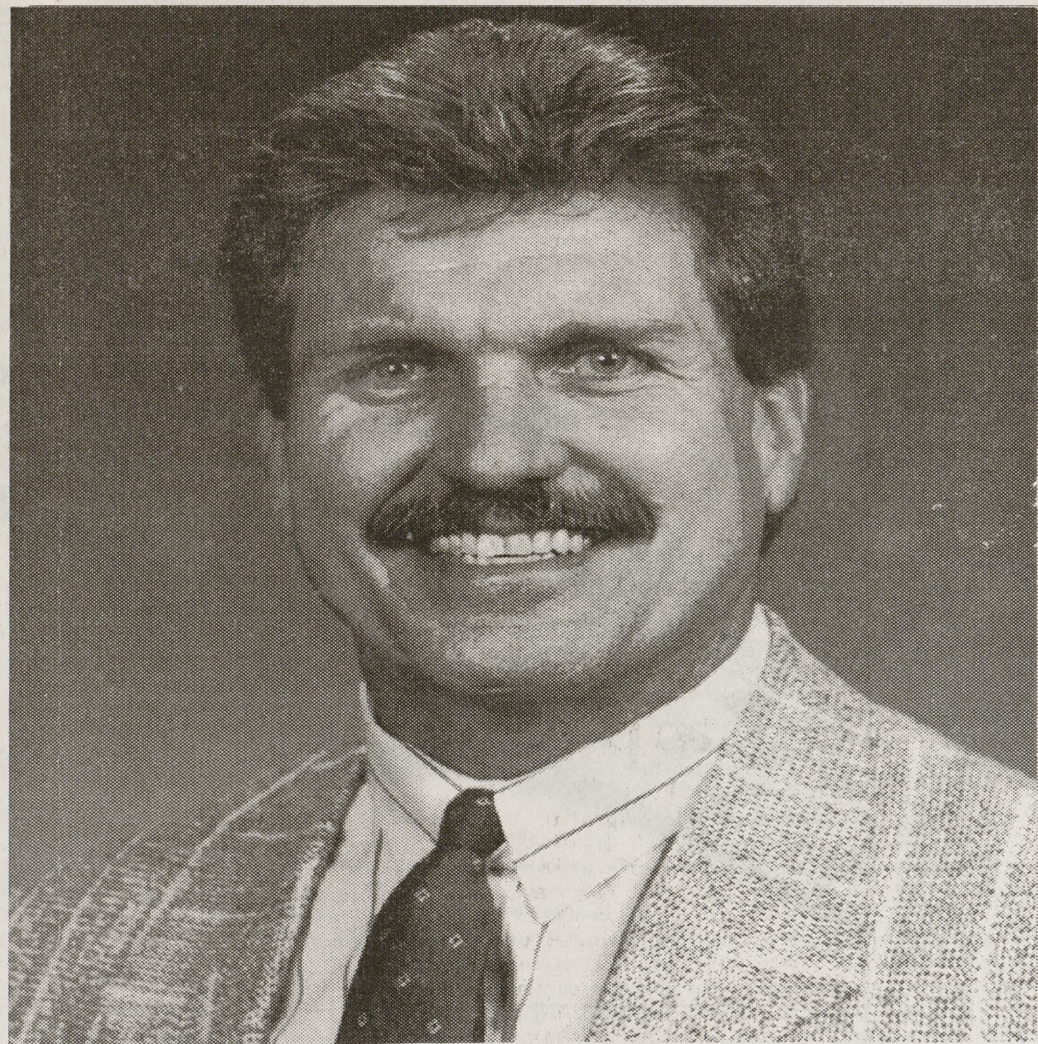
Coming at the end of the first 100 days of the new GOP-led Congress, the rally focused heavily on the conservative agenda of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and fears that Congress would end abortion

rights, curtail spending on welfare programs for women and children, and cut funding to prevent domestic violence.

Hoisting signs that read "NOW, Not Newt" and "Republicans Don't Need Abortions, They Eat Their Young," demonstrators chanted "We won't go back."

Eleanor Holmes Norton, the District of Columbia's delegate to Congress, said the rally was also for "women on welfare who cry out for jobs that have been answered by an anti-job, anti-child welfare bill."

An assortment of celebrities, including Sharon Gless and Tyne Daly of television's "Cagney and Lacey," feminist author Betty Friedan, and popular musical groups Salt 'N' Pepa and Toad the Wet Sprocket were also scheduled to appear.



Joe White

Joe is president of Kanakuk-Kanakomo Kamps, Inc. in Branson, Missouri, often called the best sports camp facilities in the country. He spent his childhood in College Station and attended SMU, where he played football as a starting defensive lineman for two years.

He was also a coach at A&M under Gene Stallings and a Younglife leader for eight years. The author of nine books, Joe has spoken at Dr. Dobson's Focus on the Family, various radio and TV talk shows, and the NFL football and professional baseball chapels.

Resurrection Week is excited to have Joe as our main speaker on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at Rudder Auditorium. Tickets are free and available at the Rudder Box Office (845-1234).



Billy Hobbs

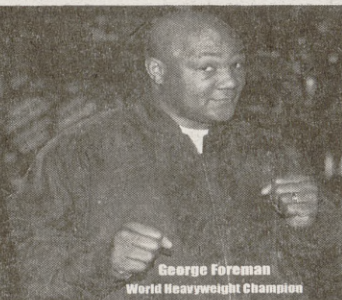
Billy is an Aggie football great who won two All American awards as a linebacker at Texas A&M. He received such college honors as SWC Player of the Year (1967), Cotton Bowl MVP (1968), and All Texas Decade Team of the 60's. He has also played pro-ball for the Philadelphia Eagles, the New England Patriots and the New Orleans Saints. He was named NFL Player of the Week (1971) and MVP of the World Football League (1974).

After accepting Christ, he attended Dallas Theological Seminary. Since then, Billy has been influential in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and has pastored 2 churches in Texas.

Billy will share his powerful testimony Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium. The Resurrection Week Committee invites you to come and bring friends. Tickets are free and available at the Rudder Box Office (845-1234).



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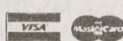
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