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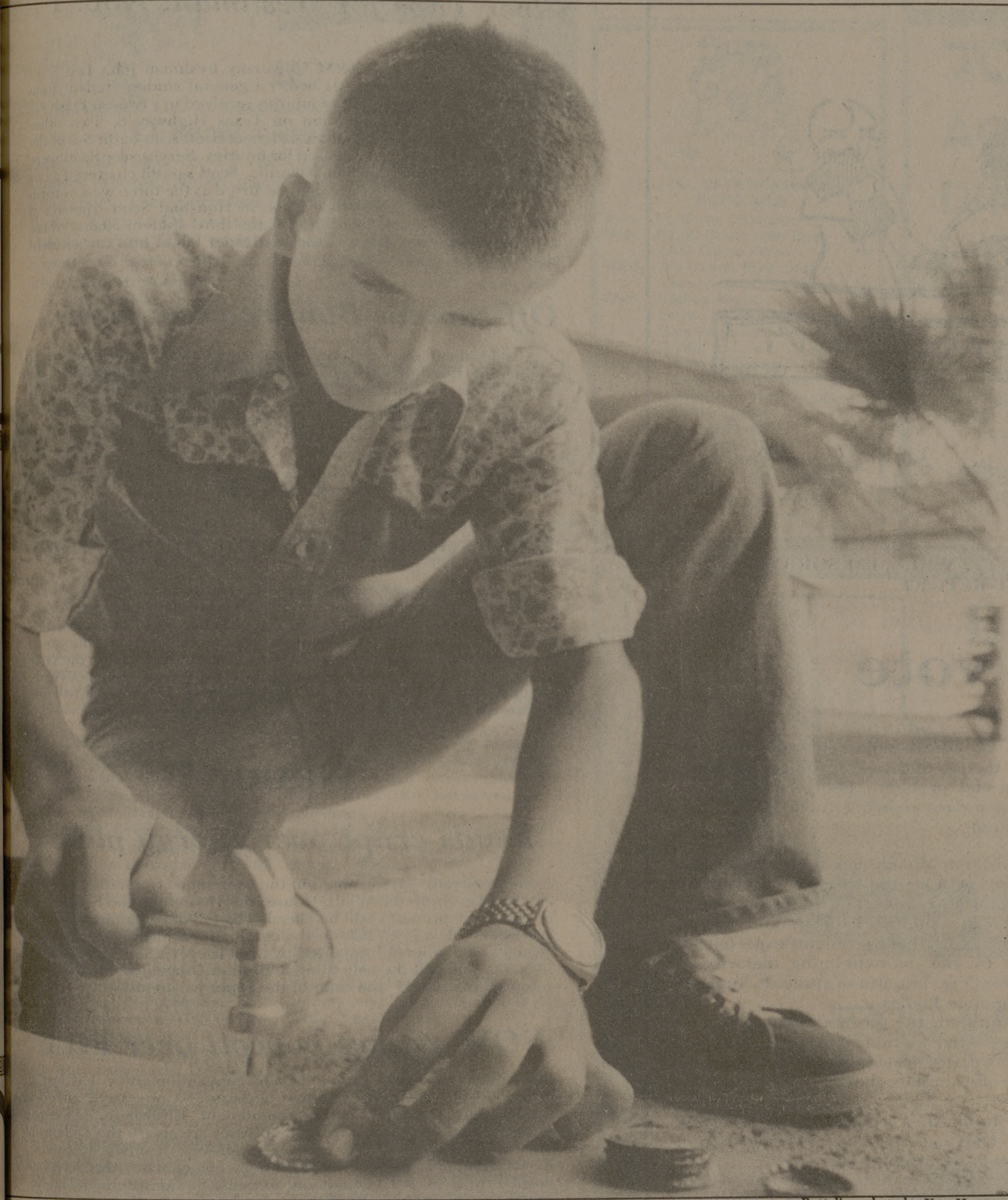
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From bottle caps to spurs — an Aggie tradition

Riley Rainey recently went through the treacherous task of pounding out bottle caps for "fish" spurs outside an apartment at Tanglewood.

Like all corps freshmen, Rainey must wear his homemade spurs during the week of the SMU game.

Panel discusses issue

Students not willing to pay

By KARIN KNAPP

Last night's panel discussion is any indication, students would not be willing to pay an individual user's fee to ride a campus shuttle bus system.

The Student Government subcommittee studying the feasibility of an internal bus system Monday night heard testimony from representatives of the Texas A&M University administration and six student organizations. It was noted that financing for a cross-campus shuttle service must come from a student user fee or from the university.

