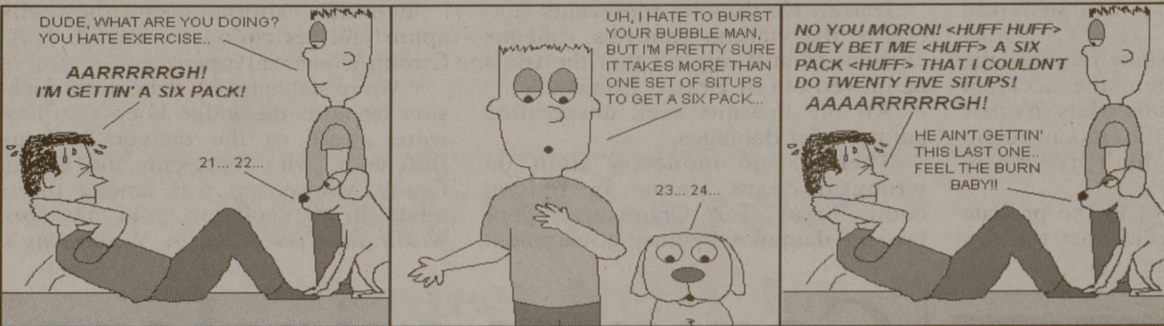


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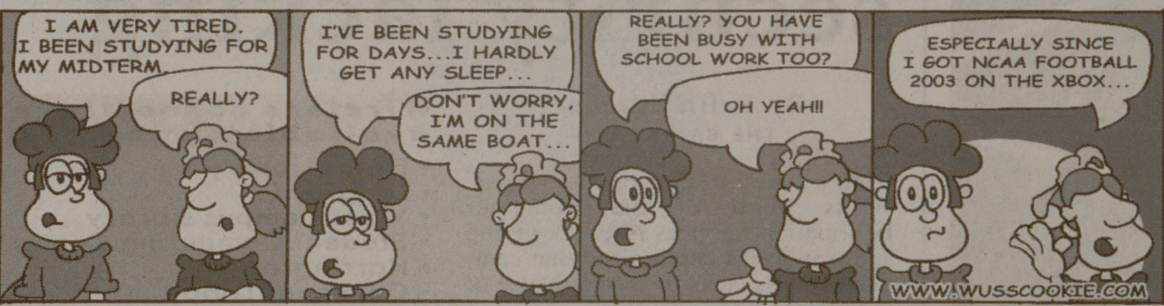
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requires a Virtual Private Network (VPN) server and the LDAP server which can use the same password and account name as Neo. There is a threat of "rogue access points" or "throw-downs" with wireless access, which is one of the disadvantages of the system. These are ports that are simply installed and not managed under the A&M standards for encryption and security, Marti said.

Marti emphasized the difference between wireless systems that are simply wired rather than engineered and managed. The advantage to VPN is its success and ability to provide what A&M users need with

wireless access, confidentiality and authentication, he said. The biggest disadvantage to the system is the incompatibility with devices such as Personal Data Assistants. The demand for on-campus users has spread from Windows and Macintosh compatible devices to a broader range that VPN cannot provide with wireless access.

Callaloo

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of Southern California, and poet Reetika Vazirani, winner of the Pushcart Prize for her poem "Daughter-Mother-Maya-Seeta." Admission to the workshop is extremely competitive. Screeners evaluate applicants and select the people that will be participating, Rowell said. Students and faculty work together for the workshops, meeting as a group for three hours each day. They have the afternoon off to read, write or have individual conferences with the faculty, Rowell said. If any of the attendees show promise, they may

be featured in a future issue of *Callaloo*. "If [any attendees] are publishable, we will publish them," Rowell said. "In fact, three of the participants from last year will be appearing in the journal." The faculty will hold a public reading during the first week, and on the last evening of the workshop, there will be a public reading for a small audience made up of participants and invited guests. Krissa Fritsche, a junior history major said she is familiar with *Callaloo*. "I think [the *Callaloo* workshop] is a great avenue for new writers to get useful advice," Fritsche said. "I've heard a lot about it and I think it's great that *Callaloo* is having their workshops right here at A&M."

Professor

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entitled *Donald Barthelme: The Genesis of a Cool Sound*, was featured at the 2001 Texas Book Festival. In her book, she wrote the memoirs of her ex-husband, Donald Barthelme, who was also an award-winning author. After teaching for several years at the University of

Houston, Barthelme came to A&M in June 1987 as a visiting assistant professor and the coordinator of writing specialization. She became a senior lecturer in 1992. Barthelme received her bachelor's degree in journalism and her master's degree in communications from the University of Houston and later earned her Ph.D. from the University of Texas in

American literature. Barthelme was also a pilot during the 1950s and 1960s and owned an advertising firm with her sister. "Anyone wishing to donate can write a check to the Texas A&M Foundation, write Barthelme's name on the memo line, and send it to A&M's English department, Ives said. "Texas A&M really meant a lot to her," she said.

Man arrested for bogus checks offers help with terrorism

DETROIT (AP) — A man charged with smuggling \$12 million in bogus cashier checks into the United States told agents the man named on the checks may belong to al-Qaida, authorities said Wednesday.

