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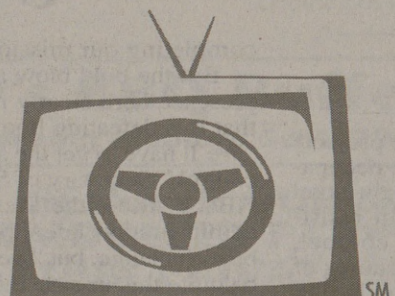
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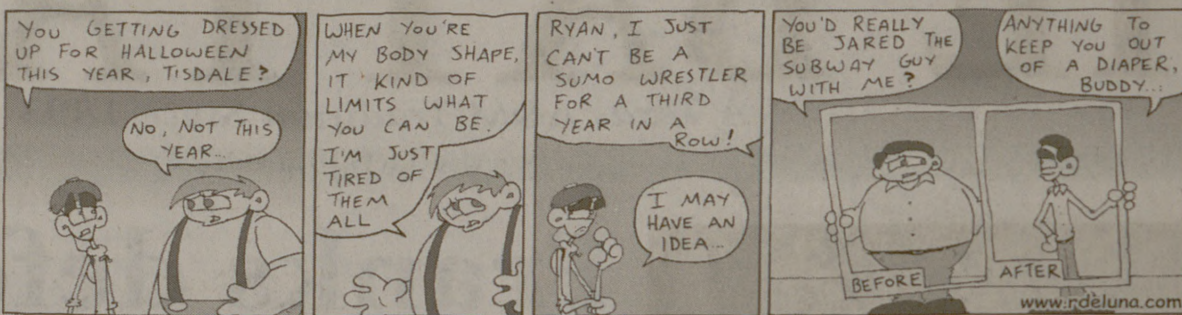
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BY R. DELUNA Franks

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Saddam's regime collapsed. American troops took Baghdad, Burns said, was a liberation for the people of Iraq. Nearly every family in the country has been affected by the horror of Saddam's regime, he said. "Whatever may be made of the war in history," Burns said, "it is remembered that for the people, it was a true liberation."

When asked about the quality of U.S. intelligence, Franks said improvements need to be made, but there was never an intelligence failure.

"Our intelligence is not as good as we want it to be in order to wrestle the problems of a millennium," he said. "In order to fight that, a lot of work has been done."

Franks also addressed the lack of media coverage of positive events in Iraq. Americans hear the death toll and attacks, he said, but not of the good things that are being done, such as hospitals and schools being opened.

"The fact is, for every one bad story — one explosion, one youngster who loses his life there are 10, 20 or 50 stories of that (positive) type," Franks said.

The United States needs a more capable communication system to get news and to hear a balanced account of what is going on in Iraq, he said.

Burns said journalists must regard their occupation with modesty and take caution when choosing what information to report, as it could potentially injure a person or his career.

"I've always felt that it is important in what we do to always remember that we as reporters are citizens, too," Burns said.

He also addressed the role of the media in regard to the current war in Iraq, saying the American public is well-informed, which is a difference from the past. This, he said, creates a new challenge for journalists.

"It is difficult to write about a subject where your readers know more about or as much as you do," Burns said. "That is usually the case with war."

Franks said the biggest obstacle in the war with Iraq is time. Americans need to maintain their support of the troops until the job is done, he said.

"When the expectation was created that this would be solved in six months and the troops would come home, Americans were not well-served," Franks said. "This is hard work. We should be grateful for the men and women who are serving our country."

Rockets

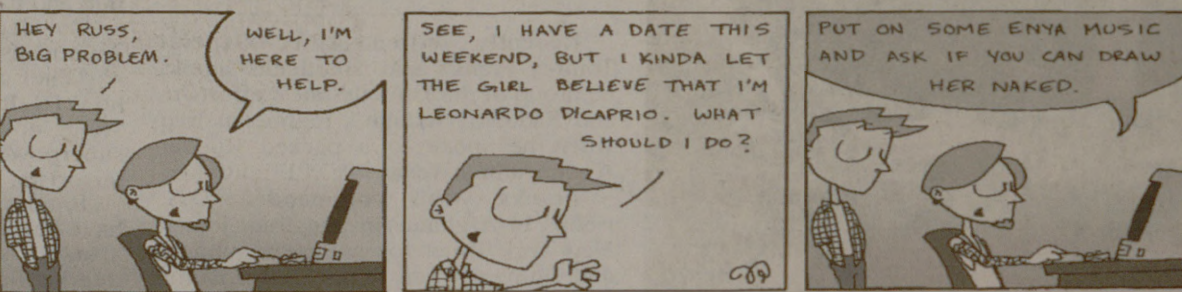
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the improvised rocket launcher and figured out how to wheel it into the park just across the street from the hotel.

