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Fifty-nine-year-old graduate student, **Bart Branden**, of Bryan, lifts himself vertically off the ground on Monday by grabbing hold of the goal posts of Kyle Field and lifting himself off the ground. Branden keeps fit by running an average of four miles a day.

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Socialist party vies for support

Nominee speaks on issues at Rudder

By STEVE O'BRIEN

Reporter of THE BATTALION

J. Quinn Brisben, the Socialist Party's 1992 presidential nominee, admits many people take his candidacy about as seriously as the physical reincarnation of Elvis. He continues his long odyssey across the United States, however.

Last night in Rudder, Brisben addressed a small group of A&M students, reiterating socialist themes and ideals.

Brisben, who has traveled over 70,000 miles by car since his nomination on Labor Day 1991, said the United States needs change and won't get it from the Democrats or Republicans.

Brisben addressed a number of issues, including health care, the environment and equal rights for homosexuals.

He said the job of raising children is a very important one and those that do it should get paid.

"We have proposed that women have the choice between staying home and taking care of the children and being out in the economy," he said. "But there isn't enough day care out there."

"We'd like to see day care centers attached to every large educational institution and every large employer in this country."

It would help to establish a principle that is very dear to the socialists, that raising children - as pleasant as it may be - is also a job.

It's probably the most important work you can do in society and work that ought to be paid."

Brisben also discussed the need for additional quality housing in communities like Bryan-College Station.

"Things need to be planned in (College Station), very obviously, for the large student population," he said. "Housing should be better adapted to young, single people."

John Marhoul, a member of Aggie Socialists and Socialist Party USA, said Monday night's discussion was a success but often times socialist views are not given enough consideration.

"We don't have the funds for things like this like the Aggie Republicans and Democrats do," Marhoul said. "Whatever we do has to come out of our own pockets."

"And the response is that people usually ignore us. That's kind of sad, because college is a time when people should want to know how other people think and then make decisions on their own. It's a little disappointing for me."

Anti-gun group backs Libertarian

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The Libertarian presidential candidate has received backing from an anti-gun control group, which also denounced President Bush for supporting limits on automatic weapons.

The North Texas Arms Rights Coalition on Saturday endorsed Andre Marrou, who made his second visit to Dallas this year.

"The two greatest lies in American politics are 'Read my lips, no new taxes,' and 'No new gun restrictions,'" said Marrou, 53, a native of Nixon, Texas, who now is a realtor in Las Vegas.

"The incumbent president has, of course, broken both promises he made."

Marrou said the constitutional guarantee to own a gun is eroding.

He criticized Bush for banning imports of semiautomatic weapons and for considering

support of the Brady bill, which requires a waiting period before a handgun is bought.

Marrou, whose name will appear on the presidential ballot in all 50 states, told more than 100 supporters that the endorsements will help him in Texas.

"Texas is an important state to appeal to gun rights," Marrou said.

Libertarian candidates seeking local office joined Marrou in front of the Old Red Courthouse in downtown Dallas.

Libertarians argue for shrinking the size and functions of government at all levels.

Key points of the party's platform include dismantling the Internal Revenue Service and abolishing the personal income tax.

Wayne Burnham, the arms coalition's president, said his organization backed Bush four years ago, but that members are disillusioned at his failure to fend off efforts to pass gun limits.

College Republicans host rally

By MARK EVANS

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The opportunity to host the vice president of the United States is one the College Republicans have been waiting for, and they have been working around the clock to see that Dan Quayle's visit goes smoothly, said the group's president.

"We've been working for this ever since our organization was started, and we're grateful to the Quayle advance team for laying this responsibility upon us because they didn't have to do that," said Phil Meuret, president of College Republicans.

The organization sent out invitations to Republican politicians in August, offering them the chance to speak to A&M students, Meuret said.

They did not hear of Quayle's acceptance until last Thursday evening. Since then, they have put in many hours preparing for his visit.

If the visit had come any earlier in the semester, the organization may have had a harder time pulling the event together, Meuret said.

They just finished committee assignments.

"I think that's one of the main reasons why they chose A&M and our organization because they felt that we could handle something of this magnitude," said Brandi Smith, vice president of public relations.

The College Republicans have been working closely with Quayle's advance team since Friday, laying out the details of his visit. They have printed and posted over 25,000 flyers announcing the event.

