

# Firemen learn to combat different types of fires

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men but it also is not taught at this school.

"We're hoping next year to utilize the services of the Houston Fire Department who have offered us the use of their paramedics, doctors and equipment," said David White, an assistant training specialist for the school.

He said these services would be almost the finest possible emergency field first aid. The field equipment would be connected by telephone to a hospital in Houston.

The Firemen Training School is supported by state agencies such as the State Board of Insurance, the Texas Railroad Commission, the

Texas Commission on Fire Protection, Personnel Standards and Education. Insurance companies also support the school. The school was started in 1930.

Each participant pays a fee of \$50 for the training courses. A dorm room and meals served in Sbisla Dining Hall cost \$72.50. Some prefer to stay in motels. Many departments choose which of their members will attend and then pay their way. The firemen then come back and teach the rest of the firemen what they learned. Some participants pay their own fees.

The instructors are not paid for

teaching. They usually pay for their own accommodations.

Each fireman must take a final exam after completing his course. If he passes it, his city receives key rate credit of three per cent. This affects his city's fire insurance rate. Most cities send their firemen to benefit from this key rate reduction, Smith said. More credit is given when more firemen and the fire marshal complete the courses.

The firemen don't spend all their time in College Station studying and fighting fires. After they shower off the sweat and smoke, they all want to know, "Where are the girls?"



Battalion photo by Steve Goble

During the 48th Texas Firemen's Training School instructors will be concentrating on stopping fires before they start. Instructors are also placing emphasis on how to fight fires involving esoteric chemicals. Enrollment in the school has surpassed last year's record attendance.

## Officials have busy recruiting year

Placement officials at Texas A&M University say 1976-77 was the busiest year on record with almost 1,200 recruiters making campus calls in the five-month season.

Almost half the 408 organizations represented sent recruiters for the first time, said Louis Van Pelt, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center.

Aggies actively sought to use the

center's services, he explained. More than 1,800 registered for interviews with recruiters and another 670 signed up with the office in their search for jobs in education.

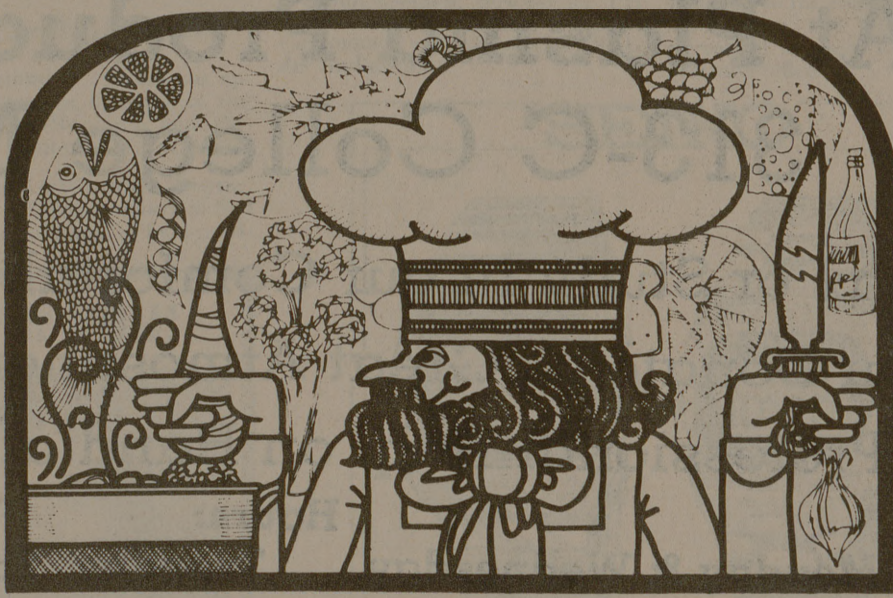
Statistics for the mid-September through mid-November and January through mid-March season showed significant jumps in almost all categories.

The number of organizations recruiting rose 15 percent; the number of individual recruiters, 40 percent; the number of students requesting interviews, 43 percent; and the number of student interviews (14,107) was up 13 percent.

Van Pelt estimated that the individual recruiters spent an average of three days apiece on the Texas A&M campus.

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