

# Texas A&M ready for disasters

## Office coordinates disaster resources

by Kathy Robinette  
Battalion Reporter

John Doe is driving down the road listening to the radio when a familiar buzz breaks into the programming. But, this time, the buzz isn't a test — it's an actual civil defense warning.

Surviving a nuclear attack depends on knowing what to do in a crisis situation. The Brazos County Office of Civil Defense and Emergency Planning — funded by the county — plans, prepares, trains and coordinates all county resources that could be used in any type of disaster. The state and federal governments also can send in resources if needed.

Besides nuclear attack, the civil defense office plans for tornadoes, radiation accidents, hazardous material accidents from train derailments and floods.

"We have a plan for each of these areas," Brazos County Civil Defense Director Jake Canglose said.

The Civil Defense Directors Staff — made up of the civil defense directors of Brazos County, Bryan, College Station and Texas A&M University — is responsible for setting up a committee to deal with a local disaster.

A nuclear emergency can occur from an accidental launch of a U.S. enemy missile or an aggressor situation. The federal government then would tell the civil defense office the target area so the group could warn local citizens.

Next, a plan called Crisis Relocation would be put into effect. This plan is based on the

assumption it takes Russia three days or longer to prepare for a counterattack, Canglose said. At least three days are needed to prepare local citizens for an attack.

The Crisis Relocation Plan deals with target areas — cities or areas with a population of 50,000 or more. The Bryan-College Station area has been a target area since 1978.

Two options are available under the Crisis Relocation Plan. The option taken depends on the amount of advance warning time available.

The first option is to move people out of bomb-strike areas and into rural areas, so they wouldn't be affected by the blast itself.

Bryan-College Station residents would be moved to Grimes, Robertson and Burleson counties, Canglose said. The public would receive a pamphlet that lists information on where to move, what to take with them and what roads to take, he said.

Relocation information also would be in newspapers, in other media and in civic centers.

After Bryan-College Station residents relocated in these areas, they would be put to work reinforcing shelters and doing other jobs. Since the residents would be relocated, trucks that make deliveries to area stores would deliver their goods to these areas, Canglose said.

The second option — fallout shelters — comes into effect if there isn't adequate time to get people out of the area. "Protection in the Nuclear Age," a pamphlet prepared by the Department of Defense, said even if relocation plans were used fully, more than 25 million people probably would still be in U.S. cities during an attack, making these shelters essential.

At last count, there were 82 fallout shelters in the Bryan-College Station area. Texas A&M has 22 shelters.

According to the Department of Defense pamphlet, an attack warning signal would sound if an actual enemy attack against the United States had been detected. The warning would be a



## Health education classes to simulate bomb disaster

by Cheryl Maynard  
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A bomb explosion will cause the collapse of a stairwell in Rudder Tower April 23 at 2:30 p.m. Fortunately, it will be simulated — part of the 3rd annual Spring Mock Disaster.

The disaster is a class project for members of Health Education courses 217, 319 and 489b, which teach emergency medical techniques.

"The students can get practical experience working in a real life disaster situation," said Donna Douglass, one of three coordinators of the Mock Disaster. The Mock Disaster is presented to test and demonstrate the skills of the Emergency Medical Personnel in the Bryan-College Station area and will demonstrate what should occur in the event of an actual catastrophe.

three- to five-minute wailing sound on the sirens, or a series of short blasts on whistles, horns or radio weather bands.

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## Battalion wins prizes

Three Battalion staff members won five awards at the 52nd annual Southwestern Journalism Congress on April 1, 2 and 3. The Battalion placed sixth out of the 17 university newspapers competing.

The competition at Texas Woman's University in Denton was judged by staff members from the Sacramento Union and the Miami Herald.

Greg Gammon, former Battalion photo editor, won first place in the spot news photography competition and third place in the sports photograph category; Frank Christlieb, sports editor, won second place in the game sports story contest; and Denise Richter, city editor, won third place in the general news story category. Richter also won \$50 in the scholarship competition.

