

EPA

Agency speaker calls leaders 'hired guns'

by Steve Thomas

administration is trying to make Lavelle the scapegoat for the entire EPA scandal.

"Now, Rita's no saint," he said, adding that she admitted she came to Washington to get her company off the hook. But Kaufman emphasized that she could in no way take all the blame.

Kaufman said Congress has begun working with William Ruckelshaus, the new EPA administrator, to clean up toxic waste legislation. He predicts congress will have phased out all toxic waste landfills by the turn of the century.

"Ruckelshaus is doing a good job," Kaufman said.

In confronting some of the problems of toxic landfills, Kaufman added a few pessimistic comments.

The many waste dumps around the country never will be totally cleaned up, he said. His only suggestion for safely handling them was to lock them up for a couple of hundred years and put up a monument that says:

"This is a monument to the stupidity of the United States between 1940 and 1980."

Graduating from A&M big asset, founder of AGC says Tuesday

by Chris Cox

Battalion Reporter

Graduating from Texas A&M is one of the biggest assets anyone can have, Robert Page, founder of the Associated General Contractors at Texas A&M, said Tuesday night.

Speaking to the AGC, Page, Class of '49, said, "There is one thing I think that I got out of this school and it makes me proud to say it to even a bunch of teapipers. The finest thing that ever happened to me in my life was to be able to come to this school."

Currently Page is president and chief executive of Kellogg

Rust Inc., the largest construction company in the United States and second in the world. He was the first to start the AGC chapter at Texas A&M, which also became the first in the nation.

Page said this school can give someone more than any other college or university if one just accepts it. Not just academics, he said, but the right to go out and work in a business. Academics only will take someone so far, he said.

"Texas A&M has got discipline," Page said. "Students learn how to work with people here. If one can't succeed in

working with people, no matter how good they are, they will fail. Today it is a people world."

When students get to the outside world, they are going to be judged not only by their bosses but by their peers, Page said. He said Texas A&M students are going to do things they never thought they could do just by what they are learning here.

Page said he feels contractors are involved in one of most challenging professions.

"Ask a lawyer, doctor, or a vet if he is able to stand back and look at the reaps of his progress," he said. "One is always able to look back and see what he has

done and that includes mistakes."

"As students take what Texas A&M gives them, they should be

very well equipped," he said. "I haven't seen an Aggie yet who couldn't beat the hell out of his competition."

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Monday deadline for scholarship

by Shawn Behlen

Battalion Reporter

Students interested in a career in government can apply for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship — a competitive award presented to 105 students nationally. Each scholarship provides up to \$5,000 annually to cover tuition, books, room and board for as many as four years.

Monday is the deadline for applying for this scholarship.

Dr. Hillary Jessup, a counselor for academic services, says this is the fourth year Texas A&M will send nominees to the national competition. She says, however, that she sees only about six interested students each year.

"That's not very good," Jessup says. "In fact, it's disappointing."

To be eligible, a student must attend the University full time, have completed no more than 45 hours by Sept. 1, have above a B average, be a United States citizen and be in an undergraduate field of study that would permit admission into a graduate program that can lead to a career in government.

Texas A&M is allowed to nominate one Texas resident and one out-of-state student for the competition.

Jessup says the Texas A&M nominees will be chosen by a faculty committee composed of a representative from each applicant's department.

She says the committee will evaluate the applicants on their academic performance, their potential for leadership in government and a 600 word essay on a public policy issue chosen by the applicant.

Jessup says the major emphasis will be put on the essay and the amount of public service work done by the applicant.

"We need someone who has registered voters, worked in a campaign, worked with Boy's Club or done something along those lines," she says.

Jessup says she would be glad to help freshmen who might be interested in applying for the scholarship next year.

"If they know the requirements in advance, they can be more prepared and we can help groom and counsel them," she says.

Anyone interested in applying or who would like more information should contact Jessup in academic services at 100 Harrington Tower.

Carnegie Foundation educator to lecture at A&M symposium

by Christine Mallon

Battalion Staff

The president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching will be the keynote speaker for the Texas A&M University System Symposium Thursday at 10 a.m. in Rudder Theater.

Dr. Ernest L. Boyer, former U.S. commissioner of education and chancellor of the State University of New York, holds honorary degrees from 47 American colleges and universities and recently was selected by his peers as the leading educator in the nation.

The symposium is envisioned as the first in a series of annual programs and is designed for fa-

culty and administrators throughout the system to discuss significant issues in higher education.

Boyer's presentation will be in response to the report of the National Commission on Excellence in Education.

Following the presentation, a panel of educators will respond to Boyer's remarks.

Panel members are Dr. Gordon P. Eaton, Texas A&M provost and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Thomas Cleaver, acting executive vice president for academic affairs at Prairie View A&M University; Dr. Jack Holcomb, director of educational administration at Tarleton State University; and Dr. William Clayton.

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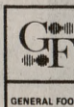


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