

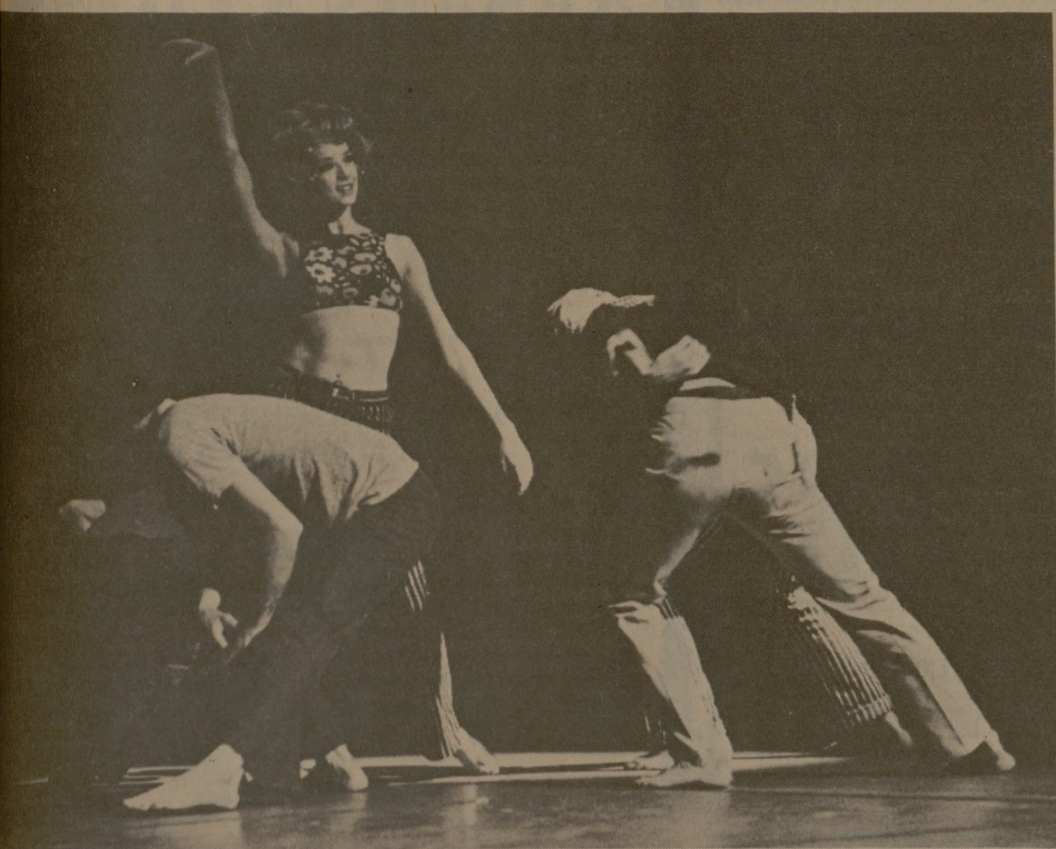
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HERE TONIGHT—Shirley McMillan swings in a scene from "Opus 65," to be performed here tonight by the Houston Ballet. The program, part of the Contemporary Arts Committee's Festival 70, begins at 8 in the Bryan Civic Auditorium.

## Houston Ballet Here Tonight As Festival 70 Continues

Art displays went up early this week in the Memorial Student Center as "Festival 70" gained momentum. The two-week, campus-wide examination of contemporary art reaches its first plateau Wednesday with the 8 p.m. Houston Ballet performance in the Bryan Civic Auditorium. Lectures by artist Samuel Maitin, whose work is exhibited on the second floor of the library; the Aggie Players' "Under the Spanmore Tree," a film seminar and fashion fair are on tap the remainder of this week, reminded Jim Ellis, Contemporary Arts Committee chairman. Highlights of next week include the Monday showing of "Genesis," a series of student experi-

mental films, and Town Hall presentation of the outstanding young pianist Misha Dichter and the Kenwood Theater Tuesday. Maitin, graphics department head at the Annenberg School of Communication, will speak on media, graphics and their social implications this Thursday and Friday at 2 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium. A library exhibit of Maitin's work from the Lane Epstein Gallery of Houston includes prints and sculpture. Ellis described it as social satire in graphics. The chairman of the MSC committee sponsoring Festival 70 said a series of monographs done by students of the College of Architecture will be on display in the MSC for the remainder of the festival. The monograph technique

involves painting on a plate of glass and transferring images by pressing the glass against paper. The Architecture Auditorium also will be the scene of a 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday critique of student films. The MSC Host and Fashion Committee meanwhile will present fashions from Neiman-Marcus in its 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fashion Fair. Tickets for the ballet, Genesis II, Misha Dichter and Kenwood Theater are available at the MSC Student Program Office. Festival 70 started Sunday with music by the "Gypsy Moth." The band was joined on Guion Hall steps Monday by the "Ghost Coach" with music for a large audience. Ellis said the three-hour performance attracted up to 2,000 listeners at a time.