The Battalion also won awards for its advertising — Lee Roy Leschper Jr. won second place in the competition for newspaper ad for a single advertiser; Steve Cooksey won second and third place in the judging for series of ads for a single advertiser; Reggie Moehlman won second place in the co-op ad category; and Texas A&M University won third place in the co-op ad competition.



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When you move out, next month, make some fast money by collecting your Security Deposit. It doesn't take much time, and the results can be quite profitable.

The first step you must take is to give your landlord at least a thirty day notice, in writing, informing him of your intention to move out at the end of your lease term. Many of you must submit this 30-day notice by April 15.

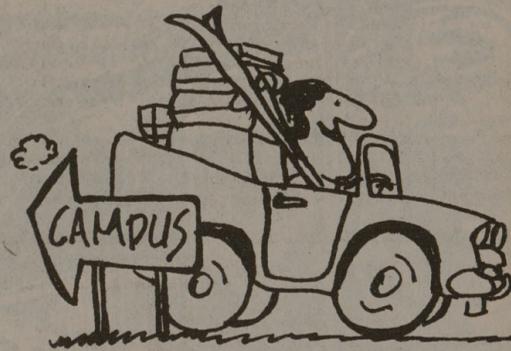
Then before you actually leave, schedule an appointment with your manager to jointly inspect the apartment. Compare the condition of the unit with the move-in condition inventory that you completed at the beginning of your lease term.

If you are unable to inspect the apartment with your manager, make sure an impartial witness notes the apartment's condition in case a discrepancy occurs in the manager's deductions. If you feel there is likely to be a discrepancy, you may also want to take photographs to prove the apartment's condition.

Read your lease or Security Deposit Agreement to insure that you have fulfilled all requirements for the return of your security deposit. A review of these requirements are:

1. Give written notice of intent to vacate at least 30 days prior to the ending date of the lease.
2. Occupy the unit for the entire lease term.
3. Clean the apartment in accordance with the landlord's move-out cleaning instructions.
4. Pay all rent according to the terms of the lease.
5. Give the landlord your forwarding address in writing. Within 30 days after you vacate the apartment the landlord is required, by law, to either refund the security deposit or furnish you with a written itemized list of all the deductions.

Don't forget about other deposits you may have such as utilities and telephone. Again, give written notice of intent to terminate the services and give a specific cut-off date. Remember to return your phone and notify the Post Office of your forwarding address. You may need to change your address for



University purposes also. The Off Campus Center has address cards available for your convenience.

If you have questions about any of these procedures or have difficulty in obtaining your deposit, contact the Off Campus Center or the Students' Legal Advisor.

## Plan Ahead

Since next Fall will be here before you know it, you should finalize your living arrangements this Spring. The Off Campus Center now has Summer and Fall price lists for the major apartment complexes and a list of preleasing dates. Our Roommates Locator Service is also in full swing for the Summer and Fall terms.

Each member of our staff is trained to help you find suitable off campus housing. We will help you avoid any unnecessary problems by providing Tenancy Contracts (a contract between you and your roommates), lease interpretations and general information about off campus living. By using our services, you will make the best use of your time.

The Off Campus Center is located in Puryear Hall across from the YMCA Building. We're open 8-5, Monday - Friday, 845-1741.

## Off Campus Calendar

- Off Campus Aggies:** Spring Award Banquet April 7  
Pelican's Wharf  
General Meeting April 14, 6:30 p.m.  
601 Rudder  
Parents' Day Bar-B-Q April 17  
Aggieland Mayfest Chili Cookoff May 1  
Aggie Blood Drive April 6-8  
Off Campus Blood Needed!
- Roommate Sessions:** April 6, 3:00 p.m. 504 Rudder.  
April 7, 3:00 p.m. 504 Rudder  
April 14, 2:00 p.m. 302 Rudder  
April 15, 2:00 p.m. 302 Rudder.  
May 7, 3:00 p.m.  
May 10, 2:00 p.m.  
May 11, 2:00 p.m.

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