

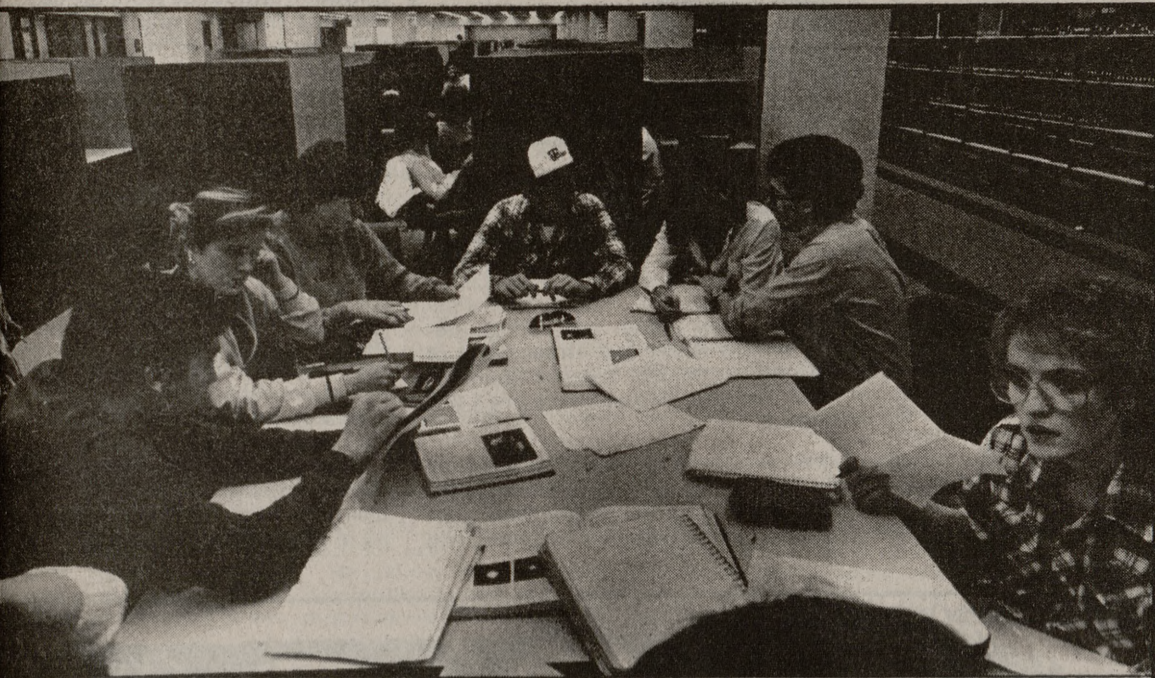
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Star light, star bright

staff photo by David Fisher

These students seem to take 'group study' seriously. The group was studying for an astronomy final Sunday night on the third floor of the Sterling Evans library. The library is open 24 hours during finals week.

Lebanon fighting ends short cease-fire, 25 die

United Press International
Fierce fighting erupted between pro-and anti-Syrian militias in Lebanon's second largest city, breaking a short-lived cease-fire, killing 25 people and wounding 50 others, security sources said today.

State-run Beirut Radio said two districts of the Syrian-occupied city of Tripoli, 53 miles north of Beirut, were cut off without water, electricity and telephones by the nightlong battles that continued well into the day.

The radio said one of Tripoli's largest city hospitals announced it could not accept new patients because it was running out of blood and essential medicines.

Security sources said the ninth day of fighting between pro-and anti-Syrian militias closed schools, shops and businesses and left 25 people

dead and more than 50 others wounded over the past 12 hours.

U.S. envoy Morris Draper met with President Amin Gemayel in Beirut to discuss Washington's latest proposals for the pullout of all 40,000 Syrians, 10,000 Palestinian guerrillas and 30,000 Israelis from Lebanon.

Israel Tuesday offered a partial pullback of its forces in Lebanon in return for simultaneous moves by Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In Israel, Defense Minister Ariel Sharon predicted troubles for U.S. envoy Philip Habib on his shuttle mission resuming today because he has tried to link the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon to the Palestinian problem.

While Sharon has said Israel would agree to withdraw its forces from

Lebanon, he expressed his government's firm resolve to maintain control of territories seized from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East War.

Draper flew into Lebanon Tuesday and Habib was expected in Israel today, nine days after returning to Washington for consultations on their stalled efforts to pull out the foreign forces, which occupy two-thirds of Lebanon.

An unofficial cease-fire called by militia leaders had restored some calm to Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest city with 250,000 people, Tuesday after a week of fighting.

