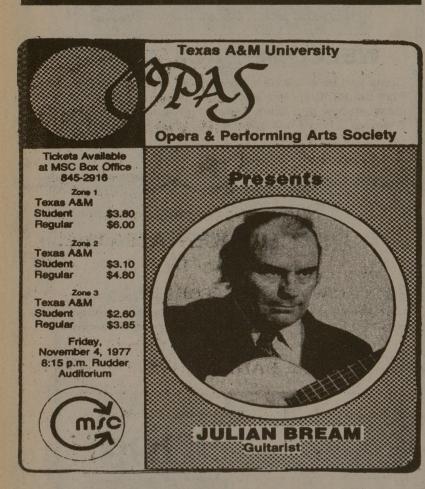
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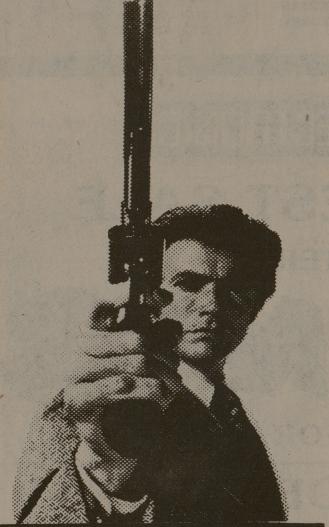
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Emergency medical services improved spe

In recent years, local governments, community groups and education systems have become active in upgrading emergency medical services and facilities in the Bryan-

College Station area.

Texas A&M University offers a health education course to train emergency medical technicians (EMTs). With an outline from the Texas Department of Health Resources, the course requires 80 hours of classroom training, 40 hours of hospital training and five ambulance runs with the Houston Fire Department, working with Houston EMTs and paramedics. Students do research papers, hear lectures from physicians, nurses, and other medical specialists.

An eight hour course at the fireman's training school to work with extracation of victims from a burning building and other forms of light

rescue is also required. Bandaging and splinting techniques, work with mechanical breathing aids (oxygen bags and masks, suction units, airways), taking and monitoring vital signs, transporting victims, and sometimes even help with suturing of victims in emergency room situations are

The course is limited to 30 applicants who are selected according to need. "In a job with emergency needs, parks and recreation majors for instance, those working with a rescue squad, or pre-med peoplethey're taken first," said Laura Kitzmiller, director of emergency care programs through the Health and Physical Education Depart-

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(cardio-pulmonary resuscitation), a life sustaining measure combining heart massage and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to sustain circulation of oxygenated blood until advanced therapy can can be given. Kitzmiller taught the technique to nurses at St. Joseph and Bryan hospitals and the staff at Beutel Health Center. Members of the Woman's Club of Bryan and the College Station Community Education group completed the six hours of CPR training and 12 more hours to qualify as in-

structors. In September the Woman's Club began a series of CPR courses open to the public. Sixteen members are certified as instructors by the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross. Offering two daytime classes and one night class each month, they have certified

more than 100 people.

To be certified, the student must pass a written test and perform one man and two man CPR on special mannequins which give a print-out to show if pressure is properly applied to the heart and an adequate volume of air blown into the lungs. Certification lasts for only one year because "the procedure changes as they make new discoveries and, quite frankly, people forget" Whit-

ing said.
The Woman's Club wants to teach CPR to one out of four people in the community. "I might be the next one to keel over; I'd want someone there who knows what to do. For all I know about CPR, it won't do me

any good then," Whiting said.
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Kitzmiller also teaches CPR heart attack and en route to the hospital, could save 100,000 lives a year according to the American Heart Association. In 1974 the National Research Council found that more than one third of accident fatalities in the United States occur at the scene or within minutes after arrival in the emergency room.
Dr. Henry C. Huntley of the U.

S. Public Health Services said, "the care provided during the first hour

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entire subsequent episode."

Ambulance attendants are usually the first to arrive at an emergency scene. For the city of College Station, Texas A&M University, and south Brazos County, ambulance service is provided by the College Station Fire Department. The ambulance service is certified by the state and listed in the state registry. It is required to carry specific equipment ranging from traction splints, oxygen tanks, and poison kits to pillows and safety pins.

