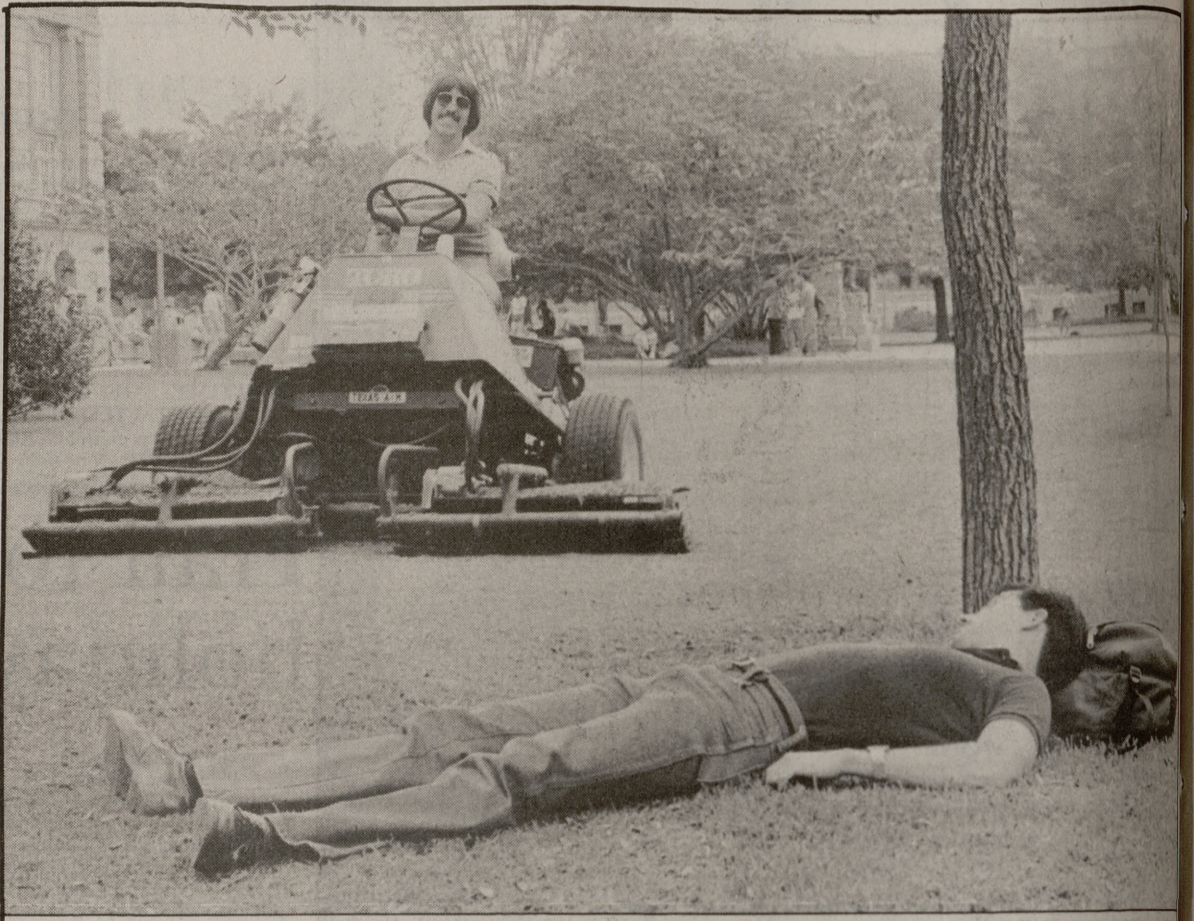


Steel firm merger worries union brass

United Press International
CLEVELAND — A union official representing Republic Steel Corp. workers, said Wednesday that protecting his members' jobs will be the top priority following Republic's merger with Jones & Laughlin Corp.
 J&L, a wholly owned subsidiary of the giant LTV Corp., acquired Republic.
 Steel Workers union Local 1157 president Al Forney, who represents 2,300 members, was apprehensive about LTV's history of closing plants, which the company has said are not profitable.
 "Looking at the track record of LTV, it is not the best," he said.
 "What I'm concerned with is

that the jobs are still there and that's what the union should do — make sure the jobs are there for the workers," he said.
 Prior to the takeover, J&L was the nation's third largest steelmaker behind U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel. Republic was fourth in capacity and seventh in production. Their combined production capacity is 24 million tons.
 The decision was announced by Raymond Hay, chairman of LTV, following a meeting at corporate headquarters in downtown Dallas. J&L, based in Pittsburgh, became a wholly-owned subsidiary of LTV in 1979.
 Hay said the new entity will be called LTV Steel. The merger is subject to the approval of the Security Exchange Commission.

