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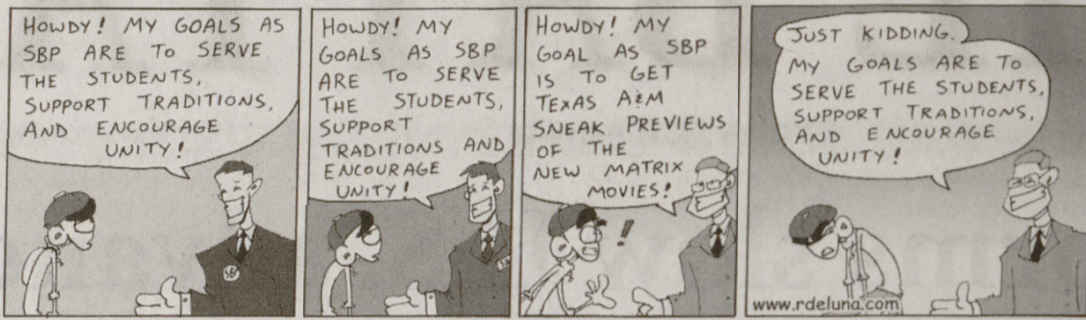
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## Baghdad

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military threats to shrines in Iraq. An Najaf is the burial place of Imam Ali, son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammed.

Details of the situation inside the southern city of Basra, Iraq's second-largest, also were sketchy. British journalists reported that residents were staging an uprising against pro-Saddam forces and that Iraqi troops were firing mortars at them.

British forces staged a raid on a suburb of the city, captured a senior leader of the ruling Baath party and killed 20 of his bodyguards.

"He's sitting there in his little room thinking he's having a good morning and whap, we're in, whap, we're out," boasted

Col. Chris Vernon, a British Army spokesman.

The Iraqis denied all of it. "The situation is stable," Information Minister Mohammed al-Sahhaf said in an interview with Al-Jazeera, an Arab satellite television network.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and others have warned of a possible humanitarian crisis in Basra. The International Red Cross said during the day that it had begun repairs at a war-damaged water-pumping station serving the city.

Annan told Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, the United States is legally responsible for providing humanitarian aid to Iraqis in areas controlled by coalition forces. The United Nations cannot

provide humanitarian assistance until security conditions allow the safe return of U.N. staff, Annan told Rice. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer blamed Saddam for slowing the flow of goods by placing mines near Umm Qasr.

Thus far in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Americans said they had taken nearly 4,000 Iraqi prisoners. There was no accurate death toll among Iraqi troops or civilians.

American losses ran to 20 dead and 14 captured or missing. The remains of the first two to die were flown overnight to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Twenty British troops had also died, including two killed Monday by friendly fire.

The U.S. Central Command, which oversees the war,

## Sandstorms

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air from about one to three miles high, so airplanes flying at that range are okay," he said. "But on the ground, the visibility can be just a few feet or zero. Sand moving at 200 miles can be a real nightmare."

Sandstorms and their accompanying dust can clog up anything mechanical, from a soldier's M-16 rifle to an F-16 fighter jet. Once the sand has passed, a thorough cleaning of just about anything is required.

Nielsen-Gammon says there are two types of sandstorms. One is the result of severe dust storms that create "haboob," an Arabic word meaning "blowing dust."

The second type is the more common one, which is caused by a curving jet stream, which has strong winds to the Earth's surface.

"It causes the kind of sandstorms you see in West Texas," Nielsen-Gammon said.

"Sandstorms tend to be worse during the daytime because the ground is heated up by the sun and the dust can be carried greater distances."

Masks are a necessity when facing a sandstorm, Nielsen-Gammon said.

-Report by Aggie Daily

## Tolerance

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about promotion and tenure involving homosexuals deserve "heightened scrutiny."

In an interview, Conoley, one of two finalists for provost and executive vice president — the second highest position at the University — said she found Crouse's letter "rather pompous and arrogant" and instituted the new tolerance policy because homosexuals are a vulnerable minority.

"Sacred texts should be used to guide our personal lives and not used in judgement of others," Conoley said.

Conoley's memo sparked accusations that her comments were intolerant toward certain religious views and that she had disregarded faculty input by instituting the new tolerance policy.

"Some of the language in your e-mail is unnecessarily demeaning to those who hold a viewpoint somewhat different from yours," wrote education professor David Erlandson in an e-mail to Conoley.

In an interview, Erlandson said he could not abide by Conoley's policy of celebrating and cherishing the homosexual lifestyle.

"I can't promote that lifestyle because of my faith, and if I'm not in compliance, I'll accept the consequences," Erlandson said.

Carl Gabbard, a kinesiology professor and a signatory of the letter, said Conoley's new policy statement had little faculty input and sabotaged the faculty committee's debate on the final wording of the tolerance statement.

"The dean's policy is an attempt to close the door on our discussion," Gabbard said in an interview Tuesday. "There was no compromise in this case, and that was very disappointing."

The college's faculty advisory committee is still working on a general tolerance statement, said Gerald Kulm, the group's chairman. The words "celebrate and promote" are gone from the revised version that the committee will vote on today, Kulm said.

## Consumer confidence falters in face of war, economy worries

By Annie D'Innocenzio  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Consumer confidence dropped for the fourth consecutive month in March to its lowest level in nearly a decade, driven lower by worries about the economy and the war in Iraq, a private research group said Tuesday.

The Consumer Confidence Index fell to 62.5 from a revised 64.8 in February, the Conference Board said. The reading was the lowest since October 1993, when the confidence index registered 60.5 as the country was slowly recovering from the 1991 recession.

Still, the March decline was slightly better than expected and not nearly as drastic as the 14-point drop in February. Analysts had expected a reading of 62.0 in March.

The Conference Board's index is derived from responses received through March 18 — before the start of war in Iraq — to a survey mailed to 5,000 households. The results released Tuesday are from a partial sample and are subject to revision.

Lynn Franco, director of the

Conference Board's Consumer Research Center, said a quick recovery in the war will ease uncertainties, but consumer confidence will only rise if economic fundamentals improve.

"The end of the Gulf War in 1991 produced a surge in confidence, but labor market conditions quickly diminished the spark," he said. "So if history repeats itself, the current job scenario will do little to maintain any post-war surge in confidence."

Wall Street moved higher as President George W. Bush predicted U.S.-led forces will prevail in Iraq. The Dow closed up 65.55, or 0.4 percent, at 8,280.23. The broader market was also higher, with the Nasdaq gaining 21.23 points to 1,391.01, and the Standard & Poor 500 index rising 10.51 to 874.74.

Mark Vitner, an economist at Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C., said he doesn't believe consumer confidence will improve until "we see that the war is coming to an end and that businesses are once again looking to hire workers and invest in capital."

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With his dark hair and intense eyes, he appears every bit the singer and songwriter. "I try to be the best, which has gotten me a lot of attention." By all appearances, Schell is a rising star. In 1999, Schell released an album, "The Sound of Silence," a year later, he was performing with his band, "The Sound of Silence," at a fan base, caught up in the excitement of the album. Tonight, Schell performs at Concert...



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