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# 6th District candidates meet news reps

By DAINAH BULLARD  
Staff Writer

Candidates for the 6th Congressional District seat met Thursday evening at the Brazos Center for a debate sponsored by the Republican Women of Brazos Valley and the Republican Party.

Joe Barton, Pat Friedrichs, Bob Harris and Max Hoyt discussed issues presented by a panel of representatives from area news medias. Panel members Frank May, Roger Lewis, Jimmy Patterson and Debbie Ramsey questioned the candidates on issues ranging from balancing the federal budget to foreign policies. The debate was moderated by Chris Kling.

Following introductions from

the candidates, the debate began with a question about a decision made Wednesday concerning one candidate's eligibility. Barton admitted that he had been the candidate in question, an admission which brought criticism from the other candidates.

The candidates said the issue was an "internal matter" which would be handled within the party. Friedrichs and Harris said they thought the issue had been settled Wednesday, and Friedrichs said she felt a "trust has been violated" by Barton's comments.

"We were asked to go no farther, but Joe has chosen to go farther, both here and in The Battalion," she said.

The candidates finally went

on to discuss other issues, including the federal deficit, balancing the federal budget, line item veto power, foreign policies and prayer in public schools.

All the candidates said they favor line item veto power and a balanced federal budget, "except in times of national emergency," Harris said. All the candidates said they would not vote for tax increases to balance the budget, but they had different ideas of how to achieve a balanced budget.

Harris said he favors a five percent cut "across the board" in government expenditures. These cuts would include a five percent salary cut every two years for the president and the executive branch until the bud-

get is balanced, he said.

Hoyt said government subsidies, including payments to milk producers and tobacco farmers, should be cut to help balance the budget. Barton said he favors cutting government spending. Statistics show that 37 cents of every federal dollar is wasted, he said. Friedrichs said that though there is "very little waste" in the 6th District, wastefulness in other districts is a problem that must be dealt with to help balance the budget.

The candidates had different opinions about military spending and defense systems. Barton said he views the defense system as an insurance policy which deserves an adequate budget, but he said about \$37 million of defense funds could

be saved by better management. Barton said he supports placement of Pershing missiles in western Europe and the development of MX missiles.

Friedrichs emphasized the need to develop a high tier defense system.

Harris said he favors the United States' military prepared for any emergency. United States must use technology to "stay ahead," he said. Hoyt said a threat analysis necessary to determine the act needs of the military.

In answer to questions about foreign policy, the candidates agreed with the sponsored mining of Nicaraguan harbors to prevent commerce, and U.S. policies concerning Israel.

# McCaw cable request OK'd

By KATHLEEN WEST  
Reporter

The College Station City Council Thursday night approved a cable company's request to build and operate a cable television system in the city.

The council made its decision after a two-hour discussion among city council members, Mayor Gary Halter, a representative from the cable company, and community residents. According to the College Station City Charter, before McCaw Communications Companies, Inc. can begin building the cable system the council must approve the franchise two more times, and then a 60 day waiting period must be recognized. The company then may begin building the cable system.

David B. Hill, of 2814 Pierre

Place in College Station, questioned several sections of the proposed cable franchise. Some of the questions included whether the company would set a minimum number of channels, whether the company would distribute cable radio signals in addition to television signals and whether the company would follow FCC specifications.

The representative from McCaw Communications ensured the council that it was in the company's best interest to offer a variety of channels to customers. In addition, he said the company would offer radio signals plus the television signals. He also said that if FCC specifications were not followed the company could lose its right to operate; therefore, the FCC

regulations would be met. Additional council business included the tabling of an ordinance amendment which would minimize the crossing between commercial zoning districts and industrial zoning districts.

Finally, Halter declared 29-30 "the Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust" at College Station, May 6-12, 1984, and the annual Assault Awareness Week at College Station, and the annual May, 1984, as "College Station Foster Family Month."

Halter declared College Station's "Sexual Assault Awareness Week" in conjunction with Governor Mark White's recognition of "Sexual Assault Awareness Week" in Texas.

# Hart to speak here Monday before stopping in Houston

By ROBIN BLACK  
Staff Writer

Colorado Sen. Gary Hart, candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, will be on campus Monday as part of MSC Political Forum's push to have all the presidential candidates speak at Texas A&M this year. He will speak in Rudder Auditorium at 11 a.m. and admission is free.

Hart will make a two hour pit

stop at Texas A&M as he barnstorms through Texas, campaigning before the May 5 primary.

Hart's visit was originally scheduled for today around noon, but was postponed until Monday.

Jim Schicker, national programs director for Political Forum, said Hart's coordinators told the committee that the schedule might change.

"They told us from the be-

ginning to be flexible because his schedule is so tight," Schicker said.

Political Forum coordinator the event with Orland DeFrate and Aggies for Hart.

"We got a lot of help from DeFrate," Schicker said. Dr. Vandiver was our biggest help."

Texas A&M President Vandiver sent a letter to Hart campaign last summer expressing an interest in having the candidate come to the campus, Schicker said.

"His letter was really a springboard for getting help here," he said.

After his speech and posing a question-and-answer session, Hart will tour the Quad before leaving for Houston.

The Secret Service will provide security while Hart is on campus, Schicker said.

Security checks are being done on anyone who will come in close contact with the Colorado senator.



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