

# Plane Crash

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dozen top American executives exploring business possibilities in the Balkans. Pentagon officials in Washington said 27 passengers and a crew of six were on board the flight to Dubrovnik. The New York Times said its Frankfurt-based economics reporter Nathaniel Nash was also on the plane.

The plane took off from Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, headquarters for U.S. soldiers with the NATO-led peace mission. A senior defense official in Wash-

ington said there were no indications of hostile action against the plane.

"We've got a pretty clear air picture in that area," the official said. "Early indications are it has more to do with tough weather and a tough approach."

Zuzul said four planes, including one he was flying on, landed at Dubrovnik shortly before Brown's plane was due, and the landings went normally.

But residents in Velji Dol said Brown's plane crashed during one of the worst storms in decades.

The head of Croatia's civilian air traffic control, Miljenko Radic, told Croatian state TV that the plane had been cleared

to land at Dubrovnik airport. It approached "left of the usual route," he said.

"It should not have been there."

The Air Force said because of the bad weather, the plane was on an instrument approach when contact with air traffic controllers was lost.

Croatian President Franjo Tudjman announced a top-level commission of inquiry into the plane crash and cabled President Clinton that he was "deeply shocked" by the news.

"Mr. President, I and the entire Croatian nation are feeling our deepest sympathies in this moment of pain," Tudjman said.

# Unabomber

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Helena and Lincoln. Federal officials would not say the legal basis upon which he was being held.

A source close to the investigation said late Wednesday that the FBI was concerned because agents had not found what they hoped to find in the cabin. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the FBI was bringing in a specialist to try to determine whether some materials that were found could be used in bomb making.

The search for the Un-

bomber — who is thought to be responsible for three deaths and 23 injuries over nearly 18 years — appeared to have no connection to the standoff between federal agents and the anti-government separatists known as Freemen near the town of Jordan, 350 miles to the east.

Butch Gehring, a neighbor, said the small cabin being searched was the home of a Ted Kaczynski, described as being a resident since 1971.

"He was real shy, real quiet. His conversations were short," Gehring said, describing Kaczynski as a hermit.

"We like the looks of this guy as the Unabomber, but we don't

have make-or-break evidence yet," one federal law enforcement official told The Associated Press. "We have some writings that match up, but we don't have his tools yet. We want the irrefutable mother-lode of evidence."

Members of the man's family found some old writings of his, which raised the family's suspicions, according to two federal officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

The family approached an attorney in Washington, who called the FBI, to alert them. Federal agents later got consent to search the former Chicago residence.

# Students join together to protest court decision



Left: More than 150 students join together to march in protest of the *Hopwood vs. State of Texas* decision.

Below: Donovan Wheatfall, a sophomore business analysis major, speaks to a rally at Rudder Fountain immediately following the march.

Bottom: Dr. Ray Bowen fields a question from Andrie Leday, a sophomore marketing major, about the implications of the *Hopwood* decision in an open forum held after the march and rally.

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# Rally

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and staff.

"I don't know about you ... but I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired," Donovan Wheatfall, a sophomore business major, said. "It's time to go out and shake the pillars of this University."

Other student leaders, including Tina Harrison, Black Awareness Committee chairwoman and a junior finance major, talked about the case's implication for minority scholarships.

"Not only do they not want to admit us to this University, now they are going to make sure we can't afford to come," Harrison said.

Other speakers included Kevin Carreathers, director of the Department of Multicultural Services; Dr. Marco Portales, executive assistant to the University president; Shawn Williams, NAACP president; Toby Boenig, student body president; Felicia James, assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs; and Octavia Evangelista, NAACP political actions chair.

The biggest response was generated by Rodney McCleendon, A&M coordinator of student retention

and development, who encouraged the crowd to take action.

"America has an arsonist known as the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and your house is on fire," McCleendon said. "The brothers and sisters and next-door neighbors that will come after you are in the house asleep having big dreams about their future."

"Don't sleep the night away; get a hose, and put out the fire."

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Nikki Guerra, a senior civil engineering major, and Eric Curley, a sophomore chemistry major, came up with the idea of the march and rally after hearing administrators detailing the *Hopwood* case in the Commons.

After gaining the support of several campus organizations, they printed fliers and handbills announcing the march and rally.

They attached blue ribbons, representing peace and justice, to the handbills. Blue ribbons were also worn by participants in yesterday's events.

