

# Act now to ban off-shore coal

By DICK WEST  
United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The latest oil spill in the North Sea, like the most recent spill off the coast of Massachusetts, appears to have caused only minimal environmental damage.

But don't start celebrating prematurely. Earlier this year, it was revealed that a power company in Florida planned to import coal from South

Africa as fuel for two generating plants.

Wait till Dutch coal ships of Panamanian registry start breaking up off Massachusetts. Then you'll really see an environmental disaster.

I can see the headlines now: "GIANT COAL SPILL THREATENS NEW ENGLAND COAST."

What, you might ask, would a ship carrying coal from Johannes-

burg to Florida be doing off Massachusetts?

That, as it happens, was one of the questions I put to Sam Terrabuena, an environmentalist who brought this situation to my attention.

"Captains of Dutch ships of Panamanian registry are notoriously poor navigators," he explained. "No matter where they are bound, sooner or later they veer off to Massachusetts and break up on a reef.

"We are seeking changes in the maritime law to require that imported coal be carried in American ships, which stand a better chance of making it from South Africa to Florida without menacing Massachusetts.

"Meanwhile, our best bet is to persuade coal importers to switch to some other type of fuel. Wood, for example."  
I said, "You environmentalists aren't worried about log spills?"

Not at all," Terrabuena replied.

"If the logs drifted ashore, the beaches would immediately be cleaned up by driftwood collectors.

"But if some of that coal washed up on Cape Cod, the tourist business would be ruined."  
How so?" I asked.  
"Who's gonna wanna go to the beach if every time you venture into the ocean you step on a lump of coal? A thing like that could spoil your whole vacation."  
I said, "Well, there's one good thing about a coal spill. It wouldn't harm the birds any."  
Wouldn't it now?" said Terrabuena sarcastically. "And what if a near-sighted pelican diving into the surf for fish mistook a lump of coal for a black sea bass?"  
"With that much extra weight in its pouch, the poor thing would sink."

I said, "Okay. Maybe the birds and tourist trade would suffer. But at least it wouldn't hurt the fish."

Terrabuena gave me a withering look. "How can you say a thing like that? A coal spill would be a catastrophe for the New England seafood industry."

What catastrophe? Why would the seafood industry be hit?"

Because it's hard to sell lobsters with black lung disease."

## campus activities

**WEDNESDAY**  
El Paso Hometown Club, Election of officers, MSC 141, 7:30 p.m.  
Dance Arts Society, Modern, G. Rollie White 266, 7:30 p.m.  
Student Senate, Harrington 204, 7:30 p.m.  
Dead Week.  
Campus Crusade for Christ, MSC 141, 5 p.m.  
Chi Alpha, MSC 139, 6:15 p.m.  
Omega Phi Alpha, Rudder 501, 6:30 p.m.  
Recreation Bridge, MSC 206, 7 p.m.  
Forestry Science, MSC 212, 7 p.m.  
Beta Beta Beta, Rudder 301, 7 p.m.  
Motorcycle Club, Rudder 404, 7:30 p.m.  
Historical Archeology, Rudder 601, 7:30 p.m.  
OPA Pledge Class, MSC 137, 7:30 p.m.  
Social Dance Club, MSC 201, 7:30 p.m.  
Speleological Society, Rudder 504, 8 p.m.  
University and College Designers Show, Rudder Tower 301, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Dead Week.  
Faculty Achievement Awards Program, Rudder Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.  
Seminar, Dr. Andrew R. McFarland, Departments of Agricultural and Civil Engineering, "Air Quality Studies," Scoates 214, 2 p.m.  
Student Chapter American Meteorological Society, Solar Energy Films: "Sun Power for Farms," "Challenge of the Future," and "Energy-The American Experience," continuous showings of the films from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Oceanography-Meteorology 1210 and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Oceanography-Meteorology 1213 (free admission).  
Laredo Hometown Club, Rudder 410, 7 p.m.

Circle K, MSC 141, 7 p.m.  
Skeet & Trap, MSC 140A, 7:30 p.m.  
Free U-Recreation Folk Dance, MSC 224, 7:30 p.m.  
Aggie Allemanders, MSC 212, 8 p.m.

