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## 2 Abscam men convicted

**United Press International**  
**NEW YORK** — Reps. John Murphy and Frank Thompson, the most influential congressmen to be convicted in the FBI's Abscam probe of political corruption, say they will appeal, but one juror says the panel never seriously doubted their guilt.

An eight-man, four-woman jury Wednesday night found both men guilty of conspiracy and also found Thompson guilty of bribery in accepting \$50,000 from undercover agents posing as representatives of Arab banks.

One of the jurors, Alfred Moskowitz, 62, of Brooklyn, said the panel was surprised the two experienced congressmen would "swallow" an FBI "cock and bull" story about Arab sheiks without carefully checking out the men making the claims.

Although the jury had decided to consider each charge slowly and carefully, he said there was little doubt in their

minds about the guilt of the two congressmen after deliberations began.

Thompson, 62, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, faces up to 22 years in prison for convictions on conspiracy, bribery and accepting an unlawful gratuity. He was found innocent of conflict of interest.

Murphy, 54, chairman of the House Merchant Marine Committee, could face sentences of up to nine years on three convictions: conspiracy, conflict of interest and accepting an unlawful gratuity. He was found innocent of bribery.

Both men were defeated in the November elections. Murphy had served nine terms in Congress from New York and Thompson 13 from New Jersey.

Both said they would appeal after the verdict was announced in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn.

"The thing speaks for itself," Thompson said as he left the court with his wife, Evalina, his face drooping. "Ob-

viously, I'm upset and disappointed. I maintain my innocence, as I have from the beginning."

Murphy, accompanied by his tearful wife Kathleen, said he too would appeal and then charged through the veritable army of reporters outside the courthouse without further comment.

"I think it's a fair verdict. I'm satisfied," said prosecutor Thomas Puccio.

Three other congressmen are awaiting trial on Abscam charges: Sen. Harrison Williams, D-N.J., the only senator indicted in the FBI probe; Rep. Raymond Lederer, D-Pa., and Richard Kelly, R-Fla. Kelly was to go on trial today.

Besides Murphy and Thompson, Rep. Michael Myers, D-Pa., and Rep. John Jenrette, D-S.C., have been convicted in Abscam trials. Myers was expelled from the House and lost his bid for re-election, as did Jenrette.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

### Never too big for Santa

Kelly Kays smiles for the camera as she prepares to get her picture made with Santa Claus in the MSC main hallway Tuesday afternoon. Students who missed having their picture taken with Santa on Tuesday can have it done in the MSC on Friday. The Polaroid pictures cost \$3 each.

## Congress preparing to end session and leave decisions for next year

**United Press International**  
**WASHINGTON** — Congress is preparing to sweep its 1979-80 session under the rug by Friday, leaving many important decisions for the new, more Republican 97th Congress next year.

Both the House and the Senate worked to pass necessary legislation in the remaining days of the two-year 96th Congress. But many major money bills, necessary to fund government operations, will not be passed before the fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

To keep the federal machinery moving, the House Wednesday passed, 272-106, a continuing resolution that will keep spending at current levels for those depart-

ments with no appropriations.

Senate leaders hoped to pass that bill quickly, effectively handing some of the 96th Congress' most important business to the 97th.

The Senate faced twin filibusters threatening the end of the lame-duck session, but the House — whose rules prevent filibusters — moved swiftly through numerous major bills and its leadership made clear it wants to adjourn by Friday.

For one thing, members of the new House meet Monday to elect their leaders and organize for the new session. The Senate, which will switch from Democratic to Republican control next year, already has

taken care of much of that housekeeping chore.

The Senate failed Wednesday to break one of two filibusters, voting, 51-39, against limiting debate on a bill providing enforcement powers for the open housing law. The vote was nine short of the needed margin to limit the talk.

The Senate planned new attempts to stop that filibuster, and is expected to end the second one — against the nomination of Stephen Breyer to the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals.

In lengthy sessions on Wednesday, the House and Senate took this action on other major bills:

- The Senate passed a \$9.1 billion appropriations bill for the Justice Department and some other federal agencies with some of the strongest anti-busing language ever passed by Congress. It would bar the department from spending any money to go to court to seek school busing for desegregation purposes.
- The House passed, 274-94, and sent President Carter a bill that would create a \$1.6 billion fund — called a "superfund" by its sponsors — to clean up the hundreds of chemical toxic waste dump sites around the country during the next five years. Most of the fund would be financed through special industry taxes.

