

Nixon talks to public; Committee gets documents

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fighting to blunt impeachment moves, President Nixon said Monday night he would give a House committee and then make public edited transcripts of White House conversations that "will tell it all" in the Watergate scandal.

Sharply attacking the Senate testimony of his former counsel and chief Watergate accuser, John W. Dean III, Nixon traced for a national TV and radio audience his activities in the Watergate controversy.

He said he was waiving the precedent of executive privilege to make public the transcripts of dozens of private presidential conversations.

But he said such disclosure was necessary to prove to the public he personally had no knowledge of the Watergate break-in and did not participate in a subsequent cover-up.

The President said he would allow the senior Democrat and Republican on the House Judiciary Committee to listen to the tapes and verify that none of the deletions relate to relevant Watergate matters.

His action, Nixon said, would quash the "vague general impression of massive wrongdoing" in the nation's highest office. Nixon said he has nothing to hide, and the tapes will show it.

The President acknowledged that portions of the conversation are ambiguous because they are recordings of individuals "just thinking out loud."

"Never before have records so private been made public," he said, adding that he was placing his trust "in the basic fairness of the American people."

As Nixon spoke in a nationally broadcast speech, the transcripts were stacked beside his Oval Office desk,

each set in a notebook. One, emblazoned with the presidential seal, faced the television cameras.

Nixon said the notebooks contain more than 1,200 pages of transcripts of private conversations he held between Sept. 15, 1972, and April 27, 1973, with regard to Watergate.

He said they include all relevant portions of all subpoenaed conversations.

The President said he would make public not only these transcripts, but also transcripts covering tape recordings of 19 other conversations, and more than 700 White House documents, which already have been delivered to the House committee and the Watergate special prosecutor.

Nixon acknowledged there are ambiguities in the transcripts, and that they include material that will be em-

barrassing to him and to his aides.

In releasing them to the committee and the public, Nixon said, he is breaching the principle of presidential confidentiality, but considers it necessary to do so to clear up the Watergate case.

The President also said he does not know how the celebrated 18½-minute gap in one tape recording could have occurred. But he said he is certain it was not done purposely by his secretary, Rose Mary Woods.

Directly challenging the testimony of his former White House counsel, John W. Dean III, Nixon said again he knew nothing of Watergate involvement or cover-up until Dean told him about it on March 21, 1973.

Nixon said Dean's disclosures on March 21, 1973, were "a sharp surprise" to him. The President said he asked more than 150 questions of Dean.

He quoted Dean as saying at the time he could tell Nixon had no knowledge of the case.

In Senate testimony, Dean had said that at a meeting on the morning of March 21, Nixon said he was impressed with Dean's knowledge of the Watergate case and its ramifications, "but he did not seem particularly concerned with their implications . . ."

In saying that he would make transcripts available to the House committee weighing his impeachment, Nixon said the senior committee members, Rep. Peter Rodino, D-N.J., and Edward Hutchinson, R-Mich., need only satisfy themselves that the transcripts are accurate.

Nixon spoke with a stack of notebooks at his side. He said the transcripts they contain do not cover everything that is on the tape recordings, subpoenaed by the House committee in

its inquiry into possible impeachment. But he said they cover everything relevant to that inquiry, "the rough as well as the smooth."

The House committee issued a subpoena for tape recordings of 42 White House conversations, with Nixon's response due by 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Rodino had said earlier in the day that his committee would "accept no less than the material specified," the tapes themselves, in response to the subpoena.

Another committee member, Rep. Don Edwards, D-Calif., said any procedure for screening the tapes that would leave the committee without the actual tapes in its possession afterward would be "totally unacceptable."

"I want there to be no question remaining about the fact that the President has nothing to hide in this matter," Nixon said.

Weather

Considerable cloudiness and cooler Tuesday with chances of widely scattered showers. High today 81°. Winds from the south 10 m.p.h., gusting to 25. Continued cloudy tomorrow morning becoming partly cloudy after noon. Low tonight 63°. High Wednesday 83°.

