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## Bomb shatters Oklahoma City federal building

**The search for survivors lasted through the night, aided by four giant spotlights.**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Rescuers armed with tiny cameras and listening devices searched for survivors in a bombed-out federal building today, while police hunted for the terrorists who caused the devastation.

"The hope tonight is that we'll find some more survivors," Gov. Frank Keating said at the scene late Wednesday. "The hope tomorrow is we'll find some more survivors. After that, we hope to find out who's responsible."

The death toll from Wednesday morning's explosion stood at 36 early today, the city fire department said. Authorities said the total was sure to rise. About 200 employees of Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building were unaccounted for. A total of 432 were treated for injuries, and 72 of them were serious enough to re-

quire hospitalization.

Early today, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said it found a Chevrolet Cavalier that may have been involved in the bombing in Oklahoma City, and that "follow-up interviews" were being conducted.

In the streets surrounding the building, police marked several tiny metal fragments by spray-painting yellow circles around them. Rescue workers were told not to venture inside them.

A police source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said FBI agents had found an axle of the bomb about two blocks from the scene.

President Clinton called the bombers "evil cowards," and Attorney General Janet Reno said the government would seek the death penalty against them.

The search for survivors lasted through the night, aided by four giant spotlights that illuminated the cables and other debris, dangling from the pancaked floors of the building like tangled streamers.

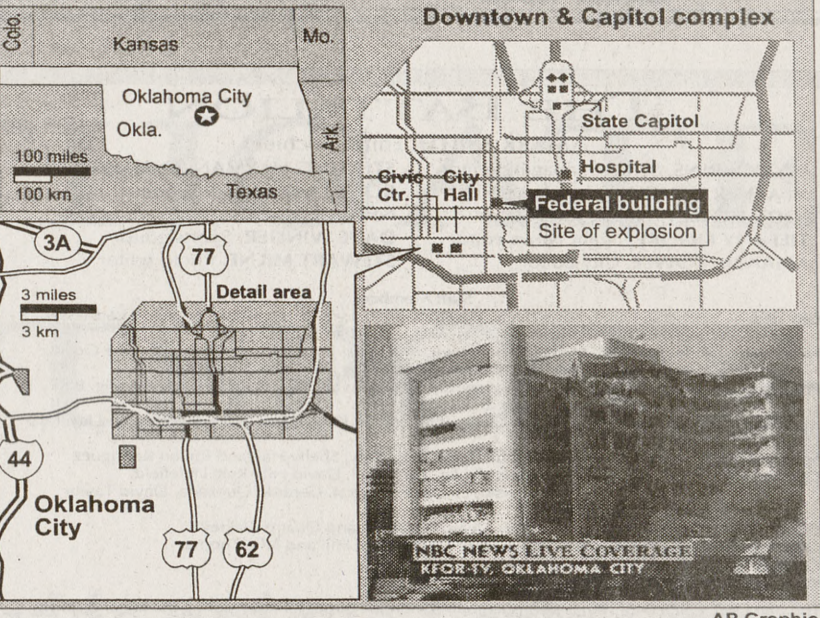
Three people were pulled from the rubble Wednesday night but two died a short time later, said Assistant Fire Chief Jon Hansen. He said a 15-year-old girl was taken from the building in critical condition. He also said a woman trapped in the basement said there were two others with her. She didn't know if they were dead or alive.

"Our firefighters are having to crawl over corpses in areas to get to people that are still alive," Hansen said.

Mayor Ron Norick said the blast, which left a crater 30 feet long and 8 feet deep, was caused by a car bomb. He said the car had been outside, in front of the

### Federal building bombed

The Alfred Murrah Building was bombed Wednesday morning. The building houses federal offices including local offices of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.



### Importance of blood drive goes beyond A&M-U.T. rivalry

**BloodCare is in dire need of blood, especially Type O-Negative.**

By Stephanie Dube  
THE BATTALION

BloodCare officials are encouraging A&M students and faculty to donate blood this week to help the survivors of the Oklahoma explosion.

Alan Elias, director of donor

recruitment for BloodCare, the second-largest blood center in Texas, said BloodCare is on emergency standby.

A car bomb exploded near the Alfred Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City Wednesday morning, killing more than 20 people and injuring hundreds more.

If the Oklahoma Blood Institute runs out of blood



Tim Moog/THE BATTALION

### Chemical spill

A chemical truck overturned Wednesday morning, spilling hydrochloric acid. See Briefs Page 2

## Bill concerning Texas regents passes House of Representatives

**The legislation includes term limits as well as specifying grounds for removal of regents.**

By Wes Swift  
THE BATTALION

A bill setting provisions for regent conduct for Texas university systems was passed by the Texas House of Representatives Wednesday and will go to the Senate.

House Bill 420, sponsored by Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, has nine guidelines that govern relations and contracts with the university after a regent has left the board, special accounting for alcohol purchases, term limits and public hearings before tuition and fees are increased.

Although the bill addresses several problems that a Jan. 6 state auditors report had with the Texas A&M University system,

Ogden said the bill voices concerns he has had for many years.

"I've been watching these issues for several years," Ogden said. "I think this is just good public philosophy. But the audit does reinforce the need for these provisions."

The bill calls for term limits on regents and the chairman of the board. Regents will only be eligible for one six-year term. Each chairman will only be able to serve one three-year term.

