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SPLIT, Croatia (AP) - A U.S. warship in the Adriatic Sea fired 13 Tomahawk cruise missiles at Serb targets in northwestern Bosnia on Sunday, NATO said.

The effect of the missiles fired by the American cruiser USS Normandy wasn't immediately known, said NATO spokesman Maj. Panagiotis Theodorakidis. He said the mis-

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Students should fill out their applications and send two transcripts from other schools atended and a current GRE or

Tammi Caskey, coordinator or admissions and records for the College of Veterinary Mediine, said students interested in veterinary medicine should find

siles were launched at 8:41 p.m. (2:41 p.m. EDT).

It was the first use of the ship-based missiles in NATO's campaign to force the Bosnian Serb rebels to pull their artillery and other heavy weapons out of range of Sarajevo, and to ease their pressure on other U.N. "safe areas" such

as Tuzla. Also Sunday, Bosnian Serbs shelled the U.N.-controlled Tuzla airport and NATO retaliated swiftly with airstrikes, destroying rebel positions near the northeastern city.

In an attempt to end the 12day standoff with the Serbs,

out which field of veterinary medicine interests them, and determine what experience and grades are needed.

Applicants are accepted for the overall picture they present to the school, not just on the basis of their grades or experience, Caskey said.

'We look at academic performance, how the applicants grades compete with others, their GRE score, interview and their written communication skills," she said.

GRADUATE: Students choose their own committee members

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needs." Hoiste said.

Students choose their own committee members, who are required to be Texas A&M professors and can be chosen from departments outside the students' majors

The number of committee members range from three to five for graduate students pursuing master's degrees. Doctoral graduate students generally have five members on their advisory committees

Once students, their advisers and committee members have agreed on a curriculum and final thesis or dissertation, they sign the degree plan.

Committee members are expected to supervise and counsel graduate students. The students are expected to fulfill all the degree require-

ments in time. Stephenson Stephani Moore, Graduate Student Council president and a graduate meteorology student, said choosing a committee is not always easy and can bring a wide range of ideas and

opinions Moore said sometimes this part can be tricky because the classes you take and everything in your degree plan is under the discretion of the committee.

"Sometimes you have to take classes you don't want to, Moore said. "But you've signed a contract, so you have respon-

sibilities to uphold. "Everyone has a different opinion and different slant, so you just have to be flexible and

deal with all of them. The majority of work done in graduate studies is research, and students work closely with their professors

and advisers. Graduate students working toward master's degrees must complete thesis papers about problems no one has ever tried

to solve "Students have presented ideas in the past, but advisers

have more experience," Hoiste said about selecting thesis topics. Doctoral candidates are required to complete disserta-

usually have ideas since they

tions, which are in-depth extensions of thesis papers.

When their papers are complete, graduate students pre-sent the papers before their committees and are questioned about their work

If the committees do not unanimously agree with the final papers, students are given one more chance to pass. Student who's papers are not approved the second time must reapply to another department.

'Most horror stories you hear from graduate students are forlowed by a good reason," Moore said. "Usually the students are not holding up to their responsibilities and just goofing off, then decide they want to graduate in

The average degree plan for master candidates is 1-2 1/2 years and doctoral candidate is 3-7 years, if everything happens on time.

Dr. Dan H. Robertson, director of graduate studies, said advisers and committee members are empowered to carry out University policies.

"I do not view graduate students and advisers as a power relationship." Robertson said. 'Advisers are there to help.'

Christy Rollins, an education curriculum and instruction graduate student, said she has heard of graduate students having difficulties with their committees.

"I had a friend who finished his thesis and was defending it, when a certain professor kept coming up with reasons against it, so he had stay nine extra months to fin-Rollins said.

If there is a disagreement between the committee members and students, the latter has a chain of command to follow, beginning with the department head.

If students are not happy with the department head's decision, they may go to the dean of the college, followed by the graduate student office and finally an appeals board composed of faculty and students.