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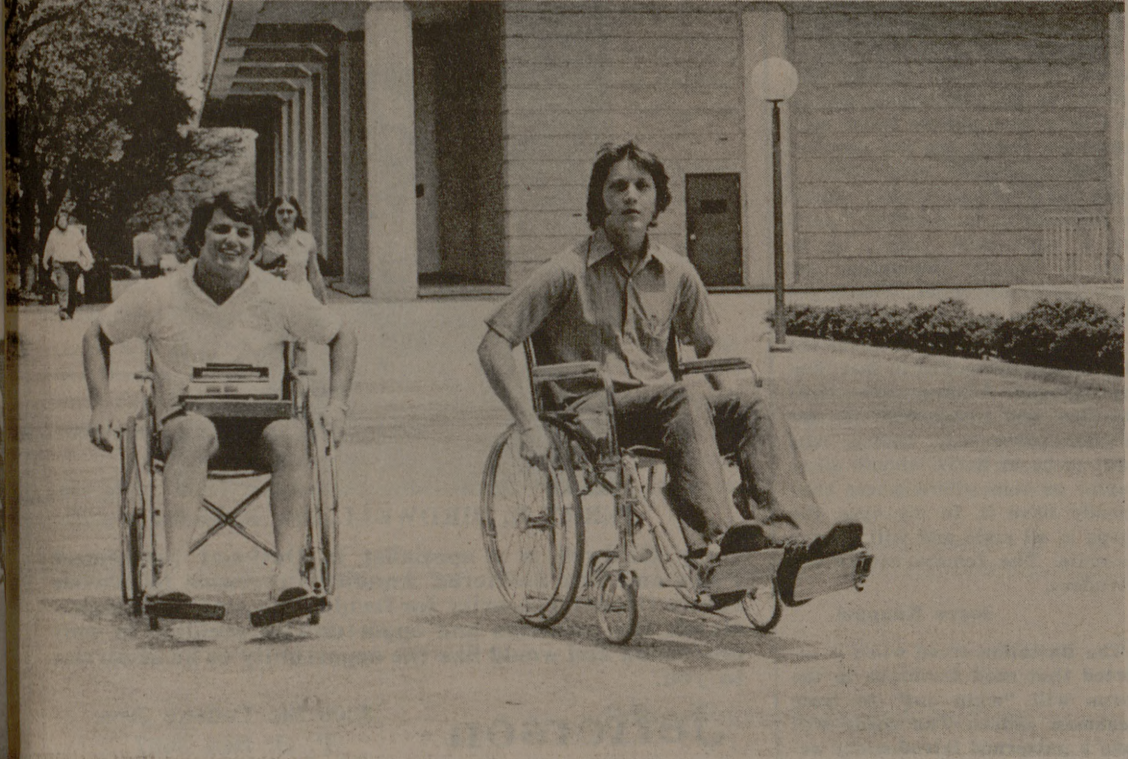
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THE DIFFICULTIES of disabled students traveling on campus were demonstrated Friday in the Wheelchair Awareness Day. Faculty and students like Steve Ryter (left) and James Roach were given wheelchairs and allowed to go about their regular schedule. (Photo by Kathy Young)

Senate to discuss filling SG positions

Judicial Senate and University Committee appointments will face the scrutiny of the Student Senate Wednesday night.

The Senate meeting in room 601 of the Rudder Tower at 7:30 will discuss four appointments to the SG Judicial Board, three to the Senate and about 150 to University Committees.

The four judicial vacancies are chairman, two sophomore seats and one senior seat. Larry McRoberts, Michael Perrin and Jerri Ward have applied for the chairmanship. The applicants for the two sophomore positions are Bill Keeling, Craig Delery, Steve Johnson, Barb Palmer, Larry Wingo, David Haupe, Shannon

Walker, Jayne Condrey and Christine Warren. Two persons have applied for the senior seat, Doug Thorpe and Tim Jordan.

The three Senate positions are all graduate seats. They are from the College of Agriculture, Engineering and one off-campus living area.

The speaker pro-tem of the Senate will be elected by the senators. The speaker pro-tem need not be a member of the Senate to be elected.

University committee appointments are also up for approval by the Senate. It takes a two-thirds majority to approve the appointments made by Steve Eberhard, SG president. This provision passed in the package of amendments earlier this spring. The list is for 39 committees with at least two appointments on each committee.