The Fire Department has 24 EMTs and assigns a minimum of two to each vehicle. There are two ambulances now and a third is expected in January

'Anytime an ambulance makes a run, emergency medical techniques are used, — whether it be splinting fractures, taking vital signs, or recognizing diabetes or heart attacks, said Bill Schaer, ambulance super-

We spend time at the scene trying to stabilize the victim, stopping severe bleeding or whatever problem may be. That's the whole idea of this EMS program: stabilize first, then transport. People always seem to wonder 'Why are you still here?" Schaer said

After working with the victim and before leaving the scene, attendants call the hospital emergency room and tell them the extent of the injuries and estimated time of arrival

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them in the back and race off' doesn't apply anymore," he emphasized.

The Mid-Tex Ambulance Service is a private enterprise serving Bryan and Brazos County. It operates four ambulances, with a fifth vehicle on the way. The new ambulance will be able to transport six stretcher victims. Two attendants are on duty at all times, at least one of which is an EMT. The service is certified by the state and carries the required

equipment. Brazos was one of seven surrounding counties whose services were upgraded in the last three With federal funds of nearly \$280,000 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare matched by local funds, these counties entered a five-year program to improve emergency medical care.

The EMS program was coordinated through the Brazos Valley Development Council. During the first three years; hospitals upgraded their emergency room equipment and ambulance attendants trained as Emergency Care Attendants and

At least one hospital in each county has a radio in the emergency

lances. Seven emergency ve were bought and distribu Brazos, Bryan and Madison ties. Three EMT schools we fered in Brazos County and 65 people were trained. The step this basic life support phase completed in three years, end June. EMS program director! Nelson said the goals of this pl were to make it possible for a victor receive basic first aid and print emergency care within 15 minus and be taken to a well-equip

emergency aid cemter. The program did not contin into the next phase, advanced support. This part involves vanced EMTs or paramedics li turn calls for more equipment ambulances and a doctor in the pital emergency room 24 hour day. "Being rural and the economic of it (advanced life support) kepts from going forward. It's very every sive and tax dollars would have support it," Nelson said. The must be a certain volume of a dents and emergency situations keep the training current and ma the investment worthwhile, New said. "I think it's coming,"

Local research project seeks more coal uses

More uses for coal may result from the research of Texas A&M University chemists who are looking at new ways to break up the coal molecule.

Some of these coal-derived products, such as methane, butane and propane can be used as heating and cooking fuels, while other organic chemicals, presently obtained from petroleum, could also be removed from coal," explained Dr. C.S. Giam, head of the project being funded by the Energy Reearch and Development Administration (ERDA). Some of these chemicals are ultimately used to prepare plastics, medicines and a variety of modern products."

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Lignite is a major energy raterial in Texas. More than 10 lion tons have been mapped, e alent to 277 billion barrels of More than 200 million tons of li have been discovered in Bryan-College Station area.

The fundamental molecular ture of coal still remains to be pletely explained. It is believed be a complex, high moleculary weight polymer of irregular and definite structure. We want to use a more sel-

process to cleave the coal poly nto small, useful mole chunks," Giam said. "Presenthrough thermal degradation, can be converted to a gas thats stitutes for natural gas, or to lie resembling gasoline by a variet liquification techniques.

However, this is too draw process to get at the lar fragments such as butane or zene," he added. "We propos use less energetic but more tive processes to produce large particles.

Giam says the project's obje is efficient and evironmentally ceptable use of coals, particularly Texas lignite, as a source of ligand gaseous fuels and organic characteristics.

A drive home best forgotte 01

RICHMOND, England -John Oliver, a technician attack to the Royal Armored Corps to The Ding regiment, had one too manyal dence party recently and says he car

after he left. Maybe it's a good thing. According to testimony he court Tuesday, here's what he

would have remembered: He decided to take a joy ride the party and chose as his vehicle

60-ton tank. The court heard that Oliver the tank from a hangar at Catte Garrison and drove it stra through the hangar doors. It tened signs, tore up fences and stroyed two miles of roadway. Finally the tank veered are toward the highway with milita

police cars following it. "The people in pursuit were liged, in the interests of their safety, to leave their vehicles follow on foot," the prosecuting torney said.

Oliver, 25, who said the enti cident was "vague," pleaded g to nine charges arising from the ride: assault, causing criminal age, driving without a license insurance, dangerous driving, ing with excess alcohol and taki tank without the owner's cons He was fined \$2,000.

Capt. Roger Jagger, Olive superior, told the court the d dant had been "of good mile character" until recently, but future in the army has not been cided as yet.'



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