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## TUITION AND FEES

## Students dropped for nonpayment

Despite a payment deadline extension, more than 600 lost their enrollment.

BY JULIE ANN SANCHEZ  
The Shorthorn staff

After weeks of warnings about the university's new payment policy, 631 students were dropped for non-payment Jan. 11, said Ehren Wixson, business services executive director.

The policy required payment

of spring tuition six days before the first day of classes. Students were alerted to the change through MavMail, recorded messages, fliers and postcards.

Students were dropped from classes if a payment was not made by Jan. 10 and lost priority seating. A \$25 re-registration fee will be added to students' bills if they register after Jan. 14, Wixson said.

Students expecting to be dropped Jan. 9 were given an

additional day to pay as a result of a power outage Jan. 7 that affected the MyMav system.

The deadline was also extended because high traffic online caused MyMav to slow down.

Notice of the extension was made around 5 p.m. Wednesday via MavMail and the university's Web site.

For the first time, students who didn't pay enough were dropped class-by-class, Wixson

said. A student who may have registered for 15 hours but only paid for 12 hours would have been dropped from a class.

Senior Vice Provost Michael Moore said Friday that he was pleased with the transition to the new policy. He credited university staff, faculty and "a lot of people behind the scenes" in helping get the word out about the change.

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The Shorthorn: Laura Silva

Students stand in line at the Bursar's Office Wednesday in Davis Hall. Jan. 10 was the last day to make tuition payments before their registration was canceled.

## BENAZIR BHUTTO CONTROVERSY



AP Photo: Ed Wray

A police officer keeps watch from the roof of a building in front of an election poster featuring Benazir Bhutto and her father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Monday in Barakau, Pakistan. Benazir Bhutto's political party said Monday it may work with Pakistan's president after elections next month despite the leader's apparent unpopularity and allegations elements within his government may have played a role in her death.

## Fall of a Leader

Bhutto's cause of death raises questions among students

BY EBONY EVANS  
The Shorthorn staff

Some students on campus have mixed emotions about the controversies surrounding former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's assassination.

When Bhutto visited the university last spring, students crowded Texas Hall to hear her views about bringing democracy to her homeland, Pakistan.

She was the guest speaker in the OneBook series and also took time to answer questions from a select group of students invited from every school and college on campus.

"We were not expecting a very big leader to come from our country," said Muhammad Sarfraz Khan, Pakistani Student Association president. "Overall, we were very excited and a lot of Pakistani people got involved."

As the leading opposition candidate was leaving the Pakistan Peoples Party rally in the Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, she was shot three times and killed by a suicide bomber Dec. 27, two weeks before the 2008 Pakistani general elections.

Khan, a psychology senior, said he was awakened in the middle of the night with word of Bhutto's assassination. His mother, who resides in Rawalpindi, Pakistan, called him about the death.

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## BHUTTO TIME LINE

- 1953 – born in Karachi, Pakistan, to former Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Begum Nusrat Isphahani
- 1969 – attended Harvard University's Radcliffe College, Bachelor of Arts
- 1973 – entered Oxford University, graduated with Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Father becomes prime minister
- 1977 – returned to Pakistan. Father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, ousted from prime minister role, Benazir placed under house arrest
- 1979 – father hanged, leaving Benazir as leader of the Pakistani Peoples Party
- 1987 – married to Asif Ali Zardari
- 1988 – Bhutto's Pakistani Peoples Party won largest bloc of seats in the National Assembly. Benazir elected prime minister of Pakistan
- 1990 – Bhutto's government dismissed by Pakistani president
- 1993 – elected prime minister of Pakistan after the PPP won majority in election
- 1996 – removed from office because of corruption speculation
- 1999 – convicted by a Pakistani court on charges of corruption, receives five years in prison and a \$8.6 million fine. Remained in exile in London
- 2007 – granted amnesty and all corruption charges dropped. Assassinated in the city of Rawalpindi

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2007/12/27/world/asia/20071227\\_BHUTTO\\_TIMELINE.html](http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2007/12/27/world/asia/20071227_BHUTTO_TIMELINE.html)

## UT SYSTEM

## Board caps tuition, adds funding

\$9.4 million approved for Civil Engineering Laboratory Building.

BY JULIE ANN SANCHEZ  
The Shorthorn staff

The UT System Board of Regents unanimously passed a resolution Dec. 6 that capped system schools' tuition and approved additional funding for the university's Civil Engineering Laboratory Building.

The resolution restricts tuition increases to 4.95 percent or \$150 per semester, whichever is greater, for the next two years.

The board's move comes after UT-Austin's release of its tuition proposal that would have increased tuition by 14.7 percent, causing UT students and state lawmakers to protest.

UTA's Tuition Review Committee proposed a tuition increase of 6.94 percent in 2008-09 and 6.41 percent in 2009-10.

The committee's proposal also introduced a capped tuition rate at 12 hours and presented a four-tiered rate that encouraged students to

take more semester credit hours at a lower cost. A student would pay \$900 for one to four credit hours, \$1900 for five to seven, \$2900 for eight to 11 and \$3900 after 11 hours.

An enhanced designated tuition fee was also given to colleges, with nursing students proposed to pay a larger fee of \$116 per semester credit hour.

The Regents' step to regulate tuition came after years of rising tuition costs at Texas universities to keep up with inflation and lagging state subsidies.

The Tuition Review Committee's presentation is available at <http://www.uta.edu/provost/tuition0910/> and shows declining state appropriations. Forty percent of the state's federal funds were given to schools in 2007.

In an e-mail statement, President James Spaniolo said the Tuition Review Committee and university "are revising the proposal to be within the Regents' new guidelines."

"UT Arlington, like most

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## STUDENT LIFE

## Spike Lee tickets now available

BY MARISSA HALL  
Contributor to The Shorthorn

Thirty-eight tickets for the Feb. 9 Spike Lee lecture were sold Monday on the first day of ticket sales.

As of 5 p.m. Monday, 2,562 tickets were still available. Ten out of the 96 limited tickets were also sold, which include a reception with the director for \$50 each.