Republic lost \$239 million last year, the first loss in its 44-year history and blamed it on the sour economy.
 The company's financial plight sparked rumors that the company would file for bankruptcy, and Chairman E. Bradley Jones last year issued a statement to deny rumors that the company was going bankrupt.
 The first two quarters have not gone well for the steelmaker, which reported a \$80 million loss, but that was down from the 1982 first half loss of \$104 million.
 In July, a Republic stock prospectus warned that the company may not be able to make dividend payments and said the company has been notified by a major automotive customer that purchases of steel will be reduced significantly for the 1984 model year.
 On the positive side, Republic has continued to modernize a steel-making facility in Cleveland which opens the middle of next month.
 Republic makes flat-rolled steel, as well as pipes, bars and speciality products. Flat rolled steel is used for cars and durable goods.
 A merger of LTV and Lykes Corp. resulted in Youngstown Sheet and Tube being combined into J&L in 1978. Youngstown Sheet & Tube closed its Youngstown plants about a year later, putting 4,000 steelworkers out of work.



staff photo by Guy Chandler

'Just a little bit off the sides, please.'

Doug Termel, a junior geology major from Houston, is apparently unaware that he is being considered for additional mulching

material for the grass near the Academic building. Termel was taking a quick catnap between classes Wednesday afternoon.

Farmers disagree over policy

United Press International
DENVER — Growing dissi-

dence among members of the American Agriculture Movement resulted from a dispute over philosophy, not goals, and eventually will strengthen the organization, a founder of that group said Wednesday.
 Alvin Jenkins said the disagreement will culminate in "a national convention meeting where there will be a few knock-down, drag-outs and it'll blow over and everybody will be back working together for the common goal."
 Jenkins' comments, made in a telephone interview, came in response to remarks by AAM National Secretary V.B. Morris. Morris, of Gruver, Texas, expressed concern that a vocal minority of AAM members in western Kansas had become too closely associated with militant groups such as the Posse Com-

itatus and the Farmers' Liberation Army.
 "If a member goes there (to Posse or FLA meetings), it's on his own," Morris said.
 Jenkins denied published reports that he advocates violence to accomplish AAM's goals.
 "An interviewer asked me if I felt bloodshed is necessary, and I said I don't know what's necessary and what isn't," he said. "I told him that if I personally was losing my farm, and if it took sweat, tears or bloodshed to save it, I would be willing to do all three. But I'm definitely not advocating bloodshed, and I don't think very many AAM members are."
 Jenkins said the dispute arose because a "great many" farmers nationwide have withdrawn support from efforts by AAM's national headquarters in

Washington, D.C., to clean economic and agricultural policies.
 "The national people got on a kick of raising a lot of money and donating it to members of Congress to try to get their votes on the Farm Bill," Jenkins said.
 "The average farmer, and one, owes from a half-million dollars down."
 Jenkins said, "Farmers don't like being asked to give money, a congressman or senator already is drawing \$50,000 to \$70,000 a year."
 "They think it's wrong for a national office to ask them money to give to a man who's elected to protect the farmer in the first place," he said.
 "We don't feel like we have to buy ourselves a Farm Bill," he said.

Police beat

The following incidents were reported to the University Police Department through Wednesday:
THEFT:
 • A red Raleigh 10-speed bicycle from a Walton Hall ramp.
INDECENT EXPOSURE:
 • A student was walking to her car, parked in the day student lot south of East Kyle Field,

when a man in another car posed his genitals to her.
OTHER:
 • A person was arrested driving while intoxicated carrying a weapon. The person refused a breath test, but requested a blood test. He was taken to St. Joseph Hospital for a blood test, which police confirmed his intoxication. University Police took him to Brazos County Jail.
 • University Police stopped the driver of a 1979 Ford pickup to help him with directions. The vehicle had been reported stolen from Galveston. The driver sold the truck to his brother-in-law, but was never paid. He took the vehicle back.

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