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## Mills goes to hospital for fatigue

by Don Phillips  
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WASHINGTON—Rep. Wilbur Mills entered Bethesda Navy Hospital Tuesday, complaining of exhaustion, as House Democrats voted away more of his power as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

"I'm terribly tired," colleagues quoted Mills as saying shortly after the Arkansas Democrat left for the hospital in suburban Bethesda, Md. "I'm exhausted."

Meanwhile, the Arkansas *Gazette*, the largest newspaper in the state, Monday called on Mills, in an editorial to either forego "his public indiscretions" with stripper Annabel Battistella (Fanne Fox) or resign.

"If Mr. Mills cannot forego his public indiscretions and if he prefers the life of show business to the life on Capitol Hill, then let him select the former and resign his seat in Congress to devote full time to his new line of work," the *Gazette* said.

"Whichever course Mills prefers, it is past time that he made a choice."

The *Gazette* endorsed Mills during his successful re-election campaign after his participation with Mrs. Battistella in the Tidal Basin incident.

Speaker Carl Albert disclosed Tuesday that Mills—who appeared on stage with the stripper in Boston during the weekend—confided to him on Monday that he was ailing.

"I asked him, 'Wilbur, are you sick?'" Albert said. "He said, 'Yes, I am sick.'"

Disclosure that Mills had entered the hospital came after the Democratic Caucus, comprising all party members elected to the new Congress, voted with no audible dissent to increase the size of the influential Ways and Means Committee from 25 to 37.

This opens the way for increasing the liberal bloc on the committee and diminishing the power Mills had wielded. At the same time, members have concluded privately that Mills' recent activities have made it likely he will be removed as panel chairman.

Friends said Mills had planned to be floor manager of the effort to override President Ford's veto of a minor tariff bill containing a disaster-aid rider, but that he became addled and could not go through with it.

Rep. Charles E. Bennett, D-Fla., who sat next to Mills during a late afternoon session of the House, said he asked his colleague if something was wrong, and the reply was: "I'm terribly tired. I'm exhausted."

Bennett said he advised Mills to see a doctor or go to a hospital and that shortly thereafter Mills called aides and was taken to Bethesda.

Mills has appeared despondent since his return from Boston where he appeared with Miss Battistella, the entertainer who jumped from his car and then into the Tidal Basin in October after the speeding vehicle, with its lights off, was stopped by police.

He made no effort to prevent action against him by House Democrats, who voted on Monday to strip his committee of the power to make House committee assignments, which it has held since 1911.

Many members of Congress have suggested his removal as committee chairman, and members of his own panel have met to discuss a possible changeover to Rep. Al Ullman, D-Ore., next in line for the chairmanship.

"He's obviously sick," said a committee member, speculating that Mills might be suffering from complications of surgery last year for a back ailment.



Mills said Sunday in Boston he'd make stripper Fanne Fox a movie star

UPI telephoto

## Director fires head of women's prison

RALEIGH—Mrs. Juanita Baker, superintendent of the women's prison, was fired Tuesday by Corrections Director Ralph D. Edwards, for "ineffective performance of duty."

Edwards said his department's programs for women "have not kept pace with the programs for the men and efforts to rectify the situation have been unsatisfactory."

"In my opinion to have a satisfactory statewide program for female offenders required a change in command at the correctional center for women," Edwards said.

He said the position will be filled on an interim basis by Morris Key, manager of institutions for the department and Mrs. Baker's immediate superior.

A search for a successor will begin immediately, he said.

Edwards said he and Secretary of Corrections David L. Jones had discussed the situation at the women's prison for more than a year, and Jones was aware of his decision to dismiss Mrs. Baker.

But, he said, "I was not ordered to fire Juanita Baker."

Although Mrs. Baker is a Democrat, Edwards said her "political affiliation had absolutely nothing to do" with his decision to dismiss her from the \$17,052-a-year job.



Juanita Baker

## Clear, cold

Mostly clear skies and continued cold weather today and Thursday with westerly winds of about 20 mph. Highs today in the lower 50s and lows tonight in the upper 20s. The chance of precipitation is about 10 per cent today through Thursday.

## Veteran bill passed despite Ford's veto

by Howard Fields  
United Press International

WASHINGTON—By votes of 394 to 10 and 90 to 1, the House and Senate Tuesday overrode President Ford's veto of a bill increasing veterans' educational benefits by 23 per cent.

Ford had anticipated defeat in his pre-Thanksgiving veto but made the gesture anyway as a symbol of his determination to fight inflation by holding down federal spending.

The veto was Ford's 15th—and the third to be overridden.

Even before the strong vote against the veto, presidential press secretary Ron Nessen announced Ford would send Congress a request for \$814 million in supplemental appropriations to pay for the increases.