The effect of the 6:10 a.m. volley of rockets was dramatic. U.S. officials and officers fled from the Al Rasheed, some still in pajamas or shorts to a nearby convention center. The concrete western face of the 18-story building was pockmarked with half-dozen or more blast holes and shattered windows in at least two dozen rooms.

The modern, 462-room Al-Rasheed, housing civilian officials of the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority and U.S. military personnel, is a symbol of the occupation. The assault pointed up the vulnerability of even heavily guarded U.S. facilities in Iraq, where American forces sustain an average of 26 lower-profile attacks daily, and where Wolfowitz had come to assess ways to defeat the stubborn 16-month-old insurgency.

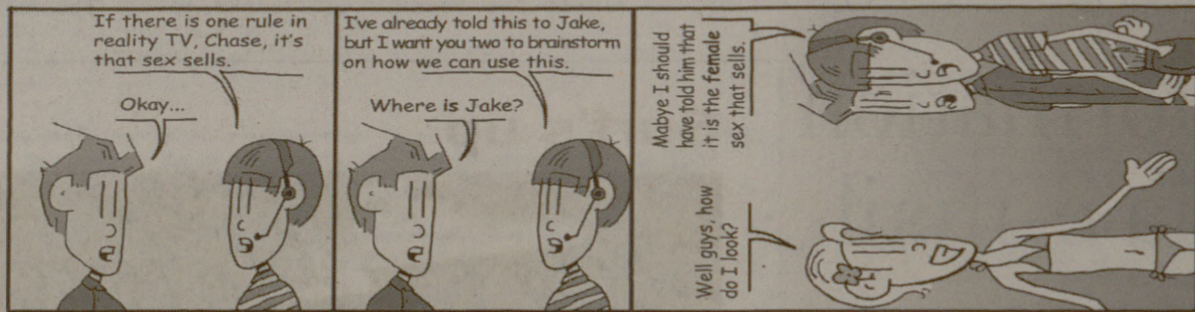
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E-mail

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Marc Weichold, dean of undergraduate programs and associate provost for academic services, said he understood CIS was able to delete between two-thirds and three-fourths of the problem e-mails.

Farrell, Farmer and Caballero all retained the original e-mail. Furthermore, the only other e-mail they received asked only that they delete the monthly newsletter and contained no specific explanation about the breach.

Farmer said the problem could have been averted with better security measures.

"There is no excuse for the file not being encrypted. The fact that it wasn't encrypted says they're playing fast and loose with private information," he said. "The next time it could include credit card numbers."

Cassone said the biology department intends to encrypt sensitive documents in light of the breach.

"From now on, we're going to make sure this (information) is password protected, (so that) even if it gets sent out by mistake you can't access it," he said. "Right now, it's an open file, and that's terrible."

Farrell said she would have liked to have been notified of the problem by the department.

"I think that we should have been notified so that if anything happens with our identity we

would know where to look to," she said. "I would ask in general (for administrators) to be more careful with how you're e-mailing and what you're e-mailing. I know everyone makes mistakes but that's a big mistake."

Cassone said he advised students to not spread students' information.

"I would absolutely ask that every student that receives the information destroy this information on their honor. There is no good that can come from passing this information to someone else," Cassone said.

Weichold said students should delete the attachment and take precautions to make sure no one is fraudulently using their Social Security number.

"We're going to take every measure we can to make sure it doesn't happen again," he said.

Cassone said the problem is an indication of a larger problem, that A&M uses students' and professors' Social Security numbers as their identification numbers.

"I think this speaks against having Social Security numbers as student ID's," he said. "There has been some concern about using Social Security numbers for a long time. Hopefully this is the straw that breaks the camel's back."

Cassone also said concerned students should feel free to contact him directly.

"To quote 'The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy', 'don't panic,' he said. "We'll try and fix what we can."

Wildfires

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from the fierce Santa Ana winds, whose gusts of up to 70 mph moved the fires along.

Around the congested suburbs of San Bernardino, a city of 185,000 about 50 miles east of Los Angeles, one flank of a 50,000-acre fire burned through four towns while the other flank destroyed more than 300 homes.

Two men collapsed and died, one as he was evacuating his

canyon home and the other as he watched his house burn, the county coroner said.

The 30-mile fire in the San Bernardino area was formed when two smaller fires merged, covering the region with thick smoke and ash.

Other fires on the outskirts of Los Angeles County merged to create a 47,150-acre fire that threatened 2,000 homes in four communities and closed four highways, sealing off access to two mountain towns, fire spokeswoman Michele Alcom said.

Firefighters, including 25 strike teams and 125 engines, tried to make a stand at Crestline in the San Bernardino National Forest, according to U.S. Forest Service fire information officer Stanton Florea. But hours later, Florea said homes there were burning as well.

Firefighters were spread thinly around threatened communities, focusing on saving what homes they could. Winds prevented the air tanker drops of retardant and use of backfires that are key tactics of fire containment.

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