## Senate Considers UW Seat Thursday

The question of whether to allow a representative of University Women to have an ex-officio seat in the Student Senate will be considered when senators convene Thursday. Also on the agenda for the session, scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Architecture Auditorium, are resolutions concerning senate proxies, the Academic Council and, possibly, a joint statement of rights and responsibilities of students. Senate secretary Kirby Brown said he would introduce the resolution calling for an ex-officio seat for UW, in practically the same form as the one he introduced and the senate rejected last week. Brown said his new resolution states the UW representative will be elected from all the women of the university, the actual membership of UW.

Ex-officio status he said, would still give women a "voice" and a vote in the senate not simply a voice as erroneously reported in last week's Battalion senate story. Brown said that he thought the senate's refusal to allow UW a representative last week was an "immature" and "biased" stand. The senate, he said, busied itself in finding faults with the women's organization, and ignored a chance to hear a voice that was new and needed on the senate floor. Jim Stephenson (sr-LA) said he would report to the senate concerning the Academic Council's refusal to allow senate president Gerald Gestweidt to attend a council meeting two weeks ago. He added he was to meet with Academic Vice President Horace Byers on the matter. Stephenson added that he may

also discuss with senators a statement of student rights and responsibilities that he hopes to see the senate pass at some later date. "These things ought to be in writing," Stephenson said. "Sometimes student rights are unintentionally infringed on," he said,

simply because there is no document that states them clearly. Brown said the senate is also scheduled to consider abolishing the proxy rule, which allows senators to send qualified substitutes to meetings in their places, and adopting a more stringent rule on senate absences.

## Tessies Will Talk Tonight on Dating

Four Texas Woman's University students will talk tonight on dating etiquette as part of the YMCA - sponsored Man Your Manners program. The 7:30 session, second of three being presented on consecutive Wednesdays, will be in Room 113 Biological Sciences. Panel members will be Susan Howes, senior clothing design major and 1969 Best Dressed Tessie; Kada Rule, senior clothing and fashion merchandising major and president of the TWU Student Council of Social Activities; Karen Burk, senior child development and nursery school education major and president of the Student Finance Council; and Kathy Dunn, senior social work major and president of the TWU Campus Government Association. Included in the program are discussions on dating activities, how much to spend on a date, Aggie weekends, whether a woman should ask for a date and the question of necking. The emphasis during the discussion will not be on straight answers to every situation, YMCA President Ed Donnell said, but will be more on general guidelines and what the women on the panel believe should be done. The women will also explain

the reasoning behind their beliefs. Donnell said, something that is being done at the request of many Aggies who have attended previous panels. The final manners panel will be March 18.

## Ag First Casualty Reported in Laos

By Chancy Lewis  
Battalion Staff Writer  
A former Aggie yell leader has been acknowledged as the first American casualty of the fighting in Laos but denied to have died in "ground combat operations." Captain Joseph Bush, the 1965-66 head yell leader, had his name entered into controversy after President Nixon said Friday in a formal statement on U.S. involvement in Laos that "no American

## Nixon Administration Says 18-Year-Old Voting Age—Yes; Via Congressional Action—No

By Lawrence L. Knutson  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Nixon administration—still on record in favor of lowering the voting age to 18—vigorously opposed Tuesday doing it by an act of Congress. And Margaret Mead, the nation's foremost woman anthropologist, warned that any technicality that blocks extending the voting age to the nation's youth will be regarded by them as a trick and as proof there is no room for them in the political system. William H. Rehnquist, as assistant attorney general, told senators studying the issue that the Justice Department has severe doubts that lowering the voting age by congressional vote would be constitutional. Such a move is the thrust of an amendment offered by Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield to a pending voting rights bill. Two other senators, one of them Republican Leader Hugh Scott, have introduced a separate bill which would do the same thing but be detached from the emotional debate which has accompanied Senate consideration of the voting rights bill aimed at assuring minority group voting rights. Rehnquist cited Supreme Court decisions to bolster his argument that high court approval of an across-the-board lowering of the voting age would be at least dubious. "No informed observer can affirmatively state that the statutory approach would pass muster with the Supreme Court," Rehnquist said. He made these other points: —"Doubt as to the validity of the statute could create confusion and uncertainty as to the outcome of a presidential election." —The longer process needed to amend the Constitution—by win-

ning House and Senate approval and then ratification by three quarters of the states—is necessary to build the popular consensus needed to bring younger citizens into the ranks of voters. The administration amendment would lower the voting age in federal elections only. Chairman Birch Bayh, D-Ind., of a subcommittee on amendments and other senators want to lower the age in all elections—federal, state and local. Rehnquist contended the concept of federalism demands that each state must decide voter qualifications for its own elections. But he conceded confusion and frustration might result if a young voter were able to cast his ballot for president, but not for governor. Dr. Mead joined several other witnesses in contending extension of the ballot to youth is a logical, timely and a completely justified action.

