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## No suspects in Lubbock International bomb threat

**TROUBLED TRAVELERS:** Flights delayed following bomb threat called into a Southwest Airlines operator in Oklahoma City.

By Brittany Barrientos/The University Daily

A Southwest Airlines flight was delayed Sunday afternoon after a bomb threat was phoned into the airline reservation center.

The threat was against Flight 175, which was scheduled to fly from Lubbock to Dallas, said Sgt. James Curtis of the Lubbock Police Department. The flight had already left the gate but was not yet in the air when the threat was called into an Oklahoma City operator.

Curtis, who also serves on the bomb squad, said the anonymous caller claimed a bomb was aboard the aircraft and if the plane took off, it would detonate.

He said the aircraft was promptly evacuated and searched by the K-9 explosive unit.

"The aircraft was deplaned, and everyone went to the terminal while the plane was searched by dogs," Curtis said. "The bags were unloaded and searched and after being re-screened, the passengers were allowed back on the plane."

He said the flight still was able to take off since the screenings and searches did not discover anything suspicious.

James Loomis, director of aviation at the airport, said he was called to the airport shortly after the threat was reported. He said though the bomb threat was aimed at the airline, the airport assisted in searching the plane.

"We do business together, but we're separate," Loomis said. "(The Southwest Airlines operator) contacted Southwest people here once the threat was called in, and they contacted us so we could assist them."

He said when he arrived, the passengers had already gotten off the aircraft, the plane had been moved to a remote location and searches were under way. The area

past the checkpoint also was cleared of passengers until searches were complete.

"We vacated the sterile side of the airport until it was reopened by the (Transportation Security Administration)," Loomis said. "(The TSA eventually) allowed planes holding to return to the terminal."

He said no flights were canceled, but delays were up to four hours. He said the searches would likely total more than \$600,000.

Loomis said bomb threats happen quite often throughout the air-travel industry, but nearly all reports are hoaxes. He said people should be aware of the items

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## Colleges requiring students to have health insurance

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Requiring students to have health insurance before stepping into a classroom is a growing trend at many public colleges and universities across the country.

The 10 schools in the University of California system require all students to have health insurance before enrolling in classes, according to the University of California Web site, www.ucop.edu.

Texas Tech does not require most students to have health insurance, but the Health Sciences Center does, according to www.ttuhsc.edu.

Evelyn McPherson, director of Student Health Services at Tech, said health insurance should be important to students.

"I think our health is important enough that we need to insure it," she said.

McPherson said Tech advises all students be covered under a health insurance plan to supplement the services provided by the student health department.

"We encourage it and recommend it for services not available at Student Health," she said. "A lot of students have that through their families and that's great."

McPherson said many insurance plans continue covering a student enrolled in at least nine hours until he is 21 or 22.

Students not covered by their parents' health insurance may receive it through the university.

"We have an insurance policy that is endorsed by Texas Tech that is available to the students," McPherson said.

Tech is receiving bids on a new, more comprehensive policy that will be available to students next fall, McPherson said.

Health insurance allows students to take care of themselves when they are ill, McPherson said.

"When you're sick, it's unfortunate if you have to worry about major out-of-pocket expenses that you may not be able to afford," she said. "If you've got health insurance you know what you've got to pay for."

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## SPHERE SPIKING



KELLY MATHERLY/The University Daily

SEAN REINIG, A sophomore marketing major from Plano, Matt Litowkin, a sophomore restaurant, hotel and institutional management major from Plano, and Adam Foster, a freshman business major from Plano, play volleyball in Urbanovsky Park Monday afternoon.

## Lebanese protest Syrian occupancy

By Zeina Karam/Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Tens of thousands marched Monday in the biggest anti-Syrian protest in Lebanese history amid signals that Syria will soon withdraw its troops from parts of the country. President Bush renewed demands for Syrian forces to leave Lebanon immediately.

The protest marked one week since the Feb. 14 death of Rafik Hariri and began at the bomb-scarred site of the former prime minister's assassination, which turned many Lebanese against Syria and increased international pressure on Damascus to extract its army from Lebanon.

Holding aloft red roses and Lebanese flags, the throngs on the streets shouted insults at Syria and demanded the resignation of the pro-Syrian government in a march that began at the seaside site where Hariri and 16 others were killed and ended at his grave in the city center.

The protesters wore scarves of red and white — the colors of Lebanon's flag — which have become the symbol of the opposition's "independence uprising," described as a peaceful campaign to dislodge the government and force the Syrian army out of Lebanon.

Hariri's assassination has brought Lebanese together and strengthened the opposition, but it was unclear if the momentum would force a change in government or push the Syrian army out of the country.

Another former prime minister, Gen. Michel Aoun, said Monday he would return from exile before this year's parliamentary elections and that he may launch his own candidacy if the opposition needs his support. The former commander of the Lebanese army fled the country in 1990.

"I will return before the legislative elections, probably by mid-April," Aoun told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Paris. "And if the situation is critical for the opposition in a region, then I will throw in my personal weight and run in the elections."

As the demonstration was under way in Beirut, Bush issued a strong warning to Syria from Brussels, saying Damascus "must end its occupation of Lebanon."

In Damascus, Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said Syrian President Bashar Assad affirmed during a meeting that his country will "soon" take steps to withdraw its army from Lebanese areas in line with a 1989 agreement. It was not

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## Student Government presents plan for funding bus routes

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily

The future of off-campus transportation at Texas Tech was discussed at 7 p.m. Monday during a meeting in the Escondido Theater in the basement of the Student Union building.

Anne Hunninghake, external vice president of the Student Government Association, said there has been a large increase in the student population throughout the last few years.

"The student body has increased by over 5,000 students," she said. "It has increased the demand on current students by adding new fees and increasing existing fees."

No way exists to make every person happy with the parking and transportation at Tech, Hunninghake said.

"This information is just one component of a very large overall plan for campus-wide transportation issues," she said.

According to the presentation, Tech has partnered with Citibus since fall 1968, and off-campus bus routes were added in fall 1997. The current transportation fee is \$3 per credit hour for up to 15 hours, increasing with each off-campus bus route.

"Tech hired Walker Parking Consultants to analyze the current parking situation," Hunninghake said. "They are looking at alternate transportation sources and additional parking garages."

The current cost of the off-campus bus system, with one newly proposed route, is approximately \$1 million per academic year, on a nine month calendar, according to the presentation.

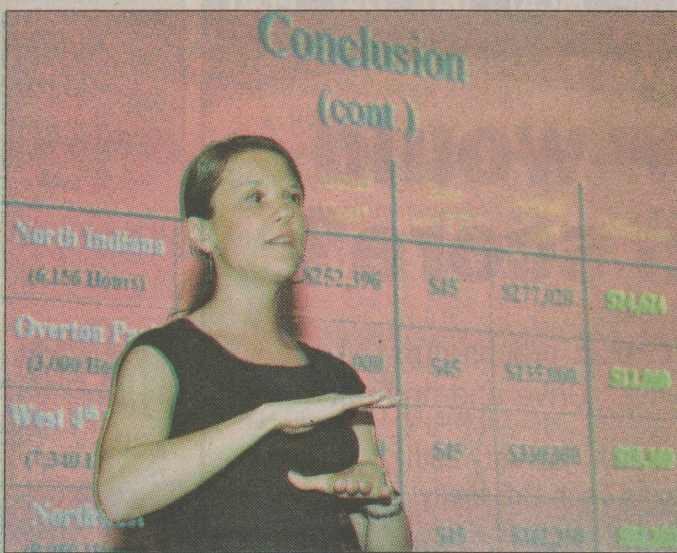
The newly proposed route, North Indiana Avenue, will cost a little more than \$250,000 per school year, Hunninghake said.

