Speaker Jim Wright seems keenly aware that he's walking a fine line in

leading the Democrats while be-

if you're cooperative and concilia-

tory, you're criticized for being so

The subject was Democratic con-

ssions on the minimum wage bill,

bu the speaker's comment could

have applied to any issue that comes his vay these days.

The ethics investigation places the

Texas Democrat, a member of the

House for 34 years and its speaker

since 187, in the worst danger of

lowing the annuncement of a new

bipartisan agreement with President

Bush on a Central American policy,

Wright's top depties made a point of praising the specker's efforts.

Rep. Tony Coelo, D-Calif., the House Majority Whip, grabbed the microphones to make sure reporters

knew the plan was the direct descendent of a 1987 effor by Wright.

weak you had to make concessions.'

of his personal finances.

sieged by an ethics committee probe

'If you are unyielding, an absolutist, you're criticized for being a ty-rant," Wright mused last week. "And

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Wright had stuck to his guns despite

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Wright leads Democrats

despite personal criticism

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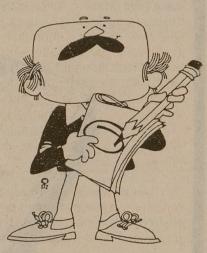
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made other suggestions for more ef- Committee has a let of responsibility ficient performance by organiza- and I wanted to besure we had peotions funded by the student service ple who were really nterested in it.

For instance, A&M has three divisions for the arts: MSC Visual Arts, Forsyth Center and University Art mittee is the student ody with the Exhibits. The Finance Committee recommended unification of the art committees to enhance the quality of the exhibitions and to aid in procurement of grants.

The Finance Committee also recommends consolidating shuttle bus body. We don't necessarily come The Finance Committee also recroutes which are not functioning at

The Committee recommends that the MSC Print-n-Copy Center be-come a self-supportive business en-tity because it does not perform services directly benefitting all students. The Center for Drug Prevention

& Education is a program required by the government and was set up by government grants. Since most of the grants run out this year, the Finance Committee recommends that the student service fee make up the difference for the 1990 fiscal year, but recommends that the center seek other grants for 1991.

Lister changed the Finance Committee somewhat from previous years. In the past, anyone could be a member of the committee. Lister said he wanted a more responsible and committed group, so he intro-duced an application process.

"I wanted to make it more of an honor," Lister said. "The Finance others will.

Diedrich commended Lister's 'You can say the Finance Com-

most direct influence on the administration," Diedrich said. "That's why it's important to have members who are willing to be committed and spend a lot of time.

from the Senate. We're a non-partisan committee. This year, we had to apply and make a real commiment. Mike selected a good cross-section of the University. The committee members have all different majors and extra-curricular activities. Diedrich said there is a difference

between this year's committee and those in the past.

"This group was excellent," he said. "Everyone came to all the meetings and everyone had something to say. Since we had members with such varied interests, we had good information. For instance, we had people who were on visual arts committees who could knowledgeably talk about the arts.

"Also, the committee was not made up only of seniors. It's important to have underclassmen because the seniors won't be paying the student service fee next year, but the

House Democrats are operating under the assumption that Wright will be cleared by the ethics committee.

"I think the speaker has an eno-mous margin of wait-and-see sup-port," said Rep. Pat Williams, I. Mont., although "a damaging report would be very difficult for the

speaker."
"My sense is a majority of Democrats do not expect the report to be damaging, but recognize the report will be used by the speaker's detract tors and could be turned into a damaging tool," said Williams, one of Wright's close allies.

Most Democrats, many of whom were reluctant to discuss the matter, echoed Williams' sentiments. The party is unlikely to abandon is speaker unless the ethics committee which resumes its deliberations next month, recommends disciplinary ac-

"If a majority of member thought that a person ought to be reprimanded, I believe that's inconsistent with the speakership," said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. "The unknown bothers people,"

skepticism even among his col-leagues, and showed "a willingness to take the heat, to give peace a said Coelho, the chief Democratic vote-counter. But Wright's powerar speaker has not been diminished, he "If the speaker did not take the said. "His support is solid. I don'tse any lessening of support." Last week, Wright's most vocal op-ponent, Republican Newt Gingrid action at that point, we would not be here today," said Rep. David Obey,

of Georgia, was elected the House Minority Whip.

Dallas judge jailed for assault for striking Austin policeman

AUSTIN (AP) — Charges were filed against a Dallas County ciminal court judge after an Austin policeman was struck when he refued to arrest employees at an electronics

store for what the judge believed ws consumer fraud, police said. George B. Shepherd Jr., 45, of Dallas, was jailed on misdemeanor charges of assault with bodily injury and resisting arrest.

"Do you want to see the bloody Shepherd told the Dallas Times Herald after his arrest.

'I had been bashed in the nose by a fist," Shepherd told the newpaper.
Shepherd, judge for Dallas
County criminal court No. 9, was released shortly after 7:30 p.m. Saturday on personal recognizance bonds, said Beverly Piper, a municipal court

Shepherd was not at home when called for comment Sunday by the Associated Press, however he told Dallas newspapers his attorney had According to police reports, patrolman Bill Thompson responded to a distrubance call at A&B Tele-

Jim Wright

chance," he said.

vision about 1 p.m. Saturday. Thompson was approached in the store by Shepherd, who produced a

small badge from his wallet, and ordered the officer to arrest some store employees for consumer raud, the police report said. When Thompson told Shepherd

h would need to contact the state attoney general's office, Shepherd begin screaming at Thompson and returned to his car, the report said.
The store manager told Thompson hat Shepherd had assaulted

him before the officer arrived and had rejused to leave the store, the arrest affidavit said.

As Shoherd began to drive away, Thompson stopped the car and asked Shipherd to produce the badge so Thompson could deter-

advised him not to comment on the mine if the man was impersonating public official.

When Thompson tried to inspect the badge, Shepherd got out of the car and struck Thompson in the

Shepherd then pulled the officer's motorcycle helmet off his head and tried to place the officer in a choke hold, the report said.

Two other officers who re-ponded were needed to restrain Shepherd, the report said.

12-year-old watches man kill mother

HOUSTON (AP) - A Fort Worth seventh grader — ending a horrifying spring break in Houston — attended the funeral of his mother hours after identifying a man he said stabbed her

The youngster, Ndombe Woods, 12, identified Darrell Wayne Davidson as the man who killed his mother, Joanna Newton who is on parole from a 1981 rob bery, was charged with capital murder and held without bail.

Police said Ndombe saw part of the attack early Wednesday at the family's southwest Houston home, and even had offered the assailant \$4 to leave his mother

Homicide investigators said Davidson lives across the street from the victim. Homicide division Sgt. Larry

Hoffmaster said investigators asssume the motive for the attack was robbery since the assailant demanded money, but authorities have not found that anything was taken from the home. Investigators said the suspect may have been intoxicated by drugs.

When the youngster collected \$4 from his room and handed it to the assailant, the man threwit on the floor and said, "That ain't money. I want real money," Hoffmaster said.

The boy saw part of the attack, but was ordered to his room as the assailant stabbed the mother 29-30 times, police said. After the slaying, police said Ndombe called 911 for help, grabbed his 1-year-old nephew, who was also in the house, and ran to a neighbor's house to wait for police.

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