

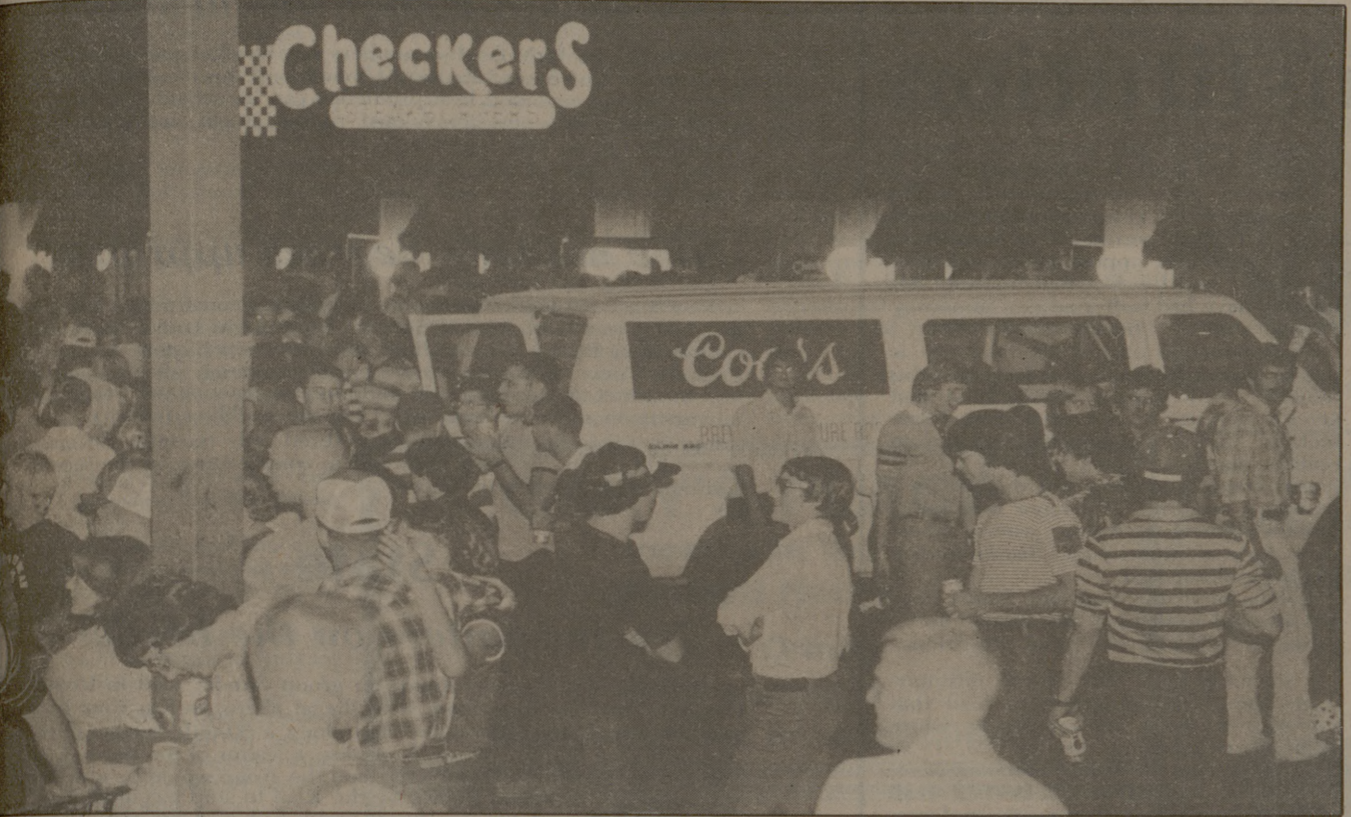
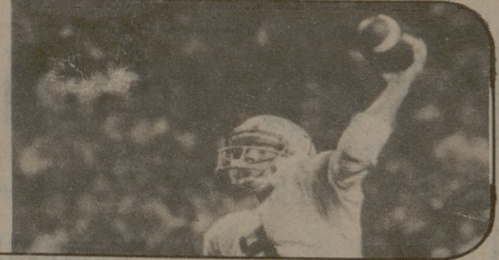
The Battalion

Vol. 71 No. 38
8 Pages

Monday, October 24, 1977
College Station, Texas

News Dept. 845-2611
Business Dept. 845-2611

Inside Today:
College Station officer specializes in juvenile cases, p. 3.
Landlord-tenant relationships given the legal treatment, p. 5.
Aggies win despite missed opportunities, p. 7.