Tickets are available for purchase at the University Events desk in the basement of the University Center and by phone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 817-272-2963. They are also available at <http://utatickets.com> any time.

Broadcast sophomore Julia Hagar has not bought her ticket yet, but she plans to attend the lecture.

"I don't know very much about Spike Lee but I would love to learn more about him."



Spike Lee, To speak on campus Feb. 9

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## ACADEMICS

## Enhancement plan follows reaffirmation

Accreditation ensures the university can offer financial aid, higher degree quality.

BY REBEKA BALTAZAR  
Contributor to The Shorthorn

University officials have begun improving undergradu-

ate active learning in response to the institution's recent reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, or SACS.

The Active Learning Plan is a 10-year blueprint that will focus on determining which methods of active learning are most effec-

tive in developing higher thinking skills like application, analysis and evaluation, said Victoria Farrar-Myers, political science graduate adviser and associate professor.

The university received its reaffirmation in mid-December. Accreditation allows the univer-

sity to provide financial aid to students and offers a higher degree quality, said Belle Wheelan, SACS Commission on Colleges president.

"It is to ensure that institutions are of the highest qual-

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# 2 DAY

CAMPUS NOTEBOOK

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## CALENDAR

### TODAY

#### Late Registration

JAN. 15

**Blood Drive:** 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Central Library and University Center malls. No appointment necessary. Free T-shirt, snacks and Powerade for those who donate. Runs through Friday. For information, contact Allison Bailey at abailey@uta.edu or 817-272-2963.

**Photonic Resonance Effects in Periodic Films:** 2 p.m., 601 Nedderman Hall. The Electrical Engineering Department welcomes Robert Magnusson, professor and head of Electrical and Computer Engineering

at the University of Connecticut. Free and open to all. For information, contact Terri Earle at tearle@uta.edu or 817-272-3472.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Late Registration

**Relax Hour:** noon-1 p.m., University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom North. Includes gentle stretching, deep breathing and guided meditation. Free. For information, contact Mallie Townsend at artofliving\_uta@yahoo.com or 817-272-2780.

### THURSDAY

#### Late Registration Courtside Countdown

5-7 p.m., University Club. Pregame social open to faculty and staff, Maverick Club members, and alumni. Free appetizers. Cash bar. For information, contact Angela Martinez at amartinez@uta.edu or 817-272-7168.

JAN. 17

**Men's Basketball versus Nicholls State:** 7 p.m., Texas Hall. Admission is \$8 for adults,

\$4 for seniors, and free to faculty, staff and students. For information, contact Bill Pettit at wpetitt@uta.edu or 817-272-2239.

**Theatre Arlington presents Moonlight and Magnolias:** 7:30 p.m., 305 W. Main St. in downtown Arlington. The story of how the movie *Gone with the Wind* was really written. For tickets, call the box office at 817-275-7661 or order them online at <http://www.theatrearlington.org>.

### FRIDAY

#### Late Registration

#### Career Exploration Sessions: 1-

1:30 p.m., 216 Davis Hall. Understand the career decision-making process and find out how to take the career assessment. Free. For information, contact Counseling Services at 817-272-3671.

**Theatre Arlington presents Moonlight and Magnolias:** 8 p.m., 305 W. Main St. in downtown Arlington. For tickets, call the box office at 817-275-7661 or order them online at <http://www.theatrearlington.org>.

JAN. 18

Calendar submissions must be made by 4 p.m. two days prior to run date. To enter your event, call 817-272-3661 or log on to [www.theshorthorn.com/calendar](http://www.theshorthorn.com/calendar)

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## QUOTEWORTHY

**"She was a very courageous woman because she knew what risk she was taking going to Pakistan."**

Laurin Porter, OneBook's co-director and English professor, on Benazir Bhutto's recent death in the Middle East. See Page 1

## TWO-DAY FORECAST

### Tuesday

Mostly Sunny  
• High 64°F  
• Low 43°F



### Wednesday

30% chance of showers  
• High 52°F  
• Low 29°F



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## POLICE REPORT

This is a part of the daily activity log produced by the university's Police Department. To report a criminal incident on campus, call 817-272-3381.

**A staff member reported** individuals panhandling Friday in front of the UTA Bookstore.

**A store clerk reported** a nonstudent panhandling Friday at 600 S. Center St.

**A store clerk reported** a theft Friday at 600 S. Center St.

**A student reported** a burglary Saturday at Arlington Hall.

**A student reported** a man approaching people and asking for money Sunday at 1101 S. Oak St.

**A nonstudent was arrested** for public intoxication Sunday at 600 S. Center St.



The Shorthorn: Michael Rettig

**Biomedical engineering sophomore Maeline Teig jokes** around with sports medicine freshman Rico Aviles Friday behind Arlington Hall. Residence Halls across campus reopened Friday at 8 a.m. to allow students to move back in for the semester.

# Swarms in the Dorms

## Students and families return for move-in day

BY PRISCILLA ESPARZA  
Contributor to The Shorthorn

Organized chaos is what could have described the recent semester-ly ritual in some students' lives - move-in day.

Students, parents and resident assistants joined forces Friday as couches were hauled up stairs and clothes were hoisted over shoulders to be placed in students' homes away from home.

Some unfortunate students didn't have an extra set of hands.

"My parents didn't come with me, and it's going to be hard loading and unloading

my luggage all by myself," said nursing freshman Sara Lubrano.

Resident assistants were behind the scenes making sure preparations were finished before students checked in and fixed any technical issues.

"The most popular problem that resident assistants have to deal with on move-in day is the Mav cards," said Arlington Hall resident assistant Edwin Baldelomar. "Many students don't have them yet and we have to assign temporary Mav cards."

A number of steps that students take prior to moving in

include: applying to residence halls, getting dining service meal plans and requesting roommates.

Most of the residence halls offer features like game room activities, Hall Council services and the use of study lounges.

Resident assistants are responsible for developing a positive atmosphere throughout the building and planning events that help students meet other dormitory residents.

"We have an event on Sunday, a toga football party, where all residents are invited and it is a great way to

accomplish our goal of bringing the residents together," Baldelomar said.