Representatives of the Agriculture Council, Student Engineers' Council, Saddle and Sirlain Club, Graduate Student Council, Collegiate FFA and Off-Campus Student Association attended the hearing along with approximately 30 listeners. The representatives reported that most students would not be willing to pay an individual user's fee.

The internal shuttle bus subcommittee will compile a report on the project tonight, based on information heard at Monday night's hearing.

The proposed cross-campus shuttle bus

system would connect the main campus with the west campus across Wellborn Rd. and the College of Veterinary Medicine. The system was proposed by University Chancellor Dr. Jack K. Williams last spring because of long walking distances between different points on campus. It takes 13 minutes for instance, to reach the west campus from Sterling C. Evans Library, without traffic considerations.

An ad hoc committee chaired by Howard Perry, assistant vice president for student services, studied the proposed system. Perry said the committee reported

three major points to Williams: funding should come from unallocated bookstore fees, student services fees or a combination of the two; if the west campus is to be serviced, then outlying parking areas must be serviced; and the 1978 spring semester would be a better time for a trial run of the system than the 1977 fall semester.

Perry recommended that an in-depth study into the feasibility of the system be conducted and that Student Government look into initiation of spring 1978 trial run of the cross-campus shuttle.

Transportation Enterprises, Inc., which handles the present shuttle bus system, could run up to four buses per day on a trial basis, at a cost of \$7,500 per semester for each bus, Perry said.

"Personally, I believe a shuttle of three to four buses in limited areas would be fairly well utilized," Perry said. The number of buses to be used would depend on the routes, he added.

Col. E. C. Oates, chairman of the shuttle bus committee, cited driver shortages and breakdowns of buses as possible problems with the ultimate system as well as the trial period. He added that bus drivers are paid minimum wage, and if minimum wage increases the cost of the internal shuttle system would increase also.

Problems discussed by the representatives included possible traffic congestion caused by buses loading in narrow campus streets, modification of buses to accommodate handicapped students, overcrowding of buses and the length of the trips.

Robert Timmerman, Collegiate FFA president, said FFA members considered 10 minutes as satisfactory travel period between two locations. Perry said the ad hoc committee explored 12- to 15-minute periods between loadings, with three and a half trips per hour per bus.

The subcommittee on the cross-campus shuttle bus system has not definitely ruled on a trial run yet. The administration recognizes the need for some sort of internal transportation on campus, but is thinking in terms of cost, Oates said.

"My personal feeling is that there will be a need, starting next semester, for some sort of transportation between these centers (the main campus and west campus)," she said. "The degree of it depends, of course, on if you're willing to pay."

State governments lobby against compulsory Social Security

United Press International

WASHINGTON — State and local governments are lobbying against a proposal that all of their employees be brought under compulsory Social Security coverage.

Representatives of the employees are arguing just as hard for the proposal.

The issue is one of many that will arise Wednesday when the House debates a bill to finance Social Security into the next century.

One provision in the bill would require about six million workers who now are outside Social Security to join it in 1982.

About 70 per cent of state and local gov-

ernment workers are covered by Social Security now on a voluntary basis.

The proposal would achieve what is being called "universal coverage" — 97 per cent of American jobs then would be included in the program.

The House Ways and Means Committee proposed the move as one of several steps, along with higher Social Security taxes, to bring more money into the Social Security trust funds to keep it solvent in the 1980s.

Proponents say universal coverage would bring in \$26 billion in 1982 and mean that payroll taxes, paid by employers and employees, would not have to be raised quite so high.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities say cities now outside Social Security would have to begin paying Social Security taxes as employers but still would be stuck with the costs of their existing pension systems for their workers.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, representing 750,000 workers, says it favors universal coverage partly because many existing local government pension plans are underfunded and won't pay the benefits they claim they will 10 to 20 years from now.

Liberals preparing fight

United Press International

WASHINGTON — Legislation granting \$40 billion in energy-related tax breaks over the next eight years headed for the Senate floor today with liberals preparing a battle to kill most of its tax credits and incentives.

The bill is far from the energy tax bill originally proposed by President Carter to raise tax increases to make energy more expensive and thereby cut down on its use.

Carter summoned House and Senate Democratic leaders to breakfast at the White House to discuss the energy package.

The Senate bill, as guided to the Senate floor by Finance Committee Chairman Russell Long, D-La., would rely on tax credits and other incentives to encourage conversion to fuels other than oil and gas or to become more energy efficient. It contains no tax increases at all.