John Lindsay, member of the Texas A&M Board of Regents, said the Board did not support term limits.

"I think that it should be left up to the governor," Lindsey said.

Regent Alison Brisco echoed Lindsey's comments.

"I'm against the term limits," Brisco said. "I think it should be the governor's decision."

Ogden said that although regents would be limited to one

**House Bill 420:**

- requires the regent's budget for each system to be incorporated as a line-item in the appropriations bill.
- prohibits regents from naming buildings after themselves until four years after they leave the Board.
- prohibits regents or their close relatives from being hired in any administrative position in the system they govern until four years after the regent leaves the Board.
- prohibits regents from contracting with an institution they govern until four years after leaving the Board.
- requires purchases of alcoholic beverages to be made from an auditable account from monies specifically donated for this purpose and in accordance with the same rules governing student consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- limits the terms of regents to one six-year term and the terms of Board chairmen to one three-year term.
- requires the regents to hold a public hearing before increasing tuition or fees.
- specifies grounds by which a regent can be removed.
- encourages regents to set admission standards so that 90 percent of the students admitted are prepared to do college level work and eliminates testing and remedial coursework for students admitted under those standards.

## Senior Weekend '95 Weekend begins with a Bash

**The Class of '95 invited the Class of '45 to the Senior Bash at the Lakeview Club.**

By Stephanie Dube  
THE BATTALION

Senior Weekend begins tonight with a Senior Bash that will bring together the Class of '95 and the Class of '45 for the first time.

The Senior Bash will start at 8 p.m. at the Lakeview Club.

Brad Britton, chair for Senior Weekend, said he thought it

our Aggie Muster. I thought it would be unique to tie the traditions together and invite the Class of '45 to celebrate with us."

Cody Burke, president of the Class of '95, said the Bash will be bigger this year.

"Everyone is excited about the Bash," he said. "In the past, it has been a small deal at the Hall of Fame. But this year it will be at the Lakeview(Club), which will make it more memorable. We will have the whole place rented for ourselves."

Rebecca Scholl, co-chair for Ring Dance, said the Bash was moved to the Lakeview Club to make it more exclusive.

**"Senior Weekend symbolizes the last time the Class of '95 will be together as a group until our Aggie Muster."**

"Before, when the Bash was at the Hall, anyone could go," Scholl said. "This year it is solely a senior event with the Class of '45."

The Senior Banquet will be Saturday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Hilton. The class gift will be announced during the banquet.

Dr. Ben Welch, who is in charge of the College of Business Administration's honors and fellowship programs, will speak at the banquet.

— Brad Britton, chair for Senior Weekend

would be a good idea to invite the Class of '45, which will already be in town for Muster, to celebrate with the Class of '95.

"During Muster, the class of 50 years ago comes back," Britton said. "Senior Weekend symbolizes the last time the Class of '95 will be together as a group until

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## Committee asks for University opinions

**The search advisory committee for the vice president for finance and administration seeks input through an open forum to be held Friday.**

By Lisa Messer  
THE BATTALION

The search advisory committee for the vice president for finance and administration will hold an open forum Friday to allow University input into the search.

The forum will be from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in 601 Rudder.

Ray Bowen, president of Texas A&M, formed the search advisory committee to review applications for the position and make recommendations to him.

The 11-member committee consists of administrators, professors and graduate and undergraduate students.

Bowen will review the committee's recommendations and choose the permanent vice president for finance and ad-

ministration.

Dr. Charles Lee, chairman of the search committee and interim executive vice president and provost, said the forum will give people at A&M a chance to share their views on the vice president's role.

"We want to give members of the University community the opportunity to make their input to the search advisory committee to the University president," Lee said. "We have no agenda other than to give people the opportunity to look into the position."

Lee said the committee wants to be sure everyone affected by the position has a chance to give input.

"We want faculty members, maintenance workers and students whose educational programs or careers might be affected by this position to be able to talk," Lee said. "They can say whatever they wish to say."

Lee said the committee has spoken with people working in finance and administration.

"We have already invited each department head in the finance and administration

## 1996 Aggieland editor has needed experience

**Hodges returns as editor for the second consecutive year.**

By Tracy Smith  
THE BATTALION

Diana Hodges plans to put her yearbook experience to good use as the Aggieland editor for her second consecutive year.

Hodges, a junior journalism major from Arlington, said she has the experience needed to succeed as Aggieland editor since her position in 1996 will be a continuation from this year.

After much deliberation, she said she applied again because the experience she received as editor will be an important asset for her goals.

"Ultimately, I want to be the editor for a magazine," she said. "And since the experience I'm receiving through the Aggieland is similar to that, another year as editor can't hurt."

Hodges has been part of the Aggieland staff for the past three years, she said, so it seems fitting she stick it out at least one more year.

"I was hired right out of high school for the Aggieland staff," she said. "While being an editor can be a hard job, so far I

have really enjoyed it."

Hodges said she is excited about the upcoming year and the 1996 staff, which will consist of many people returning from this year's staff.

"We will have some people who know the ins and outs of the Aggieland and some who will be new to the game," she said. "This is what makes it so exciting."

Jade Dumas, a junior management major, said she has enjoyed the responsibility the Aggieland gives its staff members



Diana Hodges

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