Nursing freshman and Kalpana Chawla resident Deidra Spence said she enjoys the ease of short walking distances.

"My favorite thing is the convenience of walking across the street to go to school," Spence said. "My least favorite thing is the constant alarms going off because of popcorn at 3 a.m. and everyone has to evacuate."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Officials announce cause of late student's death

Janone Greer, the 27-year-old student who died in her Garden Club apartment Nov. 8, died of liver failure due to an acetaminophen intoxication or overdose of Tylenol, a Tarrant County Medical Examiner's representative said.

Attempts to contact Greer's family were unsuccessful.

She was buried at St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas Nov. 15, followed by a wake at Paradise Funeral Home.

— Jhericca Johnson

### Guided meditation, deep breathing sessions resume

The Art of Living Meditation Club holds weekly Relax Hour sessions at noon Wednesdays in the University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom.

The 45-minute sessions include deep-breathing exercises, guided meditation and gentle stretching, adviser Mallie Townsend said.

The stretches are done standing and are a way to reduce stress and connect with co-workers, she said. The stretches are gentle, and participants can wear business clothes.

Former club president Malathy Rha said the sessions are an opportunity to calm the mind before big test days and that they aren't affiliated with a religion.

Sessions are free and open to students and faculty. For more information, contact Townsend at 817-272-2780.

— Abigail Howlett

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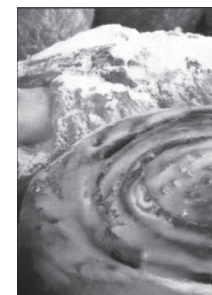
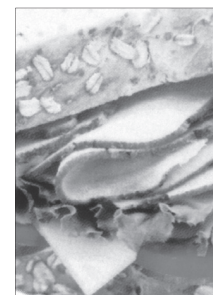
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The Shorthorn: Scott Russell

The drilling site behind the Continuing Education building is on its second hole. Drilling for all six holes is on schedule to finish close to the end of semester.

DRILLING

# Drilling starts second well 6 feet from first gas site

Drill sites have been showing good results, but no gas has been produced on campus.

BY JHERICCA JOHNSON  
The Shorthorn staff

Carrizo Oil & Gas Inc. began drilling a second well at the university's first drill site Jan. 8, said company spokesman Michael Grimes.

The company will continue operating on the site at Pecan and Mitchell streets behind the Continuing Education Workforce Development Center, until it can determine the first well's success or failure. The site can hold a maximum of five wells, Grimes said.

"We haven't expanded to any new areas," he said. "We're staying at this site until we see how it goes."

The new well is about six feet from the first one, Grimes said, and will drill in a different direction than the first.

"Say, if they were drilling to the northeast before, this new hole will allow them to drill due

**"It's just insane to put a rig in the middle of a residential neighborhood," she said. "The first well went OK, but who's to say the second one won't blow up?"**

Linda Yarbrough  
Arlington resident

north," he said.

Rusty Ward, Business Affairs vice president and controller, said the well has been showing good results so far, but no gas has been produced.

"In order to find out if there is gas there or not, we have to go through a process of fracturing," he said. "We won't be able to fracture the area until after the drilling is done."

The company has been drilling for natural gas since November 2007. While the university's plans sparked protests from surrounding residents, some have put away their picket signs and begun contract negotiations with the company.

Local resident Linda Yarbrough disagrees with "cashing in on the oil scene." As a member of the "Just Say No To Urban Gas

Drilling" group, Yarbrough said she and everyone she knows are against signing contracts with the oil companies.

"The people I work with are completely against making contracts," she said. "It seems like people are into making money, and not looking at the environmental cost of it."

Yarbrough has been asked to lease her property but refuses to sell. She said signing a contract would go against her belief that drilling should not take place in urban areas.

"It's just insane to put a rig in the middle of a residential neighborhood," she said. "The first well went OK, but who's to say the second one won't blow up?"

The university has received a payment of \$391,000 to explore

for natural gas and a one-time donation of \$400,000. The university has not stated how the money will be spent as of Monday.

Arlington resident Alean Royes believes the drilling project is unsafe.

"I just don't like any of the things that comes along with this," she said. "The noise, the pollution, the extra traffic, the risk of explosion and all those big trucks — it's too close to houses to be considered safe."

Royes said she thinks the gas companies are taking advantage of residents when they offer them contracts. Royes was offered contract, but after two visits and repeatedly refusing the offers, she called the police.

"I have a 'No Trespassing' sign in front of my house and everything, but they still came," she said. "I finally called the police on them and filed a harassment charge. After that, they stopped coming."

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## Deadline

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"This really brings us in line with other institutions," Moore said.

Nathan Rodriguez, business service office computer user specialist, offered assistance to students at Bursar Services in Davis Hall Wednesday.

Lines stayed steady, with

four laptops added near Bursar Services along with two computer kiosks, Rodriguez said.

"Our purpose is to get students to go online and reduce wait time," he said.

Rodriguez said many of students' questions concerned the installment payment plan, when the drop date occurred and what would cause them to be dropped from their classes. Students choosing the installment plan pay one-third of tu-

ition now and make two additional payments in March and April.

Liberal arts freshman Eric Posas and his mother Evelyn were in line at Davis Hall Wednesday to make a payment, but were unaware of the installment plan.

"That's a great option," Evelyn Posas said. "I was planning to pay the whole balance."

Evelyn Posas said she would have liked more time given to

students, such as one month, to come up with the funds to pay for tuition.

"That way it gives you more time to, if you want to drop," she said.

Eric Posas said he didn't see it productive to be angry about the new policy.

"What can I do anyway?" he said.

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## Tuition

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state universities, relies heavily upon revenue from tuition and fees in order to enhance and invest in academic programs, faculty, facilities, and student life. I'm extremely grateful for the excellent work put forth by our Tuition Review Committee, chaired by Student Congress President Collins Watson," Spaniolo said.

Board Chairman H. Scott Caven Jr. said in a UT System news release that any tuition increase was only natural in keeping up with inflation costs, but

burdening entire educational costs to students and their families was not expected.