"In 1998, people were asking the question, 'Will students actu-

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SGA EXTERNAL VICE President Anne Hunninghake speaks about a proposal for apartment complexes to share the cost of funding the Texas Tech bus routes in the Escondido Theatre of the Student Union building Monday evening.

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### Wall Street at a Glance

Stock Market closed in honor of President's Day.



# Cuts in agricultural subsidies may affect Lubbock's farmers

By Erin McMath/  
Contributing Writer

Congress may pass a bill proposed by President Bush's that will cut agricultural subsidies in farm programs.

The possible funding decrease has left some Lubbockites wondering how it will affect them.

Samarendu Mohanty, an associate professor of agricultural and applied economics at Texas Tech, conducts research on the affects of cotton policy.

Mohanty said Bush has proposed a 5 percent cut in farm programs and a reduction of subsidy payments from \$360,000 to \$250,000.

He said Bush has also proposed to eliminate the "three-entity rule" which would close loopholes that have previously allowed farmers to collect subsidies for more than one farm.

Mohanty said the proposed changes would have an impact on all farmers but might affect some farmers more than others.

"The proposed changes will have the largest impact on cotton and rice farmers because they are large producers," he said.

Brett Schniers, a senior agricultural economics student from San Angelo, said he grew up on a farm where his father grows cotton, wheat and milo. Schniers said he plans to farm after he graduates.

Schniers said he believes the proposed cuts in subsidies would affect both small-scale and large-scale farmers, but the elimination of the "three-entity rule" would have a stronger impact on large farmers.

"It's going to hurt everyone in the farming industry," Schniers said. "It's certainly not going to have a positive affect."

Schniers said he voted for Bush in the last presidential election, and he is still glad he made that decision.

He said it is hard to predict what the results of Bush's plan would be.

"We won't know until it happens," Schniers said.

Mohanty agreed it is hard to predict the results of Bush's proposed cuts in farm programs because there is currently a lack of information.

"At this point we don't know exactly how it will be implemented," he said. "So it's really hard to, basically, quantify."

Mohanty said that Tech has a policy center that researches cotton policy and will research the plan when there is

more information available.

Mohanty said the cuts in farm programs would not change the United State's competitiveness in the global market. He said the plan might result in the restructuring of agriculture.

"It might take out some of the high-cost production farmers," Mohanty said. "I don't think it's going to change the U.S. from exporting to importing any goods. The U.S. will still be competitive enough to export in the grain market or cotton market."

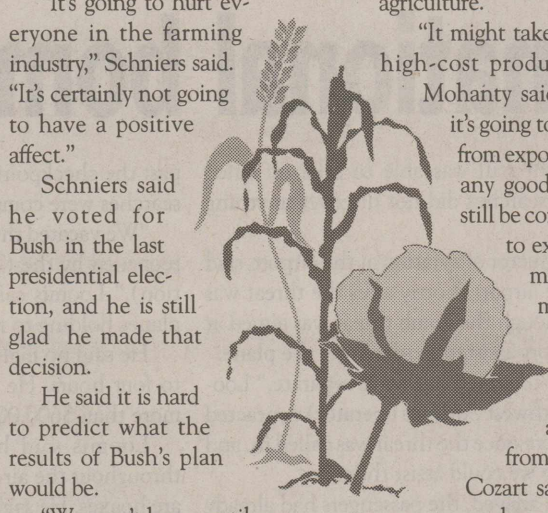
Will Cozart is a junior interdisciplinary agriculture major from Lamesa.

Cozart said he farms cotton and peanuts and has been farming for five years. He said his father has been farming for about 30 years.

Cozart said the cuts will affect both him and his father.

"It's not going to be good," Cozart said. "It's going to hurt farmers."

Cozart said he voted for Bush in the last election, and he does not regret it, other than the fact that Bush has proposed cuts in farm programs.



# Law school institutes \$517,000 professorship

By Kelly Gooch/  
The University Daily

The Texas Tech School of Law recently instituted a \$517,000 endowed professorship.

Walter Huffman, dean and law, said the purpose of the endowed professorship is to take interest from the \$517,000 as a salary supplement for a new law professor coming to Tech.

A letter announcing the endowed professorship has been sent to each full professor at every law school in the United States, Huffman said.

He said he hopes the endowed professorship will attract a talented professor from another law school to come teach at Tech.

Professors at other law schools, Huffman said, have already shown interest.

"(The endowed professorship) will enhance our national reputation," he said.

Part of the law school's evaluation, Huffman said, includes the size and number of endowed professorships it has.

The Alumni Board of Directors decided to name the endowed professorship after former Governor Preston Smith because he signed legislation to bring the Tech law school into existence, Huffman said.

The Board of Regents and Chancellor Dr. David Smith, Huffman said, agreed to give \$250,000 if the law school alumni and

friends could match it, and they exceeded that amount.

"I'm very appreciative to our alumni and friends," he said.

Julie Shoop, a 1999 Tech law school graduate and director of career services, said the endowed professorship provides a chance to bring name recognition to the law school.

"I think it furthers Governor (Preston) Smith's vision for education in West Texas," she said.

Nancy Soonpaa, associate dean for student affairs, said a benefit of the endowed professorship is bringing in a professor that might not come to Tech otherwise.

The endowed professorship would not go to a person who just finished law school, Soonpaa said.

"It's really a recognition of 15-20 years in the legal academy," she said.

With any professorship, she said, a person typically starts as an assistant or associate professor and then is reviewed for tenure, or long-term job security as a professor.

Soonpaa said the requirements for tenure include scholarship, service and teaching and when professors are reviewed for tenure depends on the school.

All applicants for the Preston Smith endowed professorship will be tenured and will have already proved themselves,

she said.

The endowed professorship, Soonpaa said, will help Tech be better known nationally instead of just regionally.

"That can only benefit the law school," she said.

Soonpaa said most people in the law school had heard about the endowed professorship before it was formally announced on Friday, and a committee of five people have been working on it since last fall.

Without the other law school's consent, Tech will not hire the new professor before March, she said, and it is considered bad form to wait to hire the professor until June.

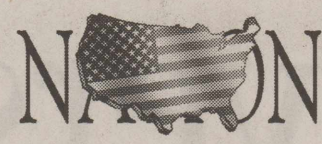
Soonpaa said this endowed professorship is unique because most of the current professorships are already a part of the faculty.

Celeste Villarreal, a third-year law student and president of the Women's Caucus, said Governor Smith was well loved, had honorable value and benefited the common man.

"I'm glad the law school has instituted a legacy in his name," she said.

A lot of people around Texas, Villarreal said, know who Preston Smith was, so it will be an honor for a professor who might take the endowed professorship.

## The Rundown



### Pregnant Fort Worth woman, son missing secret tapes revealed U.N. refugee chief Ruud Lubbers resigns

DENTON (AP) — The truck of a missing pregnant woman and her 7-year-old son was found abandoned in a creek Monday morning as police continued to search for the pair.

