

YING FOR ATTENTION with nude runners are these clothed boosters of the nation's newest college fad. (Photo by David Spencer)

Understanding of taxes may force Nixon out, says Mills

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep. Wilbur Mills continued Tuesday that congressional findings on President Nixon's taxes will do more to force his resignation than Watergate "simply because people understand taxes."

Mills, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said, "I have no idea" if tax fraud might be involved. "I said specifically I was not accusing the President."

At a news conference last Friday in Little Rock, Ark., Mills said he expects Nixon to resign, primarily because of a report being prepared by the House-Senate Internal Revenue Taxation Committee, of which he is vice chairman.

Mills told newsmen Tuesday he does not know if the President had personal detailed knowledge of controversial deductions such as the \$482,000 deduction for his vice presidential papers.

The Arkansas Democrat refused to comment on White House statements that he is taking cheap shots at the President and that if he has any evidence for his allegations he should "put up or shut up."

Mills repeated that the committee report, to be issued in 30 to 40 days, will do more to force

the President's resignation than Watergate.

Mills said later in an interview: "What I said was that the tax issue could hurt the President more than Watergate—simply because people understand taxes."

"If the figures that have been talked about—\$250,000 or \$300,000 owed—are correct, people certainly will be asking questions," Mills said.

Asked again about the possibility of tax fraud findings, he said as far as he is concerned the House-Senate report will draw no conclusions at all.

"We will simply lay out the facts and let people draw their own conclusions," he said. Mills suggested that much of what will be in the report already has been publicly disclosed.

"You fellows have already written about this..." he said. "What developed in California about the residence and the accountant not being able to see him. But everything has not been printed."

He said the memorandum surfacing Monday reporting that Nixon wanted to see past presidents' tax returns to look at their deductions is not one of the new disclosures that he believes will hurt the President.

Services set for stabbed 'blind' student

Funeral services for Tommy A. Smith, TAMU student who was found dead near a Central Texas highway Saturday, will be held Wednesday in San Antonio.

Services will be at 8:15 a.m. at the chapel of the Porter-Loring Funeral Home. Interment will be at the national cemetery, Fort Sam Houston.

Smith's body was found Saturday morning near Interstate Highway 35, seven miles south of Belton. He was the apparent victim of a knife attack.

Bell County Sheriff's Office is investigating the case with no developments as yet.

The partially-sighted student had visited his father Friday night at Scott and White Hospital in Temple. Smith reportedly told his father, Hugh A. Smith of Jarrell in Williamson County, he was hitch-hiking on home.

Investigating authorities estimated the 23-year-old ex-Marine had been stabbed 19 times. An autopsy was ordered to determine the cause of death. There was indication he carried a large sum of money in a military type duffel bag.

Smith was a freshman in physics at Texas A&M. He resided at 4110 College Main, Apt. 12. A university spokesman said that because he was legally blind, the student was under Veterans Administration Vocational Rehabilitation assistance.

He is survived by his parents, a sister, Mrs. Cleo Atha of Pleasanton, a brother, Wayne Smith of Waco, and a grandmother.

Student arrested in robbery case

A TAMU student has been arrested for aggravated robbery.

Keith Keenright, 20, of Navasota, and Kay Berry, 19, were taken in a citizen's arrest Thursday night near Wellborn, according to the Brazos County Sheriff's Office.

Keenright is a sophomore majoring in animal science.

The couple was arrested in connection with a series of armed robberies (aggravated robberies) in which a woman lured a victim into the countryside, followed by a male partner who robbed the "mark" at gunpoint.

Keenright and Berry were approached when a prior victim, returning to the scene with friends to get his car, thought he saw the crime occurring again.

The robbery partnership had been working from various bars in the area, according to the sheriff's office.

Keenright is free on \$5,000 property bond; Berry remains in jail with her bond also set at \$5,000.

The penalty for aggravated robbery, a first-class felony, is five years to life in prison.

The Battalion

Weather

Partly cloudy with cool winds Wednesday. Slightly warmer Thursday. High today 73°; high Thursday 78°.

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TAMU turns off at break

Energy consumption drops to a low Thursday through Sunday here.

Except for security lights and power to continuous operating research experiments, TAMU will be shut down for the spring recess and faculty-staff holidays.

The student holiday began Friday. It ends at 8 a.m. Monday. Faculty-staff members have Thursday and Friday holidays, in addition to the weekend.

The recess formerly coincided with Easter. It was changed to more evenly divide the TAMU spring semester.

Students will have eight more weeks of classes and final exam week when classes resume Monday.

Due to the one-week, energy crisis delay in the start of TAMU's spring semester, commencement and commissioning will be on May 11.



