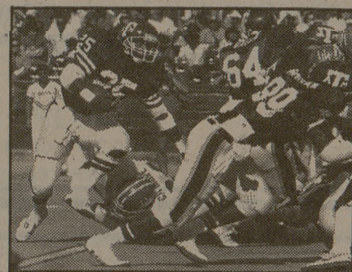


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## Helicopter crash kills 15 Marines

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JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — A helicopter carrying 19 Marines plunged into the ocean while taking off from a ship for maneuvers in pre-dawn darkness Tuesday, and officials said 15 Marines were killed and four rescued.

Gunnery Sgt. John Simmons said the twin-rotor CH-46D "Sea Knight" helicopter crashed in 50 feet of water about four miles off shore on takeoff from the USS Guadalcanal. One body was recovered shortly after the accident and four survivors were plucked from the water, Simmons said.

Navy and Marine divers conducted a search and rescue operation in Onslow Bay, much of the day for more survivors, but Simmons said the effort was called off in late afternoon and hope had been abandoned of finding anyone else alive.

The cause of the accident was under investigation. The four survivors were in good condition aboard the ship, said a Marine Corps statement.

On Tuesday afternoon the Guadalcanal sat in choppy water about 4 miles off shore while several small boats circled at its stern, said Barry Thomas, a Jacksonville Daily News photographer who flew over the ship.

"I saw no wreckage, no oil slick," said Thomas. "Visibility was nearly nothing, blue haze everywhere."

The Marines were based at Camp Lejeune and its New River Air Station, said Staff Sgt. Terry Ruggles, the Camp Lejeune public affairs officer.

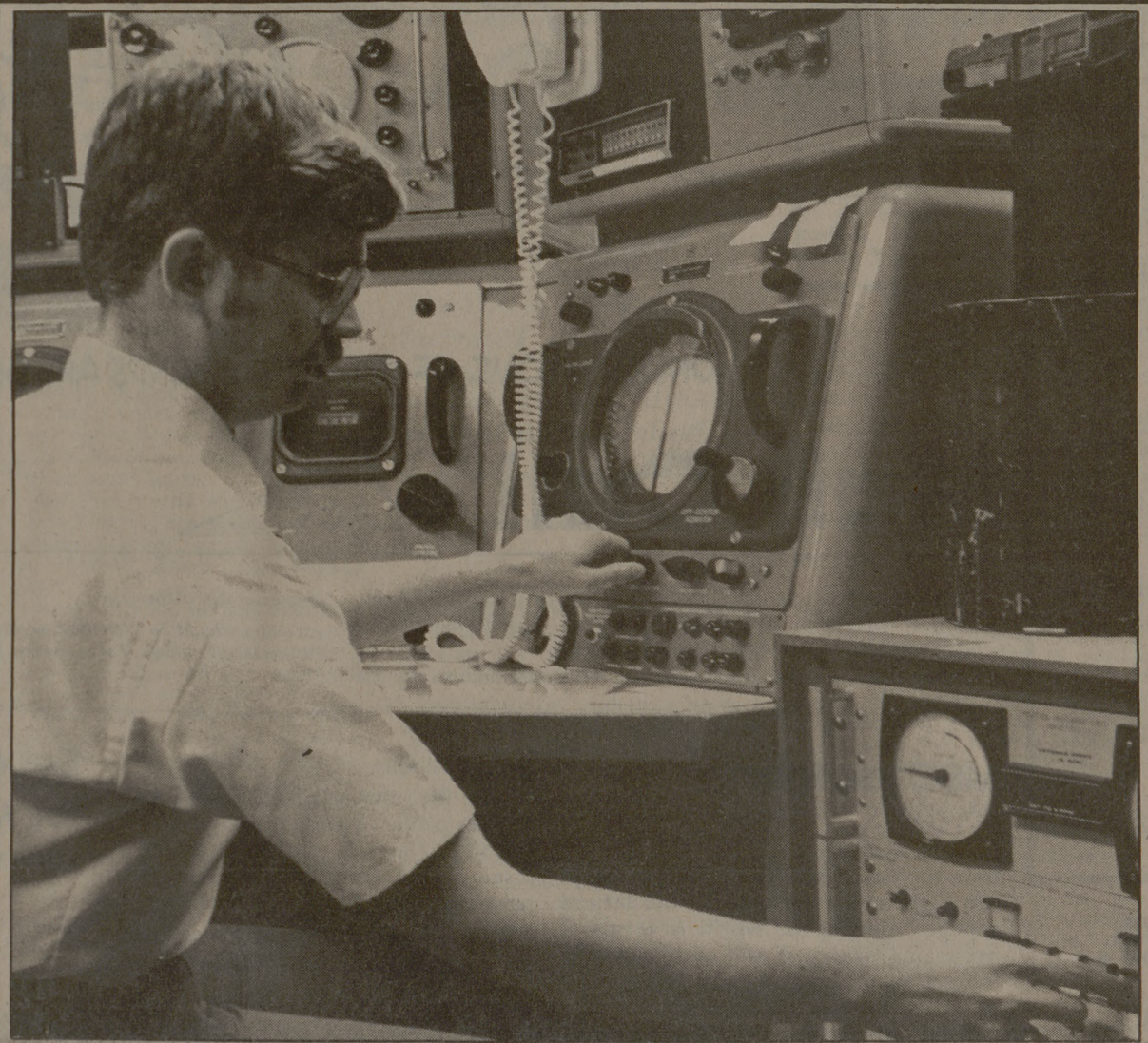


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## Whatever The Weather

Robert Mullenax, a senior meteorology major from Palestine, works at the weather radar transmitter in the radar room of Texas A&M's meteorology department.

