

Area politicians discuss issues on regulation

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Staff Writer

Candidates for the state and federal legislature met Tuesday night at the Sons of Hermann Hall in Bryan to exchange views on the rights to private property ownership and the free enterprise system.

At the request of TREPAC, Texas Real Estate Political Action Committee, and the Bryan-College Station Home Builders Association, Democrat Dan Kubiak and Republican Joe Barton, opponents in the 6th District race for U.S. Congress, as well as Republican Richard Smith and Democrat Neeley Lewis, candidates for the Texas legislature, 14th District, attended the event.

Appearing before a small audience each candidate was allowed to talk for 10 minutes.

Dan Kubiak, the first speaker, said, "every nation which has eliminated private property ... has ended up with a totalitarian state and society." He said the biggest threats to the nation are the huge deficits.

"We've increased the deficit ... by 300 percent, going from \$49 billion to approximately \$200 billion, and the debt of the country by 50 percent, increasing that from one trillion to \$1.49 trillion," he said.

Kubiak also criticized private investments for the purpose of tax incentives. He called it a "system so entirely irrational that it threatens the entire free enterprise system ... people in firms make investments based on tax considerations rather than reading signals from the market and making the investments that are going to make our economy prosper."

Joe Barton followed his opponent's speech saying, "I am as strong a defender of private property rights as anybody."

He criticized a federal law scheduled to go into effect in 1985 that would require a minimum of 10 percent on home loans.

"The federal government shouldn't tell you what interest rates you should charge," Barton said.

He said the provision could be repealed on Oct. 4 when it comes to a vote.

"If it still is in effect when I am in Congress next year, I will work to remove that part of the tax code," he said.

Barton said he supports the Mort-

gage Retirement Account bill that John Tower introduced in the Senate and Fernand St. Germain in the House.

"If you wanted to save money for a home you could put that into a MRA ... and it would not be taxable income, and then when you paid money down on your a home it wouldn't be taxed," Barton said.

Richard Smith, Republican candidate for the 14th District in the Texas legislature, said, "the crux of this matter is not to say you're for free enterprise but it's to try and determine what the enemies of free enterprise are and to be vigilant and alert."

"As I see it the two enemies of the free enterprise system are high taxes, which threaten the system, and also overregulation," Smith said.

Referring to a poll taken a few weeks ago, he said people were attracted to Texas because of the absence of strong labor unions, low taxes and a favorable regulatory climate.

"There are very few businesses that you don't have to go to the government to get a license in order to perform in that business. And that is the type of regulation or the movement of the government towards regulation ... that is a hidden threat," he said.

Smith's opponent, Neeley Lewis said, "Since the time of the founding of our country the essential framework ... of our form of government has been the right of personal property."

He said the government should not impose artificial barriers on those who operate in our free society. He talked about a regulatory trend in the use of police power for obtaining utility easements, and the attempt of College Station to adopt an ordinance requiring developers to either donate property or money for city parks.

"Our constitution has worked very very well (against) those who would try to take away individual property rights," Lewis said. "They always ultimately run into that barrier, the United States Constitution, and the Texas Constitution."



Truck crunch

Photo by GREG BAILEY

Two firemen prepare to separate the wreckage of two trucks which collided Tuesday afternoon on Wellborn Road near Texas A&M. Both drivers were injured in the accident. The

driver of the Texas A&M dump truck, was treated and released at the scene. The driver of the pick-up was taken away for further treatment by emergency medical personnel.

25 Apple Macintosh computers soon to be installed

Teledata Systems helps Commons

By GLENDA MARROU
Reporter

The installation of 25 Apple Macintosh computers in the Commons Residence Halls should be underway soon if all goes as scheduled, Ron Sasse, assistant director of student affairs, said.

"We want our students to be exposed to computers, and catch up with the '80s," Sasse said. "We are trying to make everything accessible and convenient to them."

Teledata Systems Corporation has agreed to provide 25 computers, 25 printers and a complete line of software for the lab at no cost.

The Department of Student Af-

airs is providing a room on campus out of which they can operate. They also are responsible for the installation of electrical outlets, deadbolt locks and furniture for the room. This will operate at no cost to A&M, Sasse said.

"We are both profiting," Sasse said. "Teledata Systems is getting computer exposure, and the students get the benefit of their use."

The only cost for the student is an hourly user fee of \$1.75, or \$39 a month. This will be paid as you use the system. The fee will go to Teledata Systems for the first semester. If the program is successful, a percentage of the profit will be shared

with the Department of Student Affairs.

The Commons was chosen because of the availability of a room and for security reasons. "There is a 24-hour desk, and usually something is going on there at all times of the day," Sasse said.

Since only 25 computers will be installed, their use is limited to the Commons residents only. This will enable the lab to be more effective and available for its users.

Lab hours are tentatively scheduled for 12 p.m. to 12 a.m., seven days a week. A student monitor trained and paid by Teledata Systems will be available during these

times. "The installation of the computer lab would help a lot, especially since I'm taking Bana 217 this semester," Anne Pearce, a Krueger Hall resident, said.

The program has been in the planning stage for over a year, and finally is reaching negotiation and construction, Sasse said. Everything should be completed before the end of this semester.

"This service would be very convenient to the students in the Commons area," John David McPherson, a resident advisor in Aston Hall, said. "You wouldn't have to walk across campus to use a computer."

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