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Off-season training

What do professional football players do in the off-season? At least one is working toward a college degree.

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Choosing to be beggars

Mr. and Mrs. Peachum's shop supplies clothing for beggars who wish to be dressed to fit their role. Here Mrs. Peachum (Kayce Glasse) and a prospective beggar, Filch (Jorge del Angel), toss some of the merchandise about. The two appear in the Aggie

Players' production of Threepenny Opera, which begins today in Rudder Theater at 8 p.m. and runs through Saturday. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for others.

Battalion photo by Lynn Blanco

China halts attack; Viets claim victory

United Press International
BANGKOK, Thailand — Vietnam's prime minister has predicted a complete victory over Chinese invaders, whose penetration appeared today to have halted 6 miles inside Vietnamese territory.

However, Western intelligence experts monitoring the battles between the Asian enemies said today reports of a Chinese withdrawal from Vietnam "appear a little premature."

Combat planes from both the Chinese and Vietnamese air forces resumed air strikes again at dawn today, intelligence sources said. Analysts said the strikes appeared aimed at troop concentrations.

There was no sign, however, that Hanoi intended to commit its regular forces to the front against China. Vietnam is believed to have just four reserve combat divisions — roughly 35,000 soldiers — between Hanoi and the Chinese frontier to the north.

The Vietnam News Agency distributed the text of a speech by Prime Minister Pham Van Dong, delivered Sunday in Cambodia. "The Vietnamese people will absolutely win final victory," Dong said. Vietnam said it had "wiped out" 3,500 Chinese troops and 80 tanks.

Professional analysts in Bangkok said Vietnamese army regulars had been held back since the Chinese invasion began last Saturday, and the Peking forces had met opposition only from militia, guerrillas and other Vietnamese irregular forces.

"China seems on the edge of a decision now," said one source today. "They can push ahead and try to force the Vietnamese to commit those divisions, or they can pull out."

There were widespread — but unconfirmed — reports Peking had already ordered a phased withdrawal of its troops from Vietnam.

But, "those reports appear a little pre-

mature," said a Western source in Bangkok today.

In Tokyo, Japanese Foreign Minister Sanao Sonoda told Parliament today Japan's Embassy in China had been told Peking felt it "was forced" to invade Vietnam.

Radio Hanoi and other official Vietnamese media, which first reported the invasion had halted Sunday, today reported continued fighting along the 450-mile-wide border with China.

It said Chinese troops used "chemical shells" in attacks on four eastern Vietnamese districts, but gave no further details.

In Vietnam's northwestern corner province capital of Lao Cai, 155 miles from Hanoi, Vietnamese forces destroyed two Chinese pontoon bridges across the Red and Nam Thi rivers, "throwing hundreds of Chinese troops into the turbulent water," Radio Hanoi said.

Russia blames U.S., Japan for prompting China attack

United Press International
MOSCOW — The Soviet Union accused the United States today of encouraging the Chinese attack on Vietnam and said the Carter administration's comments on the war have been hypocritical and ambivalent.

The Communist Party daily, Pravda, in an editorial labeled "aggressor in the pilory," said the timing of the Chinese attack was "determined by the position taken by

Western powers and Japan" during Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping's visit to the United States.

The article, according to Pravda, was by Alexei Petrov, a pseudonym that indicates it was written at a higher government level and channeled to Pravda for publication. The Tass news agency ran a translation of the article early today.

"The timing of the incursion into Vietnam was determined by the position taken by some Western powers and Japan. During Teng Hsiao-ping's recent trip to Washington and Tokyo he bluntly revealed plans to teach Vietnam a bloody lesson," it said.

"In talks with some of his American friends Teng went even farther and divulged details of these plans. It is not ruled out that (his) American friends, and this is how he calls them now, answered with frankness to frankness. There were those among these friends who would like to teach Vietnam a lesson and belatedly punish the Vietnamese for the ignominy-

ous defeat sustained by the American military in Vietnam."

There was no indication in Moscow Monday the Soviet Union planned to move against China, although it repeated its ultimatum issued a day earlier that Peking should pull out of Vietnam "before it is too late."

A report from an unofficial Soviet source said the Soviet army had canceled all leaves and ordered soldiers to return to barracks, although Western military specialists said they saw no evidence of a step up in military activity.

