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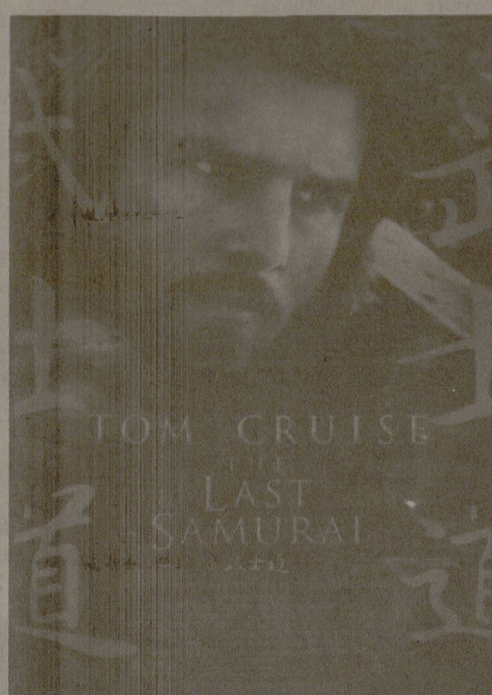
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**Soldiers**

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"I heard nothing but bad things from people," Brenner said. "He was tyrannical and they lived in fear. I didn't know people felt that way. I thought they loved him."

Dellinger, who deployed in April 2003, said the Iraqis told him stories of the Saddam regime killing livestock and crops, cutting off water supplies, evicting citizens, forcing young boys to serve in the military and executing dissenters.

Dellinger said he has seen great progress in the past few months and that the Iraqis see coalition forces as liberators.

1st Lt. Karl Herbst, Class of 2000 and executive officer of 74th Engineer Company, said the United States is seeing success.

"Despite all the bad news that comes out in the newspaper or on TV, we are winning," Herbst said. "A very large portion of the Iraqi people support what we are doing. Life for them is getting stable."

Herbst, who was deployed in late April along with his battalion, said he has been working on installing military bridges and securing an area near Baghdad. His company constructed the famous "Birthday Bridge" on April 28.

Murata said the Iraqis were constantly bringing the troops tea and food and readily offering up information about Baath party officials.

"While on patrol, kids rush to our sides to stand next to a soldier," Dellinger said. "They come to us smiling and laughing, they chase our vehicles, waving, and they bring us anything printed in English so we can tell them what the words sound like. The children are full of life and happy."

Dellinger said he hopes the small pockets of resistance that troops are encountering now will not deter the United States from continuing Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"We are at the turning part of the war where our offensive operations are about to conclude in order to focus on building a thriving and independent Iraq," Dellinger said. "The Coalition is winning the war, and we have truly earned the trust and confidence of the people that we are serving on a daily basis."

Dellinger said he is anxious to see his wife, Camel Allan Dellinger, Class of 1999, who is seven months pregnant with their first child.

"I found out she was pregnant while I was in Kuwait, the day before I started the journey to Baghdad," Dellinger said. "We are missing a lot of important moments together, but our love is strong and will endure."

Murata, who has already returned, said

he is happy to be home with wife, Jennifer Murata, Class of 1998, and his three children. He said he always kept his family in his mind while in Iraq.

"The medical officer in our battalion was an Aggie, and when we crossed into Baghdad, I asked him if he could hold my Aggie for me," Murata said. "I told him to give it to my wife if anything happened to me."

Jennifer Murata said it was wonderful to see her husband with their children.

"Things now are as perfect as they can be," she said. "Our daughter's birthday was yesterday, and he put her toys together. He was happy to be with her. It's so much better than it was when he was gone. It's perfect."

Brenner, who returned home from this summer, said he is trying to get back into college life.

"Aggies have fought in every war, and I'm proud to carry on that tradition," Brenner said.

Dellinger said that he is glad the Aggregation has extended into Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"(Aggies) look out for the needs of others before we look after ourselves. We're empowering the Iraqis with those same values of teamwork, selfless service, pride in the community and building trust with neighbors," Dellinger said. "Plus, I'm taking some kids to 'Beat the Hell Outta Saddam' Now that's progress."