- These people will be serving on the following committees next year pending approval of two-thirds of the Senate and appointment by President Williams.
- ACADEMIC APPEALS PANEL**
 John Nash Michael Perrin
 Dabi Blackmon Shannon Walker
 (alternate) (alternate)
- AD HOC CALENDER COMMITTEE**
 Dale Foster Curtis Leonhardt
- AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION ACCELERATION**
 Curtis Leonhardt Kay Zenner
- ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FACULTY EVALUATION PROCEDURES**
 Jeff Dunn Robert Shokes
 Tom Taylor Shannon Walker
- ARCHIVES AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE**
 Kay Evans Pam Jewell
- BONFIRE AND YELL LEADER COMMITTEE**
 Louie Gohmert Jenni Guido
 Joe Hughes Warren Russell
- BOOKSTORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
 Bill Flores Rick Gray
 Marianne Hamm George Lippe
 Curt Marsh

- CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**
 Kathleen Adams Chris Lawson
 Mary Beth Smith
- CHAPEL COMMITTEE**
 Steve Carter Richard Ekral
 Roger Monk
- CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE**
 Kay Evans Mike Hatch
 Ronnie Maddox
- CONVOCACTIONS COMMITTEE**
 Dan Anderson Susan Carstens
 Louie Gohmert
- CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**
 Sherry Alebis Karla Mouritsen
- DUNCAN MENU BOARD**
 Lee Billingsley Bob Ingram
 Mike Marchand Tom Walker
 Mark Williams
- ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE**
 Scott Price Greg Smith
 Tom Woodfin
- HONORS PROGRAM COMMITTEE**
 Mark Edwards Cheryl Fricke
 Tom Swygert
- HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
 Dave Capehart Susan Fontaine
 Clint Miller George Thilen
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
 Rajesh Kent LaTonya Perrin
 Deb Sengupta
- JUNIOR COLLEGE RELATIONS COMMITTEE**
 David Finley Roxy Rudd
- KRUEGER-DUNN MENU BOARD**
 Cecil Albrecht Joe Carter
 Tom Latimer Lucy Stearman
 Cindy Wallace
- LAUNDRY COMMITTEE**
 Cecil Albrecht Tom Dawson
 Susan Fontaine Hank Maddux
 Ed Minnich Gerard Pelatier
 Cindy Wallace
- LIBRARY COUNCIL**
 Mary Ellen Martin Trole Pruett
 Frederick Schlemmer
- LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**
 Barry Brooks Steve Wakefield
 Tom Woodfin
- NEW DORM COMPLEX COMMITTEE**
 Jim Campbell Curt Henderson
 Michele Moss
- NEW STUDENT COMMITTEE**
 Cindy Murray Trole Pruett
 Tom Strickland
- REVIEW BOARD A**
 Gwen Flynt David Hampe
 Billy Keeling
- REVIEW BOARD B**
 Paula East Russell Hamley
- RESIDENCE HALL COMMITTEE**
 Kathleen Adams Rick Gray
 Maryan Hughes George Lippe
 Hank Maddux David McCabe
 Warren Russell
- RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE**
 Steve Eberhard John Tyler
 Jerri Ward
- SBISA MENU BOARD**
 Randy Hohlaus Maryan Hughes
 Greg Johnson Missie Miller



HIS MUSIC setting the atmosphere, Isaac Perlman performs in the Rudder Center Monday. His appearance was sponsored by the Opera and Performing Arts Society. (Photo by Kathy Young)

Forewoman says 'jury doubts Dean'

NEW YORK (AP)—The forewoman of the jury that acquitted John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans said Monday the jurors doubted the truthfulness of John W. Dean III, a key government witness at the criminal conspiracy trial of the former Cabinet members.

Sybil Kucharski, 21, a Westchester County bank teller, said she and the other jurors were convinced Mitchell and Stans told the truth when they took the witness stand in their own defense at their 48-day federal trial.

Dean's credibility came into question when he admitted he had pleaded guilty to a charge of obstruction of justice in the Watergate scandal in hope of drawing a lighter sentence, Miss Kucharski said on NBC's "Today" show.

Vice President Gerald R. Ford said in a statement issued by his Washington office that the jury verdict in the Mitchell-Stans case "says to me that John Dean's credibility has been severely eroded."