Long's strategy is to take the Senate bill to conference with a House-passed bill which is more in line with Carter's wishes, combining the two into a bill that would be acceptable to Carter.

Presumably it would contain some of the House tax increases with some of the Senate tax breaks. However, Long's strategy has been challenged by a group of liberals including Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. His opposition is expected to stretch debate through the week and possibly into the weekend.

Embargo: Young favors sanctions

United Press International

U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young says he favors imposing some form of sanction against the white government of South Africa to force it to yield to international pressure for racial reform.

Young made the remark to reporters Monday after leaving a Security Council meeting where African delegates, angered by a South African crackdown on dissent, demanded a comprehensive arms and economic embargo against Pretoria.

Asked if he favored some sort of sanctions against South Africa, Young replied: "Yes, I guess I do."

The outspoken diplomat made it clear this was his personal view and the final decision would be made by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and President Carter.

But Young's statement could embarrass the United States and other Western powers who fear that slapping an embargo on South Africa could jeopardize negotiations underway to bring majority rule to Rhodesia and independence to South West Africa, also known as Namibia.

Young, trying to head off a confrontation with the black African nations, said the United States was in "a very good position to come up with a draft resolution that we can all agree on."

In South Africa Monday, police wounded one black youth and arrested 66 others in demonstrations across the nation.

Relations between Washington and Pretoria, already strained by the American ambassador's return to Washington for consultations, dipped further Monday in a dispute over South Africa's development of nuclear power.

The State Department said Prime Minister John Vorster "formally assured" Carter twice in the past month his country would not develop nuclear explosives, but Vorster said Sunday in a television interview he was "not aware" of any such promise.

In the Security Council debate, Tunisian Ambassador Mahmoud Mestiri, who spoke on behalf of African delegates, said

South Africa's decision last week to shut down two top black newspapers, disband 18 opposition groups and arrest dozens of critics showed that the time for tougher Security Council action had come.

"Events of the few past days have exposed the true intentions of South Africa," he said.

A spokesman for the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (South Africa) said Britain, France and the United States, who have previously vetoed attempts to impose sanctions on South Africa, must realize that "Vorster is no mere juvenile delinquent to be treated with mild rebuke."

"He murders in cold blood and blackmails openly," Daivid Sibeko said. "He is a dangerous gangster."

"The justice demanded by the people of Azania from the international community, a community which has declared apartheid a crime against humanity, cannot be further delayed if the spill of blood in our country and across its borders . . . is to be minimized."

Carter meets leaders of Democratic party

United Press International

WASHINGTON — President Carter summoned Senate and House Democratic leaders to the White House today for a breakfast huddle on prospects for completing his comprehensive energy package before his global journey late in November.

Carter's invitation came as the Senate prepared to consider the whopping tax credit provisions in the energy bill which the Finance Committee approved and the administration opposes.

The chief executive blended domestic issues with foreign affairs. Prince Saud, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, was invited to the White House for consultations on a way to revive the Geneva peace conference and provide representation for Palestinians without sacrificing participation by Israel.

Legislation boosting the penalties for fraud in the multibillion-dollar Medicare and Medicaid program also awaited Carter's signature.

The busy day followed a relaxed Veterans Day for the President. Carter made

the traditional pilgrimage to Arlington cemetery where he said the Vietnam era sacrifices by his son and others were more difficult because they were "scorned" on their return home. Carter recalled he was welcomed as "something of a hero" of Korea and World War II.

The nation owes Vietnam veterans "a debt of gratitude" that has not been expressed because the war was unpopular, Carter said.

"I represent the kind of family that is close to all your hearts," he said in an address at the flag-draped Arlington amphitheater.

"About 140 years after my own family came to this country, the first James Carter in our family who lived in Georgia fought in the Revolutionary War. My great-grandparents participated in the War Between the States.

"My own father was . . . first lieutenant in the First World War. I wore the uni-

form of our country during the Second World War and the Korean War."

Carter was completing a crash course at the Naval Academy when World War II ended.

"Although I came back from the wars as something of a hero — although I was not a hero — my son came back unappreciated, sometimes scorned by his peer group who did not join in the conflict," Carter said.

He referred to Jack, who served in the Navy and was given a general — less than honorable — discharge for smoking marijuana.

The President, his wife, and daughter Amy, rode in a long processional motorcade that wound through the cemetery amid rows of white markers of the war dead.

Carter placed a red, white and blue wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as taps played.



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Keeping his chin up

Freshman Jeb Wait recently entertained himself and friends by balancing a ping pong ball in the air — with no hands! This feat of lung power took place in the Commons.