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Fish



by R. DeLuna Card

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valuable so he must act as information gatekeeper to the president. The chief of staff arrives to work an hour before the president and at the end of the day, goes over the program for the next day, eventually assigning the president his homework, Card said.

"My job is to make sure the president has the time to do the job of president in a 24-hour day," he said.

The chief of staff must determine who and when to see the president. Card said the system that is based on the president's needs to see the chief and who may just want to see him.

"Most people pretend they want to be really needed and job is to scratch away at the veneer and uncover that," Card said.

Bin Laden

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The speaker on the tape appears to refer to the killing of a U.S. diplomat in Amman, Jordan, on Oct. 28, the most recent event noted in the transcript.

Whether bin Laden was directly involved in the attack is unknown, U.S. officials said.

The speaker also mentioned several more terrorist attacks by suspected Islamic militants between April and October, including the bombing of a nightclub in Bali, Indonesia, Oct. 12, that left close to 200 people dead, and the theater takeover of a theater in Moscow, in late October.

Previously, the last evidence bin Laden was recorded on Nov. 4, 2001, when he had dinner with chief deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, his spokesman, and others. A videotape of the dinner was recovered by U.S. forces in Afghanistan and later released internationally.

Late in December, a tape of bin Laden giving a statement aired.

He appeared gaunt and possibly wounded. The release in the tape suggested it was filmed in late November or early December, but officials could not be certain.

Training

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student leaders of the Bonfire as a professor in Agricultural Education department where he taught leadership development courses before taking the residence position.

"Everyone mourns and celebrates Bonfire in different ways. Some choose to make the wedding cakes in exact replica of the Bonfire because well, Aggies are fanatics," Row said.

Beernuts by Rob Appling



Duke

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"We need to achieve closure on this situation, and (the performance review) is the best way to do so," said Hammond, a senior marketing major. "This will reaffirm our confidence in Chris, or it won't."

Duke declined to comment Monday. Duke contacted Corpus Christi police shortly after midnight on Oct. 8 and said he had been approached that afternoon outside his College Station apartment by a Hispanic man with a gun. The two got into Duke's pickup truck and the assailant directed Duke to Corpus Christi, he said. There, Duke reported, they stopped at a quiet parking lot and he passed out when the man pointed the gun at him. Duke said when he awoke, his laptop computer, cash and credit cards were missing.

College Station police said they noticed inconsistencies in Duke's story. When police questioned Duke about the incident, he decided to obtain an attorney after confronted with problems in his story. At a second interview Oct. 18, Duke, with his attorney present, admitted the story was false.

Bonfire

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of the classes who never experienced any part of the tradition that has been on hold since 1999.

Joel Neuber, a senior and former member of the Corps of Cadets, was at the Polo Fields the night Bonfire fell. Neuber said that during his time as a Fish Camp counselor, he saw that even the members of the current senior class, the last class to participate in building Bonfire, didn't know enough about the tradition.

Justin Fountain, a senior member of Company E-2 and mechanical engineering major, said like many Corps

outfits, E-2 upperclassman used the anniversary to teach underclassman what Bonfire was like.

"We are bringing underclassman out to tell them what it was like," Fountain said.

One student, whose black Bonfire pot was adorned with Ol' Sarge and the words "Tough and Tenacious," openly wept as he faced the 12 white crosses.

In the middle of the crosses, where Center Pole would have stood in 1999, a white pole stood above the crosses with a Bonfire pot hung over it.

Duke threw away his credit cards but was not robbed of any property, police said.

This is the second time an MSC leader has faced the possibility of removal after public revelations of bad behavior. In 2001, Josh Rowan was removed as MSC president for inappropriate conduct during a University-sponsored trip to Italy. Rowan was accused of excessive drinking and making unwanted sexual advances to another student on the trip.

The MSC, with an annual budget of more than \$6 million, is one of University's largest student organizations.

The recent scandals plaguing the MSC leadership will not diminish the organization's prestige and standing in the A&M community, Hammond said.

"The MSC will be remembered for how it responded in difficult times," Hammond said.

A special performance review committee, composed of both students and MSC senior staff, will conduct the inquiry and make a recommendation to the MSC council. The council will then decide whether to impose any sanctions.

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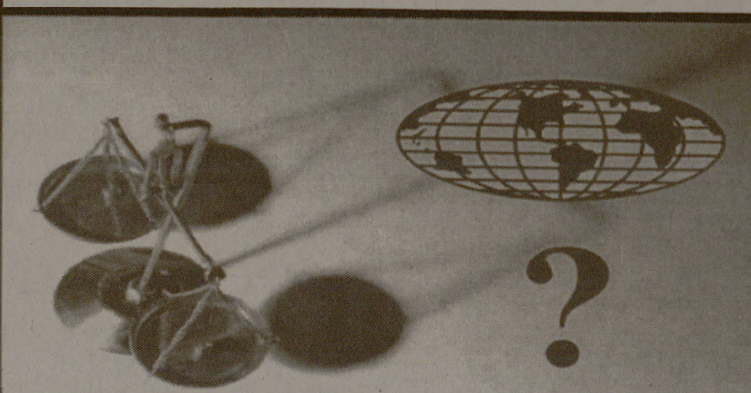
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Federal and local authorities told the Houston Chronicle for its Monday editions that the 45-year-old Houston man, whose identity was being withheld pending notification of next of kin, apparently jumped or fell to his death Sunday afternoon, about 20 miles northwest of Houston.

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