

Private Secretary Claims 'Gap' in Tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The testimony of a presidential aide Wednesday raised a question of whether part of yet a third White House Watergate tape may be missing or nonexistent.

The testimony followed notification to U. S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica that President Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods, will testify at a hearing into a White House claim that two crucial presidential conversations on Watergate went unrecorded.

Sirica had summoned Miss Woods to appear.

White House aide John C. Bennett testified before Sirica that Miss Woods called him into her office Tuesday to say she had discovered a "gap" in a tape recording made of presidential conversations.

Bennett, an aide to White House chief of staff Alexander M. Taig Jr., said Miss Woods did not de-

scribe the tape she was listening to and he did not ask.

Bennett also said she told him that she was not transcribing Watergate tapes and that his own testimony of Tuesday—in which Bennett said he was told that's what she was doing—was wrong.

Exactly which tapes Miss Woods was listening to when she discovered the gap presumably will have to await her own testimony, now expected Thursday.

Douglas Parker, a White House lawyer, said he expected Miss Woods will be allowed to appear as directed.

Bennett previously had testified that Miss Woods now has in her possession 14 tapes, eight of them covering the periods listed in subpoenas from the special Watergate prosecution force and six others delivered to her Monday.

The White House said, meanwhile, Nixon is expanding his legal staff to deal with Watergate problems "perhaps more effectively than we have before."

Specifically, a spokesman said, Florida lawyer Sam Powers had been recruited for the hearings before Sirica.

Noting that scores of attorneys

are involved in various Watergate probes, the spokesman said the White House had to expand its staff because "you can't deal with 100 lawyers with five."

The spokesman promised again that Nixon will meet his Watergate problems head-on in ways that will be clear in the next month or so.

In another court development, Sirica denied various motions by six of the original Watergate defendants for new trials or withdrawal of guilty pleas and said he would sentence them at 10 a. m. Friday.

The six are E. Howard Hunt, James W. McCord Jr., Bernard L. Baker, Eugenio R. Martinez, Virgilio R. Gonzales and Frank A. Sturgis.

McCord, who was convicted at the Watergate trial in January, had sought a verdict of acquittal and a new trial. The others, who had been in prison under provisional maximum sentences for burglary, conspiracy and wiretap-

ing, had asked for withdrawal of guilty pleas.

G. Gordon Liddy, a Watergate defendant, was convicted with McCord and sentenced to a prison term of six to eight months to 20 years, has asked a federal appeals court for a new trial.

The seven men were in connection with the June 17 break-in at Democratic Party headquarters.

The two presidential conversations the White House says unrecorded were with the late John W. Dean III on June 15, 1973 and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell on June 18.

The six tapes Miss Woods gave Monday by Bennett were conversations on April 14, on which Dean on two occasions met with the President, and on June 18, on which he refused to resign as White House counsel and that otherwise he would not be a scapegoat for the Watergate scandal.

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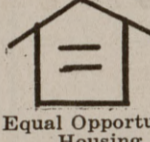

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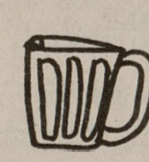



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Unicyclists Try Out Basketball Skills

The A&M Unicycle Club is planning a basketball game among its activities this year.

"We're trying to get in contact with the Rice unicycle club to challenge them to a basketball

Meats Team Wins Again

The TAMU Meats Team chalked up their fifth straight win this past weekend after competing against ten other schools in the Eastern National Intercollegiate Meats Contest at Timberville, Va.

Steve Jackson, Johnny Peugh, Ricky Marbach, and David Graf represented A&M in the judging contest. Jackson won beef grading and was sixth high over-all, Peugh placed fourth in beef grading and fourth in the over-all contest, Marbach and Graf placed fourth and fifth, respectively, in pork grading and eighth and thirteenth over-all.

The team will travel this weekend to a contest in Madison, Wisconsin.

game," said club president Bill Crider.

"We plan to participate in the Miles for Mankind program as a group, Crider said. "We also cooperate with the A&M Wheelmen and entered in their time trials.

"Unicycles are really gaining popularity nationwide and the number on campus has really increased," he added. The club was formed a year ago and now has 18 members.

Crider said a member need not own a unicycle and everyone is invited to watch the club practice. It meets the first and third Tuesday of the month in front of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Practice begins at 8:30 p.m.

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Collectors Contest Increases Entries

Book collections ranging from Nazi Germany to church liturgy have been entered in the Student Collectors Contest at TAMU.

Twenty-five collections from students in 18 academic departments were entered, announced Director of Libraries John B. Smith.

The contest will be judged and \$550 in prizes awarded Nov. 9.

Entries also include collections on horses, science fiction, poetry, philosophy, engineering topics and flower arranging.

Dr. Luther Evans, known internationally as a scholar and librarian, and two TAMU faculty members will judge the contest.

Students and faculty are invited to the awards ceremony. It will be at 2 p.m., Nov. 9, in the University Library conference suite. Evans will speak to him as judges are Prof. L. Lavery, longtime English member, and Prof. Thomas Mechanical Engineering Department and former chairman of the University Library Friends of the Library.

"The response from students is gratifying," Smith said.


The University Library Friends organization has such a contest would be plus for TAMU students. Entries are most encouraged. Students who submitted represent most of the college TAMU. They range from men to graduate levels. The coeds.

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Panel 2: Snoopy is lying on his back, looking up. Woodstock is perched on his nose. Snoopy says, "MY FOOT IS ASLEEP, BUT MY TOES ARE AWAKE!"

Panel 3: Snoopy is sitting up, looking thoughtful. Woodstock is perched on his shoulder. Snoopy says, "WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO FOR THE TOES TO STAY AWAKE?"

Panel 4: Snoopy is sitting up, looking thoughtful. Woodstock is perched on his shoulder. Snoopy says, "WHERE CAN THEY GO WITHOUT THE FOOT?!"