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## Kruse Endorses Bryson, McGinty



ENDORING CANDIDATES seems to be the thing of the times as Layne Kruse followed the Battalion's Student Government endorsements by announcing his backing of College Station City Council candidates Fred Bryson and A&M student Sam McGinty in their campaign bids. Shown talking here with Kruse are Bryson, left, and Ron Miory, center.

### Prairie View Head Talks

## Blacks Same As Everybody, Says Thomas At GI Speech

Black people are not monolithic, Prairie View A&M President A. I. Thomas told a small Great Issues Ballroom Tuesday night.

black leadership in the field of education. "A university with a predominantly black enrollment should not teach only black relevance, black awareness or black significance," he said. "It should be an institution where a young black student can get a full education and learn to be a part of a democratic system, function within that system and still re-

tain his own identity.

"Black people cannot be integrated into a melting pot. Black people will always be visually segregated. You can look at a black person and tell that he's different.

"We must teach our young black students to live in a democracy based on pluralism, a democracy of many people, all supporting the American dream yet all retaining their own special identity."

Thomas expressed dissatisfaction with the overemphasis many black students place on what he feels are trivial implements of their heritage.

"I'm not impressed with eating chitterlings and mustard greens," he said. "If that's all you know how to do you're going to be a misfit in our society."

"A black student will graduate and learn there's no place for a black engineer, only a place for a competent engineer.

"Competence is the by-word of the hour," he continued. "Competition is not necessarily discrimination.

"For blacks to be successful they must rid themselves of their handicaps. They must rid themselves of poverty deprivation, limitations and waste."

Thomas continually stressed the importance of black acceptance of the democratic system.

"Despite its imperfections, limitations and faculty, democracy offers fulfillment of human dignity," he said.

"It's like the keys on the piano. Each is different but all are needed to play the great symphony."

## Blacks Find House Sympathy, Question Legality Of Summons

AUSTIN (AP)—A black representative asserted Tuesday that the Waller County grand jury violated the Texas Constitution when it issued arrest warrants for four legislative aides to appear before it.

The four were summoned to testify before the grand jury investigation into "problems" at Prairie View A&M College in Waller County.

Three plan to comply. A fourth refused to accept her warrant because it impelled her name.

Rep. Craig Washington, D-Houston, a member of the committee set up to make the probe, held in a personal privilege speech on the floor of the House that the grand jury's action must not go unchallenged.

He contended that the provision in the Texas Constitution making legislators immune to arrest also applied to their aides.

"If it can happen to employees of these four members today, it

could very well happen to you or me tomorrow," Washington said. "It appears to me that not the grand jury but the district attorney of Waller County, Tex., is attempting to do indirectly what he cannot under the Constitution do directly, and that is inquire into the wisdom of the House in passing HSR31, the Prairie View investigation resolution," he said.

Earlier, Rep. Dan Kubiak, D-Rockdale, said in an interview that the warrants "challenge our basic rights as members of the House."

Arrest warrants were issued for Kubiak's secretary, Mrs. Grace Curtis; Jim Cline, assistant to Rep. Paul Ragsdale, D-Dallas; Carlton Carl, executive assistant of Speaker Price Daniel Jr.; and Mrs. Jo Baylor, assistant to Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas.

Mrs. Baylor's first name was misspelled as "Joe" and she refused to accept the warrant.

## Student Candidates Wrap Campaigns Up, Capsule Platforms

LARRY MARSHALL  
Candidates for the Student Government positions of president and vice president addressed students in the Corps area quad Tuesday in some last minute campaigning.

Each candidate called in alphabetical order was given four minutes to talk to students during the busy evening gathering.

T. Mark Blakemore, presidential candidate, called for a pipeline for the average student to the leaders. He plans to initiate a daily check of student gripes and to take action on these matters. He also favors a student co-op and improved medical services including a gynecologist, drug

problem counseling and dental care. "I will take a stand on the issues as they come up, and won't beat around the bush. I'll make my stand known," said Blakemore.

Dana Roese, another presidential candidate, called for reform in student government. He would like to have student referendums on funds expenditures over \$1000 and have a "no confidence" provision on ballots for people with no preferred candidate. He also called for the abolishment of the university's "in loco parentis" philosophy in caring for students. Roese, who referred to his reputation as "the freak candidate" has no previous student government experience and feels this is an advantage to him.

