



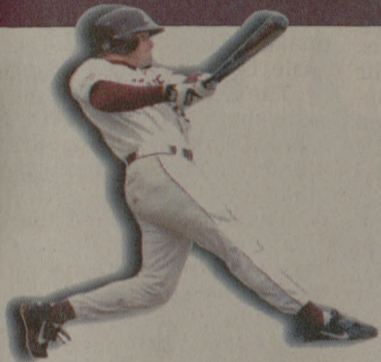
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Bushes hold informal talk

BY EMILY R. SNOOKS
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Former President George Bush and former first lady Barbara Bush gave an intimate interview last night about their 53 years together thus far at the George Bush Presidential Conference Center as part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series.

The Bushes, greeted with a standing ovation, were accompanied by long-time friend and former press spokesperson, Peter Roussel, who served as an informal interviewer.

The Bushes chose a casual atmosphere for the discussion, including living room furniture and their springer spaniel Sadie.

They recalled events including their life in Midland in the oil business and George Bush's 30 years in politics.

The Bushes advised students interested in politics to first hold a job in the community to gather background in a field outside the political arena.

George Bush said he hopes current political conditions and the intrusiveness of the press do not discourage students from getting involved. "Politics is still a noble

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George and Barbara Bush speak at an informal discussion Monday night at the George Bush Presidential Library Complex.

Bush's home focus of exhibit

Display features former president's Kennebunkport domain

BY SALLIE TURNER
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An exhibit featuring former President George Bush's summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine, opened yesterday at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.

The exhibit, assembled in conjunction with The Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk, will be here through August.

Brian Blake, public relations representative for the Bush Presidential Library and Museum, said the exhibit, "An Anchor to Wind-

ward: The Maine Connection," profiles Kennebunkport's history and the Bush family's vacation history there.

"We wanted to show the variety of activities that occurred at Kennebunkport," he said. "We wanted to show things from state visits to wrestling with the grandkids on the kitchen floor."

The exhibit is divided into three separate sections. The section in the entryway of the exhibit focuses on the artist community. It includes works from Robert Payne,

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Faculty Senate OKs 60-60-60 Q-drop bill

BY AMANDA SMITH
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Texas A&M students may be a step closer to receiving an extension on the Q-drop deadline and an additional Q-drop, after the Faculty Senate voted Monday to support the Student Senate's 60-60-60 Bill.

The 60-60-60 Bill, approved in Fall 1998 by Student Senate, would allow students to drop two classes during their first 60 credit hours at A&M and an additional two classes during their second 60 hours at the University.

A second part of the proposal passed by the Faculty Senate, with the support of the Student Senate, would move the Q-drop deadline from the 50th class day to the 60th class day.

Aaron Bigbee, a student senator and a junior mathematics major, said the 60-60-60 policy would give students time to make thoughtful academic decisions. He said he hopes for implementation following approval by the administration.

"It seems this would make the Q-drop decision a more informed one for students," Bigbee said. "On the 50th class day, roughly half of a student's grade is calculated. On the 60th class day, the majority is calculated. I think it's reasonable to allow students time to determine the status of the course."

Prior to the Faculty Senate's vote to support the 60-60-60 policy, Thomas Strganac, a senator for College of Engineering, introduced an amendment allowing one Q-drop during the first 60 hours and another during the second 60 hours.

Strganac said reducing the number of allowed Q-drops from three to two would prompt students to select courses more carefully and take classes more seriously.

"It worries me we are allowing students to Q-drop within their first semester," Strganac said. "The numbers I have seen suggest let's

move these students through more quickly and raise the academic standards for the students."

Opponents of the 60-60-60 proposal argued that increasing the number of Q-drops and extending the deadline disadvantages students who cannot afford to take the classes a second time, wastes seats in the classrooms and enhances grade inflation for students repeating the course.

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— Aaron Bigbee
Student senator

Amy Magee, speaker of the Student Senate and a senior psychology major, said students must use grades to monitor performance in the classroom, and a Q-drop extension could enhance students' academic performance.

"Grades do factor into how we are doing in the classroom," Magee said.

Bigbee said the 60-60-60 proposal gives students who change their majors or experiment with classes increased flexibility.

"It's not entirely uncommon for students to change their majors," Bigbee said.

"The policy is designed to protect students when they get in over their heads. I think we can remain a top university if we open up the policy," he said. "The grade replacement policy of other schools is more lenient than that of Texas A&M University."

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Health, nutrition emphasis of month

BY AMANDA SMITH
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The benefits of a well-balanced diet, potential dangers of fad dieting and tips on exercise are among the topics the Texas A&M health and fitness community will address during March, nationally recognized as Nutrition Month.

Dr. Jane Cohen, assistant health education coordinator at A.P. Beutel Health Center, said she hopes students learn ways to improve eating and exercise habits.

