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## Student murdered during Spring break

### Cause of death unknown

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The UNLV community expressed shock and disbelief at the news of the Spring break murder of Myra Elisabeth "Lisa" Allison, a 21-year-old hotel management senior.

"I can't believe it happened to someone so innocent," said Danielle Vanderwork, a junior hotel administration major who had two classes with Allison. "It felt so strange sitting in class this morning knowing that she should be right here next to us."

Allison was visiting her family in Liberty, Texas, approximately 40 miles northeast of

Houston, during Spring break when a fisherman found her body floating in a nearby river.

Her parents, Liberty City Councilman Mike Allison and Susan Allison, a Liberty High School teacher, reported Allison missing at around 8 a.m. Thursday. She was last seen at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday when she left home to go to a car wash.

Authorities connected a report of a missing woman with the fisherman's report of a drowning by 8:30 a.m. Thurs-



Myra Allison

day, 30 minutes after the Allison's reported their daughter missing.

According to an article in Friday's *Las Vegas Review Journal*, Hugh Bishop, a Liberty Police Department spokesman, said Allison had several cuts on her face, head and neck. She was clothed, Bishop said.

Allison's cause of death is unknown at this time. An autopsy will be performed within the next few days.

Authorities do not think Allison was sexually assaulted, Bishop said, although they have not ruled out the possibility.

Police recovered Allison's car in nearby Ames. Blood was found inside the vehicle, according to Bishop.

"This is very difficult for the (Liberty) community because

it's considered to be a safe place," said Robert Ackerman, UNLV vice president for student services.

"I have spoken with the family and have offered our sympathy but I think it's fair to say they're devastated," Ackerman continued. "They don't understand why this happened."

Allison, who transferred to UNLV in the Fall of 1995 from Southern Methodist University in Houston, had recently completed an internship with the Mirage.

"Lisa's family said she really liked it here (at UNLV)," Ackerman said. "They said she spent most of (Spring) break talking about how she liked it here and enjoyed her internship at the Mirage."

Gerald Goll, a UNLV associate professor and chairman

of UNLV's Hotel Management Department, told the *Las Vegas Review Journal* Allison was a good student.

"She was always on target," said Goll. Allison was a student in his human resource management class this semester.

"She participated in class discussion...and made her presence known. She would smile and had a very pleasant disposition. She was a good kid," Goll added.

"She certainly was one of the best students in my class," said Kenneth Teeters, a hotel management professor. Allison was a student in Teeters' facility management class.

"She had a vibrant interest in the (hotel) career she was preparing for," Teeters con-

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## Power outage hits campus

### Blackout forces class cancellations

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The Flora Dungan Humanities building lost power around 8 p.m. Thursday, March 28, causing the building to be shut down all day March 29 and most of spring break.

"The greatest inconvenience was to the students who came to school and then found out their classes were cancelled," Robert Ackerman, vice president of student services, said.

The building was sealed off Friday, barring instructors from their offices and cancelling all classes scheduled in the building. The building was also sealed for most of Spring break.

"A lot of work that we were planning to do over Spring break didn't get done," said Gary Kreps, dean of the Greenspun School of Communication. "Now we're scrambling to meet deadlines."

UNLV TV was directly affected by the power outage because they were unable to keep contractual obligations they have with the city and county. The television station tapes and airs city and county meetings, but because of the power outage was unable to air the meetings last week.

The building regained power for a short time Wednesday, but at about 8:15 a.m., it went out again.



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE HUSHIA

FDH power outage gave students an early start on Spring break.

According to Bob Kuntz, a UNLV electrician, the initial problem was caused by a short in an electrical transformer. Two days later, an electrical cable broke, delaying the building's re-opening until Saturday.

"It's just an unforeseeable problem," Kuntz said.

Two electricians worked on the problem all night March

28, but could not complete the repairs in time for classes the next day.

John Amend, associate vice president for administration, oversaw the project.

The two problems were probably not directly related, according to Amend, but it is difficult to determine because

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## UNLV student runs for Congress

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It's a long way from John S. Wright Hall to the halls of Congress, but that's the jump one UNLV student is trying to make.

David Mautner, a 78-year-old student enrolled through the university's seniors study program, is vying to become the Democratic Congressional candidate for Nevada's 1st District.

"I represent the senior vote, which currently isn't represented by any of the other candidates," said Mautner, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel and retired commercial airline pilot. "But I need to get input from UNLV faculty and students, as well."

Mautner, a first-semester UNLV student, is currently enrolled in one class but said he hopes to continue his studies at the university.

A Henderson resident, Mautner faces an uphill battle to win the Democratic nomination in the Sept. 3 primary. Three other candidates have entered the race, including State Sen. Bob Coffin.

"He (Coffin) is the only person in the race who has immediate political recognition at this point," Mautner said. "But I don't think he's going to effect (my chances of winning) one way or the other."

The winner of the Democratic primary will face

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## Election reminder

Don't miss out on your chance to select the next student government president, vice president and senate president.

Voting begins Wednesday at 9 a.m. and will continue through 7 p.m. Thursday.

Don't know who to vote for? To help you make a more informed choice, campaign profiles appear on page 2 and CSUN will sponsor a candidate debate today at 12:30 p.m. in the Alumni Amphitheatre.

Polls will be located campus-wide, including the Flora Dungan Humanities Building, Moyer Student Union, the James R. Dickinson Library, the Classroom Building Complex, Frank and Estella Beam Hall, Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex, Rod Lee Bigelow Health Sciences and Hazel M. Wilson Dining Commons.

To vote, students must be enrolled full-time and have a valid UNLV I.D.