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Candidates stress victims' rights

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All of the Republican candidates for Brazos County Court at Law, Place 2, want crime victims to have more rights, since most of the candidates have been victims themselves. Rod Anderson, William Burdett, Michael Calliham and Steve Smith spoke Tuesday at the Texas A&M College Republicans meeting. Anderson has practiced private law for two years, criminal law for nine and worked as Bryan's chief prosecuting attorney for seven years. He said he has tried a number of misdemeanor and civil cases.

"It takes experience and working in the court system to do the job as judge," Anderson, a 1980 graduate of St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, said. He said he has seen things that do work and things that do not work. He said he supports victims' rights. Burdett said he has been a victim of burglary four times, and it is time for victims to have rights. "I promise to make an impact on this community by supporting victims' rights," Burdett, a Southern Methodist University Law School graduate, said. He said he also supports strict punishments for people convicted

for driving while intoxicated. Burdett practiced private law in Dallas upon graduation and moved to Bryan-College Station in 1982. Calliham said he is qualified for this office because he has practiced law for 20 years and has been a judge for 16 years. "Qualified experience is the key for office," Calliham, a graduate of Baylor University Law School, said. He has served as Justice of the Peace in College Station, and taught business law and political science at Blinn College and A&M. He said he has dealt with numerous types of civil and criminal cases.

Calliham said he supports victims' rights and fair and impartial laws. Smith said that because of his experience, he knows what College Station wants, and he is not going to have to learn to be a judge. "The accused should have all rights," Smith said. "I have been firm with criminals in the past and I will hold my reputation." He said he feels this way because he too has been a victim of crime. Smith, a graduate of the University of Texas Law School, has practiced law for 13 years, and he helps train other municipal judges in College Station.

German exchange students learn cultural lessons at A&M

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A new decade brings new hope — not only for Texas A&M, but also for the world. With hopes of increasing cultural awareness, A&M and West Germany's Georg August University are participating in a student exchange program. David McGough, director of the MSC Jordan Institute for International Awareness student exchange program, said 10 German students and two advisers arrived at A&M Feb. 9 and will stay for one month. Although they are here during a regular semester, the students are here on a strictly cultural visit. "They aren't taking any classes, but they have visited some classes," McGough said. "We made contacts for them with people in the departments (who are familiar) to what they're studying in Germany." McGough said most of the students are inter-

ested in agriculturally related fields, but there are other students that have social and political science as well as economic interests. Martina Sonnenberg, a political science and journalism major, said she has found A&M to be quite different from her university in Göttingen, about 20 minutes from East Germany. The lectures are organized differently at Georg August, she said. Rather than a straight lecture from a professor, the students have more time to discuss topics among themselves during the class. "We have two types of lectures," she said. "One kind, you are able to speak yourself and discuss with other students working about some theme. The other type is when one teacher reads something that he has written," she said. "I think that is most similar to your type of lectures." McGough said the students met with Dr. John Koldus, vice president of student services. They discussed the differences in Germany's and America's education systems. "They found it very interesting that people

here like Dr. Koldus — the people far up in the administration — those people actually get to know their students and have meetings with students," McGough said. "Their administrators only administrate, and they don't have much contact with the students." The students are staying in Bryan-College Station with host families affiliated with A&M. Sonnenberg said they spend some days together as a group and others with their host families. "We have visited farms and gone to celebrations, and some of us went to Austin," Sonnenberg said. A delegation from A&M plans to leave May 22 for Germany and also will stay for one month, McGough said. "I don't really know what to expect, but I'm going to keep an open mind and not try to expect too much," he said. "I think that if I expect too much, I might be disappointed." The delegation consists of 10 A&M students and an adviser, all of whom were chosen by an application and interview process.