"It is important to eat quickly as students, but you can still eat tasty," Cohen said. "It does take some planning, but you can always stick an apple or a canned beverage in your backpack."

The Midstate Texas Dietetic Association and the Texas A&M Student Dietetic Association will have information tables Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to answer nutrition questions and quiz students on nutrition facts. Cohen said the table will provide information on nutrition tips, particularly those applicable to safety during spring break.

Cohen said people can take healthier alternatives when eating fast food, like choosing a grilled chicken sandwich instead of a cheeseburger.

In addition to eating healthier, Cohen said it is important to exercise regularly.

"We can lose weight without being so restrictive and by being active," Cohen said. "We can lose weight gradually and enjoy it, and we should enjoy exercise."

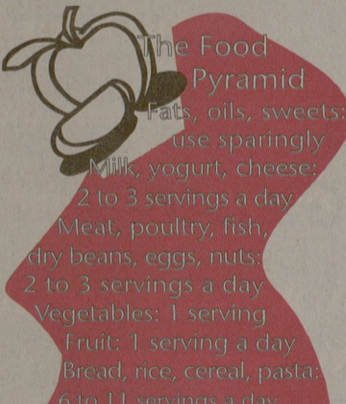
Walk Across Texas, sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas A&M School of Rural Public Health, encourages people to stay fit by walking, jogging or biking with friends and coworkers.

Participants in Walk Across Texas form teams of eight people who record mileage for an eight-week period. More than 1,000 participants are signed up for this year's event, which will span March and April.

Cohen said dieting, like exercise, must be done in moderation. She said people tend to abuse dieting, losing weight in a short period of time thereby increasing the chance they will gain the weight back.

"If it's fast weight loss, it's more likely to be water loss," Cohen said. "Water aids in digestion and is needed by the body to function. You may be missing some of the food groups when you lose weight quickly."

Prescription diet drugs, according to the American Dietetic Association, may suppress appetite for as long as a year but provide no long-term benefits like a balanced diet and regular exercise do.



The Food Pyramid
Fats, oils, sweets: use sparingly
Milk, yogurt, cheese: 2 to 3 servings a day
Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, nuts: 2 to 3 servings a day
Vegetables: 1 serving
Fruit: 1 serving a day
Bread, rice, cereal, pasta: 6 to 11 servings a day

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Walk the line



GUY ROGERS/THE BATTALION

Melanie Harwood, a junior marketing major, attempts to walk along a line with night vision drunk goggles on with the assistance of Jessica Lundry, a senior biomedical sciences major, Monday in front of Rudder Fountain. The interactive exhibit is part of Peer 1 Educators' Safe Spring Break Campaign, which will have more exhibits set up Wednesday at Rudder Fountain.

Feminist to address changes in movement

BY MEREDITH HIGHT
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Sheila Tobias, a renowned feminist author and speaker, will address the ignorance and indifference of the younger generation toward the women's movement in her speech today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the MSC Forsyth Center.

"The Future of Feminism: Lessons from our Past" will be based on her 1997 book *Faces of Feminism: An Activist's Reflections on the Women's Movement*.

Tobias will spend this week at Texas A&M lecturing and meeting with faculty, and today's speech will be the major event of the series.

"I'm a feminist from the '60s, and I've been concerned about younger women not being willing to identify themselves as feminists," she said. "I tried to analyze why that is."

Tobias will outline four reasons explaining the younger generation's indifference to the women's movement.

"First, they don't know how bad things used to be," she said. "They don't know what it was like when discrimination was legal and salaries were lower."

She said the second is that members of the generation do not seem to be aware of women's movement achievements. Third, she said they do not understand the value of the women who have led the women's movement.

"The media depicted us as weird, but we were attractive women with a lot of choices," she said.

She said the fourth reason is that the younger generation does not realize how much re-

Sheila Tobias' speeches open to the public:

Tuesday

• 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
301 Engineering/Physics
• 3:30 - 5 p.m. Forsyth Center

Wednesday

• 10 - 11:30 a.m. 225 MSC

Thursday

• 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 203 MSC
• 3 - 5 p.m. 457 Blocker

mains unaccomplished.

"We're not out of the woods yet," she said. "There are women in poverty and women in other countries being bought and sold."

Tobias said the book is a lively way to tell a story of the women's movement in a way that everyone can understand. She included opposing viewpoints in the book.

"I do not shrink from those who are opposed to the movement," she said. "It's a balanced story."

Tobias said if the Movement, referring to the organized movement, does not attract the young generation, it might not survive.

"But movement [generally speaking] is unstoppable," she said.

"There are women governors, a woman Secretary of State. I go to bed at night smiling because all of the FBI has to report to Janet Reno."

Tobias will sign and sell books at a reception coordinated by the Texas A&M University Bookstore following her speech.