The right-wing Phalange Force of Lebanon said three people were killed Tuesday before the cease-fire. The latest casualty figures bring the death toll from the week's fighting in Tripoli to 64.

'Big Event' to give 40,000 hours to local organizations

by Myra Retta
Battalion Reporter
Student Government's Big Event — 40,000 hours of volunteer time — has received good response from volunteers and groups who want them, project organizer Joe Nussbaum says.

Students who volunteer for the event pledge four hours of volunteer labor to local civic and community organizations. An estimated 10,000 students are expected to participate in the project, which will be from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 20.

On that day, student volunteers will provide 40,000 hours of labor in one afternoon, Nussbaum said.

"About 5,000 students have already responded favorably," he said. Some students are volunteering service through student organiza-

tions and others are volunteering individually, he added.

The Corps of Cadets, the Residence Hall Association and Off-Campus Aggies are among a few of the organizations who have volunteered for the project. Such service groups as Alpha Phi Omega and Circle K, along with academic and honor societies are volunteering services, Nussbaum said.

"We would like to encourage all student, faculty and staff and community organizations ... to volunteer in the project," he said.

Volunteer organizations can choose to help such organizations as local United Way agencies, churches, schools, the Brazos County Beautification Association and any others that express the need for volunteer workers.

The organizations that need volunteer workers will provide the materials for the jobs they want done.

Nussbaum also said he hopes the project will build better relations between Bryan-College Station and the University.

"Our labor is our best resource," Nussbaum said.

The Student Government committee is matching the list of volunteers with the list of jobs for volunteers. Those interested in volunteering for the Big Event should contact the Student Services Committee.

Community organizations and individuals who want volunteer help should contact the Student Government External Affairs Committee.

Participation forms should be turned in to the Student Programs Office by Friday.

Tylenol suspects may be linked to letters

United Press International
CHICAGO — Authorities say a couple held on extortion charges in the cyanide-Tylenol poisonings were linked to death threats against President Reagan by postmarks on the extortion letters.

Leann Lewis was held today on \$5 million cash bond after surrendering Tuesday. Her husband, James Lewis, was captured Monday in New York and also is jailed in lieu of \$5 million bond.

Authorities announced Tuesday, Lewis sent a death threat to President

Reagan and had written at least four other letters to Midwestern newspapers.

U.S. Attorney Daniel K. Webb said the Lewises mailed a letter to the president, "alluding to the Tylenol tragedy and went on to threaten the president and the lives of others. Lewis said he had a complaint against certain policy positions taken by the White House."

Webb refused to release details except to say the letter was mailed after an extortion note was sent to the maker of Tylenol demanding \$1 million

in early October. The extortion letter followed the deaths of seven people in the Chicago-area from cyanide-tainted Tylenol capsules and authorities want to see if the Lewises were involved in the poisoning.

Mrs. Lewis is not charged with extortion, but "she is intricately involved in the extortion scheme," Webb said.

"Her husband sent a letter to the manufacturer of Tylenol," he said. "It was an extortion letter. He said he was the Tylenol murderer and demanded \$1 million."

Rehab center has help, hope for handicapped

by Kathleen Hart
Battalion Reporter

The little building on East 29th Street is quiet and unpretentious. Red brick, no bright colors. But it is one place where dreams can come true.

Mark was in a mid-air airplane collision and dislocated a vertebrae in his neck. He was paralyzed from the neck down. After a year in the Veterans Administration Hospital with virtually no improvement, he was released and told he never would recover.

A friend brought him to Bryan and sent him to the small building on East 29th Street. Now, two years later, Mark needs only a cane to walk. He drives his own car and is working on his doctoral degree in civil engineering.

The Brazos Valley Rehabilitation Center is that place on East 29th Street. Last year, its 18-member staff helped more than 2,000 people like Mark.

Now money is scarce, says the center's executive director Jim Thomp-

son. They've outgrown the little red building and have a \$1.8 million plan for a new center, which they want to start building in 1983. However, they are \$573,000 short of their goal.

To help solve the problem, Bryan and College Station have started a community Christmas tree. The 40-foot cedar, donated by the Texas Forestry Service, was placed at the intersection of University Drive and Texas Avenue on Dec. 2.

For a \$10 donation, residents can have one of the lights on the Christmas tree dedicated to the memory of someone. The star on top of the tree brought in a \$5,000 donation.

Although the center needs money to operate, no one is turned away, Thompson said. The center tries to find third-party reimbursements, which include insurance and compensation pay. Patients are encouraged to pay as much as they can afford, even if that amount is \$1 for a \$24 treatment, he said.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people fall

in the crack and are not eligible for any third-party reimbursement," Thompson said.

