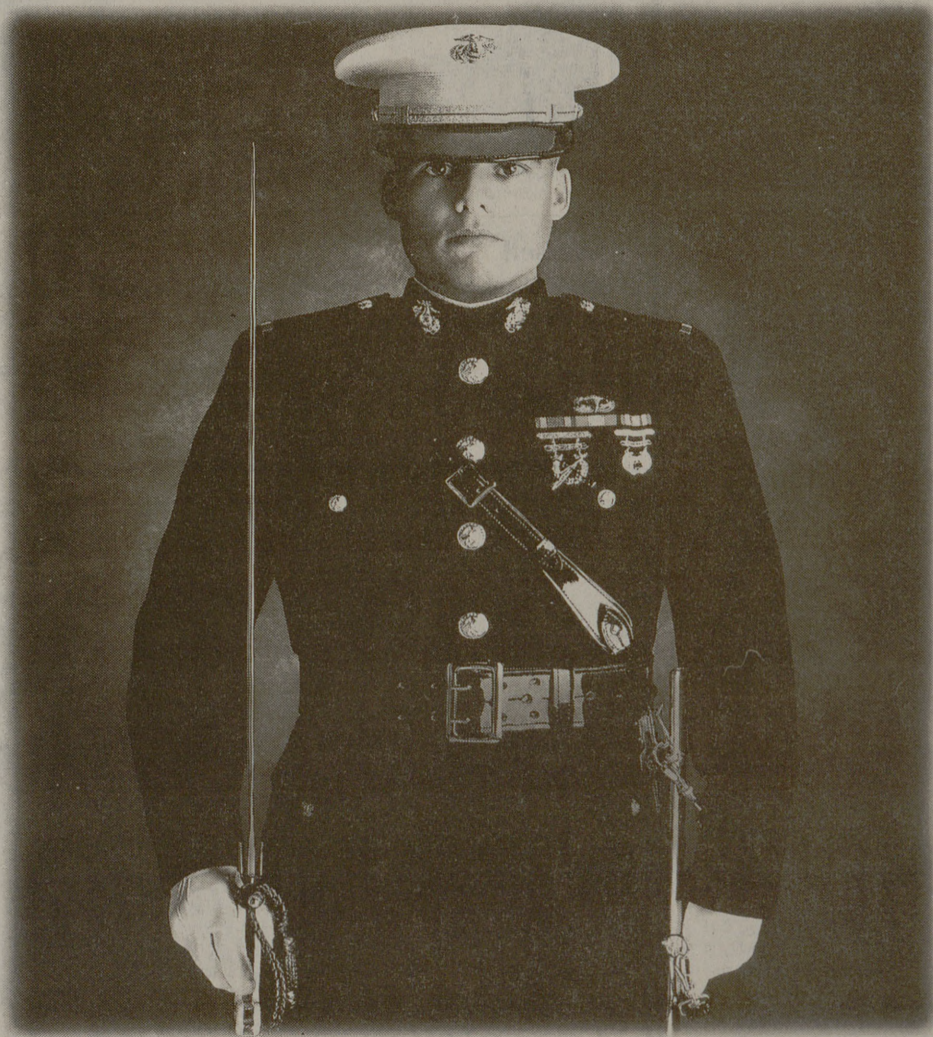


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NEWS

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Bush endorses removal of Internet tax

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas entrepreneurs want the Legislature to dump the sales tax on Internet access.

The tax, which few other states collect, hinders development of a key sector of the state's booming high-tech industry, they say.

Gov. George W. Bush has endorsed the idea, and lawmakers are considering it.

Eben Miller says he loves the idea so much that if it does not



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happen he will move part of his Internet company — collegestudent.com — out of Texas.

Miller's company sets up Internet sites featuring activities at about 260 universities and sells advertisements to companies wanting to reach those students.

Miller said he pays about \$2,000 a month in sales tax for access to Internet for his 45 employees and for the links used by the computers that hold the information for all of the campuses.

"I'm too proud to move out of Texas altogether, but I wouldn't hesitate to move out technology department out of Texas," Miller said.

That is what lawmakers they hope to prevent.

At least 10 bills have been introduced to exempt Internet access equipment purchased for use from a sales tax that can be as high as 8.25 percent when sales tax is added.

In 1987, the Legislature expanded the sales tax from tangible goods to data processing and information services.

By the mid-1990s, as the state comptroller faced questions about whether the state generally exempts such services were taxable information."

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Texas A&M Mens Rugby: There will be practice from 7-9 a.m. at the Rugby Field by the polo fields behind the Zachry parking lot. All male students welcome. No experience necessary. Call Lucas at 696-0789 for more information.

TAMU Roadrunners: There will be a 3-4 mile run at 5:30 p.m. Meet in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum, all skills invited. Contact Mike at 847-5339 for more information.

MSC Literary Arts: The weekly meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 145 MSC.

Catholic Students Association: There will be on-campus mass at 12:05 p.m. in the All Faith's Chapel.

Texas A&M Women's Rugby: There will be practice from 5-7 p.m. at the polo fields behind the Zachry parking lot. Practices are open to everyone. No experience necessary. Call April at 775-4220 for more information.

Waterski Team: There will be practice at 8:30 p.m. at the Century Ski

Lake. Call Ross at 693-2302 for more information.

National Association of Home Builders: Steve van Hoff, Senior V.P. for Newmark Homes, will be discussing career opportunities in Residential Construction in Harrington 110. Call Steven at 680-8244 for more information.

Students of Objectivism: Dr. Andrew Bernstein will lecture on "What Young People Really Need: Heroes and Happiness, Not Volunteerism" at 7:30 p.m. in Rudder 601. Email a-abel@n2texas.com for details.

Texas A&M Computing Society (TACS): There will be a guest lecture from the CIA at 7 p.m. in Bright 124.

Catholic Students Association: There will be a general meeting and fellowship at 7 p.m. in Rudder 504. Call Jennifer Felan at 823-4495 for more information.

American Advertising Federation (AAF): There will be a guest speaker from Fletcher Communications at 7:15 p.m. in Wehner 130.

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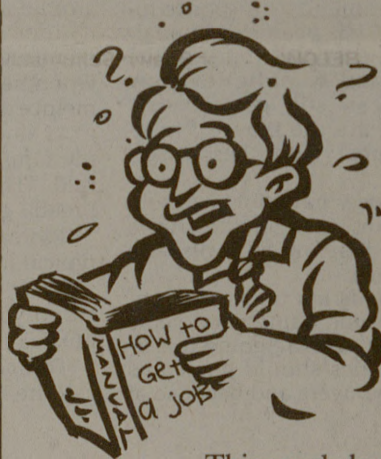
TAMU Cancer Society: Will be having a guest speaker at 7 p.m. in Rudder 404.

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Indian Students Association: Come and learn about all the different Indian organizations and our "unity meeting" at 7 p.m. in MSC 226.

Bahgi's Poetry Showcase: reading showcasing local young and old will be held at 7 p.m. at Bahgi's located at Main and W.J. Bryan. Call 779-0170 for details.

TAMU Career Center Workshop



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