"While keeping in the mind the best interests of both campuses and the students, the board feels strongly that a 4.95 percent annual cap will allow sufficient resources to meet strategic needs and goals as defined by each campus tuition policy advisory committee," Caven said.

A 20 percent minimum of the funds gained from any tuition increase was also instructed by the board to be allocated towards student financial aid.

The board charged David Prior, Academic Affairs executive vice chancellor, to work with

UT System schools to "identify any truly exceptional circumstances that might warrant additional consideration" that may need to be presented to the Board of Regents.

Anthony P. de Bruyn, UT System Public Affairs director, said there have not been any exceptions yet.

"Should they feel an exception is needed, Mr. Prior will be available," he said. "I can't speculate what would merit a special circumstance."

de Bruyn said tuition and fee proposals will be reviewed in March, but a meeting date has not been set.

The Board of Regents also approved the total project cost

of \$9.4 million for the Civil Engineering Laboratory Building. Bryan Sims, Facilities Management associate director, said construction for the facility began Jan. 2.

"We have already broke ground and removed the existing parking lot," Sims said.

Piers have been planted for the building structure and completion is anticipated by August 2008, he said.

"This is very aggressive construction," Sims said. "We have a very tight construction schedule and we look forward to finishing it in time for fall classes."

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AP: File photo

Spike Lee, receives a Peabody for his film, *When the Levee Broke: A Requiem in Four Acts*

## Lecture

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Hagar said. "He's a very well-known director and I would like to become more familiar with his work."

Lee will deliver his lecture, "Reel to Real," at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in Texas Hall.

## SPIKE LEE WEEK

Monday, Feb. 4

Panel discussion and screening of *When the Levees Broke: Act One* at 7 p.m. 148 Fine Arts Building

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Panel discussion and screening of *When the Levees Broke: Act Two* at 7 p.m. 148 Fine Arts Building

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Panel discussion and screening of "When the Levees Broke: Act Three" at 7 p.m. 148 Fine Arts Building

Thursday, Feb. 7

Panel discussion and screening of "When the Levees Broke: Act Four" at 7 p.m. 148 Fine Arts Building

Friday Feb. 8

Jazz concert "Music from the Films of Spike Lee" at 6:30 p.m. University Center's Rosebud Theatre

Free movie *Inside Man* at 8 p.m. University Center Rosebud Theatre

Saturday Feb. 9

Free film screenings in 148 Fine Arts Building: *Malcolm X* at 10 a.m., *4 Little Girls* at 1 p.m., *Do the Right Thing* at 3 p.m.

Spike Lee lecture "Reel to Real" at 7:30 p.m. Texas Hall

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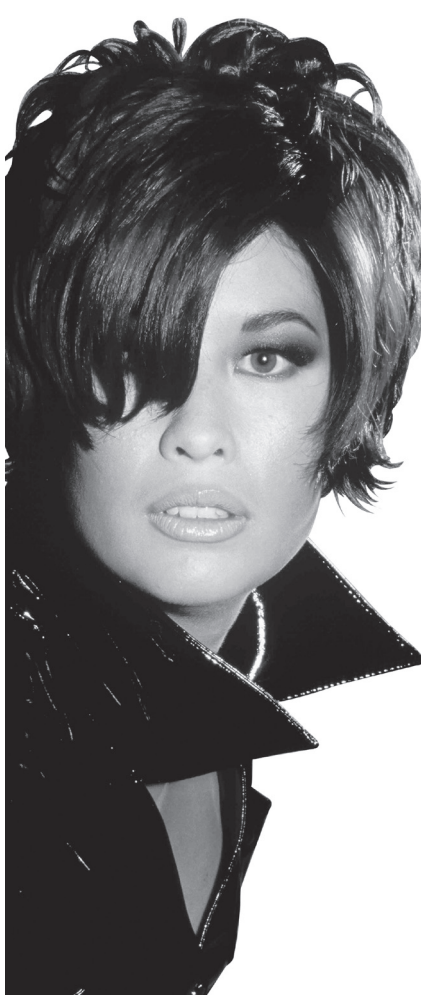
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**IN TEXAS**

**School activities shift for overweight kids**

RICHARDSON, Texas — With music pumping in the background, the kids in Terry Wade's physical education class are in constant motion, going from sit-ups to jumping jacks to curls with light weights.

After their 45-minute session, the sixth-graders who are sweating the most, or as Wade calls it, "burning butter," get stickers.

**IN THE NATION**

**Alabama searchers check coast for 2 kids**

BAYOU LA BATRE, Ala. — The search resumed Monday for two young children allegedly thrown from a bridge by their father with two siblings whose bodies were found over the weekend.

**States, MySpace to prevent child predators**

ALBANY, N.Y. — MySpace reached an agreement with legal authorities in 49 states on changing its social networking Web site to help prevent sexual predators and others from misusing it, state officials said Monday.

**IN THE WORLD**

**Baghdad judge gunned down in latest killing**

BAGHDAD — Gunmen assassinated a high-ranking Sunni judge as he headed to work in Baghdad on Monday, the latest of thousands of professionals killed in unsolved cases since the ouster of Saddam Hussein's regime in 2003.

— The Associated Press

**TECHNOLOGY**

## Microsoft to help food companies run video ads on grocery carts

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. is bringing digital advertising to the grocery cart.

The software maker spent four years working with Plano, Texas-based MediaCart Holdings Inc. on a grocery cart-mounted console that helps shoppers find products in the

store, then scan and pay for their items without waiting in the checkout line. Microsoft's acquisition of aQuantive, an on-line advertising company, last year for \$6 billion shored up the company's capacity to serve video ads onto these grocery cart screens.

Starting in the second half of

2008, the companies plan to test MediaCart in Wakefern Food Corp.'s ShopRite supermarkets on the East Coast. Customers with a ShopRite loyalty card will be able to log into a Web site at home and type in their grocery lists; when they get to the store and swipe their card on the MediaCart console, the list will

appear. As shoppers scan their items and place them in their cart, the console gives a running price tally and checks items off the shopping list.

