

Former Lebanese prime minister assassinated

By Bassem Mroue/Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A powerful bomb assassinated a former prime minister Monday, carving a 30-foot hole in a street and turning armored cars into burning wrecks — devastation that harked back to Lebanon's violent past and raised fears of new bloodshed in the bitter dispute over Syria, the country's chief power broker.

The blast wounded 100 people and killed 10, including the main target: Rafik Hariri, a billionaire businessman who helped rebuild Lebanon after its civil war, but had recently fallen out with Syria.

The United States called the attack "a terrible re-

minder" that Lebanon still must shake free of occupation by Syria — the neighbor that keeps 15,000 troops here and influences virtually all key political decisions.

Syria denied any role and condemned the assassination. But opposition leaders in Lebanon said they held both the Lebanese and Syrian governments responsible and demanded Syrian troops withdraw.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was too early in the investigation to know who was responsible, but said any list of suspects "would have to include the Syrians and their surrogates in Lebanon."

Hariri, 60, left office in October but had the wealth and the prominence to maintain some degree of inde-

pendence from Syria, while never moving toward total defiance.

His shift toward the opposition in recent months had given a boost to calls for the withdrawal of Syrian troops — and his death silenced an influential and moderate voice that could prove hard to replace.

It was unclear if his killing would delay parliamentary elections that had been expected in April and May.

Top government officials met in emergency session, then instructed the army and internal security forces "to take all necessary measures to control the security situation." The Supreme Council for Defense, which groups the president, Cabinet ministers and military officials,

also declared three days of national mourning.

Later in the day, the army command announced forces were put on maximum alert and that soldiers and officers were being recalled from vacation or leave. It also said troops were setting up checkpoints and patrolling the streets.

The official National News Agency said Hariri's funeral would be Wednesday in a mosque in Beirut.

President Emile Lahoud, a longtime rival of Hariri, called his killing "a dark point in our national history." He promised the assassins would be brought to justice.

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Dora hits last-second 3; Tech beats Kansas, 80-79



LINC ARMES/The University Daily

RED RAIDER PLAYERS and fans celebrate as the buzzer sounds on Monday night's one-point win against the Jayhawks.

Fans rush court after Tech's upset of No. 2 Kansas

By Bryan Wendell/The University Daily

Monday's game was an emotional roller coaster for players and fans, with each getting excited by Texas Tech's play and frustrated from the calls of the officials.

In the end, however, the only feeling that could be given by exhausted Red Raider fans was elation after Tech upset No. 2 Kansas, 80-79, in double overtime — an elation obvious when fans swarmed the court following the upset.

Armen Williams, a junior marketing major from Arlington, is one of the Tech Fro Bros, who paint themselves and sit in the front rows at the men's and women's basketball games. After the game, with his voice hoarse from fever and from yelling, he said this was the biggest win he has ever seen.

"It's just a huge win, not only for Tech but for the students and the team," he said. "It's huge because it shows the team that they can do anything. I've been camping out for three years, and it seems like we've come so close each year to having a huge victory. I can't describe in words what it means to be a Tech fan."

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DAVID JOHNSON/The University Daily

KANSAS FORWARD WAYNE Simien is blocked by Tech guard Ronald Ross during the first half of the game in the United Spirit Arena Monday evening.

Tech gets win after hard-fought, double OT game

By Joey Kirk/The University Daily

Darryl Dora can walk throughout the Texas Tech campus as a hero — at least to all Red Raider basketball fans.

In the second overtime, the forward knocked down a 3-pointer, 1-of-5 from the arc during the game, with 3.6 seconds left on an inbound pass from guard Ronald Ross to give the Raiders the 3-point victory against No. 2 Kansas, 80-79, Monday night in the United Spirit Arena.

This win is Tech's (16-6, 8-3 Big 12) first against the Jayhawks (20-2, 10-1) since coach Bob Knight took over in 2001. The last time the Raiders defeated a No. 2-ranked team was in 1985, when Tech beat Southern Methodist.

Students and fans alike raided the court after the Raiders defeated the conference-leading Jayhawks, their first loss in Big 12 action of the season. Kansas fell to Villanova earlier in the season during a non-conference contest.

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Traffic and Parking presents plan to solve increasing shortage

By Meghann Lora/The University Daily

Improved parking conditions at Texas Tech are on the horizon, but those improvements will not come without a price.

Buddy Knox, director of traffic and parking, presented a draft of Texas Tech's Parking and Transportation Plan to the Faculty Senate last Wednesday. Knox said he would present the final plan to the Board of Regents Feb. 24.

The purpose of the plan is to develop a proactive, positive, client-focused transportation and parking plan for 2005 through 2009, according to the presentation, which can be found at www.depts.ttu.edu/senate/.

Knox said the plan was developed with key assumptions in place. Those assumptions include the fact that parking at Tech comes at a price.

"Parking is an asset owned by the Texas Tech community ... and everyone that uses the system should pay for it," he said.

According to the presentation, Traffic and Parking earns revenue through permit sales, park-and-pay fees, student transportation fees, event parking, federal and state grants and citations.

Knox said there would be an increase in the number of park-and-pay lots on campus to ensure all users of Tech parking are paying for parking privileges.

Tech's parking is undervalued compared to other universities, Knox said.

"Parking at Texas Tech - we do not charge enough for parking," he said.

This year, Tech has a deficit of 299 parking spaces, according to the presentation. Traffic and Parking projects a 1,061-space deficit in 2009.

Knox said the amount of parking on campus is not the only problem; the location of available parking is undesirable.

Jesse Aldaz, a junior mechanical engi-

neering major from Hobbs, N.M., said he purchased a satellite-parking permit for the spring semester. He said he does not like the satellite lots because they are a great distance from campus.

"It's far," he said. "It'd be nice to park right in front of a building."

Aldaz said he paid \$46 for his permit, but he does not think a satellite permit is worth \$46.

"That's ridiculous," he said. "Half the place is made out of dirt, and the other half is made out of pavement."

Knox said the parking situation on campus is not as bad as some students believe it to be.

"Today we have an adequate supply of parking," he said. "The available parking is not near the demand."

Knox said Tech has three options to change to parking situation.

The first option would not involve any new on-campus parking facilities, according to the presentation. This option would rely on off-campus housing developers to construct parking and to expand and improve the bus routes from those facilities to campus.

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Nursing professor awarded grant to study rural health disparities

By Lindsay Wharton/
The University Daily

Christina Esperat, the associate dean of research at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, was awarded a regents professorship in rural health disparities. The CH Foundation awarded \$334,000 to the HSC for the professorship.

Esperat said the professorship does not mean a change in her duties; it is a refocus on activities and initiatives. She said her department plans to spend more time and attention on rural health disparities.

Rural communities have unique health issues because of their geographic location, Esperat said. This particular group has largely been ignored and need the health benefits people in suburban areas receive.

Health disparities are outcomes in health that have a different impact on different groups, Esperat said. An example of a health disparity is diabetes. More Hispanics suffer from or will



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CHRISTINA ESPERAT, LEFT, associate dean of research at HSC's School of Nursing was awarded the regents endowed professorship in rural health disparities from the CH Foundation.

develop diabetes mellitus type 2 than any other ethnicity, she said.

Mammograms are more common among Caucasians than Hispanic or black women. All women should be aware of the need for regular mammograms.

"This is (the CH Foundation's) first endowed professorship," said Linda Jones, director of development for the HSC.

The CH Foundation is a philanthropy with a wide assortment of interests, Jones said. Non-profit organizations send the foundation proposals, and the board of directors selects programs to which it will give endowments.

