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Brigadoon

A national theater touring company performs "Brigadoon" Wednesday night in Rudder Auditorium. The show, sponsored by MSC Town Hall.

l/Broadway, tells the story of two backpackers who stumble upon a legendary city that rises from the Scottish mist once every 100 years.

U.S. helicopters carry Hondurans to border

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — U.S. military helicopters with American crews ferried Honduran soldiers to a remote border area Wednesday where up to 1,500 Sandinista troops were reported trying to fight their way back to Nicaragua.

U.S. officials here said 14 helicopters from Palmerola air base were carrying infantry and artillery units to the "Las Vegas salient" about 120 miles east of the capital.

The salient is a triangular-shaped area of Honduras that juts into Nicaragua along the irregular frontier between the two countries. It has long been the site of a major camp of the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels, called Contras, who fight the Sandinista government from bases in southern Honduras.

Honduran military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 1,500 Sandinistas crossed the frontier last Saturday in pursuit of rebels and were trapped inside Honduras by Contras who cut off their retreat.

Other sources estimated the number of Nicaraguan government troops at 800 and said most probably would slip through the net because it was difficult to block all paths through the jungled mountain terrain.

But Frank Arana, a spokesman for the largest Contra group, the Nicaragua Democratic Front, said Wednesday, "Everything is under control. The invaders are not going to return to Nicaragua. Our troops have them surrounded." He refused to elaborate.

U.S. officials said about 100 Sandinistas and 80 Contras had been killed in four days of fighting.

Accounts of fighting could not be verified independently. Honduran military sources said soldiers were

ordered to keep journalists out of the area.

Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government denies any incursion and says the reports are designed to win U.S. aid for the Contras.

The U.S. Senate was expected to vote by Thursday on President Reagan's proposal for \$100 million in military and non-lethal aid to the rebels. The House of Representatives

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U.S.-Libya conflict reaches stalemate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military confrontation between the United States and Libya in the Gulf of Sidra settled into an uneasy standoff Wednesday with the U.S. 6th Fleet primed for action against an enemy who did not appear.

The Pentagon said ships and planes from the U.S. naval battle group continued to operate below Libyan strongman Col. Moammar Khadafi's "line of death" in the gulf, but no Libyan planes or patrol boats had ventured farther than 12 miles from the North African coastline since early Tuesday morning.

Navy jets and a missile cruiser attacked four Libyan ships after they ventured into the gulf or Mediterranean Sea on Monday and early Tuesday. The Pentagon has said three apparently were sunk and one was hit but managed to return to Libyan waters.

Late Wednesday, however, Vice Adm. Frank B. Kelso, the commander of the 6th Fleet, indicated to a small group of reporters allowed on the carrier Saratoga that there had been five naval engagements. Kelso also said he was not yet prepared to

claim that any Libyan boat actually sank.

"There were two definitely severely damaged patrol boats and we are continuing to evaluate the others," Kelso said.

Pentagon and White House officials had said Tuesday they had received preliminary reports of a fifth engagement with a Libyan boat but that there was insufficient information to confirm it.

U.S. attack planes have conducted two assaults on a radar-guided missile facility near the Libyan town of Sirte. All of the military strikes were prompted by the firing of at least six surface-to-air missiles against U.S. planes as they flew over the gulf on Monday, officials said.

At the State Department, meantime, spokesman Charles Redman said Libyan agents have U.S. installations around the world under surveillance and may have targeted Americans for the gulf confrontation.

Robert Sims, the Defense Department's chief spokesman, said the American force continued to operate Wednesday under orders

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Senate still debating Contra aid plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate on Wednesday inched toward likely approval of President Reagan's \$100 million aid plan for anti-leftist rebels in Nicaragua after Democratic leader said the White House "torpedoed" a bid to build a partisan compromise.

The Senate recessed until today without taking any further action on the bill.

Sen. James Sasser of Tennessee, who has emerged as a spokesman for Senate Democrats on Central American policy, said genuine progress had been made on forging a united position before Adm. John Poindexter, the national security adviser, appeared in Senate Majority

Leader Bob Dole's office and intervened.

He said Poindexter vetoed an attempt to write into the aid plan a guarantee of direct talks between Washington and Managua, with no pre-conditions.

"Adm. Poindexter appeared, and he torpedoed the bilateral negotiations," said Sasser.

He added that he believes the administration felt it need not compromise on the issue because its hand was strengthened by reports of a Nicaraguan raid into neighboring Honduras and the hostile reaction that caused in Congress.

But Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., chairman of the Senate Foreign Re-

lations Committee, blamed Senate Democratic leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia for the failure to reach a compromise.

Dole and Byrd met for more than three hours with Lugar and Sasser.

Lugar said Byrd had insisted on Congress being given a second chance of blocking offensive weapons shipments to the Contras even if the Sandinista government of Nicaragua refused to negotiate in good faith.

"Poindexter did not enter at flank speed or at any speed, he just walked in," Lugar said. "The administration's thoughts are important to us, but they did not veto anything. . . . Adm. Poindexter cannot be blamed

for torpedoing anything."

Sasser said he believes the administration felt it need not compromise on the issue because hostile congressional reaction to reports of a Sandinista raid into Honduras means the president is "holding more cards than yesterday."

Sasser said Poindexter insisted that talks between the United States and Nicaragua were possible only if Nicaragua first opened negotiations with the Contra guerrillas, a step Nicaragua's Sandinista government has refused to take.

