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## Congress cool on 8-cent postage

By JIM ADAMS  
Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — Re-election-minded congressmen are avoiding President Nixon's 8-cent stamp proposal like the plague. Republicans still haven't found anyone to introduce it in Congress as a bill.  
"Who's going to stick his neck out and put his name on a postal rate increase?" said one House Republican who asked not to be quoted by name. "It's hard enough just to vote for one."  
Nixon told Congress April 16 the two-cent first class rate increase plus boosts in other mail classes is needed to head off an anticipated \$2.5 billion postal deficit next year in the wake of new pay increases.

Many congressmen agree the cost of the pay increases must be paid. But mail rate hikes are traditionally the most unpopular of bills in Congress—especially in election years—and so far not one of the 530 senators and House members has introduced Nixon's proposal in bill form.

Besides boosting first class mail two cents, Nixon's proposal would increase second class rates 50 percent and third class rates 30 percent.

Administration officials say the rates would bring in an extra \$1.4 billion next year and \$1.6 billion the year after, which with \$800 million "public service" subsidies each year would pay most of the \$2.5 billion annual deficits.

Chairman Arnold Olsen, D-Mont., of the House postal rates subcommittee has been holding hearings on Nixon's proposal even though there is no bill before his subcommittee to consider.

There have been reports the 8-cent stamp proposal is dead in this election year Congress.



LATEST LOOK—A&M coeds model the latest in fashion during the Memorial Student Center Host and Fashion Committee's style show Tuesday night. Fashions were provided by Neiman-Marcus of Dallas. See story, page 3.

## Student dissent in the 70s will be the topic for 16th SCONA

By CHANCEY LEWIS  
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"Student Responsibilities in the 70s," will be the topic of the 16th Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA XVI), Chairman Dave Mayfield announced Tuesday night.

He said the Memorial Student Center Council recently approved the topic.

In the past 15 years, Mayfield said, SCONA has been geographically oriented; it has always dealt with U. S. foreign policy in a selected area.

As a result, he said, SCONA has often been accused of presenting topics of no particular interest to A&M students.

"We feel that this topic will appeal not only to our student delegates but to the student body of A&M. That, after all, is what it is all about," Mayfield commented.

He said that the SCONA executive committee realized the delicacy and inherent controversies involved within the subject. The objectives, however to bring student leaders from throughout the country to meet with A&M student leaders and constructively analyze and discuss the issue.

"How can we as students at A&M identify with students elsewhere if we don't understand their motives and feelings?" Mayfield asked.

"Our whole purpose is not to create dissent, because we re-

spect the tradition of A&M. Therefore, SCONA will be presented with this in mind," he assured. "SCONA has built up a very well-respected name at other universities. We plan to continue this tradition."

"We plan to present a broad spectrum of speakers who are experts on their assigned topics, he said, "not someone who is known for creating trouble or delivering fiery rhetoric. In fact, that is the kind of speaker we intend to eliminate."

Mayfield said that one of the major ideas of the program will be to study the effects of student input on national and international issues.

The actual agenda for the conference is yet to be worked out, Mayfield said, but before it is, authorities, especially those who have been associated with SCONA in the past, as speakers or round-table co-chairmen, will be consulted for opinions and ideas.

He also said that SCONA invites opinions and ideas from the student body.

To improve the quality of the SCONA XVI conference, Mayfield said, the conference committee is working with Dr. William Smith, head of the Psychology Department and SCONA advisor, well known for his organization of conferences like SCONA. They are working to examine the SCONA format and by re-evalu-

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"On the side of Texas A&M."  
—Adv.



ON YOUR MARK—It's not a foot race, despite the appearance of Miss Colorado, Linda Hicklin. She's really getting into position for a picture with Miss Florida, Cheryl Johnson; Miss New Mexico, Theresa Phillips; and Miss Oklahoma, Evelyn Walkup. The women were taking a break in rehearsals for the Miss USA Beauty Pageant at Miami Beach, Fla., this week. (AP Wirephoto)

## U. S. has begun withdrawal from Cambodia

By CARL P. LEBUSDORF  
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WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said Tuesday withdrawal of American troops from Cambodia already has begun. And he added that if future operations are required in that country they will be carried out by the South Vietnamese.

Laird held out the possibility of some U.S. support for such future strikes against enemy bases in Cambodia—but only if this did

not interfere with the program for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Vietnam.

The secretary told the Senate Armed Services Committee that several thousand U.S. troops already have left Cambodia after completing their assigned missions. He said more were to come out this week and major operations against the one-time Communist sanctuaries will be completed by June 15.

The scheduled purpose of Laird's appearance was discussion of the Safeguard missile defense system and the U.S.-Soviet arms-limitation talks but nearly two-thirds of a three-hour session were devoted to questions and answers about Cambodia.

Although he said the June 30 deadline set by President Nixon for removal of all U. S. troops from Cambodia certainly will be adhered to, Laird opposed the Cooper-Church amendment, which would bar funds for U. S. troops in Cambodia after June 30. He argued this would interfere with the President's ability to protect U. S. forces in South Vietnam.

Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., meanwhile, introduced a proposed substitute for the Cooper-Church amendment that would bar U. S. ground combat forces from Laos, Cambodia or Thailand "without the prior consent of the Congress, except to the extent that the introduction of such troops is required, as determined by the President and reported promptly to the Congress, to protect the lives of American troops remaining within South Vietnam."

Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania announced he

would seek to amend the Cooper-Church amendment by inserting language to permit continuation of the Cambodian operation "as may be required to protect the armed forces of the United States."

Scott said this amendment has the administration's support but added, "The administration would prefer no amendment at all."

