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British ship lost in attack by Argentines

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Britain said today the destroyer HMS Coventry was sunk by Argentine air attacks — the fourth Royal Navy warship lost in the Falklands fighting — and a merchant ship had to be abandoned in Tuesday's air raids.

"We have received further reports overnight about the outcome of yesterday's Argentine air attacks on the task force," Defense Ministry spokesman Ian McDonald said.

"HMS Coventry, a destroyer, was hit and has been lost. The Atlantic Conveyor, a merchant ship, was also hit and has had to be abandoned."

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The Coventry was a 3,560-ton destroyer and sister ship to HMS Sheffield, the first British ship sunk by Argentina. The Atlantic Conveyor was a merchant ship requisitioned for the task force.

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The statement included no information on the number of British casualties, but McDonald said next of kin were being informed.

McDonald said the Atlantic Conveyor, a container ship belonging to

the Cunard Line, had been carrying Harrier jet reinforcements for the task force, but the aircraft had been unloaded before the attack.

Rescue operations to recover the crew of the two ships continued throughout the night, McDonald said.

The Coventry, with a crew of 280, was believed hit by bombs, defense sources said. Another destroyer with the Coventry also was believed to have incurred some damage in Tuesday's raids, defense sources said.

News reports from the fleet said British troops were engaging Argentine troops in scattered fighting on East Falkland, but the Defense Ministry said it had no details. Britain holds an estimated 60-square-mile beach-head.

The British Broadcasting Corp. quoted unidentified reports of British patrols probing close to Port Stanley but the Defense Ministry said it had no confirmation.

Despite the continued losses in ships, Britain said it was taking a heavy toll of Argentine aircraft. Including three jets downed Tuesday, the British count showed 50 Argentine jets and nine Argentine helicopters — roughly a third of the air force.

Argentina admits the loss of only 15 aircraft and four helicopters, while saying it has shot down 16 British Harrier jets. Britain admits the loss of only five Harriers — most in accidents — and nine helicopters.



Aggie pitcher Lori Stoll hurls a pitch during her team's 2-0 victory over Southwest Missouri in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national championships. The Aggies won the national title by winning seven games during the tourney, with Tuesday's 4-1, 5-3 victories over Oklahoma State clinching their first AIAW championship.

Brock, softball team win AIAW national trophy

by Frank L. Christlieb
Sports Editor

Five seniors on the Aggie women's softball team have spent the past four years trying to bring their school a national championship. After finishing fifth, third and fourth in the nation during their first three years with the squad, these five seniors weren't about to settle for anything but first in 1981.

And they didn't.

But it took a gallant come-from-behind effort to bring Texas A&M University one of the only major-sport national championships in its existence.

The rain-soaked Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women national tournament, which started Thursday in Norman, Okla., didn't end until Texas A&M had defeated Oklahoma State 4-1 and 5-3 Tuesday afternoon in the championship games. As originally scheduled, the double-elimination tourney would have ended Sunday.

Those five seniors — third baseman Eya Resendez, right fielder Karen Guerrero, center fielder Mary Lou Youngblood, first baseman Shannon Murray and left fielder Mel Pritchard — have provided the Aggies with leadership throughout their four seasons with the team.

Topping off their careers with a satisfying championship cherry to conclude a combined 84-9 fall and spring season, the seniors found it difficult to describe their feelings af-

ter Tuesday's clincher.

"Right now, all I can do is thank the Lord," said Resendez, one of the team's co-captains. "We knew we could win, because we've beaten OSU all spring. No matter what, we didn't give up."

That's the key. After starting the tourney as the No. 1 seed, then losing the first game 1-0 Thursday to United States International University, it seemed that only a miracle would vault Texas A&M into the championship against the survivor of the winner's bracket.

But first-year coach Bob Brock has watched his team battle back many times. So many times, in fact, that he says he had no doubts when the Aggies lost to USIU in the opener, thereby falling into the loser's bracket.

And he didn't lose confidence when his team let a 2-1 final-game lead slip away after OSU first baseman Pam Harper's two-run home run in the fifth inning. With a tying run in the top of the seventh and the winning runs in the eighth, Brock and his squad brought home their elusive championship trophy.

"What can I say?" Brock laughed. "The girls really did it. I only stood behind them and coached."

"We didn't get down — we knew we had the team to win it, and we never gave up. We went into these games with OSU thinking it was a double-header, not the College World Series.

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GSSO suit against Texas A&M dismissed

by Rebeca Zimmermann
Battalion Staff

The federal court suit filed in 1977 by the Gay Student Service Organization against Texas A&M University has been dismissed by U.S. District Judge Ross N. Sterling.

