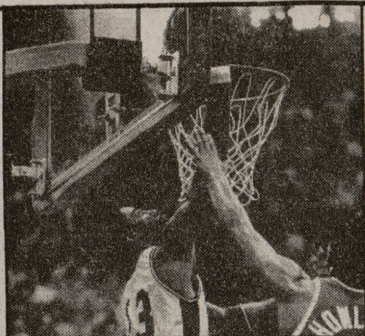


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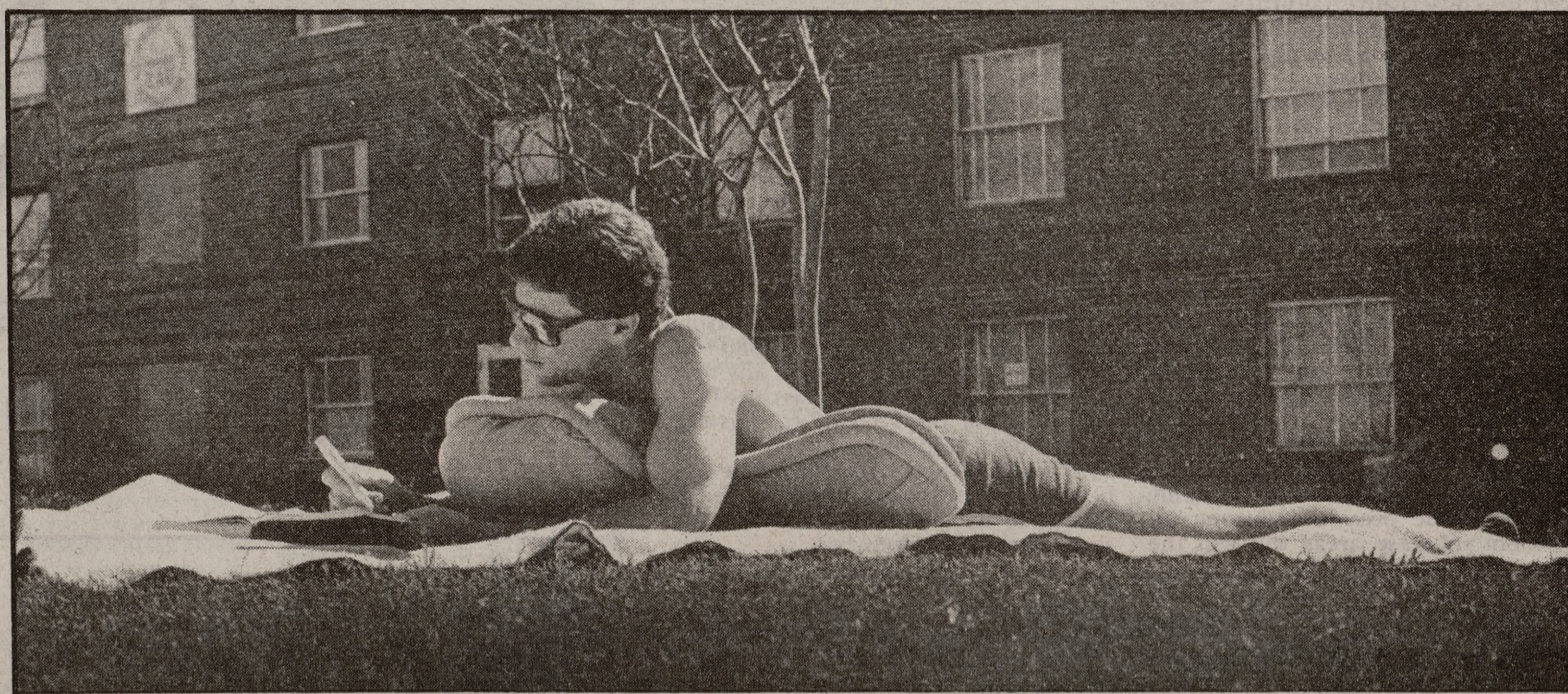
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Leftists battle military drive

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AN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Guerrillas staged lightning strikes in eastern El Salvador to divert attention from a 1,000-man government offensive backed by artillery and helicopter gunships, commanders said.
 Guerrillas Sunday killed at least 20 soldiers on an island off the coast of Usulután province in a surprise attack, to counter a 1,000-man military sweep 20 miles to the west, army officers in the port of La Victoria said. They said army reinforcements rushed to the island by boat and pushed the rebels to the other side of the island after all-night combat.
 Col. Sigfrido Ochoa, directing the 10-man military drive near the city of San Vicente, 36 miles east of the capital, said his troops killed 20 rebels in two days of fighting.
 Three U.S.-supplied UH-1H Huey helicopters fitted with machine guns landed the hills north of San Vicente, 20 miles east of the capital, while army

artillery pounded guerrilla positions, residents said.
 Ochoa said one of the rebels shot Saturday was believed to have been a Cuban mercenary, but he said the man died while being flown to San Salvador for medical treatment.
 A guerrilla bomb early Sunday ripped out the side of a bridge on the coastal highway outside the city of Usulután, capital of the province, officials said. However, single-lane traffic was still able to pass over the crossing, they said.
 In the capital, Monsignor Arturo Rivera y Damas, head of the San Salvador archdiocese, said March 28 elections for a constitutional assembly "can become a beginning for a solution" to the country's political violence.
 "If there isn't any mechanism that once and for all can make sane this systematic violation of human rights, the discontent will continue in much of the population and will generate the field for new rebellions," he said.



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Taking advantage of a good day

Keith Saathoff, a first year Veterinary Medicine major from Hondo, studies his medical physiology book while getting a sun tan outside his dorm. Sunday's sunny

weather was a pleasant change after a rainy Saturday. "It's pretty hard to study when the day is so beautiful," Saathoff said.



