





# Libertarian Party not treated fairly, student says

by BRIAN COFER  
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After turning 18, Robert Guimbellot could not decide which political party he preferred, so he wrote to all the parties requesting a copy of their platforms.

"I agreed almost absolutely with the Libertarian platform," he said.

Guimbellot, who has since become president of the Campus Libertarians at Texas Tech, said he joined the party because of its values. He stressed that government should interfere as little as possible in people's lives, and should only serve to defend the country from outside invaders and civil disorder.

"Whatever consenting adults do behind closed doors is their business," Guimbellot said.

This would mean a decriminalization of drug sales and use, as well as

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prostitution.

"To quote George Carlin: 'Why can't you sell something you can give away for free,'" Guimbellot said.

In addition to an opposition to government interference, the Libertarian Party also opposes social spending.

Before the days of welfare and entitlements, people in need sought help from their family, friends and church charities, Guimbellot said. Furthermore, he said government interferes in people's efforts to assist the less-fortunate, pointing out the example of a Nevada man who opened a homeless shelter, only to have it closed by building code inspectors, who said there

were not enough restrooms.

The party has not received fair treatment from either state voting laws or the press, Guimbellot said. As a result, they have been hindered in their efforts to become part of the political mainstream.

For example, when figuring results from exit polls, the three major television networks cut out the share of votes going to third party candidates and divide it between Democrats and Republicans.

In many states, the Libertarian candidate's name is placed on the ballot only after a certain number of people have signed a petition.

"In Florida, you have to get so many signatures, a lot of signatures, and you only have two weeks to do it," Guimbellot said. "If Abraham Lincoln ran for president today, he couldn't get elected, because the Republicans were not a mainstream party when he ran."

He expressed certainty that if the press and the states would give Libertarian candidates a fair chance, they would fare well.

"Most Americans would be Libertarian if we had a fair chance," he said, adding that most Texans would support their philosophy of independence.

The Libertarian Party will run Andre Marrou as their candidate for president. The former Alaskan state representative, who was Libertarian Ron Paul's running-mate in the 1988 presidential election, was nominated at the party's convention last summer.

### Campus briefs

#### English prof wins best article award

Sam Dragga, an English professor at Texas Tech, received the 1991 award for the best article in the Association of Teachers of Technical Writing Journal. The award was won for his article "Responding to Technical Writing."

Dragga joined the faculty at Tech in 1989 and teaches courses in technical communication in the department of English. He also is a faculty adviser to the Society for Technical Communication.

#### Minority research awards available

Minority High School Science Teachers Research Associate Awards are available for the summer of 1992 for teachers who are minorities or teach a significant number of minority high school students. Selected teachers will be expected to serve for a period of not less than eight weeks, 40 hours per week at \$500 per week.

Applications can be obtained from the Program Director Alexander D. Kenny, Department of Pharmacology, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas 79430, or call at (806) 743-2425 and ask for Virginia Davis.

## Richards defends school finance plan, sets special session date

by MICHAEL HOLMES  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards, defending her school finance reform plan, on Wednesday said May 11 now appears likely as the date for a special legislative session to consider the controversial issue.

But she acknowledged that many lawmakers don't want to deal with school funding again until after the November elections.

"You've had a lot of legislators who say, 'I think we ought to come in there and ... we ought to resolve this issue,'" Richards said.

"You've got a lot of other legislators who say, 'For God's sake, I don't even want to talk about school finance again, and I'm willing to talk about it again after the election.'"

The Texas Supreme Court three times has knocked down the \$14 bil-

lion-a-year school finance system. In its most recent decision, the court gave lawmakers until June 1993 to write a new plan.

Richards said legislators have had time to study the program she offered last week.

She wants to take business property away from local school districts and put its tax money into a statewide pool. That change would require a constitutional amendment. She also proposes amending the constitution to specify a certain level of "equity" for spending in the 1,050 school districts.

"I've given everyone plenty of notice that May 11 looks like a likely time. If we think that the support is there for a constitutional amendment, then I think we should proceed," Richards said.

She noted that a federal judge is considering a taxpayer challenge to the current finance system.

## Tech's news and publications office sweeps awards competition

by CATHERINE DUNN  
THE UNIVERSITY DAILY

Texas Tech University's Office of News and Publications recently received the most first-place awards given to a single university office during a district IV competition of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

University News and Publications received 12 awards, including four Grand Awards, from the organization of institutional advancement professionals in higher education.

The awards mark a record number of honors for the office. The office received 11 awards at the 1989 CASE competition.

About 100 public and private institutions in Texas, Oklahoma, Ar-

kansas, New Mexico and Louisiana were represented at this year's awards ceremony and annual meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.

UNP Director Margaret Simon said that for the past four years, Tech has had outstanding representation at the CASE awards ceremonies.

"The professional peer recognition each year is important, and we were particularly pleased this year to be among the most honored university public relations programs," she said.

Steve Kauffman, University News Bureau manager, said most of the universities recognized consist of several news and publications offices, whereas one office comprises Tech's public relations representatives.

"It speaks a lot about our office because our office was competing

against groups of other offices," he said.

Kauffman attributes the success of the office to its employees.

"Everybody really has a pride in Texas Tech that comes through in their work and their attitude about their work," Kauffman said.

However, he said it is hard to do good work without good material. Tech provides the office with material through various research and individual projects, events and its faculty, staff and students.

Artie Limmer, the manager of Photographic Services, received two Grand Awards. He received one in the structured color photography competition for a studio portrait of Tech researcher Ellen Peffley. The portrait appeared in the summer 1991 issue of

Vistas, Tech's research magazine.

Limmer received the second Grand Award in the three or four color publications design category for the School of Music's fall Mozart Festival poster produced by him and Pat Maines, graphic image coordinator at PrinTech.

Jim Barlow, University News Bureau information specialist, received a Grand Award in medical/scientific writing for a fall 1991 Vistas article on Tech paleontologist Sankar Chatterjee.


"I was delighted and very surprised," Barlow said. "It was the first article that I wrote for the Vistas magazine since I came here from the (Lubbock) Avalanche-Journal. To win the Grand Award was just beyond my expectations."

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**SADDLE TRAMPS**  
Will be having open rush on April 16 in the UC Ballroom at 7 p.m. For more information call Paul Clifton at 742-1896.

**AECO ASSOCIATION**  
Will have an officer election meeting on April 23 at 7 p.m. in room 311 of the Ag Science Bldg. For more information call Dallas Goodman at 298-2663.

**STANDING COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES**  
Application are available in the Student Association Office #230 UC. Deadline for applications to be turned in is April 17. For more information call the Student Association at 742-3631.

**PASS**  
"Effective Listening and Notetaking" session from 4-5 p.m. on April 16 in West Hall room 205. For more information call Erik With at 742-3664.

**STUDENTS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS**  
Will be having a meeting with Dr. Moorhead speaking on "Effects of Global Climate Change on Arctic Ecosystems" on April 22 at 7 p.m. in room 76 of Holden Hall. For more information call John Marshall at 763-4218.

**ALPHA PHI OMEGA**  
Will be having a regular meeting on April 20 in Holden Hall in room 77 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Kip Harmon at 747-9840.

**PRESIDENT'S HOSTESSES**  
Application are available in the SOS Office through April 17. For more information call Tori Irlbeck at 797-6385.

**TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL**  
Will be having a meeting on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in room 256 of the BA bldg. For more information call Brad White at 763-3403.

**TASP PREPARATION**  
Math Workshop will be held from 6-7 p.m. on April 16 in room 205 West Hall. For more information call Erik With at 742-3664.

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