Randy Ross, the third presiden-

tial hopeful to speak, favors improvements in the hospital services, especially addition of a gynecologist, possible medical coverage plans for students' spouses and birth control information. He favors a re-examination of the university policy on attendance and he multitude of interpretations the various instructors now use. Ross is in favor of a faculty and course evaluation to be published for all students to see that would enable them in their registration. "I've been involved in student politics for three years, and the experience I've gained has shown me the best ways to enact change on this campus," he said.

'Doc' Schreff, presidential candidate favors the expanding of the shuttle bus system with some

emphasis on the periphery routes. He would like to improve the hospital facilities by adding a full time psychologist with a small increase in the services fees. He also expressed dissatisfaction with fee programs that benefit students who do not support this school. Schreff said, "I do not have a long laundry list of qualifications in the student senate, but that really is my best qualification. I've never been a member of a body that has not represented the students."

Nancy Usnick, the only female presidential contender, favors reduction of student services fees. She would like to establish a co-op bookstore and set up a student evaluation system of classes and instructors. She would also work to institute more reasonable liq-

uor laws on campus. She cited her work at three universities, national programs and experience in the business world as her main qualifications. "I just got sick and tired of sitting around and griping about the way things were, and about paying fees and not getting services out of them, so I decided to run," she commented.

The vice presidential candidates led off with Mark Fite. Fite would work to open more channels to the Board of Directors and administration and push for the hiring of a full-time student lawyer. He cited the 800 plus cases handled by a part-time psychologist and called for hiring a full time one. He favors a revision of the judicial system which he feels does not now work as it should. Fite would work for con-

tinued representation and leadership in the Texas Student Lobby and Texas Interscholastic Student Association.

Phillip Smith, the second vice presidential hopeful, expressed his dissatisfaction with the fee allotment system. He opposes the spending of money for services that are not used by many people. He favors a co-op bookstore to fight the present system where "they get you coming and going." He would work for a student evaluation of faculty and courses to be published by the student government.

Randy Stephens, vice presidential candidate, favored the institution of a full time student lawyer and beginning a student radio station. He stressed his past record as qualification and said, "I'm

very proud to run on my record as a senator." He supported the Aggie Sweetheart and was against female yell leaders.

Shariq Yosufzai, another vice presidential candidate, expressed his qualifications as "having more than twice the experience in student government as all the other candidates." He favors establishing a university senate to improve communications between groups and the construction of a new intramural complex. He cited the trial book exchange service instituted at the beginning of this semester which was immensely successful as a basis for a co-op system.

"On the side of Texas A&M" University National Bank Adv.

By VICKIE ASHWILL  
Staff Writer

While urging all students to get out and vote in the April 3 College Station City Council elections, A&M Student Government President Layne Kruse endorsed Place Three candidate Sam McGinty and Place One candidate Fred Bryson.

"Many students ask me why they should vote and be interested in city government," said Kruse during an interview Tuesday. "These students should take notice of what the city is already doing with the taxes they pay through sales taxes such as from

the Exchange Store and Food Services (the largest contributor to sales tax in the city) and indirect taxes in apartments subject to property tax."

"The city government is taking student money," continued Kruse, "and students should be concerned about how it should be spent."

Kruse also urged students to look at the qualifications of the candidates and vote for the ones who can best represent their interests.

McGinty was Kruse's best choice in the race for place three. "As a student at A&M, Mc-

Ginty would be in a better position to represent the interests of the student body which has too long been ignored," commented Kruse. "McGinty is also committed to a platform that will serve the needs of all the citizens of College Station."

Kruse agreed with McGinty's platform concerning the restoration of the Ward system in College Station and added that "it would insure that all areas of the city are represented including the campus."

"I also believe that McGinty's proposal for city aid to the Shuttle Bus system would provide a

good way in which students who have been taxed could get some direct benefits from the city government."

Kruse also pointed out that a city aided mass transportation system would serve to alleviate many of the traffic problems encountered surrounding the campus which would help all the people of College Station.

"McGinty would not only represent the interest of the students of College Station but would also represent all College Station citizens," said Kruse.

"Neither is McGinty tied to any business interest that might prejudice his judgment concerning the planning and zoning of College Station which is an important function of the council," commented Kruse.

If students are concerned about having a better City Council then we're going to have to work with all the citizens in the community added Kruse.