The system also uses radio-frequency identification to sense where the shopper's cart is in the store. The RFID data can help ShopRite and food makers

understand shopping patterns, and the technology can also be used to send certain advertisements to people at certain points — an ad for 50 cents off Oreos, for example, when a shopper enters the cookie aisle. Microsoft said it is still working on how it will present commercials and coupons.



The Shorthorn: Musadeq Sadeq

**US soldiers walk** toward the Serena Hotel after a suicide attack in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan on Monday. An explosion and several rounds of gunfire went off Monday at a luxury hotel frequented by foreigners, and a Taliban spokesman said a suicide bomber and three militants with grenades and guns were responsible for the attack.

**MIDDLE EAST**

## At least 6 slain in Afghan hotel attack

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
KABUL, Afghanistan — Militants with suicide vests, grenades and AK-47 rifles attacked a luxury hotel on Monday, killing at least six people in a brazen attack on Western civilians in Kabul, witnesses and a Taliban spokesman said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the Norwegian foreign minister, who was not hurt, was the target of the assault, which came as the Norwegian embassy was holding a meeting at the Serena Hotel. Two State Department officials said at least one American was among the dead. A Norwegian journalist also died.

It was the deadliest assault on a hotel in Kabul since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. The assail-

ants appeared to concentrate on the hotel's gym and spa, where foreigners relax and work out. An American inside said she saw a dead body and pools of blood in the lobby.

The militants killed six people and wounded six, said Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary. He spoke before news of the Norwegian journalist's death and it was not clear whether he was counted among the six dead.

One of the attackers was shot to death and the Taliban spokesman said a second died in the suicide explosion.

More than 30 U.S. soldiers in a half dozen Humvees rushed to the hotel, and security personnel from the U.S. Embassy raced through the building searching for Americans.

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## EVERYDAY people

Each week Scene gives students the chance to speak their minds.



**Reema Mahdawi, biology freshman**

**If you could be a child again for a day, what would you do?**

I would just go to the candy store and pick out whatever I want. When you're older you have to watch what you eat.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?**

I would go to Greece because I grew up there when I was little. If I go back, then I could get some memories.

**Who do you wish was running for president?**

Obama. I'm really happy he is. It's my first year to vote and I'm really excited.

**What music always puts you in a good mood?**

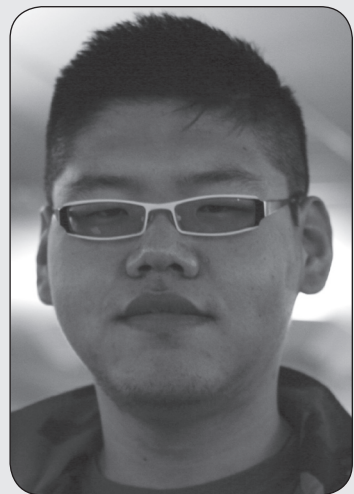
I love listening to Frank Sinatra. His songs are usually about love and happy stuff.

**What does UTA need?**

More people that are excited about going here.

**What is one thing in life that never gets boring?**

I'll probably never get tired of learning because I want to be a doctor.



**Peter Zhao, business administration junior**

**If you could be a child again for a day, what would you do?**

I'd go to the beach. My favorite childhood memories are from the beach.

**If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?**

Japan, because my hobby is learning Japanese.

**Who do you wish was running for president?**

Jay Leno. He cracks jokes on all the presidents on his show. I want to see what he would do if he had the chance.

**What music always puts you in a good mood?**

Gospel music. I'm Christian and I play guitar in a church band.

**What does UTA need?**

More serious sports programs — something more competitive and fun to watch.

**What is one thing in life that never gets boring?**

Music. It never bores me, especially if you listen to new music all the time.

— Emily Toman



## A New Home, A New Life

International students open up about adjusting to a different culture

Most students spend the first weeks of January shopping with money received over the holiday break, working on their New Year's resolutions or doing absolutely nothing.

For some, it's time spent getting acclimated to a new campus, a new city and an entirely new country.

While new students of every variety — transfer students, junior college graduates and even freshmen that took a break after high school — begin their Maverick careers in the spring semester, there is so much more to take in for new international students.

"It was terrible, I had no clue what was going on," said Brian Chen, business information systems junior from Taiwan, recounting his first-year experience in the U.S. Chen didn't know English well, but his roommates helped him. Without transportation, he hiked everywhere unless friends were driving.

Even things taken for granted most mystified Chen, including the McDonald's menu.

"It's completely different. Here they have the dollar menu. I mean, two apple pies for \$1? Cheap double cheeseburgers?" Chen said.

Chen helped new international students this month as a peer leader during an orientation held by the Office of International Education. There, students filled out paperwork, got vaccinated for tuberculosis, met other new students from around the world and found university community members ready and willing to help.

Some don't need as much help, like Girish Gyawali, a business administration and management freshman from Nepal.

"It's really interesting," Girish said at the orientation, which was his first time visiting campus. "I'm looking forward to spring break already."

Although Gyawali has been in the country for a little over a week, his sister Nikita, also a new student, has been here for three years. An architecture junior, Nikita received a scholarship and enrolled after her boyfriend graduated in December.

Li-Wei Yu, an undeclared sophomore from Taiwan, moved to the U.S. when he was 18. Now 22, the quiet music lover said he likes going to University Center where there are lots of people. Even though he has adjusted, memories of loved ones back home still get to him.

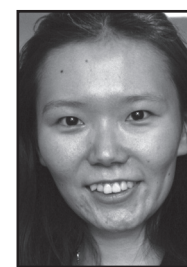
"I talk to family and friends on the phone a lot, but I always get homesick," Yu said.

Finance graduate student Sheetal Potdar is from India and has been in Arlington for eight months. As most students detailed the programs they were excited about, which some said were the best they found based on their majors, Potdar talked about what she thinks will keep her here.

"There are many people from different countries, many extracurricular activities," Potdar said. "It's good."

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**Q:** What has been the most interesting thing you've seen or done here in the U.S.?