A statewide Amber Alert was issued Saturday for Lisa Underwood and her son, Jayden, after she failed to show up for her baby shower. The alert was expanded Sunday night to include New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Her blue Dodge Durango was found nose down and partially submerged in a creek in an undeveloped area in Denton, about 30 miles northeast of Fort Worth. Police were using dogs to try to pick up the family's trail.

Police would not give details of what they found at Underwood's Fort Worth home but said the evidence showed they may have been victims of a crime. According to a police report, relatives checking out her house Saturday found a large pool of blood on the living room floor.

"What really causes us to be concerned for their safety is the evidence located inside the home," Lt. Gene Jones said. "We haven't made any conclusive determinations about what happened, but there is a great concern for her safety as well as her son."

Underwood is not married, Jones said. He said her son's father was among those being contacted by police.

Holly Pils, who co-owns Boopa's Bagel Deli with Underwood, said she last spoke with Underwood on Friday night.

"I can't imagine why they weren't at the shower but also why we haven't heard from them since," Pils said. "There's no one I know of that might want to do her harm."

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush was concerned "his mistakes as a youth" would disqualify him from running for the nation's highest office, said an old friend who secretly recorded private conversations in which Bush appears to acknowledge past drug use.

"I don't want any kid doing what I tried to do 30 years ago," Bush said in recordings made when he was governor of Texas and aired Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America." "And I mean that. It doesn't matter if it's LSD, cocaine, pot, any of those things, because if I answer one, then there will be another one. And I just am not going to answer those questions. And it may cost me the election."

The recordings were made by Doug Wead, a former aide to George W. Bush's father, in the two years before the younger Bush became the Republican nominee for president in 2000.

"I think it bothered him — the fact that when he was younger he was irresponsible," Wead said in an interview on the ABC program. "I think early on he felt disqualified, that he couldn't run for office because of his mistakes as a youth."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Sunday the president does not dispute the content of the tapes. McClellan would not comment further, other than to say they were "casual conversations that then-Gov. Bush was having with someone he thought was a friend."

Wead also played some of his recordings for a *New York Times* reporter. The newspaper reported Sunday that they show Bush crafting a strategy for navigating the tricky political waters between Christian conservative and secular voters. He repeatedly worried that evangelicals would be angered by a refusal to bash gays and that secular Americans would be turned off by meetings with evangelical leaders, the newspaper reported.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — After months of criticism, Secretary-General Kofi Annan decided U.N. refugee chief Ruud Lubbers had to go because of the growing controversy over allegations that the former Dutch prime minister had sexually harassed female staffers.

Lubbers did not go easily. He resigned Sunday but proclaimed his innocence, saying he felt insulted and accusing Annan of giving in to "media pressure."

At a meeting with Annan on Friday, U.N. diplomats said the secretary-general offered the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees two choices — resign or face suspension and charges of breaking U.N. rules.

Allegations first surfaced last year that he had made unwanted sexual advances toward a female employee, identified in media reports as an American. But it was only on Friday that the British newspaper *The Independent* published the first detailed description of her allegations and statements from four other women who didn't file official complaints but claimed Lubbers sexually harassed them.

In a letter to his staff Monday, Lubbers maintained his innocence.

"My decision to resign has much to do with my wish not to complicate life for the secretary-general, who is facing a series of problems and ongoing pressure from the media," Lubbers wrote.

As the United Nations struggles to improve its image in the face of scandals about the U.N. oil-for-food program and sexual abuse by U.N. peacekeepers in Congo, diplomats said Annan decided Lubbers had become a liability — but he was also a fighter.

After defiantly telling reporters that Annan had not asked for his resignation and he intended to complete his five-year term, Lubbers flew home to Geneva on Friday. But after he left U.N. headquarters, Annan's office contradicted the refugee chief, saying the prime topic of the meeting was his future.

# Crews rescue residents trapped by mudslides amid California storms blamed for three deaths

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mudslides trapped people in their homes Monday and forced others to flee as Southern California was soaked by yet another of the powerful storms that have pounded the region this winter.

At least three deaths were blamed on the weather and part of the area's commuter rail service was halted.

Rescuers pulled three people from about 10 feet of mud that flowed into a town house in Hacienda Heights, a suburb east of Los Angeles. One woman was flown to a hospital while the other two escaped with only minor injuries, said Los Angeles County Fire Capt. Mark Savage.

That same mudslide had forced the evacuation of 30 people from five units at the complex, Savage said.

The latest batch of rain, snow and hail started battering the region Sunday, part of a series of storms that arrived Friday and was expected to continue into Tuesday.

Since Thursday, downtown Los Angeles had gotten more than 6.5

inches of rain. The city's total since July 1, the start of the region's "water year," has reached 31.40 inches, making it already the fifth wettest on record, said weather service forecaster Bruce Rockwell. The record, 38.18 inches, was set in 1883-1884.

In addition to the mudslide victims in Hacienda Heights, mudslides and flooding chased about 30 people from 11 homes in Glendale, north of downtown Los Angeles, officials said. Three homes on an unstable hill were evacuated in nearby Pasadena and up to 10 homes were flooded in Fullerton.

Early Monday, a mudslide killed one man in a house in the city's Woodland Hills area in the San Fernando Valley, coroner's office officials said.

In Orange County, a 16-year-old girl was killed by boulders that crashed into her family's apartment in a rural area east of Irvine, said Joseph Luckey, supervising deputy coroner.

In Los Angeles' Sun Valley area, a repair worker died late Sunday when he fell into a 30-foot-deep sinkhole created by the storm, said Fire Department spokesman Melissa Kelley.

In the coastal community of La

Conchita, where a landslide killed 10 people last month, six of the 39 people still living there elected to leave during the night because of the heavy rain and a steady flow of mud on the bluffs behind the town, said Ventura County Sheriff's Capt. Bill Flannigan. Warnings had been issued earlier and the community about 70 miles north of Los Angeles was described as a ghost town Saturday after other residents moved out.

MetroLink canceled some commuter train service Monday along the Ventura County line north of Moorpark because of the heavy rain. Amtrak had canceled Los Angeles-to-Santa Barbara commuter rail service Friday night because of mudslides in Moorpark; northbound service on the line remained out Monday.

The stormy weather also had knocked out power to some 170,000 customers since Friday, primarily in the South Bay area that includes towns such as Torrance, Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach, officials said. About 2,800 homes and businesses still had no electricity by late Sunday, said Steve Conroy, a spokesman for Southern California Edison.

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# Students given option to keep information private

By Brandi Fleming/  
The University Daily

This semester, Texas Tech students will see an option on the TechSIS Web site that allows them to keep personal information confidential.

TechSIS is a Web site where students can access services such as open class lists, grades and personal information.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act gives students the option to keep their phone numbers, home addresses and e-mail addresses private from organizations other than Tech.

"From time to time companies or organizations call and they want information about our students," Michael Shonrock, vice president of student affairs, said. "If the students have selected the option to keep their information private, then we do not have to release anything about them to those seeking the information."

FERPA is not new to Tech. Students have had the option in the past, Shonrock said, but the university wants students to be more aware of their rights and exercise them.

"We want students to know what all their rights are, and we feel we need to do more to make sure they are aware of FERPA," he said. "By putting it as an option on TechSIS we are hoping students will see it and really read it, not just click to the next screen."

Tech is trying to help students, not make it harder to use TechSIS, Shonrock said.