"The court finds that Texas A&M University's refusal to extend official recognition to Gay Student Services was not a restraint on the students' right of association, since the purpose of the association was not a goal otherwise protected by the First Amendment," Sterling ruled.

He also ruled the University had not violated a protected constitutional right by denying recognition to the group.

GSSO members filed a civil rights suit in February 1977 which claimed the University's refusal to grant recognition to the group was a violation of the members' First Amendment rights of free speech and assembly. The group sought compensation for damages resulting from Texas A&M's refusal of recogni-

tion, court costs and legal fees.

"We think the trial went just fine, but we think the judge overlooked the facts," Larry Sauer, an attorney representing the GSSO, said.

"Our (the attorneys) intent is to appeal," Sauer said. But, he added, GSSO members will probably meet before making the final decision about whether or not the group would appeal.

A member of GSSO, which is a functioning organization without University affiliation, said the group has no comments to make at this time.

He said the appeal would be based on the group's belief that the facts presented at the trial conclusively show the GSSO is a service, not social, organization.

James B. Bond, vice chancellor for legal affairs and general counsel for the Texas A&M University System, said Sterling found that the organization was not of sufficient character to be anything other than a social group.

Sterling's decision said the First Amendment applies to service organizations, not social organizations, because universities are legally able to decide what kind of organizations will be allowed on a campus. Texas A&M does not allow social groups to be University-recognized.

Bond said Sterling believed the group was more like sororities and fraternities than a service organization.

Sauer argues that the group's purposes include counseling students, bringing in speakers and distributing educational information about homosexuals to promote better understanding between homosexuals and heterosexuals.

Bond said Sterling dismissed the case only after a full hearing.

"A major hurdle has been accomplished," Bond said.

He said the legal proceedings may not be over, but he now feels a "prevailing relief" at the decision.

"It's very rewarding for a court to be courageous enough for not allowing the First Amendment to go to absurd limits and to allow the University to exercise discretion in determining which organization it feels to be proper," Bond said.

Bond said Sterling felt Texas A&M was being fair in its general attitude to homosexuals. He said the judge found no evidence of muzzling the students' ability to freely speak out.

Sterling's dismissal of the case may not have ended the six-year battle between the GSSO and Texas A&M University. The controversy began in April 1976, when the GSSO asked for official University recognition. The University denied that request in May 1976.

In November 1976, Dr. John J. Koldus, vice president for student services at Texas A&M, sent a letter to the GSSO which gave the University's reasons for refusing the GSSO's request.

In February 1977, the GSSO filed a federal

civil rights suit, which was dismissed in November 1977 by Sterling on the grounds that the University could not be sued for money damages.

But, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans cited a 1978 Supreme Court decision which states that local governing bodies can be sued for money damages to overturn Sterling's dismissal of the suit in February 1980.

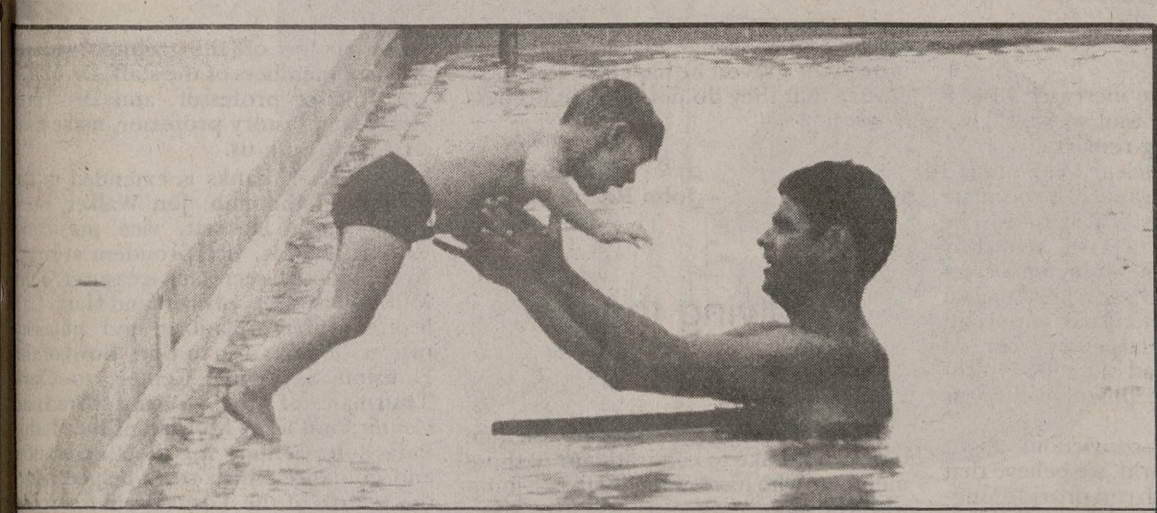
Texas A&M appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court in March 1980 but the Supreme Court refused to hear the University's appeal in December 1980.

