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Ambulance service may need aid

- Is a public or a private ambulance service best? Bryan and College Station have different systems, each with advocates and critics. See page 11 for details.
- Cadets are tripping to Dallas this weekend. See page 5.
- The only woman on death row in Texas is now off. See page 7.

Strike, riots cripple Iranian oil industry

United Press International
TEHRAN, Iran — A general strike against the shah Tuesday completely shut down Iran's \$20 billion-a-year oil industry, which supplies both the United States and the Soviet Union with fuel, newspapers reported.

The shutdown was total, the Kayhan newspaper reported. Major oil wells in southern Iranian fields stopped producing crude and the world's largest integrated refinery at Abadan has stopped refining most products, it said. Two major petrochemical complexes at Bandar Shahpour and at Bid Boland have been idled, shutting off natural gas exports to the Soviet Union.

The shutdown was caused by a break in talks between the chief executive of the National Iranian Oil Company, Houshang Ansary, and the workers who demanded an end to the martial law decreed by the shah, release of political prisoners and immediate trials of officials accused of corruption. Another 26 casualties were reported in a clash in the west Iranian town of Pol-E-Zahab.

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Home away from home

Stadium punts date

By CLAY WEBER
Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M University's first home football game next fall will not be a home game at all.

Problems with the deadline for completion of the Kyle Field seating expansion

project have forced moving the Texas A&M-Brigham Young football game to Rice Stadium in Houston. Game time on Sept. 8 has not been set.

Kyle Field is expected to be ready for the Texas A&M-University of Houston football game Oct. 13.

According to interim Athletic Director Marvin Tate, the change was necessary to accommodate both of the construction companies that made bids on the project. The two were Temple and Associates of Diboll and H.B. Zachry Co. of San Antonio.

Tate said the two companies were concerned over the short amount of time in which they would have to complete the project. Work is scheduled to begin after the Texas Christian University football game Nov. 25. The seating expansion project will add some 16,000 seats to Kyle Field, bringing the capacity to about 72,000.

Also included in the project is the addition of new physical education facilities and improvements to G. Rollie White Coliseum. Tate said that part of the project, scheduled for completion in January 1979, would not be affected.

"We are asking a tough job of the construction company even with the time extension we gave them," Tate said. "In talking with the two companies before they made their bids on the project, they had each expressed concern with the tight schedule and decided they needed an extra 35 days." The interim athletic director said he could not foresee any further delays.

Tate said Rice Stadium was chosen as the site for the game because it is near to Texas A&M and also because Rice University will be playing in Dallas and the University of Houston will be playing on the West Coast — making the Texas A&M-Brigham Young game the only major college contest in the area that weekend. He noted that Texas A&M has many supporters in the Houston area and will have no trouble drawing a large crowd.

Picketers cause company to leave

Picketing painters apparently have won protest against a subcontractor working the Texas A&M University library addition.

Painters' Union Local 130 picketed various entrances to the campus Monday and Tuesday, charging Palar Inc. of Houston with paying substandard wages. Palar was hired by Spaw Glass Inc., also of Houston, for interior painting in the addition. Palar signed two non-union workers to the

should any union problems arise. The clause was included at the insistence of the contractor, Crane said, because work was behind on the addition, and Spaw Glass wanted to avoid any delays that might result from labor disputes.

Crane said his employees were being paid a dollar an hour more than the \$9.27 per hour standard wage set by the National Labor Relations Board.

He added that the picketers were operating illegally since they picketed entrances other than the one designated specifically for Palar's use. He said that as a result, union workers who normally enter through the other gates refused to cross the picket lines, resulting in a work loss to the contractor.

Crane said he would take no action against the painters' union for the loss of the contract. "As far as I'm concerned," he said, "that job's over."

A spokesman with Spaw Glass said no decision has been made yet on whether union or non-union painters would be hired to finish the work started by Palar three weeks ago.

Group trick-or-treats for fund



Battalion photo by Steve Lee

Mari Ward, a senior applied math major from Bryan, helps Brad Pruden of Fort Worth with his Halloween make-up. The two are members of Bread for the World, a student organization that supports the United Nations Children's Education Fund (UNICEF) with donations. The group went trick-or-treating for UNICEF Tuesday night.

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Battalion photos by Lynn Blanco and Michelle Scudder

The Winning Bee?

Shelley Cox went to the Pumpkin Carving Contest in front of Rudder Complex with an idea in mind. She was dressed as a bumble-bee and carved a

pumpkin to match. And Cox won the event with her creation — a bumble-bee pumpkin, which was auctioned off for \$6.25. The event was on Halloween.

AFL-CIO wants wage control

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The AFL-CIO Tuesday urged President Carter to call a special session of Congress to enact mandatory wage and price controls instead of the voluntary guidelines the president has introduced.

AFL-CIO President George Meany announced the decision at a news briefing following a morning session of the federation's 35-member Executive Council. The

council waited for more than a week after Carter had unveiled his program to render its opinion.

"We do not like controls," said Meany. "We do not welcome government operation of the market place. But recession is worse; runaway inflation is worse."

The Executive Council, considered the most influential panel in organized labor, said such a mandatory control program should be across the board.

"It is our belief that this matter is of such urgency that the president should call a special session of the Congress for the development of a full and fair controls program," Meany added.

In a background paper released after the council session, the AFL-CIO said Carter's program to hold down wage increases "does not take appropriate account of the rate of inflation and requires workers to forgo any share in productivity gains."

It said the 7 percent wage cap per year was "arbitrary" and quoted a White House representative as telling labor leaders the figure was "pulled out of the air."

"In spite of all its shortcomings, the 1971 Nixon control program dealt more fairly with wage and fringe benefit adjustments," the statement said in reference to the mandatory controls instituted by President Richard Nixon.

In the past, Meany criticized both voluntary and mandatory wage-price controls, but made it clear he prefers the latter after learning the administration planned merely guidelines.

Other labor leaders, including Teamster President Frank Fitzsimmons, have taken

a "wait and see" attitude toward the plan, although expressing doubt it can succeed.

The council session comes one day after Jack Carlson, chief economist for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, assailed Carter's plan to have industry voluntarily hold down prices and unions adhere to a 7 percent annual wage hike.

"The imposition of wage and price guideline controls have created the most negative response of any government policy announcement in recent history," Carlson said, noting that the dollar abroad has reached new lows and domestic stocks have declined.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics Monday reported idleness due to strikes during the first nine months of this year reached 32.6 million work days, the highest level since 1974.

It said the average of 2 days idle per thousand working days was attributed mainly to the soft coal strike at the beginning of the year and the recent nationwide railroad walkout.

Also on Monday, the Commerce Department reported its index of leading indicators rose 0.9 percent last month — the largest gain since April and the second healthy monthly advance in a row.

The increase appeared to offer additional evidence to support predictions the economy should maintain its moderate growth in coming months.

The 12 components in the index — such as stock prices, building permits and money supply — are used to measure changes in general economic activity and to anticipate future trends.

Absentee vote ends Friday; mail ballots available here

Absentee voting for the November state and local elections ends Friday.

Persons living in Brazos County desiring to vote absentee in another county should take their voter registration cards to the county clerk's office located at the Brazos County Courthouse by 5 p.m. Friday.

Mail ballots must be returned by 1 p.m. Nov. 7 to be valid.

Since absentee voting opened on Oct. 18, 380 persons have voted in Brazos County. This return is average, says John J. Stasney, absentee judge. He adds that the county clerk's office is predicting 1,100 persons will have voted by Friday's deadline.