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Ogden asks students to keep district seat Republican

By JULIE MYERS
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The Republican candidate for District 14 State Representative asked for student support Tuesday to keep his seat Republican.

Stephen E. Ogden, a Bryan oil and gas producer, told the College Republicans that a Republican governor needs to know House Republicans will back him up when he has to veto bills.

Out of 150 House members, 60 are Republicans and 90 are Democrats. 100 votes are needed to override a governor's veto in the House.

Ogden was a naval officer and nuclear engineer in the U.S. Submarine Force from 1973-83 and has served as the industrial division chairman of the Bryan-College Station United Way and an area Little League baseball coach. He received an M.B.A. from Texas A&M in 1987.

District judge candidate points to docket experience

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A candidate for district judge says he can effectively handle the heavy case loads required of district judges, because he has already redesigned his dockets as county court-at-law judge place 4.

J.D. Langley told the College Republicans Tuesday that no one has to wait in his court because of backlogged dockets.

Entering his fifth year as a judge, Langley said he has never let politics enter the courtroom.

"Litigants need to walk in the courtroom as equals," Langley said. "I'm running because

they're not walking in as equals."

Langley is a member of the Class of '74, served in the Marines for five and a half years, and graduated from the South Texas School of Law.

The county court-at-law jurisdiction is determined by the legislature which created the position to handle special case loads. Langley said that the only other county court-at-law judge that handles more cases than he does is in El Paso.

A district judge handles everything a county court-at-law judge deals with except cases involving disputed land titles. Langley said he has handled such cases in private practice.

Langley has served as a chief felony prosecutor in the same courtroom that is now presided over by the judge he is trying to unseat.

"I don't know of one judge in Texas who has ever had as many writs of mandamus issued to him by the Court of Criminal Appeals as the one I'm running against," Langley said.

Judges are not issued such writs unless they have grossly misused their discretion as a judge, Langley said.

Langley said he remains optimistic about his candidacy although a sitting district judge has never been unseated in Brazos County.

Langley was the first Republican judge to ever be elected in Brazos County in 1985.

"I believe that anyone who offers to represent the citizens of Brazos County assumes an obligation to be an effective spokesman and a tireless

advocate for the best interests of Texas A&M," Ogden said in his campaign announcement.

A credible criminal justice system

will be one of Ogden's priorities. "We have a criminal justice system where convicted felons would rather go to Huntsville than be on proba-

tion," Ogden said. "They know they will only have to serve one-tenth of their sentence.

"Minors lie about their age so they

can be tried as adults. They know the punishment in juvenile court is more severe than adult court."

Additionally, Ogden favors:

- Building more prisons.
- Harsher penalties for drug users.
- Continued necessary improvements in the transportation systems between the local area, Houston, Waco and Austin.
- Taking a fresh look at the adequacy and quality of the county's fresh water supply.

• A hearing on the House and Senate Floors aimed at "modest" regulation of abortion which would include requiring parental notification and consent before a minor could obtain an abortion.

"This is my promise to the voters of Brazos County," Ogden said. "I will listen to your concerns. I will study the issues and then I will act in a straightforward and decisive manner."

Battalion brings awards home from competition

By STACY ALLEN
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The Texas A&M Battalion has received two new awards to hang on the walls of the Reed McDonald Building.

In the Associated Press Collegiate Press Contest in San Francisco in February, The Battalion won second place in page one broadsheet design and first place in page one news coverage.

Sixty-one schools from throughout the nation were represented at the contest.

"This is one of the first national contests that we have entered in a long time and winning shows what I knew all along — that the Batt is a great community newspaper," Scot Walker, editor of The Battalion, said. "Getting national recognition is great and winning this encourages us to en-

ter more contests in the future."

Page one news coverage is judged on how well the subject matter covered on the front page pertains to the students and how well the articles are written, Monique Threadgill, managing editor of The Battalion, said.

Threadgill said the broadsheet design category is judged on how appealing the front page is, including art elements and headlines. The broadsheet category includes full-size newspapers as opposed to tabloids. Tabloid newspapers are shorter in length than The Battalion.

Bob Rogers, head of the journalism department, said the awards are a mark of how well the Battalion staff has done this year.

"I think this is one of the best staffs in years," said Rogers. "It has improved in scope and quality. The awards are well deserved."

Center promotes safety for spring break

Campus events offer helpful guides to students planning to party

By NADJA SABAWALA
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Students planning to party during spring break need to know a little more than where their next bottles of beer are coming from — they must know how to drink responsibly.

And this week's campus events can inform them how to do that.

The Center for Drug Prevention and Education is giving out information to Texas A&M students to help them have a safe and fun spring break, Tim Keen, a graduate assistant with the Center, said.

Volunteers will hand out information packets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Thursday in the MSC. In each packet are pamphlets about AIDS, date rape and the use of sunscreens to avoid over-exposure to the sun. Also included is a condom and information on its proper use. A brochure by the University Police Department on personal safety is included as well.

Keen said the Center is sponsoring SEA-n-SKI Spring Break-Fest '90 — a free party from 8 p.m.

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MSC Hospitality

to midnight Thursday at the Grove promoting safe behavior for spring break.

Music, dancing and even a stand-up performance by comedian Jason Porter are among the activities, Keen said. The Department of Food Services will provide non-alcoholic refreshments at the party.

Area restaurants and merchants have donated services and merchandise to be given away as door prizes during the festivities, Keen said.

Various organizations on campus will have booths set up with information about popular

spring break vacation spots, he said.

Ann Harding, vice chairman of MSC Hospitality, said the booths will be decorated according to their regions.

"We will give out the phone numbers of police and emergency services in the area," Harding said. "We'll also give out the names of places where students can go and have a good time, but that alcohol is not necessarily involved."

Along with the information to prepare students for the week to come, will be a speech by junior Bill Huddleston. He was the last person to see Mark Kilroy alive. Kilroy was the University of Texas student who was kidnapped and murdered in Matamoros last spring break.

Keen said Huddleston will talk about his experiences and give students a brief message of safety from his perspective.

"He will tell how to avoid the problems that arose from the type of behavior that his group exhibited that week," Keen said.

Harding said that in case of bad weather, Thursday night's festivities will be moved indoors to 224 MSC.



Elect an experienced, conservative judge to the County Court at Law Number 2



Steve Smith is the most experienced candidate running for the Republican nomination for judge of Brazos County Court at Law No. 2. As a municipal judge of College Station, he has heard almost 4,000 cases involving a variety of misdemeanor criminal matters. Judge Smith has earned a reputation for being firm and fair and he shows equal concern for the rights of the victims of crime as he shows for those accused of criminal acts.

Judge Smith's professional credentials are outstanding: he is the only Republican candidate certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization (Civil Trial Law) and is the only candidate selected to help train Texas Municipal Judges at the state Municipal Judges Courts' Training Center. He is also the only candidate to serve as a law instructor to the Brazos Valley Study Group of the AIB.

Judge Smith has an enviable record of public service in the community. He has served many, many civic and charitable organizations with distinction including OPAS, Leadership Brazos, Crimestoppers, Optimists and the March of Dimes, among others.

He and his wife, Becky, have two children: they are concerned parents and involved citizens.

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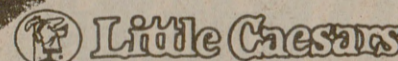
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