Responding to questions, Sasser said he believes there was an attempt

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Government suing General Dynamics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department filed suit Wednesday alleging that General Dynamics Corp. mischarged the government on a contract for the production of the DIVAD anti-aircraft gun system.

The civil suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, sought an undetermined amount of money from General Dynamics.

Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger said the gun performed poorly in tests and canceled the weapon system last August.

From 1978 to 1980, General Dynamics mischarged costs of fulfilling a contract for the production of DIVAD prototypes to

certain overhead accounts, the lawsuit said.

The complaint says the company mischarged costs of fulfilling the fixed-price DIVAD prototype contract to independent research and development, bid and proposal, and general and administrative overhead accounts.

The government pays a contractor a proportion of the costs charged to these accounts in addition to what it pays under specific contracts.

The result, the suit said, was that the company obtained overpayments to which it was not entitled.

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Preregistration at A&M

Students can pre-schedule fall, first summer session classes

By Brian Pearson
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The Registrar's Office is trying something a little different for Texas A&M preregistration starting April 7.

Students can then register in the Pavilion for fall, and first session and 10-week summer classes at the same time. Students can't register for second session classes until July 9.

Don Carter, associate registrar, said summer fee statements will be issued the day of preregistration and must be paid before May 30. He said fall fee statements will be mailed in July.

Academic advising for students will begin Monday. Students should

check the advising schedule within their department.

The schedule for preregistration is as follows:

- April 7 — graduate students and seniors with last names beginning H-O.
- April 8 — graduate students and seniors with last names beginning P-Z.
- April 9 — graduate students and seniors with last names beginning A-G.
- April 10 — juniors with last names beginning E-K.
- April 11 — juniors with last names beginning L-R.
- April 14 — juniors with last names beginning S-Z.

- April 15 — juniors with last names beginning A-D.

- April 16 — sophomores with last names beginning H-O.

- April 17 — sophomores with last names beginning P-Z.

- April 18 — sophomores with last names beginning A-G.

- April 22 — freshmen with last names beginning E-K.

- April 23 — freshmen with last names beginning L-R.

- April 24 — freshmen with last names beginning S-Z.

- April 25 — freshmen with last names beginning A-D.

- May 5-16 — open preregistration for all students.

It's only 43 more days until graduation ceremonies begin.

The Registrar's Office says 3,135 undergraduates and 745 graduate students have applied for diplomas.

Students who will graduate May 9 at 2 p.m. include graduate students (all masters and doctoral candidates) and undergraduates in the colleges of agriculture, architecture and education.

Undergraduates in the colleges of engineering and geosciences will graduate at 7:30 p.m. May 9.

Undergraduates in the colleges of business, liberal arts, science and veterinary medicine will graduate May 10 at 9 a.m.

Vandiver OKs creation of video yearbook at A&M

By Rodney Rather
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Texas A&M President Frank E. Vandiver has authorized the creation of a video yearbook, and Dr. Don Tomlinson, the project's adviser, says it is a pioneering effort.

The student-run project will be completed from June 1 - May 31, 1987 and should be available to the public by September or October of 1987, Tomlinson says.

The yearbook will be a two-hour tape cataloging such activities as Fish Camp and athletic events, but the entire scope the tape may encompass is unknown because video yearbooks are so new, he says.

"We don't know exactly what it's going to

have in it," he says. "We're going to have to decide that as we go."

Although the concept of the video yearbook is different from that of The Aggie-land, A&M's print yearbook, Tomlinson says the two publications should complement one another.

"I think they will be complementary to one another, and I think they will be at the same time very different," he says.

"I think you will get out your print yearbook in years to come to look at it for the very same reasons you bought it in the first place," Tomlinson says.

"And I think the video version will be something that people will also want to get out and look at in years to come for the same reason they buy a movie on videotape

that they want to keep — because they want to see it again at some later point," he says.

Before the project was authorized Tomlinson, Dr. Ed Smith, head of the journalism department, and Don Johnson, coordinator of student publications, discussed the idea several times and looked for places that already had a video yearbook, Tomlinson says.

Abilene Christian University produced a video yearbook last year, but Tomlinson says it's not comparable to what A&M will produce because ACU does not have as many resources. He says he views A&M as pioneering the field.

Because the video yearbook is new, estimating the number of people who will buy it is difficult, Tomlinson says. But, he says,

5,000 to 10,000 video yearbooks would be an excellent number to sell in the first year.

He says former students also are targeted as potential yearbook buyers.

"Former students at Texas A&M, or anywhere else, buy very few print yearbooks," he says. "We believe that former students, especially Texas A&M former students, will buy a lot of these (video) yearbooks."

He says students probably will be able to buy the video yearbook the same way they can buy The Aggie-land — through the check-off system at registration. The cost would be included on the fee slip, Tomlinson says.

The video yearbook will sell for \$45, Tomlinson says, but a student may purchase the video yearbook and The Aggie-land for \$50. The Aggie-land costs \$20 if purchased separately.

A student video producer will supervise the project's staff, Tomlinson says. The producer will hire a chief cameraperson, other camera operators and production assistants, he says.

Applications for the producer position are available in 230 Reed McDonald. Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Qualifications for the position are an overall 2.0 grade point-ratio at the time of selection and during the term of office.