**Job**

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"There is always going to be a demand for students with experience in accounting, human resources and auditing," said Jim Dixey, director of Graduate Business Career Services. "There are jobs available, and students are getting jobs. The economy is much stronger than in the past few years."

Banking, consulting and automotive industries are still slow, but jobs related to defense and consumer products should be available, Dixey said. More

students are having to work more to find a job rather than relying on employers to come to campus, and more companies are relying on Web sites and other strategies to hire new employees. Also, many companies are hiring students just in time to start rather than hiring them months in advance.

"Getting a job is a job," Dixey said. "You have to be prepared and do your homework, but the single most important element of getting a job is networking."

Students such as Nasserfar who are having difficulty securing employment are doing so largely because of the type of employer they are seeking, not because of their major, Turner said.

Many students should also rethink the steps they have taken to market themselves to employers, she said. For example, life sciences students who are looking for jobs in pharmaceutical sales find that this field is competitive in contrast to life sciences students who seek work in the biotechnology sector, where jobs are more plentiful.

Similarly, a political science student will experience more success in securing employment with a government agency versus a consulting firm.

"I think it's imperative that students begin looking for employment at least two semesters before graduation," Turner said. "Obviously, this maximizes their opportunities and provides them with more time to research opportunities and to make networking contacts that will translate into interviews."

Students who have work experience such as an internship, cooperative education or a

part-time job that is related to their career interest are valued highly by employers. Also, students who maintain a respectable grade point ratio and are flexible in considering a variety of locations and career options will be able to find a job much more easily, Turner said.

"Students that are actively seeking employment through networking, employer research and on-campus interviews and job listings are more likely to be employed upon graduation," Turner said.

The Career Center teaches students how to network with former students and how to research employers. The Center also provides students with access to more than 700 former students in our network of Aggies Helping Aggies and works closely with The Association of Former Students.

Although many graduating seniors are still struggling with the process of finding a job, the economy seems to have promise for them.

"Graduating students in 2004 should do very well," Dixey said.

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— Leigh Turner, director  
Texas A&M Career Center

**Study: Prostate screening for older men unnecessary**

By Paul Recer  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Millions of dollars are spent annually to monitor prostate health in men over 75 even though research shows little benefit in screening such men for prostate cancer, a study says.

"There is no evidence that screening men of this age would be beneficial to them, so this may not be the best use of health care resources," said Dr. Siu-Long Yao, a genitil-urinary oncologist at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick, N.J. He was senior author of the study appearing this week in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

"If you take all elderly men who die and do an autopsy, 30 to 70 percent will have prostate cancer, but they died of something else," said Yao. "Diagnosing the prostate cancer may lead to unnecessary complications in elderly patients who are more likely to die of something else, such as cardiovascular disease."

However, Dr. Richard G. Middleton, chairman of urology at the University of Utah Medical School and a contributor to the prostate cancer guidelines for the American Urological Association, said the study was "too simplistic."

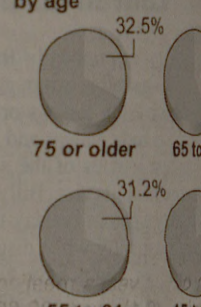
"A routine PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen test) in a man over 75 would ordinarily not be necessary," but the blood test would be useful for a man with a history of prostate problems, he said.

"There are many situations where the PSAs are helpful in monitoring and following an elderly man," said Middleton. "I object to the idea that it was somehow bad form to order a

**Prostate screening for the elderly**

A recent study shows that nearly one-third of men over 75 are screened for prostate cancer despite general agreement that cancer screening test provides little benefit for elderly men.

Percentage of screenings by age



NOTE: Percentages from a national representative sample of 7,889 men.

SOURCE: National Cancer Institute

PSA on an elderly patient."

Middleton said PSAs are needed to monitor for the presence of tumors in elderly men who have had surgery or radiation for prostate cancer earlier in life. PSAs also are appropriate, he said, for elderly men who have a suspicious-looking prostate on examination, who have a known tumor, or who have a previous history of elevated PSA count.

In a survey of 7,889 men, researchers found that 32.5 percent of men over 75 received PSA blood tests, an estimated 1.5 million men a year.

Medicare typically pays \$25.70 for the lab work, health officials said, suggesting that more than \$38 million is spent on those tests.

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