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J.S. forces knock out 2 more Libyan ships ASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. jets against Libyan missile attacks aimed ready demonstrated "hostile inten- Libyan intentions . . . and we will de-

ol boats and damaged a radar on a defense against "hostile in-ions," even though no hostile the first time a Navy ship had used provoked it.

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r a second straight day, the Na-

a first, on Tuesday morning, the

warships destroyed two Libyan unsuccessfully at U.S. planes. Later, I boats and damaged a radar the administration said there had declared the renewed American Deen no new fire from the Libyans. One of the patrol boats was sunk

its surface-to-surface missiles against a Libyan vessel. tagon's chief spokesman said the protect American sailors' and ships from attacks came in retaliation from attack by a country that had al-

tions.

The attacks came even though the Libyan boats and missile installation did not fire on American forces. But U.S. officials said the battle force had standing orders that declared any Libyan plane or boat approaching them to have hostile in-

Pentagon spokesman Robert Sims, referring to Libya's launch of Standard Time - were justified to ground-to-air missiles against U.S. planes on Monday, said "We have and Sims both suggested that the along intelligence information. Sims been given ample evidence of hostile commander of the 6th Fleet, Vice would not provide a precise count

fend ourselves.'

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There were conflicting reports, meantime, as to whether the United States might end its maneuvers be-low Libya's so-called "line of death" before the scheduled deadline of April 1.

Secretary of State George Shultz said the Mediterranean exercise, which began Saturday night, would continue as planned. But Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger Adm. Frank Kelso, could decide to end the exercise before April 1. The United States has three air-

craft carriers and 27 other combat ships operating in the region. Three surface ships remained inside the gulf, but the carriers remained outside it to the north. In other developments:

• Pentagon sources said the U.S. armada was being closely shadowed by six Soviet combat ships and that the flagship of the Soviet flotilla remained in port in Tripoli, passing

on the Soviet ships, although he in-dicated at least four were near the American vessels.

• Libyan air forces remained absent from the combat arena. Weinberger said Libyan fighters had been detected in the air, but all had remained over land and had made no move toward the gulf.

• White House spokesman Larry Speakes and Sims said there was an-other "event" on Tuesday involving a Libyan patrol ship, but no further details were immediately forthcom-

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(lel.S. strike lin Libya raised

exas leaders say burge Dsponse justified

WASHINGTON (AP) - Memof the Texas congressional del-ion supported U.S. military re--grill. liation against Libya, calling it a stified response to Libyan aggres-

ep. Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin, a Drink en ber of the Defense Approprias subcommittee, said, "It was a r case of Libyan aggression."

exas legislators reacted to Mons missile attacks on U.S. planes rating in the Gulf of Sidra that to retaliatory raids against some trol boats in the gulf and missile eries on the Libyan shore.

The Libyans deserve what they Wilson said.

epublican Sen. Phil Gramm, is on the Armed Services Com-ee, said, "I think our reprisal totally justified.

"We can't let pirates go around ling us we can't operate in the



Reflections

Photo by ANTHONY S. CASPER

Reagan gives emergency aid to Honduras

WASHINGTON (AP) - Presi-Honduras on Tuesday and agreed to the use of U.S. helicopter pilots in response to an incursion by troops of Marxist-led government of

neighboring Nicaragua. White House spokesman Larry Speakes said as many as 1,500 Nicaraguan troops had crossed the bor-der into Honduras. The Honduran government confirmed the incursion and said it had requested U.S. aid.

Speakes said U.S. personnel are "not to be introduced into combat situations.'

Nicaragua's Marxist-led Sandinista government, however, called the border crossing report "one more lie by the Reagan administra-

Administration officials described the Nicaraguan military move as the largest of more than 100 Sandinista border crossing into Honduras since the Nicaraguan rebels began using

that country as a base of operations

White House Chief of Staff Dondent Reagan gave \$20 million in ald Regan, after meeting with Re-emergency military assistance to publican Senate leaders, said transportation assistance will be supplied U.S. helicopters and pilots. He said they are in Honduras already as part of an on-going military excer-

Regan said that while they will be used in support of the Honduran

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Students anticipating another Easter surprise from Gov. Mark White can sit back, relax and preare for classes on Friday Mike Schneider, assistant press secretary for White, said the decision to close state agencies on Good Friday last spring was made by the Texas Legislature, which was in session during the week before Easter.

editerranean Sea. Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen d. "You can't let (Libyan leader ammar) Khadafy close down innational waters.

"He has no more right to shut off e Gulf of Sidra than we would e to keep everybody out of the If of Mexico, and when he fires iles at U.S. airplanes you have take steps to protect the people ying them.

Republican Rep. Dick Armey of mton said, "If you take a loud-outh bully like Khadafy and call bluff, he'll pull in his horns.

Rep. John Bryant, D-Dallas, reed, but added that there could

Anytime you confront a bully, run the risk of losses," Bryant

And I think our whole nation is aced at risk, but the price of not fronting a bully is much higher in the price of facing one," he

The windows of Rudder Tower show a reflection of the sun behind the clouds.

