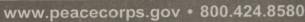
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U.S. officials and Iraqi lea ers named an al-Qaida-link militant, Abu Musab Zarqawi, as a "prime suspen for the attacks, saying seeks to spark a Sunni-Sh civil war to wreck U.S. plansh hand over power to the Irans on June 30. The explosions came on the

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Suicide bombers

kill at least 143

people in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP)

Suicide bombers carried

simultaneous attacks

Shiite Muslim shrines in

on Tuesday, detonating mu

ple explosions that ripr through crowds of pilgrims least 143 people were kill

and 430 wounded bloodiest day since the fall

Unofficial casualty report however, put the toll

Baghdad and Karbala as his

as 223. Authorities said the

were about a dozen suid

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Saddam Hussein.

Wright a climactic day of the 10-da ed the wo Shiite mourning festiv they mar Ashoura commemorating the had gone 7th century martyrdom of the prophet Muhammad's gran son Hussein.

Deborah Flores, a sophomore petrolet

engineering major, said she was attracted

A&M because of the scholarships offered

her because she was a Hispanic women

Flores said she would recommend the

Hispanic women take advantage of those

"It's a great opportunity to come to this

Lorena Martinez, president of Sigm

"That's a pretty great achievement for

Lambda Gamma, a Latina sorority forme

in 1997, said she is excited that the popula-

A&M, but I wish it was a higher number,

tion of Hispanic women has grown.

scholarships to come to A&M.

institution," Flores said.

Hispanic

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believes numbers may be up because of the efforts that A&M has made to boost Hispanic enrollment.

'We have done a lot of recruiting in the Rio Grande Valley in the past few years, and we have a full-time recruiter and admissions center in San Antonio," he said. "We have made good relationships.

Ashley said one of the main reasons he believes Hispanic women come to A&M is because it is such a safe campus.

"One thing I know that we have really done in the last couple of years is talked with a lot of Hispanic fathers about Texas A&M being one of the safest campuses in the nation," Ashley said. "One time, when I was recruiting in Brownsville, a Hispanic dad came up to me and said, 'This is my only daughter, and I'm entrusting her to you.

Ashley said A&M attracts Hispanic women because of the warm, friendly campus atmosphere and the idea of an Aggie family.

"A big selling point is that we really stress the idea of the Aggie family, and family is very important in the Hispanic culture," Ashley said.

Ashley said he hopes to see the number of Hispanic women rise now that A&M offers a doctorate degree in Hispanic studies.

"I think it will attract more Hispanics to the University," he said.

Laura Rodriguez, a graduate teaching assistant of Spanish, said she attended A&M because of the prestigious Department of Modern Languages. She said she believes that with the addition of the Hispanic Studies program, Hispanic women such as herself

will be more attracted to the University. "In Texas, our Department of Modern Languages is one of the best programs," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said she believes the reason the Hispanic women population is so high now is because of the push A&M is making toward a diversified campus.

"I think they are admitting so many Hispanics because A&M needs so much diversity," Rodriguez said.

Martinez said that she would rem mend A&M to other Hispanic women. "The reputation that A&M has is great, Martinez said. "I don't think I would go t any other university."

Martinez said.

The report also ranked A&M as the eighth highest-ranked school for enrolling women in the nation with 16,294 and the fourth highest-ranked institution for givin

bachelor's degrees to women, with 3,923.

Africana

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he was coordinator of the English Department at Prairie View A&M University for two years.

Muana said his focus and preference in teaching has been mainly in African Diaspora and post-colonial African literature.

Muana said he sees no differ-

Prairie View A&M, which is Africana Studies minor. predominantly black.

"When I teach, when I interact with my students and when I interact with all my colleagues, frankly, I don't see color," Muana said.

Muana said that his academic experience and interaction with students has made him

ence teaching at a predominant- optimistic about "taking on this ly white university compared to particular mantle" for the

> He said it's beneficial that A&M is embracing diversity with the addition of this minor.

"I see the focus of interaction really, as being what we are studying and how we are relat-

ing to it," Muana said. Brad Coleman a junior political science major, said he thinks the study of African of ture is unknown to many a probably has a lot to offer. "Every culture snot

explored," Coleman said. Muana has been at A&Mf three years as an assistant Eng professor, and said that althou he could have left after one year to teach at another institution, stayed because of the academ

standards that A&M maintains.

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