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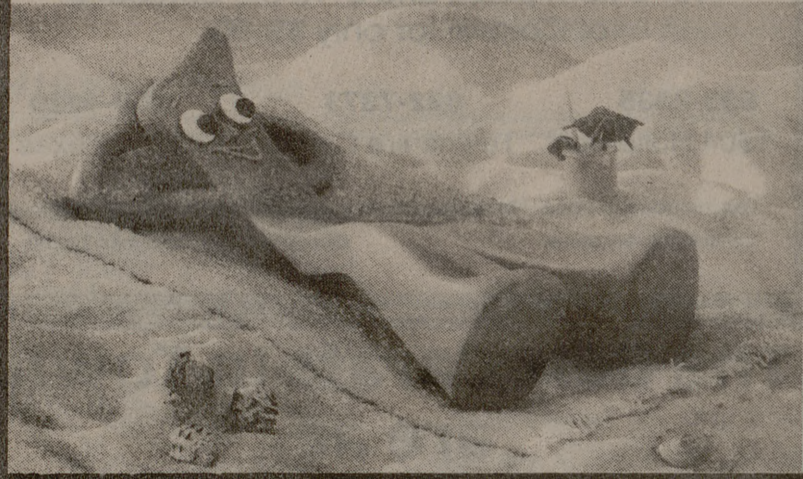
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Democrats

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The Democratic primary allocates 75 percent of the 197 available delegates among the party's candidates. The remaining 25 percent of the delegates to the Democratic National Convention are elected by party caucuses, according to Lee Hancock, president of Aggie Democrats.
John Hatch, coordinator of the Dukakis campaign in Southeast Texas, said Dukakis' performance in the Texas primary proves he is a candidate with national appeal.

"This has proven that Dukakis can win in the South," said Hatch, Class of '86 and former president of Aggie Democrats. "We've beaten Al Gore on his home turf, and this shows that Dukakis is a national candidate. I think we'll do well in the North and the West as well."
Dukakis appeals to Texas voters because of his commitment to a balanced budget and opposition to raising taxes, Hatch said.

"We as citizens have to balance our own budget every thirty days at the end of the month," Hatch said. "We expect our government to live by the same rules."
Dukakis would bring a spirit of teamwork to the White House and would be a strong leader, Hatch said.
"Dukakis said that he's the quarterback who led the team in Massachusetts," he said. "We need a quarterback to lead the country's team."
The Democratic Party has made

progress at A&M during the last few years, Hatch said.

"I've sensed a major change at A&M since I was president of Aggie Democrats in 1984," he said. "It's a lot easier to be a Democrat at A&M these days."

The stigma attached to being Democrat at a conservative university may be lifting, but Democrats didn't come out of the A&M woodwork to vote in the primary.

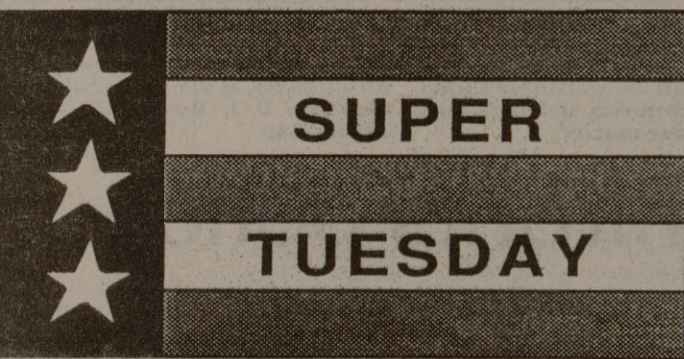
Democrats made a poor showing in Precinct 20, which covers the A&M campus and is the only precinct populated entirely by students. The 105 Democratic ballots comprised only 3 percent of the precinct's 3,213 registered voters. But this precinct may not clearly represent the student vote because many students live off campus.

The trend of Democratic apathy continued across Brazos County, however. Twelve percent of the 52,247 registered voters in the county voted Democrat.

Lee Hancock, president of Aggie Democrats, said building party enthusiasm is the group's next step.

"We've got to get fired up and unified over the next few months," Hancock said. "We need to get committed to whoever wins the nomination. Mike is looking strong, but we'll get behind the Democratic nominee regardless of who it is."

Hatch said the local support from Aggie Democrats and Aggies for Dukakis has developed a strong foundation for building a Dukakis campaign for the general election.



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GOP

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A&M student voters are registered in Precinct 20, this is not necessarily representative of the total student population.

In the Texas primaries, the rest of the Republican presidential candidates trailed far behind. Statewide, former television evangelist Pat Robertson came in second place, picking up 16 percent of the vote. But he placed third in Brazos County, obtaining 11 percent of the vote.

U.S. Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas placed second in Brazos County with 18 percent of the vote and received 14 percent of the vote statewide giving him a third place status.

Finally, with 5 percent of the vote

both statewide and countywide, U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp closed the race.

Precinct 20 aligned closely with the Brazos County race. Dole came in second with 11 percent of the vote followed by Robertson with 10 percent and Kemp, who was favored by some students, with 9 percent of the vote.

But no matter who won the Republican presidential primary, Texas had a good republican voter turnout, Art King, treasurer of the Brazos County Republican Party, said.

"From a party standpoint, we're pleased with the turnout, especially in Brazos County," King said.