"Another major issue for us that we have not sent out on Tech Announce is that students need to update their next-of-kin information every semester," he said. "If something happens to you on campus, that is the only person we have to call, and if it is out of date then there may be no way to contact your family in an emergency."

Students need to think about those types of situations and be proactive so that when something bad happens, Tech staff can get in touch with a family member for them, Shonrock said.

"Every semester we do something to get FERPA out there and let the students know about their options," he said. "So it would be great if every student looked at those messages and updates their emergency contact information this semester while registering."

Alex Weaver, a junior music performance major from Muscatine, Iowa, said he is a transfer student and has not been at Tech long.

"I have not received any unsolicited e-mails or phone calls, but I am sure the fact that I only use a cell phone has sidestepped some of that problem," he said. "I am also on the national do not call list, so that may help as well."

Weaver said he does not use his Tech e-mail address unless he is formally corresponding with faculty. Otherwise he uses a personal e-mail account.

"I would think putting an option on TechSIS would be effective," he said. "If a student is receiving unsolicited calls or e-mails and they are bothered by them, then surely they would seek out the option and make their information confidential."

Another idea to make it more effective would be to require students to update all their data before they are allowed to register for classes, Weaver said.

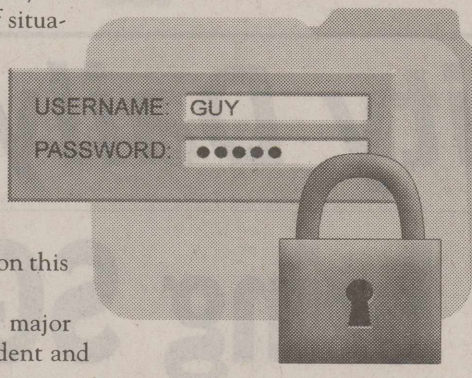
David Stroud, a senior telecommunication major from Angelton, said he has not received any unsolicited e-mails or phone calls.

"Given the option, I will definitely make all my information confidential," he said.

A better way to inform students is through TechAnnounce because many students only use TechSIS to register and drop classes, Stroud said.

Cody Bedell, a senior communication studies major from Dallas, said he has received unsolicited e-mails in his Tech e-mail account this semester.

"The last few weeks I have been receiving emails about a dating service and I have no idea why I am getting them," he said. "I will make my information confidential this semester so that I don't continue to receive the e-mails."



## Insurance

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Patrick Bailey, a private insurance broker in Lubbock, works with Tech and HSC students who need health insurance.

He said there are many benefits to having student health insurance.

"The benefits of having health insurance are going to increase your quality of life," Bailey said.

Students without health insurance are relegated to lower quality health care, which includes less-experienced physicians, Bailey said.

"With insurance, you choose your physician, your hospital," he said. "It's your choice."

Bailey said paying for insurance may be difficult for some students, but the benefits of health insurance outweigh the difficulty.

"It is a financial burden to pay those health insurance premiums," he said. "But the other side of not having health insurance is dangerous."

Bailey said most students could get health insurance for a reasonable price.

"A very baseline policy will cost anywhere from \$40 to \$60," he said.

Amanda Lancaster, a senior history major from Amarillo, said she has health insurance through her employer. She said having health insurance saves her money on her prescriptions.

"I take medicine now and it's \$100 without insurance and \$20 with it," Lancaster said. "It helps to have insurance."

She said requiring students to have health insurance would not be fair to some students.

"I don't think they should be required to have it," she said. "Not everybody has their parents to pay for it."

Chance Talkmitt, a sophomore agriculture economics major from Wilson, said he is covered by his parents' health insurance plan. He said offering affordable health insurance options to students is important.

"I think it's a good idea if they make programs available," he said. "If they just say 'Go out and get health insurance,' then there's a lot of people who couldn't afford it."

Doug Hughes, a civil engineering major from Lubbock, said he does not have health insurance because he cannot afford it.

"For somebody like me who is working and going to school full time, it's pretty hard to afford insurance," he said.

The university requiring students to have health insurance and offering quality, affordable plans would probably benefit students, Hughes said.

"If it was feasible for the university and the student, it would be good," Hughes said. "It would generate an avenue for married students like myself to afford health insurance."

McPherson said she has not heard of any public universities in Texas requiring students to have health insurance, and she does not anticipate that policy being instituted at Tech.

## Lebanon

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clear whether that meant Syria would completely leave Lebanon.

Syria, which sent its army into Lebanon in 1976 amid the bloody civil war, has always pledged to implement the 1989 accord that ended the conflict, and has redeployed troops several times since 2000. However, a withdrawal to the eastern Bekaa Valley near the border that was scheduled for the early 1990s, followed by an eventual total pullout, has never been carried out.

Syrian troops here once numbered 35,000; the current number is 15,000, and Syria remains the chief power broker in Lebanon. Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa said recently he expects Syrian troops to stay for two more years.

Demonstrators in Beirut beat drums and held up portraits of leaders assassinated during the 1975-90 civil war as they sang patriotic songs. Shouts of "Syria out!" and "Syria is the criminal," competed with loud insults directed against the Syrian president — words that until a few months ago few dared to say in public.

Marching past policemen and army troops in full battle gear, some carried banners reading, "Independence," and chanted, "The government of puppets must fall!" and "Enough blood, leave us alone." Playing on words, one placard read in English: "Syrial killers."

In a show of Muslim-Christian national unity, some protesters held a copy of the Quran in one hand and a cross in another.

"Enough bloodshed and disasters. It is the 21st century, and people should be able to govern themselves," said Youssef Mukhtar, a 47-year-old Lebanese-American engineer. "The situation has become unbearable and we have to regain our country."

Salma Raya, a 25-year-old student waving a Lebanese flag, said: "We want the Syrians out. We want our independence. What are we waiting for?"

Many in Lebanon blame Syria for a string of political assassinations during and after the civil war, including those of the Druse leader Kamal Jumblatt and Lebanese President-elect Bashir Gemayel.

On Monday, pro-Syrian President Emile Lahoud said "Israel was the first to benefit" from the assassination of Hariri, a Lahoud rival best known as the man who negotiated the 1989 accord and rebuilt Lebanon while serving as prime minister during 10 of the 14 years after the conflict.

European Union foreign ministers on Monday demanded an international investigation into the assassination, joining France, the United States, the Lebanese opposition and the Hariri family. The Lebanese government has said it will cooperate with a team to be sent by the United Nations but will not allow an international inquiry.

## Threat

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passengers are not allowed to bring on the plane before boarding.

Curtis said the threat is still under investigation, and there are no suspects as of yet. If a suspect is caught, they could be charged with terrorist threats, which is a third-degree felony and can be punishable by two to 10 years in prison and up to a \$2,000 fine.

Since becoming a member of the bomb squad, Curtis said this is the first bomb threat received dealing with air travel.

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—SGT. JAMES CURTIS  
The Lubbock Police Department

Curtis said. "It's a federal crime and a violation of the U.S. code."

Loomis said he feels like necessary procedures were followed by the airport and the airline and said he would have no problem continuing to fly out of the Lubbock airport.

"I absolutely feel safe flying out of Lubbock," Loomis said.

## SGA

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ally ride the off-campus buses?" she said. "I think these new figures clearly show that students utilize the system."

According to the presentation, approximately 67,000 students will ride the new Indiana Avenue route bus per semester. The information shows the need for a shift to an on-campus park and ride system as well.