Jones said the endowment gives Esperat the ability to use the money for research and outreach.

Alexia Green, academic dean for the School of Nursing, said HSC president Dr. M. Roy Wilson emphasized the need to address health disparities in rural west Texas.

The School of Nursing had been focused on this task even before Wilson's encouragement, Green said.

According to an International Organization of Migration report, racial

and ethnic minorities tend to receive a lower quality of health care than non-minorities, Green said.

The new professorship will address health problems with the elderly. Green said the elderly are in need of primary care to maintain an independent lifestyle, or elderly people may receive inadequate care. The new focus on health disparities will address these issues, she said.

"(Esperat received the professorship) because of what she has already done in conjunction with health disparities," Green said.

Esperat was selected as a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and a U.S. Department of Health and Human Service Primary Health Care Policy Fellow, Green said.

Esperat has been a leader in community collations, program planning, and resource development, Green said. She served on the National Council on Nursing Education and Practice, which is an advisory group to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Congress on education and medical practice issues.

Mother accused of cutting baby's arms off not competent for trial

MCKINNEY (AP) — A woman diagnosed with bipolar disorder and depression after cutting off her baby's arms is not competent to stand trial on a murder charge, a jury ruled Monday.

The verdict came after only minutes of deliberations in Dena Schlosser's brief competency trial. Prosecutors and defense attorneys each requested that she not stand trial.

Attorneys said they expected the judge on Tuesday to issue a special order

committing Schlosser to a state hospital in Vernon. Once there, her case could only be re-evaluated if doctors believe she has become competent to stand trial.

Schlosser, 36, was charged with capital murder Nov. 22, after she told a 911 operator she had severed 10-month-old Margaret's arms. Police found Schlosser in the living room, covered in blood, still holding a knife and listening to a church hymn.

The Rundown



Former agent convicted of perjury to appeal

TULLA (AP) — Attorneys for the former drug agent who built cases in the now-discredited Tullia busts will appeal his aggravated perjury conviction, saying jurors' verdicts were inconsistent.

Tom Coleman was found guilty last month of lying under oath about when he learned he was facing a theft charge that alleged he stole gasoline while he was a sheriff's deputy in Cochran County.

Jurors found him innocent of lying about having stolen the gasoline from county-run pumps.

"We think the verdicts in both cases were somewhat disjunctive," said Kirk Lechtenberger, one of Coleman's attorneys. "We think we'd like to get rid of the one they found him guilty on and return this man to the life he led before all of this."

Coleman, 45 and no longer in law enforcement, conducted the 18-month undercover drug sting that led to the arrests of 46 people, 39 of them black. Civil rights groups claimed the busts were racially motivated given the disproportionate number of blacks arrested.

Coleman was charged with aggravated perjury shortly after evidentiary hearings in 2003. His testimony about his past led to pardons for nearly all the Tullia defendants.

Jurors sentenced Coleman to seven years in prison but recommended he be given probation as he had no prior felony convictions. Based on the jury's recommendation, a judge sentenced Coleman to 10 years of probation.

The prosecutor in the case, Rod Hobson, said he'd be thrilled if Coleman's lawyers appealed and got a new trial, so he could have a second chance at securing jail time for Coleman. To Hobson, an appeal indicates Coleman was again not being truthful when he said last month he accepted the jury's verdict.

Police search for clues in N.Y. mall shooting

KINGSTON, N.Y. (AP) — A man who opened fire in a crowded shopping mall with an assault weapon, wounding two, seemed to have a "lurid fascination" with the Columbine High School shooting, a prosecutor said Monday.

Robert Bonelli, 24, is accused of wounding two people and sending shoppers scurrying for safety Sunday after shooting his way into the Hudson Valley Mall, then giving up when he ran out of ammunition.

Police searching the suspect's room in nearby Saugerties that night found a cache of "Columbine memorabilia," Ulster County District Attorney Donald Williams told The Associated Press.

The prosecutor would not detail what sort of items were found in the house Bonelli shares with his father, but said it included media accounts and other information about the Colorado shooting spree by two students that left 15 dead on April 20, 1999.

"We may never know specifically what his intentions were, or what his motivations were," Williams said. "However, we are deeply disturbed and troubled by the recovery of Columbine memorabilia from his property."

"Information is being gathered that would demonstrate that the defendant had a lurid fascination with the April 1999 shooting," he said.

Bonelli was being held without bail in the county jail after being arraigned overnight on first- and second-degree assault and reckless endangerment charges.

If convicted, Bonelli could face 25 years in prison for the most serious charge, first-degree assault.

A woman answering the phone at Bonelli's father's house declined to comment.

The public defender assigned to Bonelli did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

S. Korea: North Korea not yet a nuclear state

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's point man on the North cautioned Monday that it would be premature to declare North Korea a nuclear power despite its claim to having atomic weapons.

Unification Minister Chung Dong-young noted North Korea has yet to conduct a nuclear test, unlike other nuclear powers such as India and Pakistan.

"I believe it is early for us to call the North a nuclear state," when it has not been independently confirmed, Chung said in a speech to parliament. South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-Moon, who met Monday with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, also said the North may be bluffing.

The secretive communist nation announced Thursday it has built nuclear weapons and was staying away from international disarmament talks.

The claim dramatically raised tensions in the two-year standoff over the North's nuclear ambitions. He said senior U.S. officials who have pushed for a hard line on North Korea have said it's not clear if North Korea really has such arms.

Chung noted Korea has said it has atomic weapons at least 10 times since 2003.

"It's definite that North Korea possesses 10 to 14 kilograms of plutonium that can make one or two nuclear weapons," he said. However, he said there was no "conclusive evidence that North Korea made plutonium bombs" with the material, but that other countries suspect North Korea has one or two nuclear bombs.

Chung urged North Korea to embrace the spirit of denuclearization, saying it will "be difficult for North Korea to become a trusted member of the international community if it holds and develops nuclear weapons."

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Weekend bust raises gambling questions

By Brandi Fleming/The University Daily

The recent district attorney raid of a Wolforth business has brought gambling to the forefront in the Lubbock community and on campus.

Games such as Texas Hold 'Em played in local sports bars recently have been shut down in Lubbock County.

Lisa Rodriguez, general manager of Buffalo Wild Wings, said they are not holding any card games.

"The TABC came in on a Friday night about three weeks ago and told us we could no longer host any of the games here," she said.

John C. Grace, assistant criminal district attorney in the civil division, said a search warrant was executed Saturday on a business called Internet Access. The business was located on Highway 6282, almost directly across the street from the Wolforth police station.

"Inside the business were about 50 personal computers running programs that simulated slot machines," he said. "Patrons use a \$10 long-distance card and scan it into the computer. It credits them \$10. They can gamble in penny or nickel increments."

Grace said the machines ran an eight-line game. This means the machine shows three lines across and three lines down. The player can win

if the symbols match on any vertical, horizontal or diagonal lines, like tic-tac-toe.

When the players are finished, they take the card from the computer and have the clerk at the register scan the card and collect the winnings in cash, he said.

Multiple charges will be filed against the owner of Internet Access, including keeping a gambling place, possession of gambling paraphernalia and promotion of gambling, Grace said.

All of these offenses are Class A misdemeanors and carry a one-year jail sentence and up to a \$4,000 fine, he said.

"We chose not to prosecute the clerks at Internet Access, although they could have been charged as well," he said. "Instead we took statements from them as witnesses."

Texas Tech students should know gambling online, even in the privacy of their homes or residence hall rooms, is illegal, Grace said.