**Shana Yu**  
marketing research graduate student  
**Origin:** Beijing, China — about 7,000 miles away

**A:** "Macy's! Things are much much cheaper here."



**Sruthi Gungdi**  
computer science and engineering graduate student  
**Origin:** India — about 8,000 miles away

**A:** "The tuberculosis test. I'm afraid of needles, and I've never had that shot before."

**Q:** Have you had any problems getting adjusted?



**Lince Merin**  
civil engineering graduate student  
**Origin:** India — about 8,000 miles away

**A:** "No problems, not right now. I'm staying with my uncle."



**Arunya Suresh**  
material science and engineering graduate student  
**Origin:** India — about 8,000 miles away

**A:** "I haven't registered yet but I'm feeling pretty good. I enjoy being here."

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Activities available for international students and their friends, but open to all:

**Big Howdy Party:** 6-10 p.m. Friday at the Baptist Student Ministry. Free food, games, music and dancing.

**International Coffeehouse:** 7 p.m. Fridays at the Cornerstone, 312 College Street. Games and coffee.

**Global Grounds International Coffee Hour:** 3 p.m. Jan. 24, Feb. 7, Feb. 21, March 6, March 27, April 17 in the Uni-

versity Center Palo Duro Lounge. Coffee, tea, music and socializing.

**The Link:** students can be paired with members of the Arlington community. Interest meetings are at 6 p.m. Jan. 22-23 in the Swift Center.

**Spouses Club:** for spouses of international students, every other Friday starting Jan. 25 at the Swift Center.

DINING SERVICES

# Bagel shop opens in Fine Arts Building

Health inspection delays breakfast food to lunch.

BY PRISCILLA ESPARZA  
Contributor to The Shorthorn

Einstein Bros. Bagels opened Monday in the Fine Arts Building.

The franchise, which offers espresso, salads, sandwiches, pastries and bagels, was scheduled to open Monday morning but, because of a last-minute health inspection, the opening time was postponed to 1 p.m.

The university's Einstein Bros. Bagels is the first in Arlington, said Raj Surinain, former student and Aramark retail manager. The closest location is in Irving, he said.

Construction began in mid-November and employee training was in Denver, Colo., where the headquarters for Einstein Bros. Bagels is located. Employees promoted the bagel business with free bagels and cream cheese to resident assistants on Friday.

Einstein replaces Cafe at the Arts in the Fine Arts Building.

"A market match was done between UTA and Aramark who decided on Einstein Bros. Bagels, and also be-



The Shorthorn: Monica Lopez

Biology sophomore Sunaina Rao, center, scans the menu Monday at the new Einstein Bros. Bagels in the Fine Arts Building. The restaurant opened Monday for the first time, replacing Cafe at the Arts.

"Psychologically, food can be a comfort zone for some people, especially when these brand-named restaurants are the only thing that is familiar to them."

Natalie Gaupp, visiting assistant professor and theatre academic adviser

cause there is a great variety of food at Einstein's," Surinain said.

Einstein Bros. Bagels received positive feedback from the students and faculty in the Fine Arts Building. Natalie Gaupp, visiting assistant professor and theatre academic adviser, said Einstein Bros. Bagels has reasonably healthy food and offers greater varieties for breakfast and lunch.

"I think that when you are in a hurry in the morning and you don't want to stop at a fast food place or get out of your car, it's nice to know you can just go to the Fine Arts Building and get a coffee," Gaupp said. "Psychologically, food can be a comfort zone for some people, especially when these brand-named restaurants are the only thing that is familiar to them."

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The Shorthorn: Monica Lopez

Einstein Bros Bagels opened for business the first time Monday and has a wide selection of bagels, sandwiches, coffee and muffins.



**BAGELICIOUS**

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# Learning

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ity that they can be in preparing students for the future," she said.

SACS requires two reports be given before the reaffirmation process can begin. The first includes about 80 compliance issues that the university must

abide by, while the second is the Quality Enhancement Plan, which was renamed the Active Learning Plan by university officials.

Farrar-Myers, a former enhancement plan coordinator, consulted with university community members to formulate a plan to accommodate the university's increasing number of traditional-aged students.

"It put some pressure on how

### FOR MORE INFO

For the complete Quality Enhancement Plan, visit <http://www.activelearning.edu/qep>.

we teach on campus," she said. "Basically, what [the plan] is saying is that we're using different types of teaching techniques to see which ones are most effective."

She said that the first three years of the plan will consist of gathering data and testing teaching methods. Eventually, those involved will attempt to spread the new methods throughout the university and possibly reach the graduate level.

"The idea that the QEP was so well received by SACS is really a testament of the product that we produced," Farrar-Myers said. "One of the things

they want to see is the university community involved in the process, and I think we did our job in the process."

In five years, the university will need to provide an impact report to SACS explaining the plan's progress.

Institutions can be put on probation if they don't meet the SACS qualifications, Farrar-Myers said. If the committee decides that the university

does not meet the accreditation standards, it can be taken away.

"To be a non-accredited university, you are judged," she said. "[Accreditation] says to the public, 'These are the standards and we have met these standards. Their quality is being questioned.'"

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# Pakistan

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"For a while, we kept calling people up in disbelief," Khan said. "After a while the shock turned into sadness."

Khan said he feels that people have disrespected Bhutto by printing editorials blaming her for her own death and calling her an inept leader.

"She is not responsible for her death by sticking her head out of the car," Khan said.

Laurin Porter, OneBook's co-director and English professor, spent time with Bhutto during her visit. She said they invited her on behalf of the OneBook series because she was a very important and powerful speaker.

"She was a very courageous woman because she knew what risk she was taking going to Pakistan," Porter said. "She could have lived a life in exile, but she chose to go back."

Bhutto's 19-year-old son, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, expressed his interest in beginning a political career with the Pakistan Peoples Party last month, according to <http://www.time.com/>. Pakistani law states he must be 25 before he runs for office.

Khan said that having Zardari take his mother's place in office would not be the ideal tactic for the Pakistani people.

"He's young. Too young to take over for her," he said. "If



Benazir Bhutto spoke at the university last spring as part of a OneBook series.

he does, he is not going to have the same policies as his mother did. If you put a 19-year-old in office right now, it's going to

be a waste."

Khan also said he believed the U.S. should stop funding the Pakistani military.

