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Campus Names

Dr. Spencer Baen, director of the Center for Energy and Mineral Resources at Texas A&M University, has been appointed to a coal and lignite advisory committee of the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council.

The committee was organized and appointed by Gov. Bill Clements and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby to look into Texas' role in supporting research, development, demonstration, commercialization and information dissemination activities related to coal and lignite.

A member of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station staff at Texas A&M for 10 years, Baen has worked with several lignite researchers. The 1943 Texas A&M graduate received a master's and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering at the California Institute of Technology.

Texas A&M University student

Lisa Lynn Ellis of Arlington was one of two students appointed to a national audit and review committee of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

The 10-member committee annually reviews appropriateness of accreditation criteria, visiting teams' performances and operation of two accreditation commissions, for engineering and technology.

"Ms. Ellis represents all of the engineering technology students in the United States in this appointment," Dr. Robert Page, dean of engineering at Texas A&M, said.

Sul Ross and Thomas Read scholarships, \$2,000 awards presented by former students as incentive for freshmen and sophomore to join and stay in the Corps, have been pre-

sented to 22 freshmen of Texas A&M University's Corps of Cadets.

Recipients of Sul Ross awards include Lee Andrews of Midland; Andrew Gaddy of Lampasas; Henning Gilbert Jr. and Roland Nunez, both of San Antonio; Dale Hampe of Clifton; Vincent Heidrich of Addison, N.Y.; Grady King of Richardson and Timothy Martini of Wichita Falls.

Also, Stevan Perez of Slaton; Randall Reinisch of Kernersville, N.C.; Arnold Rodriguez of Garwood; David Rose of Corpus Christi; David Ruiz of Laredo; Colin Sikorski of Waco; David Sonnier of Houston; Robert Sweatt of Burton; John Tabera of Gonzales, David Thompson of Dickinson and David Wilson of Waxahachie.

Read scholarships were given to Lloyd Blanchette of Orange; Theodore Lucas of Riverside, Conn., and Alejandro Vega IV of San Antonio.

Nixon a bad man; Reagan a weak mind

Iraqi leader says U.S. politics are poor

United Press International
KHURRAMSHAHR, Iran — The commander of one of the first Iraqi army units into Iran's key port city thinks Richard Nixon is a "bad man," Ronald Reagan is "not very good with his mind" and the American people are misinformed about Iraq's allegiances.

The commander sat on a cloth mat in a shady concrete hut on the outskirts of Khurramshahr drinking tea. He passed around a box of Iranian biscuits and began discussing American politics.

"Carter is better than Reagan," he said without being asked. "Reagan is an artist. He is not very good with his mind."

"John Kennedy was a very good man, and Lyndon Johnson was a very good president for your people but a very bad one for Iraq."

"He was a very bad man — a bad man."

Looking back to 1960, the middle-aged Iraqi commander would have had an unbroken allegiance to the Democratic Party if he had the chance to vote in the United States.

But in those 20 years, the commander said, the American voter has been misled about Iraq, which was a close ally of the Soviet Union.

"We think the people of America are very good," he said. "They make everything beautiful. But their politics are very bad."

"I believe if your politics would change, we would be against Russia. We don't believe with Russia."

"Sometimes we are not with your government," he said. "Sometimes we are not with Russia. We are with Iraq. We are with our own people. Those people are the Arab people,

and the commander predicted his troops would use the experience gained in the war with Iran to help aid the struggle for a Palestinian homeland.

"We believe we will fight again in another place — in Israel, for example," he said. "We will not rest until we have an Arab land."

The capture of Khurramshahr was one step in that struggle, he said, because the town in Iran's Khuzistan province is predominantly Arab.

"The government of Iran moved all the people out of this town because they were afraid they would support us," he said, looking at a pile of rubble a few feet away. "This town

is ugly. You know why? Because the people of this town are Arab and the government in Tehran does not like them."

Aside from a few Iranian snipers, the commander said only one old man and a white donkey were left in a city, which once held 150,000.

"The donkey, his mind is like (Ayatollah Ruhollah) Khomeini's. Khomeini's soldiers are dead. He has no money in his bank. So why does he continue fighting? This is crazy," the commander said.

"The American government can't do anything with Khomeini, but we do. He is under the feet of our soldiers."

Bishop says church 'lenient'

United Press International
VATICAN CITY — A high-ranking Roman Catholic cardinal lashed out at lenient marriage annulments and said their enormous increase — 5,000 percent in 10 years — is nothing but church-approved divorce.

The phenomenon is worrying not only because of the number in itself, but unfortunately because of the enormous leniency with which these cases are proposed and resolved," used since Italian Cardinal Pericle Felici told the Fifth World Council of Bishops last Monday.

Felici, 69, a church conservative

and prefect of the Vatican's highest court dealing with annulments, said some couples obtained annulments by going to more lenient bishops in other countries after first being refused by strict local church leaders.

He said most annulments are granted on grounds that one or both of the partners are "psychologically immature, (or) incapable of assuming and carrying out conjugal obligations, especially in regard to the unity of lives and interpersonal relations."

Among the reasons the Catholic Church considers valid for granting annulments are coercion, mental disorder, sexual impotence, insufficient age, undissolved previous marriage and improperly performed marriage vows.

Felici said the laxity in granting annulments amounts to church-approved divorce, "even if under another name."

Felici said the Vatican's Supreme Court has begun to penalize ecclesiastical legal experts considered too soft on annulment cases and recently fired several church-approved lay lawyers for actively seeking out annulment cases.

In another thorny church problem discussed at the synod, which was called to discuss problems of the modern Christian family, American Roman Catholic bishops said men and women were equal in the eyes of God and the church — but they stopped short of saying women should be ordained as priests.

The bishops said women throughout the world have enjoyed great advances in realizing their "God-given rights" but stressed the theme of the synod was the problems of the modern Christian family and not the role of women in the Catholic Church.

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