"The Texas Penal Code, in short, states that a gambling device is any electronic contrivance that for a consideration affords the player an opportunity to attain anything of value," he said. "If you enter your credit card number online and you are credited your winnings, you are on a gambling device."

Where the gambling originates is not important, Grace said.

"If you get online and view child pornography on a Web site that is based in a country where child pornography is legal, you are still breaking the law because it is illegal in the United States," he said. "It is no different for gambling; it is against the law no matter where the Web site is based."

It is possible to be caught gambling from your personal computer, Grace said, but it is not likely.

If a law enforcement agency wanted to stop the gambling on campus, they could potentially get the records from Tech to discover who is logging

on, Grace said.

"Once evidence is obtained the student could be prosecuted," he said. "Door-to-door type searching is not practical, but it is possible."

Gambling online is not only illegal in Texas, it is against federal law, Grace said.

"There is nowhere in the United States that gambling is unrestricted, not even in Nevada," he said. "I anticipate there will be more arrests and search warrants in the near future."

Officials will do whatever they have to do to stop shut down the gambling, Grace said.

Sam Segran, associate vice president of information technology, said signs have been posted in the Advanced Technology Learning Center computer lab in the basement of the library.

"The signs clearly state that the computers are for educational purposes only and are not to be used for any games," he said.

Student initially will receive a warning and be told not to gamble online in the lab, Segran said.

If a student is caught a second time he will be referred to the Student Judicial Services for disciplinary action.

"We are not going to look over a student's shoulder to see what they are doing," he said. "But if a complaint is filed then we will handle the situation and the student will be disciplined."

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Assistant Criminal District Attorney

Comanche code expert speaks about military's use of code

By Kelly Gooch/
The University Daily

William Meadows, assistant professor in the department of sociology and anthropology at Southwest Missouri State University, spoke Sunday about Comanche code used by the U.S. military during World War I and World War II.

Meadows said he interviewed four of 17 Comanche code talkers. Meadows said one Comanche code talker is still alive, as are 40 Navajo code talkers.

No codes were broken by the

Germans in World War I, he said, and the code talking saved lives.

"That's what made it so valuable," he said.

What made Comanche code so hard to figure out, Meadows said, was it was a foreign language, and it was a specific code inside the language.

Navajos used code talking against the Japanese, and Comanche code was used from D-Day until the end of World War II, Meadows said.

The Choctaws were spread out and put in charge of phones,

but did not have words for tanks, so they created words, Meadows said.

"A majority of them were not written languages," he said.

It could take one to three or four hours for Americans to decipher Comanche code talking, and coding machines were extremely complex, Meadows said.

The German army knew where the Americans were, but did not know what they were saying, Meadows said.

He said Comanche code talkers figured out 250 types of

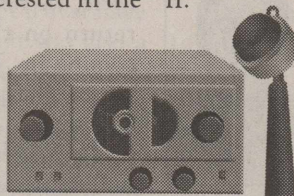
military terminology, including names of people.

After a leader of a Comanche organization told him about Comanche code talking, Meadows said he became interested in the subject.

Comanche code talking, Meadows said, was used during World War I until September 1918.

It was used again in 1940, primarily by military men just out of high school.

Code talking possibly could be used today in war, Meadows said, but soldiers today use more advanced technology than that used during World Wars I and II.



Bettie Wimberly, a retired American literature teacher, said she grew up in Canyon and has always been interested in code

talking. "I didn't know all the other tribes were involved," she said.

Comanche's have a colorful history of which many people are not aware, Wimberly said.

Many Comanche code talkers were wounded, and the government did not believe they had to keep the Comanche campaign secretive like the Navajo campaign, Meadows said.

Some code talkers worked for telephone companies or taught language classes after World War II., Meadows said. Getting to be with family and people who spoke the same language and had the same culture was important to these soldiers.

Japanese teen attacks teachers, kills one

TOKYO (AP)—A 17-year-old boy armed with a sashimi knife stabbed a teacher to death and wounded two other adults Monday at his former elementary school, then stood in the faculty lounge and smoked a cigarette with the bloody blade still in his hand.

No students were injured in the mid-afternoon attack, the latest in a series of rampages in Japan involving knives and children.

Police said the teen, who refused to talk after his arrest, used the 8-inch knife usually reserved for cutting raw fish. Such blades are extremely sharp and normally are only accessible to trained chefs.

Terrified teachers watched the boy from the edges of the faculty room where he was found, as he held the knife in one hand and a cigarette in the other, said a police spokesman, Isoo Noda.

The attack panicked the 600 students and 30 teachers at the public school in Neyagawa City just outside Osaka in western Japan. TV video showed small children, guided by adults, running from school buildings.

"I couldn't believe it," principal Hirokazu Sakane said at a news conference. "It is unforgivable. It is especially mortifying that a staff member lost his life."

Police did not release the boy's name because he is a minor, but Hirokazu Kashiyama, an official with the local board of education, said he was a graduate of the school.

Mitsuaki Kamozaki, a 52-year-old teacher, was fatally stabbed in the back. A 57-year-old female instructor had deep knife wounds in her stomach and a 45-year-old school nutritionist also was treated for serious injuries.

Television station TBS reported the boy, when younger, had written that his dream was to become a video game creator or game magazine editor when he grew up.

Japanese media reported he started skipping class in elementary school and had dropped out by junior high. Local board of education officials did not have information on his attendance record.

Though violent crime is relatively rare in Japan, juvenile delinquency is on the rise, according to police statistics. In 2002, the government lowered the age for which juveniles can be prosecuted as criminals to 14 from 16.

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In the Feb. 8 article, Cyndi Rohrer and Kathy Coder are the owners of the Prevention WORKS employee wellness program. American State Bank is a locally owned corporation.

In Monday's paper, the woman in the climbing photo should have been identified as Megan Murphy.
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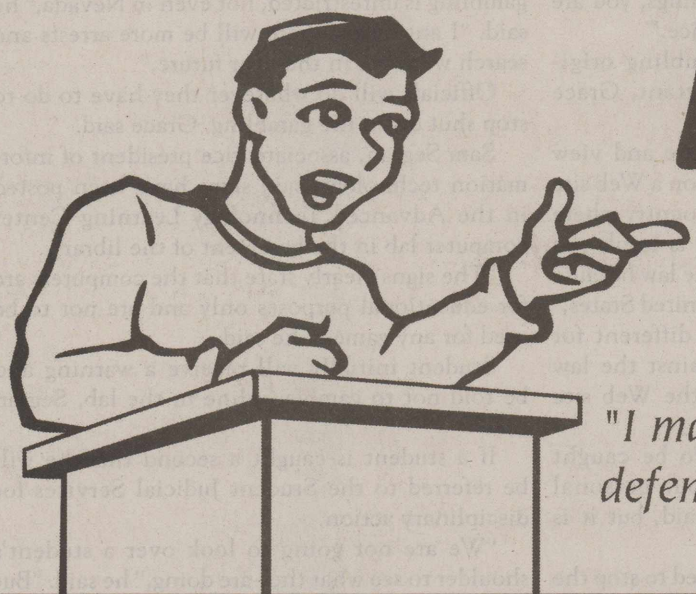
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For liberals, the magnitude of a "crisis" is relative to how much power government will lose to fix it. Case in point: Social Security.

In 1998, Bill Clinton knew Social Security needed to be fixed, saying, "This fiscal crisis in Social Security affects every generation."

In 2000, Vice President Al Gore made saving Social Security one of his signature issues (think "lockbox"). In fact, Ted Kennedy, Dick Gephardt, Tom Daschle and even John Kerry said saving Social Security was a primary issue.

