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Mostly cloudy and cool with a 40 percent chance of rain.

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Student indicted in loan application conspiracy

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A federal grand jury indicted a Texas A&M student and another man last week on charges of conspiring with A&M students last year to make false statements on federal student loan applications.

An FBI spokesman said A&M student Keith Anthony Hite, 23, of College Station, is being charged with receiving five other

students to make fraudulent statements on their loan applications so they would be eligible for \$3,000 to \$4,000 loans.

When reached by phone Wednesday night, Hite said he had been told not to comment on the case.

The indictment charges that the students claimed an "independent" status on their loan applications while they actually were receiving financial support from their parents.

The FBI spokesman said Hite was work-

ing for Joseph Anthony Garcia, who conducted business during 1987-88 as a financial services firm called First Venture Group, which was at 7607 Eastmark Drive in College Station.

Garcia's firm claimed to assist A&M students in obtaining federal student loans, the FBI spokesman said.

Four of the students, including Hite, endorsed their loan checks over to Garcia in return for \$500 cash, the spokesman said. Garcia signed a promissory note assuming

responsibility for the loans at maturity, the spokesman said.

He said the indictment also charges that Hite received \$500 for each student he recruited.

Garcia was arrested in Austin last week after an investigation by the FBI and the Education Department. Hite has been summoned to appear in court.

The five other A&M students were placed under a supervised probationary program. If they complete the probation

terms, they will not be charged with a crime, the FBI spokesman said.

One of the students, who requested anonymity, said he is being required to pay back his loan as part of his probation terms. He said his probation will last until he pays off the loan, which could take years.

He said he was assured by Hite and Garcia that nothing would go wrong, and expected to make an easy \$500.

The indictment also charges Garcia with forging signatures on loan applications.

Voodoo-cult members say Cuban directed slayings

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — Members of a voodoo cult of alleged drug smugglers along the Mexican border said Wednesday they ritually sacrificed people at the command of a Cuban "godfather" who told them the slayings would bring them demonic protection from enemies.

The Cuban man is being sought on both sides of the border.

"We killed them for protection," Elio Hernandez Rivera, 22, of Matamoros said. He told reporters at a news conference he shot one victim and decapitated another.

Mexican police found 12 bodies Tuesday at a ranch 20 miles west of Matamoros and said suspects told them of 14 killings. No more bodies had been found by Wednesday night and digging had not resumed, said Juan Benitez Ayala, head of the Mexican Federal Judicial Police in Matamoros.

Asked if he regretted the slayings, Hernandez Rivera said, "Yes, but it's too late."

"Very clearly they believed the human sacrifices and the animal sacrifices put a magical shield around them that protected them from evil or harm, even up to bullets," Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox said.

The victims included a University of Texas student, a Matamoros policeman, a Mexican federal police volunteer and a 16-year-old boy, officials said.

Mexican police believe two of the victims were executed as revenge for a soured drug deal, and Hernandez Rivera also said some were killed out of vengeance rather than as sacrifices.

At least one victim was kidnapped in Brownsville, within the last month, and as many as three of the dead may be American, officials said.

But Mattox said officials do not

think the cult poses any more danger to area travelers.

Mexican officials said five men were arrested in the case, and four of them were brought to the news conference Wednesday. More are being sought.

The four said they killed on the command of Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, identified by police as a Cuban in his late 40s. Police said he may have fled into the United States with a female cult member.

Constanzo killed student Mark Kilroy, said one of the arrested men, Serafin Hernandez Garcia, 22, a U.S. citizen from Brownsville.

Constanzo apparently introduced a sort of voodoo or black magic to the area, said Oran Neck, U.S. Customs chief agent in Brownsville.

The ritual "has overtones of a religious cult that has been exported out of Cuba and Haiti as 'Santeria,'" Neck said.

Killings prompt local groups to address Satanism in B—CS

PART 1 OF A 2 PART SERIES

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"The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven." — John Milton, English author.