The transmitter is located on the twelfth floor of the Oceanography and Meteorology Building.

## 2 more people implicated in ship's hijacking

Associated Press

GENOA, Italy — Investigators issued arrest warrants Tuesday for two more Palestinians, bringing to seven the number of people charged in the hijacking of the Achille Lauro during a Mediterranean cruise that began in this northern port Oct. 3.

Gennaro Calabrese de Feo, chief prosecutor of Genoa, would not identify the two Palestinians, reveal the charges against them, or say if they were in custody.

Italian news agencies said one was aboard the Italian cruise liner and left it in Alexandria, Egypt, the last stop before the hijacking. They said the second bought the hijacking tickets in Genoa that the four pirates used.

Judicial sources said at least one accomplice in Genoa helped the four hijackers. The sources, who spoke on condition they were not identified, quoted the accused pirates as telling interrogators that explosives and submachine guns were put in their cabin before they boarded.

An American passenger was killed during the hijacking.

According to Italian news media, the four men charged with hijacking the Achille Lauro on Oct. 7 have been moved from Sicily to a prison in Spoleto, in the Umbrian hills 80

miles north of Rome.

Genoa prosecutors charged a 21-year-old Palestinian on Monday with conspiracy to hijack a ship and kidnapping. De Feo confirmed that the man was Kalaf Mohammed Zainab, who got off a Tunisian liner with both an Iraqi and a Moroccan passport and has been in jail since Sept. 28.

A source who spoke on condition of anonymity said the prisoners admitted hijacking the ship, but said they did so in a change of plan made when a waiter discovered them with weapons in their cabin.

The men said the original plan had been to get off the ship during the scheduled stop at Ashdod, Israel, and stage an attack there, the source reported.

The four men claim membership in the Palestine Liberation Front, a group in the PLO that has split into three factions, one of them led by Mohammed Abbas.

Abbas and a PLO aide also were on the Egyptian plane, but were permitted to leave Italy for Yugoslavia. Abbas, whose faction is loyal to Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has been reported to be back in the Middle East.

## High court hearing school prayer case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration on Tuesday urged the Supreme Court to allow student religious groups to meet for prayer and worship during public high school activity periods.

"Congress has concluded that high school students are sufficiently mature to make the same distinctions we all do between neutrality and endorsement," government lawyer Charles Fried told the court.

He said a federal appeals court decision that banned such meetings at a Williamsport, Pa., high school casts "grave constitutional doubt" over the Equal Access Act of 1984.

In it, Congress made it unlawful for high schools receiving federal money and allowing some student groups to conduct meetings on

school property to deny access to any student group based on what it proposes to discuss.

But during an hour-long argument session Tuesday, three justices raised the possibility that the court might not decide the constitutional issue presented in the Williamsport case.

Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, John Paul Stevens and William J. Brennan repeatedly questioned whether the case should be dismissed because of a procedural defect.

The dispute, the latest outgrowth of the high court's 1962 decision outlawing organized prayer sessions in public schools, arose when students in 1981 sought permission to meet at Williamsport Area High School.

## Proposition 2

A&M, UT systems approach expanded use of PUF with caution

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series on the effects of Proposition 2 on spending at Texas universities.

By JENS B. KOEPKE  
Staff Writer

Profound changes have not yet been felt by Texas A&M or the University of Texas as a result of passage of Proposition 2 in Nov. 1984. But the long-term financial future of their universities and systems looks brighter, system administration officials say.

However, the two systems are approaching the expanded uses of the PUF with caution.

Proposition 2 restructured the function of the Permanent University Fund. The PUF is the primary source of construction revenue for the A&M and UT systems.

The PUF, established by the state in 1876, is a constitutional endowment of 2.1 million acres of West Texas lands administered for the benefit of both systems. The fund, valued in excess of \$2 billion, is used as collateral for construction bonds.

Income from the oil-rich land is invested with the profits making up the Available University Fund, which finances enrichment programs such as endowed professorships and scholarships. The UT system receives two-thirds of the AUF and the A&M system gets one-third. The projected AUF income for 1986 is over \$194 million.

Proposition 2 invoked four changes in the PUF:

- Use of bond proceeds were expanded to include major repairs and

renovation of existing buildings, purchase of capital equipment, acquisition of library books and materials and purchase of land.