Though it is hard for this writer to say, they all were right. Too bad democrats today, do not agree.

In a rebuttal to the President's State of the Union Address, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid criticized President Bush for hyping the problems of Social Security, claiming he made a "false declaration of a crisis."

Apparently, they have too quickly forgotten Clinton's declaration of a "fiscal crisis in Social Security."

Truth be told, Social Security is in trouble. The reason Democrats in Washington are claiming no crisis exists is because they are desperately trying to "save" Social Security — their golden calf — from becoming a self-sustaining tool of capitalism.

And the only reason Clinton was so concerned about the Social Security problem before is because his plan would have increased the size of government.

In its current form, Social Security is the ultimate crutch for the working poor.

But instead of helping them, it is designed to stifle self reliance and increase reliance on government.

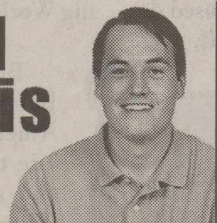
Ultimately, this is the liberal solution to all problems — make the government bigger and individuals smaller.

Social Security is the result of this mindset, and was a quick fix to a very real problem in the 1930s.

Millions of retirees who did not have savings of any sort were left destitute in their old age.

But instead of dealing with the root cause of elderly poverty — poor planning without ownership — a need was immediately met and a dependency was created.

Will Davis



As more money flows out of Washington and into the pockets of average Americans, the reliance on government will become smaller, and its power over individuals weaker. For liberals, that is the ultimate crisis.

As a result, a flawed pay-as-you-go system was produced, taxing younger workers to pay for the non-working elderly.

At its inception, there were 16 workers for every beneficiary and payroll wages were taxed at only 2 percent. Presently, Social Security taxes are at 12.4 percent and there are only three workers for every beneficiary.

In effect, there are too many retirees and too few workers to pay for them.

Technically, Social Security is running a surplus on excess revenues.

However, instead of gaining a return on this surplus, politicians and bureaucrats on both sides of the aisle have used it to pay for other social programs.

In exchange, the Social Security account is given IOUs by the treasury, which in theory are supposed to be paid back at a less-than-stellar 2 percent real rate of return.

The only problem? There is no money to pay this debt back. On top of this, by 2018, Social Security will begin to run a deficit, while the social programs it funds still will need money.

Many on the left have predictably proposed an increase in payroll taxes to fix the problem. However, in the past, the immediate surpluses created by increases in revenue have been looted.

Instead of continuing this cycle, we need to maximize the return on the money already coming in. This is the reasoning behind personal retirement accounts.

To maximize the returns, individuals would be allowed to tap into the greatest economic force in the world, the U.S. economy.

Through PRAs, millions of workers would have the option to invest part of the 12.4 percent in payroll taxes into the market, where their money will grow over time.

This approach also will harness what Albert Einstein called the greatest force in the universe — compound interest.

Not only will this help younger workers, it will also help the economy.

Young Americans will have an incentive to invest in the financial markets, where their money will finance economic growth instead of big government. Furthermore, this plan also increases both private and public saving.

Those who have suffered through economics classes know this to be a Keynesian approach to growing the economy.

Moreover, this plan will allow millions of Americans to own their piece of the American dream. Any money made in excess of a person's guaranteed benefits will be his to keep and one day pass along to his heirs, not to the government.

Reshaping Social Security will result in the biggest shift in power this nation has ever witnessed.

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Saying hello to social insecurity?

Ceasing to be a productive member of American society has its perks. The one I most look forward to is being able to say whatever I want to whomever I want and getting away with it, just because I'm old. Another perk to which we strapping young (at heart) collegians can look forward is shuffling to our future mailbox to pick up our old folks welfare — Social Security. "It's the first of the month" will have a new meaning.

Unless you've been living under a rock or have the average political attention span of our generation, you've heard much lately about President Bush's plan to save our second-largest federal program, Social Security, from the same fate of Lubbock's Carl's Jr. franchises. His solution? "Personal" savings accounts.

What we're hearing from Bush these days is more fear-inducing talk about how our retirement program will be "bankrupt" in 2055, when we'll have two workers paying into the current system for every one living off of it. As it stands now, for comparison, there are roughly 3.3 workers per beneficiary.

So what's the problem? It remains, as is customary with this White

House, that the whole truth is ignored and the slivers of facts presented to the public misinform the nation about the issue at hand.

Supporters of Bush's plan argue Social Security is big government in action, and by establishing private

accounts, the workers of America are taking more control over their lives, vis-à-vis handling their money. They believe in Wall Street more than the Beltway and reason our future's money is better left to the market than to the state.

What they don't go into are the details. Under this plan the money is no more yours than the government's. Workers won't be able to touch their accounts during their years of employment.

Basically, you can allocate a

Dave Ring



This isn't a personal beef with Bush. The plan is expensive and risky. Gone are the 'tax and spend' Democrats of the past — say hello to the 'borrow and spend' Republicans of the new millennium.

portion of your payroll tax to go into a variety of different stocks and corporate or government bonds.

Throughout the course of your illustrious careers, these will theoretically grow faster than the rate of inflation — providing enough money to feed you from the time you stop contributing to humanity until you die.

To put it simply, you give your money to the government so they can give it back to you. Seeing how that's basically how the system works now, I'm amazed proponents of the measure use this as a justification.

Instead of a sure level of benefits at retirement, you gamble a portion in the always-reliable market, hoping for more than a 3 percent return to counter inflation and administrative costs.

Another major problem with Bush's proposal is the start-up fees. Even the administration's bean counters estimate throughout the next decade, the government (that thing conservatives used to hate) would have to borrow a projected \$754 billion to cover those already in the system, as the money that would be going to them will be invested in your portfolio.

Keep in mind this estimate is only for the initial start-up, and further borrowing is inevitable. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities has a slightly larger outlook, with a nice round \$4.5 trillion tab needed to sustain the transition to private accounts until 2030.

On a related note, you might want to try to forget we just learned the president's prescription drug plan went up again to \$720 billion in these same next 10 years. Yet the \$10 billion to "entice," not guarantee, private insurers to cover seniors remains on the price tag — along with the stipulation that Medicare is banned from negotiating prices with pharmaceutical companies in the first place.

Supporters of the president's plan are thinking along the lines of "fix a leaky roof on a sunny day." Their rationalization hinges on the idea that now is the best opportunity to reformulate an archaic system before the population demographics shift and god forbid, we roll back tax cuts.

I fail to see the conservative small-government characteristic Bush is trying to present to the American people with these "personal" accounts.

We already have ludicrous projected and unspecified borrowing in a time when we should be tightening our collective belt.

Given the unpredictable nature of investing, there is greater opportunity and security to the (surprise) wealthier portion of American workers. Those with modest and below incomes are limited to high-risk/high payoff or small-risk/small payoff investments.

Contrary to this projection about 2055 is the reality of 2005. We are actively involved in combat operations in Iraq, intelligence operations in Iran and North Korea really wants the world to know they have the bomb.

Our economy is struggling to regain momentum as record numbers of Americans are jobless in some areas, while in other places people are working three or four jobs to survive.

Both sides of the aisle in Congress doubt the president's plan will pass, at which the White House will then point the finger for failing the American public, though the fault lies in the plan itself.

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Bombing

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There were no credible claims of responsibility. A previously unknown group, Support and Jihad in Syria and Lebanon, said in a video broadcast on Al-Jazeera television that it carried out the bombing, which it termed a suicide operation.

