



TOMORROW'S FORECAST:
Sunny with increasing cloudiness
in the afternoon.
HIGH: 72 LOW: 58

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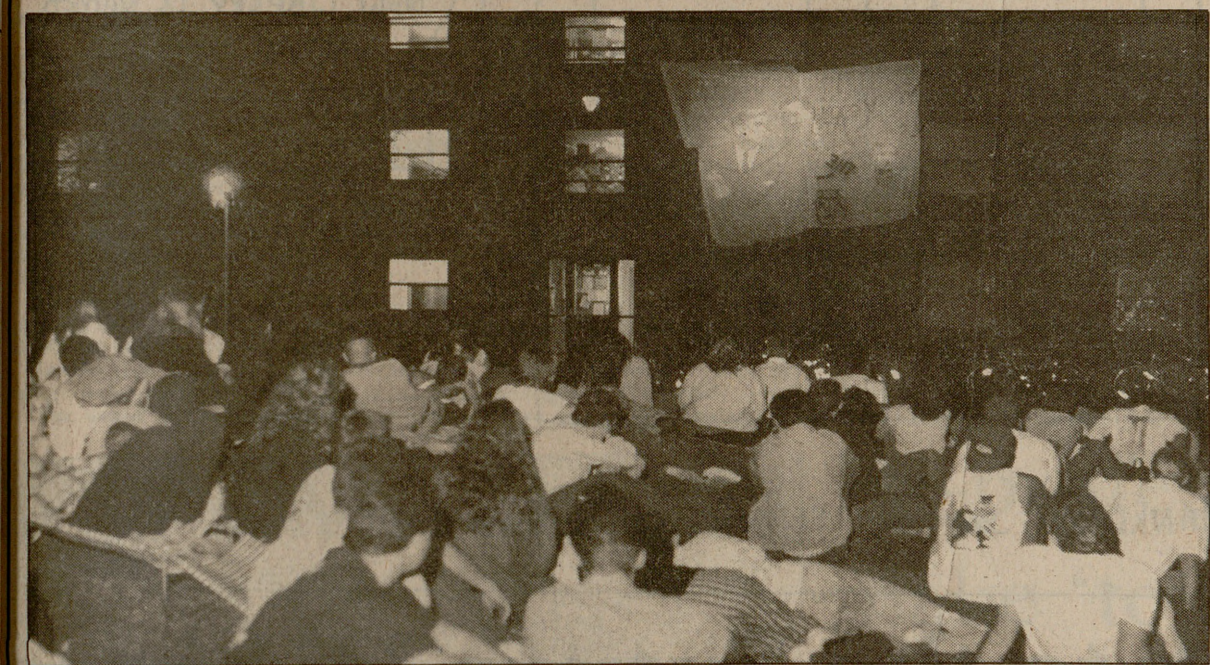


Photo by David Earp

Students kick back and watch the movie "Animal House" in the DG quad Wednesday night. Wednesday was the last class day of the semester, and they relaxed before studying for finals.

Rebels surrender days after attempting coup

MANILA (AP) — Mutinous rebels in the Makati business district surrendered Thursday, seven days after launching a coup attempt against President Corason Aquino, the government's chief negotiator said Thursday.

"This is unconditional surrender," Brig. Gen. Arturo Enrile, superintendent of the Philippine Military Academy, said after negotiating throughout the night with rebel leaders. "The problem is already finished."

Enrile said that the rebels began to leave their positions from several high-rise buildings in the financial district of this capital and should be out of the area by late morning. They were to be taken to the Philippine Army's headquarters at Fort Bonafacio about 12 blocks away.

It was not clear if Enrile's announcement marked the end of the coup, because rebels on Wednesday still held the Mactan Air Base in Cebu, 350 miles south of Manila. At least 79 people have been killed and 570 others wounded since Friday.

The surrender came one day after about 1,800 foreigners, including more than 200 Americans, were evacuated from rebel-held luxury hotels in Makati, and Aquino declared a national state of emergency to deal with the crisis.

The government agreed the rebels will be treated "humanely, justly and fairly," Enrile said. But he added

they would "suffer the consequences" for launching the sixth coup attempt against Aquino since she came to power in February 1986.

