

Athletics

Faculty committees will oversee study

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pation in an earlier version of the certification program in 1995 helped to improve the quality of the athletic department in general. "There are a lot of areas that we have improved over the last seven or eight years," Sharp said.

Sharp said that the certification process usually receives a welcomed response from athletic directors and associates from universities in the NCAA. "I just

think that as we take a look at what we do and our department, we remember that we are in the education process, educating student athletes, and educating young people," Sharp said. "Hopefully, they become better people from the time they start on campus to the time that they leave."

The NCAA approved the certification process in 1993. The process was later revised in 1999. Every Division I school is required to conduct a self-study every ten years and provide an interim report midway between each full certification. The NCAA is responsible for maintaining intercollegiate athletics as an inte-

gral part of an educational program, according to their mission statement.

When the committee concludes its study in November 2002, a visiting committee comprising representatives from other universities and sports conferences will conduct an evaluation based on USC's self-study. USC and the visiting committee will give a combined report for approval from the NCAA. The NCAA last certified USC in 1995 after its previous report.

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Uprising

'I think one was killed,' soldier says

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"I don't know how many Americans there were. I think one was killed, but I'm not sure," the U.S. soldier said in the footage. "There were two of us at least, me

and some other guy," he said.

The soldiers appeared to have planned the battle, Central Command spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Dave Culler said, describing it as an apparent "suicide mission."

For several hours the firefight continued between the hundreds of prisoners and what ARD said were only 100 guards.

"There was general pandemonium," said Simon Brooks, head of Red Cross operations for north-

ern Afghanistan, who was at the prison to check on the detainees' condition and escaped by climbing onto the roof with northern alliance commanders.

Gen. Rashid Dostum, who controls the compound but was overseeing the surrender at Kunduz when the uprising began, returned several hours later with tanks and machine guns. Stoneking said 500 troops accompanied him.

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STATE BRIEFS

Second trial set in Lexington County

The man whose murder trial was marred when a Lexington County prosecutor saw a videotaped conversation between him and his lawyer returns to court for a second death-penalty trial this week.

B.J. Quattlebaum is charged with murder in the 1995 death of William Swartz, who was shot at his home near Gilbert.

A jury convicted Quattlebaum and sentenced him to death in 1998.

The state Supreme Court ordered a new trial last year.

The court's ruling said a former Lexington County deputy prosecutor engaged in prosecutorial misconduct by eavesdropping on a private conversation between Quattlebaum and his lawyer.

The Supreme Court has banned Lexington County prosecutors from the retrial. The trial will be in Lexington County Circuit Court, though Quattlebaum's lawyers have tried twice to move it to Richland County.

NATION BRIEFS

Scientists claim to clone first embryo

BOSTON — A group of scientists in Massachusetts claimed Sunday they had cloned the first early human embryo, a step toward providing genetically matched replacement cells for patients with a wide range of diseases.

The scientists at Advanced Cell Technology, in Worcester, Mass., say they have no interest at present in transplanting such early embryos into a woman's womb to give birth to a cloned human being.

Several states, including California, have banned human cloning. Congress is considering such a ban.

In findings published Sunday by The Journal of Regenerative Medicine and described online in Scientific American, the scientists said they had grown a six-cell human embryo.

IT HAPPENED: NEWS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

ANTHRAX: Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., says there was enough anthrax in the letter sent to his office to kill more than 100,000 people. The letter, which has yet to be opened, was found Nov. 16 in a batch of unopened mail that had been quarantined since the discovery of an anthrax-contaminated letter to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., on Oct. 15.

WORLD BRIEFS

U.S. Marines move into Kandahar area

CHAMAN, PAKISTAN — Helicoptering in over the barren brown desert of southern Afghanistan, the first wave of U.S. Marines on Monday joined what is already a push by anti-Taliban tribal fighters to hit the Taliban in their home base, Kandahar.

Hundreds of Marines landed in helicopters southwest of Kandahar, the Taliban's last garrison, and were to be followed by several hundred more from Navy ships in the Arabian Sea, a senior U.S. defense official said in Washington on condition of anonymity.

Tribal leaders said the U.S. forces were moving toward Kandahar from the south.

The deployment came as tribal fighters claimed that they had seized an area near Kandahar, the Taliban's spiritual home. By taking control of Toarkoter, the fighters said they had a clear view of Kandahar's airport, three miles away. Taliban fighters briefly resisted before fleeing, said a tribal leader, Abdul Jabbar.

At least 10 dead after plane crashes

ZURICH, Switzerland — A Swiss airliner with 33 people on board crashed Saturday night as it was approaching Zurich Airport to land. At least 10 people were killed and nine others walked away from the wreckage, officials said.

Local authorities issued an urgent appeal for local residents to join the search for survivors from the Crossair Jumbolino, which went down in a wooded area in the suburb of Birchwil, some two miles east of the airport.

The cause of the crash — the second to strike Crossair in less than two years — was not immediately known.

However, two experts quoted on state-run Swiss television said the plane appeared to be flying too low. Weather conditions were also poor when Flight LX3597 went down, just after 10 p.m., with rain and some snow. Crossair chief Andre Dose said there were no indications that terrorism was to blame.

IT HAPPENED: NEWS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

NO SURVIVORS IN MINING DISASTER: Work crews dug more bodies from a pile of rock and mud left by a landslide at a condemned Colombian mine, bringing the death toll to 47 on Saturday. An official said there was no hope of finding survivors.

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