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## Report: Reagan didn't know of fund diversions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress' report on the Iran-Contra affair concludes there was no evidence President Reagan knew of the diversion of Iran arms sale money but says he failed his duty to "see that the laws are faithfully executed," a Senate committee source said Monday.

There was sharp debate among committee members about whether to include that language in the final

report, due to be released on Wednesday, a source said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Ultimately it was left in the final document, although other criticism of Reagan was toned down substantially from earlier drafts, the source said.

The language is a paraphrase of the Constitution's description of the president's duties. Article 2, Section

3 says "he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

The language reflects the belief of many members of the investigating panels that at best, the president created an atmosphere that permitted the diversion of arms sale profits to go forward, possibly a violation of the law.

Meanwhile, a Republican member of the House panel, Rep. William

Broomfield of Michigan, said the possibility cannot be ruled out that some former Reagan administration officials may have violated the law in the secret arms sales to Iran and the shift of some of the proceeds to Nicaragua's Contra rebels.

Another member, Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., said he disagrees with the committee's majority, which he said will conclude in the report

that errors were made by Reagan's political appointees but that nothing significant occurred in the system that contributed to the mistakes.

"People did make mistakes in judgment," McCollum said in a telephone interview from his home in Florida. "But there were several significant failures in the system."

Neither Broomfield nor any of his GOP colleagues on the House panel

signed the report.

Broomfield, in a separate statement to be attached to the report, said: "We should not underestimate the range of potential improprieties and illegalities committed by" the late CIA Director William Casey, former national security adviser John Poindexter and fired White House aide Oliver L. North, "as well as certain other governmental officials."

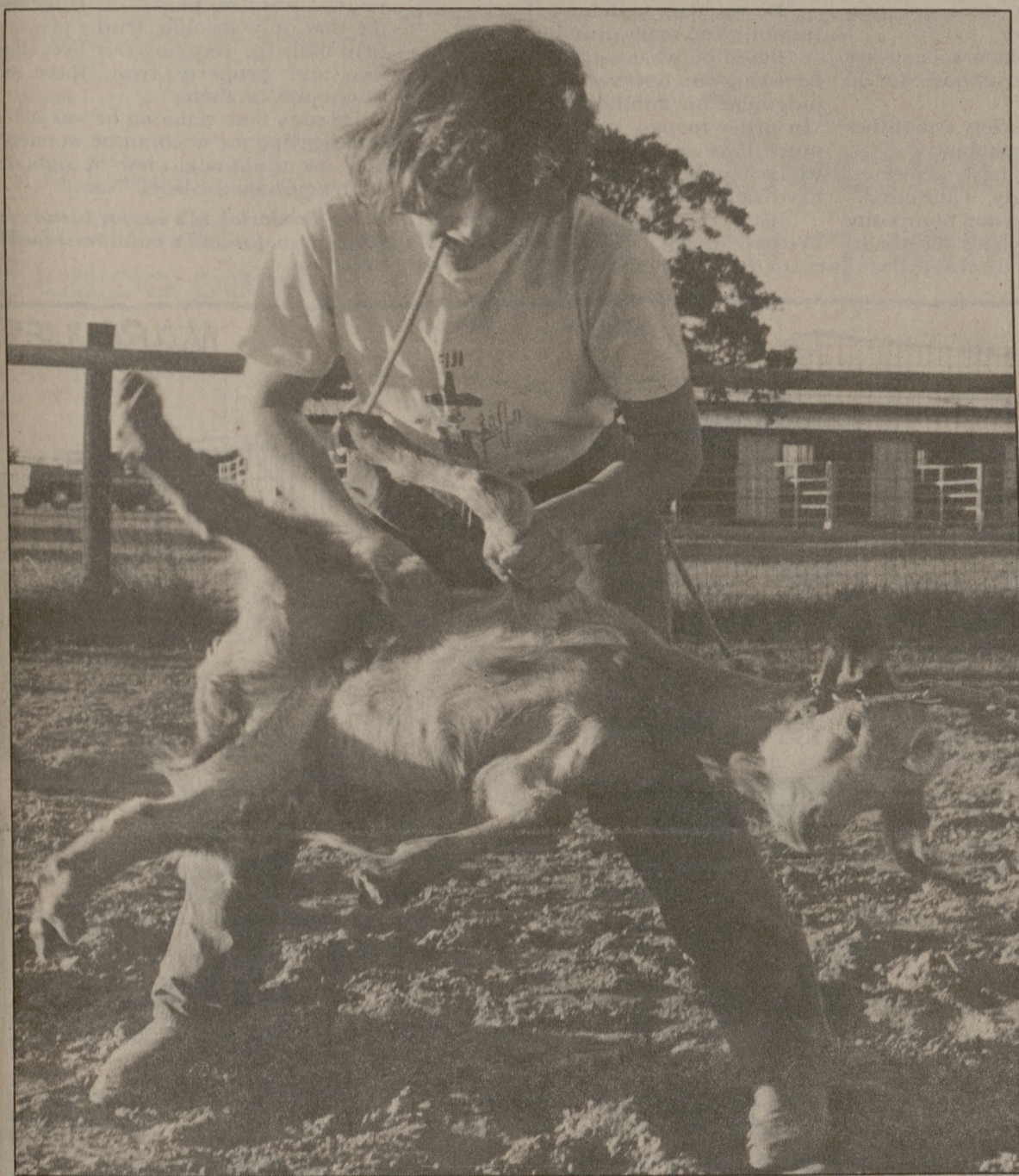


Photo by Luanne Waldrop

### Get your goat

Rebecca Powers, a junior physical education major from Sonora, practices her goat tying in preparation for A&M's showing in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Goat tying is one of the

