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Mutscher says it's political

AUSTIN (AP) — Speaker Gus Mutscher, white-faced, "tired and a little disappointed," Thursday denounced indictments against him as "politically motivated."

Wearing a dark brown suit, Mutscher was taken in an elevator to the county jail, photographed, fingerprinted, booked and released on a \$20,000 surety bond 25 minutes later.

"I think it's a politically motivated thing, designed to destroy me politically and completely destroy my future," Mutscher said of the indictments accusing him of accepting a bribe and conspiring to accept a bribe.

"The big fish are still swimming," he added. Pressed on what political motivation 12 grand jurors might have had to indict him, Mutscher looked at a capitol reporter and said:

"I don't want to go into it. You could even read your stories and other comments and see there has been a lot of lobbying in that direction."

There have been persistent reports that Mutscher had told key aides he would resign if he were indicted. Asked whether he had any plans to quit, he said:

"The future course we will take is something we will discuss with House members in the next few days."

Mutscher also was asked about Houston financier Frank Sharp's testimony to the House General Investigating Committee that he and Mutscher had a "tacit understanding" that Sharp would arrange financing for the speaker to buy stock in return for Mutscher's efforts to get two bank deposit insurance bills passed.

"I don't think that is the truth by any stretch of the imagination," Mutscher replied. The speaker told newsmen, "I

have said all along I feel I could get acquitted."

Mutscher was clearly angered that his wife, a former Miss America, learned from a television newscast Wednesday night that he would be indicted.

"She was naturally very shocked and disappointed," he said.

Another of those for whom arrest warrants were issued on the basis of sealed indictments returned by the Travis County Grand Jury was Rep. Tommy Shannon of Fort Worth, sponsor of the two banking bills.

"I am not guilty of the charges brought against me. In my 15 years as a member of the House, I have never supported nor opposed legislation for compensation or reward. I have never been approached to do so. I am certain that I will be cleared in court," Shannon, 61, said in a statement released by his office.

Scholarship

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highest order, and we are indebted to him for his confidence in our programs and goals for the education of tomorrow's leaders," observed Dr. Williams. "We are indebted, as well, to Mr. Forsyth for this latest of his many contributions to his alma mater."

Forsyth, a 1912 Texas A&M graduate, said the idea to establish a scholarship in the name of President and Mrs. Nixon occurred to him while listening to Sen. John Tower read formal greetings from the President at Dr. Williams' inauguration last spring.

Senator Tower assisted in arrangements for the Nixon scholarship. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth previously endowed a President's Scholarship in their own name. He is founder of Forsyth Engineering Co.

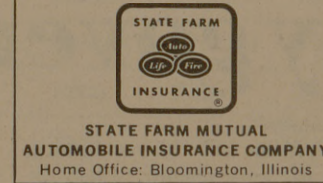
Appelt, who also has endowed one of the scholarships, explained President's Scholars are selected prior to their senior year in high school. Principals of high schools throughout Texas are invited to nominate their outstanding junior student for consideration. Students selected for the program receive \$1,000 stipends for each of their undergraduate years at Texas A&M.

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Country-western superstar Charley Pride here Oct. 1

Instant superstar Charley Pride will give the A&M-Cincinnati football weekend a country music entertainment kickoff Oct. 1.

Skeptics doubted in 1965 that he would be accepted. But Charley Pride became a virtual living legend, as a Negro singer of country music.

Country Charley's record sales action squeaked all doubts. He has gold LPs for four of his albums and grossed near \$2 million in a recent year.

Further, his numerous hits such as "Kaw-Liga," "I Can't Believe That You've Stopped Loving Me," "Is Anybody Goin' To San Antonio" and the recent "I'm Just Me" are reported in the competitive popular music charts as well as country music

top listings. Charley Pride will go on the G. Rollie White Coliseum stage at 8 p.m. Friday in a TAMU Special Attraction performance.

Town Hall Chairman Kirk Hawkins reminded that separate tickets are required for the Charley Pride special. Town Hall and Rotary season tickets and student activity cards will not be honored.

His sound comes across in the unique country music format. Entertainment writers invariably ask why Charley Pride doesn't sound like a black man is supposed to sound.

"It's a matter of a person striving to be himself," Pride answers. "I never chose to talk any other way than the way I

talk, just to satisfy somebody else."

Charley acknowledges his unusual position in music.

"Just being a Negro is unique in my country, let alone country music," the Sledge, Miss., native stated. "And when I say 'my country' that means—and I love it—that's America."

Durability is the biggest factor in Charley Pride's success in the entertainment world, where tastes fluctuate quickly. He's in constant demand for personal and national television appearances, holds attendance records and gets turn-away crowds in international appearances.

Pride, his wife Rozene, two sons and daughter live in Dallas.

Steve Hayes

Ecology education needed

If, indeed, a vast majority of persons are acutely concerned about the environment, as I implied in my last column, a logical question would be: "Then why isn't the pollution problem being cleaned up at a substantially measurable rate?"

While it is difficult to dismiss various pet theories involving the military-industrial complex, the economic situation, the mono-dependency of the economy upon the automobile, and other much espoused ideas, a clue to the answer may be found in the ecological movement's lack of coordination and its frequent lack of precise direction. At present, with a few outstanding exceptions such as the prominent national organization, Environmental Action, the ecological movement, per se, does not exist.

Instead, a wide variety of groups exist, often counteracting one another's programs, with a net result of little positive accomplishment. For instance, environmental engineering may counteract, quite unintentionally, the programs of environmental biologists, and vice versa; a prime reason for this is a lack of fundamental understanding and/or appreciation of other viewpoints.

Such a problem implies a need for a common background, most

likely and easily accomplished at the educational level. Many universities now offer degree programs in natural resource conservation, the Wisconsin State universities and some California collegiate systems are notable. Degree programs, although emphatically a step in the right direction, unfortunately perpetuate the lack of coordination and understanding.

Many degree programs, liberal arts something excepted, concentrate on specialization at the expense of diversification. However, in cases today, the problems facing environmentalists are unique in that they require diversity. An inter-disciplinary approach is obviously required, both at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Currently, at A&M, there are some favorable trends. The Graduate College now offers the master of agriculture, earned by study in one of five interdisciplinary areas; pertinent to this article is the area of natural resource development.

While it is unfortunate, from an environmentalist viewpoint, that emphasis is placed on the word 'development,' as opposed to 'conservation,' (better still would be a program called Environmental Affairs, which by implication

includes population and degradation problems, in addition to resource conservation) the program does permit freedom in obtaining a broader understanding of environmental problems.

A&M also offers certain graduate courses with coordination of priorities in mind. Noteworthy among these courses are Dean Earl F. Cook's geographical series, Man and Nature, and courses offered by the Civil Engineering Department, designed to give the non-engineer a better understanding of the problems and philosophy of engineering.

At the undergraduate level, the university does not yet offer any program leading to a degree in natural resource conservation, or environmental affairs, such as that now offered by the Graduate College.

While it may be possible to accomplish these goals within the present academic structures, perhaps the idea of a school of environmental affairs should be investigated further. A degree program which allows maximum coordination is imperative to those planning a future in environmental affairs. Hopefully, the university will soon take further steps to fulfill these needs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.



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