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BUTCH HAS AN EDGE on the other dogs in the neighborhood when he appears in a full suit of clothes, including shoes and hat. He romped in the 11-degree weather in Louisville, Ky., last week with his owner Melanie Keltner. (AP Wirephoto)

Nixon disappointed in foreign aid act

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon signed a \$2.75-billion foreign-aid authorization act Monday but described it as a great disappointment which hampers his conduct of foreign affairs. The measure, Nixon said in a statement, severely cuts the amounts he requested for de-

velopment and security assistance and "is below minimum acceptable levels."

Nor does it include, the President said, major reform proposals which he sent Congress last April.

"Viewed against the vital national objectives which our foreign assistance programs are designed to pursue, this act is a great disappointment," Nixon said.

Nixon's action on the authorization bill nearly completed the revival, in modified form, of the program which the Senate briefly appeared to have killed last Oct. 29.

The only thing left is House-Senate compromise of a \$3-bil-

lion bill approved by the Senate last Friday actually appropriating money for foreign aid and for related programs.

The chief executive complained that "the bill reaches my desk more than halfway through the fiscal year, delayed by legislative entanglements resulting from the attachment in committee of an unprecedented number of restrictive and nongermane amendments, some of which raise grave constitutional questions."

"While many were modified or removed in the long months of debate," Nixon continued, "the final product adds significant restrictions and limitations to those

Faculty-staff members to serve as round-table chairmen at SCONA

Five A&M faculty-staff members including the deans of men and women will serve as round-table co-chairmen Feb. 16-19 for the 17th Student Conference on National Affairs.

Serving in the vital SCONA chairmanships are Dean of Women Toby Schreiber, Dean of Men Charles Powell, Dr. Betty R. Unterberger of the History Department; C. J. Leabo, Journalism Department head, and Russell Usnick, English instructor and debate coach.

"We feel fortunate to have these people heading the round-tables," commented Ben Thur-

man, SCONA XVII chairman, Dallas.

"SCONA needs them for their ability to communicate, their viewpoints, expertise and rapport with students," Thurman said.

Eight SCONA XVII round-tables will provide 140 delegates a sounding board for facts, ideas and concepts from major speakers and student participants on "Impact of the University."

Co-chairmen invest the round-tables with ideas and direct, assist students to reach their statements of ideas and ideas serve as catalysts for discussion.

Byers receives NSF grant

Dr. Horace R. Byers, distinguished professor of meteorology at A&M, has been awarded a \$31,000 National Science Foundation grant for a project entitled "Microdynamics of Warm Cumulus Congestoe."

Dr. Byers has an international reputation for his research on thunderstorms and the physics of rainclouds.

The 12-month grant is effective

Feb. 15. Assisting Dr. Byers, Phanindramohan Das of the Meteorology Department.

This project complements recent work on natural processes, rain production in clouds and artificial induction of rain.

Dr. Byers is a former dean and academic vice president at A&M.

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College administrators to meet Friday at A&M

Gulf Coast college and university personnel administrators will meet Feb. 11 at A&M.

Discussion at the one-day meeting will feature Douglas G. MacLean, president of the College and University Personnel Association (CUPA).

H. Ray Smith, TAMU system personnel director, said officials representing 15 colleges and universities in the CUPA Gulf Coast chapter are expected for the first such meeting at A&M.

Sessions at the Memorial Student Center will cover unemployment compensation, the Fair Labor Standards Act, employee training, equal opportunity, optional retirement programs and other subjects of interest to personnel administrators.

MacLean will address the meeting on CUPA current events. He was personnel director at the University of Houston before being named vice president of staff services there.

Smith said MacLean is a nationally recognized authority on college and university personnel management.

TAMU President Jack Williams will open the Friday meeting at 1:30 p.m. A dinner at the Ramada

Inn will follow the sessions.

Speakers on the program also include Jack C. Parker, Sam Houston State business manager; James R. Jannasch, University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

personnel director, and, from A&M's personnel department, training coordinator, James A. Wiley, assistant director Kenneth B. Livingston and personnel representative Sam Byer.

Report proposes American, Soviet spacecraft link-up

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP)—A space agency report proposes that American and Russian spacecraft link up in space and orbit together for two days while spacemen of the two countries exchange visits.

The report, prepared by North American Rockwell for the space agency at a cost of \$300,000, calls for an Apollo command and service module with an attached docking module to link up with a Soviet craft during a 14-day earth orbit mission.

The Russian space ship would include a salyut, or orbiting laboratory, and an attached soyluz, a Soviet command ship. This combination of spacecraft set the world endurance record of 24 days, but the three cosmonauts were killed during their return to earth.

"A mid-1975 launch date can be met readily with some options accommodated," the report states. "A mid-1974 launch date requires a straightforward minimum flexibility program."

During the two days of the international docking exercise, there would be three two-man visits between the craft of the two countries. The report states that two Soviets could visit in the Apollo command ship at a time, while two Americans are in the Russian craft.

After the docking exercise, the Apollo spacecraft would separate, descend to a lower circular orbit and remain aloft for 11 more days. During this time the astronauts would perform surveys of resources in the United States using sensitive cameras and instruments.

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