The Pravda commentary noted that during Teng's visit to the United States, his plans to launch an attack on Vietnam were apparent.

"Sounding more than ambiguous against the background of Peking's perfidious aggression against a socialist country are the hypocritical calls by the United States to all sides to display restraint, although this appeal should have been clearly addressed to China."

Miller says research vital to curb hunger

United Press International
DALLAS — Texas A&M University President Jarvis E. Miller Monday said science and technology will be important in any short-term plan to cure problems of world hunger, but that controlling the population is the long-term goal.

Miller, keynoting a hearing of the President's Commission on World Hunger, said a commitment on the parts of world governments to cure hunger is essential. "Over the short term — the next generation — I believe that the United States, Canada and Western Europe can develop the know-how and production capability to supply the food deficiencies of the less developed countries," Miller said.

"But they can do this only with a massive commitment of resources to support research and development. While the problem is one of production, the distribution, the marketing and the ability of the less developed countries to pay the farmers of the producer countries for the products they need also are essential."

He said one way to attack the problem of worldwide food shortages is to increase the influence of all countries. "The U.S. government must assist in

solving this problem by helping the governments in less developed countries train their people to develop small industries, tourism and relatively small but economically viable farms," he said.

"In addition, we could help them develop internal credit and market structures whereby they could finance, produce and sell their products at some level of profit."

However, Miller said, "Over the long term, nothing is more important than finding and implementing ways to stabilize the growth rate." He added that there is an indication that greater affluence results in fewer births.

Miller recently initiated action to increase Texas A&M's programs of agricultural and technical assistance abroad. He said more programs are needed such as the one contemplated between Texas A&M's Agricultural Experiment Station and its Agricultural Extension Service and the government of Saudi Arabia. He said the Saudi government has expressed interest in a chain of agricultural experiment stations throughout its country, and that Texas A&M would help the Saudis organize it.

MSC Council chooses more officers for '79

Six new Memorial Student Center Council officers were elected last night to join President Brooks Herring in heading up the 30th MSC Council.

Keith Shurtleff was elected coordinator of funds, Steve Stayer director of operations and Mary Elizabeth Herring comptroller.

The vice president of administration is Brian Gross; vice president of programs is Teresa Beshara, and director of projects is Cindy Williams.

Two offices, the vice president of finance and director of public relations, were left open for further applicants who can start applying in two weeks. Responsibilities of council members include advising in the operations of the MSC Complex as well as serving as a policy-making body for the 20 MSC programming committees.

A&M police step up towing of violators

By JEAN LONGSERRE
Battalion Reporter

Texas A&M University police have begun a "tow-away" program this month to rid the campus of unregistered cars that have been given an "excessive" number of tickets and chronic illegal parkers.

Russ McDonald, University Police chief, defined excessive tickets as more than three, and chronic illegal parkers as students who have registered their cars, but have more than five unpaid tickets.

"We have too many unregistered vehicles that are operating regularly on campus," McDonald said. "If we can get the unregistered vehicles off campus, the people who paid to park here won't have the parking problem they do now."

McDonald said parking is available, but most people park where they want to, regardless of legality.

"People just don't like to park far away from campus," he said. "The \$5 fine doesn't seem to mean anything to them."

McDonald said the University uses A-1 Wrecker Service in Bryan to tow the cars.

The cars are taken from the University to the wrecker service's shop, where a person must pay \$20 for release of his car. "We have always towed vehicles for chronic violations, but we are just towing more because we are getting tired of all the unregistered vehicles on campus, as well as the chronic violators," McDonald said. "So far this month, we have towed maybe 100 vehicles."

McDonald said the usual number of cars towed is fewer than 25 per month. "We don't like to do this because it is so time-consuming," he said. "If we tow 100 cars we lose about 100 man hours."

McDonald said that one reason for the slow process is that the car's contents and damages must be inventoried before the car is towed away.

"We do this to protect ourselves, the students, and the wrecking service," he said. "As long as we have these records, we can't be held responsible for any damages or lost items that were not the result of the towing."

McDonald said the towing program also aids in collecting on unpaid tickets.