He did not elaborate. Most rebels and their leaders responsible for previous coups have been acquitted or given light sentences.

Rebels agreed about midnight to give up, Enrile said. "We all agreed that if they returned to the barracks . . .

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it would be good for the nation as a whole."

He added that the rebels' political demands, which included the resignation of Aquino, "were non-negotiable."

President Aquino early Wednesday evoked the "people power" revolution in appealing for support against mutinous soldiers bent on overthrowing her government.

First non-Communist takes over as E. German head of state

EAST BERLIN (AP) — The military issued its first warning Wednesday in response to the turmoil that has convulsed East Germany, and a non-Communist took over as head of state to end a 40-year lock the Communists held on the presidency.

The government had reports of angry citizens storming army installations, and military leaders pledged to repel any attempts to seize weapons and munitions.

Manfred Gerlach, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, replaced Egon Krenz as interim president, the first time a non-Communist has become president since East Ger-

many's founding in 1949. Gerlach's party recently broke off its long alliance with the Communists after weeks of spearheading reforms.

The Communists scheduled their emergency session for Friday, a week earlier than planned, to overhaul the party's structure.

Shedding such "Stalinist" operations as the Central Committee and ruling Politburo is one possibility. Breaking up the party is another.

A 25-member committee of Communists now runs the nation.

The National Defense Council, in charge of the armed forces, quit on Wednesday, less than 24 hours after

the leaders of the once-dreaded secret police quit.

The official ADN news agency reported late Wednesday the suicide of an official caught two days earlier trying to leave a government building with two suitcases stuffed with East German and West German money.

ADN did not give his name, but said he was connected to the case of fugitive Alexander Schalck-Golodkowski, the former top East German foreign trade official accused of running a weapons-selling ring.

Manfred Seidel, the No. 2 official

in that scandal-plagued office, was arrested on suspicion of smuggling \$110 million out of the country.

The Christian Democrats, a small party that recently broke with the Communists, said growing financial scandals were making East Germany look like a "banana republic."

The government announced a partial amnesty Wednesday, following hunger strikes spreading to penal institutions nationwide. It applies to those sentenced to three years or less and excludes prisoners convicted of "rowdiness," a term once applied to pro-democracy demonstrators but also sometimes used

for more serious offenders.

For days, reports surfaced of furious citizens barging into secret police offices, including storming one building in the southern city of Gera on Wednesday.

A citizens committee pressing for reforms in Leipzig occupied regional state security headquarters there on Monday, and an ADN report suggested the activists still controlled the building.

The assaults were meant to stop destruction of documents needed in prosecuting former Communist officials.

An investigative commission rec-

ommended criminal charges against former secret police boss Erich Mielke, 81, for police attacks against demonstrators in October that touched off the revolutionary changes.

The government, headed by reformist Premier Hans Modrow, said late Wednesday "indications" emerged that people were storming army installations.

No details were given, but the government appealed for "calm and restraint" and asked people not to enter army posts.

Bomb explodes near police station, kills 35

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A truck bomb containing half a ton of dynamite exploded outside secret police headquarters during morning rush hour Wednesday, killing at least 35 people and wounding hundreds.

The bomb, presumably the work of drug gangs, was the most powerful to strike the capital since Colombia's cocaine traffickers began a wave of terror after the government declared war on them 16 weeks ago.

A spokesman for President Virgilio Barco said the bombing might be

the start of a new campaign of mass killings by the drug traffickers, but that the government would fight on.

The blast, which tore open a crater 20 feet deep and destroyed or heavily damaged a score of buildings, occurred less than 24 hours after government investigators said a bomb caused the crash of a Colombian jetliner last month that killed 107 people.

No one claimed direct responsibility for Wednesday's explosion, but Gen. Faruk Yanine, Bogota police chief, said it was undoubtedly the

work of drug traffickers.

A statement from the so-called Extraditables delivered to newspapers and radio stations in Medellin, base of the most powerful drug cartel, said, "We will stop the war only when the Senate understands the people must be our judge."

The reference was to a bill that would permit a national referendum on extraditing drug trafficking suspects wanted in the United States. The House of Representatives approved it Tuesday night.

