

Filing Now Open In Class Election


Filing opened today for the March 20 election of class officers, announced Tommy Henderson, vice-chairman of the Election Commission.

Henderson said that applications for class and yell leader positions may be picked up at the Student Program Office in the Memorial Student Center.

All applications, he noted, must be returned to the Program Office by 5 p.m. March 7. He also pointed out that only sophomores and juniors may apply for yell leader positions.

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GREAT MOMENT IN SPORTS
"Joltin' Jocks" cheerleader Mertle (Bill Seely) get a boost from Tom Sooy as she—leads athletes in a yell for the Joltin' Jocks, Aggie footballers who challenged the Fish basketball team Tuesday and went down to ignominious defeat, 89-71. The game preceded the varsity's win over Arkansas, which helped clinch the SWC championship. (Photo by Mike Wright)

Senate Committee Okays Bill To Lower Voting Age To 18

AUSTIN (AP) — Three young people insisted Tuesday that by and large their age group is informed enough to vote wisely in elections.

They all favored lowering the voting age from 21 to 18.

The Senate Constitutional Amendments Committee advanced the proposal to the floor on a 7-4 vote.

If approved by the legislature, it would be submitted to the voters at a statewide election in November 1970.

Also approved by the committee were proposed constitutional amendments repealing annual voter registration and giving persons 65 or older a \$3,000 exemption from all property taxes.

THEY ALSO are set for a vote in November 1970.

Sen. Joe Bernal of San Antonio sponsored the measure dropping the voting age to 18. He said the

state Democratic and Republican platforms had endorsed a lower voting age and that a national poll showed 64 per cent of the people in this country in favor of it.

"We no longer want to go three years after high school or through three years of college accepting the role of token citizenship," said Rosie Castro, representing Our Lady of the Lake College's Young Democrats.

ALSO supporting Bernal's proposal were Dan S. Boyd of Denton, representing the Young Democratic Clubs of Texas, and Court Crow of Fort Worth, representing the Texas Student Educational Association.

Sen. Roy Harrington of Port Arthur sponsored the proposed tax exemption for the elderly.

"I would rather pay more taxes when I'm earning money than when I'm not," he said.

Faculty Total Nears 900; 58 Percent Hold Ph.D.'s

Texas A&M has increased the size of its faculty almost 50 percent within the past five years and nearly doubled the number of instructional personnel holding doctoral degrees, a university study shows.

A&M President Earl Rudder said the study shows the university now has a general faculty of nearly 900, with 523, or 58 percent, holding doctoral degrees.

During the 1963-64 school year, the university employed 623 teachers, but only 271, or 43.5 percent, had earned a Ph.D. or similar degree.

The study did not list graduate assistants, whose inclusion would raise the number of current faculty members to approximately 1,000.

Rudder noted the sharp increase in professors, as well as the marked improvement in professional competence as reflected in percentage of doctorates, is an integral part of A&M's avowed program of excellence.

The faculty, he said, has kept pace with mushrooming enrollment and expanded instructional and research programs.

Current enrollment is 12,053, compared to approximately 8,000 five years ago.

NTSU Prof Will Open Series Of YMCA Marriage Forums

By DAVID MIDDLEBROOKE
Battalion Staff Writer

The 17th annual YMCA Marriage Forums will begin Tuesday with Dr. Sidney Hamilton, professor at North Texas State University, speaking on "How Can You Tell It's Love?"

Ed Donnell, YMCA Special Programs committee chairman, noted that this year the 7:30 p.m. forums will be in room 321 of the Physics Building. He said the forums consist of five programs on consecutive Tuesdays.

always proven popular here at A&M."

PURPOSE OF the forums, Donnell noted, is to give adequate information to young people who are interested in the problems of marriage. He said the forums present factual information which serves as a basis for solving problems before and after marriage.

Others scheduled to speak on following Tuesdays are Dr. Robert

Ledbetter, marriage counselor at the University of Texas at Austin discussing making marriage meaningful, and Dr. Henry Bowman, professor of sociology at UT, speaking on premarital sex one week and marital sex the following week.

Final speaker of the series will be Dr. Bardin H. Nelson, professor of sociology here, speaking on marriage outside one's faith.

A&M Students Lead Donors In Wadley Blood Bank Drives

Texas A&M has won yet another Southwest Conference championship — besides the one in basketball.

Aggies contribute more blood each year to the Wadley Blood Center than all other center-contacted colleges and universities combined, according to Dudley Rouse, development director of the Dallas blood bank.

