

Outdoor committee plans display

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The Memorial Student Center Recreation Committee (ORC) will set up a mountain campsite on the front lawn of the Academic Building from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday. The only thing missing will be the mountains.

February is backpacking month for Outdoor Recreation, said Will Cohen, backpacking interest group leader of ORC.

Cohen said about five tents will be set up on the lawn, as well as sleeping bags, packs and cooking equipment. ORC members will be on hand to answer questions about backpacking.

Part of the equipment on display

will be from the committee's equipment rental. The OCR has bought equipment in the past and currently provides a rental service to students.

"People get to come by and actually see the equipment rather than see it in a catalog," Cohen said.

The committee hopes to publicize its equipment rental, which is available to anyone, as well as the seminars it is sponsoring every Thursday

night. Seminars planned for backpacking month include an adventure seminar, which notifies students of different places to backpack, and a technique seminar, which helps with equipment and trip planning. Cohen said the seminars seldom last more than an hour.

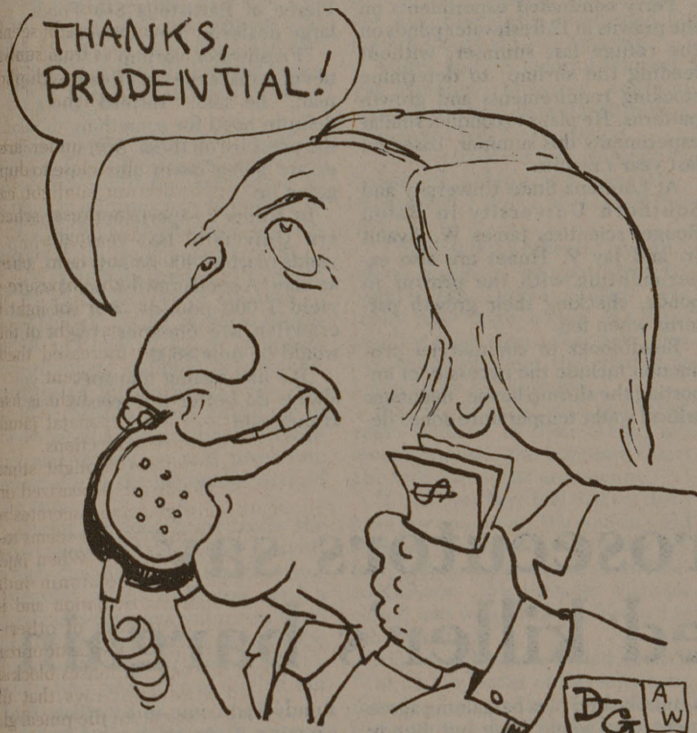
The committee will also give out pamphlets about places to backpack

in Texas, and Cohen said anyone wanting more information on any locations may go to the ORC cubicle in room 216 of the MSC (Student Programs Office) for help.

ORC is planning four backpacking trips over spring break, as well as rafting, canoeing and cross country skiing trips.

March is rock-climbing month, and April is canoeing.

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Clayton secure in position despite bribe allegations

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AUSTIN, Texas — Speaker Bill Clayton conferred with almost three dozen of his staunchest supporters Sunday and adamantly rejected suggestions he could be deposed as the House's presiding officer because of allegations he took a bribe.

Clayton told backers at the closed-door meeting in a downtown Austin hotel to support him while he fights potential charges for accepting "a stack of \$100 bills" given to him Nov. 8 by a union official.

When asked if he was losing support, Clayton said he was amazed at

the backing he has received "from members, from supporters, from friends."

Several of the legislators who attended the more than two-hour-long session said it sounded as though Clayton had been set up by the FBI undercover investigation.

Some representatives, however, said while they were confident Clayton is innocent, the allegations may wreck his political career.

"I don't think he is a thief," said Rep. Wayne Peveto, D-Orange. "I think most members of the Legislature understand how this could've

happened, but I find it hard to believe that the general public can, and I think quite frankly Bill Clayton's in trouble as speaker." The speaker insisted the money he took was neither a bribe nor a political contribution because he has not touched the money since and intended to return it.

Labor board lawsuit denied; strike goes on

HOUSTON — A federal judge Monday denied a National Labor Relations Board's lawsuit seeking to stop longshoremen from refusing to load ships bound for the Soviet Union.

No reason for the denial was given by U.S. District Judge Norman W. Black, but he said he would issue a written opinion at a later date.

Members of the International Longshoremen's Union working at Atlantic and Gulf Coast docks have refused to load cargoes bound for the Soviet Union since Jan. 7, in opposition to the wishes of President Carter. The boycott began as a result of

the Soviet's invasion of Afghanistan.

At the time lawyers argued the lawsuit last week, Black said he had doubts the NLRB had legal authority to halt the boycott. The judge said he was uncertain a politically motivated boycott aimed at a foreign government amounted to a "labor dispute."

The NLRB filed the lawsuit after the American, Texas and Kansas Farm bureaus charged that the union was engaging in an illegal action.

In New Orleans three weeks ago a federal judge issued an order forbidding ILA officials from encouraging the boycott. That order has been appealed.

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