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Placement center assists job hunt

by Fara Alexander
Battalion Reporter

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The Career Planning and Placement Center, on the 10th floor of Rudder Tower, provides personal counseling for graduating seniors and opportunities for interviews with recruiters.

Placement directors are available to answer any questions seniors may have about searching for jobs and preparing resumes.

The most valuable resource of the Placement Center is recruiting, Assistant Director Judy

Vulliet said.

Last semester, more than 780 companies conducted more than 20,000 personal interviews.

Vulliet said the center expects a smaller group of 700 recruiters for the spring semester.

To qualify for interviews, students should be within three semesters of graduation, including summer sessions. They must also complete a resume registration packet filed with the center.

Eligible students must then have the graduation date and major requested by the recruiter, Vulliet said.

The requests of the recruiters and their interview dates on campus are filed in pink sheets that are available to students at the center.

If students meet the qualifications on a pink sheet, they may sign up for an interview, 14 days before that interview, at 6 p.m. on the second floor of Rudder Tower.

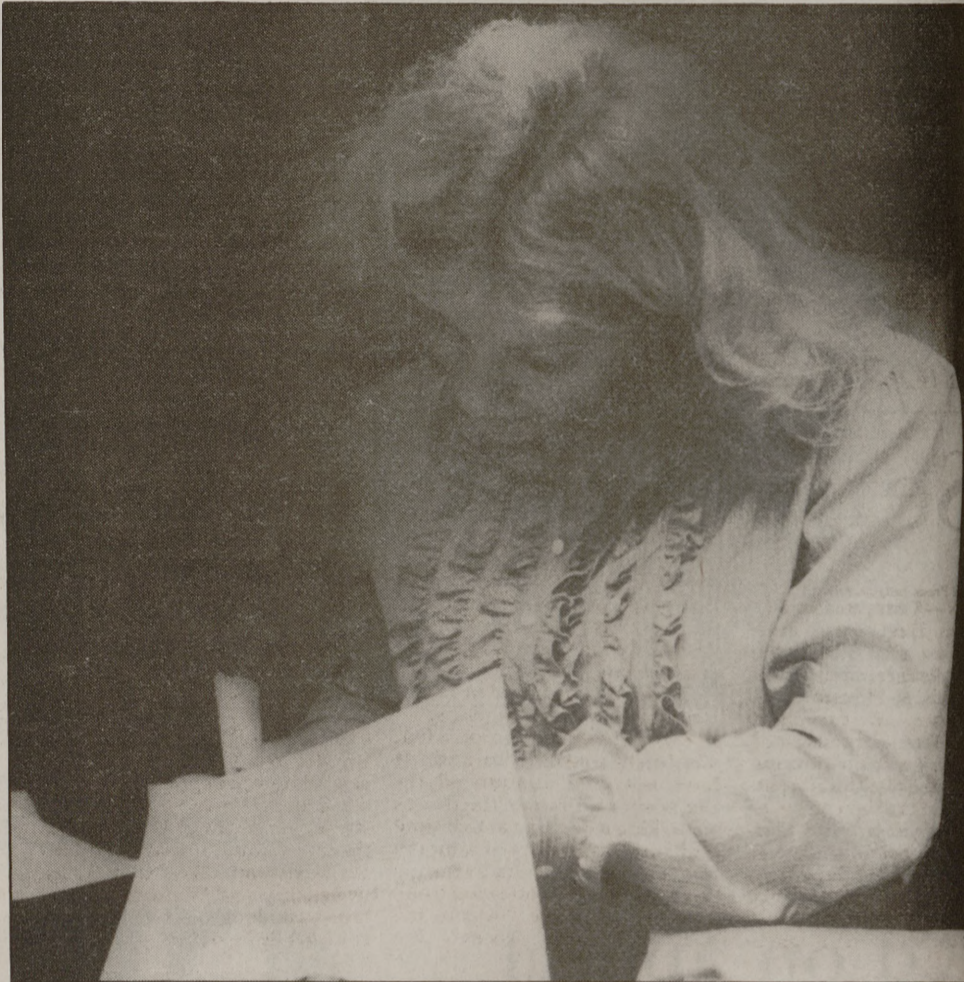
Students can sign an overflow sheet if the recruiters list is full. This sheet is consulted when someone cancels an interview on the recruiter's list.