- Three more institutions in the A&M system and nine more schools in the UT system are now eligible to participate in the PUF and AUF. Also, Prairie View A&M University will receive a special \$6 million appropriation from the UT portion of the AUF each year for 10 years.

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## Dockery says dealings with Murray on the level

Associated Press

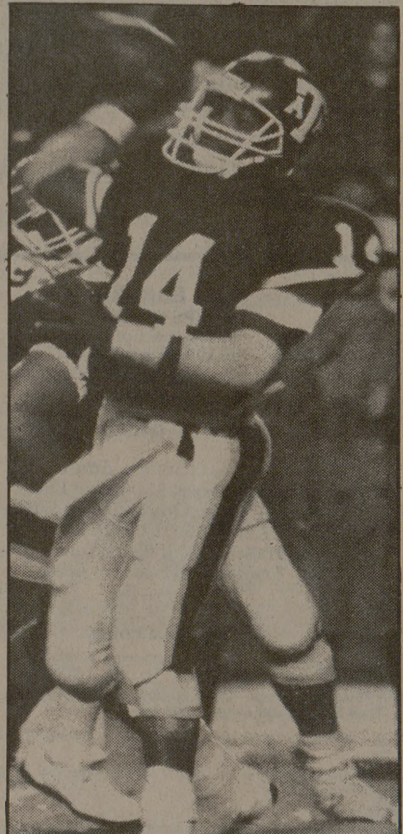
DALLAS — A Dallas businessman, accused last month of providing illegal cash payments and a leased sports car to Texas A&M quarterback Kevin Murray, insists his relationship with the athlete was strictly on the up-and-up. "I haven't done anything wrong," Rod Dockery, a 1966 graduate of A&M and former yell leader, told the Dallas Morning News.

Dockery said he did nothing more than give Murray a part-time job and lease him an automobile. Dockery acknowledged that he gave Murray \$4,150 in 1983 and 1984 but said Murray earned the money by cleaning printing equipment at one of Dockery's businesses.

Jarri Hopkins, a former bookkeeper for Dockery, told Dallas television station WFAA (Channel 8) last month she saw several \$500 checks made out to Murray but never saw any records to verify his employment.

Dockery said he employed Murray six to eight weeks, beginning in late 1983. Murray worked during the Christmas break and again during the spring and summer.

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A&M QB Kevin Murray

## 'Palestinians being persecuted'

By ED CASSAVOY  
Staff Writer

Palestinians are modern-day Jews — scattered, persecuted and stereotyped, said a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization Tuesday night at Rudder Theater.

Dr. Hatem Hussaini, a member of the Palestine National Council, the Palestine Parliament in exile, said the Middle East would never have peace until facism, Zionism, and racism were erased.

Hussaini said because of recent world events, countries have gotten a one-sided view of the PLO, especially with the recent hijacking of the Italian luxury cruise liner Achille Lauro and the killing of an American passenger aboard.

"Of course the PLO condemns the hijacking of the ship," Hussaini said. "We condemn terrorism. Most (Palestinians) involved in the past have been severely punished (by the PLO)."

"How can President Reagan express outrage at the death of one American when 70 Palestinians died two weeks ago when Israel bombed office buildings in Tunisia? It's a double standard in this country."

Hussaini said the PLO's point-of-view has received scant attention in the news in recent years.

"I've noticed in the past couple of days with the press, a hysteria, a 'lynch them (mentality)', that we have to be careful of," Hussaini said.

"That's what the extremist Israelis want."

Hussaini said Israel had benefited the most from the hijacking since the country used this to sabotage PLO peace initiatives and to anger Tunisia and Egypt.

He said the PLO doesn't formally recognize Israel — one of the demands U.S. officials have stipulated before any Middle East peace plan can be considered acceptable — because Israel is an occupying power of the West Bank — Gaza Strip.

"The U.S. did not recognize Communist China for 24 years," Hussaini said. "So that is why Palestinians are so cautious about this."

"Israel has no state, they are refugees. They should recognize the right of self-determination (of Palestinians)."

Hussaini said the Palestinians are not against Jews or Judaism but are opposed to the Zionist philosophy aiming for the formation of an exclusive Jewish state.

"I hate Israel because they deny us our rights as a people," Hussaini said.

He said the creation of Israel in 1947 scattered the Palestinians, and left them living in modern-day "concentration camps." Hussaini said Palestinians paid the price of a guilt-ridden world when Israel was formed after World War II.

"There is a Christian feeling of guilt for what happened in Europe (the Jewish Holocaust)," he said. "If the West feels guilty it should donate



Photo by Frank C. Hada

Dr. Hatem Hussaini

some of its own country."

Hussaini said the displacement of the Palestinians from their land and the continued Israeli occupation of the West Bank — Gaza Strip, had isolated 2 of the estimated 4 1/2 million Palestinians living in the Middle East.

"Palestinians are going to close the schools down in protest and throw stones at Israeli military vehicles because they have a legitimate right to resist," Hussaini said.

"A Hussaini should be made be-

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