"If the students still feel no one has treated them fairly. they can always go to court and take legal action, Hoiste said.

President Jacques Chirac of cause they can be used in all France, speaking before the types of weather. He said their missile attack, said late Sunday he had demanded the NATO

allow for a possible agreement on the withdrawal of Serb guns. He did not say when the suspension would take effect. Despite morning cloud cover, NATO warplanes also carried

raids stop for several hours to

out airstrikes Sunday in other parts of Bosnia, said alliance spokesman Franco Veltri in

Naples, Italy. Another NATO spokesman, Capt. Jim Mitchell, said cruise missiles were used Sunday because of their accuracy and be-

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Research will involve thin film, crystal growth of electronic materials, fiber optics, electro-optics, integrated optics, semiconductor lasers, mi crowave circuits, solid state electronics and systems integration.

Working in cooperation with Texas Instruments, Honeywell and other corporations, the center will research technology that will be used in items such as compact disc players and telecommunications systems.

Dr. Kambiz Alavi, director of the University of Texas at Arlington facility, explained that the center is not primarily for industry's benefit.

"The most important thing we work with is students," Alavi said. "They shape the future of the University and industry." types of weather. He said their use also reduced the risk to NATO pilots flying over Bosnia.

Mitchell said the decision to use the missiles did not represent a change in the mission being carried out by NATO and the United Nations, nor in the targets being attacked.

He said the U.S. ships were attacking Bosnian Serb "air defense assets" in northwest Bosnia.

Since Aug. 30, NATO has carried out heavy attacks against a broad array of Serb targets across Bosnia, including ammunition depots and command and communication centers.

Graduate students working for the center will have a chance to see the results of their research, since it is geared toward industry needs.

The NSF centers began in the mid-1980s with a government push to increase the United States' competitiveness in technology development.

Similar centers around the country research a wide variety of topics, including remedies for work-related injuries, like back injuries and carpal tunnel syndrome.

Dr. C. Roland Haden, A&M System vice chancellor and dean of engineering, explained that the facility is one of 53 in the

The award of this center to the Texas Engineering Experiment Station is a true measure of recognition for the agency and the System," Haden said.

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boast the latest equipment, he said, it also promises a crowd, especially just after classes are over.

Bernard Johnson, a parttime worker at the center, said the Rec Center has a definite advantage over the other health clubs.

"The other gyms are smaller," Johnson said, "and they don't have all the things you have here.

Johnson said the Rec Center has been packed the last two weeks since it has been open for business, but will probably begin to slow down once students become involved in their classes and begin taking tests.

"It's kind of like buying a new car," he said. "You have a lot of people in here for the first couple of weeks."

had already purchased a membership at a local club before the center opened.

Having already paid to work out at two different places, Long said she is keeping an

"It's not costing me any more to do either one," she said. "But the equipment at the Rec Center is a hundred times better, and they'll keep it up.'

If students remain flexible about when they work out, Long said, everyone should be able to benefit from the Center.

"There are enough machines to go around if you go at cer-tain times," she said, "just like at any other gym."

Steve Lumpy, owner of Gold's Gym, said that if the \$50 Rec Center fee was optional, more students would get a membership with an off-campus facility. "I think they would be will-

ing to come over here and even pay a little more to use our facilities," Lumpy said. Larry Isham, marketing director at Aerofit, said he is not

concerned with the decrease in the club's business because it Alex Long, a sophomore has good clientele and is a market leader. "Because we're located in

Bryan and charge a little more, Aerofit doesn't depend on students' business to make a profit." Isham said.

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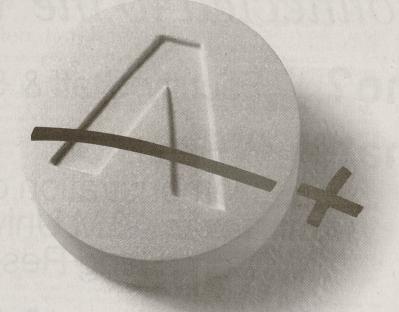
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