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For 18-Year Olds Senate Debates Vote Bill

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal to lower the voting age to 18 by act of Congress was defended in the Senate Wednesday in the interest of speed and denounced as legislative gymnastics in violation of the Constitution.

The debate was over an amendment by Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana to a bill to extend for five years the 1965 Voting Rights Act — a statutory approach opposed by the Nixon administration as unconstitutional.

Mansfield's amendment to the

bill provides that no citizen otherwise qualified to vote shall be denied the right to vote in any primary or general election on account of age if he is 18 or older.

At the start of today's session Mansfield accepted a modification proposed by Sen. Marlow W. Cook, R-Ky., so that the amendment, if adopted, would not apply to any election prior to Jan. 1, 1971.

Cook said the purpose was to allow time for court tests of the constitutionality of the measure and avoid challenges to the validity of any elections held this year.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash., said in supporting Mansfield's amendment that he feared ratification of a constitutional amendment lowering the voting age would take too long.

But Sen. Herman E. Talmadge, D-Ga., whose state lowered the voting age to 18 in 1943, said Mansfield's attempt to do this

nationwide by legislation is "constitutionally unsound and flies in the face of our federal system."

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr., D-N.C., agreed with Talmadge that the Constitution specifically gives the states the power to set qualifications for voting and that Mansfield's amendment would render these provisions a dead letter.

Opponents of Mansfield's proposal uniformly endorsed the vote for 18-year-olds but argued that

it could not be constitutionally brought about by congressional action.

The opposition contends only a constitutional amendment or action by states could legally change the voting age, now generally 21.

Mansfield's amendment to lower the voting age to 18 in all elections — federal, state and local, would be effective beginning with elections after Jan. 1, 1971.

Mansfield, urging approval of his proposal, said that he foresees no possibility of the adoption of a constitutional amendment this year and perhaps for years to come.

Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania said the presidential election in 1972 might be thrown into uncertainty and confusion if, at about that time, the Supreme Court should rule that Mansfield's amendment was unconstitutional.

During Next Biennium

Texas Needs Additional \$290 Million, Atwell Says

By Pam Trobey
Battalion News Editor

To meet legislative commitments to education, the State of Texas must raise \$290 million in new funds during the next biennium, a state legislator said here Wednesday in a Political Forum presentation.

Rep. Ben Atwell said that financially Texas was in "as good a position as any other state," but increased governmental services to increased numbers of people call for increased taxes.

"The bill for governmental services to Texas citizens will run even higher in the next seven years," he said, "and further increases in revenue will be needed."

"Nobody wants to pay taxes on his home, car, business nor income," he said. Many people say the only good tax is on the other fellow.

"Many say 'tax business,' but that's no answer," he said. "Business has to recoup that expenditure and they will do it by raising prices or paying stockholders lower dividends."

Atwell said that some people prefer a food tax to an income tax, or higher sales or property taxes, but that a tax must pass three tests.

It must produce the revenue needed, be administratively feasible and be fair and equitable, he said.

A food tax easily passes the first two tests, Atwell said. He predicted that a food tax will produce at least \$150 million a year at the present rate and that the removal of the food exemption will make it much easier to collect the sales tax.

"The fundamental question," he said, "is whether a food tax is fair and equitable. This is where the question is split wide open, because it is a fact that families with lower incomes spend a higher percentage on food."

Atwell said that where a one per cent increase of the general sales tax will affect either group equally, by an increase of 31 per cent, a food tax will increase taxes paid by a poor family by 68 per cent.

He said that of 45 states that have a sales tax, there are 15 that exempt food. These 15 states have 55 percent of the population that pays sales taxes. Only 87 million Americans pay a food tax.

"The low income group and housewives oppose this tax," said Atwell. The Senate passed a food tax during the last session, but it was defeated in the House by a 147-0 vote. There is no possibility of a food tax at this time."

Atwell said that some states were experimenting with a combination food tax and income tax. These states allow the poor to deduct their food tax from their income tax.

He said that a personal income tax is a possibility in the next decade, but that it will not be passed in the next session and probably will be preceded by a corporate tax.

"I will not vote for a corporate tax without a personal income tax," Atwell said, "but I think the United States government has just about pre-empted the personal income tax area."



PRETTY WORKER—An A&M coed sells tickets Wednesday in the post office area of the Memorial Student Center for the Aggie Players' production "Under the Sycamore Tree." The play began its showing Wednesday night and will be presented tonight, Friday night, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of next week. (Photo by Robert Boyd)

Aide to Smith Outlines 'Goals for Texas' Plan

The "Goals for Texas" program is not just another study of a problem, but a plan to make state government more responsive to the people, an aide to Gov. Preston Smith said here Wednesday.

Vernon A. McGee, the governor's assistant for program development, told 40 A&M graduates students and members of the League of Women Voters that the "Goals" program is an attempt to determine "from the

grassroots" what the state should be doing in the 1980's.

The state has been divided into 21 regional organizations, McGee said, with the regions scheduled to present reports in June on the ideas gained from citizens in their communities.

The Brazos Valley Development Council, which represents seven counties in the Bryan-College Station area, is one of the regional organizations.

McGee said study categories in-

clude parks and recreation, transportation and circulation, housing and urban renewal, conservation and community appearance, municipal finance, education, economic development, public protection, utilities and any other areas of interest to the regions.

A state-wide report will be issued approximately two months after the regional reports are received.

