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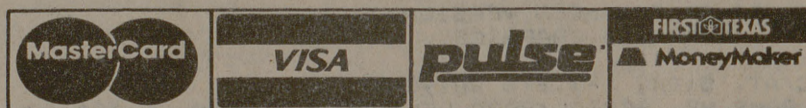
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State and Local

Briscoe running as Democrat

Aggie enters governor's race

By MARYBETH ROHSNER
Staff Writer

No Aggie has served as governor of Texas. Andrew Briscoe III wants to change that. "I think it's about time we have an Aggie in the office," Briscoe said Saturday.

The 1974 wildlife and fisheries science graduate and second cousin of former Texas governor Dolph Briscoe has tossed his hat in the ring against incumbent Gov. Mark White for the spot on the Democratic ticket. Briscoe, 33, described himself as a conservative businessman Democrat.

Briscoe said he is optimistic about the gubernatorial race.

"I feel like my chances are improving every day," he said. He added that history has shown that he can expect 15 to 20 percent of the vote in the primary considering his experience. He said that the Briscoe name may bring up to 40 percent voter support in some areas of the state.

Financial support is another matter.

"I'm struggling," Briscoe said. "My war chest is certainly not what I'd like it to be."

He has spent \$130,000 to date, but does not intend to go into debt for the campaign.



Andrew C. Briscoe

"I've promised myself that I'm not going to be a Kent Hance and end up \$450,000 in the red once the campaign is over with," he added.

Although he has not served in an elected office, Briscoe said the diversity of his background offers him a broad perspective. Briscoe has worked as a developer in Dallas for the past seven years. Before that, he was a wildlife biologist and newspaper publisher in Dallas. As a student at A&M, Briscoe worked part time, was a member of the Singing Cadets and president of the wildlife society.

If elected, Briscoe not only will be the first Aggie in the governor's mansion — he also will be the first bachelor. Considering Briscoe's

clean-cut good looks, he will be a big vote-grabber among women.

"I figured I could count on the 'first lady of the day' to be a big vote-grabber among women," Briscoe joked.

Briscoe places the state at the top of his list of priorities.

Briscoe said his approach to the state's economy is geared toward the generation of new business opportunities. He said the state will gain revenues from new industries as the state grows 10 percent, the rate of growth he expects to achieve substantially through new jobs.

"We need to take an attitude toward business that says 'We've slapped the hand that feeds us.'"

Briscoe said the state has spent much money and effort to attract new business to the state as the naval port in Corpus Christi and the proposed Texas state park in the Big Bend area. Briscoe said that he plans to ask already established Texas businessmen to help them generate new jobs.

"That's not to say that business is not important," he said. "But it costs to cultivate it. We need to start taking care of businesses we've got."

Class of '89 officers picked in freshman runoff election

By FRANK SMITH
Staff Writer

Jared Hurta was elected president of the Class of '89 in Friday's freshman runoff elections. Greg Carter was triumphant in the vice presidential race and John Calahan won the race for treasurer.

Hurta, an agricultural economics major from Bryan, received a 59-percent majority of the votes. Runner-up Paul Tisch received 39.3 percent.

The runoffs were necessary since balloting for the offices of president, vice president and treasurer of the freshman class produced no majority winner last Monday.

"I feel bad that our class wasn't well represented in the voting," Hurta said. "But I was very satisfied with the results. One of the things in

my campaign was a push for more involvement. But I think we'll be able to do more with that later."

Election Co-Commissioner Alan Moore said 183 ballots were cast Friday at the two voting sites, the Pavilion and the A-1 Lounge.

"It (the turnout) was disappointing," Moore said. "I think the choice of sites was the bad part. The Pavilion by and large pulled a lot more than A-1."

He said 162 of the 183 ballots were cast at the Pavilion.

In the other runoffs, Carter won the vice presidency of the freshman class with a 59 percent majority. Carter is an aerospace engineering major from Houston. His opponent, Peter Fry, got 35.5 percent of the votes.

"I'd like to thank everybody for coming out and voting," Carter said.

"Hopefully we'll have a good turnout at future elections."

Carter also named several goals for later in the year as an effort to find better financial aid for freshmen.

The freshman treasurer is an agricultural economics major from Nacogdoches. He received 53 percent of the votes. Deidre Doigg had 40.5 percent.

"I thought there was a lot of apathy on campus for the elections," Calahan said. "The locations of the runoffs just didn't care."

"The election was not what I got it, but I'm disappointed in the way it went."

Moore said the election went smoothly and that he was pleased with the campaigns of the candidates.

Housing authority snubs hearing

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A congressional subcommittee charged with assessing the condition of the nation's public housing is being snubbed by Houston's housing authority, even though the local authority is federally funded.

"We have had extensive hearings in 33 different states and 63 different political entities over the past 4½ years and this is the first time that we've ever had a public official refusing to appear or even cooperate," said U.S. Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio.

Not only has the City of Houston Housing Authority and Executive Director Earl Phillips refused to participate in the hearing in any way, but an earlier decision to let the subcommittee meet on authority property has been withdrawn.

"We felt the whole thing would be totally negative," Phillips said.

Phillips was referring to sched-

uled testimony today by opponents of an authority proposal to raze Allen Parkway Village, a dilapidated 1,000-unit housing project on the west side of downtown Houston.

A proposal, awaiting approval from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, would relocate the mainly Vietnamese tenants, demolish the project and sell the prime real estate.

The proposal, however, has drawn opposition from a coalition including Gladys House, head of the Freedmen's Town Association; Lenwood Johnson, president of the Allen Parkway residents council; and Bruce V. Griffiths, staff counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, which has filed suit in federal court against the housing authority.

Phillips said he compiled a list of possible witnesses to appear before the panel and also offered the use of an authority housing project as a meeting site.

"When I remember that the representative has been about holding the hearing at Allen Parkway," he said, "I wonder what was happening."

He said the subcommittee met with opponents of the Parkway project before Phillips met with him. Phillips also said his witnesses were not notified in the public hearing.

After that, Phillips said the subcommittee to the site and refused to participate in hearings, which are now to be held in a committee center.

Gonzalez said officials of the authority are eager to present their case before the subcommittee.

"It's not as if we're an advisory committee or the FBI," Gonzalez said.

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