In October 1981, Texas A&M requested a delay of the trial but the motion was denied.

The trial ran from November 16 through November 19, 1981.

Sauer said the group has 30 days in which to give notice of an appeal.

The appeal would be heard by the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.



Catch me Daddy
Lt. Ken DeMoise, from College Station and a special graduate with the Air Force, encourages his 2-year-old son Jim as he dives into Woffard-Cain pool.

Registration starts Monday at the DeWare Field House

by Cyndy Davis
Battalion Staff

Registration for first summer session classes at Texas A&M will be Monday.

All students who were not enrolled at Texas A&M last spring must report to the Office of Admissions in Heaton Hall if permission to register has not been secured before registration day.

To register for summer courses, students should pick up registration card packets in DeWare Field House at the following times according to the first letter of their last name:

S through Z — 7 - 8:15 a.m.
A through D — 8:15 - 9:30 a.m.
E through K — 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
L through R — 10:45 - noon.

Students then register for courses and report to their department head or designated representative in G. Rollie White Coliseum for course approval. Juniors and seniors in the colleges of agriculture and engineering must bring an approved degree plan when they register.

After courses are selected and approved, students report to the dean of their college for schedule approval. Students then obtain fee invoices from the fee assessors in 212 and 224 MSC.

Completed card packets must be turned in by 2 p.m. to the registrar's station, also in 212 and 224 MSC.

Tuition and fees can be paid Tuesday at the cashier's desk in the coliseum.

Late registration will be conducted Tuesday through Thursday.

Students who fail to complete registration by 2 p.m. Monday, who pay fees after the first day of classes or who go through late registration will be charged a \$10 late fee.

Classes begin Tuesday.

Hallers may take case to court

by Terry Duran
Battalion Staff

After suspension by University officials Friday, James L. Hallers II, charged with computer tampering and scholastic dishonesty, must now wait for the next two phases of disciplinary proceedings pending against him.

Hallers, 19, was suspended for the Fall 1982 semester after a three-hour closed hearing Friday before University disciplinary officer Bill Kibler. Punishment could have ranged from a verbal reprimand to permanent dismissal from the University, including erasure of Spring 1982 semester credit.

The freshman computing science major from Houston must now face a third degree felony charge — tampering with government records — and possible action by the college of engineering on charges of scholastic dishonesty.

The felony charge is punishable by two to 10 years in a state penitentiary or up to a \$5,000 fine, or both. Hallers had said earlier he was going to plead guilty in return for deferred adjudication — two years' probation after which, if no further violations occur, the offense would be wiped from the individual's record.

However, Hallers said Tuesday letting the case go to trial is being strongly considered.

Brazos County District Attorney Travis Bryan III said he had been informed of Hallers' intentions, and

said the case, if allowed to go to trial, will probably come before a jury some time in the next four to five months.

Disciplinary action from the college of engineering is also possible, on charges of scholastic dishonesty. College officials concerned were not available for comment.

Hallers, who had a home computer hooked into the University Data Processing Center, was arrested April 28 and later released on \$300 bond after two grades on a March 31 Chemistry 102 exam were found to have been changed after examining computer records.

Home computers may be connected to the University computer system by arrangement with the DPC.

Hallers said after his arrest that he used his terminal to "look around" in University files, but denied changing any grades.

Dr. Rod O'Connor, director of freshman chemistry programs, said Tuesday eight other students were being investigated on similar charges. O'Connor said the eight were part of more than 20 investigated due to "suspicious circumstances." He said the students have been sent written notification that they are being investigated, and he is waiting for a reply from the students.

O'Connor said chemistry department computer files have since been transferred to a departmental computer with controllable external access.

"We've got security now," he said.

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United Press International
Today is Wednesday, May 26, the 146th day of 1982 with 219 to follow.
The morning star is Venus.
The evening stars are Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.
Those born on this date are under the sign of Gemini.
American entertainer Al Jolson was born May 26, 1886. Others born on this date were Peggy Lee in 1920 and John Wayne in 1907.
On this date in history:
In 1868, President Andrew Johnson was acquitted of impeachment charges by one vote. He had been accused of "high crimes and misdemeanors."

forecast

Today's Forecast: Cloudy, becoming partly cloudy, with a 30 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy Thursday with a 30 percent chance of rain. High of 90 and low of 72 today, high of 93 and low of 72 Thursday.