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Friday, April 21, 1995
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SENIOR BANQUET
Saturday, April 22, 1995
Hilton 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
\$15.00/person \$30.00/couple

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Saturday, April 22, 1995
MSC-Rudder Complex 9:00 p.m. - 1 a.m.
\$27.50/person \$55.00/couple
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Pre-packages sold April 17-21, 1995 in the MSC main hallway
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in Rudder Auditorium from 10:00 a.m. - 1 a.m.

SENIOR WEEKEND T-SHIRTS
Available in the MSC main hallway April 10-13 and April 17-21.

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Sunday, April 23, 1995
Spence Park 1:00 p.m.

Capitol building to celebrate new facilities

Extensive renovations on the Texas landmark will be concluded with 'rededication' ceremonies this week.

The massive project has been the most comprehensive restoration of any state capitol in the nation, said Dealey Decherd Herndon, executive director of the State Preservation Board.

"No other state has done an absolutely top-to-bottom, inside-and-outside restoration like we have," Ms. Herndon said. "We've still got a few little things left. But for all practical purposes, it's done."

The work included renovation of the interior and exterior of the Capitol and construction of a 620,000-square-foot underground annex.

The 1856-57 General Land Office Building, oldest surviving state office building in Texas, also was restored. It is located on a corner of the tree-covered

Capitol grounds. Workers demolished a maze of add-on walls, mezzanines and lowered ceilings, removed asbestos and lead paint, and rebuilt original doorways and spaces.

The outside of the granite building and its metal dome were restored as well. The building was scaffolded, stonework cleaned, mortar replaced and windows repaired.

The work has spanned the administrations of four governors — Mark White, Bill Clements, Ann Richards and the current



governor, George W. Bush. Its necessity became clear Feb. 6, 1983, when officials here a faulty television set sparked a near catastrophic fire. One firefighter died, 11 firefighters and police officers were injured, and people were rescued and building was saved.

White saw it all from Capitol lawn. The following he said, "I think we should restore it to the dignity and beauty that was there when it was originally built."

Later that year, lawmakers passed legislation to spend \$100 million repairing the fire damage and to create the State Preservation Board.

The formal rededication ceremony is scheduled noon Friday.

Senate tentatively passes new hate crimes bill

The controversial proposal would create harsher penalties for any crimes committed based on race, disability, religion, or sexual orientation.

writing epithets on a synagogue — if the crimes are committed on the basis of race, color, disability, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

Current law targets offenses based on "bias or prejudice," but law enforcement officials say the statute is too vague and possibly unconstitutional.

Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo was among the nine Republicans voting against the bill. He said it amounts to "criminalizing what people think by enhancing the penalties."

"I believe that's a dangerous thing for policy makers to be doing," Bivins said.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said, "We're not just punishing thought. We're punishing

a combination of thought and action." The inclusion of sexual orientation in measure was questioned by some.

Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, voiced concern that someone would be subject to a harsher penalty after getting into a relationship with someone and only later finding out person was homosexual.

Ellis also was asked during the debate whether his bill condones homosexuality, said he was neither condoning nor condoning it, but that eliminating it from the "would give the impression that those in state government were declaring a season based on people's sexual orientation."

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, voted for the bill, said his concern is some categories of crime would be considered less heinous because punishment others is enhanced.

"If I'm walking down the street and a group of these punks decides they're going to take me out just because I'm there, something that's a lesser crime ... If it's me that's assaulted, I don't consider it any less a crime," he said.

"We're punishing a combination of thought and action."

— Sen. Royce West, representative from Dallas

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