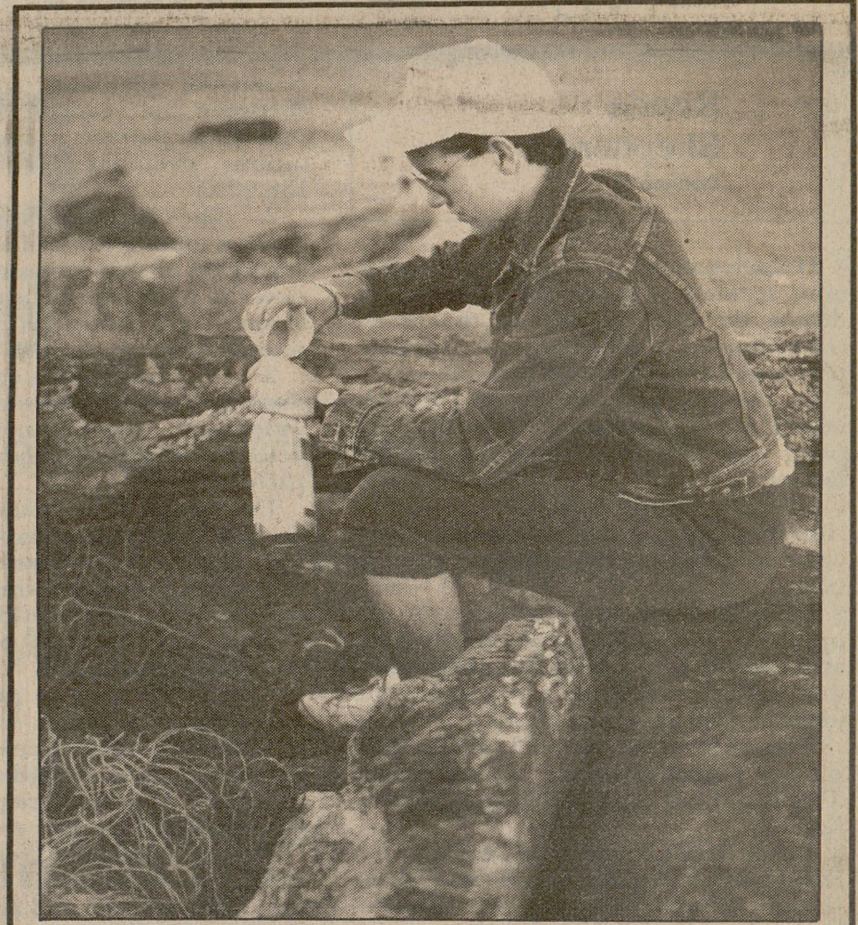
Barco's government opposes the

measure, contending the drug barons would step up terrorism before a referendum to frighten voters into rejecting extradition.

In their statement, the Extraditables said:

"The president should not fear what the congress decides, because the congress is the voice of the people, and the voice of the people is the voice of God."

The bomb went off at 7:30 a.m. in an area crowded with people bound for work on foot and in cars.



The aftermath

Darwin Lytle, a junior Political Science major bottles some bonfire ashes Wednesday afternoon.

Local businesses, charities hope holiday goodwill bolsters seasonal donations for area's less fortunate

By Julie Myers

Of The Battalion Staff

Local businesses and charities are counting on the Christmas spirit to increase seasonal giving for the less fortunate.

Twin City Mission will collect clothing donations for the needy from 10 a.m. to dark in the College Station Kroger parking lot Monday through Saturday until Dec. 31.

"We're hoping the location will be convenient for students who have donations but can't seem to make it to our other locations," Twin City Mission Executive Director J.C. Thomas said.

September and October were good months for the mission, and Christmas time is usually a bet-

ter-than-average time of the year for charitable organizations, Thomas said. But, the supply of necessities never seems to meet the demand, Thomas said.

"It's only a good month if people don't take their giving for granted and assume we will get the food, toys or money from someone else," Thomas said. "Get in the habit of cleaning out your closets and making donations."

In addition to its downtown Bryan and College Main locations, the non-profit mission has added a third donation site across from First National Bank on Texas Avenue North. The Unique Shop stocks Twin City Mission's best new and slightly used items, including new handmade Indian blankets valued at \$120 and sold for \$45.

