



'Mount Aggie' Workout

Texas A&M students practice basics of skiing on a synthetic surface attached to a slope next to C. Rollie White Coliseum.

The slope was given to the Health and Physical Education Department by the Aggie Snow Ski Club.

Redistricting changed by court decision

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a ruling on a Louisiana case, the Supreme Court said Monday that reapportionment plans approved by federal district courts no longer must follow procedures outlined in the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

The court said that under previous rulings a plan of single-member districts should have been adopted instead of a plan for multimember districts.

The court rejected Justice Department and NAACP arguments that the plan was invalid because it had not been cleared under the Voting Rights Act.

The act has been extended by Congress to cover reapportionments required after the 1980 census. The act requires changes in voting procedures to be approved either by the

Justice Department or by a special three-judge federal court in Washington.

In 1971, the Supreme Court said reapportionment plans formulated by a federal court are exempt from this requirement because it would interfere with the responsibilities of the judiciary.

Monday's decision broadened the 1971 decision, saying the exemption applies to plans "adopted pursuant to a court order." A spokesman for the Justice Department's civil rights division said the decision means that many plans the division thought had been covered by the act no longer are.

The Voting Rights Act applies in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas and parts of California, New York, Arizona, New Mexico and North Carolina.

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It is a 30 by 30-foot special Astroturf "slope" for beginners. The slope is operated by the Health and Physical Education Department.

Students are learning to snowplow, side step and other basics of snow skiing four afternoons a week, under the instruction of Dr. George Jessup and Tish Husik.

The elective physical education course is one of several department offerings, along with

SCUBA diving and fencing.

The fledgling skiers' "hill" is temporarily located on Houston Street across from C. Rollie White Coliseum. It was purchased by the 180-member Snow Ski Club and given to the department.

"Mount Aggie," as students label the slope site, is used only for course instruction.

Developed by Monsanto two years ago, the synthetic ski surface is a white, longer-pile version of regular Astroturf. Special additives increase its slipperiness. Teflon beads are poured on it, providing a surface

"like corn snow." "This is a type of snow that occurs in spring. After some daytime melting, it freezes at night causing ice crystal granules on the surface," Jessup explained. "It's a slow and easy skiing surface."

We also can get a silicon spray to "further reduce the coefficient of friction," he added.

"It works," the prof said, "and the kids are excited about it."

They have enough room to make snowplow and stem Christie turns, after they learn to properly adjust

bindings, put on poles, balance on skis and get up after a fall.

"Time in Colorado is expensive," Jessup said. "Time that would normally be spent there learning basics can be put in here."

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Venezuela abduction in 11th day

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — The search for kidnaped Ohio businessman William F. Niehous entered its 11th day today without word from the abductors.

Despite the lack of hard contact with the kidnapers, an Interior Ministry spokesman said he was optimistic that "positive news" would be forthcoming soon. He did not elaborate.

Persons claiming to be the kidnapers sent a communique to a Caracas newspaper Feb. 28. The document accused Niehous and his company Owens-Illinois Glass Co., of interfering in internal political and economic affairs and said the executive would be held for trial.

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Who speaks for Texas? Lloyd Bentsen or Phil Gramm?

In this Bicentennial Year Texas voters will have some important decisions to make, decisions which will influence the direction America takes as we enter our third century of national existence. In the May 1st Democratic Primary we will decide whether to re-elect a junior Senator who would rather be President, or a young, dynamic nationally-famous economist. We will decide who speaks for Texas.

A Sorry Record
First let's look at Bentsen's record in the Senate.

- One of the first things he voted for was a provision to weaken the filibuster, thus making it easier to push through hasty, ill-considered legislation that could run contrary to the long-term interest of the American people.
- Back in early June he teamed up with New York's Senator Jacob Javits to co-sponsor one of the first "bailout" bills for New York City. Governor Carey of New York publicly praised Bentsen for his help. Later in Houston Bentsen denied he was for a bailout. A few weeks later in Washington he voted for it. How's that for consistency?
- Bentsen voted to end the depletion allowance, thus depriving Texas of hundreds of millions of dollars that would have been invested in new exploration and new jobs. In handbills he passed out in Washington he bragged that this showed he had "guts." But when he comes back to Texas he poses as a friend of the oil industry—one of the most important in the state.
- Bentsen voted for the McGovern Amendment that would make it easier for ineligible people to get food stamps—at the taxpayers expense!
- Bentsen spurned appeals by the Governor and voted to impose the punitive and discriminatory provisions of the Voting Rights Act on his own state. Now every slightest change in every election procedure dating back to 1972 can be overruled by Washington bureaucrats. Appointed officials in the Justice Department who may never have set foot in Texas (and were certainly never elected by anyone in Texas) have the power to revise precinct boundaries—even to void municipal annexations which have taken place over the last five years.
- On two separate occasions Bentsen voted against the interest of Texas cattlemen by granting the President power to impose a price freeze on beef. The 1973 price freeze disrupted the beef market, causing at first shortages and then a market glut. The net result was a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars to Texas cattlemen.
- Bentsen voted three times to cut off debate, thus assuring the passage of the common situs picketing bill, a bill which would have damaged the already de-

pressed construction industry by permitting a minor dispute between one subcontractor and one union to close down an entire construction project.