events that will take place during the rodeo that begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Dick Freeman Arena. The annual event features participants from the Southern region of NIRA.

## Police find A&M cadet tied to UT campus post

A member of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets was found handcuffed and tied to a post on the University of Texas campus early Sunday morning, a spokesman for the UT police said.

George Russell Pulliam, a senior journalism major and cadet at A&M, was found near the West Mall area of the UT campus by UT police at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Sgt. Harold Menefee of the UT Police Department said. UT police reported that about 15 people were seen running away from the area where Pulliam was manacled. Three A&M students with Pulliam were

taken to the UT police station and released with no charges, Menefee said.

Bob Wiatt, director of A&M police, said the incident was referred to his office by UT officials and he will refer any information to the Commandant of Cadet's office and to the Department of Student Affairs.

Wiatt said he doesn't have all the information about the case yet, but said no UT students appear to be involved. "Apparently, Aggies were treating their own to the pleasures of Austin," Wiatt said.

There will be more information available later in the week, he said.

## Regents approve proposal for new modular dormitory

By Lee Schexnaider  
Staff Writer

If the Texas A&M Board of Regents has its way, a new modular dormitory could appear on the A&M campus in 18 months.

The board on Monday approved a recommendation to commission a preliminary design for new dorms. The \$25.2 million project will include a \$2.8 million renovation and addition to the Commons Dining Hall.

Moffatt Adams, chief architect for A&M, said at the Planning and Building Commission meeting on Sunday that the dormitories will occupy two sites, one on the northwest side and one on the southeast side of campus. The site for one of the dorms is east of Haas and McFadden halls. The proposed dorm would house 238 students. The other site is south of the Commons and east of Underwood Hall and includes three dorms. These units will hold 962 people.

The new building is planned to be constructed in a modular style similar to Underwood, Adams said. It will consist of prefabricated concrete cubicles.

The new dorms also will have more laundry facilities than existing modular dorms.

Regent Royce E. Wisenbaker, chairman of the committee, said

these new dorms won't alleviate the problem of student housing on campus.

John White, housing services supervisor, said there were about 5,000 more applications for dorm space for the fall semester than is available.

Wisenbaker said current modular dorms are all female, but it hasn't been indicated whether the new dorms will be for females.

"I'm going to insist we have some dorms for the boys," Wisenbaker said.

The committee also discussed designs for the Institute of Biosciences and Technology Building at the Texas Medical Center in Houston. The total cost for the project is estimated at \$25 million.

Mark Thomas, the administrative service officer for the institute, said in a phone interview that the building will hold researchers and equipment in the areas of biotechnology, bioengineering, nutrition and comparative medicine. He said the building is planned to be ready for full occupancy by 1990.

The board also approved a preliminary design for a building to house the Accelerator Mass Spectrometer that is being considered by the National Science Foundation. The facility will be paid for, including the building, by the NSF if the

project is awarded to A&M. David Shink, associate dean of the College of Geosciences, said after the meeting that the device will separate rare isotopes from more common ones. Isotopes are elements with the same chemical properties but different atomic structures. He said it will aid in carbon-14 dating by distinguishing carbon 14 from carbon 12.

In other action, the board approved:

- The preparation of requirements for a new Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Laboratory and a related satellite utility plant.

- The design of a conversion of the basement of the Royce E. Wisenbaker Engineering and Research Building from a parking garage to office and laboratory space.

- A delay in appropriating preliminary designs for the University Center Expansion.

- The renaming of the Hydrogen Research Center to the Center for Electrochemical Systems and Hydrogen Research.

- The appointment of Dr. Herbert Richardson, deputy chancellor, dean of engineering and director of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, to the policy board of the Hazardous Waste Research Center at Lamar University.

- The appointment of Robert Smith as vice president of finance and operations.

## A&M students to participate in Great American Smokeout

By Lisa Dieterle  
Reporter

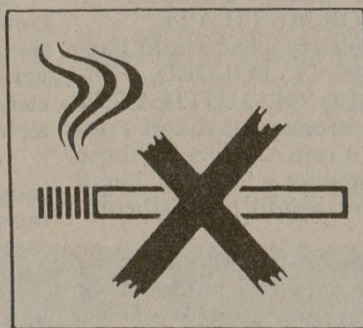
Millions of people smoke cigarette after cigarette every day, and many try every year to kick the habit. But this month, Texas A&M will join the national fight to give smoking a "Kick in the Butt," Thursday in the 11th Annual Great American Smokeout.

