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Sausalito apartment fire destroys 13 units

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College Station fire fighters battled flames that destroyed 13 apartment units at Sausalito Apartments Sunday night, leaving about 50 Texas A&M students homeless and one fireman injured.

No students were injured during the fire, but College Station fireman Mike Reusink was taken to Humana Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation and heat exhaustion. He was released at 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

Lt. Bart Humphreys of the College Station Fire Department said the cause of the blaze and the extent and cost of the damage probably will be determined Monday. "The area was extensively damaged," Humphreys said. "There's not a lot to sift through but ashes."

Fire officials reported the blaze probably began in a corner unit on the bottom floor of the south end of the building. Aided by a breeze, the fire spread throughout the building by way of the common attic.

A general alarm was sounded at 7:04 p.m., and six College Station fire trucks, two ambulances and all off- and on-duty department firemen went to the scene. Bryan firemen were on standby while College Station firemen fought the blaze.

Six trucks and over 35 firemen battled the flames for nearly an hour and a half before getting the fire under control.

Fire officials said that at one point nearly 5000 gallons a minute were being pumped onto the fire.

Residents said they smelled smoke around 7 p.m., saw the burning apartment and immediately began removing belongings.

Nigel Henley, a mechanical engineering major from Houston, said he was sitting in his apartment next door to the suspected apartment when he smelled smoke.

Henley said he and his roommate Colman Rowland, an accounting-business analysis major from Houston, looked outside their back window and saw a wall of flames.

Henley said they managed to save some belongings but had to leave most of the furniture.

Henley said that when they first noticed the fire they might have been able to hook a hose to an outside spigot and possibly control the flames, but the spigot had no on-off handle.

Mike Brinker, an environmental design major from Carrollton, said he was in his apartment on the other side of the building.

He said he was surprised how quickly the flames spread.

"We didn't think there was any-

way in hell it would get this far but before we knew it, it was in our apartment," he said.

Brinker said other residents ran into his apartment and helped him carry out some of his belongings, but several things perished in the fire.

Brinker said his roommate returned from studying at the Sterling C. Evans Library to find the building engulfed in flames and his belongings in the parking lot.

Students also drove cars parked near the building further away from the burning complex.

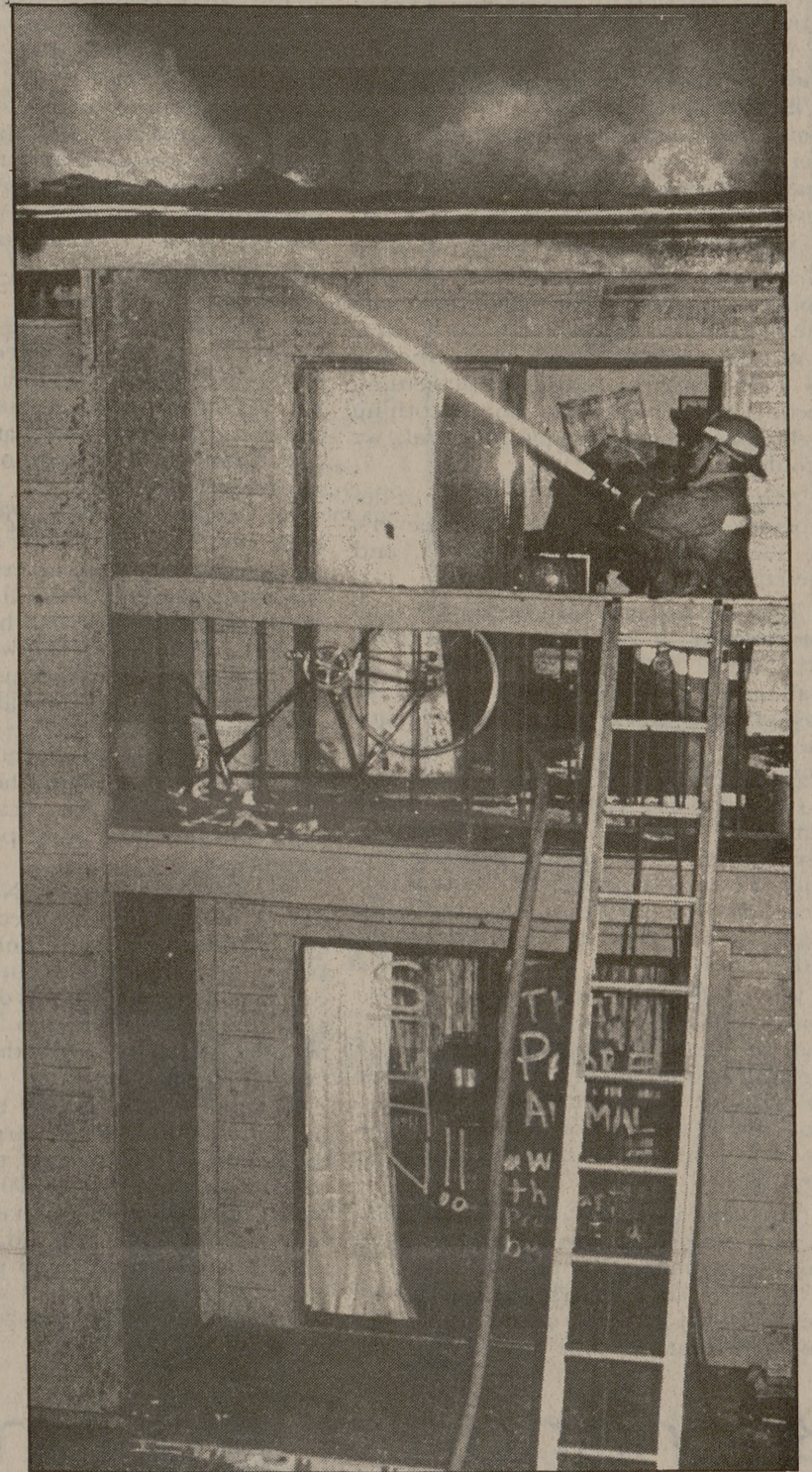
Sausalito manager Van Anders said the complex was supplying rooms at the Texian Inn for burned-out residents.