"If they override, then Congress can vote to put up the money to pay the bill," Nessen said.

Congress told Ford, through its one-sided margins, that the place to start economizing was not with the aid offered veterans who served in the Vietnam conflict, America's most unpopular war.

Ford had said he would accept an 18.5 per cent increase in veterans' benefits, but not the nearly 23 per cent which now becomes law over his objections.

All 10 of the House members who sided with Ford were Republicans. In the Senate, only GOP Whip Robert P. Griffin, Mich., voted to sustain the veto.

The 22.7 per cent increase in veterans' educational benefits is the largest since World War II and Ford has called the bill inflationary.

The Vietnam veterans who fought in "that horribly, muddy, nasty war" had a more difficult time than any other American veteran and should be helped in their efforts to readjust at home, said Rep. William Jennings Bryan Dorn, D-S.C.

"We cannot delay any longer," Dorn added.

The measure would increase education benefits for a single vet from \$220 a month to \$270. A married vet with no children would get \$321 instead of \$261 and those with children would get proportional increases.

Veterans could collect the benefits for 45 months instead of 36 and would get \$600 in educational loans if other federal loans were not available.

Ford said in his veto message Nov. 26 that his veto was not an easy one, "but it is necessary if all of us are to operate with essential budgetary restraint."

Dorn, outgoing chairman of the Veterans

Affairs Committee which wrote the measure, argued that the measure not only was not inflationary, but that it was cutting inflation by preventing further unemployment.

Rep. Earl Landgrebe, R-Ind., one of the 10 members who voted against the override attempt, said he did so because "inflation is the number one problem," not veterans' benefits.

The 10 members who voted against the override effort on the veterans bill were Landgrebe, Craig Hosmer, R-Calif.; Robert

Hanrahan, R-Ill.; Glenn Davis, R-Wis.; Lawrence G. Williams, R-Pa.; Wendell Wyatt, R-N.H.; Henry P. Smith III, R-N.Y., and Charles Wiggins, R-Calif.

The House did sustain Tuesday a Ford veto of a minor tariff bill which contained an amendment allowing special tax breaks for victims of the Buffalo Creek flood in West Virginia, Hurricane Agnes and other disasters in 1972.

The 249 to 150 vote to override was 17 short of the two-thirds required.

## Buses not safe, local doctor says

by Henry Farber  
Staff Writer

A town physician sharply criticized the bus system's safety standards before the Board of Aldermen Monday night, citing alleged examples of brake malfunctions and other problems.

Dr. Charles E. Smith of 8 Lake Shore Drive said a bus driver told him his bus's air brakes do not work well enough to make two stops in quick succession.

However, bus officials gave a demonstration Tuesday to try to refute some of Smith's allegations.

Smith, described by some town officials as a constant critic of the bus system since its initial run Aug. 1, said he observed a bus on the Lake Forest route discharging passengers at a stop sign rather than a designated bus stop a short distance away.

When Smith asked the driver why he did not use the bus stop, Smith said the driver told him the brakes would not retain enough air after the first stop to function the second time. Smith also said he was given the impression that this is a common problem.

Lamotte Akin, chief mechanic at the transit garage, explained that the driver's action was probably not due to any malfunction but was perhaps his

lack of understanding of the brakes' normal functioning.

In a dramatic demonstration, Akin brought one of the old Atlanta buses to a skidding halt near a dead end, pumped more than 80 per cent of the air out of the brakes and stopped the bus again.

He said the driver apparently does not understand that the air compression meter does not have to read up to capacity level for the brakes to stop a bus.

Bus Operations Supervisor Dick Rhode said the driver is scheduled for a conference today with Transportation Director John Pappas to discuss the apparent misunderstanding. After Smith talked to the driver, he said he called town police who told him they had been informed of the brake problem. He said police also told him of a collision between a bus and a police car, which Smith related to alleged brake failure.

Rhode said the collision was not related to a brake malfunction but that the bus driver was driving too fast on a rainy night.

Smith also said he observed another bus in service with its rear door open. When he asked the driver why he didn't close the door, Smith said the driver told him it was stuck and that he had been instructed to serve his route anyway.

Akin showed that when a bus's normally functioning rear door is open, the throttle and brakes lock. He said the malfunction described by Smith could conceivably occur but that he had not seen such a bus.

The two dispatchers said they never authorized such a bus to leave the garage.

Smith also said Rolling Road is unsafe for bus traffic and that the system carries an inadequate liability insurance policy.

Akin accused Smith of harping on insignificant accusations in an effort to discredit the bus system. He said Smith's complaints are based on his opposition to the Lake Forest route running near his home.