The Facilities Planning and Construction department, Student Affairs, SGA and Walker Parking Consultants have developed a parking and transportation plan, according to the presentation.

The plan includes an expansion of on-campus Park and Ride lots, expansion of on-campus point-to-point bus routes, elimination of student-funded bus routes to off-campus apartment complexes and Ride lots like Wal-Mart.

According to these plans, student transportation fees will no longer subsidize off-campus busing beginning in fall 2006. The presentation proposal is for apartment complexes that

wish to remain on the bus routes. Also, Tech will remain an intermediate between the apartment complexes and Citibus. The idea is that this will allow for reduced rates for service and will provide for development and maintenance of bus routes.

A follow-up meeting on the new transportation and parking plans will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 7 in the Escondido Theater, Hunninghake said.

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## University Daily SGA Endorsements

### Nash can bring SGA back into focus

The University Daily's editorial board endorses Nathan Nash for Student Government Association president.

The president of the SGA has a multifaceted responsibility that involves close contact with the Student Senate, the administration and the Lubbock community. We believe Nash can handle those responsibilities, because he has knowledge and experience in dealing with these issues.

Also, we believe he has a realistic outlook on rising tuition. He knows lowering tuition will be difficult, but he plans to continue to lobby the administration to keep tuition and fees from rising exponentially.

His solution to students' financial burdens makes him stand

out from the other candidates. He wants to increase scholarships by reaching out to donors and outside sources.

He knows fighting the rising cost of higher education on this end is realistic, and we believe he can succeed in leveling the playing field for students who are struggling to afford an education at Texas Tech.

A growing area of concern for the editorial board is student involvement. We believe some students have become disoriented from Tech, and we are encouraged by Nash's way out of this situation.

He wants faculty and the Student Senate to get out and get more students involved at Tech. If he can succeed in this, Tech will benefit. He sees the SGA as an organization not

solely for its members, but for the entire student population. His goals are lofty, but we believe he stands out in his desire to engage students.

Nash also is the best candidate in his ability to serve the many roles of president. The SGA president must attend and often speak at events that will test his patience, poise and attitude.

We believe Nash will best represent Tech in this role as well.

Finally, we were impressed by Nash's understanding of his need to have a working relationship with the administration while still not being afraid to step up and fight back.

Nash's enthusiasm is not as strong as that of his competitors, but he seems the type of leader who can get legislation passed. Therefore, we hope Nash's term in office produces tangible outcomes rather than failed proposals like those of some of his predecessors.

### Worley has wisdom to deal with Lubbock

The University Daily editorial board endorses Ryan Worley for Student Government Association external vice president. Worley, currently chief of staff under President Mitchell Moses, said Texas Tech is a vital part of the Lubbock community and economy and is committed to making the university's facilities and opportunities better. This is the attitude the editorial board likes to see in an external candidate, considering their job requires them to deal extensively with the Lubbock community and government.

In addition, Worley believes it is important for the SGA to hold Tech's administration and

the senators themselves accountable for their decisions.

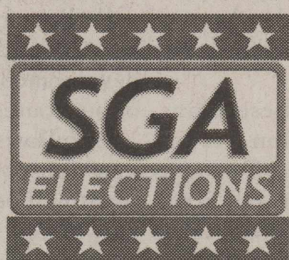
In campus matters, Worley will push for the development of bike lanes on campus, despite some administrative resistance. Worley said bike lanes should be funded by grants and sees them as something the SGA must follow up on after debating about it for six years. Worley also seems committed to convincing apartments who advertise being on Tech's bus route to also be responsible for at least half the cost of funding the routes.

Worley wants to look into the possibility of determining student fees based on the number of hours a student is taking, citing some campus departments that end up with

surpluses while others end up with deficits. Worley said he believes pulling money from different entities will aid in closing this gap.

In city matters, Worley believes in using Lubbock to Tech's advantage by showing Tech's face and representing Tech's voice at the City Council and the Student Community Committee meetings — in everything from resident zoning to Lubbock's alcohol laws.

Worley presents himself as a results-oriented candidate who is focused on getting Tech students the attention and services they deserve. As he said, "I realize it's my responsibility to defend students."



### Clower has the power to handle senators

Although the editorial board was not extremely impressed with either candidate for Student Government Association internal vice president, we choose to endorse write-in candidate Ryan Clower because his focus seems to be in the right place. Clower, who has served on the Freshman Council and as an arts and sciences senator, said he understands the most important aspect of his job: giving a voice to the student body.

"My job as internal vice president will be to make sure we are writing legislation that is legitimate to what students' concerns are," he said. "People need to understand what SGA does. If people get their voice out to SGA, great things can happen."

His platform is not complicated, but we believe Clower can take the SGA back to the basics.

As president of the Student Senate, the internal vice president has to have the skills to give direction to each of the senators. The person elected to this position has to be a strong leader and motivator. Clower,

a public relations major, has both the presence and the personality to command respect from those he leads.

He said he plans to micromanage senators by constantly being in contact with them to make sure they are doing their job and working for their constituents — the students.

We believe Clower has the initiative, energy and ambition to hold the senators accountable. Casey Harmon, who also is running for the position, presents herself as more reserved and less likely to lead the Senate with unwavering authority. However, we are concerned that Clower will not reach his full potential as a leader if he cannot draw a clear line between personal and professional relationships. While he said he has a stronger relationship with senators than does Harmon, we urge him, if elected, to remember his primary responsibility is not to be their friend, but their boss. If Clower can overcome this obstacle, we believe he can take the senators in the right direction by empowering them to fight for the students.

Through delegating responsibility and leading by example, Clower hopes

to bring structure to the senate. Primarily, he said his goal will be to hold organized Thursday night Senate meetings where legislation can be passed in a reasonable amount of time.

He hopes to accomplish shorter meetings by making sure senators are prepared to present legislation by doing prior research.

"Senators will not pass notes and they will be a lot happier if we have shorter meetings and we are not there for four hours on a Thursday night," he said.

While we believe efficiency is a worthwhile goal, we advise Clower to remember senators signed up the positions they hold and they should be required to be aware and awake during meetings for their duration. Elected officials cannot clock out early just because it is "college night."

When voting for internal vice president, students will only see one candidate listed. The editorial board recommends voters write in Ryan Clower. As Clower said, "scroll down to the bottom of the page and write my name. It's not hard, just as long as you don't click on Casey Harmon in the process."

### The UD challenges Hansen to innovatively lead graduate students

Though the sole candidate for vice president for graduate affairs, The UD believes Jon Hansen has quite a responsibility ahead of him.

Hansen said it himself when he expressed disappointment that no one was running against him — graduate students need to both be more involved and included.

Hansen has complained that students have too much apathy. The UD hopes he can make people care more.

Hansen believes Texas Tech's

quest to become a Tier 1 research institution is "built on the back" of graduate students.

Hansen wants Tech to recruit and retain more and better graduate students to represent a sect of the student body he believes goes sorely unnoticed.

Hansen wants graduate students to be more involved with the SGA and affairs generally considered the domain of undergraduates.

Hansen wants more funds available to graduate students for their use in research, which he believes

will help Tech's graduate school gain more recognition and publicity.

Hansen wants to work closely with administrators to accomplish this goal and lobby for greater dissemination of information.

The vice president for graduate affairs is a position created in spring of 2004 in hopes of forming a connection between graduate and undergraduate affairs.