## Senate opposes Academic Programs Committee proposal

**By NANCY ANDERSEN**  
**Battalion Staff**

The senate passed a bill Wednesday opposing the Academic Programs Committee's approval of a proposal allowing instructors to give a test exclusively to graduating seniors.

The proposal in part says: "If the instructor chooses to give candidates for the baccalaureate degree a major test, before submission of grades, this test must be scheduled to comply with the registrar's schedule for the submission of grades for graduating students."

Or, as Student Body President Brad Smith said, "It says up until Friday of dead week, a prof can make a graduating senior take a test no one else has to take."

A proposed alternative added the phrase "and must be given to students in the course," but this version did not pass.

The APC passed the proposal last week and it will be up for Academic Council approval next week.

Smith is upset with the proposal, saying, "Let's wake up, let's stand up about it and fight this thing."

The senate responded to Smith's challenge by passing the

"Cruelty to Dead Elephants" bill. The bill says "that the Texas A&M University student senate strongly objects to instructors giving a mandatory examination to graduating seniors and graduating graduate students, unless it is given to every student in the course at the same time."

The bill was not on the agenda and a two-thirds vote was required to take action on it. Smith urged the senate to consider the bill so he could have student input for the Academic Council next week.

The Academic Council is chaired by Acting President Charles Samson and includes the deans, department heads and one student, Smith.

In other action, the senate defeated a bill to create a senate seat for international students. Bill sponsor Tim Cavell said the bill was a symbolic gesture to incorporate the nearly 1,500 international students into the mainstream of life at Texas A&M.

Many senators said they agreed with the bill's intent, but added that giving them a senate seat was not the way to do it.

David Collins, vice president for external affairs, suggested

creating a sub-committee for international students. Tracy Cox, vice president for finance, suggested the Student Government give presentations to international student organizations showing them how to get involved with University committees.

The senate may also have ended long lines to run computer programs by voting to recommend extending happy hour — the time programs can be run without charge — Monday through Thursday 7:30-11:30 p.m.

The senate also voted to recommend extending the Sterling C. Evans Library hours to 7:30-1:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday, noon-1:30 a.m. Sunday and the reserve room open from 9 a.m.-noon. Friday hours would remain from 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

Senator Jeff Bissey said it would cost \$850 per person to work the extended hours. An additional two or three would be needed. He said this is relatively inexpensive and is of great service to students.

Texas A&M's first Student Government conference received senate approval for additional funding. The conference is sche-

duled for February. Forty-two schools from a five-state area have been invited.

Senators also heard three new bills on first reading.

One bill would establish policy concerning whether or not classes will be held the Monday following an Aggie victory over the University of Texas.

The bill would also request that the administration instruct faculty not to penalize students for missing classes Dec. 1 due to any confusion about classes being held.

Another bill would recommend that any possible action, such as more bike racks, be taken to improve or remove areas of congestion of bicycle parking. Bill sponsor Ron Palomares said the continuous parking of bicycles along sidewalks and in front of buildings detracts from the beauty of Texas A&M's campus.

The bill would also recommend extending the bike route on the west side of Spence Street along the length of Spence south to the Commons. The route now ends in front of the Agriculture Building, Palomares said.

The last bill involves some University Rules and Regulations Revisions.

## Regents to discuss System future

Regents for the Texas A&M University System will meet Friday at the chairman's ranch near Granbury mainly to discuss the future of the System.

No formal action is expected, but the agenda does include discussions of long-range plans for the schools and the System's compliance with federal regulations concerning minorities.

Chairman Clyde H. Wells manages the Black estate in Dallas, which includes

the ranch near Granbury.

Saturday the regents will attend the dedication of the new \$7.5 million fine arts center at Tarleton State University. The center will be named for Wells, who graduated from Tarleton in 1936 before attending Texas A&M.