## No money, no grades for all traffic violators

Students with unpaid parking tickets will not receive grades or be allowed to register in January unless their accounts are settled with the traffic office by Dec. 9.

Traffic officials will then send a list of violators to the cashier's office, Administrative Director of Motor Vehicle Registration William Locke said Tuesday.

In the future, Locke said, all outstanding parking debts will be charged directly to the student's account. However, there is not enough time to follow such a procedure this semester, so each student must pay his debts in person, Locke added. In any case, this semester or next, all students with parking debts will have their records put on "hold."

There are some 15-18,000 parking tickets that have yet to be paid, Locke said, adding there are only about 1,000 students responsible for them. It is estimated that 75-80 per cent of the 1,000 violators are students who have never bothered to buy parking stickers.

Locke said the current traffic office record is held by a student who has yet to pay 28 tickets for this semester.

## Many believe in God but don't attend church—poll

by Laura Toler  
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Most UNC students believe in God, but not nearly as many attend religious services.

This conclusion was drawn from a recent *Daily Tar Heel* survey of student attitudes in which 183 randomly selected subjects—a statistically reliable portion of the University enrollment—were questioned on various topics.

Approximate percentages showed 56 per cent of the students believed in God, as opposed to about nine per cent who did not and 35 per cent who were undecided. About 16 per cent attended worship services weekly, 19 per cent monthly, 51 per cent rarely, and 28 per cent never. Eight per cent claimed some other form of religious expression.

Some area religious leaders and UNC students contacted last Monday attributed this paradox to failures of the religious institutions themselves. Others admitted that churches have faults but believed the non-attendance trend is on the way out. Finally, some said students are just busy forming new concepts of God on their own.

"Nobody is making an attempt to find out how to reach students on their own level," said Father Thomas Palko,

chaplain at the Newman Catholic Student Center. Palko said most area churches are guilty of such non-receptiveness.

Churches do need a new approach, agreed Rev. Charles V. Bryant, senior minister at University United Methodist Church. "The church has not kept pace with the needs and aspirations of students. It's not the message we have to offer, but the means we have to offer it with."

In his ministry, Bryant is trying to upgrade the methods for getting his message across. "I'm trying to get out of the Model-T Ford and get into the jet," he said.

Students interviewed agreed there is some type of message but that the church doesn't necessarily get it across.

"You don't have to go to church to believe in God," Cheryl Pearson said. "Churches today are hypocritical." She believes in God but goes to church mostly for the music.

"You can believe in a supreme being without having to go through some type of worship," Vernon Rose said.

However, some religious leaders reported renewed student interest in church services. Both Linda Mackichan, a secretary for the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting—a local Quaker organization—and Rev. Gene Jester of University Baptist Church have noticed increased student attendance at services over the last several years.

"The rejection of institutions has been going on for quite a

while," Jester said. "This trend is reversing, though not in great numbers." He thinks the student may be alienated from the sect of his choice in a college town simply because he knows no one in the congregation.

"From indications I've received, students would like to attend a service if they could find one that is meaningful," said Jim Abrahamson, a pastor-teacher at the Chapel Hill Bible Church. Average attendance at the Bible Church has increased from 20 to about 500 during the last three or four years. Abrahamson believes his church is not guilty of the irrelevance most churches are accused of these days.

Churches can best avoid stagnation by preaching the Bible rather than rigid doctrine, Dr. Dick Henderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Durham, said. "The kids are really hungry to hear not what the Church says but what the Bible says."

Henderson reports attendance of 160 to 200 college students—many from UNC and Duke—in his congregation every Sunday.

Other religious leaders, unable to report such growing folds, attributed poor worship service attendance to faults other than the services themselves.

Students are no exception to a trend of absenteeism among all age groups, according to Rabbi Herbert Berger of

the Beth El Center in Durham. However, he believes students are distracted by studying and social life. In addition, he said, "Students brought up a certain way want to take a little time off to re-examine old values."

Rabbi Robert Seigel of the B'nai Brith-Hillel Foundation in Chapel Hill, said weak support for religious services may indeed reflect a weak belief in God. "In saying they believe in God, people are saying what's socially acceptable. They're not thinking in theological terms."

However, Seigel thinks services could remove some doubts if they offered less formality and more feeling.

Rev. J. R. Manley, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, agreed that the old religious practices of tedious study and strict ethical rules have given way to more individual interpretations of religion. "It's hard for an institution to find out what level each person is on and provide a base in which they will all be comfortable," he said.

Student Sydney Stern has certainly been hard put to find a service corresponding to his own personal level. "Synagogues don't have much to do with the things I consider sacred," he said. "My God takes a very nebulous form of images which I associate with the divine—things like dinosaurs, lions, tigers, and armies marching off to war. These are all strictly vivid and colorful images you don't find in a church."