"Politics and military are two different things," he said. "The military needs to take orders from the Ministry..."

Unfortunately [Pakistan] is being ruled by puppets right now."

Undeclared junior Masuma



BENAZIR BHUTTO

Age: 54

**Education:** Harvard University's Radcliffe College, Bachelor of Arts, 1969, Oxford University (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) 1973

**Experience:** Co-Chairman of Pakistan Peoples Party, Prime Minister 1988 and 1993

**Personal Fact:** Recognized as one of the 100 most powerful women in *Time Magazine* and *The Australian* in 1996

Tiwana said the democratic leaders are trying to force people to join the party. She said the party has good ideas, but the leaders should give people time to adapt.

"A party is not supposed to be a family heirloom," Tiwana said. "He's young and inexperienced. Besides that, his parents have kept him away from politics."

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# SPORTS

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## Chalk Talk

**SPORTS QUOTEWORTHY**

**“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.”**

Babe Ruth, Hall of Fame slugger

**UTA SPORTS CALENDAR**

**Thursday**  
Men’s basketball versus Nicholls State  
Time: 7 p.m.  
Place: Texas Hall

Women’s basketball versus Nicholls State  
Time 6:30 p.m.  
Place: Thibodaux, La.

**Friday**  
Men’s and Women’s Track at the Texas Tech Indoor Invitational  
Time: all day  
Place: Lubbock

**BASKETBALL**

**Winter Break Results**

Opponent	Date	Result
Texas Christian	12/17	L, 77-74 (OT)
Oklahoma State	12/22	L, 69-64
Hardin-Simmons	12/29	W, 74-54
UT Permian-Basin	1/2	W, 85-69
Northwestern State	1/5	L, 86-82
Central Arkansas	1/10	L, 70-68 (OT)

Opponent	Date	Result
Marshall	12/18	L, 97-91 (OT)
Elon	12/20	W, 80-58
Charlotte	12/21	W, 68-60
Texas A&M	12/28	L, 69-55
Texas Christian	1/4	L, 97-42
Central Arkansas	1/10	W, 80-58
Northwestern State	1/12	W, 79-62

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

## Mavs get 2nd SLC win

Five players score in double figures to help lead the Mavs to their second straight win.

BY ISAAC COBHAM  
The Shorthorn staff

Thanks to an excellent first half performance, the women’s basketball team pulled out a dominating 79-62 win over Northwestern State in a high-intensity match before a packed Texas Hall crowd Saturday.

The Mavericks now hold a 2-0 Southland Conference record.

“They just came in with a different mind-set today,” head coach Samantha Morrow said. “During practice and in the shoot-around anyone who saw them could tell that they were ready to play.”

Five players scored in double figures for the second consecutive game. Senior Tiffany Riles led the squad with 13 points and five rebounds, and junior Erin Dixon finished the game with 10 points, six rebounds and three assists.

“Erin came in with a real focus on playing defense,” Morrow said. “She did a good job. She and Tiffany were huge for us tonight.”

UTA controlled the floor

throughout the first half with an excellent offensive presence and even better defense. The Mavs ended the first half with a 27 point lead, holding the Lady Demons to a 27.9 field goal percentage, while UTA shot 59.3 percent from the floor and 50 percent from the three-point line. Freshman Tamara Simmons had 11 points, two steals, four assists and three rebounds in the first half alone.

“I think we came out more prepared than them,” Simmons said. “Today’s game was about getting focused and prepared. In other games the team wasn’t as focused.”

Once the game began it took four minutes for the Lady Demons to light up the scoreboard, but during that time the Mavericks were already on a 13-0 run, with senior Maryann Abanobi scoring 5 points in the first two minutes. The three-point layup by NSU’s Ashli Barnum four minutes into the game was quickly answered with a floating jumper from Abanobi that kicked off another 8-0 run – all in the first seven minutes of the game.

The Lady Demons gained momentum in the second half, fueled by the support of their loyal

fans, scoring 19 points within the first 10 minutes on 50 percent shooting from the field.

“They got some good players. They hit some tough contested shots in the second half,” Morrow said. “When you’re down like that you figure ‘what the heck there’s nothing to lose.’”

Despite the quick start by the Lady Demons, the Mavs held on, kicking off the period with a three-point layup by freshman Shalyn Martin, who finished with 11 points, eight rebounds and four assists. Martin put up another three-point layup at the 16:47 mark to give the Mavericks a 31 point lead, their largest of the night. The Lady Demons kept fighting but could not close the gap as UTA finished with a 17-point lead at the final buzzer.

NSU is now 7-7 for the season but have not won in conference competition.

Coach Morrow says that, despite the impressive win, she would not call it a blowout.

“A ‘W’ is a ‘W,’” she said. “Whether it’s by 30 points or by 15.”



The Shorthorn: Andrew Buckley

Forward Erin Dixon shoots Saturday as the Mavs top Northwestern State in Texas Hall. The Mavs are 2-0 in the SLC.

**COLUMN**

## Reliving Painful Memories

Dallas sport fans left to wonder when they will find ‘the one’

If you stop what you’re doing and listen carefully, you’ll hear the sound of hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of Dallas Cowboys fans’ hearts breaking.

Black Sunday besets the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex as another promising year for a local sports team comes to a grinding halt.

To be a fan of a professional Dallas sports team is somewhat of a typical relationship.

As fans we were witness to some of the best regular seasons imaginable. Whether it be the Mavericks’ stellar 67-15 record last year or the Cowboys

having their best season in over a decade with a 13-3 record, it’s safe to say that the early stages of our relationships with the teams here are very exciting.

We want to show them off and make them seem as if they’re the best thing ever to happen in the world.

Eventually, we get to a point where the “newness” of the relationship begins to wear off. We notice things that we never saw before, annoyances begin to sprout like dandelions in the

spring. We question the chemistry we have for them and we wonder “did I make a mistake?”



STEPHEN PETERS

Things are iffy, but we want to stick it through. That’s until the playoffs happen.

Last season for the Mavericks that relationship was built solely on fraud and deceit, and we witnessed something that had never been done as the No. 8 seed knocked off the No. 1 seed. The year before that, we almost closed on a lifelong marriage

until another relationship tragedy unfolded before us.