She said the complex owners have four other apartment complexes in College Station and will

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Texas A&M students evacuate Sausalito Apartments Sunday night as fire fighters battled a general alarm blaze.



Photos by John Makely

Khadafy suspected in bombing in Berlin

BERLIN (AP)— Police investigating a nightclub bombing that killed a U.S. Army sergeant and a Turkish woman and wounded 191 other people are focusing on Arab extremists who may have entered West Berlin from Communist East Germany, news reports said Sunday.

U.S. diplomats said Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khadafy was suspected of complicity in Saturday's bomb blast that destroyed the La Belle discotheque, which was popular with American soldiers stationed in Berlin.

Of the 191 injured, 63 were Americans.

U.S. military and West Berlin

authorities identified the two people killed as Sgt. Kenneth Terrance Ford, 21, of Detroit, and Nermin Haney, 28, a Turk.

"The Libyan angle is being explored very vigorously," said a U.S. diplomatic source, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "Khadafy is a very active suspect."

Khadafy called for Arab assaults on American interests worldwide after a U.S.-Libyan naval clash in the Mediterranean two weeks ago.

U.S. officials in West Berlin refused further comment on the investigation launched by a special,

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Aggieland, video yearbook editors nominated

1st black Battalion editor nominated

By Rodney Rather
Staff Writer

Editors for the fall semester of The Battalion, the newly authorized video yearbook and the Aggieland were nominated by the Student Publications Board Friday. They are Cathie Anderson, Ricky Telg and Molly Pepper, respectively.

Dr. Gordon P. Eaton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, must approve the nominations to appoint the new editors.

Anderson, 21, if appointed, would become the first black editor of The Battalion. She has worked for the paper for 1½ years as a staff writer, copy editor, assistant news editor and news editor.

She says she enjoys her work be-

cause it is important to inform people of what is going on around them, so that they can make intelligent decisions.

As fall editor, Anderson says she hopes to make The Battalion run more efficiently.

"I just think it needs improvements in the use of some of its positions," she says.

She says she also wants more stories written about the University and organizations here.

Anderson will spend the summer working for the Boston Globe under a Dow Jones internship.

Michelle Powe, The Battalion's current editor, was nominated to keep her position through the summer.

Telg, 20, who was nominated as

the producer of the University's new video yearbook, is a senior journalism major and has worked at KBTX television station in Bryan since August, 1983, he says.

Because Telg would be the first video yearbook producer, and one of few in the nation, he says he sees the job as an opportunity to start a new tradition.

"Since this is the first time it's been done, all (video) yearbooks after next year will be based on this first one," he says. "It's going to be like a motion picture of life at Texas A&M."

Pepper, 20, is a junior journalism major who has worked for the Aggieland since her sophomore year. She was the editor of her high school yearbook.

Pepper became an assistant in the Aggieland's organization section her sophomore year and the classes editor her junior year.

The fun of working on the nation's largest yearbook, Pepper says, is designing the yearbook at the beginning of the year and knowing what it's going to look like, although the work is often tedious.

Because the yearbook is big, she says, many of its pages have no meaning. One of Pepper's plans to correct that problem is to document more of the news-making events at A&M.

"I want to make every page count," she says. "The book's a memory. It's something to remind you of your college days."

Apartheid protest

About 100 faculty members, students participate in rally

By Mona Palmer
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About 100 Texas A&M students and faculty members marched Friday to protest the South African government and A&M's financial investments in South African related companies.

Norman Muraya, president of Students Against Apartheid, said the rally, in observance of National Divestment Day and the assassination of Martin Luther King, was held to inform students about apartheid and to get their support for University divestment.

"Everyone is vehemently against apartheid — now we need to do something about it," he said.

A&M's Faculty Senate, Student Senate and Board of Regents all have declared opposition to South Africa's government but say they feel it's not their place to make a moral statement through financial actions, Muraya said.

In October, the organization submitted a request asking the board to make a moral statement and withdraw University money from South African companies.

Board Chairman David Eller, in a Jan. 14 letter to A&M Chancellor Arthur G. Hansen, said the subject is a public policy matter and not within the purpose of the board.

"But", Muraya said, "I know that with the other institutions it's been an issue that only the Board of Regents can legislate."

Divestment is now a major move toward more democratic actions, Muraya said, and everyone can take action by divesting.

"Divestment is the most moral and effective way to bring about change in South Africa," he said.

Muraya also said that 70 percent of South Africans support divest-

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Texas A&M faculty members and students march down Texas Avenue on their way to Rudder Tower in protest of apartheid.

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