

GOP, Dems share goals, panel claims

By JERRY MAZE
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Defining the line between Democratic and Republican beliefs was the topic of a panel discussion presented by MSC Political Forum Wednesday at noon in Rudder Forum.

Garry Mauro, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party and Chester Upham, chairman of the Texas Republican Party, were the panel members who explained there is little difference in the goals of the two parties.

"Democrats and Republicans have the same goals," Mauro said, "just different methods of getting to them."

Upham discredited President Carter's present inflation policy of balancing the budget and encouraging savings by reducing credit.

"If you balance the budget by adding a load to the economy and

then raise taxes to meet the load, inflation will increase, not decrease."

Mauro said the major difference in the parties is that Republicans want a 30 percent tax decrease at the federal level to curb inflation. He said Republicans believe that type of tax reduction will stimulate the economy so drastically that no increases in the budget will be needed.

"Not many economists will agree with the Republican strategy for reducing inflation," Mauro said, "and that is the argument in a nutshell."

"If you are for a 30 percent federal tax reduction to cool inflation, then you should be a Republican. If you are for a balanced budget and keeping taxes where they are, then you should be a Democrat," Mauro said.

Both panelists agreed that in any election voters usually vote for the party that upholds their ideas.

"A lot of people vote as independents," Upham said, "and are not sworn to a party."

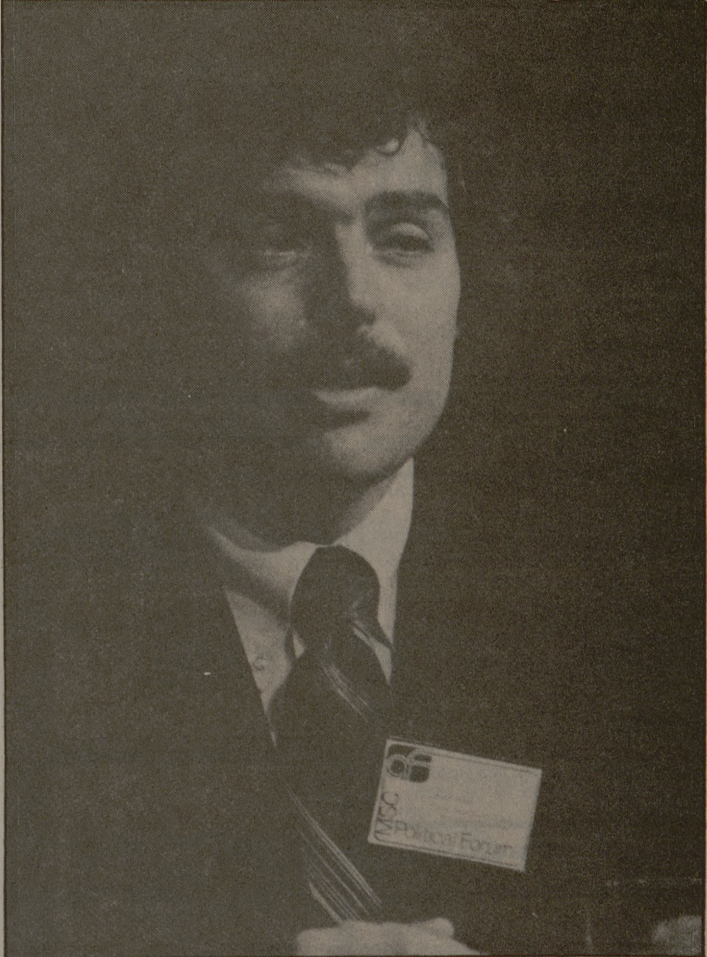
Upham said a 1976 survey showed 32 percent of the voters in Texas to be Republicans and 52 percent Democrats.

A similar survey taken in 1979 showed 33 percent of the Texas voters were Republicans, but the Democratic figure dropped to 38 percent.

In Texas, Mauro said, 98 percent of the elected officials are Democrats.

Upham attributed this 14 percent drop in the Democratic percentage to voters who are now independent and vote for their ideas instead of a party.

"What is best for our nation, not just for a political party, is what voting should bring forth," Upham said.



The difference between Democratic and Republican beliefs was the topic of a panel discussion presented by MSC Political Forum Wednesday at noon in Rudder Forum. Garry Mauro, executive director of the Texas Democratic Party, (pictured) and Chester Upham, chairman of the Texas Republican Party, were the panel members.

Census comes to A&M

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A shift of voting power may be coming to the Sunbelt after this year's census.

Sharon Allison, district manager for the census bureau, said people coming from northern states will swell Texas' population.

In a telephone interview from Waco, Allison said that Texas will probably gain two representatives at the expense of states like New York and Pennsylvania. California and Florida will benefit too, she said.

Because census figures determine apportionment in the House of Representatives and a state's share of revenue sharing funds, a citizen hurts himself by not returning the form.

"The data is all confidential and the enumerators are sworn to secrecy," Allison said.

Enumerators are the people who collect census forms.

During training the enumerators learn how to fill out travel vouchers, and how to use and read census maps. People called crew leaders train the enumerators.

There are three crew leaders for Bryan and College Station. James Aldredge has an 11-man crew covering Hart, Law, Puryear, Cain, Leggett, McFadden and Haas halls on campus. Enumerator Billie Stewart said that Cain and Puryear are complete.

"We should finish our work next week," Aldredge said.

The work is distributing and collecting forms.

"Sometimes you just have to shove them under the door. We don't like to do that because we don't know if everyone got a form," Aldredge said.

Head residents collect the sealed forms in some dorms, and in others the enumerators come by personally.

If residents do not fill out the forms, enumerators will come back for a follow-up. "We'll try into the summer to find them," said Allison.

Another crew leader, Kay Halsell, said that counting on campus is different. Nursing homes, hospitals, motels, hotels, and dormitories are

counted in a category called special placements.

Individual census returns, ICR's, will go to students on campus. Usually people receive either a short or long form.

The ICR is basically the same as the short form, a pamphlet that has lines for name, race, sex and other items contained on the long form. The long form is stapled and is much longer and in depth.

One in six students will receive the long form on campus, which should take 20 minutes to complete, according to Halsell. Allison said usually 10 percent of the population receives the long form.

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Poet, architect, columnist will begin lecture series

Two prominent San Antonians and a Houston newspaper columnist will make presentations Friday at Texas A&M University in the inaugural John Miles Rowlett Lecture Series in architecture.

Internationally famous San Antonio architect and conservationist O'Neil Ford, San Antonio poet Dr. Amy Freeman Lee, and The Houston Post's humorist Lynn Ashby will discuss, "Our State: The Present and the Prospect."

The first of the lecture series, established by the Houston-based architectural firm of Caudill, Rowlett and Scott, in conjunction with Virginia Rowlett through the Texas Architectural Foundation, will be held in the Rudder Theater on the Texas A&M campus.

The program is sponsored by the Texas A&M Department of Architecture and Environmental Design and centers on the quality of private and public life, personal and professional ethics and a commitment to excellence in all areas of human effort. The program is open to the public.

Lee will speak at 9:40 a.m., and will focus on the state of the individual and the obligations and responsibilities of citizenship. Ford will follow at 11 a.m. with an address on the quality of life within the framework of growth and excellence in design as a generator of a better life. Ashby's address is at 2 p.m., and he will discuss the question of implementing excellence in the state.

Architect John Miles Rowlett was a pioneer in blending the environment and architecture and using natural ventilation and light. Rowlett's firm is responsible for such Houston landmarks as the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts, the Albert Thomas Convention Center and the Barbara Jordan Technical Institute.

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