Security authorities raided the Beirut home of Ahmed Abu Adas, a Palestinian they said appeared in the video but fled during the day. They confiscated computers, tapes and documents, the Interior Ministry said.

The midday blast tore through Hariri's motorcade a block from the famed Mediterranean-side corniche and was so powerful it left the bullet-

proof vehicles a burning, smoldering wreck. The explosion gouged a crater in the street 30 feet wide and 9 feet deep and shattered windows and twisted metal window frames at a nearby British bank and the landmark Phoenicia Hotel.

Twenty cars were set ablaze. Former Economy Minister Bassel Fleihan, a member of parliament in Hariri's bloc, was among those severely wounded.

More than 650 pounds of TNT explosives were used in the bombing, security officials said. They did not say whether the explosives were placed in a vehicle or on the street.

Hariri's supporters quickly took to the streets, many weeping. In his hometown of Sidon, shops were shuttered as hundreds of people

poured into the streets, some of them shouting anti-Syrian slogans. One group of people attacked a van with Syrian workers inside, shattering its windshields.

In Paris, Lebanon's most prominent exile, former army commander Gen. Michel Aoun, blamed Syria and what he called the "feeble regime imposed by Syria" for the assassination.

But Syrian Information Minister Mahdi Dakhllallah called the killing "a criminal, terrorist action against Lebanon and Syria."

Asked about Lebanese opposition accusations that Syria had a hand in the attack, Dakhllallah said, "No serious man would address such accusations to Syria. Such talk is nonsense."

Syrian President Bashar Assad

said he "condemned this horrible criminal action," according to Syria's official news agency, and urged the Lebanese people to reject those who plant "schism among the people" during this "critical situation."

In Washington — which has put intense recent pressure on Syria to withdraw its troops — President Bush was "shocked and angered" by the assassination, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

"This murder today is a terrible reminder that the Lebanese people must be able to pursue their aspirations and determine their own political future, free from violence, and intimidation and free from Syrian occupation," McClellan said.

Parking

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The second option is to construct sufficient parking facilities to meet demand including building a second parking garage on campus. This would be done with the existing revenue sources staying in place, Knox said. Students would fund this.

"Students — there's 29,000 of them — they're going to pay the

brunt of the money," he said.

The third option is to build a second garage on campus, but also increase Traffic and Parking's revenue through other means, Knox said. A \$2 surcharge would be added to every event ticket sold, and the price of parking permits would be increased by 5 percent, according to the study.

"There's a lot of benefits that accrue from this option," he said.

Lindsay Mullins, a senior retail major from Lamesa, said she does

not have a parking permit this year because she parks on 13th Street.

"I just didn't want to have to pay for one when I knew I could park pretty close anyway," Mullins said.

The distance from a commuter lot is about the same, she said. Walking from 13th Street is faster than riding the bus from the commuter lot.

"It's quicker as far as walking distance," she said. "But if I were to ride the bus it would take me longer."

Dawn Younger, an alumna from

Lubbock, said she had a commuter permit while she was a student, even when she lived on campus.

"You pay such a high price to not even park anywhere near where you live," Younger said.

An increase in prices will not greatly affect students, she said.

"Because parking is such a problem, I don't think a 5 percent increase is much," she said. "It's that or not have any place to park at all."

Game

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Guard Aaron Miles had the opportunity to take the win for Kansas with the last shot, but he ripped a half-court shot off the glass.

The crowd erupted as the buzzer sounded.

Tech still has only one loss at home, which came against Oklahoma State on Jan. 8.

The Raiders did not allow this game to become No. 2.

However, Tech allowed the Jayhawks to make the first shot of the second overtime, a jumper by guard Keith Langford. It was Kansas' fourth lead of the night.

Langford turned around on the next possession to hit a wide-open 3-pointer, giving the Jayhawks the advantage. He shot 50 percent from the arc.

Kansas combined to hit eight 3-pointers, three each from guards Miles and J.R. Giddens.

A foul by Sasha Kaun with less than a minute remaining sent Tech guard Martin Zeno to the line. He missed the first of two free throws,

converting on the second and putting the Raiders behind by two.

That is when Dora finalized the win.

But getting to that point was not easy for either team.

In the first overtime, Tech jumped out to a 71-69 lead, after tying the game at the end of regulation at 69. Then a free-throw lane violation gave Kansas forward Christian Moody the chance at a third free throw, which was good.

Guard Jarius Jackson got the ball, missed his first shot, stole the ball from a Kansas defender and missed the next before getting fouled.

His two free throws gave Tech the 3-point lead at the 3:21 mark, staying with one minute remaining in the first overtime.

With 19 seconds left, Moody brought Kansas within one point with an easy bucket in the paint, and then he fouled Dora. He missed the first of his two free throws, but made the second to put the gap back at two.

With one second left, Kansas forward Wayne Simien hit the 2-point bucket to send it into the second

overtime of the game. Simien finished the game with 20 points and 13 rebounds.

Tech led at halftime, and guard Jarius Jackson hit a 3-pointer to give the Raiders a 6-point lead over the conference leader with 2:46 remaining. Miles put up his second three, again bringing the deficit to only two.

Zeno was intentionally fouled, getting a chance at the 1-and-1 shot from the free-throw line, but failed to convert the first.

Langford then was fouled by Ross with 15.8 seconds left, hitting only his first of two free throws and setting the score at 68-67 Tech leading.

Zeno got another chance to prove his clutch free-throw shooting, making one with 14.4 seconds remaining. Langford drove down the court, hitting the easy layup to tie the game at 69, ending the regulation time.

Ross finished with a double-double, scoring 21 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Zeno led the team with 24 points, and Jackson followed closely with 19 points.

Reaction

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Williams said the feeling he had after the game was mixed.

"It was a once in a lifetime feeling. Period. I mean that's what it was. I don't think I'll ever have that feeling again. It was also a feeling of relaxation," he said.

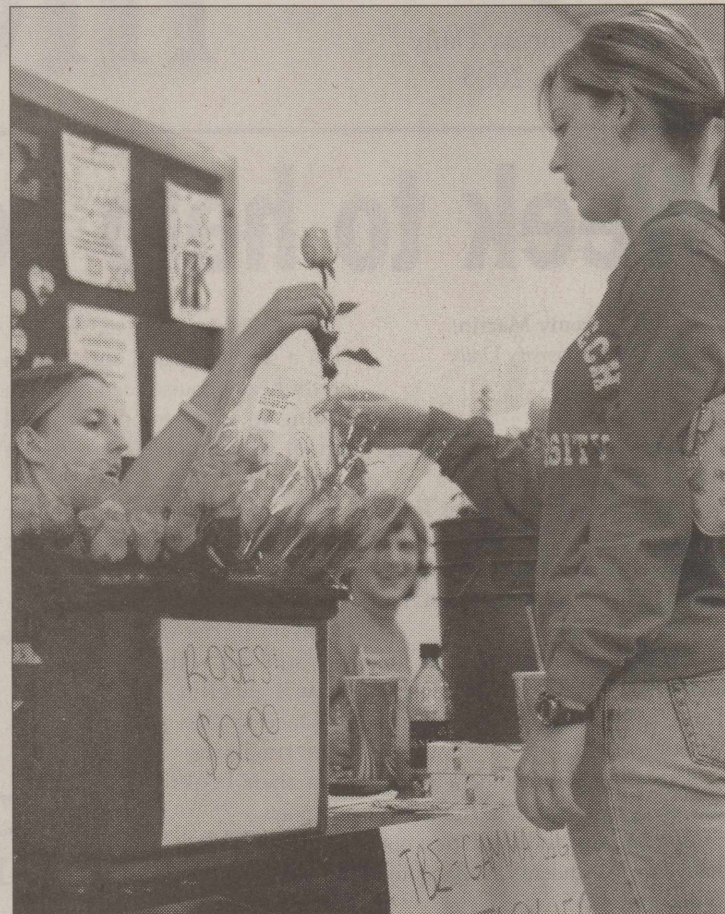
The relaxation came from the Fro Bros camping out since Wednesday night in preparation for the game, he said, and relaxation and relief overcame him after the game.