The military sales authorization bill which contains the Cooper-Church amendment is due for Senate debate later in the week.

The secretary also said that, although the results of the Cambodian campaign "have exceeded our expectations this far," it will take two or three months to determine its final success or failure.

"The over-all strategic success of the program will be judged by where we are in August and where we are in September," he said.

Laird made these other assertions:

"We were not involved in any way in the change in the government of Cambodia" that saw neutralist Prince Norodom Sihanouk's government overthrow.

"The Cambodian invasion was debated and discussed at great length" in the National Security Council and "was presented by me and is supported by me and everyone on the National Security Council."

"While the central North Vietnamese command post (COSVN) has not been captured and might not be because of its mobility, "We expect to destroy most of the complex" it has used.

## Lubbock tornado wreaked \$200 million in damages

By MIKE COCHRAN  
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LUBBOCK, Tex. — Rescue workers and relief agencies pressed a search for more dead and injured in the rubble of tornado-scarred sections of this West Texas city today as officials sought methods to rebuild an estimated \$200 million in damages.

A 20-story office building, raked by the storm, tottered in the incessant winds of the plains country. Another office building stood stark and dead, bereft of siding and windows.

Everywhere there was rubble and ruins, like a bombed out city in wartime. There were thousands of homeless—an estimated 4,800 whose up to 750 dwellings were destroyed—hundreds of injured,

estimated as high as 500 and at least 20 dead, the death list expected to rise as the search in the debris continues.

Texas officialdom descended on the city en masse in an effort to ascertain the needs and to help in every way government is able.

The Red Cross sent massive supplies. The Texas Department of Public Safety's various agencies such as the Highway Patrol and Texas Rangers were in the city in force, more than 100 in all, the DPS said.

The big tornado, its winds rising to a crescendo of sound that was almost deafening, struck the city of 170,000 Monday at 9:47 p. m. and was followed by hurricane force winds clocked at more than 100 miles per hour.

The storm struck with its devastating winds in the Texas Tech-

nological University area, but missed the main campus. They virtually leveled two apartment complexes and then made wreckage of the city's bright, modern downtown district.

Hospitals filled quickly with the hundreds of injured. The death list grew and then shrunk when duplications were discovered in the general chaos, but was expected to grow as injuries proved fatal and more bodies were found in the wreckage—a mile wide and eight miles long.

For a time Monday it appeared that the tornado-ruined Great Plains Life building, the city's 20-story pride, would totter and fall. Great cracks and gashes were seen in what remained of its facade. A downtown area where it could splatter on other (See Lubbock tornado, page 4)

## Kyle Field turf given for playground surface

Part of A&M's Kyle turf has been donated for a playground surface for children of low-income families.

The turf and track are being removed this week to prepare the field for AstroTurf, an artificial surface.

A&M Athletic Director Gene Stallings made arrangements for 400 square yards of the well kept grass to be cut for use at the Brushey Day Care Center west of College Station.

The center's governing board co-chairman, Norman Erb, said Brazos Valley Nursery cut the sod for a nominal fee and volunteers trucked the grass to the center Monday evening.

Helping with the project were Bryan-College Station citizens, Brushey residents and volunteers from local businesses, including the use of a truck from the Bryan City Mission.

The local International Harvester dealer volunteered a work force to prepare the ground for the sod, Erb said.

Erb also said the turf will be used in the playground area at the center, with plans in progress to provide playground equipment in the near future.

Open house at the center is scheduled May 24, he added.

Completion of Kyle Field's AstroTurf surface is expected by early September.

## Students invade Capitol Hill to lobby on Southeast Asia

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hundreds of college students, schooled in legislative lobby techniques, are popping into Capitol Hill offices and hinting at a failing grade at the polls for congressmen flunking their antiwar test.

Encouraged and sometimes accompanied by sympathetic university and college administrators and faculty, students have from campuses across the nation to talk about America's role in Southeast

Asia with friends and foes in the Senate and House.

"We may be able to make some converts," Charles I. Schottland, acting president of Brandeis University, told more than 500 young men and women from Eastern schools who jammed into a House hearing room Monday. He said they represented 35 states.

Rep. Edward I. Koch, D-N.Y., told the students to ask congressmen "what they are doing in terms of closing out this war now—and tell them if they continue to support the war you are going to oppose them in their districts" when they seek re-election. That drew a burst of applause.

Switching from street demonstrations to lobbying in the halls of Congress, the students sought out home-state senators and representatives for face-to-face discussions—some of them private, most of them public.

Many students had done their homework. They were prepared with voting records and home-district strengths and weaknesses of their congressmen; they had background information on key resolutions.

Most students concentrated on congressmen publicly uncommitted on such proposals as halting funds for U. S. operations in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia except for the withdrawal of American forces.

They received an information kit that contained helpful hints on how to get around on Capitol Hill—including instructions on eating and tourist facilities.

Yale President Kingman Brewster, among the administrators attending the meetings with congressmen, said he was pleased by the reception. But, he added, "the test will be action—not the cosmetics of hospitality."

## Seniors will have 2 dances, a dinner

Senior Weekend activities Friday and Saturday include a buffet dinner and two dances, according to Jim St. John, social secretary.

The Friday buffet at 7:30 p.m. in the Ramada Inn will be followed by a semi-formal dance featuring the Ghost Coach, he said.

On Saturday Buddy Brock and his orchestra will play for the Ring Dance, he said. The formal affair will be from 8 to 12 p.m. and pictures will be made.

St. John said that tickets are available in the Student Finance Center at \$5 for each night or \$9 for both.

Thursday is the last day to purchase tickets for the buffet.