A \$40,000 STEER loses its head Wednesday as workers at the meat lab butcher it. The steer, grand champion at the Houston Fat Stock Show, was donated to A&M. An eight-ounce steak would cost \$42.61—the steaks will be eaten at the Saddle and Sirloin Club annual dinner. Friday the carcass was graded USDA good. (Photo by Gary Baldasari)

'Soldiers' try for talk

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Attorneys for two imprisoned Symbionese Liberation Army "soldiers" said Tuesday they will ask permission for the men to make a televised statement on their plan to win the release of Patricia Hearst.

Attorneys James Jenner and William Gagen said they would make a motion Wednesday for the news conference before Superior Court Judge Sam Hall of Contra Costa County.

The prisoners, Joseph Remiro and Russell Little, last week demanded a nationally televised news conference to discuss their ideas for winning the release of the 20-year-old coed. The SLA claims she is being held as a "prisoner of war."

But Alameda County Sheriff Frank Madigan said Tuesday there was "no way" there would be a news conference in his jail,

where the two are being held. He said the lawyers would have to secure a court order for the press conference.

Meanwhile, Patricia Hearst's fiancé Steven Weed said he believed she was sincere in expressing doubts in a taped message last weekend about the efforts of her family to win her release.

Weed, who was beaten severely when Miss Hearst was abducted Feb. 4 from her Berkeley apartment, said: "I think she is starting to wonder if we are doing everything we can. The rhetoric isn't hers but she is very sincere about it."

In the brief meeting with newsmen outside the Hearst mansion in suburban Hillsborough, Weed repeated an earlier promise that he would not testify against the kidnapers if she is released unharmed.

Remiro, 27, and Little, 24, are

By MARY RUSSO

Walk, pool rides or hitch were alternatives to individual car transport suggested by the Special Energy Management Committee.

The group conducted a study on possible ways to beat the possible energy crunch at the end of any given month.

Primarily concerned with faculty and staff, the group recommended car pooling as the most reasonable way to handle the situation.

Use of the shuttle bus was found more expensive both in energy use and dollars. Some 1,000 gallons of gas would be spent if the faculty were to ride the bus from their homes to schools for the final two weeks of the month. If the same group were to drive to school only 800 gallons would be used.

The favorite proposition was car pooling because of faculty-concentrated housing. Reaching neighbors interested and setting up a telephone relay system for contacting other car poolers were suggested.

The committee decided this was the most feasible because of the ease and relatively limited expense of such a plan. They also addressed the implications of the future in such a move. An expected 1,500-to-2,000 deficiency in parking spaces was cited by Vergil Stover, Texas Transportation Institute. Special privileges, through traffic regulations, were mentioned to make car pooling more inviting.

Student car pooling home on weekends was suggested. "Hitching Post," a board on the landing in the Memorial Student Center between the first and second floors, is maintained for this purpose.

The possibility of encouraging Mother's Clubs and other Aggie parents to travel to A&M for upcoming events in carpools was also suggested. The committee pointed out this could prevent people from being stranded in College Station should a complete gas "run-out" occur.

The final alternative seen was bicycling. Two major disadvantages are the lack of safety incurred at intersections and on-campus riding and the lack of safe places to park a bike. The City of Bryan's proposal to set up bike paths was considered, but Howard Vestal, assistant vice-president for business affairs, noted that in the new master landscaping plan for the campus no provisions were made for bike paths.

Paul Stephens, manager of systems technical services, says bike paths are in some plans and not in others. He emphasized that all the landscaping plans are in the preliminary stage and the bike path situation is still uncertain.

He did say, however, that no paths in the streets are yet being considered.

Gen. A. R. Luedicke, executive vice-president of the A&M System, said the university intends to put bike paths in the campus interior wherever feasible; the paths must not disrupt pedestrian or emergency traffic.

He said he hopes every place on campus will be accessible by bike, though.

Another proposal, in the old Aggie tradition, was to establish certain street corners along major arteries as pickup places for people needing a ride to campus.

"The group is working mainly to suggest ways of cutting down fuel consumption for everybody's good. The first time people have to walk or not come to the campus, the next month they'll be following some sort of conservation suggestion," Chairman Dr. Richard Wainerdi said.

Golf course opens east nine for play

The east nine holes of the renovated A&M golf course will open for play Thursday, announced Luke Harrison, course manager.

Harrison noted the west nine holes were re-opened December. Play on the west nine has averaged more than 100 golfers per day over the past several weeks, he said.

Wallace Menn, golf course superintendent, noted the additional nine holes will continue the theme of the course renovation project.

"The front nine holes have sweeping, rolling fairways opening into enlarged undulating

greens guarded by many large sand traps as well as a meandering creek that comes into play on five holes," he said.

Menn noted the greens, fairways and tee boxes have been overseeded with rye grass and are in good condition. He added that rough spots due to contract work still exist, but will be "healed over" on a continuing basis.

