

## Clinton nominates CIA head SGA survey polls student sentiment

**Acting CIA Director George Tenet was chosen after the GOP persuaded Anthony Lake to withdraw from consideration.**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Playing it safe after his first choice succumbed to bruising attacks, President Clinton nominated acting CIA director George Tenet on Wednesday to head the nation's spy agency. Just two days after Republican-led opposition persuaded Anthony Lake to withdraw from consideration, Clinton selected a

substitute whose long intelligence career started on the staff of a GOP lawmaker.

"He's well known to the Senate and well-respected by Republicans, as well as Democrats," the president said, sitting in a wheelchair to protect his mending knee.

Tenet, 44, emerged as the quick choice after Lake, Clinton's former national security adviser, bowed out with a bitter letter to Clinton that said, "Washington has gone haywire."

An angry Clinton called then for an end to "the cycle of political destruction," but he had settled on Tenet by Tuesday night and ordered a background check. The president did not want partisan sniping over Lake's demise to cast a shadow over other issues, in-

cluding budget talks.

Tenet said he had looked forward to serving under Lake, an old friend. "It is a bittersweet moment for me," Tenet said, flanked by his wife, Stephanie, and his 10-year-old son, John Michael.

He seems a safe choice: The Senate confirmed him for the No. 2 spot in 1995, and White House soundings suggested a second set of hearings would go smoothly. Clinton hopes Tenet will move quickly into the top job and begin repairing morale at an agency that has been without a full-time director since December. If confirmed, Tenet will be Clinton's third CIA director.

"You can't have a ship without a captain," the president said. "I didn't see any point in waiting."

Tenet's close ties to Capitol Hill are a contrast to Lake, whose relations with Congress were notoriously weak.

"There is no room for partisanship in the conduct of our intelligence community," Tenet said to Clinton, though the words were meant for the ears of Republican lawmakers. "We must always be straight and tell you the facts as we know them."

The choice was welcomed by Republicans.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., the Intelligence Committee chairman who led attacks on Lake, said, "I have known George Tenet for several years and believe him to be a man of integrity and professionalism." Shelby promised a "fair and thorough examination" in confirmation hearings.

By ERICA ROY  
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The success of the Student Government Association's survey last month encouraged student leaders to conduct future surveys using the process.

Texas Aggies Making Changes committee members called a random sample of 440 undergraduate students drawn by Measurement and Research Services over a three-day period in February.

Student Body President Carl Baggett, a senior accounting major, said the survey's intent was to find out what the student body thinks of its student government and to develop a systematic and scientific survey process.

Baggett said now that the system is in place, the process can be used more easily.

"Now we've got it set up for future input on various issues from the students," he said.

This survey process can help student leaders more accurately represent the opinion of the student body, Baggett said.

"I think this will only add weight to the voice of the student leadership when they express the students' opinion," he said, "because now they have a cross-representational survey to back it up."

James Rogers, survey coordinator and a junior marketing major, said this type of survey can produce results more representative of student opinion.

Rogers said Measurement and Research Services expected SGA to contact only 200 of the 440 students called, but SGA was able to survey 315 of the 440 students.

Rogers said the persistence of the volunteers and the willingness of the students contributed to the high number of students surveyed.

"It was a very positive process," Rogers said. "People in general were motivated to do these surveys."

Rogers said Student Government is also in the process of conducting a two-question survey.

Will Hurd, executive assistant to the student body president and a sophomore computer science and international studies major, said the results showed a majority of the students surveyed were satisfied with

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT SURVEY RESULTS

1. I feel that student government does a good representing my opinions on issues.	A 3.5 B 54.6 C 36.2 D 4.8 E 1.0
2. Student government is an effective organization on the Texas A&M campus.	A 16.5 B 59.0 C 21.0 D 3.2 E 0.3
3. When I vote for a senator, I trust him/her to make an educated decision.	A 28.9 B 53.7 C 15.2 D 1.3 E 1.0
4. When I vote for a senator, I trust him/her to solicit my opinion on each individual issue.	A 12.4 B 47.3 C 22.2 D 16.2 E 1.9
5. I am satisfied with the job the student body president is doing.	A 11.7 B 56.5 C 28.6 D 3.2 E 0.0
6. Do you know the name of the student body president.	Yes 38.7 No 60.6

A - Strongly Agree  
B - Agree  
C - Undecided  
D - Disagree  
E - Strongly Disagree

Figures are in percentages

student government. "Everyone thought that student government is an effective organization," Hurd said. "It shows us we are going in the right direction."