The evening before the rally,

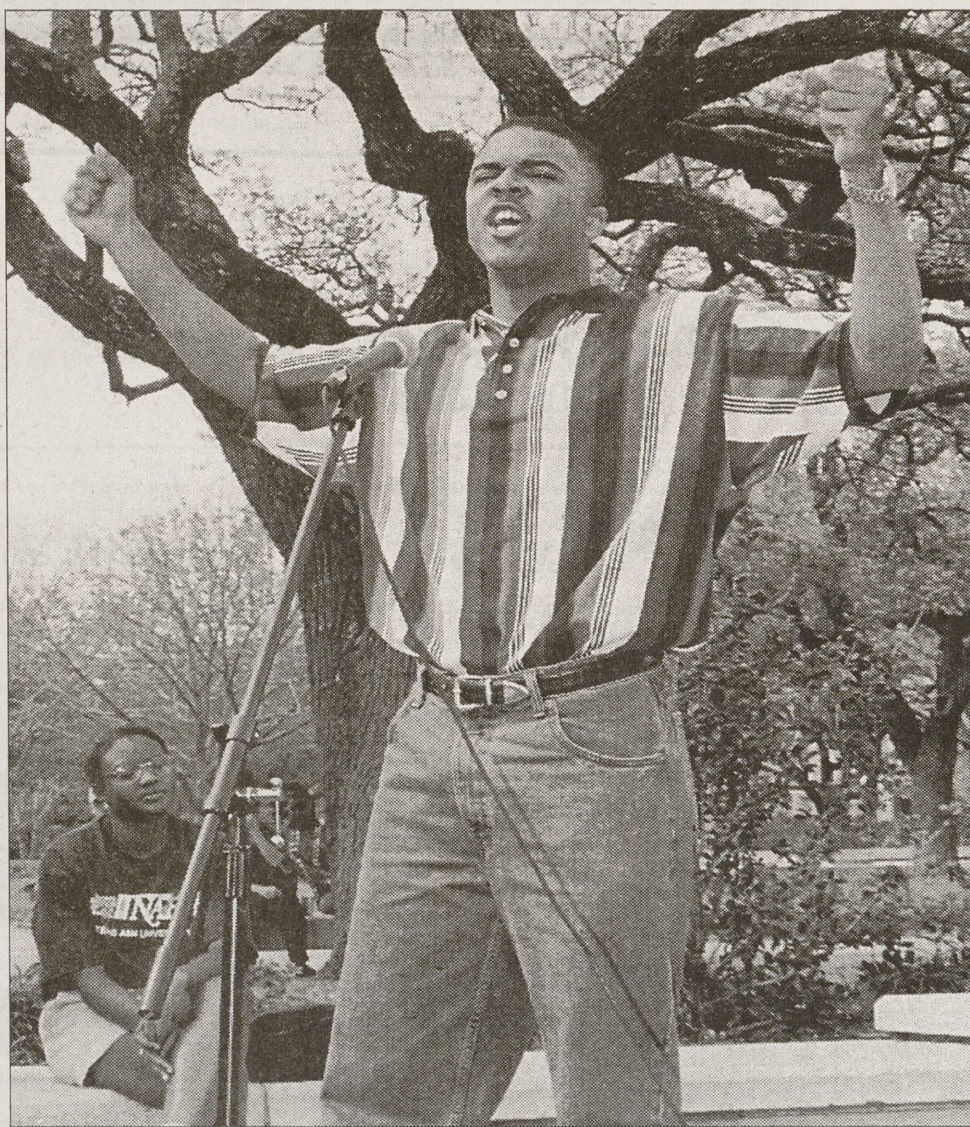
Guerra, Curley and a few other students set up an area in the Commons Lobby where they developed strategies, mapped out final marching paths, finalized the speaker list and created chants.

Guerra and Curley said they decided to coordinate the march and rally in part to show support for Dan Morales, Texas attorney general, who is taking this decision to the Court of Appeals.

"We not only want to show support for Dan Morales in his efforts, but we also want to get a commitment from President Bowen in regards to the steps taken to keep the idea of promoting diversity thriving on this campus," Curley said.

Directly following the rally, students were urged to participate in a forum hosted by the administration to address student concerns.

"I think this rally is letting the University know that we do care what happens to us and that we will no longer be a silent minority," Harrison said.



# Forum

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continued to make strides during the past few years and that minority enrollment is on the rise.

Beth Yohe, a senior speech communications major, challenged Bowen's contention, claiming that A&M's minority admissions are down by 33 percent.

Bowen said the low numbers were caused by a change in University application procedures, but that, overall, A&M's minority admissions are steadily increasing.

Other concerns expressed by students included how the ruling will affect financial aid and how the University will compensate for the money that could be lost as a result of the decision.

Many audience members grew agitated when Bowen mentioned that legacy will continue to be a criteria for admission to A&M.

Andrie Leday, a sophomore marketing major, asked Bowen if the University would be willing to remove legacy from the list of criteria considered for admission.

Leday said legacy creates a disadvantage for minority students because the University did not allow certain races to attend A&M until the 1950s.

Bowen responded, saying that legacy is not a problem in admissions and that he would not consider removing it as one of the cri-

teria. He said legacy affects very few applicants.

Removing legacy, Bowen said, "would end up hurting a lot of people you don't want to hurt."

Dr. J. Malon Southerland, vice president for Student Affairs, said the forum was beneficial to both students and administrators.

"I think the original purpose of this forum was met," he said.

"Purposeful discussion took place, and there was lots of interest, concern and misinformation that proved that we needed this forum. We heard facts and emotion on the concern, and the students needed to vent."

Southerland said that although the University is still committed to diversity, it will take some time to adjust to the implications of the *Hopwood* decision.

"Short term, we are focused on the stay or appeal of the *Hopwood* case," he said. "Right now, we are locked into what the law is."

Bowen said the *Hopwood* decision has confused things, but that the University has not lost sight of the needs and concerns of the students.

"I don't blame anyone for wanting answers right now," he said. "If I were to exchange seats with the students, I would feel the exact same way."



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