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Officials say banning mail nside prisons ot answer

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UNTSVILLE on officials who think bang inmate-to-inmate mail will tail gang violence may be disointed, say corrections offiin other states.

hn Taylor, spokesman for Tennessee prison system, "To think that cutting off will stop inmates from con-ing each other is ludicrous." ut U.S. District Judge John V gleton of Houston suspended correspondence between ines for one month last year af-eight prisoners were killed in

The Texas Department of Cor-tions is now trying to clamp wn on inmate mail, alleging it ws prisoners to control drug gs, plan assaults and murders dother violent activities.

But Taylor said convicts can re a way around mail restric-

"Inmates go to contacting meone on the outside who in n writes back to someone on inside," Taylor said. "Our osophy is if an inmate is coning with another one they will d some way to get the informa-

n back and forth anyway." Earlier this month, Texas son officials asked two federal ges to end correspondence ng the 38,000 inmates.

Cisneros says liberal arts is great basis for future

A liberal arts education is an excellent building block for the kind of education the world requires, San Antonio Mayor and Texas A&M Regent Henry Cisneros told an audience of 500 in Rudder Theater

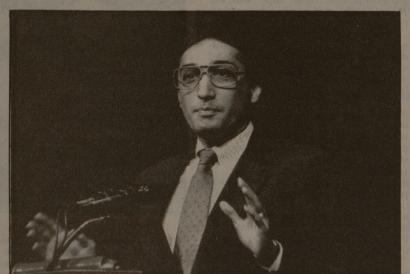
Monday night. "Human nature and human history — that's the realm of the liberal arts," Cisneros said. "And, if nothing else but as a grounding, as a building block for what comes next— whether it be in your personal expe-rience, on-the-job training or graduate school - you can't ask for a better beginning.

Cisneros outlined four challenges facing the world which he said will require the efforts of those with a background in the liberal arts.

One challenge, he said, stems from the fact that the United States will be forming new relationships in the world. Stronger relationships with Mexico and Central American nations will only be achieved through cultural understanding, he

Part of that understanding consists of realizing not all problems can be cured by technological means, Cisneros said.

"I submit to you that one of the great challenges of your time is going to be to begin to unravel the knotty problems — not only of trade and immigration and political revolution and war — but the problems of how people can live together in this hemisphere," Cisneros said. He also said a challenge exists in



Texas A&M Regent Henry Cisneros

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making society a place in which the human spirit can get in touch with itself despite the reality of an increasingly technological world.

'Human beings are not made as high-tech devices," Cisneros said. "And so what we find, even with the burgeoning of high-tech, is a whole host of things that indicates people's search for getting back in touch with nature and themselves." Another need is for "people per

sons" to emerge and help personalize large bureaucracies and other institutions, Cisneros said.
"The top five business people in

San Antonio that I work with on a regular basis are as successful as they are (and) in the positions that they are because they're people persons," he said. "They know how to deal with human beings. They are not cold automatons. They are not distant and aloof from people.

Cisneros also emphasized a fourth challenge — the need to govern in an effective and human way.

'Government cannot be done by computer," he said. "Government can't be done by formulas. Government cannot be done through proc esses that are mechanical

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&M prof files for re-election on C Council

By CRAIG RENFRO Staff Writer

bert C. Runnels, current Place uncilman, has become the first idate to seek re-election on the

lege Station City Council.
Runnels, associate professor of teorology at Texas A&M, filed addy for the position he has held the historian below the selection in 1980. p for election this year are council positions Place 2,4 and 6.

The job of mayor is also to be decided in this year's race.

"We (city council) pride ourselves in trying to involve as many people as possible and to do as many projects that are good for the city as possible," Runnels said.

Runnels became the second A&M professor to file for a council posi-

tics professor, announced his candidacy for mayor as did Place 6 councilwoman Lynn McIlhaney.

Filing for council positions ends Feb. 19, and the election is April 5.

Runnels has been a professor at A&M since 1966.

He graduated from the University

Upon graduation Runnels worked for NASA for two years. In 1966 he came back to A&M to

complete his education, and he received his Ph.D. in 1968

Runnels said he is anticipating working with the council and hopes that he can be as helpful to the pub-

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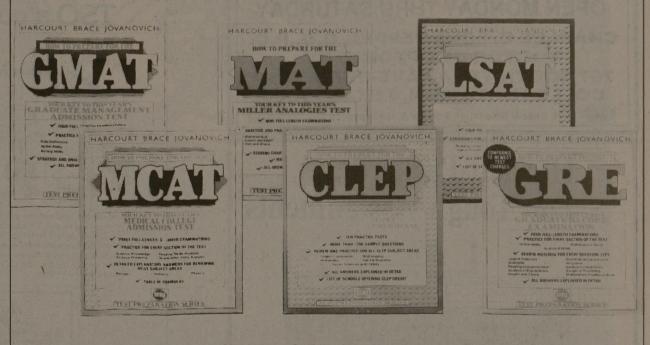
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