Other events planned for the dedication include an art auction to benefit the facility, a reader's theater presentation of "The John Tarleton Story," an art exhibit in the

gallery of the center, a 140-voice presentation of Handel's "Messiah" on Friday night, and the presentation of an original piece of music written especially for the occasion.

Other items on the agenda include consideration of a proposal to establish an energy affairs center at Prairie View A&M and a report on the Coordinating Board's staff report for long-range plans for higher education in Texas.

## Today's college student

The jargon changes along with the faces

The following article is the third in a four-part **United Press International** series on current campus fads. It will conclude in tomorrow's **Battalion**.

**United Press International**

Many campuses feature coed living, but the sexes are on alternating floors or in separate apartments. Some students think it's great. Others have gone in for coed apartments off campus.

At the University of Florida, Steve and Marie, who declined to give their last names, had their parents finance the purchase of two houses on the outskirts of Gainesville.

Marie, a psychology student, bought a two bedroom, and Steve, a three bedroom. They rent out the three bedroom and share the two bedroom, making one room sleeping quarters and the other a study.

At West Georgia, the dean of students gave as an example a case in which he said, "There is no sex involved. It is a convenience. They like each other, can relate to each other and sex doesn't get in the way and create a strain on the relationship."

Dating is somewhat on the decline on many campuses. Students prefer a few boy or girlfriends.

With the introduction of "Road Trips" women have been accepted as 'buddies' of men and have also influenced the decline of traditional dating. A "Road Trip" consists of packing as many people as possible into a car and heading to the beach, park, woods or a concert for a day or two.

their offspring and students at one campus understand those at another:

**Ace** — To pass a course, more often with an 'A.'

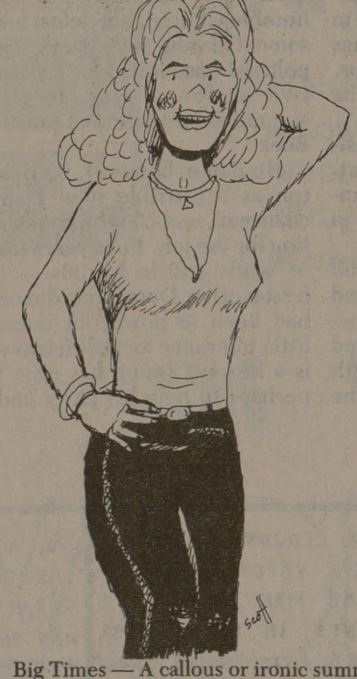
**Airhead** — An attractive female, not necessarily one with higher intelligence.

**Babe** — An attractive woman.

**Beat** — Tired. Also a worn out object.

**Bee** — Short for Frisbee.

**Bent Out of Shape** — Angry.



**Bozo** — A rightwinger.

**Brew (Brewskie)** — Beer.

**Breeze** — Easy.

**Brutal** — 1. Sarcastic description of a somewhat serious event. 2. Emphasizes the relative difficulty of something, like an exam.

**Bummed or Bummed Out** — Clum, disappointed, depressed.

**Bummer** — Anything unpleasant that depresses you.

**Bust** — A drag, bummer.

**Burnt or Burned Out** — Tired.

**Burn Out** — Describes someone who gets drunk or uses drugs too often, or a person who is so active socially they are failing in school.

