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**A&M dean will head study
of school training program**

By April Coventry
Reporter

The dean of Texas A&M's College of Education will chair a Texas Education Agency committee formed to study the content of a management training program for school administrators.

Dr. Dean C. Corrigan said the committee, formally dubbed the Advisory Committee for General Management Training, was formed to discuss the content and procedures of the program, which was required by House Bill 72, a sweeping education reform bill.

The program will include instruction in areas of management skills and techniques needed for proper school administration, such as organization, personnel management and accounting.

Before making recommendations to the Texas Board of Education, Corrigan said the committee will study its task. The committee is considering initiating a four-year program to spread out the extensive training, he added.

It will meet with representatives from the central education agency, other universities, and school districts, as well as with management trainers from professional organizations and private businesses.

The committee is meeting with members of the business community because schools want to be run more

professionally, he said, and the management of business organizations will give the program input on the content of training courses.

The committee, which will meet every two or three weeks to deter-



Dean C. Corrigan

mine specific program content, hopes to submit a proposal to the board before this summer, Corrigan said. The committee will meet on March 12 to begin developing a plan for the program.

The program will be required for public school administrators beginning with the 1987-1988 school year. There are 13,000 supervisors in the 1,089 school districts in Texas.

The committee's dilemma, he said, is determining how to develop

a quality program that will serve a large quantity of people.

The administrators are at different levels in ability and are in a wide variety of work settings, Corrigan said, and the program must accommodate each of them.

Corrigan said he accepted the challenging position because he looks at leadership roles as a responsibility of the profession and because it is a credit to the University.

The committee will include Darrell T. Piersol, director of the governor's executive development program; Leroy Deanda, director of training of City Public Services, San Antonio; and Dr. Rosalie Blaylock, Manager of Business Relations and External Affairs of American Telephone & Telegraph in Austin.

The committee also will include representatives involved with public schools, which is important, Corrigan said, because the views of those who will be affected by the plan are important.

These representatives include Lee Williamson, superintendent of schools in Wichita Falls; Dr. John Horn, superintendent of schools in Mesquite; E. Don Brown, principal of L.D. Bell High School in Hunt Marla Guerra, principal of Camahan Elementary School in Pharr; and Dr. Jim Rogers, the executive director of the Region IX Educational Service Center in Wichita Falls.

**Hostels provide low-cost way
for travelers to meet people**

By Sheryl Taylor
Reporter

In 1909, Richard Schirman, a teacher from West Germany, and his school group were hiking in the mountains when it began to rain. They knocked on the door of a nearby castle, asked to stay overnight, and the "hostel" movement was born.

The hostel experience is a unique and inexpensive way to travel in the United States and Europe.

"Hosteling is spending a night or two in a household-type structure, sharing in conversation and activities with people from other countries and backgrounds," said Morty Rich, Bluebonnet Council treasurer.

The Bluebonnet Council is one of three geographic councils in Texas, said Sherman Frost, A&M coordinator and College Station council chairman. It consists of 47 counties in the Houston area and includes College Station.

San Antonio, Houston and El Paso are the three hostel sites in Texas, and the council is working on hostels in Galveston and Brownsville.

The American Youth Hostel, Inc., a non-profit membership organization, was founded in 1934 by two American school teachers, Isabel and Monroe Smith. They established the first American youth hostel in Northfield, Mass.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the AYH is a United States affiliate of the London-based International Youth Hostel Federation. The federation is made up of more than 5,000 hostels in 64 nations.

Toby Pyle, marketing and public relations assistant for AYH in Washington, said the organization recently expanded its regional offices and opened three offices in Texas.

While the European hostels are publicly funded, all the U.S. hostels are privately funded by donations and membership sales, Rich said.

"The idea of hosteling, or AYH, is to promote international understanding by providing a place where people can stay and meet people

from other countries and various areas of the United States," Rich said.

Frost said the Bluebonnet Council is trying to develop hostels for the Gulf Coast area.

"We know hostels along the Gulf Coast will be successful because people

"The idea . . . is to promote international understanding by providing a place where people can stay and meet people from other countries."

— Monty Rich, hostel spokesman

ple in Texas want to go to these facilities," he said.

The Houston hostel is called Perry House. It has 30 beds with separate male and female dormitories, a full dining room, a fully equipped kitchen, showers and a patio garden. The Perry House is near the museum district, the Texas Medical Center, the Houston Zoo and several other sightseeing attractions in Houston. The people that pass through the Houston hostel are "usually not from the United States and the irony of it is that two out of 10 may be from the States, but the overnight residents are mainly foreign students," Rich said.

European hostels are usually dormitory-style accommodations and are cheaper than their American counterparts, which cost \$4 to \$10 a night, Rich said. The hostels are supervised by a person residing in the building and operate under a self-help system. The hostellers, not limited by age, provide all their own services, allowing the hostels to be inexpensive. Overnight guests are expected to do their own housekeeping, Frost said.

"Hostels are not really a place for transient people that just want a place to stay," Frost said. "It is a

place where folks from all over a country who are usually traveling a less commercial or traditional fashion can stay."

Hosteling is a worldwide movement that anyone from all countries of all ages can join. In joining AYH, each member gets a handbook and a pass allowing entry into the United States and European hostels, Frost said. There is no special criteria for membership, but an individual's membership fee depends on his or her age. Those interested in AYH membership can purchase their passes from the Texas A&M Study Abroad Office.

Frost and Rich are also involved in the World Adventure Travel Program, which provides worldwide activities for groups of AYH members to visit historic sites and meet people from all over the world in youth hostels. About 45 different trips are planned and about 1,000 people travel each year, Rich said.

"We need leaders for these trips badly," Rich said.

There will be a leadership camp in San Antonio beginning March 14.

In Advance

**Club to debate
law in arms deal**

The Texas A&M Debate Society is sponsoring a debate at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 701 Rudder Tower to address the following question: Should the president be able to violate U.S. law to secure the release of American hostages?

The debate will be conducted "Irish style," meaning anyone in the audience may speak. Those in favor of the resolution exit through one door, opponents through another, and the tally decides the winner of the debate.

Two speakers' arguments will start the debate, and no one will be admitted after 7 p.m.



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