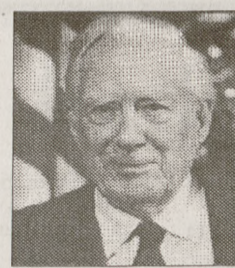


Retired Chief Justice Burger dead at age 87

Warren Burger suffered from recurring pulmonary problems and died of heart failure.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, who wrote the opinions that legally defined obscenity, established busing as a tool to end segregation and forced President Nixon to release the Watergate tapes, died Sunday. He was 87.

Burger died at Sibley Memorial Hospital of congestive heart failure, said Toni House, spokeswoman for the court. The nation's 15th chief justice, Burger served from 1969 to 1986, the longest tenure this century. A champion of judicial reform, Burger retired in 1986 and devoted full attention to his duties as the unpaid chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. In that post, he led the national celebrations of the Constitution's 200th anniversary in 1987 and the Bill of Rights' 200th anniversary in 1989. Burger had performed no judicial duties since 1986. In recent years, he suffered from recurring pulmonary problems. He was hospitalized several times with pneumonia.



Burger

Burger wrote numerous opinions praised by liberals. Burger spoke for the court in decisions that inaugurated busing as a tool for the racial desegregation of public schools, expanded public access to the nation's courts and enhanced women's protections against sexual discrimination. He began having serious health problems in 1988, when he was hospitalized for exhaustion and pneumonia. Burger's wife, Elvera, died last year. They had a son, Wade, and a daughter, Margaret, and two grandchildren.

PETS: Vets insert chips with hypodermic needles

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wear collars. Microchipping provides a method to identify the dogs they get lost or stolen, Bellow said. There are several advantages to the program, Relford said. "If pets get away from their owners, we can get them back to their owners," Relford said. "Research facilities can make sure they are not using privately-owned pets for research, and exotic animals can be microchipped for insurance purposes." One problem with the microchipping system is competing among the companies that manufacture the microchips. Three companies manufacture the scanners and microchips, and not all scanners are capable of reading the other companies' microchips. "The companies will have to come to some type of agreement on their systems," Relford said. "Since there is a variable response from the public because of the competition, they would be better off if all the microchips could be read by all types of scanners." Jennifer Croniser, a graduate student in veterinary medicine, said microchipping probably will take a while to become a popular method of identification. "I don't think people will be likely to microchip their pets until it's more accepted," Croniser said. "It will probably be used most with racing dogs and other industry." Leo, a junior business major, said he will probably have a microchip implanted in his dog. "We have an open backyard, so someone can come and take the dog or he could get loose," Angele said. "I'd still leave the tags on, though." Microchipping has reached even the University mascot. A microchip was implanted in Reveille VI after she was stolen and returned in December 1993.

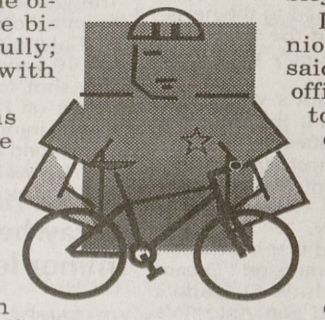
STUDY: A&M has largest program of state universities

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students study abroad each year, Rizk-Finne said, and a majority of them receive financial aid. The costs of the program vary from \$3,600 to \$6,500. The Study Abroad Office was established in 1979, and the first program was through the College of Architecture. Rizk-Finne said the program is based on a partnership between the faculty and the Study Abroad Office. Julian Gonzalez, a senior international studies and French major, works in the Study Abroad Office as a peer tutor. He studied abroad in Switzerland for a year. Gonzalez offered advice to students interested in studying abroad. "You should not be intimidated by study abroad because you think you don't have enough language fluency," Gonzalez said. "A lot of universities will help students improve the language. They don't expect students to be speaking the language perfectly when they arrive." Sharon Lawler, a senior psychology major, also works in the study abroad office as a peer tutor. Lawler said studying abroad is a learning experi-

ence as well as a vacation. "Don't be a typical American tourist who sees all of Europe through a camera," Lawler said. "You need to sit and digest what you are experiencing. Take time out to appreciate the country you are in." Rose Wells, a junior Spanish major, went on a study abroad program to Guatemala. She said the professors who taught the classes were excellent. "All the professors were perfect for me," Wells said. "They were all very helpful and encouraging." Wells said A&M students studying abroad should be prepared to meet new obstacles and ideas. Jennifer Hudson, a senior kinesiology major, went to Italy in spring 1995. Hudson said Americans should remember that Europe is quite different from the United States. "I think it's like being in a Third World country compared to the U.S.," Hudson said. "It's not a convenient society like the U.S. Europeans are not as time-conscious as Americans. It's much more laid back over there." To find out more information about the A&M Study Abroad Program, students can call 845-0544 or stop by 161 Bizzell Hall.

OFFICERS: Patrol advises students about laws, safety

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surveillance and can respond to any breach of the law. Wiatt said a bicycle officer has pulled a motorist over for excessive speed and not wearing a seat belt. Bicyclists can promote safety on campus by obeying all traffic laws. Wiatt said bicycle officers try to encourage bicyclists to ride carefully, especially in areas with pedestrians. "In the mall areas around campus, the pedestrians and the bicyclists intermingle," Wiatt said. "It is up to the bicyclists to be aware of pedestrians in these areas." Some students on campus agree police officers on bicycles are a good idea. Stephanie Burgoon, a senior elementary education major, said she would feel safer if bicyclists would follow all the rules. "If the bicyclists would stay in the bike lanes and not the sidewalks, there wouldn't be a problem," Burgoon said. "The bike cops should enforce traffic laws on all motorists, including bicyclists." Daniel Smith, a senior business major, said he thinks bicycle officers would be able to get to the scene of an accident or emergency faster than a police officer in a car. "I like the fact that bicycle officers patrol areas of campus like parking lots and West Campus," Smith said. "That should help prevent burglaries and vandalism."



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