Hansen was unable to appear for endorsement interviews, therefore forfeiting true endorsement.

#### EXPLANATION OF ENDORSEMENTS

Every year, The University Daily editorial board interviews SGA candidates and through majority vote, decides upon a candidate for each position. The interview is comprised of questions based on each candidates' platform and issues facing Texas Tech. These endorsements are intended to convey which candidates the editorial board believes are most qualified for the position and the reasons why.

SGA elections are Tuesday and Wednesday.  
Vote at [www.sga.ttu.edu](http://www.sga.ttu.edu).

## Thompson's death might mean death of skepticism, birth of timid newsies

"We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold."

For many of us, that sentence marks the beginning of one of the most enjoyable reads of all time. Hunter S. Thompson's trailblazing style still is unmatched in its intoxicating detail and cynical bite. His approach to covering news and politics was a revolutionary look at the mind of a journalist through tea shades. His views transcended today's cable-news labels of conservative or liberal as he loved to collect guns and get stoned.

Thompson's reported suicide this week marks the loss of one of media's most eccentric and informative minds ever, along with the entire world's loss of cynical truth-telling.

In stark contrast stands today's plethora of anchors, reporters and bloggers. The news game has turned into who can get the information out first and then who can prove who's lying.

For instance, CBS icon Dan Rather almost had his career ruined by the story about President Bush's



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lack of military service when a few relatively unknown bloggers uncovered false documentation.

And most recently, the White House reporter formally known as Jeff Gannon has been exposed by the blogosphere to be none

other than a James Guckert, a correspondent for a right wing Web site posing as an objective source funded by a Texas Republican. Never mind what you have heard about his other sites. The problem is someone in the White House pulled the strings to get this man into everyday briefings for two years, despite originally being rejected for a press pass by the committee overseeing permanent press passes.

The fact that Guckert was asking ridiculously slanted questions that supported Bush's initiatives and then passed them on in news story form is just a small part of the problem. The bigger issue is that it's not the only problem our media, and consequently we, face. The movement of "anti-liberal" media is more of a threat to our nation than any color-coded system devised by Tom Ridge.

It's obvious many people in high-profile media positions tout the left's point of view. But that isn't liberal media. In a free society it is essential to have government transparency, and the only way to ensure such a thing is through a critical media. It is those in power who want you to think a critical

media is a Democrat's media because it makes the people cynical about the cynics and everyone gets a headache.

But seriously, were it not for voices such as Thompson pointing out the absurdities of American politics, where would we be? We would have every reporter like Guckert unwilling to test our leader. No Watergate, no Iran contra, no Monica Lewinski.

Sadly, things are not looking up for the free press. Recently two reporters, Matthew Cooper of "Time" and Judith Miller of The New York Times were arrested.

Their sentences were upheld after refusing to disclose identities of White House officials who were involved in the leaking of Valerie Plame's identity in retribution for her husband's criticism of statements made by Bush.

This marks a dangerous crossroad in the struggle for real freedom in this country. There is nothing worse than a timid media afraid to

be arrested for disclosing the identities of sources, if anyone still would be willing to be one.

I know it makes many uncomfortable when our leadership gets caught lying or withholding information because it makes them feel dirty too. But it seems the best way to keep the government small and under the people's control is to have it vulnerable to our eyes and our voices.

In the mean time, we must suffer through the likes of Wolf Blitzer and Bill O'Reilly, Barbara Walters and Greta Van Susteren. What we're fed is 24-hour clips of natural disasters, medical recalls and celebrity gossip. Opinion shows such as O'Reilly's or "Crossfire" are filled with blowhard pundits spouting their respective side's rhetoric as they were coached.

When will we see the renaissance in information? Are we doomed to become brainwashed by the corporate-sponsored segments on carbohydrates and Michael

Jackson?

It is hard to see the likes of Thompson rising out of cookie-cutter anchors smiling into camera two. Today's news media is a horse of an entirely different color.

Gone are the creative masters who bring truth to the public by being honest to themselves.

Now with the sensitivity of media watchdogs and the emergence of bloggers with far too much time on their hands, the chances are fading of someone willing to disregard demographics and call leaders out on what they say.

The next iconoclast is just waiting in the wings; someone smarter than you or me, someone who likes drugs more than you or me, someone who will live more than you or me — even if they die first.

But whether he will have a place in our society or be jailed for violating the Patriot Act remains to be seen. Either way I'm sure weird chemicals, violence or insanity will be there to see him through.

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# Tech looks to rebound against Longhorns

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Upsetting No. 4 Oklahoma State is not an easy task. But a 29-point loss to the Cowboys Saturday shows the Red Raiders did not even come close.

Enter Ronald Ross. "What didn't happen is we didn't do what we supposed to do," the Texas Tech guard said.

From the beginning of the game to its end, Ross said Tech made too many mistakes.

"We just came out, and we weren't knocking down shots," he said. "It was just a horrible performance on our behalf."

With the loss now off of their minds, the Raiders have to play an even bigger game at home—one that might determine their stance in the closing weeks of the season.

"This game is so huge for us," Ross said.

The reason: Tech (16-7, 8-4 Big 12) is tied in second place in the conference with Oklahoma, and Texas

(18-7, 7-5) has fallen right below in a tie for third with Iowa State.

The Raiders play Texas at 7 p.m. today in the United Spirit Arena.

A win by the Longhorns could split second place three ways, causing more problems in the NCAA tournament brackets.

However, the biggest issue is Tech only has won one game in eight tries against the Longhorns since Bob Knight took over as coach in 2001. The last win occurred in postseason play, during the 2002-2003 Big 12 tournament. The last regular season win against the Longhorns came in the 1996-1997 season in Lubbock.

"You hate to lose in any game, but when you lose to a specific opponent a lot, it especially is," Ross said. "Even when they're your so-called rival."

With a history of that sort, guard Jarriss Jackson said the outcome cannot be pre-determined.

"I'm not gonna say it's gonna be another loss, but we just gotta be focused and mentally prepared," he said.

Last season in the United Spirit Arena, the Raiders allowed Texas to take a 1-point win in overtime after Brandon Mouton hit a 3-pointer to end regulation. Ross said the loss still goes through his mind.

"If we get the opportunity to finish it off, we'll do it, and I'll step up to do whatever it takes," he said. "Not just individually but from a captain's standpoint."

But if a similar scenario were to happen again, Ross could not say.

"You can't guarantee anything in a game," he said. "You never know what's gonna happen."

Like last Monday's game against Kansas, which Tech took into two overtime periods, finishing the Jayhawks off with a 1-point victory. Ross said he did not predict that one or the game against the Cowboys, and he sure is not going to try it now.

"Am I predicting a win?" he said. "We're all working for a win, and that's the reason you go out there. Winning is always the main objective."

# Hays inches closer to record win total

By Bryan Wendell/The University Daily

Pitchers do not bat in college baseball, so why would Texas Tech coach Larry Hays want his pitchers to step up to the plate in this week's games?

"We've got a good week ahead of us here; we've got to use four starters," Hays said. "If you look at our schedule, it's gonna be that way until our conference schedule starts."

Hays is referring to Tech's stretch of four games in six days, and he said his team is still searching for starting pitchers who will step up.

Senior shortstop Cameron Blair weighed in on the status of the Red Raider hurlers after Tech's 2-1 series victory against Western Illinois.

