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Barton to back nominee

By KARL PALLMEYER
Reporter

Joe Barton, candidate for the Republican nominee in the 6th Congressional District primary, said he and his opponents agreed to support the party's nominee in the general election, despite any minor squabbles the candidates are now having.

In a special press conference Wednesday, Barton said he met with Republican Party Chairman George Strake and his opponents Pat Friedrichs, Bob Harris and Max Hoyt that morning in Austin. Barton said the purpose of the meeting was to get the candidates to put aside their personal differences. Barton said the candidates agree that the most important aspect of the election is to have a Republican retain Phil Gramm's seat.

"I am happy to report that the party leadership considers the recent disagreements to be of an internal nature and at an end," Barton said. "We're now back discussing the issues."

Barton said some of his opponents have questioned his honesty and integrity. He said these attacks are nothing more than "political mudslinging" and he can rebut all allegations against him and his reputation.

"The fact that I'm the leading candidate in the race for the Republican nominee is probably the reason for these accusations," Barton said. "I have been campaigning in a positive fashion since day one and will continue to do so."

Barton was accused of misleading voters by inaccurately stating that he was deputy to the Secretary of Energy. Barton said he was personally assigned to the Secretary of Energy, James B. Edwards, and in that sense, was Secretary Edwards' deputy. Barton said his official title in the Department of Energy was "White House Fellow" and never claimed to "Deputy Secretary."

Barton said he was not listed as a Presidential task force member because he did not serve on the task force. Barton said he volunteered his help to the Grace Commission while he was working for the Department of Energy and was one of the 2,000 volunteers who served on, served with, assisted, helped, or participated with the Grace Commission.

Barton, Friedrichs, Harris and Hoyt will hold a public meeting tonight at 7:00 at the Brazos Center.



Alumni placement offered here

By BETH HRDLICKA
Reporter

The Texas A&M Alumni Placement Service, a subdivision of the placement center, is a free service that provides former students the opportunity to find jobs. Whether or not the service helps every registrant is another story.

Former students looking for jobs must register with the placement center for the service, which is available to them at any time in their lives. However, it will not register May graduates until the week of graduation.

Any company, not just one run by Aggies, can notify the placement center of available jobs. The placement center categorizes the jobs according to colleges and sends a semi-monthly bulletin to former students registered with the service. In addition to job listings, the bulletin includes the name of the contact, his address, phone number and location.

The service currently has 300 former students registered with it.

Judy Vulliet, assistant director of placement, said there are several advantages to the service.

First, the majority of companies looking for people to hire and the majority of former students looking for jobs are not local. The service acts as a go-between for these people.

Second, the alumni service provides former students registered with it priority for the jobs in the bulletin. Undergraduates and former students do not apply for the same jobs because there are not enough companies interviewing nor enough time for companies to interview both groups.

However, the former students are not informed of companies which are coming to interview undergraduates, only companies which have told the placement center that they want to be in the bulletin.

Mary Gillespie, a chemical engineer who graduated in August of 1983 and is registered with the service, still does not have a job and is not satisfied with the service.

"They're (the alumni service) doing the best they can with a lousy situation," Gillespie said. "Former students who graduated last year should be able to sign up to interview with the undergraduates because last year's system was unfair. We had to line up in G. Rollie and

run to sign up for interviews, which discriminated against small people and women."

Vulliet, on the other hand, feels that the service is a very productive one. Working like a cycle, good registrants attract prestigious companies, which hire, thus, attracting more registrants.

However, she said, only about a third of the former students registered with the center get jobs through it.

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