He said the 1968 donations by A&M students amounted to over 600 pints, about a 17 percent increase over the previous year. The Wadley Foundation bank supports leukemia research and enables donors to receive blood during the year of contribution.

ton, which handled technical aspects of the drive, offered \$2,562 to settle the account. A&M students then turned the funds over to the USO office in Dallas for use in Vietnam.

The annual April campus drive is sponsored by the Student Senate and Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

A December blood drive was arranged by the Student Senate so A&M students could show their support for American soldiers.

The U. S. Department of Defense, which was to fly the blood to Vietnam, informed student body leaders the blood was not needed. Blood Services of Hous-

ACS Meeting Off

A Wednesday meeting of the Texas A&M section of the American Chemical Society has been cancelled due to illness of the scheduled speaker.

Dr. Donald J. Lyman, head of biomedical polymer research at Stanford Research Institute, will be unable to speak.

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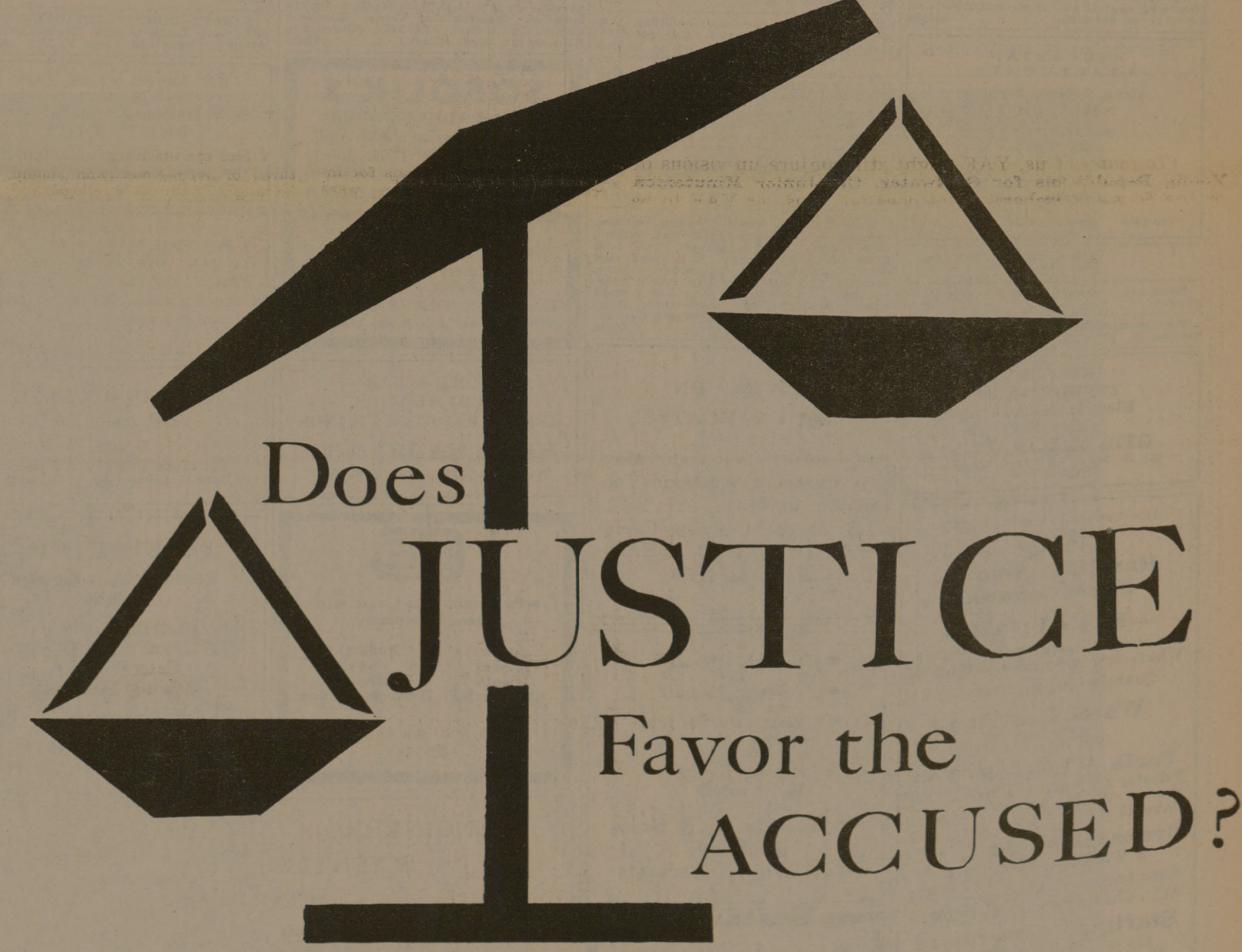
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