Judges

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executive committee and county chairman of the Democratic Party.
"The state party wants to see if people want to keep it the way it is," Gay said.

But A&M Political Science Department Head Bryan Jones said the state Democratic party wanted people to come out against a change to an appointment system.

Jones said the referendum is a way to counter growing support for an appointment process.

Gay said the party can now take the referendum results to the state legislature to show that the people don't want the system to change.

Support for an appointment system for Texas judges grew as a result of a lawsuit between Texaco and Penzoil last year when it came out that millions of dollars had been going to campaign funds of state judges, Jones said. It also became known that lawyers practicing before the Texas Supreme Court had given heavily to the campaigns of the

Supreme Court justices.
"The image was that lawyers in Texas were buying justice," Jones said.

The Democratic position, against a change, is evident in the wording of the referendum, he said.

The referendum reads: "Texans shall maintain their right to select judges by a direct vote of the people rather than change to an appointment process created by the legislature."

Gay agreed that the Democratic Party was hoping that voters would not respond favorably to the proposition of abandoning the election of state judges for a system that would allow appointments by the governor.
"The state Democratic party is for the election system," Gay said.

Opinions are strong on both sides of this issue. Two members of the Texas Supreme Court recently resigned to campaign for opposite positions on the issue. Former Chief Justice John Hill called for a change

State

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Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1
No Republican Candidates

Democratic:
Charles F. "Chuck" Campbelluncontested

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

Republican:
Tom Rickhoff.....uncontested
Democratic:
Chuck Miller.....uncontested

Republican Referendum

English should be established as the Official Language of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

For.....215,273,991
Against.....15,560,610

Democratic Referendum

Texans shall maintain their right to select judges by a direct vote of the people rather than change to an appointment process created by the legislature.

For.....391,565,870
Against.....55,248,120

English

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and any other areas that are now bilingual.

"The point is to ensure that English continues to be the unifying language of the country," Zaeske said. "Whatever their ethnic heritage, people should be interested in embracing the history and culture of the United States."

Many opponents of the referendum, Zaeske said, believe that "English as the official language" translates to "English only" in all contexts. He said that is not the case.

"We just want to see tax money spent to promote Texas and United States culture, and the English language enhances that," he said. "But if private parties, private businesses want to celebrate different ethnic heritages — and the operative word is private — let them have at it and do it."

Bilingual programs are the least effective method of educating foreign students, Zaeske said. "We propose instead that they be replaced by the immersion method," he said. "Immersion" includes exposing students only to English in their classes to hasten a working command of the language.

"We want kids to learn as soon as possible," he said.

Zaeske questioned the value of bilingual classes for Hispanic students. "Why do you need bilingual classes when in essence they're attending school in Spanish?" he said. "They only have about 45 minutes of English instruction each day."

Bilingual classes also promote some forms of discrimination, he said. "The taxpayers are underwriting the cultural enrichment of one ethnic minority at the expense of others," he said.

"It's a linguistic and cultural segregation," he said, citing the creation of a class of 20 elementary school students "with brown faces and Spanish surnames" for the benefit of

five or six other students who had not demonstrated proficiency in English. Zaeske said the minimum number of students necessary for the school to receive funding for bilingual programs, he said.

Gay, however, said bilingual programs are not meant to segregate ethnic groups, but they provide necessary transition for students to the English language.

"We've got to remember that the panics represent the largest bloc in Texas," he said. "We need a smooth the way for people to come to this county to learn the language."

Some of the strongest pro-referendum official-language claims come from those who claim an all-English ballot would disenfranchise many voters, he said.

But to be eligible to vote, a person must be either a native-born citizen or a naturalized citizen who would have had to demonstrate English proficiency to be awarded citizenship.

"It just begs the question: you would need any other language on the ballot," he said.

Assistance is available at the for the blind and the illiterate, Zaeske said, and help also could be provided to those who speak other language.

"They don't print ballots in Braille, and I don't know how could print ballots in illiterate," he said.

The essence of the official language campaign can be expressed with a simple analogy, Zaeske said. "In the United States, we have a common currency, which is a medium of exchange with value," he said. "Likewise, we need a common medium of exchange — and the English language."

in the election system for state judges, while former Justice Robert Campbell favored continuing the current process.

Those who call for a change in the current process of electing judges say that voters have little knowledge of the judicial system or of the judges who are running for office; and, therefore, are not qualified to elect people to run the state courts.

Opponents of the election process say most voters don't care enough about electing judges to gather information on the candidates.

Supporters of a change to an appointment system say significant campaign contributions from attorneys may bias judges if they later have cases before these judges.

Election supporters counter that it is the people's right to control public policies which are determined through judges of the courts. They also dismiss the idea that ending an election system would eliminate bias from the courts. Instead, they say,

the courts would be controlled by the government, could stack the courts in favor of a political party.

"A lot of people, but not all, have a chance to vote on these questions," he said. "Some people also think quality of judges will improve if they're appointed; I'm here to tell you a governor is a political appointee and he is going to appoint people who will help him get re-elected," Gay said. "I think we've even at the federal level that the appointment process doesn't produce better judges."

Brazos County Republican Chairman Rodger Lewis said the position on the question but many conservatives agree with Democrats that it is preferable the people express their views through a vote.

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