Baggett said the survey results indicated some students do know about the hard work and dedication of the SGA.

"It (the survey) shows the students do know what I've seen all year long, that the Student Senate and other parts of student government work very hard for the students," Baggett said. "I think most of the students know that."

Hurd also said the results showed some students are undecided or do not have an opinion, and SGA needs to reach these students.

"We need to target these people to make sure they have an opinion, good or bad," Hurd said.



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**Friendly Skies** Chad Whittington, a freshman chemistry major, flies over A&M during an instructional flight Wednesday afternoon. When he completes his 1,500 hour requirement, he'll head to an aviation academy for his commercial license.

## Tensions peak on eve of summit with Yeltsin

**NATO expansion and arms control are two major issues Clinton will confront at the Helsinki summit.**

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — On the eve of the Clinton-Yeltsin summit, there are anxious words from the Kremlin and the White House.

The biggest strain by far is Moscow's objection to the U.S.-promoted expansion of NATO eastward toward Russia's borders. But tensions and uncertainty also linger about arms control, Boris Yeltsin's health, the path of economic reform and a months-long vacuum in the top ranks in the Russian government.

No one is predicting breakthroughs in Helsinki.

"The relationship has deteriorated," Russian specialist Ilya Prizel of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies said. "It's a very delicate moment. They

are at a certain low point" after beginning to decline in late 1994 or early 1995.

Leon Aron, a Russian scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and author of a Yeltsin biography, agreed. "I have some strange premonitions about the summit," he said. "I tend to be very optimistic about these summits, partly because of Yeltsin's habit of creating a crisis and then coming in and pulling a rabbit out of the hat." This time, however, he is worried about the outcome.

"On both sides, the presidents have very little room to maneuver," Aron said. "The plate is extremely full and neither of these presidents is a foreign policy president, not a Gorbachev, not a Nixon or even a Bush. They have very little taste and even less skill to untangle complicated foreign policy issues."

In their 11th meeting over the last four years, the two leaders will greet each other Thursday night at a dinner hosted by Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari at the Presidential Palace. That will be followed Friday by two rounds of meetings, followed by a joint news conference and a private dinner.

In recent weeks, a healthier Yeltsin has moved to reassert control and end the sense of drift in Moscow. He replaced his Cabinet with a team that the United States believes is more focused on economic reforms. As he prepared to leave Washington Wednesday night, President Clinton said he was encouraged by the appointments.

Despite repeated assurances, however, Clinton has been unable to convince Yeltsin that Russia has nothing to fear from NATO's expansion, probably beginning with inclusion this summer of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

## Proposal calls for Liberal Arts equipment fee

By BENJAMIN CHENG  
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The Apple IIEs in the psychology department will be history if a proposal to raise fees to replace and upgrade instructional equipment in the College of Liberal Arts passes next week before the Board of Regents.

Students will pay an equipment access fee for each liberal arts class they take. The fee will apply to up to three classes a semester. Students will not be charged for classes that do not use instructional equipment needing upgrading or replacement. The fee is \$35, \$50 or \$65 depending on the amount of equipment used in the class.

Dr. Ben Crouch, executive associate dean of Liberal Arts, said the fee follows the lead of other colleges, such as science and engineering, which charge similar fees.

"We need to keep up with the equipment and technology demands that are rising faster than our resources [to pay for them]," Crouch said.

The instructional equipment in the college has fallen behind current technology, Crouch said.