Khadafy philosophy one of Arab unity

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Despite his reputation as an erratic leader, Moammar Khadafy has consistently steered his nation of some 3 million people according to a philosphy of Arab unity marked by hostility to Israel and to "imperialism

Khadafy, Libya's leader for nearly 17 years, sees himself as the guardian of the pan-Arab, socialist ideals of the late Egyptian President Gamal Abdel-Nasser

Libya celebrates each year the anniversary of the July 26, 1952, Nasserite coup in Egypt, even though it's hostile toward the Cairo government. Western and Arab diplomats believe it is Kha dafy's messianic view of Libya's role in the world

that has often put the mercurial colonel in conflict not only with the United States but with other Arab leaders who do not share his views. As an opponent of what he considers imperial-

ism, Khadafy has championed causes of such di-

verse groups as Indians in the United States, Moslem rebels in the Philippines and the Irish **Republican** Army

He has backed radical factions of the Palestine Liberation Organization opposed to a peaceful settlement with Israel, financed opponents of deposed President Gaafar Nimeiri in Sudan and is believed to have supported a bumbling coup attempt against the late President Anwar Sadat in Egypt in April 1974.

As a champion of pan-Arabism, Khadafy has unsuccessfully sought political unity at various times with Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, only to be rebuffed each time.

Nevertheless, Khadafy is one of the few Arab leaders who openly supports non-Arab Iran in its war with Iraq, whose government he condemns as fascist

'KLS computers should sue A&M'

Although he is clearly Libya's strongman, Kha-

dafy shuns formal titles and holds no office beyond "guide of the revolution."

more than four years ago.

He calls his country "the Socialist Peoples' Libyan Arab Jamahiriya," roughly translated from Arabic as "state of the masses

Khadafy's political and social philosophy centers around the belief that Arab countries must purge themselves of Western and Marxist cultural influences and build a popular society based on principles of the Koran, the Moslem holy book

Khadafy launched his cultural revolution in April 1973, nearly four years after deposing King Idris and closing U.S. and British bases in North African country. Khadafy vowed "to destroy imported ideologies, whether Eastern or Western.

The following month, he announced his "third

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The resolution was proposed by Sens. Ed Howard and Grant Jones.

The Legislature is not in session this week and, under Texas law, White can't cancel classes without a resolution from the Legislature.

The question of honoring Good Friday is now up to each individual state agency, Schneider said.

Dr. Gordon Eaton, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said since the governor has already designated San Jacinto Day a state holiday, cancelling classes would affect the University's required number of class davs

We will not be taking that day off," Eaton said.

Police still looking into student's death

By BRIAN PEARSON

Senior Staff Writer

The Bryan Police Department s not closed the case involving an apparent suicide by a Texas A&M student.

Chris Carter Holmans, 24, an M senior finance major from enton, walked into his apartent complex laundromat about :30 p.m. Friday with a knife nbedded in his chest. He was ad in a blanket, T-shirt, underear and socks, Bryan police said. olmans was taken to St. Joseph ospital and died at 12:30 a.m. an operating table during

hergency surgery. Police Sgt. Choya Walling said e victim's father says he's not tisfied with current police instigations of his son's death.

Walling said no autopsy was performed on Holmans. In most suspicious deaths an autopsy is ordered to determine the cause of death, he said.

"We didn't see anything that we could gain from the autopsy," Walling said. "What is an autopsy going to show us? It's going to tell us that he died from the knife stab to his sternum.

An autopsy, Walling said, is ordered by a justice of the peace who receives recommendations from investigating officers.

Justice of the Peace Carolyn Hensarling, who could have ordered Holmans' autopsy, said an autopsy was not needed.

"You never do an autopsy on anybody unless there is foul play

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System official files reply to suit

By SCOTT SUTHERLAND City Editor

Attorneys for Texas A&M University System Vice Chancellor Bill Wasson filed a response Monday to the multi-million dollar lawsuit filed in January by local computer store owners who want to shut down the Texas A&M Micro Center.

The lawsuit, filed January 29 by attorneys for KLS computers, seeks \$4.05 million in actual and punitive damages from Wasson. Other local not Wasson. retailers that have been affected by the Micro Center are also named as plaintiffs.

The suit contends that Wasson, along with other System employees, conspired to put the retailers out of business by establishing a low-cost

computer outlet that decimated competition.

Wasson was served with the KLS petition on February 28. Texas law allows the defendant 20 days and a Monday to file a rebuttal to the lawsuit

Wassons refutes the suit on procedural grounds. His response doesn't seek to challenge any of the accusations of unfair competition leveled at the Micro Center. Instead it contends that KLS should sue A&M and

The suit seeks action against Wasson instead of the University because Wasson has represented the Center as a separate venture and not an entity of the University, according to KLS attorney John Hawtrey.

In the answer, Wasson's attorneys

contend that Wasson was acting in his official capacity with A&M and therefore is entitled to protection from antitrust lawsuits.

'All of (Wasson's) actions and activities complained of were pursuant to proper authority and well within the course and scope of his employment," the answer states.

The answer further says that A&M is an entity of the state, and to sue the state or its entities, a plaintiff must receive permission from the Legislature.

KLS has not done that, the answer states, therefore the suit should either be dropped or held in abatement until permission is received. Under Texas antitrust laws the

state is immune from prosecution

for unfair trade practices unless the Legislature agrees it can be sued.

Robert Henderson, general counsel for the Legislative Council of the Legislature, says getting the Legislature to grant permission to sue isn't as complicated as it sounds. Passage of a concurrent resolution that states why the plaintiff is suing is generally routine, he said.

In the event that KLS is forced to sue A&M rather than Wasson, KLS would not be able to get permission until January. The Legislature is not in session now and will not reassemble until January, barring a special session. Retailers fear that many of them will be out of business by January.

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