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I WROTE YOU A SPECIAL VALENTINE'S DAY POEM. IT'S CALLED "I PICKED A FLOWER." I HOPE YOU LIKE IT!  
I PICKED A FLOWER FROM A FIELD. THERE'S NOTHING I COULD DO.  
I DO MY BEST TO CARE FOR HER, ALTHOUGH MY THUMB'S NOT GREEN.  
I HAVE THE FLOWER THAT I WANT, SHE IS MY VALENTINE.  
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BY JOSH DARWIN  
SO DO I LOOK LIKE FREDDIE MERCURY FROM QUEEN?  
YOU LOOK MORE LIKE A DRAG QUEEN.

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by Will Lloyd  
WOW BRETT, YOU'RE WRITING WITH LETTERS.  
THE BRETT FELT THE NEED TO WRITE A THESIS ON THE BUDGET DEFICIT.  
THINK, WILL DUDE. DOES ALL THIS SPENDING HELP? HOW BAD WOULD WE MEANING THE BRETT AND THE UNITED STATES, BE IF THE DEFICIT WAS A TOLLION, THREE TOLLION, OR EVEN TEN TOLLION? WOULD EVERYTHING JUST...WORK OUT?  
SO HOW COME YOU ONLY HAVE "SUCKS FRIENDS" WRITTEN ON HERE?  
DON'T HOCK THE BRETT'S WORKING TITLE!

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**Senate**

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cause, and to now realize that FCIC was hiding behind this secret agenda is upsetting," he said.  
The bill commended Gates' admissions policy.  
"(Gates') admissions policy will lead to greater diversity at A&M, and we fully support his bold decision to affirm the dignity and worth of every person by making individual merit the only criterion for admission and refusing to institutionalize discrimination on the basis of race, legacy, sexual orientation or any other demographic characteristic unrelated to individual merit," according to the bill.  
Two new bills were proposed for consideration for a vote at the next Student Senate meeting on Feb. 25, including the "Ballot Vote Clarification Bill" concerning the issue of secret ballot voting.  
According to the bill statement, "(the ballot vote clarification) allows constituents of the Senators to have the ability to access their representative's voting record and hold their Senator accountable for their opinions and actions."  
The bill states that "the process consists of allowing votes on issues to be counted aloud in the presence of the senate, but the names will remain anonymous until the meeting is over and voting records are compiled for the use of constituents."  
The other bill that will be voted on at the next meeting is the "Senate Apportionment and Governing Documents Correlation Bill."  
This bill is meant to clarify the contradictions in the constitution, bylaws and operations of the Senate, from the 57th Student Senate.  
The Student Senate also confirmed the appointment of Jeff Murray as the new city council liaison and Jim Carlson as the new chair of the Student Services Advisory Board.

**Marriage**

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"This is nothing more than a publicity stunt that disrespects our state law and system of government itself."  
San Francisco officials insisted the licenses are legally binding and would immediately confer new benefits in everything from health coverage to funeral arrangements.  
California Attorney General Bill Lockyer had no comment.  
The gay marriages were timed by city officials to outmaneuver the conservative group. The group had planned to go to court on Friday to stop the mayor's announced plans to issue marriage licenses to gay couples. But city officials struck first.  
Lyon and Martin said after their brief ceremony that they were going home to rest and did not plan anything to celebrate. The couple seemed proud of what they had done.  
The mayor was not present at the morning ceremony but later presented Martin and Lyon with a signed copy of the state constitution with sections related to equal rights highlighted.  
The two official witnesses were Kate Kendell, director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights and former city official Roberta Achtenberg.  
The conservative group fighting gay marriage has also sued to try to block California's domestic partner law, which then-Gov. Gray Davis signed in September.  
That law expands the rights of gay couples in areas ranging from health coverage and parental status to property ownership and funeral arrangements.

**Iraq**

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moving up elections wasn't likely and the discussions were centered on finding an alternative to Washington's plan for local councils or "caucuses."  
"Everyone expects elections in 2005. The question is what can be done before June 30, and if it can't be elections, what other way can you find to establish a legitimate provisional government," spokesman Fred Eckhard said.  
The U.N. assessment team, led by Lakhdar Brahimi, met al-Sistani for two hours Thursday at his home in Najaf, a Shiite holy city. The cleric has refused to meet with Americans.  
In Fallujah, officials traveling with Abizaid said they did not know if any of the attackers were killed. Iraqis in Fallujah said two people were killed when the Americans sprayed the area with automatic fire. Video taken by Associated Press Television News showed civilian cars with bullet holes and blood stains.  
Dozens of Iraqi men milled around a white car pocked with bullet holes. The side windows were shot out. Blood coated the front seat and floor.  
Fallujah police Lt. Omar Ali said, "When we arrived there, we saw American forces. They took two dead, put them in a vehicle and left."  
Ali's account could not be separately confirmed.  
Abizaid was accompanied by Maj. Gen. Charles Swannack, commander of the 82nd Airborne Division. After the gun battle, Abizaid and Swannack canceled plans to walk into the city and instead returned to a U.S. military base near here, then flew to Doha, Qatar.

**TAMC**

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budget.  
Student Body President Melissa Josefy said the boxes are not only helpful in allowing students to voice their opinions, but also useful in letting those in charge of campus issues know what needs improvement.  
"(The boxes are) a known place that students can provide their feedback, (dropping off suggestion is) something that doesn't take a lot of time, and is located in walkways which make it as convenient as possible to a student government know the issues on campus," Josefy said.  
McKennon said TAMC has begun work on several suggestions such as putting a clock in Hullabaloo and increasing lighting on Northside.  
Elton Yarbrough, a junior economics major, said he thinks the suggestion box is a great idea, but that TAMC should add more boxes around campus.  
"They could also put some in other buildings, maybe in the different cafeterias, Zachary Heldenfels, or the Bush School," Yarbrough said.  
Melissa Morrison, a senior mathematics major, said she thinks the boxes are a good place for students to complain about tuition increases.  
"If they know how to get suggestions to the proper people than go for it," Morrison said.  
Bethancourt said she suggested students take advantage of the suggestion box because no suggestion is too simple.  
"Use the box for your benefit," Bethancourt said. "We'll do anything in our power to take those suggestions to the departments to get them implemented. It's a great way to get your voice heard, because as Matt Josefy says, 'Your voice matters.'"

**Bike**

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from being stolen.  
"Students are taking the whole issue (of bike theft) lightly," said sophomore computer engineering major Ronak Pate. "I mean, people don't go out and readily steal cars do they? Probably not, because they know how severe the consequences are."  
There are many simple things students can do to protect their bikes.  
Bikes should not be chained or locked in any manner in trees, shrubs or light fixtures, Baron said.  
"Anyone can run the driver license number if it is engraved, and if the bike is found reported stolen, this way it can be returned to the owner," Baron said.  
The UPD Crime Prevention Team engraved more than 250 bikes with owners' driver license numbers free of charge to help prevent bike theft. While the method doesn't guarantee that bike won't get stolen, Baron said, it may facilitate proof of the return of stolen bikes.  
"I think that 261 bikes being reported stolen in one year is horrible," said freshman general studies major, Lindsy Wigginton. "My dad went to Texas A&M University and at that time, students refused to lock their bikes up because they believed that one Aggie would never steal from another Aggie. It's sad how so much has changed in 20 years."  
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