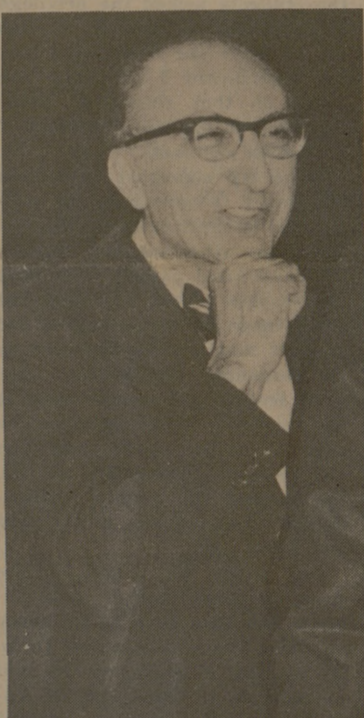
"We need them to ask the timely questions, to release the latent power and strength of this country to deal responsibly with the present and future," she said. Voicelessness, she said, breeds desperation a distrust of the law and action outside the law: "Lack of political responsibility can put the sanest men and women into a rebellious and frustrated state where they no longer trust the political process on which our freedom is built."

## DeBakey Tells Audience Transplants Not 'The' Key To Heart Disease Treatment

By Jay F. Goode  
Battalion Staff Writer  
Heart transplants are not the ultimate answer to treatment of heart disease, renowned heart surgeon Dr. Michael E. DeBakey told a large audience in the Bryan Civic Auditorium Tuesday night. "We need some form of preventive approach to the problem of heart disease," DeBakey said.

old to be eligible for transplantation or their hearts are not healthy, he said. Of the relatively few good hearts available, fewer yet will match the tissues of the recipient, DeBakey noted. "Some way must be developed to have hearts available when one is needed," he said. Rejection is another problem yet to be overcome, he said. "Transplant patients die from out and out rejection or, when the immune mechanism is suppressed, infection," DeBakey said. The mechanical heart promises to solve the problem of rejection, he said, but such hearts cannot be used for long periods of time. The major difficulty with the mechanical heart occurs because blood undergoes changes when it comes in contact with alien surfaces, DeBakey explained. A layer of tissue forms and eventually blocks off the circulation through the artificial organ, he continued. DeBakey used slides to demonstrate how vessels made of Dacron, a synthetic material, have proven to be the most feasible method of combatting the tissue formation. The mechanical heart also requires a large synchronization ap-

paratus that limits what the patient can do while carrying the artificial organ in his chest, DeBakey said. A double ventricular mechanical pump is still in the experimental stage, he said. "We are still working with it from an engineering standpoint with our colleagues at Rice University," the surgeon said. DeBakey also demonstrated through slides how Dacron tubes are used to repair parts of diseased arteries. In cases where the arteries developed clots, and in others where an aneurysm, or "bleeding" caused severe damage, the arteries were replaced satisfactorily with Dacron. Arteries in the heart also may be replaced by artificial tubes. However, DeBakey said, when these coronary arteries cannot be replaced, transplants or mechanical hearts become the only alternative.



DR. MICHAEL DeBAKEY Spoke Tuesday night on heart transplants. (Photo by Robert Boyd)

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**WEATHER**  
Thursday—Cloudy in the morning becoming partly cloudy. Wind East 10 to 15 m.p.h. High 54, low 39.  
Friday—Partly cloudy. Wind South 10 to 20 m.p.h. High 68, low 42.

## Soviet Official Here Thursday To Discuss U.S.-Russian Ties

The Deputy Ambassador of the Soviet Embassy will speak here Thursday on "Russian Foreign Relations with the U.S." Yuli M. Vorontsov will speak at 8 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center. His talk is the second in a four-part U.S.-East European Relations Seminar sponsored by Great Issues. The first part of the seminar dealt with the Yugoslav view-

point. Future talks will be given by a Czechoslovakian representative and a member of the Institute of International Affairs in Moscow and has served as counselor of the Soviet mission to the United Nations, adviser to the Soviet delegation to Geneva disarmament conferences and as deputy director of the International Organization Department in the USSR Foreign Ministry in Moscow.



TAKING PART—Mrs. Patricia Self, A&M's new counselor for women, takes part in a University Women discussion group Tuesday night. See story, page 3. Photo by Hyden Whitsett



PANELISTS TONIGHT—Four Texas Woman's University students will give Aggies tips on dating and etiquette during tonight's Man Your Manners panel, the second of three. Susan Howes (left), Kada Rule, Karen Burk and (not shown) Kathy Dunn will give the presentation at 7:30 in Room 113 Biological Sciences.

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