**Catch Rays** — Tan.

**Catch You Later** — See you later.

**Catch Z's** — Sleep.

**Clone** — Generally used as an insult with no particular definition.

**Commode-Hugging** — Throwing up.

**Computerhead** — Engineering or computer major.

**Cool Breeze** — Someone suave and debonair.

**Cool Out** — Take it easy.

**Cop Out** — What a plea bargainer does.

**Cosmo** — A woman who dresses stylishly, as in the magazine *Cosmopolitan*.

**Crank** — To speed through something with ease.

**Crash** — To sleep.

**Cruise** — 1. Leave one place to go to another. 2. A breeze.

**Deck out** — 1. Lie on a beach to catch rays. 2. Hit someone. 3. Dress up.

**Disk** — Frisbee.

**Do A Bone** — Smoke marijuana.

**Doobie** — Marijuana cigarette, sometimes abbreviated 'Doob.'

**Drag** — A bummer.

**Dynamite** — Great or really good.

**Emotional flash** — To fall in love, briefly.

**Face Book** — Yearbook.

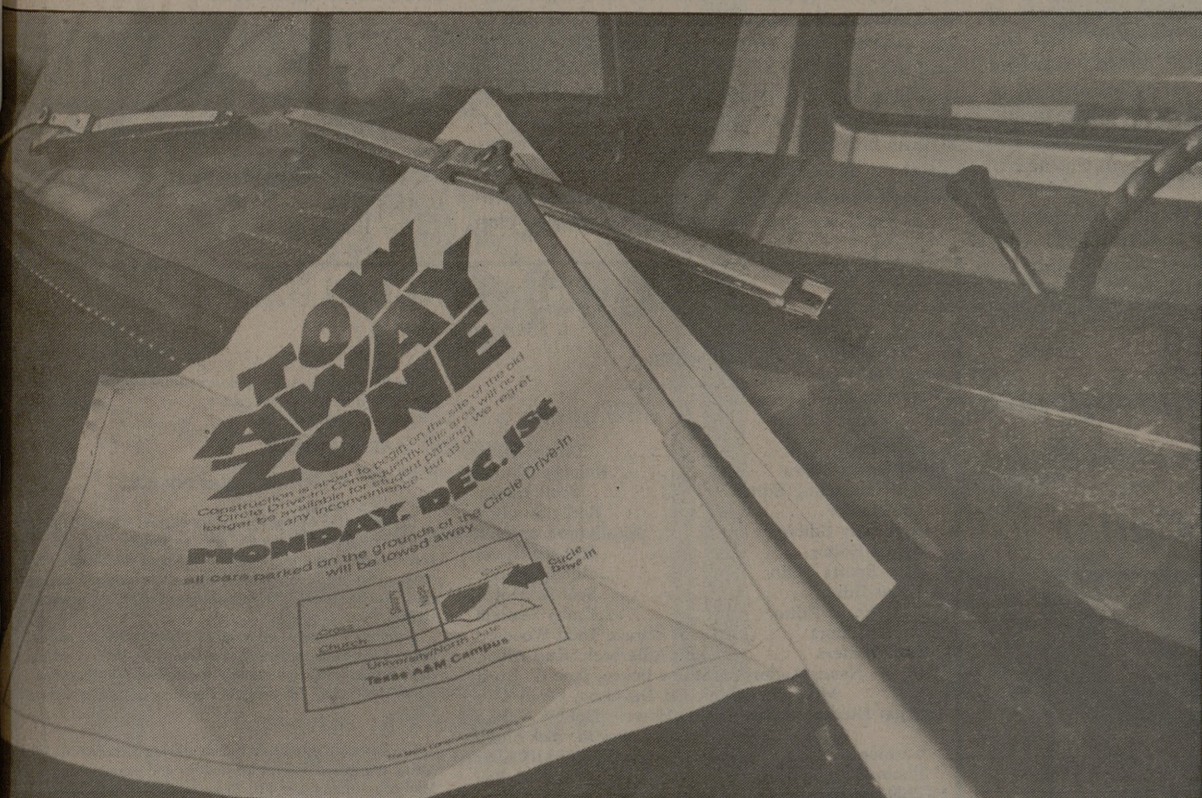
**Flaky** — see Airhead, Space.

**Flamed** — To be angered by someone.

**Foot** — Walk.

**Frosted** — To be put off by someone.

**Fun** — Pointless.



Staff photo by Greg Gammon

### A Little Less Parking

Workers broke ground this week to begin construction of a condominium complex on the 6-acre tract that used to be the Circle Drive-In. Because of the construction, the lot at the corner of Cross and Nagle streets can no longer

be used as a parking lot. Mesa Construction Co. of Austin is in charge of the 178-unit project. John Van Winkle, president of the company, said the first phase of 58 units is scheduled for completion by next fall.

**Jargon**

College students have a jargon all their own. But the terms change with the times.

Students today, for example, appear preoccupied with being intoxicated — drunk or stoned. Their terms for it: Annihilated, B, Baked, Blasted, Blown Away, Blown Out, Buried, Buzzed, Faced, Pressed, Ripped, Stupid, Trashed and Zoned.

Here is a glossary of some other campus terms which may help parents understand