Satanism is a subject that many parents in the Bryan-College Station area don't take seriously, but it's a problem that must be dealt with, local church and police authorities say.

Satanism is associated closely with the occult, but they are not the same. Satanism is a recognized religion in the United States and is protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Followers of Satanism and the occult often are involved in violent ceremonies which include murder, animal sacrifices and torture.

Though stories concerning cult activities occur frequently, they are always shocking.

The discovery of a University of Texas student found dead in Mexico Tuesday was the latest. Authorities said Mark Kilroy, 21, was among 12 male bodies found in a shallow grave. The victims were killed by devil-worshipping drug smugglers involved in a satanic ceremony that included torture, authorities said.

Parents around the country have formed community action groups to take steps toward alerting parents about the occult. One such group in San Antonio, Exodus, serves as a safe haven for people involved in the occult and looking for a way out.

Yvonne Peterson, director and founder of Exodus,

says every case she's worked with has involved an inner struggle for power or a desire for revenge.

"They have turned against Christianity to take revenge and power," Peterson says. "For example, in a sexual abuse case, they (the abuser) remove your power from you. These children who have been sexually abused want to regain that power with a vengeance. Every person I've ever interviewed, when I've asked them why they're doing it, they say, 'the power to control.'"

"That's without exception — 'the power.'"

It is this "power" that drives Satanists to turn their backs on God and begin worshipping Satan, Peterson says.

"Basically, they believe the opposite of what we (Christians) believe," she says. "If a Christian believes that Christ came to save us through shedding his blood, Satanists believe Christ's power was useless. Instead, they will drink the blood of an animal because they think the shedding of blood will give them power."

Local authorities, including church, school and police officials, say they have had to face the problem of Satanism and the occult, but on a relatively limited basis.

Father Marvin Kitten from St. Mary's Church in College Station says he was approached by some students two years ago about the occult. He says they were being asked to become involved in Satanism, and he strongly urged them to resist the temptation to do so.

"They found it enticing on one hand, but on the other hand something told them not to do it," Kitten says. "I ran into one of them in a restaurant recently. He came up to me with a big smile on his face and said, 'We followed your advice. We didn't get involved and we're so happy.'"

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Middle East situation requires U.S. intervention, panelists say

By Fiona Soltes

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The distinguished panelists of Wednesday night's MSC Wiley Lecture Series' "Middle East: Peace or Powder Keg" each gave differing opinions about the possibilities for peace in the Middle East, but all agreed that patience, compromise and intervention by the United States are requirements for a lasting solution.

The former CIA director, former national security adviser and assistant U.N. secretary-general each gave separate opening comments, then formed a panel to discuss questions submitted by the audience before the event.

Admiral Stansfield Turner, former CIA director, compared the issue of peace in the Middle East to "trick or treat."

"I'm just impish enough to say, 'I'll take the trick,' which leaves them dumbfounded," Turner said. "That's not dissimilar to the situation we find ourselves in concerning the Middle East, when someone speaks up and says, 'I want peace,' and everyone looks around dumbfounded, wondering what we're going to do next."

Turner said examples of this discomfort with a sudden suggestion of peace have been seen in Afghanistan, Iran and Israel.

"In the Middle East, when the Palestine Liberation Organization said they wanted peace, neither we nor the Israelis knew what to do," Turner said. "The issue here is people power. The 'intifadeh' (Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories) showed that the people in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are beginning to lose their patience."

He said the 'intifadeh' presents a new opportunity for the United



Former CIA Director Stansfield Turner

Photo by Mike C. Mulvey

States to promote the long-term security of Israel if the country can re-define its requirements for security.

Robert McFarlane, former national security adviser, agreed with Turner about the importance of U.S. intervention in the Middle East. But he said peace could only come about through talks involving both sides.

"This cannot be solved by the United States," he said. "It must involve direct communication between the Palestinians and the Israelis." He said intervention by Jordan, resolu-

tions by the United Nations and a transition period in which trust can be built up also are necessary.

"We need to build up a new initiative in a different climate with tempers lowered on the West Bank, and a plan within reach to lay the base for compromises on both sides," he said.

