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All that Jazz

Staff photo by Colin Valentine

The NTSU 1:00 O'Clock Jazz Lab Band performed last night in Rudder Auditorium. The 20-piece orchestra, directed by Neil Slater, is one of nine lab bands at NTSU. The 1:00 o'clock section of the NTSU jazz program has

become nationally known, being nominated for a Grammy in 1975 and 1976, and in 1967, became the first big band from a university to perform by presidential invitation at the White House.

Clements pays off wager, Arkansans in hog heaven

United Press International
LITTLE ROCK — "Wild Bill" may have been the most unusual passenger American Airlines ever flew, but Arkansans were delighted to see him all the same.

"Wild Bill" is the javelina Gov. Frank White won in his wager with Texas Gov. Bill Clements on last week's Arkansas-Texas football game. The mountain pig arrived in Little Rock by airplane Wednesday night and was received by Preston Bynum, White's chief aide.

White said he would name the 6-month-old javelina "Wild Bill" in honor of Clements and would display him in the rotunda of the state Capitol.

The pig has been the pet of a couple in Harlingen and is ostensibly tame, White said.

"Bill (Clements) says it'll follow you around like a dog, but you don't want to pet it because it'll bite your hand off," White told reporters. He said he would take the warning seriously "based on the way Texans usually behave."

White said he was not sure what he would do with Wild Bill after

the public has viewed him for a couple of days. A barbecue at the Governor's Mansion is a possibility, but White said he might also give Wild Bill to the zoo.

White won the javelina when

the Arkansas Razorbacks defeated Texas 42-11 last Saturday. If Texas won the football game, White would have had to set Clements a real razorback, a wild hog with a ridged back.

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Budget squeeze may raise taxes of tobacco, drink

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The 8-cents-a-pack federal tax that consumers pay on cigarettes may go up as a result of the government's fight to hold the line on the budget.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole said Wednesday higher excise taxes on cigarettes and alcohol, along with fewer consumer interest deductions, were real options for raising federal revenues.

The Kansas Republican said he is confident Congress will approve some type of tax increases to help reduce the federal deficit, but he does not expect any action until early next year.

His committee will hold hearings later this year, he said. Dole predicted the tax increases would take effect no later than April 1.

President Reagan recently told Congress he needs an additional \$13 billion in budget cuts and \$3 billion in tax enhancements to hold the fiscal 1982 budget deficit to his goal of \$43.1 billion. His proposed tax package would increase revenues by about \$22 billion over the next three years.

The administration suggested closing some business tax loopholes, speeding up corporate income tax payments and eliminating obsolete tax incentives, such as the credit taxpayers get for installing home insulation and storm windows.

But Republican tax writers in the House and Senate have actively discouraged the administration from seeking action on a tax bill this year, fearing it would be used as a vehicle to defer the tax cut already passed.

Consequently, the administration has not yet sent its formal tax increase recommendations to Congress, and Treasury Department sources said it may be several weeks before it does.

While Congress almost certainly will approve tax increases of some form next year, Dole said, "I'm not saying the mix will be the same" as Reagan proposed.

Dole also said the committee may consider putting a cap on consumer interest rate deductions, such as on credit card debts, but promised: "We're not going to tamper with interest deductions for homes or automobile loans."

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan said this week the administration, for the first time, is reviewing the possibility of increasing the taxes on liquor and tobacco.

Regan, who previously opposed increasing excise taxes, said it could be a painless way to increase revenues for the government, particularly since those taxes have not been raised since the end of World War II.

At current levels, the government will receive nearly \$2.6 billion in cigarette excise taxes this year. Taxes on all forms of potable alcohol will total about \$5.9 billion for fiscal 1982.

Treasury Department spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Regan's change of heart was prompted by concern about the deficit.

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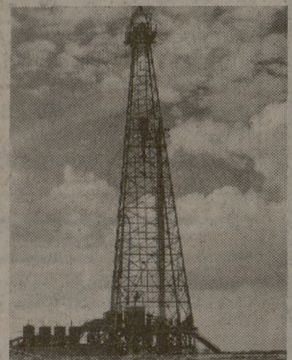
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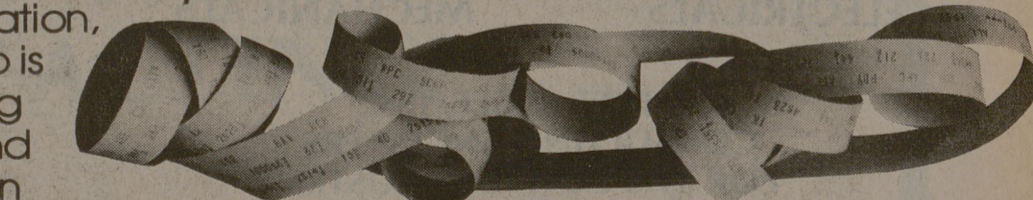


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