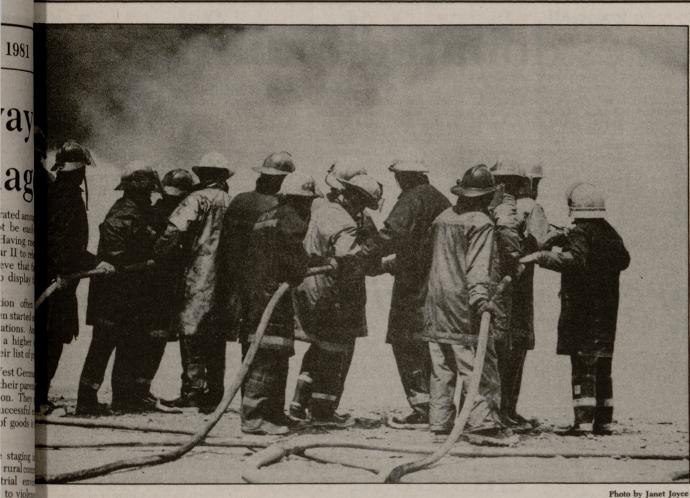
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Participants in the 52nd annual Texas Firemen's Training School, which starts next week, will be taught the latest in by the Texas Engineering Extension Service.

## Police investigate attack in Briggs

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Butation Staff an assault and a burglary occurred over the ekend in Briggs Hall, University Police lef Russ McDonald reported Tuesday. ice have not determined whether the incits are related, he said.

According to the University Police report, a ale student was sitting on her bed reading a ook when two black men, one older than the verage college age and one juvenile, entered room

According to the report, the older man sat own on her bed and pushed her down and eldher. The report said she screamed and the ubject placed his hand over her mouth. A erson walking in the hall heard the scream nd entered the room. The two men then fled n the dormitory, the report said.

descriptions furnished by the witnesses, the report said.

Briggs Head Resident Patty Johnson said that after the men left the room, the two women chased them down the stairs. The victim fell on the last flight of stairs and was taken to the A.P. Beutel Health Center where she was treated for a sprained ankle and released. The incident took place at 11:05 p.m. Friday. McDonald said he heard of another incident that occurred in the same area earlier that evening. He said a woman who was walking out of Briggs was confronted by two black men standing in the hallway. It was reported that one man grabbed her arm and she pulled away and ran into Aston Hall. McDonald said the

The investigating officers checked the area but were unable to locate anyone matching the screams and were informed of the assault by other Briggs' residents, McDonald said.

> A burglary also occurred over the weekend. McDonald said sometime between 5 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday, someone en-tered a first-floor room in Briggs and stole over \$3,000 worth of jewelry and cash. The women who live in the room were gone for the weekend but said the window was locked when they left.

There was no sign of forced entry and there were no witnesses, McDonald said.

Johnson said a dorm security meeting will be held in Briggs Thursday at 6:30 p.m. She said she will conduct the meeting and will stress the importance of keeping doors and windows locked and being aware of strangers, particularly males, in the hall.

#### School to begin 52nd year

# 4,100 firemen expected

Some people think Texas summers are just plain hot.

But none will believe it more than the 4,100 firefighters about to don heavy protective coats in July and sidle up to flames that raise the temperature of everything for a hundred yards around.

The firefighters begin gather-ing next week to learn the latest in battling blazes at the 52nd annual Texas Fireman's Training School, the largest and best-known program of its kind in the world.

The number of volunteer in-structors who pay their own way to the school plus the instructional conducts the program and the expected influx of visiting mayors, city council members and other officials should boost the threeweek training school enrollment

to over 5,500 this year. Chief Henry Smith, director of the TEEX Fire Protection Training Division, said about 2,900 students and instructors will attend the week-long municipal firefighters' course, always the largest, which starts Monday.

Classes for special industrial fire teams — those that battle flames in petrochemical plants, for example — should attract another 2,100 people while about 600 will show up for the international Spanish-speaking school which last year attracted firemen from 11 foreign countries, Smith said. Both courses are also a week long. Morning classroom instruction

is followed by fighting controlled fires set at Brayton Field — 60acres of facilities valued at more than \$7 million which include mock-ups of a ship deck, a tank truck, crashed jet fighters, apart-ments and chemical storage equipment — adjacent to the Texas A&M campus.

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Smith noted that since the firemen's school is the largest annual conference scheduled each year at Texas A&M, most of the university's conference facilities ar reserved for the training.

Smith said three new training areas will be discussed during the upcoming municipal school ---arson recognition and detection, techniques for battling grass and forest fires, and instruction in the use of the Texas Fire Incident Reporting System.

The reporting system uses computers to file information on fires.

Lectures are held on campus. spots," when and where flames nith noted that since the fire- are likely to break out and how personnel can best be used to prevent or battle the blazes.

The industrial and Spanishspeaking schools, beginning July 27 and Aug. 2 respectively, have

expanded including equipment maintenance, he said. TEEX is a state agency head-quartered at Texas A&M with regional centers and classes statewide. In addition to the large annual firemen's school, the TEEX fire protection arm also

conducts 24 regional fire schools annually and holds both industrial staff of the Texas Engineering Ex- From the data banks, patterns and volunteer training sessions tension Service (TEEX) which may emerge regarding "hot year-round at Brayton Feild.



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"We started off looking at diesel

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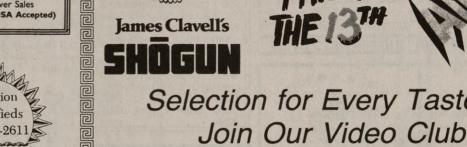
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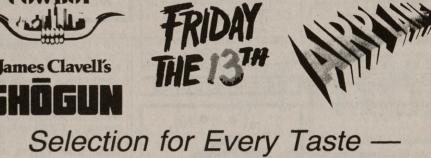
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said Soltes. "Both can be pro-

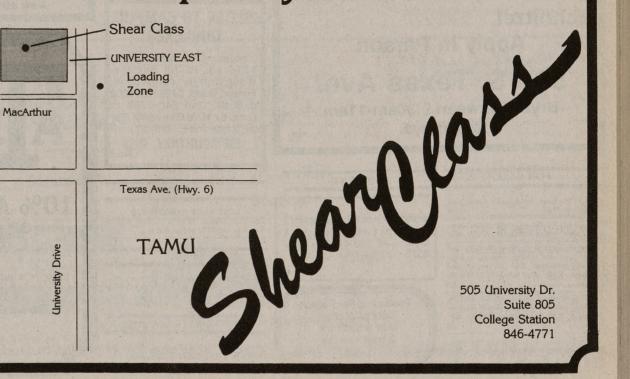
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