Waiting for midnight yell

Battalion photo by Bernard Gor

Some A&M fans who traveled to Houston for the Rice game attended midnight yell practice at the "Checkers" club instead of the traditional Hermann Park location. But one tradition was unbroken Friday night, as the beer truck in the picture indicates.

Lighting and power officials learn never to say 'never'

Officials of the nation's light and power companies are learning to avoid two phrases as they survey the thin electrical web their technology has stretched between filiation and the shadows of the dark ages. They do not say, "Only in New York." They do not say, "It can't happen here." Since July 13, when a sudden blackout plunged New York City into 25 hours of anarchy, looting and arson, they check, they re-check, and they worry. "You're playing probabilities," said Dave Rayburn of Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. in Oklahoma City. "You can have all the backup systems in the world and something goes flooey..." At least for the short term, we're in good shape... into the next decade there may be trouble," said Carl Horne of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Officials of the San Antonio Public Service Co. learned the hard way that it could happen in their city. They were almost 100 per cent sure it couldn't after the New York disaster. The city was protected not only by its own modern back-up system, but by a regional network in which nine other Texas utilities could come to the rescue. The power men deemed a blackout "extremely unlikely." Yet, at 7:07 p.m. on Oct. 16, the lights went out. In a faint but grim echo from the sidewalks of New

York, scattered looting followed. It came nowhere near the \$1 billion-plus rampage that devastated New York's decaying inner city, but it was frightening. "Who would have thought this kind of situation would have developed?" said Bob McCulloch of the City Public Service Co. "You can never be 100 per cent sure." Jacksonville, Fla., also got its taste of darkness, though Hubert Chapman, director of the city's electric authority, refuses to use the term "blackout." He said the problem, on Sept. 22, was a "brownout" because the downtown area never was without power. Still, suburban areas were dark for as long as four hours. "I will not tell you it can't happen again," he said. "Although generating stations are super-grounded, lighting could cause a blackout in Jacksonville under certain conditions." Boston also had its blackout blues on Oct. 5 when a four-square-mile area was plunged into darkness. The duration was short and Boston was spared a looting spree, but it seemed to be part of a growing malaise. Los Angeles and San Francisco are two metropolitan areas in which an extended power failure might trigger the terror that sacked some New York neighborhoods. Carl Osborn of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power worried about the opposition of environmentalists to construction of new coal and nuclear power plants — "the only energy sources we can count on for the next 10 to 20 years."

"The lead times are very long and plants should be under construction, and they're not," he said. "At least for the short term we're in good shape... but into the next decade, there may be some trouble." A Pacific Gas & Electric spokesman in San Francisco said his city, unlike New York, is not an isolated entity and can fall back on "multiple lines" fed by California, Washington and Oregon. "Con Ed in New York is an island in a sense, with power coming in from three or four outside sources," he said. "When it cannot draw from them there is that domino effect." "Since the first great New York blackout in the 60s, we've had seven events... which were larger than those that triggered the New York blackouts, yet by immediately isolating areas by shedding load, we have caused no more than a flicker of lights for most of our customers." Richard Dwyer of the Duquesne Light Co. in Pittsburgh was not so optimistic. "Anything is possible," he said. "We don't think it's probable... No way human error or mechanical errors can be prevented. There's always a possibility of an accident anywhere." Stephen Jones, of the Missouri Public Service Co. which is "spread rather thin" where power plants are concerned, also was a worried man.

Terrorists avenging deaths of comrades

United Press International
ROME — Leftist terrorists wounded a Milan city councilman, planted a pipe bomb that maimed a policeman and fire-bombed West German property through-