Ousted by President Nixon as White House counsel, Dean is expected to testify for the government at other trials spawned by the 1972 Watergate break-in and subsequent coverup attempt. He also is regarded as a major witness should President Nixon be impeached and tried.

Mitchell, 60, the former attorney general, and Stans, 66, one-time commerce secretary, were accused of perjury and conspiring to impede a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of financier Robert L. Ves-

co's financial empire in return for a secret \$200,000 Vesco contribution to President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

Miss Kucharski said the jury in its 26 hours of deliberations paid only scant attention to what was seen as a key element of the government's case against Stans and Mitchell—that Mitchell made 19 calls to Dean in an attempt to hinder the SEC's Vesco investigation.

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CS eligible for flood insurance

Flood insurance will soon be available to College Station residents located on a flood plain.

This insurance, said City Manager North Bardell, will now be

offered by the city through private insurance companies.

"Private insurance companies would not provide flood insurance without federal control," said Bardell, adding that it was a Housing Urban Development program offered to cities conforming to flood hazard regulations.

Areas in College Station on a flood plain are off Wolf Pen Creek (under Highway 6 at the Highway 30 intersection) and Bee Creek (which forks into three branches in South College Station).

Bardell said reasons the city took out the flood insurance program were to allow residents in areas subject to flooding to be able to take out flood insurance and to prevent further building on this plain.

"The only cost to the city is that involved in the administration of the project," said Bardell. Insurance costs will run 25 cents per \$100 of coverage per year on residential structures. Content coverage on such structures will run 35 cents per \$100. Commercial building coverage will run 40 cents per \$100 for the structure and 75 cents per \$100 for the contents.

"It is a voluntary program which gives the resident or commercial owner the opportunity to buy the insurance if they want," said Bardell.

Bardell said HUD would come in and delineate the flood hazard areas for the city. He also said the flood plains were designated by a survey taken by the Corps of Engineers.

Student rights bill preamble approved unanimously by R&R

The preamble to the student Bill of Rights was unanimously approved Monday by the University Rules and Regulations Committee.

The committee also began deliberations on the Student Life section of the handbook.

Committee members decided to put the entire list of student rights and responsibilities in the front of the University Rules and Regulations handbook before making final approval. The preamble reads as follows:

"The following statement of students' rights and responsibilities reflects the philosophical base upon which University Regulations are built. This philosophy acknowledges the existence of both rights and responsibilities which are inherent to an individual as a student at Texas

A&M University and as a citizen of this country. It should be recognized that these rights and responsibilities are not all encompassing, but that those rights and responsibilities not stated herein or in other documents relating to the University are implicit and extend to all members of the University community. Specific applications of this philosophy are contained in University Regulations."

Among its major changes the committee decided to make reference to Texas House Bills 141 and 314, prohibiting disruptive activities and maintaining order on the campus or university property.

The Vice President for Student Services' office recommended there be an addition to paragraph

47, noting that the University Police could file charges if a student's rights were violated by another person, if the student so wishes.

Paragraphs 48 through 64 were sent to committee for further study to be considered by the committee next Tuesday.

The committee also recognized a conflict between the wordward to the handbook and the handbook itself.

The forward implies the handbook is only intended for students while many of the rules within the book are intended for faculty/staff members, such as posting grades.

Roger Miller, staff assistant to President Jack K. Williams, said he thought the situation could be remedied by slightly changing the forward.

External Affairs meetings scheduled for this week

Several External Affairs subcommittee meetings have been scheduled for the upcoming week.

Community Relations Committee, which acts as a liaison with the City Council and investigates possible solutions to community-related subjects of interest to students, will meet tonight at 7.

Fair Housing Commission, which aids students in finding housing and in working out satisfactory solutions to tenant-landlord disputes, will also meet tonight at 6:30.

The National Student Lobby Committee will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. This committee deals with student-oriented issues on a national level and acts as coordinator for Texas members of NSL.

Monday the Business and Consumer Relations Committee, which handles consumer complaints and the student discount program, will meet at 7 p.m.

The Texas Student Association-Texas Student Lobby Committee, which researches state issues concerning students, attends seminars in various parts of Texas and runs the annual TSA convention which A&M will host next September.

All meetings will be in the Student Government office or in adjacent meeting rooms. Interested students are invited to attend.

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