"We've got a couple guys that are throwing real well and a couple that aren't," he said. "We're gonna need four great starts this week from four good guys."

The first of those starts will come at 3 p.m. today at Dan Law Field as

the Raiders host the Dallas Baptist Patriots.

Tech will look to continue its strong play that has inched Hays closer to a record-setting win total.

Hays is two wins shy of 1,400, and when he reaches that mark, he will become the fifth coach in NCAA history to do so.

"1,400 wins, that's like — wow," Blair said. "If you're going to win 1,400 games, there's a reason you're doing that, and coach Hays is like the definition of that. He's such a great coach, and he has such a great attitude on the field."

Two of those wins came last weekend as Tech (7-1) took two of three games in a series against the Western Illinois Leathernecks.

Dallas Baptist (6-2) also is coming off a good weekend, as the Patriots swept Texas-San Antonio in San Antonio.

A Red Raider team that has scored 99 runs in its first eight games will challenge the Patriot pitching staff. Tech

opponents have sent 49 runners across the plate in that same span.

Tech's batters have a .382 batting average this season with three of Tech's regular starters averaging better than .440.

Madison Edwards, Tech's senior right fielder, has amassed an on-base percentage of .625 for the Red Raiders. Edwards said this success comes from not wasting at bats.

"I just (want) to have a good at bat every chance I (get)," he said. "The tough part is when you get that far ahead of someone, you don't want to waste at bats. When you're so far ahead you might not be thinking. I just (try) to concentrate every at bat so I (don't) turn a good day into a mediocre day."

If Tech wins today, Hays will be looking for his 1,400th win in a tournament in Midland. The tournament was originally scheduled to start Thursday, but the first game has been pushed back to Friday because of weather concerns.

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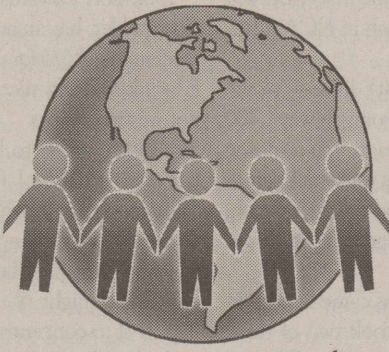
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## BANGLADESH STUDENTS CELEBRATE CULTURE, LANGUAGE



### Fighting for Freedom: International Mother Language Day honors protesters killed in 1952.

By Jeremy Martin/  
The University Daily

To many students from Bangladesh, their native language Bangla is more than just a way to communicate.

On Feb. 21, 1952, several students were killed while protesting for the right to speak Bangla. At the time, Bangladesh was considered East Pakistan, and the prime minister declared that Urdu, the language of Pakistan, would be the only national language.

When college students protested the decision, police fired into the crowd. This event is seen as a precursor to the war for liberation in 1971.

"It's my culture, my language," said Yasser Khan, a senior electrical engineering major from Chittagong, Bangladesh. "To me, the language means freedom. Several people died for this."

Khan, who is the general secretary for the Bangladesh Students Association, said Feb. 21, or International Mother Language Day, is a time to remember the people in the

past who sacrificed their lives so the Bangla language and the culture of the Bangladeshi people would exist today. Bangla is so important to his cultural identity, Khan said, that Bangladesh is named after the language.

Nayem Chowdhury, a senior electrical engineering major from Sylhet, Bangladesh, said the traditional culture is important to Bangladeshi people everywhere, even those who live in other places. But, celebrating an event like International Mother Language Day is harder in places where few people from Bangladesh live.

"In places like Lubbock, it's more difficult because there are only a handful of Bangladeshi students here," he said.

In Bangladesh, people celebrate the day by holding a procession to

the protest's monument in the city of Dhaka. They place wreaths of flowers there in remembrance of the people who died in the demonstration.

The student protest is comparable to the Boston Massacre or the Boston Tea Party as the beginnings of a revolution, Chowdhury said. The students who died are seen as martyrs. The difference between the protest and events spurring the American Revolution is the protest happened a little more than 50 years ago. People who lived through the protest and the subsequent war for liberation still are alive today.

Therefore, Lubbock required some creativity. "We thought, 'what would be the best way we could celebrate this day here?'" Ali said. "We decided we wanted to incorporate the monument somehow, so we built one ourselves." Ali said Bangla is important to him because it represents the long history of his culture. He said the language is one of the oldest in the world, derived from Sanskrit, one of

history's first recorded languages. "Bangla is my language, my mother tongue," Ali said. "To me it means a whole lot."

desch Students Association, said the organization set up an informational display in the Texas Tech Library as a way of remembering the day.

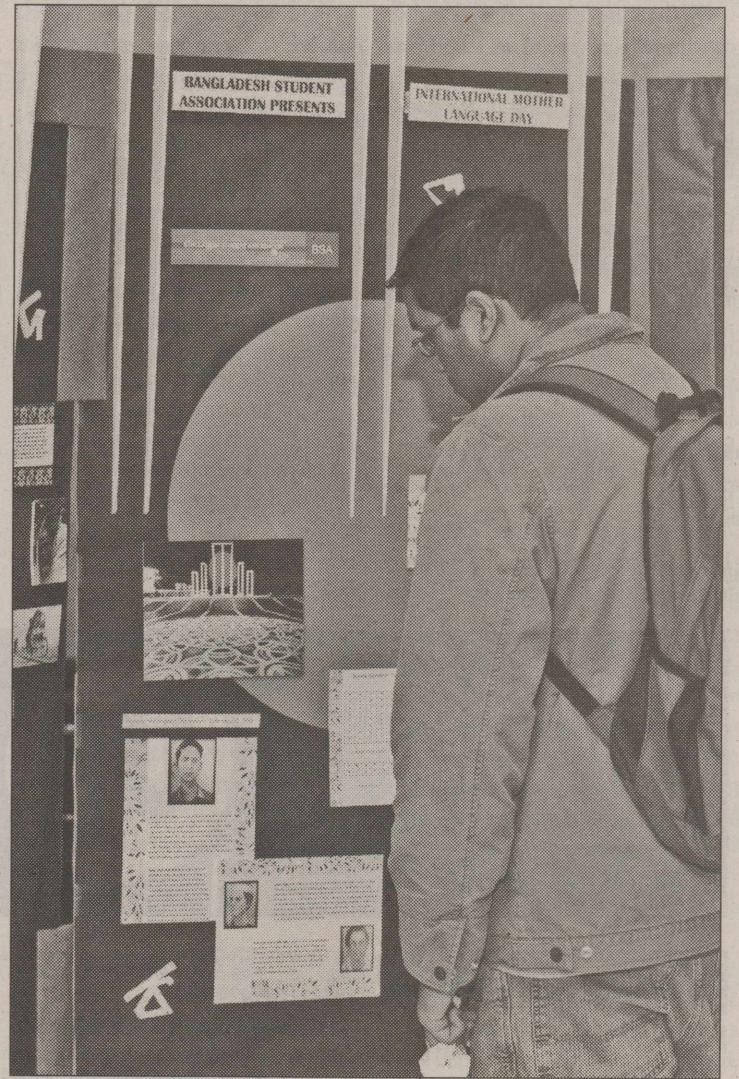
"We wanted to educate people of the facts about International Mother Language Day," he said. "I think it's a nice tribute."

