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TWO-YEAR OLD Kristin Schmidt thought she'd try to do some dribbling with an extra ball at the Catholic University-Randolph-Macon basketball game here Tuesday night. Her mother decided otherwise. (AP Wirephoto)

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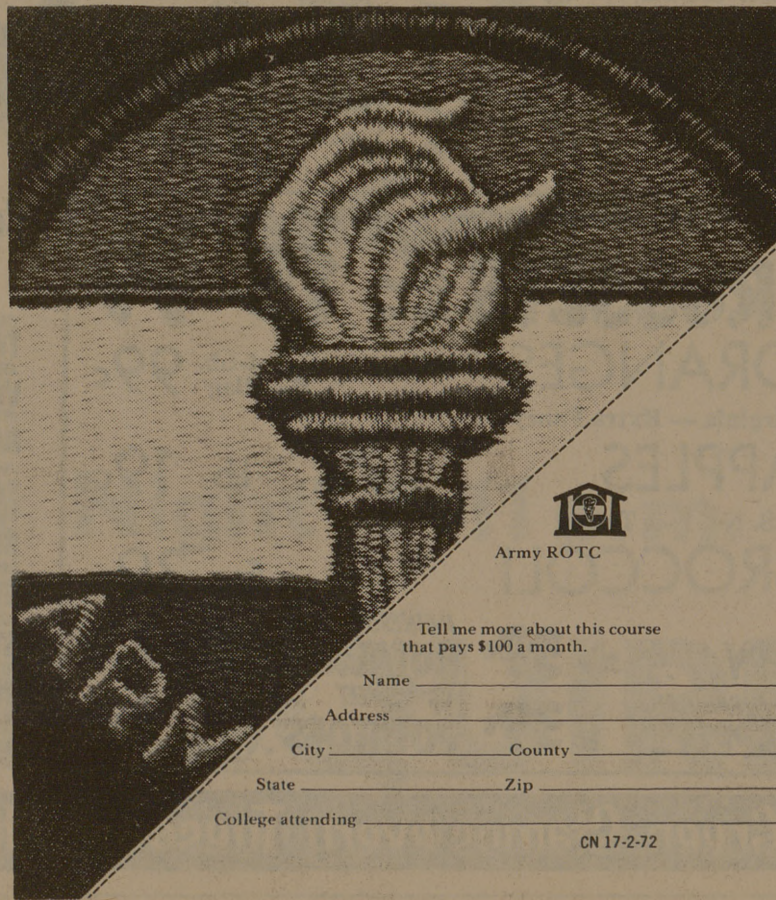
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Connally 'involved' with Nixon in 1968 election, Harris says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Fred Harris, D-Okla., has testified he thinks former Texas Gov. John Connally was "involved" in convincing a group of Texas oil millionaires they should switch financial support in 1968 from Democratic presidential candidate Hubert Humphrey to Republican Richard Nixon.

Harris asserted through aides Tuesday it is not "idle" to speculate that Connally, a Democrat, may owe his appointment as Secretary of the Treasury under President Nixon to his earlier influence.

Testifying before the congressional Joint Economic Committee Monday, Harris, who served as co-chairman of Humphrey's 1968 presidential campaign, said Humphrey refused and Nixon agreed to support the oil depletion allowance at the urging of members of the Houston Petroleum Club.

He said Humphrey contended the oil depletion allowance was prime for inclusion in a needed program of tax reform.

"Some weeks later the Republican candidate endorsed the oil depletion allowance and subsequently received large amounts of cash from Texas oil men," Harris said.

Departing from his prepared text, Harris added: "And I might say that intertwined with this issue is the appointment of John Connally to be Secretary of the Treasury."

"I think he was involved in getting some of those oil men to give money to President Nixon rather than helping on contributions for Vice President Humphrey."

"And I think it is no accident that under Secretary Connally and President Nixon we are going to see not tax reform, not an effort to make the tax system more fair, but probably an attempt to ask the people to pay a sales tax now based on ability to pay."

Harris said he had no evidence of his allegation that Connally was "involved" in helping finance Nixon's 1969 presidential campaign.

Marijuana penalties need to be lowered, group says

AUSTIN (AP) — First offense possession of marijuana should be a misdemeanor, not a felony, a special task force studying problems of youth and children told Gov. Preston Smith.

"At the state level, the Task Force agreed that the penalty for possession of not over a determined amount of marijuana should be reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor," said the 70-page report of the governor's steering committee for the White House Conference on Children.

The report noted that the recommendation to lower the offense from a felony to a misdemeanor was in the findings of a subgroup on drug abuse and also in the findings of another group on "Laws, Rights and Responsibilities."

The overall report made a total of 264 specific recommendations in 16 categories.

There was no immediate comment from the governor on the report, which resulted from the 33-member committee named by Smith in March, 1970. Smith personally urged the committee to recommend action for problems of youth and children, particularly of drug abuse.

The Task Force also recommended to the governor that "the distribution and prescription of all amphetamines and amphetamine-drugs should be forbidden for any medical use other than the treatment of hyperkinetic children and certain forms of epileptic conditions and specifically that it should be illegal to prescribe such drugs for the control of obesity."

McRath will be keynote speaker at A&M's February student conference

Dr. Earl J. McRath, Temple University official who has been in university administration 26 years, will be a keynote speaker at Texas A&M University's 17th Student Conference on National Affairs.

McRath will discuss student participation in university governance in the Feb. 16-19 conference on "Impact of the University."

The former University of Kansas City and Eisenhower College president and chancellor joins Texas Senator John Tower and Dr. Lawrence E. Fouraker, Harvard business school dean, for SCONA XVII.

College students from throughout the U. S. and Mexico will

make in-depth analysis of the American university's influence on society, politics, the economy and international relations.

McRath, 69, received the Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1936 and has honorary degrees from 33 institutions. He was a member of the University of Buffalo faculty 17 years before entering administration.

Along with a four-year stint as U. S. Commissioner of Education in the following years, McRath was liberal arts dean at State University of Iowa, UKC president and chancellor, higher education official and professor at Teachers College, Columbia, and Eisenhower College chancellor, the latter from 1966-68.