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Three cadets involved in hazing death readmitted

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Three cadets who pleaded guilty to hazing in the Aug. 30, 1984 death of Bruce Dean Goodrich have enrolled in Texas A&M for the fall semester, a Corps of Cadets representative said Thursday.

Lt. Gen. Ormond R. Simpson, Texas A&M assistant vice president for student services, said Anthony D'Alessandro and Jason Miles, of Houston, and Louis Fancher III of San Antonio all are enrolled for the fall and at least two have been readmitted into the Corps.

Simpson said Fancher is one of cadets who was readmitted into the Corps, but he is unsure of the other name.

The three junior cadets were dismissed from A&M and the Corps following the conclusion of University hearings last fall.

Goodrich collapsed and later died after a series of "motivational exercises" conducted by fellow Company F-1 cadets.

Simpson said the two that were readmitted into the Corps appeared before a cadet review panel before they were accepted.

"If the other guy applied, I think he'd get in too," he said.

Simpson said the three students would not be on any type of academic or Corps probation when they returned.

"These guys will start with a clean slate," he said.

The three have each paid \$50 fines, performed 100 hours of community service work and contributed \$750 to a memorial scholarship fund under Goodrich's name.



Photo by BENNIE SCHERTZ

Gotcha!

The Texas A&M University Police Department conducted its Shoot No Shoot training course this week at the A&M Annex. Officers were taught the techniques of accurate foe identification, friend

versus foe selection and bystander safety. Patrolman Joseph Fry, one of 36 certified police officers, is shown at one of several firing stations. Live fire was used in stress-induced situations.

Contested county sheriff's race

Aggies plan election strategies

By JERRY OSLIN
Staff Writer

In anticipation of a new, court-ordered election for Brazos County Sheriff, both the Aggie GOP and Texas A&M's Young Democrats are planning campaign strategies to get their candidate elected.

Mike Hachtman, president of the Aggie GOP, says his organization plans to begin a student registration drive about two weeks into the fall semester.

"It (the registration drive) probably won't be as successful as last year's when we registered from 10,000 to 12,000 students because students naturally are going to be more interested in voting in a presidential election than in a county sheriff's race," Hachtman says. "But I think we will do a good job of registering students because the primaries for the governor's race will begin about then, and I think a lot of

students are going to be interested in that."

Hachtman also says his organization will try to alleviate student's fears about voting.

"When we go out to register students, we are going to tell them that it's their right to vote and not to be intimidated," he says. "One of the problems we're going to have now is students being afraid to vote because they are afraid of being subpoenaed."

In March a State District Court subpoenaed about 150 A&M students to testify whether they were legally registered when they voted.

"All the media attention about students being subpoenaed has made other students think twice about voting," he says.

Hachtman says he encountered a number of "intimidated" students during his unsuccessful bid for a position on the College Station City Council.

"I talked to a lot of students who said they didn't vote because they didn't want to end up in court," he says.

Hachtman says the Aggie GOP will make a special effort to help students register properly.

The president of the Young Democrats, John Hatch, says his organization also will register new voters and try to inform students on the records of the two candidates.

"We are going to try and concentrate on the records and backgrounds of the candidates," Hatch says. "That should be the deciding factor on who to vote for and not whether they have a D or R beside their name on the ballot."

Hatch says he is optimistic that A&M students will vote for a candidate on the basis of his record and not on his party.

The outcome of last November's sheriff election, won by Republican Ronnie Miller by 162 votes, was con-

tested in court by the Democrat candidate, Howard Hill.

The election was voided by State District Judge Arthur Leshner in April after he ruled that enough people in Brazos County had voted illegally to affect the outcome of the election. Leshner then called for a new election which was scheduled for Aug. 10.

But an appeals court decided to hear an appeal from Miller's attorney, Chris Kling, and issued an injunction on July 12 preventing the county from carrying out the Aug. 10 election.

If the court upholds Leshner's ruling, the election could be held Nov. 5, the soonest the election could be held according to law. If the court overturns Leshner's ruling, the outcome of last November's race will stand and Miller will remain sheriff.

The postponement of the election until fall already is a victory for the students, Hachtman says.

Police kill four, 16 hurt in riot in South Africa

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police said Thursday they killed four blacks and wounded 16 in a riot east of Johannesburg. Unofficial reports said they opened fire when mourners in a crowd of 4,000 threw stones after a funeral for riot victims.

A 16-year-old girl was reported among those killed in the black township of Daveyton, and her grandmother was quoted as saying it was the first such funeral the girl had attended.

Officially reported detentions in the first five days of this white-ruled nation's state of emergency rose to 792. A spokesman for the Detainees Parents Support Committee said information gathered from various communities indicated "many more" were being held.

Unofficial sources said scores of teen-agers were rounded up Thursday morning in Alexandra, on the edge of Johannesburg. Police said they could not immediately comment on the report, but witnesses said they saw an unusually heavy presence of police, soldiers and armored cars in the black township.

Reports from national police headquarters continued to show a decline in the violence that began 11 months ago over black opposition to apartheid, the legalized race segregation imposed by South Africa's 5 million whites to control the voteless black majority of 24 million.

Police listed only five cases of arson and about the same number of stone-throwing incidents around the country late Wednesday and Thursday morning. Emergency regulations and the refusal of police to provide details of rioting made it difficult to obtain a clear picture.

Nearly 500 blacks have perished

in the months of riots, student and worker strikes, consumer boycotts and protest meetings in black communities. At least 14 have died since the emergency took effect Sunday.

Most victims were killed by police, but an increasing number are black local officials and police slain by other blacks who see them as willing tools of the white rulers.