"We're not where we'd like to be," he said.

Crouch said the funds will be carefully audited so the money will not be diverted to other areas.

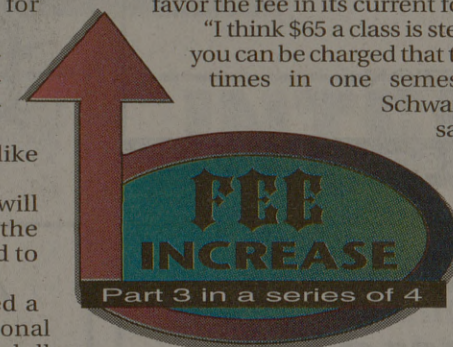
"If students are charged a fee for upgrading instructional equipment, then those dollars should go into instructional equipment," Crouch said. "They ought to go to the department where the students pay for them."

Crouch said A&M's low tuition compared to other state schools and limited state funds make the

fee necessary.

Mike Schwartz, a sophomore journalism major, said he does not favor the fee in its current form.

"I think \$65 a class is steep if you can be charged that three times in one semester," Schwartz said.



Dr. Charles Self, head of the journalism department, said the department uses more instructional equipment than most liberal arts departments and the fee is necessary because instructional

equipment is an integral part of teaching journalism.

"I feel it's a necessary evil," Self said. "[But] I wish we didn't have to use fee increases."

Dr. Paul Wellman, head of the psychology department, said his department will not be affected as greatly because instructional equipment is not a vital tool in teaching psychology.

However, there is a need to replace equipment, Wellman said, as his department still has Apple IIEs lying around.

"They make nice paper weights and ash trays," Wellman said.

Schwartz said some of the equipment in the journalism department is usable but outdated.

"I understand the money needs to come from somewhere and we (students) are the only source," Schwartz said.

## Seniors to vote on class gift suggestions

By REBECCA TORRELLAS  
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The senior class will vote on its class gift next week after receiving suggestions from students, staff and organizations.

The seniors will have five choices when voting for their class gift in the general student body elections.

K.C. Allan, Class of '97 president and an accounting major, said the budget for the senior class is expected to be between \$60,000 and \$80,000, depending on the profits from Ring Dance April 26.

"Most of our profit comes from Ring Dance," Allan said. "The money we have before that goes to the expenses of Ring Dance."

Class officers receive suggestions for the class gift from several people on campus.

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for student affairs, said he makes one suggestion to each class, although he can make unlimited suggestions.

"I simply thought it would be useful to have an idea from someone like myself that is exposed to so many needs and could suggest a priority," Southerland said.

David Recht, class gift co-chair and a senior civil engineering major, said the suggestions are helpful.

"All the suggestions are feasible with the correct budget," Recht said.

Following tradition, money left over from the class gift will be passed on to the incoming Class of 2001.

Other classes are getting prepared for their senior gift, holding fund raisers and dances to raise the budget.

Nolan Barkhouse, Class of '98 president and an international studies major, said the junior class currently has a budget of around \$12,000 and is planning an end of the year bash as a replacement for the class ball, which was canceled.

Amy Berger, Class of '99 treasurer and marketing major, said the budget for class of '99 is

about \$6,500.

"We're right on target or a little ahead with how the other classes were doing," Berger said.

Mike Lemonds, Class of '00 president and political science major, said the freshman class has a current budget of \$6,000 and is hoping their Fish Class Ball on Apr. 4 will add to it.

"It's twice as much as the highest any other class has done before," Lemonds said.

Classes do not start planning for class gifts until the fall of their senior year, when they research the suggestions and decide on the best five choices depending on their class budget.

The gifts on the ballot include enhancing the Bonfire endowment, funding restoration of The Grove, enhancing Evans Library research materials, establishing a service organization to support the elimination of substandard housing in Bryan and making a \$20,000 endowment to the Memorial Student Center for renovation of conference facilities.

The Class of '97 gift will be announced at the senior banquet held before Ring Dance.

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