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Tectonophysics

Gary Robbins, a graduate student and geology department faculty member, collects some rock samples lying behind the Geosciences building for the Geology 320 class which he teaches.

Governor appoints Vandiver to defense, technology council

by Daniel Puckett
 Battalion Staff

Gov. William P. Clements has appointed University President Frank E. Vandiver to an advisory council on defense and technology.
 Vandiver was one of more than 20 people appointed last week to the Texas Aerospace and National Defense Technology Council created by Clements in September.

The governor gave the group several specific tasks, which include promoting research in Texas, bringing aerospace and defense firms to the state and persuading Congress to maintain and expand Texas military bases.

Terry Young, a public relations officer for the council, said Friday that when the council was formed, it was expected to concentrate on

attracting new research and defense contracts to the state.

However, he said, members say Texas faces a shortage of engineers and scientists and training new ones is one of the state's most pressing needs. So the inclusion of prominent educators on the council was the logical move, he said.

The council's executive committee already has visited Washington to

brief the Texas congressional delegation on its activities, Young said. The full council will meet for the first time in March.

A spokesman said Vandiver had just learned of his appointment and wanted to become more familiar with the council before discussing it.

Paul Thayer of Dallas, chairman of the board of the Vought Corp., chairs the 37-member council.

Hot checks

Class to counsel first offenders

by Robert Curlin
 Battalion Reporter

To combat hot checks in Brazos County, the county attorney's office now requires that all first offenders who wish to avoid prosecution attend an eight-hour class.

Classes offered by the National Corrective Training Institute are designed to help people understand why they write bad checks and how to avoid doing so in the future, said Joyce Lewis, regional coordinator for the Institute.

If an offender fails to pay the store's bad check fine, the store store can turn the check over to the county attorney who can then prosecute.

With the NCTI program, a first

offender must repay the store where he wrote the bad check as well as any required fees, including the \$35 fee for the class, Lewis said. The county attorney's office halts prosecution efforts after the offender has attended class.

The program not only helps the offender, but also reduces the backlog in the attorney's office, Lewis said.

Class members participate in individual projects and group discussions prompted by questions such as "What is a criminal?" Lewis said discussions are often detailed because none of the participants see themselves as criminals.

"Writing bad checks is like a 'closet

crime," she said. "If you write a bad check and you know it's bad, that's stealing."

Another class project is a small group discussion about why individuals write a bad check in the first place.

"Very seldom is it for something they need, but for something they want," Lewis said. "Each individual tells what it cost them to write the bad check, as far as restitution and fees."

Lewis said class members then try to define the risks and benefits of writing a bad check.

"The only benefits are free goods and services for a short period of time," she said. "The risks highly outweigh the benefits."

Lewis said most participants start out angry. They are often under quite a bit of stress and feel they are there because of circumstances beyond their control, she said.

Group discussions help offenders realize they are not the only ones who have a problem with hot check writing and their attitudes usually change, Lewis said.

One or two classes are held each week at the Brazos Center, depending on the number of offenders they have, Lewis said.

The Institute also has a program dealing with multiple bad check writing offenses as well as one covering shoplifting, Lewis said.

Courses in different culture to enrich education

Program to offer 'Camp' in Italy

by Julie Farrar
 Battalion Reporter

Thousands of freshmen become oriented to life at Texas A&M University during Fish Camp sessions held each summer in Palestine, Texas. This summer some freshmen will learn all about Aggeland during a four-week program in Italy.

Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the program will offer a unique Fish Camp experience and at the same time allow students to earn six hours' credit while touring the Italian countryside.

"It should give them an enriched

educational background to prepare them for the remainder of their studies in a way that most of their peers have not been prepared," said Dr. Candida Lutes, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Each student will register for two of several courses to be taught by Texas A&M faculty, she said. Courses are world literature, western civilization, art history survey, introduction to philosophy and philosophy of religion.

Students will attend classes for the five-week period and live in dormitories at the Italart Study Center near

Florence, Lutes said. The center, surrounded by hills and vineyards, is a former monastery now used only by foreign study groups.

"The center has been taking student groups from the United States for the past 10 years," she said. "Right now, a group of Texas A&M environmental design students is there."

In addition, plenty of time will be set aside for tours, sightseeing and cultural exchange, Lutes said. Trips to Florence, Milan, Rome and Venice are planned, she said.

While touring these cities, students

will visit historical and architectural sites including homes of several renowned philosophers, she said. Many of the tours will be conducted by native Italians with advanced degrees in art history and other related subjects.

Students also may travel some on their own, Lutes said. Transportation will be provided so students can visit surrounding areas to shop, sample the cuisine or simply enjoy the Italian culture.

Estimated cost of the trip scheduled for June 21 through July 23 is \$2,000.

Student killed

Michael John Freeman, a Texas A&M University sophomore, was killed and three others were injured Sunday morning in a two-car, head-on collision on FM 60.

Freeman, 20, from Groves, was returning home following a dorm party off FM 2818 when he crossed over from the eastbound lane of FM 60 and hit an oncoming car driven by Ivan Ira Issac, a freshman from Fort Worth, in the westbound lane.

Issac, 19, is listed in fair condition in the intensive care unit at St. Joseph Hospital. A passenger in Freeman's car, John Edward Buckle of Houston, is also in fair condition at St. Joseph.

A passenger in Issac's car, Dana Rao, 20, from Dallas, was treated and released with a sprained ankle.

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forecast

Today's forecast: Sunny and warm becoming clear and cool tonight with a high today in the upper 80s; low tonight in the mid-50s. Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with continuing warm temperatures.