

Four of the student body presidential candidates, left to right, Fred Billings participated in a debate Thursday night in Rudder. Topics included bonfire and crime.

SG president candidates debate bonfire, crime

by Melissa Adair
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Six of seven candidates for student body president took part in a question-and-answer period and debate Thursday night.

Candidates Fred Billings, Donn Friedman, Steve Forman, like Wolff, Joe Jordan and Joe Nussbaum presented their views on current issues at Texas A&M, including crime awareness and bonfire, to a small audience. Candidate Rick Rodriguez was unable to attend.

On the subject of bonfire, all the candidates agreed that they would try to keep bonfire on campus if at all possible.

Forman and Billings said that the ultimate decision about what will happen to bonfire will be decided by the students. They did the leaders in Student Government should listen to what the students have to say about the future of bonfire and make their decisions from there.

Nussbaum and Jordan said redpots should have the greatest influence on bonfire and its future because they know it most about it. They also agreed that if bonfire had to be moved from Duncan field that Student Government should be able to do it and try to find the next best place for bonfire.

Friedman said that students have lost their perspective on bonfire. Bonfire started out small, yet it had the same meaning for students then as it does now, he said.

"The most important thing is to recover the bond bonfire creates, not its size," he said.

Wolff said decisions about bonfire needed to be made by someone who can communicate with the University administration.

The topic of crime awareness brought a variety of responses from the candidates.

Jordan said the main problem with crime at Texas A&M is a lack of awareness. Programs that work with the Residence Hall Association and the Corps as well as escort services, he said, are a step in the right direction.

Friedman agreed that more escort services would help the problem of crime. The main problem, he said, is that there is an illusion of safety on this campus. He also said the fact that the University Police is underfunded and underpaid contributed to the crime problem.

Nussbaum said the crime solution instead of the crime problem needed to be addressed. More new lock systems for the dorms, better lighting on campus and making students more aware of crime are some solutions he offered for the crime problem.

Wolff said the University Police has not been able to keep up with the growing crime here. Expansion of the department will be one of the most effective ways to curb crime, he said.

Billings agreed that the University Police could not keep up with crime here, but he said that is because they don't patrol enough on campus, on foot.

"I think they should get out of those new Blazers they got and walk around campus instead of

just issuing parking and speeding tickets," Billings said.

He also said he doesn't think the escort service is effective because it isn't used by many women on campus.

Forman said students should become more aware of the crime rate here so they can better understand how to prevent it.

A&M marathon runs Saturday

By Leslie Barr
Battalion Reporter

The 7th Annual Texas A&M Marathon races will begin this Saturday morning with an expected 344 runners participating, race director Rusty Higham said.

The races will begin at 7 a.m. next to the Health and Physical Education Administration Office on Houston Street and finish inside Kyle Field.

The marathons are co-sponsored by the Texas A&M Chapter of Phi Epsilon Kappa, the health and physical education honor society, and the Texas A&M Health and Physical Education Department.

Higham said the first finisher in the Quarter Marathon, which is a distance of 6.55 miles, should reach Kyle Field around 7:45 a.m. The Half Marathon, 13.1 miles, should finish at approximately 8:10 a.m., and the final 26.22 mile race, the Full Marathon, will end near 9:45 a.m.

"There will be a simultaneous start for all three races, and we encourage spectators to be in the stands at Kyle Field to cheer on the runners," Higham said. An

awards ceremony will be in Deware Field House starting at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.


He said the course is a flat, concrete and asphalt-surfaced route that is extra wide to accommodate the large group.

Medical personnel will be stationed throughout the course. Dr. Duane Lagan will be the physician on duty at the finish line, Higham said. Members of the Texas A&M Emergency Care Team will be located throughout the course to work in conjunction with the aid station personnel.

"The marathon has been made into a reality this year by the hard work done by members of Phi Epsilon Kappa and the aerobic running classes at Texas A&M, along with the Department of Health and Physical Education," Higham said.

Runners who registered by the March 21 deadline can pick up their information packets at Deware Field House from 6 to 9. Runners who still wish to enter the marathon can do so at that time for a fee of \$12.

There will also be a race-day registration from 5:45 to 6:45 a.m. at a cost of \$15.



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Separation sought for Siamese twins

United Press International
EL PASO — Separate heartbeats and possibly separate breathing systems have encouraged doctors at Providence Memorial Hospital that Siamese twins born there earlier this week can be separated.

Dr. Richard Heath, the pediatrician who is caring for the twins, said Wednesday the twins have separate heartbeats and appear to be breathing separately.

Providence spokesman Gary Conwell said a decision on an operation for the twins would be made Thursday, depending on

the outcome of additional tests to determine if the babies' vital organs are joined.

The twins were born Sunday night at Newark Methodist Maternity Hospital and within a few hours of birth were transferred to the intensive care unit of Providence. They are joined from the breastbone to the navel.

Father of the twins, Raul Hernandez, 27, said he and his wife are not prepared to pay extensive medical bills, but have been assured by hospital officials they would not be charged for the separation operations.

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