Reporters for Western news organizations who went to Daveyton, 25 miles east of Johannesburg, on Thursday said police threatened them with detention if they did not leave. Under emergency regulations, police can bar certain categories of people from entering a township, impose curfews and exercise wide powers of arrest without warrants.

Police said they opened fire with shotguns and rifles in Daveyton after the funeral on Wednesday. Unofficial reports said youths started throwing stones at police posted at the graveyard.

Funerals for riot victims are charged with emotion, draw large crowds and frequently are flash-points of violence.

Black complaints include what they say are inferior schools, rent increases for government housing, laws that bar free access for workers to jobs in white cities, and the lack of a national vote for blacks.

White business executives said Thursday that France's ban on new investment in South Africa would not have a significant effect on the economy, but would hurt France's interests and reduce the job market for blacks.

France announced the investment ban and recalled its ambassador Wednesday to protest the state of emergency and "increasing repression" of blacks.

GOP claims Democrats guilty of voting fraud

Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas Republican Party officials said on Thursday they have sworn affidavits from two residents of a Sulphur Springs nursing home alleging irregularities in the runoff campaign for the 1st Congressional District seat.

Wayne Massey, assistant general counsel to the Republican Party of Texas, said three women allegedly told the two patients to vote absentee for Democrat Jim Chapman, who faces an Aug. 3 runoff against Republican Edd Hargett.

"It probably comes out of the

Chapman campaign," said Republican Party chairman George Strake. "I don't think it's just three women."

Massey declined to identify the women during a news conference at Union Station. Relatives of the nursing home patients who said they planned to file complaints alleging vote fraud were also at the news conference.

George Shipley, the lead consultant for the Chapman campaign, called Strake's press conference and allegations part of an ongoing Republican effort to smear the former Hopkins County district attorney's campaign.

Two Cokes tainted with insect poison

Associated Press

LUFKIN — Preliminary tests show two Coca-Cola products — a can from a hospital vending machine and a bottle from a convenience store shelf — were spiked with a household insecticide, health officials said Thursday.

Tests conducted by the Texas Department of Health laboratory in Austin confirmed that the products had been contaminated with diazinon, an insecticide used to kill flies, ants and roaches, said Angelina County-City Health Administrator Mike Czepiel.

Authorities also were doing a series of tests to determine the strengths of the contamination, Czepiel said.

The substance appeared to be "heavily concentrated" in the Coke can and "somewhat diluted" in the bottle, he said.

The contaminated Coke was discovered Tuesday morning after a man bought a 12-ounce can of the new formula Coke from a vending machine at Lufkin Memorial Hospital. After drinking the soft drink, the man rubbed his eye, which immediately became inflamed, officials said.

A county health inspector bought a second contaminated plastic bottle of Coke at a convenience store, about a half mile from the hospital, officials said.

"When she got to work, she swallowed a mouthful and immediately knew that it didn't taste right," Czepiel said. "It had such a strong odor that you knew just by smelling it that there was some kind of insecticide in it."

"At this time, we think this may have been one person tampering with both containers," he said.

Officer not sorry for dropping A-bomb

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Kermit Beahan rejects totally the suggestion that he should apologize for dropping the atomic bomb 40 years ago that killed up to 74,000 Japanese at Nagasaki. But he does hope that no one ever again uses a nuclear weapon in war.

Beahan, now a 66-year-old retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, was the bombardier who released the "Fat Man" plutonium bomb from the cargo bay of a B-29 named "Bock's Car" on Aug. 9, 1945.

The blast destroyed Nagasaki. It was the last major attack of World War II and came three days after another atomic bomb, the first nuclear weapon used in anger, wiped out Hiroshima.

Teruaki Oobo, a Japanese official now in charge of relief to atomic bomb victims, said on July 17 that the city of Nagasaki wasn't inviting Beahan to an anniversary observation. Oobo suggested, however, "If he wants to apologize to the victims, we hope he would come per-

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sonally and visit the cemetery."

"Apologize, hell," Beahan said in a recent interview. "I was a professional soldier doing my job. . . . I have no intention of apologizing. Remember, they started the war."

"I'm sorry the war ever had to happen. I hope I go down in history as the last man to release an A-bomb under wartime conditions. We've got to find a better way."

Beahan said the two atomic attacks actually saved lives by eliminating the need for an invasion of the Japanese home islands.

"That invasion would have cost over a million Japanese lives and about 80,000 Allied lives," Beahan

said. "I have never even entertained the idea of apologizing for dropping that bomb."

Beahan had a distinguished war record in the Army Air Forces in Europe and North Africa before he was sent to the Pacific.

In 1944, he volunteered for B-29 bomber training and was assigned to Utah for Project Silverplate, the secret program preparing for atomic attacks on Japan.

"We called the weapon 'the gimmick,' and nobody was really sure if it was going to work or not," he recalled. "We spent about nine months dropping projectiles shaped like the Fat Man bomb."

It was a strange shape. It looked like two bath tubs welded together."

In the summer of 1945, 12 B-29 crews were sent to Tinian Island in the Pacific, including Beahan's plane, "The Great Artiste." After more practice, the first mission, over Hiroshima, was organized.

A bomber called "Enola Gay" was picked to bomb Hiroshima, with "The Great Artiste" part of the three-plane attack group.

Beahan's job was to drop measuring instruments over Hiroshima by parachute.

"That first mission went perfectly," he said. "The weather was ideal. We dropped the bomb only 15 seconds late."

Beahan's crew was selected to drop Fat Man, which weighed 10,000 pounds, and was assigned a different B-29, "Bock's Car."