"When the students go down to the wrecker service, they have to identify themselves to get their cars," he said. "We send down an officer to get those identities, so that we can bill the violators for their unpaid tickets."

McDonald said illegally parked cars will be towed away more than once if necessary.

"If a violator parks on campus again, then we will keep towing away his car until he gets the message," he said. "All they have to do is come in here, pay their fine and buy a parking permit."

McDonald said the parking permits are prorated. "They go down in price the first of every month," he said.

The price of a student parking permit valid from February to May is \$12.

'Shades of the Twenties' theme

Friday fair lasts 'til 3 a.m.

By LORI SHULER
Battalion Reporter

Pillow fights. Tricycle drag races. Massages.

Those aren't scenes from an X-rated film. Friday night, 80 campus organizations will turn the Memorial Student Center into the fourth annual All Nite Fair, complete with all of the above.

The title of the theme of this year's fair is "Shades of the Twenties." It will include three performances by the Loco Motion Acrobatic Circus at 9 p.m., 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. in the MSC lounge. The Circus is coming in conjunction with the Recreation Committee and will also have a "teaser" performance Friday afternoon.

The fair, which will last from 7

p.m. to 3 a.m., will also include judo and dance demonstrations, sponge throwing, a cake walk and a plant walk and many other booths and activities. There will be a 50 cent cover charge, and 10 cents per ticket will be charged to participate in some activities.

In addition to giving prizes at the booths, the All Nite Fair Committee will choose winners for the best booths and twenties costumes.

Mary Helen Vetter, chairman of the All Nite Fair Committee, said the fair has grown from 35 committees in 1975 to the 80 organizations involved this year. The first fair was the Centennial Fair, held in celebration of Texas A&M's 100th anniversary in 1976.

Vetter said the first two fairs

lasted all night. But it was found that activity falls off by 3 a.m., so the hours were shortened.

Last year 6,800 people attended the fair, and this year Vetter expects at least 7,000.

David Ruiz, a member of the All Nite Fair Committee, said the fair is improving because groups outside the MSC are participating.

Dorms and recognized organizations are invited to participate. But they must follow a few basic rules — no money or liquor for prizes, no messy activity and cleaning up when the fair is over.

Ruiz said one organization is planning to have participants shoot water guns at candles. It is setting up its own drainage system so as not to fall into the "messy" category.

Iran vows to crush groups that oppose Islam beliefs

United Press International
TEHRAN — Iran, faced with rising opposition to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Monday warned that it would ruthlessly crush "satanic" anti-Islamic external factions, apparently including the Communists.

And in a bizarre act of international diplomacy, it handed over the ransacked Israeli diplomatic mission to its new Moslem Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who did not one cup of oil would reach Israel from South Africa.

"We are celebrating the raising of our flag here on our first embassy, the Bureau of Palestine," Arafat said as he raised the red, black, white and green PLO flag over the balcony.

Deputy Premier Ibrahim Yazdi the question of whether Iran would follow this by giving the Palestinians direct aid such as money and weapons would be discussed at a later date.

Nearly 1,000 foreigners, mostly Americans and Britons, quit Iran Monday in the third day of a major evacuation. The British military airlift was virtually completed, but U.S. Embassy officials said their evacuation of up to 6,000 people would continue at least through Wednesday.

In a second government warning on the "sensitive" domestic situation, Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan told Communist-led oil workers the revolution

that drove the Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi from the throne would collapse unless the country began to export petroleum products shortly.

Bazargan, in a weekend interview, promised that Iran would resume exports as quickly as possible to most of its former customers — including the United States. But anti-Americanism still ran high in the country.

So far 9 out of 10 Iranian workers have obeyed the ayatollah's request to return to work — a major victory for the religious leader since many oil workers are considered leftist. Oil sources said 67,000 workers were back on the job and producing enough petroleum to meet domestic needs.

Khomeini issued a blunt warning to the nation today that a "very sensitive" situation still prevailed and "satanic elements" who are worse than the shah were still trying to create problems.

In an apparent reference to left-wing radicals and Communists he said, "I won't tolerate anyone who is anti-Islamic. We will crush them."

His remarks apparently were aimed specifically at the left-wing Fedayeen group that has refused to surrender weapons looted from army and police arsenals and that has reportedly been stirring up problems among oil workers in the south.