Has Bentsen Become A Liberal?

Back in 1970 Bentsen called Ralph Yarborough a "free-spending liberal." When Yarborough left office we had a \$6 billion deficit. Today we have a \$70 billion deficit. And if all the spending bills Bentsen voted for had become law the deficit would be even higher. For example, in 1971 Bentsen voted to extend OEO two years at a cost of \$6.3 billion—including the creation of a "Comprehensive Child Development Program" that columnist James Kilpatrick described as "the boldest and most far-reaching scheme ever advanced for the Sovietization of American youth." Bentsen again voted for a similar program in 1972 which would have cost another \$2.9 billion. Fortunately, both bills were vetoed.

The first time Lloyd Bentsen ran for the Senate he bragged he was a conservative. Remember? That's how he got himself elected. Have five years in Washington turned him into a liberal? That's what Elinor Guggenheim, the McGovernite New York City Consumers Affairs Commissioner, thinks. In her endorsement of Bentsen for President she described him as a man "who has seen the light of liberalism." He fooled her, but he hasn't fooled Texas liberals.

Bentsen The Opportunist

The truth is that Lloyd Bentsen is not a liberal. He's not a conservative. He has no principles, no political philosophy. His only commitment is to his own overweening ambition. He doesn't care about Texas. He cares about what he thinks will help his pitiful drive to become President. It would be tragic if the best Texans could offer to America in this Bicentennial Year were to return such a transparent opportunist to the U.S. Senate.

Fortunately the chance that he will become President is now virtually nil. As the *Orlando Sentinel-Star* summed it up on December 9th, "the Senator from Texas was an early entry and has been fading

steadily. His own Texas backing is evaporating." And then they went to the heart of the matter: "If the oil wells of Texas were as shallow as he is politically, there would never have been any oil millionaires."

Phil Gramm Speaks For Texas

It is also fortunate that this year Texans have an exciting alternative to Lloyd Bentsen. Bentsen, after all, doesn't really want to be a Texas Senator. He wants to be President. Of course he'd rather be a Senator than out of a job. But that's not saying much. He doesn't work very hard at being a senator. According to *Congressional Quarterly* Bentsen missed more than one out of every four record votes in 1974, tying for ninth worst attendance record in the Senate!

Texans deserve a full-time senator who is fully committed to the needs of Texas and the philosophy most Texans share. Texas needs Phil Gramm. The national weekly, *Human Events*, in a recent major article on the Gramm-Bentsen race, described it bluntly: "One of the most forthright, outspoken, no-nonsense conservatives in the land is out to unseat one of the double-talking office-holders this side of New York City Mayor Abe Beam."

The article, written by a leading Dallas commentator, describes Gramm as a "dynamic defender of free enterprise." And the *Longview News & Journal* noted that "The message he is spreading across Texas is that the only way to curb inflation is to quit spending money we don't have and to quit running the Federal Reserve System's presses overtime to make up the slack."

Rescue The Economy From The Politicians

"Dr. Philip Gramm may be something of a rarity among economists," marvelled the *Denton Record-Chronicle*. "He preaches economy." As Gramm sees it our economic problems are very real. Inflation, unemployment, soaring taxes and energy shortages. But he has also seen that it has been the politicians who have caused the problems—politicians who are ignorant of economic realities and seek only to buy votes by bribing special interest groups with more and more deficit

spending. Gramm saw politicians block the Alaskan Pipeline for five years to humor pressure groups that seemed to care more about wild caribou than they did about the millions of human beings who have suffered and will suffer because of fuel shortages. He warned the Congress in his testimony, but no one listened. Gramm saw politicians give free rein to bureaucratic busy-bodies who have all but strangled business, industry, and state and local governments with endless regulations, red tape, and demands for meaningless reports; disincentives causing waste, inefficiency, and higher consumer costs—pouring out of Washington. Phil Gramm had had it. He determined to launch a crusade to rescue the economy from the politicians.

An Uphill Fight

And so Phil Gramm became a candidate for the Democratic nomination to the U. S. Senate. He knows he's in an uphill fight. His opponent is an incumbent and a millionaire who boasts that his campaign coffers (thanks to an election "reform" law he supported!) will soon be enriched to the tune of some \$800,000 from the Federal Treasury.

Gramm Is Gaining

It's an uphill fight. But that's the kind Texans fight the best! And Gramm is gaining—fast. Recently the *Houston Post* quoted political observers as saying that Gramm is already leading Bentsen in two of the four most populous counties in the state. And Gramm is waging one of the most hard-working face-to-face campaigns in the history of Texas. He has spoken in scores of communities large and small in every part of the state. Everywhere he goes he is greeted with enthusiasm and wins new supporters.

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