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Island Party draws 9,000

BY SALLIE TURNER
The Battalion

Brothers Under Christ (BYX), a Christian fraternity, hosted its sixth annual Island Party Saturday on the Polo Fields, drawing a crowd of more than 9,000 people throughout the day.

Island Party festivities included jousting using inflatable weapons, volleyball and 11 hours of live music. Plumb, the waiting, Chasing Furies, Robbie Seay, nickel and dime and SHANE&SHANE performed throughout the day.

Brack Bryant, vice president of BYX and a junior accounting and finance major, said the event is an outreach to the campus and the community to present the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Island Party is designed to have people come out, enjoy a fun day and to hear the message of Jesus Christ," he said. "We just wanted people to come out and have a good time."

Robin Blakely, owner of Visionquest, an organization that promotes Christian athletics, and Bruce Johnson, director of J.H. Ranch, spoke to the crowds about having a relationship with

Jesus Christ.

Each year a member of BYX gives a religious testimony to the audience. This year, Dean Pickard, a junior bioenvironmental sciences major, gave his testimony.

"In my life, I have learned that God loves me even when I haven't actively pursued him," he said. "God is good, and even through my trials, God has provided."

Pickard said Island Party fulfilled his desire to see God's work.

"Every year weather forecasts predict that it is going to rain on the day of Island Party, and every year God provides us with a rain-free day," he said. "This year it began raining at 12:05 [a.m. Sunday], just five minutes after the official end of Island Party," he said.

Bryant said BYX was originally established at the University of Texas, which included Island Party in the organization's constitution.

"The founders of BYX felt it was necessary to have an outreach ministry every year," he said. "They wanted BYX to be more than just fellowship."

Spin control



SALLIE TURNER/The Battalion
John Miller, a sophomore electrical engineering major, spins John Morton, a junior education major, in the gyroscope at the Brothers Under Christ Island Party Saturday.

U.S., allies plan to increase airstrikes on Serb military

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American and allied air armada broadened its attacks on Yugoslavia on Sunday to target Serb military forces in Kosovo, raising the risk to NATO pilots but also holding the promise of more effective airstrikes. President Clinton said "the continued brutality and repression of the Serb forces further underscores the need for NATO to persevere."

The Pentagon and NATO were officially mum on what brought down an Air Force F-117A stealth fighter-bomber near the Yugoslav capital on Saturday. A senior defense official, however, said there are strong indications it was hit by a surface-to-air missile, possibly the Soviet-made SA-3 air defense mis-

sile. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there was no reported mechanical problem but an explosion was heard. NATO officials, without referring to the F-117A, said SA-3 missiles were fired Saturday.

At the White House, Clinton met with his top national security aides and said he had talked with leaders of several NATO allies, including British Prime Minister Tony Blair and French Premier Jacques Chirac.

"All of them share our determination to respond strongly to Mr. Milosevic's continuing campaign of inhumane violence against the Kosovar Albanian people," Clinton told reporters. "That is what we in-

tend to do." Clinton said he strongly supported NATO's decision to step up its air campaign in Kosovo.

Without specifically mentioning Saturday's loss of an F-117A, Clinton said he had warned from the start of "real risks" in NATO's confrontation in the sky over Yugoslavia. "But the continued brutality and repression of the Serb forces further underscores the need for NATO to persevere," he said.

As he stepped away from the podium, Clinton was asked whether the NATO bombings were a driving force behind the escalating atrocities in Kosovo. "Absolutely not," Clinton replied.

The F-117A pilot, whose identity was not made public, was re-

ported in "good shape" at the Air Base in Italy after a dramatic cue and recovery operation.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, speaking on the Sunday talk shows, said the loss of the F-117A — one of the most sophisticated and secretive aircraft in the U.S. arsenal — would not affect NATO's air campaign against Serbian government as the alliance widened to target Serb forces in Kosovo.

"We are going to move to a wider array of targets including not only those dealing with command-and-control structures, ammunition dumps, but also start to go after forces in the field as such," Cohen said.

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