Dr. James Jonah, assistant U.N. secretary-general, said he felt these compromises could be reached with help from the United Nations. See *Wiley*/Page 11

Student will visit Washington to lobby for diabetes funding

By Juliette Rizzo

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A Texas A&M student will represent the University and the state at the National Youth Leadership Congress in Washington, D.C. this weekend to lobby for diabetes legislation and research funding.

Shannon Brow, president of Aggies for Diabetes Awareness, was selected by the American Diabetes Association to attend the conference. Brow will leave for D.C. Friday. During her four-day visit, she will present proposed legislation to congressmen, lobby for funding and give an educational speech in hopes of being chosen as the next national spokesman for the ADA.

Brow will work with representatives from other states to achieve the common goal of increasing national and local funding to find a cure for the disease.

She will give two other speeches about the disease to a general assembly of delegates from other states.

"It is important to increase awareness of diabetes in today's world," Brow said. "One in every 20 people will get the disease in their lifetime if a cure is not found."

Diabetes is a disease that, in some cases, inhibits the pancreas from producing insulin, the body's means of processing glucose, which is the energy source needed for the body's organs to function properly. A diabetic takes insulin shots to maintain the body's needed insulin level. Diabetics must modify their sugar intake because sugar raises the body's need for insulin.

Brow is being sponsored by Nutrasweet, whose primary target market is diabetics who use the product as a sugar substitute.

In October 1988, Brow was elected the first president of Aggies for Diabetes Awareness. The organi-

zation was founded in Fall 1988 by Cynthia Mumm as a support group for faculty, students and staff afflicted by or interested in the disease. Brow said that Mumm, a nine-year diabetic, knew that others on A&M's campus were afflicted with the disease. She believed that through her experiences with the disease, she could offer advice and support to others, Brow said. A first meeting of the group revealed more than a slight interest in the organization.

The group, advised by Dr. William Ward, associate dean of student affairs in the College of Medicine and the chairman of the American Diabetes Association of Texas, has grown from 20 members to 45 members.

The organization has educational meetings, activities for diabetics and plans to sponsor retreat programs for diabetics and their families.

The main goal of the organization is to educate the public about the disease. A&M is the only university in the state with an organization of this sort.

Brow said she hopes that her lobbying for legislation and funding will enable her to help not only diabetics at a national level but also those suffering locally.

Brow said 60 million people suffer from the disease. Diabetes is the No. 1 cause of kidney disease and blindness.

Diabetes research is being performed on campus by the Department of Physiology and Dr. John Bockeris of the chemistry department. Bockeris is designing a wrist watch with a sensor that can determine the body's blood sugar level, making frequent blood tests unnecessary.

Brow said that according to the 1989 fiscal budget, only a little more than \$7 billion has been appropriated for National Institute of Health

disease studies including diabetes. Approximately \$8 billion is needed to fund programs and new research grants, she said. One-fourth of all medical research has been cut due to the lack of funding, she said. Six thousand grants usually are awarded each year for research on diabetes, but only 4,500 were awarded this year because of the lack of funds.

The 18-year-old freshman biology major will ask Congress to appropriate funds to support the Ad-hoc

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Motorist fires shotgun blast at students

A "stranded motorist" turned out to be an armed robber when two Texas A&M students stopped to give a helping hand early Wednesday morning about 10 miles southeast of College Station, University police said.

Bob Wiatt, director of security and University Police, said the students stopped about 1 a.m. near Millican to help a stranded driver, but when they got out of their car, the driver pulled out a shotgun and demanded their money.

The students started running away, Wiatt said, and the armed man fired at them. The students got away, Wiatt said, but not before being hit. The students were treated at the A.P. Beutel Health Center for superficial birdshot wounds.

The Brazos County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident.



Working out

Photo by Fredrick D. Joe

Kurt Blackman Jr., a junior engineering technology major, does some squats during his

workout in the DeWare Field House weight room Wednesday afternoon.