"We hope, come Tuesday, that all of the students will come out, hear the vice president speak, show their support and help us prove that we are a university capable of handling this kind of event," Smith said.

The president of the Aggie Democrats, Patrick Gendron, also encourages students to attend the event.

"People ought to hear Quayle out, see what he has to say, and don't distract others from hearing him," Gendron said. "But, I would remind people that he is not here as the vice president. It is a campaign stop."

He disagrees with restrictions

allowing only signs made by the College Republicans into the coliseum.

"I do believe a person should be allowed to have a sign to show that there is dissent," Gendron said. "Not everyone follows blindly."

The Aggie Democrats have been working since the summer to get Gov. Bill Clinton or Sen. Al Gore to speak at A&M.

Though at this time, Gendron said, they have not received any word from the Clinton-Gore campaign.

Members of the College Republicans will be stationed around the G. Rollie White Coliseum to offer assistance and information.

In addition, voter registration tables and issues sheets (outlining Republican stances) will be available in the coliseum.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry will serve as the master of ceremonies for the rally which begins at 1 p.m.

"We want a real, Aggie welcome because that's why the Quayle team is coming here," Smith said. "This is our chance to shine."

Officials offer tips for event

The College Republicans and the University Police Department offer tips for attending the rally.

- Cameras and tape recorders will be allowed inside the G. Rollie White Coliseum contrary to earlier reports.

- No identification is needed to get into the rally.

- Students are advised to leave backpacks behind as they will need to be searched by the Secret Service, slowing down the line to get in.

- Only front entrances of the coliseum may be used by the public.

- Parking areas 37 and 60, between G. Rollie and the Bush Library offices, will be closed.

- Visitor parking is available in the parking garages on campus and Duncan Field.

- Only signs made by the College Republicans will be allowed inside the coliseum.

- Seating in the coliseum is first come, first-served and doors open at 12:15 p.m.

Assault reported at CS apartments

By TANYA SASSER

Staff writer of THE BATTALION

A 20-year-old Texas A&M student was sexually assaulted outside Briarwood Apartments as she was returning home early Thursday morning, said Lt. Mike Mathews, head of the College Station Police criminal investigation division.

The woman was walking alone to her apartment, located at the 1200 block of Harvey Rd., between 2:45 a.m. and 3 a.m. when two assailants, white males in their 20s, attacked her.

"There were two suspects," Mathews said. "One held her down and the other one sexually assaulted her."

The Brazos County Rape Crisis Center was contacted and the woman was checked into St. Joseph Hospital in Bryan where she was treated and released.

The woman was able to give only a vague description of her assailants and the case is still under investigation.

This brings the official 1992 rape count for College Station to 14.

The victim has assumed a pseudonym for the duration of

the investigation to protect her identity.

Paula McCune, coordinator of volunteers at the Rape Crisis Center, said many rape victims use false names as a means of protection.

"It gives them a sense of security," she said. "Usually fake names are used throughout the investigation."

McCune said women should be aware of their environment when they travel alone. She encourages women to travel in pairs whenever possible.

If you are attacked, it is not always best to try to fight the person. This may spark a more violent rape.

"What is important to get across is that if you survived the rape, then you are a survivor," she said. "Whatever you did, you did it right."

Briarwood Apartments and several surrounding complexes posted notices on residents' doors informing them of the incident. They urged residents to report any suspicious activity and to exercise personal security measures while outside their apartments.

Members of Briarwood Apartments management refused to comment on the incident.



Lisa Avila of the Aggie Republicans listens to Ben de Leon of the Aggie Democrats discuss policies.

Richard Smith/The Battalion

Aggies talk politics, sit on opposite end of issues

In an effort to help college students make an informed choice in November, two campus political groups debated the merits of the Republican and Democratic presidential candidates Monday evening in Wells Hall.

Three members each from Aggie Democrats and Aggie Republicans squared off in the residence hall's TV lounge in front of about two dozen hall residents in a structured debate.

After the debate both groups offered information on their parties' platforms and voter registration.

Aggie Republicans meet every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in 224 MSC, and tonight Rep. Steve Ogden will address the group.

Aggie Democrats meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

This week Jim James, chairman of the Brazos Valley Democratic Party, and Ellen Richards, daughter of Gov. Ann Richards, will be guest speakers.