Rachel Redington, THE BATTALION

Karen Muehe gives a flu shot to Weidong Zhai, an MBA student. Muehe says she has given more flu shots than usual so far this year.

► This day in history

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 13, the 318th day of 1996. There are 48 days left in the year. On this date:

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote a letter to a friend in which he said, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.'

In 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws calling for racial segregation on public buses.

In 1969, in a speech in Des Moines, Iowa, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew accused network television news departments of bias and distortion, and urged viewers to lodge complaints.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., was killed in a car crash.

In 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington following three days of ceremonies and marches.

Ten years ago: President Reagan publicly acknowledged that the United States had sent "defensive weapons and spare parts" to Iran in an attempt to improve relations, but denied the shipments were part of a deal aimed at freeing hostages in Lebanon.

One year ago: Seven people, including five Americans, were killed when a bomb exploded at a military training facility in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The government braced for imminent partial shutdown as President Clinton vetoed one budget bill and prepared to reject another in a dogged fiscal standoff with Republicans.

► Today's Birthdays

Producer-director Garry Marshall is 62. Actor Joe Mantegna is 49. Musician Andrew Rankin (The Pogues) is 43. Actress-comedian Whoopi Goldberg is 41. Actress Tracy Scoggins is 37. Rock musician Walter Kibby (Fishbone) is 32.

► Campus

MSC lost-and-found auction held today

MSC Hospitality will sponsor this semester's lost-and-found auction today from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MSC Flagroom.

Items up for bid are belongings that were found on campus. Door prizes will be awarded.

More information may be obtained by contacting Cristi Govez, Brad Lockwood or Penny Ditton at 845-1515.

► Campus

Fires cause concern for safety at Texas

AUSTIN (AP) - A second fire in a month at the University of Texas has renewed concerns about safety on the campus

A storage room in the landmark UT Tower was damaged by a threealarm fire Monday. No one was injured and the extent of damages was not clear

A six-alarm chemical fire damaged a science laboratory on Oct. 19.

After that fire, city fire officials blasted the school for lax safety standards. Fire Chief Robin Paulsgrove said there were potentially deadly chemicals in the building where the

science lab burned. He said if the fire had reached those chemicals, many people could have been hurt.

As a state institution, UT does not have to follow city fire safety codes or recommendations from the city's fire department. But after Paulsgrove threatened to limit city response to fires on the campus, school officials said they will comply with recommendations, including sprinkler systems and better warnings of possible dangers.

Monday's fire started in file cabinets in the storage room, according

to a university official. The tower, where Charles Whitman killed 14 people 30 years ago, houses administration offices and a library.

Young prisoners caught after escape

GIDDINGS, Texas (AP) — Three youths convicted of crimes ranging from capital murder to aggravated sexual assault were back in custody on Tuesday after escaping from Giddings State School.

The youths, ages 16, 17 and 18, fled their dormitory at 1:30 a.m. Monday after they grabbed a supervisor, locked him in a closet, and took his keys to unlock the facility, officials said.

They crawled under a fence through a ditch officials say they probably dug themselves.

Tree gives way Austin construc

AUSTIN (AP) that has created detou headaches for Capitol since last summer will state's annual ChristmaTh from being installed. The state's Christmas Ci

paid for and installed Downtown Austin Alliance ally placed at the south the Capitol's Great Walking Thanksgiving.

But renovation of the other sidewalks and drivel around the Capitol has ha foot tree's usual resting ki blocked off by orange barre chain-link fences.

"When they started the want to be kind of forgot about (In That's just have always put a big their experi there," said Lucy Buck, ass director of the Downtown W Alliance. "In the spring th they were planning things didn't think about Christma

Buck said other sites al Enquirer tree were considered. Born prem said logistical problems with a defor have been too great.

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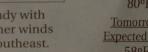
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Partly cloudy with light winds continuing from the southeast.

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Partly cloudy with slightly higher winds from the southeast.

Tomorrow



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The Department of English Writing Programs Office announces forcing hours for graduating seniors for English 210 and 310.

Spring 1997 degree candidates must bring a signed letter (on departmental stationery) from their academic advisors to Blocker 224. No forces will be done during preregistration period. To be forced, you must come into the office on the dates and times listed below.

E-mail, phone requests or faxes will not be accepted. There is no guarantee that all May 1997 graduates will receive seats in English 210 or 301. For more tion call 862-7724, the

Forcing Information Line. Forces into these classes are limited.

> December 11 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Wednesday)

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