"To see my boys come up big is a great feeling of relaxation," he said. "I'm going to get this paint off and lie in bed and just enjoy everything."

Before the game, the Fro Bros passed out sheets of paper with instructions to help guide the students in their cheering. Williams said it worked.

"We came together in unity

FEBRUARY FLOWERS



MARISSA PATTON, A sophomore prelaw major from Stamford, buys roses from the Tau Beta Sigma candidate fund-raiser Monday afternoon.

KELLY MATHERLY/The University Daily

and beat the No. 2 team in the United Spirit Arena," he said.

Justin Hardin, a graduate student majoring in molecular pathology, has been to many Tech games in his time as a student, but said this was by far the biggest win he has witnessed.

"I wanted to laugh, I wanted to cry and scream," Hardin said.

Though he considers himself an avid fan of the Raiders, he stayed in his seat and did not run onto the court when the time expired to signify the end of Kansas's perfect conference season.

"I don't like to partake with the whimsical ways of clowns," he said.

Darryl Dora hit his only 3-pointer of the game to put the Raiders ahead for good at the end of the second overtime period. Danielle Mossbarger, a freshman history major from Houston, was confident the shot would fall

when it left Dora's fingertips.

"That shot was perfect," she said.

Mossbarger said she thought she and her friends at the game were "going to die" from the intense emotion in the game's waning seconds.

After the game, Mossbarger and her friend Jennifer Stout, a freshman chemistry major from Arlington, stormed onto the court to join the hundreds of Tech fans all pushing their way to the Double T on center court.

"We were jumping up and down and screaming," Stout said. "We were happy because of all that happened."

Stout said the scene on the court after the game was crazy with excitement and jubilation.

"(It was a) big mosh pit with everyone pushing and putting their guns up," she said. "We were high-fiving people we didn't even know."

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Week to help community focus on the positive

By Jeremy Martin/
The University Daily

Today is Focus on Positive Actions Day.

It's the second day in Texas Tech's Focus on the Positive Week, which consists of a series of activities to help faculty, staff and students do just that — focus on the positive.

Chadd Kawata said he likes the idea behind the activities during Texas Tech's Focus on the Positive Week.

Kawata, a senior biochemistry and biology major, said he thinks the pressures of class and work stress out many college students at this point in the semester.

He said slowing down and appreciating the world's positive aspects could be helpful to students.

"I think it's a good idea to take a break from the stresses of everyday life and focus on the finer things like friends and family," he said.

However, he said he will not be going to any of the events Tech has planned for this week.

"I won't have time to," he said. "I'm a science major, so I have a pretty heavy course load, and I'm having to study for the medical school admissions test on top of that."

Jobi Martinez, coordinator for Leadership and civic engagement for the Center for Campus Life, said today's Spring Involvement Fair will give students with Kawata's problem a chance to take some time away from their books and notes.

"It's a fun break," she said. "We've got Frisbees we're giving out. The students can take them outside and play with them. We've got refreshments and sugar."

The fair takes place on the second floor of the Student Union building from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will have the chance to talk to representatives from 50 agencies about volunteering opportunities in Lubbock.

The organizations will have informational booths to sign up volunteers. Martinez said the fair helps students to learn about unique places to volunteer.

In addition to better-known charities such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, students will have the chance to volunteer for organizations they may not have heard about.

For example, Prevent Blindness Texas will be recruiting students at the event today.

The organization gives free vision screenings to children and adults and provides glasses to people who cannot afford them.

Martinez said the fair is helpful to students even if their schedules are too full to accommodate any non-profit work.

"It's nice to know about all the volunteer opportunities in Lubbock, it's useful information," Martinez

said. "Students will walk away with something, even if they don't have time to volunteer."

The fair is one of the events taking place as part of Focus on the Positive Week.

Students are invited to play Risqué Roulette at 8 p.m. today in the lobby of the Chitwood/Weymouth residence hall.

Dr. Juli Benson, the health education manager for Student Health Services, said the event is designed to teach students about safe, healthy sex in a fun way.

"We didn't want to just stand up and lecture about (sexually transmitted infections) and pregnancy," Benson said. "Instead we're going to play a game."

She said the program will focus on positive sexual health choices and ways to prevent undesired consequences of sex.

Like many of the other events this week, Risqué Roulette will try to present information in a fresh, fun way. The point of the week, Benson said, is to find a better approach to solving problems.

The week originally was Eating Disorders Awareness Week, but the idea behind it has been changed. She said the original concept tended to be too negative. Instead of looking at the problems behind the disorders, Benson said she thinks people should work on finding positive solutions to all of life's problems.

"The week focused on the negative," Benson said. "We tried to change it up and put a more positive spin on it."

Jana Vise, coordinator for events and programs at the Center for Campus Life said Wendi Fox's Alcohol Insanity Tour Wednesday will look at ending alcohol addiction in a positive, humorous way. Fox uses her own experiences in an alcoholic environment to create an entertaining presentation on the dangers of alcohol abuse.

Although alcoholism is no laughing matter, Vise said the program will be amusing and entertaining.

"It tackles serious issues, but in a comedic way," she said. "(Fox) makes fun of herself a lot. Everybody has these fun stories of what they did

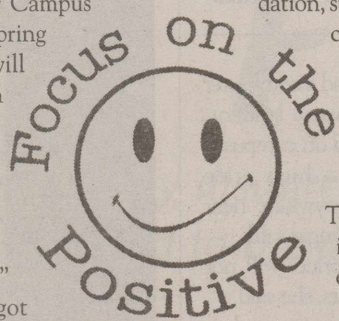
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when they'd been drinking and she tells a lot of those."

Benson said taking a fun, positive approach to a serious issue is the purpose of all of the events this week.

"We just want to help students take a fun and different approach to their problems," she said.



Ray Charles' 'Genius Loves Company' sweeps Grammys with eight awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ray Charles had a legendary career that defied categorization and influenced generations of artists — but he never had one of those blockbuster albums that many lesser artists have enjoyed.

Eight months after his death, all is right with the world. Charles' final album, "Genius Loves Company," won a leading eight Grammy awards on Sunday night, including album of the

year, record of the year for "Here We Go Again" with Norah Jones, and pop vocal album.

Charles' big night was less happy for CBS. Viewership for the Grammys was down 28 percent from last year, to 18.8 million from 26.2 million, according to Nielsen Media Research.

The victories highlighted the astounding success of "Genius Loves Company," which has sold more than 2 million copies — the most of Charles' 60-plus albums.

"I'm going to cry, actually," Jones said as she accepted the trophy for record of the year. "I think it just shows how wonderful music can be."

U2 won three awards, including best rock performance by a duo or group. Green Day, the most nominated rock act with six for their politically charged punk opera "American Idiot," won best rock album.

"Rock 'n' roll can be dangerous and fun at the same time, so thanks a lot," Green Day lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong said as he accepted the award.

Alicia Keys and Usher shared an award Sunday night for best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocals for their chart-topping duet "My Boo." Each was nominated for eight Grammys; Keys won four while Usher had three.