The smokeout, a day set aside for all smokers to quit for 24 hours, is being sponsored at A&M by Leggett Hall and nationally by the American Cancer Society, said Karen Perciful, a resident of Leggett and chairman of the program at A&M.

"For everyone who smokes, we're hoping they will quit," Perciful said. "We're here mainly to provide awareness, and hopefully the publicity will help someone."

Leggett residents will be in the MSC Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. handing out buttons and stickers, Perciful said. Pamphlets listing tips on how to quit smoking and general information about the smokeout also will be distributed. This is the second year Leggett has sponsored the program. The first year, Perciful was hall treasurer and wanted to participate in the smokeout as a community service.

Elise Luska, an A&M student who has been smoking for seven years, will participate in the smokeout. "It's (smoking) not a popular thing any



Graphic by Susan C. Akin

more like it used to be," Luska said. "It's also not good for your health. I think (the smokeout) is a great idea, and I've heard that it does help thousands of people each year stop smoking."

Luska plans to drive home Thursday, and going without cigarettes during the drive will test her willpower, she said.

"I'm hoping to quit because I know smoking is disruptive to other people and they don't enjoy being around it," Luska said. "It smells, my friends don't smoke, the guys I go out with don't smoke."

Some believe it is good for smokers to have a goal. Tiffani Keeling, another student who smokes, has participated in the smokeout for the past five years. She has been smoking for nine years.

"After last year's smokeout, I wanted to quit, and did for about three weeks," Keeling said. "That's the only time I ever really wanted to. Everybody should participate. It's a goal for the day that makes me aware of my smoking."

Jim Bishop, the chairman of the Brazos County Great American Smokeout program, stopped smoking two years ago.

"I believe the Great American Smokeout is a good thing to help give people a goal of a day and to know they have a bunch of other smokers behind them," Bishop said.

Bishop has headed the program for two years. He got involved with the program as a disc jockey for KORA and now owns a T-shirt company.

Bishop's company will sponsor a run for the smokeout along with the College Station Parks and Recreation Association, Brazos Valley Fitness Association, the Texas Nurses Association, District 30, KORA radio station and the American Cancer Society. The event is the third annual "Run Your Butts Off" race, a one-mile walk and a 5K run.

It will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Southwood Valley Athletic Complex. The race is open to the public, and the entry fee is \$10. For more information on the race, contact the College Station Athletic Department.

## NOW founder hopes to change ideas with show on pornography

By Cindy Milton  
Staff Writer

Monday night's presentation on pornography was not a place for weak stomachs or narrow minds, and several students left even before anything explicit was shown.

Dr. Wendy Stock, founder of the National Organization for Women at Texas A&M, showed more than 400 slides, previously warned to be "explicit and sexually violent material," that she said depicted females in a combination of sexual and violent positions.

"You've come to see dirty pictures," she said at the program's introduction. She said the slide show was educational, but she warned the audience of about 40 students that it was a feminist presentation.

"I'm sure you've all heard of media manipulation, and the area of sexuality is distorted in many ways... it is certainly not sex positive," she said. "Hopefully you'll become sensitized and pick up messages that are insidious."

Stock, an assistant professor of psychology, said pornography is an \$8-billion-per-year industry that has added elements such as rape scenarios and sadomasochism in the last few decades. One other thing pornography teaches, she said, is the hatred of women.



Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

Dr. Wendy Stock, founder of NOW at Texas A&M.

Stock defined pornography as "female sexual slaves in early Greek and other societies, and the writings or depictions thereof," which includes material that is degrading and dehumanizing, with implied coercion.

She later defined "erotica" as sexually explicit material that is shown as egalitarian.

"In erotica there's mutuality and some deal of respect and affection," she said. "My stance is that we need more of this kind of material."

Stock said there has been a disturbing effect in attitudinal changes that result from pornography, including the acceptance of rape as OK in some situations.

She said results of a "rape-myth acceptance scale" showed over 30 percent of college-age males indicated a 25 percent chance they would commit rape if they thought they could get away with it.

Stock's slides ranged from advertisements in women's magazines to pages in hard core pornography publications. The audience responded with both laughter and signs of disgust.

"Have some fun. Beat your wife tonight," was an ad she showed, which was aimed at the promotion of bowling in an issue of Playboy. However, she said this kind of information in mainstream publications implies that woman are masochistic.

The majority of Stock's presentation showed what she called the exploitation of women — women shown in bondage, women portrayed as enjoying forced violence and women being referred to as "meat."

"I'm focusing on women because women are portrayed as enjoying forced sex from men," she said. "This attributes to kind of a cultural permission."

She told the audience of mostly men that her purpose for the slide show was to raise money for NOW and increase the awareness of pornographic exploitation.

"I'm hoping to expose people to things they haven't seen," she said.