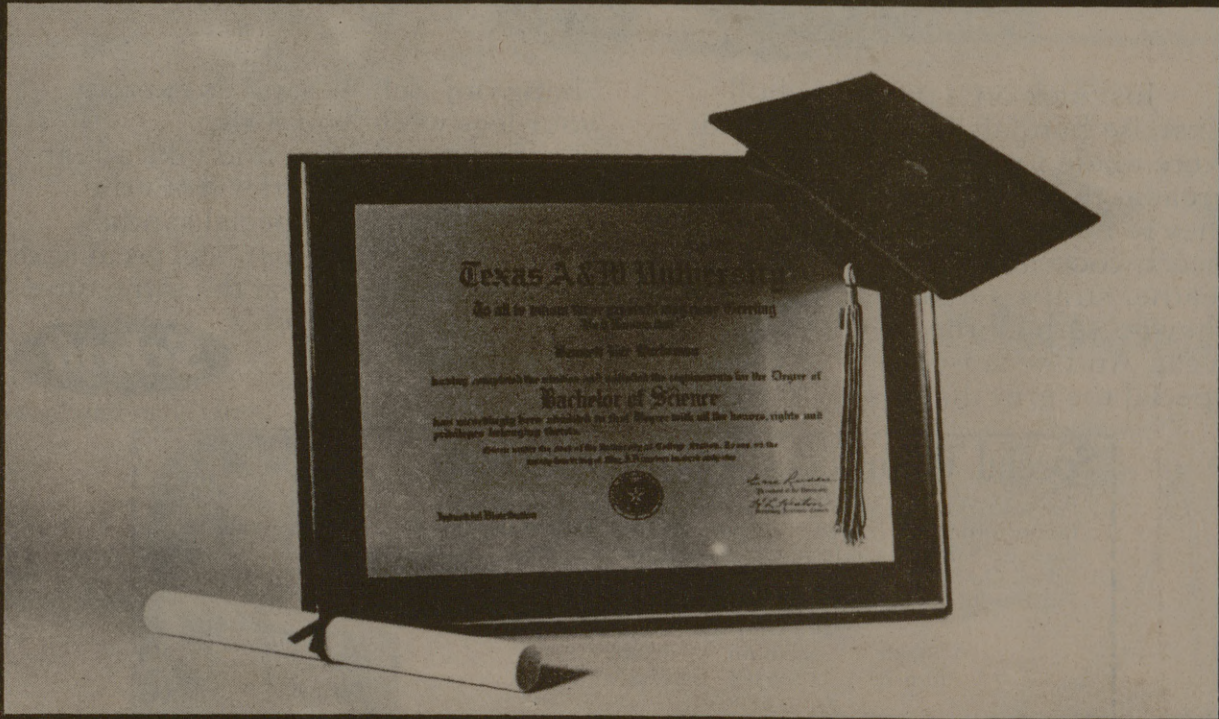
**FRIDAY**  
Dead Week.  
Spring Semester Classes End.  
Commencement, Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, G. Rollie White Coliseum, 7 p.m.  
Students International Med. Soc., MSC 145, 12 noon.  
Iranian Students Association, MSC 141, 6:30 p.m.  
Inter-Varsity Fellowship, Rudder 410, 7 p.m.  
African Students Association, Rudder 510, 7:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
Commencement, Dr. Kenneth Ashworth, G. Rollie White Coliseum, a.m.  
Commissioning, Gen. David C. G. Rollie White Coliseum, 1:30 p.m.  
Final Review, Main Drill Field, 7 p.m.  
Boot Dance, MSC 201, 5 p.m.  
Society of Iranian Students, MSC 302, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
Mother's Day, MSC Recreation Chas, MSC 302, 7 p.m.  
APO Pledge Meeting, Rudder 410, 7 p.m.  
SCONA, MSC 216T, 8 p.m.  
Alpha Lambda Delta, Organization for Aggiedland (wear Sunday Zachry 102, 2 p.m.)

**TUESDAY**  
Brazos County A&M Club, "The Night," Ramada Inn, 6:30 p.m.

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## Many children, little money leads to incest problem

ST. LOUIS — An alarming number of American children, perhaps as many as one million a year, are victims of incest.

Families involved usually have too many children and too little money. The trauma that incest brings may be considered less important than loss of income if the father were jailed.

A seemingly intolerable situation

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is overlooked for the sake of unity. The incest continues until it is uncovered by an outsider or comes too much for a young person to bear.

This scenario describes the problem faced by the Metropolitan St. Louis Sexual Abuse Committee. The committee is trying to coordinate legal, medical and educational programs. It would include reporting of incest but make family counseling an important part of the treatment. More households from suffering more disruption after incest were reported.

The committee said only 4 percent of the estimated one million incest cases a year are recorded. They usually involve girls from 2 to 15 years old from lower-income families.

The committee was formed last year following a seminar of mental health and law enforcement professionals. Its aims include gathering statistics on incest, disseminating the few existing statistics that deal with it and increasing public awareness.

Amanat said most families in the St. Louis area in which incest has occurred have incomes of less than \$5,000 a year. Mothers often know of the incestuous contact between father and daughter, but do not report it for fear of losing what small income they produce.

The public perception of incest is that it is usually a one-time incident, Amanat said. It goes on for years before being discovered. Then, when the discovery is made, there is a large amount of guilt and strain in breaking up the family.

Some researchers say incest is aimed at family survival. A man no longer willing to act as her father's sexual partner encourages her daughter to assume the role and maintain family harmony.

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