John Mayer was one of the artists who prevented a record night by Keys, as his mellow tribute "Daughters" won song of the year.

Keys had a chance to win more than any other woman in one evening. In 2002 she won five Grammys for her debut album, "Songs in A Minor," becoming only the second woman to win that many in one night. (Lauryn Hill won five in 1999; Jones and Beyonce also won five after Keys did.)

The most nominated artist of the year was perhaps the most multifaceted — Kanye West, the songwriter-producer who made his rap debut in 2004 with the cutting-edge CD "The College Dropout." He was nominated for 10

Grammys, including album of the year, but only took home three, including best rap album and best rap song for "Jesus Walks."

He was upset in the best new artist category, losing to Maroon 5 in a race with country singer Gretchen Wilson, Los Lonely Boys and Joss Stone.

Maroon 5's Adam Levine seemed almost apologetic after winning. "Kanye West, I want to thank you so much for being wonderful," he said. The camera cut away to West, who looked less than pleased.

Some expected West to have a meltdown like at the American Music Awards, where he complained bitterly backstage after losing the same award to Wilson. But on Sunday night he went on to deliver an eye-popping performance of "Jesus Walks" and an emotional acceptance speech for best rap album.

After referring to the car accident a few years ago that almost took his life, West promised to live life to the fullest: "I plan to celebrate and scream and pop champagne every chance I get because I'm at the Grammys baby!"

He also mentioned his AMA embarrassment. "Everybody wanted to know what would I do if I didn't win. I guess we'll never know," he said, holding his trophy up high.

At least West didn't have to wait

decades to get a trophy, as did some veterans finally honored by the Recording Academy.

Steve Earle's left-leaning "The Revolution Starts... Now" won for contemporary folk album. And Rod Stewart — who had complained in recent years about never winning a Grammy — won for traditional pop vocal album for his standards recording "Stardust ... The Great American Songbook Vol. III."

Brian Wilson, who released his album "Smile" after a more than three-decade wait, won best rock instrumental performance for "Mrs. O'Leary's Cow." He had never been honored before, even as leader of The Beach Boys. The big irony: the man who did more for vocal harmony than anyone in rock 'n' roll won in an instrumental category.

"I waited 42 years for this Grammy and it was well worth the wait," Wilson said backstage. "It represents triumph and achievement in music that I feel that I deserved, and I'm really glad I won."

The oft-maligned Britney Spears also won her first Grammy — best dance recording for "Toxic."

Spears wasn't present, but another newlywed was on hand: Jennifer Lopez performed a duet in Spanish with new hubby Marc Anthony, their first public performance together.

Other performers included Green Day, whose rollicking act was bleeped by the censors; and U2. Even the "Godfather of Soul" James Brown joined Usher for a funky number showcasing their dancing prowess.

The evening's most exhilarating performance was from Melissa Etheridge. The rocker, who is battling breast cancer, took the stage for a Janis Joplin tribute with a shaved head but strong voice, receiving a standing ovation.

But ultimately, the night belonged to Ray Charles. Besides the four awards for best album and song, "Genius Loves Company" won for best instrumental arrangement accompanying a vocalist, best gospel performance, best engineered album and best surround sound album.

Charles was 73 when he died in June, with a total of 12 Grammys in his 50-plus year career. The most he ever won in one night was four in 1960, including two for the classic "Georgia On My Mind."

That was the song performed Sunday by Keys and actor Jamie Foxx, considered an Oscar lock for his portrayal of Charles in "Ray."

Foxx, a more than decent musician, sat at a piano opposite Keys as Quincy Jones conducted the orchestra.

"For an old friend," Foxx said as he began to play.

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39 Island wreaths
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44 Concord, e.g.
46 On the wagon
48 Bow wood
49 Pack of destroyers
51 Congressional aides
53 Desktop images
55 Comforts
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61 Sacred bull of Egypt
63 Former Mrs. Trump
64 Clan
66 New York waterway
68 Highway to Fairbanks
69 Last word, perhaps
70 Make mention of
71 Afrikaners
72 Knock down, in London
73 Golf gadgets

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1 Treaties
2 White heron
3 Showy flower

4 City on Lake Ontario
5 Dullard
6 Sealab staff
7 Sleep letters
8 Organic candidate
9 Forlorn
10 Apes
11 Missouri River port in Iowa
12 Tacks on
13 Welsh symbol
18 Subway gate
22 '52 and '56
25 "M*A*S*H" star
27 Pol. party
29 News exclusive
31 Eyeball
32 Cat greeting
33 Gymnast
34 German title
35 1980s police drama series
37 Ambassadors' offices
40 Keyboard element
42 Western lily
45 Old name for Tokyo
47 Piece of history
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CNN executive resigns amid controversy about remarks

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN chief news executive Eason Jordan quit Friday amid a furor about remarks he

made in Switzerland last month about journalists killed by the U.S. military in Iraq.

Jordan said he was quitting to avoid CNN being "unfairly tarnished" by the controversy.

During a panel discussion at the World Economic Forum last month, Jordan said he believed several journalists who were killed by coalition forces in Iraq had been targeted.

He quickly backed off the remarks, explaining he meant to distinguish between journalists killed because they were in the wrong place when a bomb fell, for example, and those killed because they were shot at by American forces who mistook them for the enemy.

"I never meant to imply U.S. forces acted with ill intent when U.S. forces accidentally killed journalists, and I apologize to anyone who thought I said or believed otherwise," Jordan said in a memo to fellow staff members at CNN.

But the damage had been done, compounded by the fact that no transcript of his actual remarks was turned up. He was the target of an Internet and Web site campaign that was beginning to rival the one launched against CBS's Dan Rather following the network's ill-fated story last fall about President Bush's military service.

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Lady Raiders in tight battle for Big 12 Conference crown

By David Wiechmann/
The University Daily

The No. 15 Texas Tech Lady Raiders began this weekend in a four-way tie for first place in the Big 12 Conference. Thanks to three of those teams losing, they now find themselves jammed into a four-way tie for second place.

The congestion at the top of one of the nation's top leagues in women's basketball no doubt will make the final five games of the season the most important for all five teams at the top of the standings. It will be a three-week period that will determine a champion in a league that appears to have no favorite at this time.

"It is gonna come down to the wire," said junior point guard Erin Grant. "It is basically gonna be how everyone finishes conference out, if you can finish out strong or if you lose a couple coming down the road. It's basically gonna be up for grabs these last few games of conference and we'll see how everybody does."

Tech, No. 13 Texas, No. 18 Kansas State and No. 19 Iowa State all are tied for second place with 8-3 conference records. Four more games will pit teams in the top six of the Big 12 against each other before the conference tournament in Kansas City, Mo. Nebraska sits one game behind the battle for second place and still hosts K-State on Feb. 23.

Oklahoma, a recent victor over K-State, has proven to be a tough opponent in the past and will host Tech next week.

The situation is a dream come true for a Tech team that slipped up early in league play and lost two games at home by a total of five points.

"It's good that we still have a shot at winning because we never thought that we could be in this situation with letting go two of our home losses and losing again," said guard Chesley Dabbs. "I think it's good that we've still got a chance to win first, and

that's what we're gonna work on from here on out."

Being in a position to still win the conference may be an unexpected luxury, but coach Marsha Sharp said she likes the fact her team does not have to rely on any other teams to put them atop the league March 3.