Other local organizations accepting donations include the Brazos Church Pantry and the Bryan-College Station Eagle Cheer Campaign, which is in its 14th year.

Last year the campaign provided 14,000 bags of food and collected \$25,000 to purchase food staples.

Anyone who wants to donate food items can deliver their gift to any Bryan-College Station public school. Only non-perishable, labeled and unopened food will be accepted. Homemade food will not be accepted.

The Red Cross Adopt-A-Child and Adopt-A-Family program is also seeking donations. Call 822-2157 for more information.

UPD offers safety tips to holiday shoppers, travelers

By Julie Myers

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The holidays are a busy time of year for families, shoppers — and thieves. Lt. Bert Kretzschmar, University Police Department Crime Prevention Unit supervisor, recommends the following safety tips.

Away from home:

- Travel with someone you know whenever possible.
- Carry enough money for telephone and emergency use, but never carry or display large amounts of cash.
- Drive with doors locked and windows up, or at least partially up.
- Park in well-lit, busy areas, close to where you are going. Check behind seats before you re-enter the car.
- Before long car drives, check tires, anti-freeze, water and oil.
- Plan your route in advance, particularly on long or unfamiliar trips. Have enough gas and money to get there and back.

• If you see another motorist in trouble, signal that you will get help and then go to a telephone and call the police.

• Be particularly careful and alert when using underground and enclosed parking garages.

• Have your car or house key in hand as you approach your vehicle or home. Once inside, lock the door behind you.

• Never attach a name or address to your key ring. Keep car keys separate from other keys.

• Store valuables out of sight and lock them in the trunk or take them with you when the car is parked.

• Out-of-state license plates tell thieves that the trunk is full. When you stop at night, unload the trunk.

• When it is necessary to leave your key with the car while parking in a commercial garage or lot, leave only the ignition key. Duplicates can be made of other keys allowing access to the car, its contents, and your residence.

• Avoid parking in public lots for extended periods of time. The Texas Crime Prevention Institute at Southwest Texas

State University estimates a car is five times more likely to be stolen from an unattended lot. Shopping center and apartment parking lots are frequent targets of auto thieves.

• License registration cards, vehicle identification papers and checkbooks that a thief could misuse should never be left in a car.

• Accessories such as CB radios and antennae, stereos and hub caps should be engraved with your driver's license number. A sticker warning that items of value have been marked should be placed on your car window to deter burglars. These are available at Crime Prevention Units. Use special brackets that enable the stereo, car phone or CB to be removed and placed in the trunk.

• Record your license and vehicle identification numbers and keep them in your wallet.

Shopping

• Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse under your arm. Keep a wallet in an inside pocket.

• Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Pay for purchases with a check or credit

card when possible.

• Safeguard your credit cards as you do cash. Don't leave them in pockets, sitting around the house, dormitory or hotel room, in the car's glove compartment, or in an open purse left in a shopping cart.

• Make a list of all credit cards with their numbers and issuer's names and telephone numbers. Keep it in a secure place at home.

• Tear up carbons the store ordinarily discards. An individual can take a carbon from the trash, copy the number, and use it for a mail order purchase.

• When the credit card is returned, make sure it is yours.

• Notify issuers immediately if your card is lost, stolen or misused.

• Examine monthly receipts carefully. Keep all receipts from credit card transactions and check them against the bill.

• Watch the card during transactions and make sure it is used to print only one slip.

• If you can select your own Personal

Identification Number (PIN) to access an automated teller machine, don't use your birthdate, social security number or address. If you lost your wallet with your card in it, these are the first ones a criminal would try. Use something personal, like an old address or a friend's birthday, that you can remember easily and doesn't appear on any cards you carry. Don't write the PIN on the bank card or on a slip of paper in your wallet.

• Don't overburden yourself with too many packages. This makes it hard to react.

• Stay alert. Keep your mind on your surroundings, who's in front of you and who's behind you. Don't get distracted. If you're worried about crime, ask a friend to accompany you when you go out.

• Communicate the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going. Stand tall, walk purposefully, and make quick eye contact with people around you.

• Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave.