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'Society in assassination cycle' Phone rates rise again

By WILL ANDERSON
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American society appears to be in an "assassination cycle" and President Gerald R. Ford is tempting fate, Newsweek's Tommy DeFrank said Sunday night.

The 1967 Texas A&M University graduate has been with

Newsweek for five years and a White House correspondent since late 1973.

The United States has gone through cycles of student demonstrations, then hijackings DeFrank said. Now a cycle of assassination fever is beginning. He was 15 feet from the President during the first assassina-

tion attempt in Sacramento and 100 feet away when the shot was fired in San Francisco.

DeFrank said the President's constant travelling recently has had several bad effects on both him and the President. First, it exposes Ford more to possible assassins. Secondly, the more Ford speaks in his travels, the more people realize he has nothing intelligent to say. And third, since DeFrank must accompany Ford, he is seldom home with his family.

"When Ford went to the White House, I went with him," he said. "I can't tell you how long he'll be there but I'll probably be there as long as he is."

"In August of '74, the country was on the brink," DeFrank said. "Ford has really calmed it down. The Imperial Presidency

of Nixon and Johnson are behind us. Integrity and decency are in the oval office again."

DeFrank said, however, that Ford is a poor leader with little vision of the past or future. He suggested that history would be kinder to the man than the American voters will be in the next election.

"If I had to bet right now, I'd have to say there will be a Democrat in the White House in 1977," he said.

"It will be determined by two things: the economy by June or July, and who the Democrats run. But one thing I have learned in Washington is to never underestimate the Democrats' ability to destroy themselves."

"I. F. Stone once said that all government officials are liars," he said. "Irresponsible? Maybe,

but look at the litany of lies that has been fed to the press in the recent past — Eisenhower and the U-2 incident, Kennedy and the Bay of Pigs, the Pentagon Papers revealed several lies. The Jack Anderson papers showed we were lied to about the U. S. involvement in the India-Pakistan War.

"We were told for years of the hands-off policy towards Cambodia while all the time we were bombing the hell out of it. Then there's Watergate."

DeFrank cited a lie from Ford when he denied the existence of any secret treaties in Vietnam. The treaties were revealed just before the fall of Saigon to the North Vietnamese.

"No administration tells it like it is but how they want you to think it is," he said.

By STEVE GRAY
City Editor

Local phone rates have gone up again to the ring of \$496,000, following an out-of-court settlement Friday afternoon between General Telephone Company and the cities of Bryan and College Station.

The increase is retroactive to Oct. 1.

All three parties met briefly in 85th Dist. Court Judge W. C. Davis' chambers early Friday morning prior to a scheduled 9 a.m. hearing on a permanent injunction against General Telephone. Both cities and the phone company then spent nearly a day negotiating over a fair rate increase before reaching an agreement.

The out-of-court settlement which was recommended by phone-rate consultant Bill McMorris of Amarillo, stipulates that General Telephone may not request any future rate increases until the Texas Utilities Commission goes into effect Sept. 1 next year.

The agreement is similar to the one made a couple of years ago when General Telephone Company last sought a rate increase in May 1972. That settlement was not reached until after a year of litigation in district court.

The new monthly rates are: \$7.5 for residence one-party line; \$6.3 for residence two-party line; \$15.9 for residence four-party line; \$18.9 for business one-party line; and \$12.82 for business two-party line.



Captain and Tennelle

The hit Pop duet, Captain and Tennelle performed Saturday night for an enthusiastic noncapacity crowd in the Rudder Auditorium.

Photo by Douglas Winship

Senate considers tickets, again

By JERRY GEARY
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Worries about date tickets for sold-out football games are over if the senate passes the guest ticket resolution Wednesday night at 7:30 in room 204 of the Harrington Center.

A group tickets proposal would allow groups of over 6 persons to pick up their tickets on their designated class days.

Tickets not picked up by those groups are to be allotted to the next day's ticket purchasers.

Two senators from the Aston-Mosher-Krueger area may be elected at-large if the senate passes a possible constitutional amendment to extend the limit of living area senators from 30 to 31. Filing for election would begin Oct. 9.

All students with season

coupons are guaranteed a ticket to football games, and there are only 200 seats available after all coupon holders buy their tickets.

The possibility has existed that there would not be enough seats available for freshmen. The date ticket resolution provides that all students with season tickets will get a seat whether in the stands or on the track.

All student seats will be sold under the current distribution system, with the reservation that date tickets be sold if there will be enough seats for student season ticket holders.

The senate will also vote whether to approve the lease with Ridgecrest Shopping

Center for the Student Radio Station.

Two bills pertaining to the University of Texas will also be introduced to the senate. The first bill endorses the actions of the UT student senate requesting the resignation of Dr. Lorene Rogers because the student-faculty input was ignored in the selection process.

The other proposal states that the Texas A&M student senate "publicly opposes any Board of Regents" who ignores the recommendations of a student-faculty committee concerning administrative appointments or major issues affecting the students.

Duane Thompson, Vice Pres-

ident of Rules and Regulations, will nominate Danny Coleman for the senate vacancy in Married Student Housing.

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Vacancies in the Graduate Student Council exist in the college of Science, College of Geosciences and the college of Veterinary Medicine. Applicants should contact Joe Marcellino in Room 216 of the Memorial Student Center. Applications close Oct. 13.

Both the Judicial Board and the Student Services Committee will meet Tuesday evening. J-board will meet in Room 216 E at 7 p.m. and Student Services will meet in Room 216 N at 7 p.m. in the MSC.

Lynn Ashby

'Half can't read, rest can't write'

By STEVE REIS
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"Half the people in Texas can't read and the other half can't write," remarked Lynn Ashby, Houston Post columnist, Sunday night. Ashby then hedged and mumbled when asked which half he belonged to.

Waving his arms about and sometimes pressing them together as though in prayer, Ashby addressed his listeners with anecdotes about his profession.

"Of course my own job is somewhat tenuous. Mr. Hobby keeps telling me not to make any long range plans... like winding my watch."

He indiscriminately poked harmless fun at the Pope, Patty Hearst, Houston police and Austin legislators.

Ashby was one of the guest speakers this weekend at the 23rd Annual Conference of the Texas Junior College Press Association.

A graduate of the University of Texas, Ashby started his lecture with the usual cuts and jabs at Texas A&M.

After the preliminaries, he started with a bang and gave his opinions of his own profession — journalism.

"If you like money, don't go into journalism, blacksmithing pays better."

He also admitted that there were drastic drawbacks to his type of work. The hours are terrible, the divorce rate is high and drinking alcohol is a major problem.

Ashby warned the future journalists that they would become high

profile targets. "Journalists are a scurrilous bunch of people," he boasted, "so we must be careful of what we write and how we run our private lives."

"There are many charlatans and terrible incompetents in the field and these people's actions reflect on me. They are my personal and professional enemies."

"I make myself look bad daily," he said, "so I don't need their help."

Ashby finally mentioned some of the advantages to being a journalist. The travel is great because "it's hard to hit a moving target."

He regarded the pay as adequate. After being asked exactly how much he makes a week, Ashby immediately answered by saying, "That's a very good question. Maybe I can answer that for you."

He then expounded on the relativity of his salary compared to others. For five minutes, he answered without giving an answer.

All he would say about his pay was that it isn't enough for what he does. He then launched into an explanation of his job.

"I give people the facts. Then I tell them what to think about what I've just told them."

Realizing that he still hadn't given an adequate answer about his salary, he said, "I make enough to support a wife, three kids, a dog, a hamster named Felix and a parakeet. Anyway, it's none of your damn business."

Ashby closed his witty monologue by telling the conference what he plans to do when he gets out of journalism.

"Die I suppose."

Pot seized, two charged

By STEVE GRAY
City Editor

Two Texas A&M University students were arrested last week by University Police on charges of misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance.

Charged were Vernon Milan Kindall, 19, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Seabrook, and Kenneth Arnold Schenker, 20, a sophomore business management major from League City.

Kindall was arrested about 4 p.m. last Tuesday when police searched Kindall's room in Moses Hall. Police said they found 63 "black mollies," a type of amphetamine, and two marijuana cigarettes.

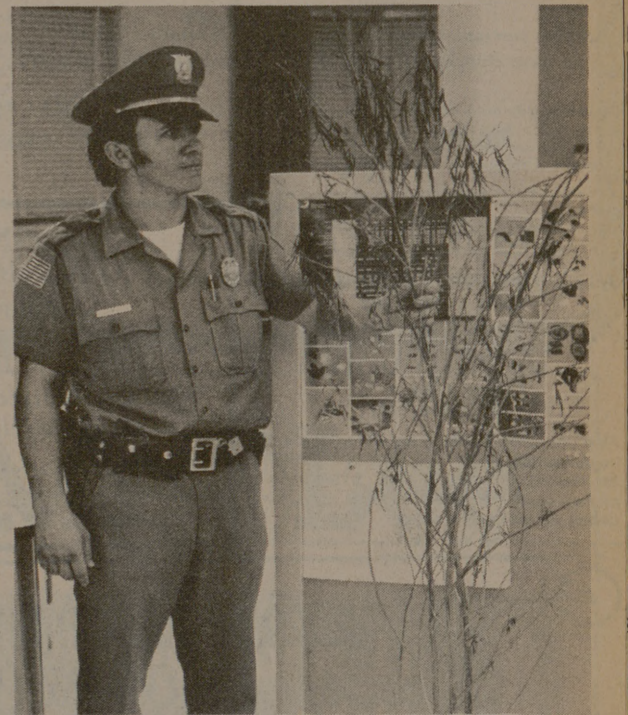
Police had earlier obtained a search warrant from Justice of the Peace Jess McGee to search Kindall's room.

According to police reports, Kindall later led officers to an isolated area in Wellborn where police said they found several marijuana plants growing. Officers said they then seized the plants.

Schenker was arrested about 12:30 a.m. last Wednesday. Officers said they searched his room in Hart Hall after obtaining a search warrant. Police said they found a quantity of what may be amphetamines and barbiturates.

Police also seized what they said appeared to be eight "baggies" of marijuana.

Both men were charged in Brazos County Court and are free on bond.



Confiscated plants

Campus Patrolman Stan Wade displays three marijuana plants confiscated by police last week in Wellborn.

Photo by Glen Johnson

Moving the tracks . . .

Railroad threatens to split campus in two

By JERRY NEEDHAM
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What was in 1876 a boon to the developing Texas A&M University empire threatens in 1976 to split the campus in two.

With the first of the major west campus construction, the Soil and Crop Sciences Building, scheduled for completion in late 1976 and the second, the Animal Industries Building, in 1977, the campus will soon be divided by the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks on which 11 trains make their daily, noisy trek.

The tracks were first laid on the existing railroad route (running parallel to Wellborn Road) in 1867 by the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company.

Some time later, Southern Pacific, the oldest railroad company in Texas, bought the tracks and have owned them since.

During the early history of Texas A&M, the railroad played a very important role in bringing students to and from school and delivering supplies.

Passenger service to the area was discontinued in 1958, so a portion of the service offered when the railroad was built is no longer available.

What is wrong with the present location of the tracks?

Texas A&M President Jack Williams said last week that the current railroad location presents no problems except for the noise of the passing trains, but said he does foresee

problems with the railroad as a barrier to the University's expansion.

"If we go across Wellborn Road in some strength, we'll have the railroad in the center, and it will be both a noisemaker and a general confusion-causer," Williams said.

Bryan Mayor Lloyd Joyce last week said there is more involved than just the noise problem in Bryan.

"We still have a danger in crossing the tracks. There is also the inconvenience and a certain amount of fire danger because of the possibility of trains blocking the road," he said.

Southern Pacific makes five daily runs on the tracks, and the Missouri

Pacific Railroad Company leases the tracks from Southern Pacific from Bryan to Navasota and makes six daily runs.

N. E. Allphin, Southern Pacific's local agent, has said the only problems encountered by the company with the present track location is the maintenance of crossings.

Keith Langford, Bryan Fire Chief, said freight shipments by rail run the spectrum as to content. Anything that is shipped in bulk to industries is carried by rail including fertilizer and liquified gases, he said.

Texas A&M presently ships and receives less than five per cent of its supplies by rail, according to Uni-

versity officials.

Between 15 and 20 industries in Bryan are currently served by the railroad.

Langford said that several cars loaded with liquid petroleum gas and fertilizers exploded after derailed near Mumford three years ago. The train had then just passed through Bryan.

Langford said that if the accident had occurred in town, a one- or two-block area would have been destroyed from the blast.

"Trains observe self-imposed speed limits while traveling through town," Langford said. "The railroads here are doing a real good job of maintenance."



Campus

RICHARD LEVENSON will speak on "International Terrorism... The Inside Story" in a Great Issues presentation Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the MSC Ballroom.

Levenson, an International Affairs Specialist and a Military Intelligence Analyst, has specialized in Middle East military situations. He will speak on the methods of terrorists and the counter measures of the Israeli Intelligence.

The lecture is free to Texas A&M University students with an activity card. Admission for all others is \$1.

ANY MSC COMMITTEE chairman or officer who has posted a 2.4 GPR or has a 2.4 GPR overall will be put on probation with one semester to solve the problem, the MSC council said Monday.

The council also has re-established a European travel program during Christmas vacation and has organized a Food Cost Comparison Committee to Food Services prices with those of caterers off-campus.

AUDITIONS FOR "Petrified Forest" will be held in room 212 of the MSC at 7 p.m. These are open to any interested student.

City

THE BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION JAYCEES will conduct a Personal Dynamics seminar to help individuals develop qualities of leadership tonight and Wednesday night.

The seminar will be from 7 to 9 in the Texas Room of Bryan Building and Loan at 2800 S. Texas Ave.

Speakers for the seminar are John Birkner, University National Bank; Col. Glendon Jones, Bank of A&M; Bryan City Councilman Jim Wright, Bryan Building and Loan; and Jim Smith, James Smith and Associates, Inc.

There is no charge. For more information call Bo Blackledge, 846-7992.

Texas

CARRILLO'S LAWYER, ARTHUR Mitchell, has requested that the Texas Senate grant a "bill of particulars" spelling out the charges against Carrillo.

The request was denied and postponement requests for the trial were also denied.

House prosecutor argued Monday that the Senate alone decides what constitutes an impeachable offense.