Vulliet said students should come early for sign-ups and should bring a copy of their resume.

Participation in the interviews is worthwhile, she said, especially since recruiters are pleased with Texas A&M students.

"They like Aggies, and they keep coming back," she said.

Placement Center orientations, to acquaint seniors with the services of the center and the job search process, are scheduled weekdays through Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in 401 Rudder.



Amy Giesen, a senior industrial distribution major, signs up for her first round of interviews at the Placement Center on the tenth floor of Rudder Tower. Giesen, from

Gualala, Calif., said she hopes to graduate in August, but said she needed to be getting the feel for interviewing with prospective companies.

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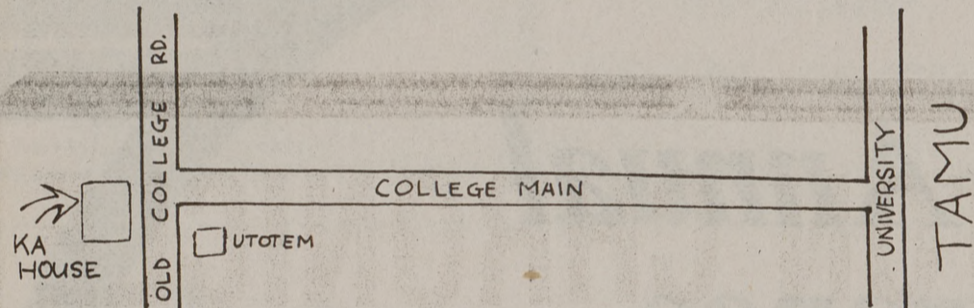
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School water heater explodes; blast kills 5, injures others

United Press International
SPENCER — A large water heater that apparently had been re-lit just hours earlier blew apart Tuesday afternoon and destroyed an elementary school cafeteria, killing five students and a teacher.

The explosion, which occurred during the lunch hour, injured 34 others, eight of them critically and eight more seriously,

and turned the cafeteria kitchen into a pile of rubble.

Investigators blamed a pressure buildup in the kitchen's large water heater, and Oklahoma City School Superintendent Tom Payzant confirmed it had been worked on earlier Tuesday.

"A call was made to maintenance to check the heater because the flame had gone out," Payzant said.

He said the maintenance department responded to the call, but investigators still were trying to find out why the heater exploded.

Overpressure in the water heater may have caused a steam explosion that blew the heater 30 yards north of the kitchen.

There was no fire associated

with the explosion.

The victims were identified as teacher Dinah Manroe, 34, and students Paul C. Motes, 7, Latasha M. Brown, 8, Marlow T. Wallace, 9, Gira M. Hitter, 10, and Kareem R. Manora, 8.

Officials said about 50 of the approximately 200 students who attend kindergarten through fourth-grade classes at the school were in the cafeteria at the time.

Parents came to the school to take their children home, and officials had trouble keeping a head count, but by late Tuesday everyone had been accounted for.

Kasey Bayless, who was buried with a number of other children under rubble, said it was like a dream. "There were

bricks on top of me," she tried to get up and it was hard to pull myself out.

Ambulance Supervisor Reggie Woods said: "The injuries were from projectiles — some fractures — Those who died 'were from shrapnel, if that's what you want to call it," he said.

The explosion left a hole in the cafeteria's north wall. A torn state flag still hung from its mast in the cafeteria.

Spared by the force of the explosion were paper snowflake decorating bulletin boards, small circular paper decorations that hung from the ceiling.

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