The display includes information on the history of Bangladesh and International Mother Language Day, as well as a replica of the monument in Dhaka, built by students in the association.

Preetam Ali, a freshman electrical engineering major from Kuwait, designed the replica. Though he was raised in Kuwait, Ali said his family, like the majority of people there, is from Bangladesh. Monday was his first International Mother Language Day in the United States, and the first time he could not celebrate it in a traditional way, surrounded by people from Bangladesh.

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EMRAN KHAN, A sophomore business major from New York City, looks at the Bangladesh Student Association's display observing International Mother Language Day.

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## Students react to journalist, author Hunter S. Thompson's suicide

By Clara Cobb/  
The University Daily

Hunter Stockton Thompson, American journalist and author, took his own life Sunday night at his home in Woody Creek, Colo. He was also known as Raoul Duke and Dr. Gonzo to many of his fans.

"It's pretty shocking. I guess I expected more out of him," said Nicolás Mahan, a sophomore engineering technology major from Southlake. "I thought he'd do something better than shoot himself in the head."

Mahan added he respected Thompson as a writer. "I read some of his biography and

obviously 'Fear and Loathing.' My friend used to download his lectures, and I used to listen to them," Mahan said. "I saw him as an intellectual."

According to a representative of the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office, Thompson died at his home at approximately 7:00 p.m. of a self-inflicted gunshot. No further information has been released about Thompson's death.

Matthew Jordan, a graduate student from Lubbock studying marriage and family therapy, said he was a fan of Thompson.

"He kicked off gonzo journalism," Jordan said. "If there was ever a voice for being young and stupid, he was the one."

Thompson is credited with pioneering gonzo journalism, or "new journalism"—a style of writing that breaks traditional rules of news reporting and is purposefully slanted.

"I like the little pieces he wrote for Rolling Stone," Jordan said. "I liked keeping up with his life — knowing he was nuts. He was just one of the great dudes of the Earth."

Juan, Thompson's son, and Anita Thompson, Thompson's wife, released this family statement to the *Aspen Daily News*: "On Feb. 20, Dr. Hunter S. Thompson took his life with a gunshot to the head at his fortified compound in Woody Creek, Colo. The family will provide more information about memorial service

and media contacts shortly. Hunter prized his privacy, and we ask that his friends and admirers respect that privacy as well as that of his family."

Lauren Noble, a sophomore from Trophy Club, said she was sad to hear of Thompson's death. She said that she loved the movie "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

"It's sad that he died, but I don't have that much sympathy for him because he killed himself," Noble said. "I know he didn't overdose on drugs, but he could have been messed up. I guess he just gave up."

Thompson is regarded as one of the most legendary writers of the 20th cen-

ture. He is best known for the 1972 classic, "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," which became a movie in 1998.

According to wikipedia.com, he was known for his flamboyant writing style, which blurred the distinctions between writer and subject, fiction and non-fiction. He almost always wrote in first person narrative, and liked to use what he called "action verbs" to tell his stories.

Mahan said that he related to Thompson and his literary works on a personal level.

"I guess I am just shocked," Mahan said. "I saw him and his life as more enlightened."

"I thought he'd do something better than shoot himself in the head."

— NICOLÁS MAHAN  
Sophomore Engineering  
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## Fashion fixations: Smart, stylish selections that you want, need and must have for spring 2005

**Gold:** Purses, shoes, jewelry, jackets — the sky is the limit as long as it's not head-to-toe bling bling. Gold is especially charming when paired with earthy tones like chocolate or camel, as well as cool colors like blue or green. Metallic or lamé fabrics are our favorites.

**Floor-length casual:** Our favorites this spring are colorful broomstick skirts

and tiered tie-dye skirts with a fitted tee. These skirt styles work best with espadrilles or flip-flops. And don't forget to add a scarf around your head. This is a perfect way to get that breezy, chic look for class while still feeling incredibly comfortable. Floor-length skirts can easily be blended into your personal style, whatever that may be.



**Bracelets:** We love wearing bangles stacked high on our arms. How many? If you think you have enough, add one more. They don't have to match — try this look with bracelets that have contrasting widths, textures and colors.

**Tunics/dresses over pants:** Add a jacket and a contrasting scarf over this for a more structured look. You'll have instant style whether you go for tailored slacks, jeans or cropped pants. Try to avoid wide-leg trousers or gaucho pants with this look.

**Gaucho pants:** Also known as culottes, this versatile style of pant always is a fabulous choice for either

relaxed or dressy days. Gaucho pants can be worn with high-heeled boots or ballet flats. If you are having trouble finding these, ask if your mother still has hers from high school.

**Slouchy vest:** This menswear mainstay can be worn over a long-sleeved knit top with structured pants and a bulky scarf. On warmer days, wear the vest as a loose layer over a tank. If you don't like the idea of a slouchy vest, a fitted vest will have a similar effect.

**Spring & winter:** We absolutely do not mean Uggs boots with mini skirts! What we're talking about here is wearing a silk or chiffon sleeveless top with jeans or trousers under a knee-length coat. This look works best with subtly printed tops. Don't try this if you'll have to take your coat off.

**Mexican tops:** For an extra "cha cha cha" this spring, add a cardigan, skinny jeans and flats or wear a vintage Mexican dress over jeans. The most

figure-flattering versions of these tops are tunics, gathered waists and empire waists, all with that incredible embroidery, of course.

**Layered belts:** Work this like you would the layered bracelets. Mix chain belts with obi belts, ribbon belts or even add big silk flowers. Most importantly, try to stick with solid colored clothing to avoid appearing too busy. A basic black dress with boots or heels is the best approach.

**Glam with casual:** If you like to dress down for school or have a messy art class, put on some big, gaudy earrings or bangles with your velour hoodie or carry a sequined tote bag.

**Drapey shawls:** If you're tired of the poncho, try it a different way. You're going for an effortless look: as if you just strew a big piece of fabric around your shoulders. This is a trouble-free choice because it always looks put-together over a black top and jeans.

**Tribal flair:** Sorry, khaki shorts

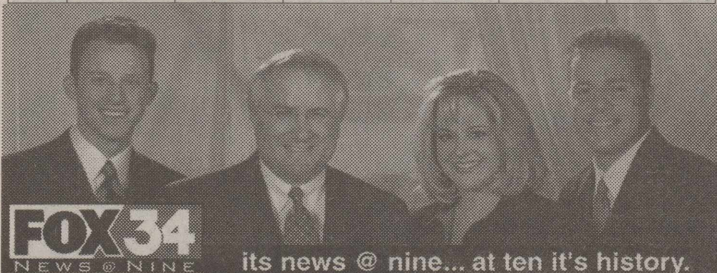
with hiking boots are not coming back but safari and ethnic prints are. This trend is predominantly seen on below-the-knee skirts or dresses and usually mixes earth tones with pastels. For a more carefree style, try long cargo shorts with a pastel tank. Always add long, wooden African necklaces.

**Big sunglasses:** The most posh look for nearly any occasion. Big sunglasses are dependable and timeless. Think Jackie-O! We also want to mention we adore aviator glasses on guys — especially with a popped collar! In the words of Kate Spade, "There is something strong and mysterious about sunglasses — you want to know more about the person behind them."

Happy shopping!

Heather and Erica are *The UD's* fashion columnists. E-mail your comments to [heathermeadows4584@yahoo.com](mailto:heathermeadows4584@yahoo.com).

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