A halfway house with restrooms and a water fountain has been built to service the mid-point of each nine holes, Menn pointed out.

University National Bank "On the side of Texas A&M." Adv.

New 'face' provides access

Architectural obstacles being phased out

By CLIFF LEWIS
The Plant Sciences Building has a slightly different face since a wooden ramp was built like a rough tongue sticking out of its doorway.

There are concrete ramps smoothly slipping out from most of the buildings on campus. Any building constructed with state or federal funds since January 1970 is required by law to have provisions for handicapped students needing access to it.

The Plant Sciences Building was built in the early 1960s. Yet since one handicapped student needed to get in the building this semester, the ramp was built.

"TAMU has gone all the way helping us," said Don Gardner, the university's vocational counselor for the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. Although his office is not directly connected with the University System, he is comfortable that "all administrative sides know what we want. TAMU complies with and goes beyond the requirements of law in the removal of architectural barriers."

A step, a narrow door, even a curb is an architectural barrier to a person in a wheelchair. Gardner pointed to his many-colored map on the wall. Here was a curb ramp (by Krueger-Dunn), there

was an electric wheelchair lift (in the new chemistry building). Accessible routes were marked across the campus, except to the Oceanography-Meteorology Building where a route is being planned.

As long as the plans are made a year in advance, the university budget will comply with them, commented Gardner.

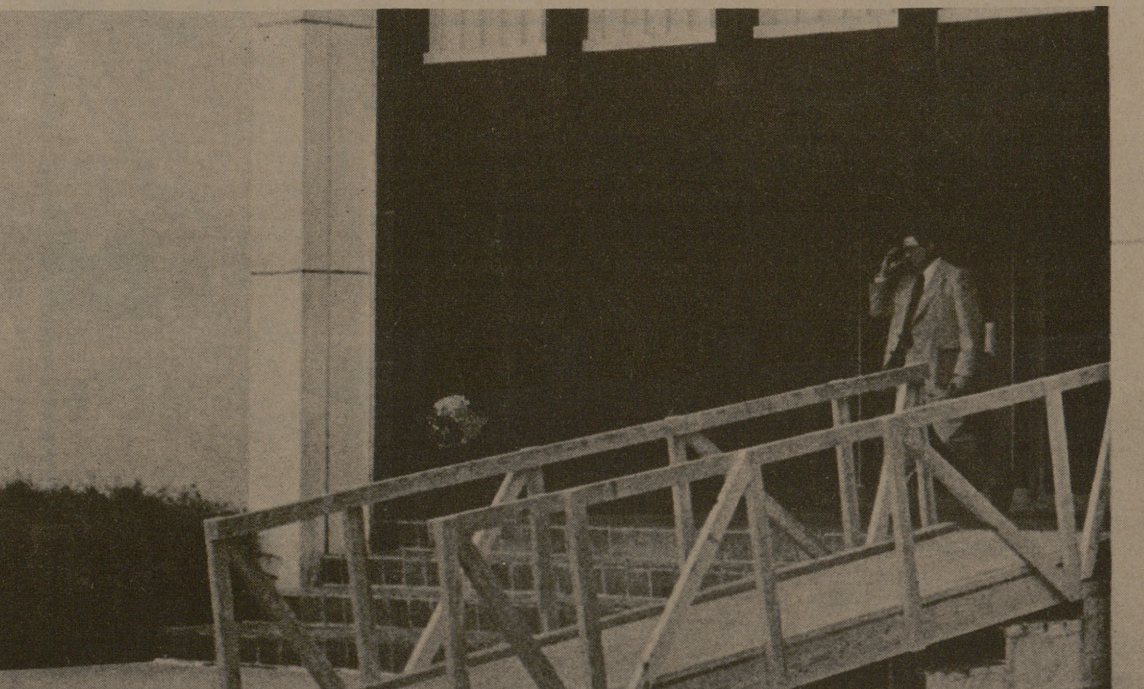
"We're pretty well on top of this," said Gardner of the facilities being modified for vocational use. A suite is set up in rooms for eight clients are aside in Krueger-Dunn, and more are planned for that dorm's expansion.

"We still need to plan lower tables and such for classroom laboratory use, though."

Many of the ramps on campus were built before the law was passed. Some of the buildings were surveyed in 1967-68 as to their accessibility, resulting in ramps to the Academic Building, the library and others.

"Some of the routes are a bit tricky," Gardner admitted. "It's rather hard to get to the lower floor of the MSC. But a lot of things have to be considered in building ramps and such. There's a lot of planning going into them, and I have no complaints."

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THE NEW FACE of TAMU is a little rough, as this wooden ramp at the Plant Sciences Building illustrates. The new ramp is part of a continuing project aimed at making the campus more liveable for handicapped students. (Photo by David Spencer)