Sunday night, another promising future with another athletic soul mate let us down once again, and essentially laughed in our faces for being foolish enough to think something magical was there.

Will we love again? It’s more than possible. To love a sports team or a town, memories must be short. But caution will be exercised quite liberally in the future so our hearts don’t break again.

— Stephen Peters is a junior journalism student and The Shorthorn sports editor



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*A: There are many men who would like their wife or partner to perform oral sex on them but their partner finds it distasteful and refuses. I am against anyone performing any sex act under pressure, and so basically my advice is to just continue to refuse and tell him to stop asking. However, if you think that this is so important to him that he might leave you because of it, perhaps you might consider trying it once. Oral sex is becoming more and more common, so maybe it's not as bad as you think it is, and you could perform it, at least in a moderate way, without feeling too bad.*

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17 Recruiter  
18 One way to capture a pawn  
20 Flight attendant, maybe  
22 Titans  
23 Seth's mother  
24 Unwilling  
27 Occupant: abbr.  
28 Tree knot  
29 "Are Lonesome Tonight?"  
32 Pub offering  
33 Plots for young plants  
37 River of Venezuela  
41 Manage others  
42 Type of star  
44 "Mogambo" star Gardner  
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58 Self-centered  
60 Legislative activity  
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67 Ready to go  
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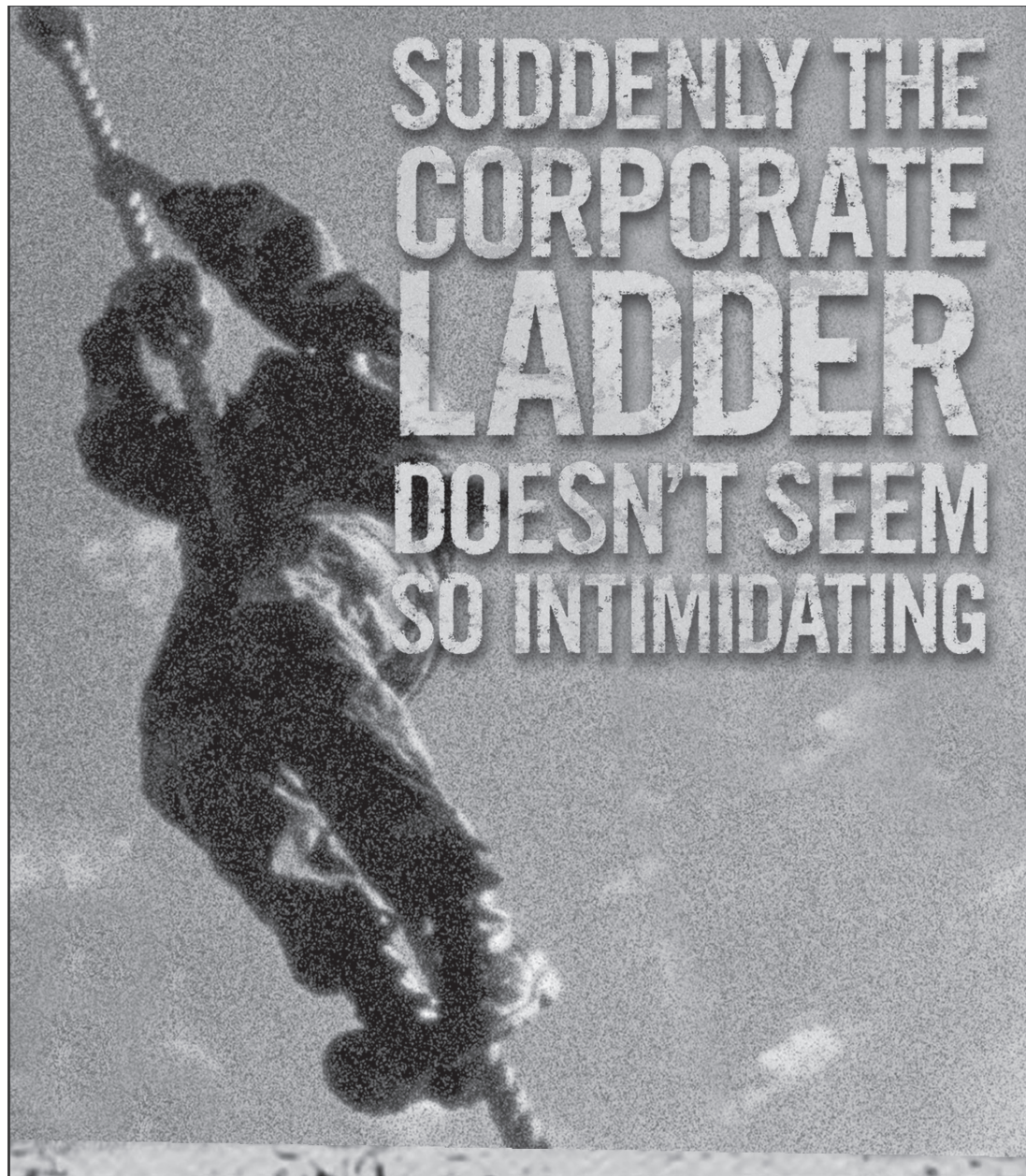
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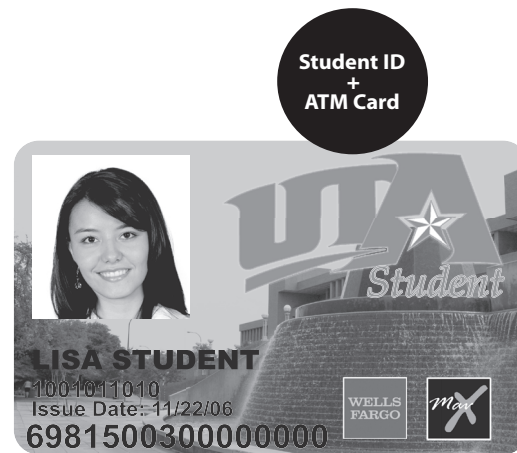
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