Once the goals have been established, McGee said, it will be up to the state legislature to determine priorities and implement them.

He indicated this would probably be a slow process, since it would likely involve the reallocation of funds.

Tessies Tell Ags

Don't 'See How Far She Will Go'

By Hayden Whitsett
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Men should not tempt a woman or see how far she will go, a Texas Woman's University student told Aggies Wednesday night.

"Don't push her love and you don't have to test her love," Karen Burke, senior child development and nursery school education major, told the Man Your Manners audience.

Appearing with Miss Burk in the YMCA-sponsored panel were Susan Howes, senior clothing design major; Kada Rule, senior clothing and fashion merchandising major; Kathy Dunn, senior social work major and president of the TWU Campus Government Association; and Mrs. Nancy Newton, special assistant to the dean of women and group moderator.

Miss Burk defined necking as affection from the waist up, petting as just short of sexual intercourse, and an affair as "going all the way."

The panel agreed that drinking is "up to the person's own conviction and values." They added that no matter how funny it may seem, women don't like having drinks spilled on their dresses.

"Most women don't appreciate a man who has been drinking," Miss Howes said, "and most men don't appreciate a woman who has been drinking and then gets sick."

"If you are going to drink," she added, "keep it moderate, offer your date a drink, and above all respect her opinions."

A drunken woman, Miss Rule explained, should be taken into

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Two Ags Named To TISA Panels

Appointment of two A&M students to Texas Intercollegiate Student Association (TISA) commissions has been announced by Tommy Henderson, TISA District III chairman.

Henderson, junior political science major at A&M, is a vice president of the Civilian Student Council and serves as the CSC's representative to the Student Senate.

Joe M. (Mac) Spears III, Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate president, will serve on the programming commission and Garry P. Mauro, Leahy Hall president and a

former yell leader, will serve on the student rights commission. Both men are marketing majors.

The two will be among 17 A&M students attending the TISA conference Wednesday through Saturday at the University of Texas at El Paso.

A minority rights conference preceding the four-day convention will have three A&M representatives attending. They are Shelton Wallace, Gus Berges and Allen Giles.

New state officers will be elected during the conference, and Henderson is a candidate for TISA president.

Rudder Recovering Steadily, Still in Satisfactory Condition

HOUSTON — A&M President Earl Rudder remained in satisfactory condition this morning at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital and is reported to be making "slow but steady progress," according to a hospital spokesman.

"Gen. Rudder's doctors are pleased with his progress," the spokesman said. No further complications have

developed from the operations the retired Army general has undergone since being hospitalized Jan. 29, the spokesman said, adding that all internal bleeding has been stopped and remains under control.

Since being hospitalized, Rudder has undergone three operations to stop bleeding from a stress ulcer.



TESSIE PANEL—Texas Woman's University students discuss dating etiquette during Wednesday night's Man Your Manners panel. Speaking at the YMCA-sponsored event were (left to right) Cathy Dunn, Kada Rule, Mrs. Nancy Newton, moderator, Karen Burk and (not shown) Susan Howe. (Photo by Robert Boyd)

Juniors Plan Dance; Sweetheart Selection Saturday

By Tommy Thompson
Battalion Staff Writer

A steak fry Saturday afternoon sets the stage for the Junior Ball and selection of the Junior Class Sweetheart Saturday night.

The ball will be held from 8-12 in Duncan Dining Hall. The theme is "Bacchus: Greek God of Wine, Women, and Song." The Preachers of Dallas will provide the music.

Jim Tramuto, junior class president, said guests are encouraged to dress in accordance with the theme. "Togas and other things of this nature would be appropriate," he said.

For those not wearing costumes, Tramuto added, the dress will be semi-formal. Girls should wear dresses, civilians coats and ties, and corps members midnights and ascots.

Tramuto also said that volunteers are needed to help decorate for the ball. Anyone interested is asked to come to Duncan from 3-9 p.m. Friday.

The steak fry will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at Hensel Park. It will be free to persons who purchase their tickets for the ball prior to the steak fry and \$1 for persons without ball tickets.

Five finalists have been selected for the sweetheart title. They are:

—Laura Brazil of Fort Worth, freshman special education major at Texas Women's University. The green-eyed brunette will be escorted by Barry Hendler.

—Home economics major Donna Hair of Alto Loma, a sophomore at Sam Houston State University. The hazel-eyed, brown-haired miss will be accompanied by Larry Hubbell.

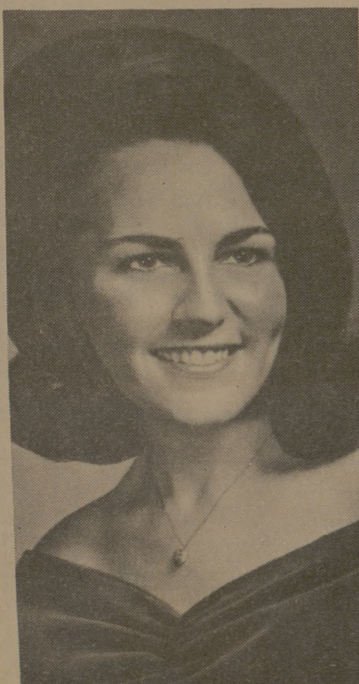
—Green-eyed blonde Sandra Lee Robinson of San Antonio, a stewardess for American Air-

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DONNA HAIR



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SANDRA ROBINSON



LAURA BRAZIL



LYNN STEPHAN