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Anthropology center bringing opportunities to Texas A&M

By Elizabeth Kline
THE BATTALION

Texas A&M will become the new home of the Center for the Study of the First Americans when it moves from Oregon State in July, making A&M the only University in the nation with a center to study the first populations of the continent.

Dr. Robson Bonnichsen, the center's director, said the center's purpose is to understand the initial peopling of the Americas through scientific research. He said A&M is an ideal location as the permanent home of the center because of its campus climate.

"Texas A&M is a well-respected and highly diverse modern campus," he said. "The [center] brings an important research focus to the Texas A&M community."

Dr. Mike Waters, associate director of

the center and an anthropology and geography professor, said the CSFA will be associated with the departments of anthropology and geography and will be

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housed in the anthropology building. He said it will attract students because of its educational opportunities.

"Undergraduates will be able to participate in research projects, field excavations and excavations," Waters said. "Graduate students will get master's thesis and dissertation topics from center projects."

Waters said when the center moves to Texas, it will continue publishing a magazine and books on the Americas. It will also sponsor conferences that will be open to the public.

"We will have a nice mix of professionals and interested public," he said. "We will be able to see specimens and artifacts from specific sites."

Bonnichsen said the strategy of the center is to bring together the most specialized in the field to plan future research. "Such conferences are enormously important," he said. "They help research agendas and scientific strategies for specialists in the field."

Microsoft president resigns

Company announces restructuring plan to gain more business

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft Corp. president and chief operating officer Rick Belluzzo unexpectedly resigned Wednesday after just over a year in the job, and Microsoft said it would eliminate his position.

The software giant also announced a restructuring plan it said would give its main business units more autonomy.

Analysts speculated that the restructuring was related to Belluzzo's resignation because it transferred many of his responsibilities to the company's seven major business units.

Belluzzo, a longtime computer and software industry executive, said he planned to start his own company. He joined Microsoft in September 1999 and held several senior positions before being promoted to his current position in February 2001.

Microsoft said in a statement Wednesday that Belluzzo would remain in his position until May, and would stay at the company until September to organize the transition.

Rob Enderle, an analyst with Giga Information Group, said many had assumed Belluzzo was being groomed to replace Chief Executive Steve Ballmer.

"You don't normally put someone in that role in order to take out of there a few days later or a few months later," Enderle said. In his prior positions, Belluzzo worked on the company's summer operations, including its Xbox game system, its MSN Messenger instant messaging system and its Ultimate TV service. Belluzzo also was instrumental early on in the company's .NET initiative for delivering services over the Internet.

Before joining Microsoft, he was briefly chief executive of Silicon Graphics Inc., and previously spent 23 years at Hewlett-Packard Co.

Belluzzo replaced Bob Herbold, a longtime Microsoft executive who continues to work part-time for Microsoft in its dealings with industry and political leaders.

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Ranger

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Booksellers. The book recounts Edlin's experience as a ranger during World War II, particularly the D-Day invasion of France by Allied forces.

Before joining the rangers, Edlin served with British commandos and said he was very unhappy. He was told by a superior that the Rangers might be a better alternative, but that they were taking only four out of 200 applying officers. He went through one interview with a sergeant, then with a captain before meeting Rudder, who became one of the nation's most esteemed war heroes and later served as president of Texas A&M.

"[Rudder was] the greatest soldier and man I ever met in my life," Edlin said.

Rudder's Rangers earned acclaim for their courage and bravery during the D-Day landing, where Allied forces suffered heavy casualties as they struggled to get a foothold against entrenched German positions. Edlin was platoon leader and commander in charge of the Landing Craft Assault (LCA) on which he was assigned. On June 6, 1944, D-Day, the LCA got stuck on a sandbar. Edlin said he was told by witnesses that he lifted the head of the driver of the boat, who had been decapitated, and threw it overboard, then tripped into the water.

He said the water was cold and up to his chin.

"There were bodies everywhere, parts of bodies everywhere," he said.

When he reached the shore, Edlin said he turned around and no one was behind him. He went back out into the water because he thought they were giving up, but the majority of them were dead. Thirty-five men were on the boat with him, and only four continued when they reached the seawall.

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World War II veteran

Edlin was hit in his left leg by machine gun fire. He said he laid behind the seawall for a short period, then got up. When he did, he was shot in his right leg and passed out.

A man serving with Edlin and who was also badly injured, grabbed Edlin by the collar and dragged him to safety, and laid on top of him when they came under fire.

"That's a hero," Edlin said.

Edlin's platoon fought for 35 days at Normandy. As fighting wore on, Rudder called Edlin to headquarters and gave him a new assignment — to go through a minefield.

Edlin, with three others, began walking through the field. Edlin said that after 20 years he could not go any farther because he was scared, but one of the other men noticed that had been worn by civilians.

Once through the minefield, Edlin and his men noticed a German pillbox where enemy soldiers could have been operating.

"I've got a chance to save 3,000 American lives here in place of mine," he said as he was thinking at the time.

Edlin said that after diving inside the pillbox and onto the floor, they saw 40 German soldiers and guns against the wall. They were ready to surrender, he said. Edlin and his men took an English-speaking German lieutenant so that he could lead them to a general at German Fort Graf Spee Battery.

Once there, Edlin forced the general to surrender by putting a grenade to his stomach and threatening to detonate it. The general surrendered after Edlin gave him a count of three, and 815 German soldiers came out. Edlin said the German general's only request was that he surrender to an officer of equal rank, so Edlin radioed Rudder. Rudder came to the fort and performed the surrender ceremony, he said.

Lynn Towne, a friend of Edlin's, said Edlin turned down the Medal of Honor. He said they told him that if he took it he would have to go home.

"He said, 'I must decline that because I don't want to leave my company,'" Towne said.

Silence

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"People can feel silenced for many different reasons. They may feel that their voices are not as important as others," Arnillas said. "For example, they may feel that their religion is not the dominant religion, and therefore (will) say nothing during conversations."

Participants will choose not to speak in protest of the treatment of anyone who has felt his or her voice silenced because of ethnicity, gender, physical or mental abilities, social class, orientation, religion, age, weight, nationality or for belonging to any other group that may be targeted in the Texas A&M community.

"If people are completely convinced that their point of view is

right, talking to them to try and get them to accept others does help," Arnillas said. "Talking can lead to arguments and polarization, and people won't change their minds."

"We hope that by this silent, passive protest we can attract people who aren't so set in their ways, people who will stop and think about (the protest) and what it stands for."

Participants will wear printed T-shirts or stickers reading "I am not speaking today. I am participating in the Texas A&M Day of Silence." During the protest, which will last from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., participants only will talk to conduct business and when necessary in class.

People who are interested in participating in the Day of Silence can pick up a sticker at the Gender Issues Education Services in the Memorial Student Center or at Rudder Fountain.



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