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A&M, ACC sign vet partnership

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The Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Austin Community College have signed a partnership, known as the 2+2 agreement, that helps students transfer credits from the community college into the University's Biomedical Science Program (BIMS).

The agreement will ease a student's transfer, guaranteeing the student's ACC credits are counted if admitted into the biomedical program at the University.

Despite this guarantee, officials said the admission requirements are still stringent.

"Students must apply for admission as a transfer student by the University deadline dates, have a 3.6 [grade-point average], complete at least 60 hours of prescribed course work and have no grade below a B in

their science courses to be eligible for the associate degree offered by the community college they are attending," said F. H. Landis, director of the Biomedical Science Program.

With these requirements, "the 2+2 agreements provide direction of course selection for students attending community colleges while recruiting the best and brightest transfer student into BIMS," Landis said.

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drink, they should do so in moderation and avoid taking drinks from people they do not know well.

Disorderly or reckless behavior should also be avoided. In many countries, conduct that would be acceptable in the United States would result in arrest in other countries.

Cathy Schutt, the assistant director of the Study Abroad Programs Office at A&M, said there are many other things students should do for safe vacations.

She said students should check the travel warnings in the countries

they plan to visit and consult travel books to get opinions on safe and fun places to visit.

It is also important for students to avoid looking like tourists, Schutt said, especially in light of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Students should not identify themselves as Americans, wear clothing that stands out or frequent establishments common to other Americans like the Hard Rock Cafe or McDonald's, she said.

The well-being of students while traveling is a top priority at A&M, Schutt said.

"A&M is extremely concerned about the safety of their students," Schutt said. "We try to provide as much information as possible about traveling."

Soldiers

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Taliban militia dug in near the town of Gardez.

Names of the Americans Monday were being withheld until relatives could be notified.

The American deaths underscored not only the dangers in pursuing President Bush's declared goal of eliminating Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida but also the difficulty of assaulting what Pentagon officials say are well-armed and well-organized pockets of al-Qaida resistance in eastern Afghanistan.

The operation is being commanded by Maj. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, commanding general of the Army's 10th Mountain Division.

Details on the two helicopter incidents were sketchy, and the U.S. and Afghan death toll was uncertain.

"The fog of war will persist" until more of the soldiers involved are brought back

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and debriefed, Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of U.S. Central Command, told a news conference in Tampa, Fla., where he

is headquartered. He said either eight or nine Americans were killed.

Franks said the U.S.-led offensive was planned for several weeks and had as its objective a 60-square-mile area south of Gardez. He said about 1,000 Afghan troops were serving as a blocking force on the perimeter of the area to hem in the enemy and prevent large numbers from escaping.

Franks estimated that 100 to 200 enemy fighters had been killed and a small number taken as "detainees." He said they included al-Qaida fighters, Taliban militia and Chechen and Uzbek fighters.

"We intend to continue to the operation until those al-Qaida and Taliban who remain are either surrendered or killed. The choice is theirs," Rumsfeld told a Pentagon news conference.

Cloning

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the same behavioral tendencies, and owners should not seek to resurrect their original pet.

Dr. Mark Westhusin, Missyplicity team member and A&M associate professor of veterinary physiology and pharmacology, said contrary to what Genetic Savings and Clone hopes, the commercialization of pet cloning is not going to happen soon.

"It is important to see the long-term effects before this gets applied outside of research mode," Westhusin said. "We have an absolute obligation to see how things are going to turn out."

The Humane Society has condemned the project in light of recent news of Dolly's arthritis and mouse obesity, saying that cloning only has proven itself as an imperfect science, creating animals with medical complications and surgery is usually necessary for mothers to deliver clones.

A&M Veterinary professor Dr. Duane C. Kraemer, who works on the Genetic Savings and Clone research team, said it is not known why there are so many complications with cloned animals, and none of them have been directly associated with the cloning.

"It is important to recognize that this research has many unknowns, and the only way to develop more information to answer the unknowns is to do more research," he said. "One individual animal from one species is not enough to be able to establish the truth."

Westhusin said the team needs to improve the efficiency of embryos. The cat clone was only successful after transferring 87

cloned embryos into eight female cats, resulting in one failed pregnancy and one clone.

This success rate is comparable to other cloning projects, including the sheep, pigs and goats that were previously cloned in A&M labs.

Westhusin said that is why the Missyplicity project is against any research for human cloning.

"It is way too efficient and way too risky. There is no way we can justify cloning humans," he said. "We are not interested in cloning humans — we never have been, and we never will be."

The Humane Society says it is also concerned about the current overpopulation of domestic animals, where tax money is used to control pet populations.

Westhusin said the concern is unfounded.

"The concept that this will add to the pet population is stupid," Westhusin said. "There will be more cats born on your street this year than will be cloned in the next five. This will never compete with natural reproduction."

He said cloning technology will reduce the amount of animals necessary for lab work or agriculture.

"If we clone the best animals, we need fewer of them to produce the same amount of meat or milk," he said.

The research project has invested \$250,000 in clinics that spay and neuter pets. Missyplicity also has prompted a study at the University of Virginia to research pet contraceptives.

He said dog-cloning research may be used to secure endangered animal species, and clone dogs valuable to society, like search and rescue dogs or guide dogs for the blind.

"Everything is working toward animal welfare," Westhusin said.

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