"The thing I like the most with five games to go is we can still control our own destiny," Sharp said. "We're not pleased with the way we played at Texas; we're not pleased with losing that game or the Baylor game or the K-State game. I think you've lost to good people, and you've still got a shot at winning at least a share of the title without getting any help from anybody."

Five teams are ranked in the Big 12, and Nebraska is receiving votes, but if one team would appear to be in the driver's seat, it could be No. 7 Baylor. The Lady Bears played their toughest conference games

early in the season, playing Texas twice within two weeks and losing at Nebraska. Now, Baylor closes with three of five games at home, and both its remaining ranked opponents, ISU and Tech, come to Waco.

Dabbs said the Lady Raiders are in a must-win situation in order to be on top at the end of the regular season. Being Big 12 champions was the team's goal this season, and it still is in position to do so, but Sharp also believes her team will have to finish strong to put another prize in the trophy case.

"You should have to do something special if you're going to be the champion of this league, and we're gonna have to go out and do something special," she said.

Sharp said she thinks of nothing more than how to get her first Big 12 Championship since 2000.

"Almost every moment I work now is geared toward how we can win the Big 12 Conference," she said. "Until we get in a situation where that's unrealistic or it gets done, I don't think our focus will change."

Softball team wins three of seven in Vegas tourney

By Trey Shipman/
The University Daily

Zaragoza led the Raider offense, going 3-for-4 with a run scored.

In Tech's second game against Utah, a lack of offense once again proved to be the cause for the team's fourth loss of the season.

In their first day of action in the city that never sleeps, the Red Raiders suffered the same misfortune that many do when traveling to Las Vegas: losing.

The team fell in back to back games against Portland State and Utah by a combined score of 15-4. However, the weekend for Tech at 3-4 overall was not a total loss as it was able to bounce back and defeat Louisville on Sunday by a score of 5-4.

Coach Teresa Wilson said that there is an obvious distinction in the reasons for the losses Saturday and the win Sunday.

"The main difference between wins and losses is the execution of fundamentals," Wilson said. "We had a lot of mental mistakes in the first two games, but we're learning and it's just going to take some time."

In game one of Saturday's doubleheader, the Raiders had difficulty finding an answer for Portland State pitcher Melissa Hext. Hext tallied nine strikeouts en route to throwing six-innings of shutout ball, with Tech posting its only two runs in the seventh inning. Freshman Devin

had a resurgence as the team scored five runs in the first two innings against Louisville and held off a late push by the Cardinals to seal the 5-4 victory.

Once again, Rhyne led the team going 3-for-3 with three RBIs. Louisville has already beaten an Oregon State team this year that was ranked in the top 20 at the time, and Wilson said that beating the Cardinals was a big step.

"We beat a very good team in Louisville," she said. "We came out and swung the bats and were more aggressive, and it was a great win for us."

Tech will resume play Feb. 26 in Stanford, Calif., for a tournament in which it is scheduled to play six games in three days.

Texas A&M receiver arrested

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — One of Texas A&M's top receivers last season was charged with disorderly conduct over the weekend after he would not stop screaming and swearing at a woman on a public sidewalk.

Police said Jason Carter, 22, had to be separated several times from the woman on a sidewalk near some restaurants and bars, and that he was arrested after he continued screaming, swearing and making obscene gestures.

Carter caught 34 passes for 458 yards last season. He also had seven rushes for 57 yards and three touchdowns during what was classified as his senior year.

Texas A&M spokesman Alan Cannon told The Associated Press Monday that the team would deal with any discipline of Carter internally.

Canseco's book 'Juiced' fast seller on first day

NEW YORK (AP) — Jose Canseco's autobiography accusing several top players of steroid use and charging that baseball long ignored performance-enhancing drugs appeared to be a hit on its first day in bookstores.

Amazon.com listed "Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big" as third on its best seller list Monday.

The book had an initial printing of 150,000 copies and Regan Books does not disclose sales figures, spokeswoman Jennifer Sutor said.

"I don't think it's a good thing, obviously, because it's bringing a bad light to the game," New York Yankees captain Derek Jeter said Monday. "This is a time, obviously, baseball is in a negative light and Jose is not helping out. In terms of his accusations, the only people that know are him and whoever he is accusing. The unfortunate thing is, if it's not true, you're looking at guys

having to defend themselves over something they haven't done."

Mark McGwire, one of the former teammates Canseco accused of using steroids, issued a written denial.

"The relationship that these allegations portray couldn't be further from the truth," McGwire's statement said. "I also worry how these false allegations will taint the accomplishments of the Oakland Athletics' coaches, players and executives who worked so hard to achieve success during the era in question, along with the other players and organizations affected by this book."

"Most concerning to me is the negative effect that sensationalizing steroids will have on impressionable youngsters who dream of one day becoming professional athletes. Once and for all I did not use steroids or any other illegal

substance."

McGwire was not available for interviews.

In the book, Canseco is an unabashed advocate of performance-enhancing drugs.

"By the time my 8-year-old daughter, Josie, has graduated from high school, a majority of all professional athletes — in all sports — will be taking steroids. And believe it or not, that's good news," he writes. "I have no doubt whatsoever that intelligent, informed use of steroids, combined with Human Growth Hormone, will one day be so accepted that everybody will be doing it. Steroid use will be more common than Botox is now. Every baseball player and pro athlete will be using at least low levels of steroids. As a result, baseball and other sports will be more exciting and more entertaining."

Canseco calls himself the "godfather of steroids in baseball," saying "I single-handedly

changed the game of baseball by introducing them into the game."

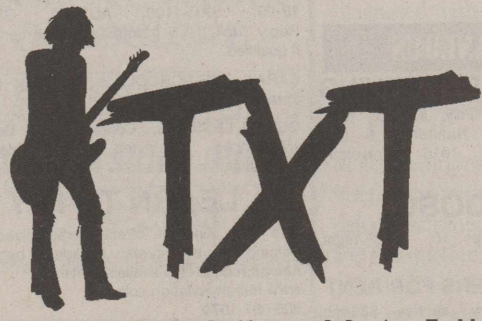
He says both baseball management and the union tried to ignore steroid use.

"Are players the only ones to blame when Donald Fehr and the other bosses of the Major League Baseball Players Association fought for years to make sure players wouldn't be tested for steroids?" he wrote, adding: "Fehr had to know the truth."

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig said last week that the sport's leadership was unaware of possible steroid use until 1998. Fehr declined comment Monday.

Canseco specifically took aim at Jason Giambi, a former Oakland teammate.

"Giambi had the most obvious steroid physique I've ever seen in my life," Canseco wrote. "He was so bloated, it was unbelievable."



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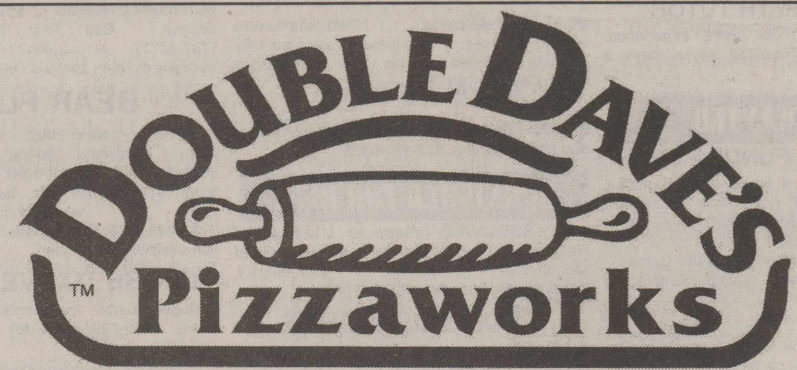
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