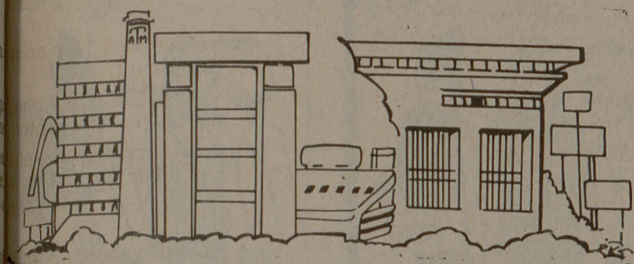


# Around town



## Free U driver improvement offered

Registration is now open for the **Free University Driver Improvement course** to be held Dec. 9 and 10. This state approved course may be used to have certain misdemeanor traffic offenses dismissed and to receive a 10 percent discount on automobile insurance. The fee is \$22, payable in cash only at registration. Registration is held in 216 Memorial Student Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Participants are encouraged to register early — the classes fill several days before the course. For more information call 845-1514.

## Overseas Day will be held tomorrow

**MSC Travel and the Study Abroad Program** invites everyone to attend their **Overseas Day** Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC Lounge. Information will be presented on opportunities for work and study overseas.

## Society offers free help sessions

Pledges from **Tau Beta Pi**, a national engineering honor society, will be available to help any student in **Math 151** and **253**, and **ME 211** and **212**. The help sessions will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in 104D Zachry, through dead week. For more information call Glynn Lunney, chapter president, at 846-3316.

## Aggieland photos still being taken

**Juniors, seniors, veterinary and medical school students** can have **individual pictures** for the 1984 Aggieland taken today through Dec. 2 at the Yearbook Associates office at 1700 S. Kyle behind Culpepper Plaza; and Dec. 5-9 at the Pavilion on campus. This will be the last chance for students to have pictures made.

To submit an item for this column, come by The Battalion office in 216 Reed McDonald.

# \$37.5 million stolen in heist

**United Press International**  
LONDON — At least six hooded gunmen stormed a heavily guarded warehouse near Heathrow airport Saturday, handcuffed and doused guards with gasoline, then fled with more than three tons of gold and diamonds worth \$37.5 million in the biggest robbery in modern history.

The gunmen broke into the unmarked red brick and steel building at about 6:40 a.m., evading sophisticated electronic alarms, security cameras and automatic locks, said Cmdr. Frank Cater, head of Scotland Yard's robbery squad.

Police refused to discuss how the robbers got into or out of the Brinks Mat security building, which other workers in the area described as being "guarded like Fort Knox."

Brandishing handguns, with their faces masked by woolen helmets, the gunmen overpowered and handcuffed six guards who had just come on duty, drenched some of them with gasoline and apparently threatened to burn them alive if they did not cooperate, Cater said.

The gang slashed one man's uniform with a knife and poured gasoline on his stomach. The gasoline blistered his stomach and legs, Cater said. Another guard was pistol-whipped and suffered cuts to his head.

The gunmen rifled the vaults in the security warehouse, hauling away 6,800 bars of gold bars and quantities of cut and uncut diamonds valued at \$37.5 million — the biggest haul in modern history.

"What we the police are looking for is the recovery of a total of 6,800 bars of gold. Individually they weigh somewhere between one and two kilos," said Cater. Altogether the gold and diamonds weighed three imperial tons or 6,750 pounds, he said.

Cater said the consignment of gold and diamonds was destined for the Far East. He said the value of the cut and uncut diamonds taken was minimal compared to that of the gold.

The gold bars, all individually stamped and numbered, would fit into a box measuring just six feet by three and three feet deep, Cater said.

Brinks Mat, described as an Anglo-American firm, refused

all comment on the case or the company's corporate affiliations.

The robbery far surpassed the previous record \$15 million in antique jewelry and uncut diamonds taken June 20, 1983, from Bond's Jewelers in London or the \$15 million in cash, gems, other valuables stolen from deposit boxes in Bank of Andalusia in Marbella, Spain, over Christmas 1982.

"I think we are looking for a professional team of criminals," Cater said.

As forensic scientists worked behind the giant orange-and-white striped doors of the 150-foot warehouse building, police appealed to motorists who

might have seen suspicious activity in the area between 6 and 8 a.m.

The security guards did not see the gang's getaway vehicle. It was the second multi-million dollar robbery in three

days. Across the Atlantic on Thanksgiving Day, two gunmen robbed Wells Fargo office in Memphis, Tenn., of \$2 million in cash and bonds, the largest robbery in city history.

Earlier this year in London, gangsters stole an estimated \$10.5 million cash from a security express depot after pouring gasoline over guards and threatening to burn them alive. It was not known if the two London robberies were linked.

# Plane crash kills five after A&M-Texas game

**United Press International**  
SIMPSON, La. — A Baton Rouge man, his father and his two children were killed Saturday evening when their light plane crashed in far western Louisiana en route from a Texas A&M football game.

A dispatcher at the Vernon Parish sheriff's office identified the dead as Joseph E. Mailhos, 71 of Elizabeth, La.; his son, Joseph L. Mailhos, 47, of Baton

Rouge; and two grandchildren, Matthew Leeman Mailhos, 19, and J. lie Camille Mailhos, both of Bay City, Texas.

Dispatcher W.L. Bynog said the family was flying from College Station, Texas, where J. lie Mailhos was a student, to Oakdale, La., when their Cessna 172 plummeted to the ground 1 1/2 miles north of Simpson.

State police said they were notified when the four-seater airplane vanished at 7:10 p.m.

from the radar screen at the control tower in Alexandria.

Searchers located the wreckage of the single-engine plane at 8:58 p.m. in the heavily wooded area about 20 miles northeast of Leesville.

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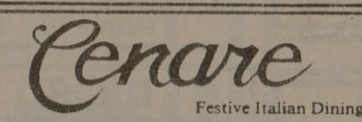
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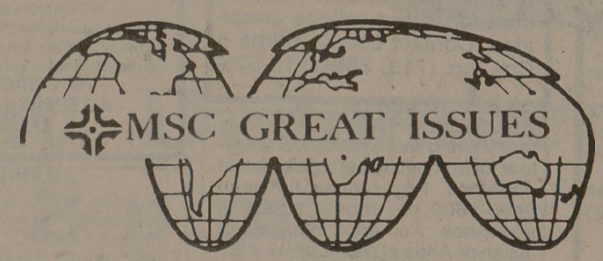


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