out Italy and France Sunday in their campaign to avenge the deaths of three West German comrades. Carlo Arienti, 31, a Milan councilman, was shot eight times outside his home by two men and a woman as he left for church. Doctors said Arienti — hit seven times in the legs and once in the chest — was in satisfactory condition despite extensive internal damage. A pipe bomb found in front of a Mercedes-Benz automobile dealership in the northern town of Brescia blew off the hand of a policeman trying to dismantle it, police said. Since Andreas Baader, co-founder of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist gang, and two cohorts were reported to have committed suicide in their prison cells last Tuesday, radical leftists throughout Europe have retaliated by destroying West German property and attacking those they view as German sympathizers. An anonymous telephone caller claiming to represent the Red Brigades terrorist group told the Italian news agency ANSA that the attack on Arienti was linked to the Baader-Meinhof deaths. "I am from the Red Brigades," ANSA quoted the caller as saying. "This morning one of our commando teams wounded Carlo Arienti, a man of the Christian Democrats in the service of the chiefs. "Honor to our West German comrades killed by German imperialism. Remember that in the end nothing will remain unpunished," the caller said. Police also investigated two telephone threats against West German embassy personnel by anonymous callers claiming to represent the Red Brigades and another extremist group. "The German ambassador in Italy has been condemned. The sentence will be carried out by firing squad," one of the callers reportedly said.

Magazine reports German terrorist predicted deaths

United Press International
BONN, West Germany — One of three German terrorists found dead in their prison cells last week had predicted he and his comrades would be "bumped off," the magazine Der Spiegel reported Monday. Andreas Baader, his mistress Gudrun Gossin and Jan-Carl Raspe also told members of the radical Red Army Faction they founded that if they died in jail their followers should assume they had been ordered, the magazine said. West German authorities said the three committed suicide last Tuesday in despair at government commandos had smashed a hijacking plot to free them. But, according to Der Spiegel, Baader told his lawyer at the height of the drama, before there is really an exchange of hostages, we will be bumped off." His girlfriend, a preacher's daughter, told her lawyer several months earlier she expected the three would be killed, it said, and the terrorists relayed the message to the Red Army Faction that their deaths should be viewed as murders. "Should one of the prisoners be murdered, we will answer immediately at home and abroad," an RAF bulletin said in September. Baader and Raspe shot themselves and Gossin hanged herself, West German authorities said. Der Spiegel said investigators who have questioned more than 100 prisoners, guards and their relatives have not ruled out bribery as the explanation for how the terrorists obtained pistols.

Students learn art of bartending

By LINDA NORMAN
Learning to make "Tootsie Rolls," "Gold Cadillacs" and "Jaws" is what some Aggies are doing to broaden their education. It's all part of the bartending class offered this semester through Free University at Texas A&M. "The object is to give them a brief idea of what bartending is about," said Tom Nolan, class instructor and owner of T J's, a local restaurant and lounge. The course consists of four sessions. The first three classes are lectures, and the fourth is a lab that meets at T J's. Students learn how to use the tools of the trade such as blenders, shaker cups, mixers, cocktail boxes and soda guns in the lecture sessions. They also learn the proper use of glassware and garnishes to make a drink attractive to the public. Students pick two drinks out of the 53 recipes given in class to make for their lab session. Choices range from ice cream drinks, such as the "Banana Banshee," to a beer and tequilla drink like a "Skip and Go Naked."

tender didn't have to have as good a knowledge of liquors and liqueurs as they have to now," Nolan said. The restaurant and bartending business is growing rapidly, and more people are drinking with dinner. There is a move toward more fancy, exotic drinks with less of an alcohol taste, he said. People want to buy something they would not make for themselves at home. "I think most of them (students) are taking it just for fun, but a few are interested in jobs," Nolan said about his class of 50 members. Some

just want to learn how to stock a good at-home bar. "Just to be the life of the party," was Mary Ling's reason for taking the class. She is a sophomore education major. "It's a good thing to know in general, and it may lead to a job," said Robby Hafernik, a junior aerospace engineering major. "I took it mostly because my weekend entertainment includes drinking, and it's just something new," said Ronnie Skala. He is a freshman Agricultural Engineering major.

"I wouldn't mind trying it out as a job," Debbie Uptmore said. The senior in health and occupational therapy said she likes to experiment with drinks. "Waitress and bartending jobs are prestigious jobs now," Nolan said. "They are rewarding, and offer good salaries. A good free-pour bartender is worth his weight in gold," he said. Nolan said he was teaching the class mainly because Free University talked him into it, but said he was trying to strike up a little bit of interest in the business. "It's been a lot of fun," he said.



Battalion photo by Kathy Curtis

Bartender Gary Cooper (right) watches Charles Fiedler concoct a "banana split," while other bartending students look on. Fiedler, a senior in

civil engineering, is a member of the Free University bartending class, which has "labs" meeting at T J's club.