Arsht Brands State Tax ‘Archaic,’
Calls State Government ‘Provincial’

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Mrs. Marjorie Meyer Arsht, Republican candidate for the State Legislature, was the guest speaker of the Rice Young Republican Club Thursday, September 27 in the Fondren Lecture Lounge.

In an opening statement, designed to introduce herself and to present her entire political philosophy, Mrs. Arsht touched on such topics as the Texas Legislature, her party affiliation, states rights, and the integration problem.

COMMENTING ON the Texas government during her opening remarks and the question and answer period which followed, Mrs. Arsht branded it as “provincial,” with an “archaic” tax structure, and “too many state employees.”

She suggested a list of bookkeeping procedures, a revamping of the commission system, and development of a stable tax economy.

Mrs. Arsht expressed the belief that Texas growth has not kept up with national advancement because, “Industrial progress cannot be legislated. We need a stable tax economy to draw people. We must develop a stable climate for industry.”

THE CANDIDATE also expressed the belief that, wherever possible, government should operate on a local or state, rather than on a national level. She presented this in keeping with what she defines as her conservative policy of “freeing men from the power of Washington.”

On integration, Mrs. Arsht stressed that, “Many things become immoral before they become illegal. The government should lag a little behind the morals of the people... it cannot legislate morals for which the people are not ready.”

Other questions from the floor covered a wide range of topics, from welfare payments to water problems.