

Campus Campaigns Weak

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Disenchanted with Sen. George McGovern because of the Eagleton affair and a belief he has vacillated on key issues, his campus supporters from Boston to Berkeley have lost their enthusiasm about the presidential election.

And while President Nixon has his college campaigners, they are not making much noise.

Associated Press bureaus in various parts of the country this week sampled campus sentiment and found little fervor about the election. Recent polls by the Gallup organization and Louis Harris indicated that more than 50 per cent of the campus population is registered to vote, with many campuses reporting better than 70 per cent registration. But while most students interviewed

said they would vote, few expressed any excitement about it.

There are hard-working McGovern people on nearly every campus. Missing, however, is the outpouring of volunteer workers who fueled McGovern's primary campaigns last spring and whose efforts had been counted on this fall.

"People are going to vote for McGovern, but not many are interested in working for him," said Robert Dichert, editor of the Harvard Crimson. "Most people here see it as investing in a failing business."

Nixon has his campus supporters, but they often appear content in the belief that simply demonstrating their presence is a contribution to the President's reelection. They are making only sporadic efforts to recruit new followers in the dormitories and

student unions.

"A lot of students come by and pick a button, but they don't want to work," said Tom Terpstra, coordinator of the Nixon effort at the University of Nebraska.

Mark Stevens, editor of Princeton University's student newspaper, said campus political activity this fall, particularly in the McGovern camp, is not what he had anticipated.

"The campus is strongly for McGovern, but there is little interest in going out to work for him," said Stevens. "There is a degree of disillusionment with him, especially about the Eagleton affair."

The departure of Sen. Thomas Eagleton from the Democratic ticket and in particular the way McGovern handled it were mentioned time after time by students as a major factor contributing to their disillusionment with McGovern.

Many students said they were disturbed by what they called changes in McGovern's positions on the Vietnam war, welfare, tax reform and defense spending.

"I just think he has changed too much on some of the stands he took in the primaries," said Pat Mullins, a University of Nebraska student. "It seems like he is like all the rest. I will vote for him, but I am not for him as much as I was."

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Texas Attorney Says States' Abortion Laws Unconstitutional

WASHINGTON (AP)—From the moment of conception, an unborn child is a person whose life is protected by the Constitution, an assistant attorney general from Texas argued before the Supreme Court Wednesday.

Robert C. Flowers, appearing in defense of a Texas law struck down by an appeals court, said liberalized abortion laws in New York, California and the District of Columbia probably are unconstitutional.

The high court has been engaged in cases involving Texas and Georgia antiabortion laws for over a year. Hearings were held last December but the justices delayed a ruling and ordered another round of arguments.

From the questions put to lawyers Wednesday, it appeared most of the nine justices are prepared to take on the broad issue of whether anti-abortion laws are unconstitutional.

Justice Byron R. White repeatedly asked when does an unborn child become a person protected by equal protection provisions of the Constitution.

Flowers answered: "Upon conception we have a human being . . . within the definition of the U.S. Constitution."

Pro-abortion lawyer Sarah R. Weddington of Austin argued that a three-judge federal court in Dallas was correct in striking down the Texas abortion law as a denial of women's constitutional right to decide whether they will have children.

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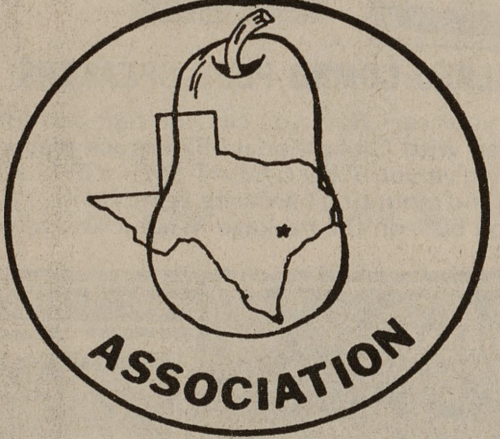
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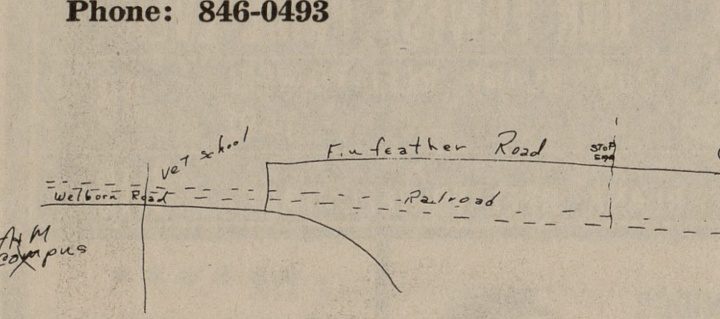
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