When that happens, money often comes from community donations, which make up 45 percent of the center's \$415,000 annual budget.

Community donations and involvement always have been important to the center, which was started in 1957 in an old house on West 28th Street to serve crippled children.

In 1969, BVRC moved to its present building to offer physical therapy and speech therapy.

BVRC now offers not only physical therapy and speech therapy, but also occupational therapy, audiology and social and psychological services for patients and their families. In addition, the center has supportive services, which involve local physicians and the center.

"That gives us the physician's input as well as our staff's in

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Santa Claus is coming

staff photo by Irene Mees

With Christmas just around the corner, it's time to hurry up and get those packages ready to be put under the tree. But if you don't have time, the Student Y will do it for you. Susan Aycock, a freshman from Beaumont studying business ad-

ministration, and Mark Monoe, a freshman from El Paso in pre-medicine studies, wrap packages in the MSC. The service is provided by Student Y through Friday.

Battalion schedule

Today is the last issue of The Battalion for 1982.

The next issue of The Battalion will be Wednesday, Jan. 12. A regular publication schedule will resume when spring semester classes start Jan. 17.

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forecast

Today's forecast: Continued cloudiness today with a high in the high 60s and a 20 percent chance of rain. The low tonight will be in the upper 30s.

Thursday will be fair and cool with the high near 60 and the low in the upper 30s.

Stories conflict in Cain pizza incident

by Frank L. Christlieb
Battalion Staff

Sgt. Bill Wade of the University Police says conflicting stories from students involved in the Dec. 6 assault of a pizza delivery man in Cain Hall are keeping his staff from completing its investigation of the incident.

Although head football coach Jackie Sherrill has dismissed two players from his team after a Texas A&M Athletic Department investigation of the incident, the University Police are still interviewing Aggie athletes and the assault victim. Sherrill, who refused to reveal the names of the players he's removed from the squad, said several other players have been "severely disciplined" for their indirect involvement in the assault.

Wade said Tuesday that the victim, a 20-year-old Texas A&M student, wants criminal charges to be filed upon completion of the police probe.

In his original complaint, the man

said he was assaulted by two large black males after realizing that he'd been called to deliver a pizza to a broom closet in the athletic dormitory. One of the men grabbed the pizza and the other man pushed the victim down the stairs between the second floor and the first floor.

Wade said his investigation should be completed during the week.

"I had the two students involved in (Monday) afternoon at 5 and got statements from them, but they don't match with what I was told (by the victim) about how the robbery occurred," he said. "So more than likely, we'll have to go to the polygraph (test)."

Wade said that if charges are filed, one of several directions could be taken.

"It's just robbery," he said. "It's not aggravated, because there was no serious bodily injury, which is defined as 'an injury that incapacitates an in-

dividual for a long period of time with recuperation involved."

Wade said the athletes could be charged with either robbery, assault or theft in the incident, but that the crime will be classified as robbery until he can "get the stories straight." Police have classified the crime as a second-degree felony.

"Within the week, I would expect criminal charges to be filed," Wade said. "As far as I know, (the victim) wants them filed, unless he's changed his mind since I talked to him (Monday). But like I say, his story and the stories of the two involved don't correspond."

But Wade said polygraph results could cause him to file another combination of charges.

"If the polygraph shows me something else," he said, "then I can go with theft on the student who took the pizza and assault on the one who shoved the victim. The assault charge

will have to be (made) by the victim, because it's his word against the guy that shoved him. I can file the robbery charge through my investigation and use (the victim) as a collaborating witness."

"But if I do drop it down to assault charges, then (the victim) will have to sign the complaint."

Although Sherrill has taken disciplinary action, the University may choose to take action as well. Bill Kibler, assistant director of student affairs, said steps can be taken when he receives a final report from the police.

"When we get that final report from the police, which we should get pretty shortly," he said, "we will determine what possible violations of University policy have taken place. We will put (them) in the form of charges, which we will send to (the violators) in a letter of charges."

"They will be required to respond in three days (upon receipt of the letters). They must contact us and set up an administrative hearing. University policy states (that they have) three class days, so given the time that we have, those students could elect to respond and have that hearing sometime during the (holiday) break. Or, we could wait until January. That ball will really be in their court more than in mine."

The hearing will be "an opportunity for the violators to present their point of view and to examine the evidence that the University has against them," Kibler said. In the final analysis, he said, a decision must be made about whether the students are guilty, and if so, about what kind of action should be taken.

The University's disciplinary measures could involve any of a number of actions, Kibler said.

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