Residence hall rivalry

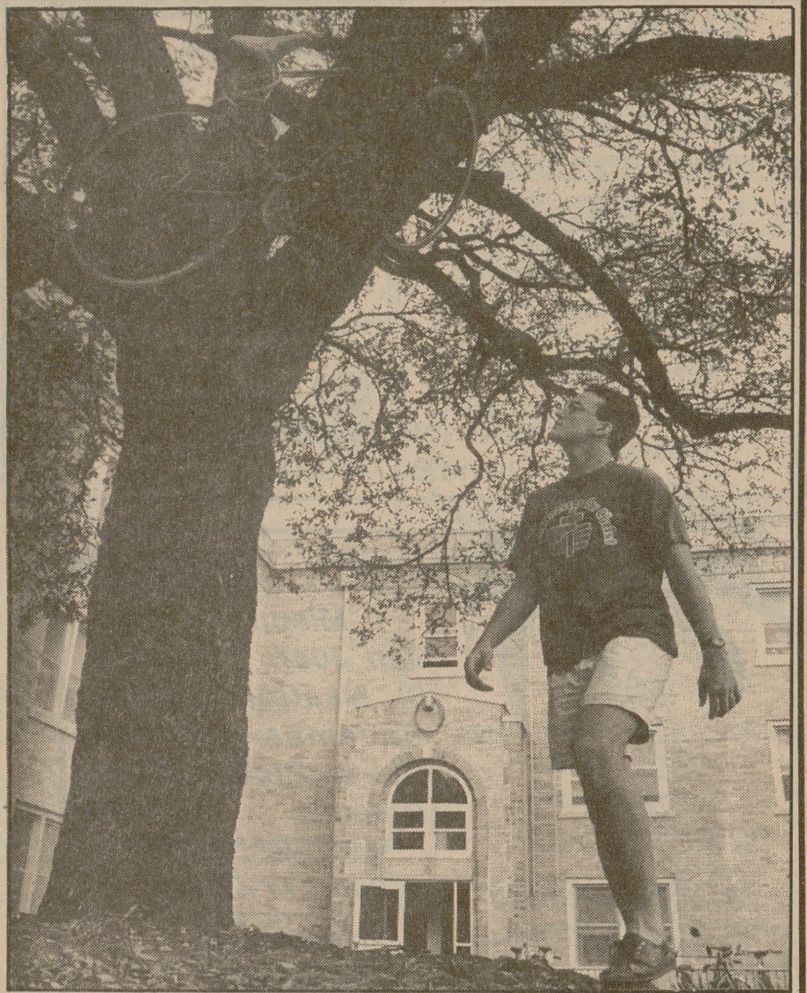


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David Wilding, a junior computer science major from Bryan, looks at a Puryear Hall prank as he returns to Law Hall. Wilding said there are always ongoing pranks between the two dorms. This time a bike was thrown into a tree.

Republicans cite hard work as job qualification for county commissioner

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The war on drugs needs more attention in Brazos Valley, the two Republican candidates for Brazos County Commissioner, Precinct 4, said Tuesday at a Texas A&M

College Republicans meeting. Frank Lewis Jr. and Dick Britten are running for the office. Lewis has lived in Brazos County all of his life, and he has served as firefighter and police officer. "I am not asking you to vote for me be-

cause I am a minority, but because I am qualified to do the job," Lewis said. Most of the people who live in Precinct 4 are minorities, he said. These people usually vote for Democrats, Lewis said, so he needs support from the student body. Lewis said that, as county commissioner,

he will try to get better equipment and more employees for the fire departments, increase funding to fight crime and supplement funding to build better rural roads and bridges. Britten, Class of '68, said he has the ability to say what he thinks and be fair and

square with everyone. "I agree with the saying, 'A day's work for a day's pay,'" Britten said. He said that phrase reveals sincerity and that is what he is about. He supports waste management, Brazos Beautiful and new industry.

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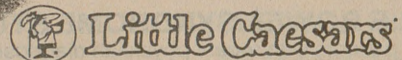
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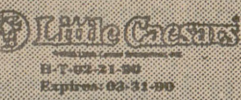
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