Omar Shishani, 47, also told investigators during an interview that "if you want to know about terrorism, I can help you with that," Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Straus said during a hearing. Defense attorney Nabih Ayad denied his client ever made such statements.

Shishani, who was born in Jordan but is of Chechen descent, was arrested last week after arriving at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on a flight from Indonesia. He was jailed without bond July 17 after pleading innocent to possession of counterfeit securities and smuggling merchandise into the United States. He faces up to 15 years in prison.

Authorities say they found nine phony cashier checks during a search of Shishani's bags. Six were dated June 10, 2002, and made payable to "Baharuddin Masse," the indictment said. The other checks were dated Sept. 3, Sept. 5 and Sept. 6, 2002.

Authorities also found a piece of paper with Arabic writing that appeared to be verses from the Quran, some of which Straus said were suggestive of "cataclysmic or apocalyptic events."

Shishani told agents he believes Masse may belong to al-Qaida, has made pro-al-Qaida statements and named his daughter al-Qaida, Straus said.

The suspect's attorney said Shishani only said the part about the girl. Two of the checks were for \$5 million each; two were for \$500,000 each; and five were for

\$200,000 each, the affidavit said. The checks, labeled "cashier check," were purportedly issued by the Pomona, Calif., branch of America Bank.

There is no Pomona branch of the Secret Service agent Clarence T. Laster said in the affidavit.

Shishani emigrated to the United States in 1979, where he married. He became a U.S. citizen in 1989, his lawyer said. From 1974-1979, Shishani served with the Jordan intelligence service, receiving instruction in spy craft and counter-surveillance techniques, court documents show.

Ayad described Shishani as a broker who went to Indonesia to work on a deal with Masse, a broker. The deal fell through, Ayad said, and Shishani was instructed to return with the checks.

Shishani didn't know the checks were fraudulent and didn't bring them to Indonesia, Ayad said. He said they originated with a man in California whom Ayad would not identify.

Shishani told federal authorities that he has closed a deal in four years. Shishani's family in Jordan says Shishani is simply a wealthy computer salesman who has no links to terrorism.

Authorities searched Shishani's home in Dearborn. Straus said several financial documents were seized, including a December 2001 statement indicating Shishani had roughly \$2 million, much of that in jewelry and artwork.

His attorney said that the statement is false and that his client is not wealthy. Shishani briefly ran a business in Detroit in the mid-1990s dealing with computers, Ayad said.

Cass

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here that still have a work ethic and a will to win."

After his dad signed him up for a tennis camp, Cass became interested in the game and began focusing on building a tennis career. His focus helped him become an All-American his senior season at New Mexico.

"I had always wanted to keep playing tennis after college," Cass said. "But after I graduated I realized I probably wasn't good enough to make a living playing pro tennis, so I turned my sights to coaching."

Months after graduating, Cass was hired as the head coach of the Lobos' tennis team at the age of 23, one of the youngest head coaches in NCAA history.

After rebuilding the program for two years, including his first season when he ran an ad in the school newspaper just to find

enough players to finish the season, Cass guided New Mexico to its first ever WAC Championship and began a string of six consecutive trips to the NCAA Championships before coming to A&M.

At A&M, the job was not much easier, but Cass started quickly and his first recruiting class in 1997 was ranked No. 1 in the nation by College Tennis Weekly.

In 2001, the Aggies reached the Elite Eight in the NCAA Championships and were ranked No. 4 in the nation.

"There are jobs that you will always be interested in no matter what kind of career you have," Cass said. "A&M is certainly one of those jobs for a coach. I had always liked Texas A&M, and it was a spot that had a great tradition of supporting their sports programs. I pursued the job when it came open and I was excited that A&M was interested."

Cass remains one of the

youngest coaches in NCAA tennis despite his 14 years of coaching experience.

"Being the head coach, you kind of get thrown into being the bad guy every once in a while," Cass said. "But I always want my players to be able to talk to me and trust me. Whether it's problems with a girlfriend, their parents, a teammate or in the classroom, I think my players know they can sit in here and talk to me about it."

Now married with an eight-month-old son, Cass is not setting any immediate plans to leave A&M.

"If we had won the national championship this season, I might have retired," Cass jokes. "There might come a point where I feel like I've done what I can do here and it is time to give someone else an opportunity. "I don't see myself coaching when I'm 60, but at the same time I really have no idea what it would take to get me to move on, when it might happen," he said.

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destroyed building used to train the firefighters in how to handle a natural disaster such as a tornado or hurricane.

Sometimes college students are recruited to play victims in these scenes and the firemen must rescue them from "Disaster City," Roccaforte said.

The students at the training school start their day at 8 a.m. and work until 8 p.m. During training, the students rotate between different types of fires and listening to lectures on how to assess different situations.

Heather Allen, a volunteer firefighter since the

age of 16, said this is the first time she has been able to attend Brayton. Although she has been with the Klein Fire Department in Houston for a long time, she is new to the Brazos County Fire Department.

"It just looked like fun and I figured I might well give back to the community," Allen said.

Wednesday night at an open house, the firefighters demonstrated the latest firefighting techniques on several of the props on the training site and children were treated to fire safety instruction.

"I never knew that fighting fires was organized. It is interesting to see what the firefighters do in their training," said Brock Swindle, a visitor to Brayton and A&M Class of 2002 graduate.

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