"I don't think students can run a slate of candidates and expect to take over every position on the council," said Kruse in endorsing Bryson.

"However," he continued, "by working with the people in the community as well as by having a student voice on the council, we can have a better more responsive city government for all the citizens."

Bryson is a retired professor presently on the council and said

### Policy Needed For Battalion

## Board Opts To Give Texan Election Endorsement Right

The Student Publications board at the University of Texas at Austin Tuesday gave the school's paper, The Daily Texan, the power to endorse candidates in elections conducted both on and off the UT campus.

A similar motion failed only last week before the board, but was brought up again in the special meeting held at the request of three board members who voted against the endorsement powers.

The endorsing of candidates at UT-Austin is unprecedented due to the non-profit contract the Texan was bound to for 50 years. The contract recently expired and with it, its status as a non-profit enterprise.

Also unprecedented was A&M's Battalion's endorsement of candidates in Tuesday's paper. Inquiries made to A&M President Jack K. Williams' office on the matter of the Battalion's endorsements were answered by Kent Caperton, an assistant to Dr. Williams.

Caperton said that Williams told him the matter was purely a student matter and that Williams had no opinion on the subject.

Layne Kruse, Student Government president and a member of the Student Publications Board at A&M, said that while not condoning the Battalion's endorsements, agreed with Battalion editor Mike Rice that a policy needs to be established for endorsement in the future.

Rice said that he felt in the future endorsements should be made at least five days before the election and that it was unfortunate that no previous guidelines or precedents had been set in the past.

A board member told a staff member at the Texan that the motion was approved in an effort to allow the editor, Dave Powell, to endorse candidates in the upcoming city council elections in Austin. Board members apparently didn't want a "half-way" measure and therefore voted unanimously to allow the student editor to endorse candidates in student government elections in addition.

Dick Benson, Student Government president at UT and a member of the Student Publications Board, asked that "the board go on record in asking the motion be considered with utmost haste" by the university president, Steven Spurr, who must approve the board's decision.

One condition was attached to

the decision, that being that the editor must endorse candidates at least five days before the election.

Another state-supported school which has been endorsing candidates is Texas Tech in Lubbock, which endorsed candidates for a number of years, stopped and re-started again recently.

## What's Wrong Is Wrong, Says Nader Consumer Protectionist

There isn't as much wrong today as people think, but what is wrong, is very wrong, says a lawyer who works for Ralph Nader.

The problem is that a large number of potential customers are tired of being taken, even if it's a little "rip off," explained Dr. Herbert F. Leary Tuesday.

He is counsel to the Nader public interest research group.

The Pennsylvania and Temple University law professor said the consumer movement will shift to more emphasis on human values rather than dollar values.

"The issue will be that improved consumer protection is going to cost," Leary informed a Political Forum group. "And the increased cost will probably be paid by the consumer."

The former Securities and Exchange Commission counselor said there are seven causes behind the consumer movement.

One is the effect of Madison Avenue brags about technological prowess. He believes the post-World War II fear of an atomic holocaust caused people to shift to living for the present, rather than the future.

Leary listed increasing reduction of the part an individual plays in production, anonymity of urban living with a decline in word-of-mouth advertising and fear of population growth and environmental concern it caused.

He said "a concentration of the post-war generation on getting ahead at all costs" also added to the movement. "It's really not a generation gap," Leary commented, "but a gap between preaching and practice."



Sam McGinty

Kruse, "has shown that he can get the job done well.

"Most important is that Bryson has shown a concern for the problems of students."

Last summer Bryson chaired a committee recommending that a polling place be put on campus for students and has worked with the Student Government in various matters throughout the year, according to Kruse.

## Editor Forms For Batt, Aggield Now Available

Applications are now being accepted for the 1973-74 editorship of The Battalion and the Aggield, as well as for The Battalion this summer.

Student Publications Director Jim Lindsey said application forms are available in Room 216 of the Reed McDonald Services Building.

Lindsey said the applications should be submitted by April 4.

Minimum requirements, according to the University and Rules

Regulations handbook, are that a student be classified academically as a junior or senior. This does not apply to summer editors.

Students must be free from academic probation or disciplinary action and have clearly demonstrated above average achievement and ability.

Students are also required to have a minimum of one year's experience on the staff of the student publication at A&M.