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Tuesday's closing figures

STATE

Background checks possible for gun sales

AUSTIN (AP) — On-the-spot criminal background checks would be required for all firearms sales at Texas gun shows under bills debated in a House committee Tuesday.

Opponents warn the measures would cause unnecessary delays and prevent gun owners from selling their weapons.

Currently, licensed gun dealers who participate in gun shows are required to run prospective buyers through the federal background check system. They screen for criminal records and other bars to gun ownership, such as mental hospital commitment.

Non-licensed vendors at gun shows are not required to run background checks.

"It's too convenient," Nina Butts, lobbyist for Texans Against Gun Violence, told the House Criminal Jurisprudence Committee.

"It's harder to cash a check — you have to show an ID."

But opponents said that requiring background checks puts the burden on the hobbyist who may just want to unload a private collection at a gun show.

NATIONAL

Hacker faces charge of stealing from rich

NEW YORK (AP) — A restaurant busboy is accused of using the Internet and *Forbes*' list of the richest people in America in a scheme to steal millions from such figures as Steven Spielberg, Warren Buffett, Martha Stewart, Oprah Winfrey, Ross Perot and Ted Turner.

Police are calling it one of the most ambitious identify-theft schemes they have seen. They are still tracing the complex electronic trail to determine exactly how much was stolen but fear it could be well into the millions.

New York police investigators arrested Abraham Abdallah, a 32-year-old high school dropout, on March 7 as he allegedly picked up equipment to make phony credit cards.

Court papers say Abdallah was carrying the Social Security numbers, home addresses and birth dates of 217 CEOs, celebrities and tycoons. The information was scribbled in the margins of a tattered copy of *Forbes*' "The 400 Richest People in America."

WORLD

Newspaper staff calls ghostbusters for help

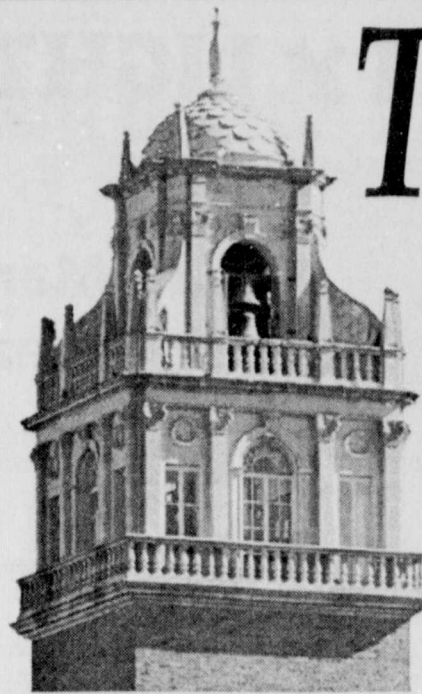
HONG KONG (AP) — With stories of spirits swirling through the office and some employees scared to work nights, a Hong Kong newspaper called in two Buddhist ghostbusters Tuesday to try to restore calm.

The robed monks chanted, sprinkled water and rang a bell during the traditional cleansing ceremony at the *South China Morning Post*, an English-language daily. The paper's editor, Robert Keatley, and some staff members bowed at a small altar set up near the reception desk.

Keatley's secretary, Winnie Tam, said the half-hour ritual had been organized to allay fears among staff.

Some women at the *Post* have been going to the lavatory in pairs since the newspaper's food editor heard a voice calling her name while she was washing her hands on March 8 — but no one was there.

"I just thought that it was really weird," said Susan Jung, of Monterey Park, Calif., adding that the voice spoke in English.

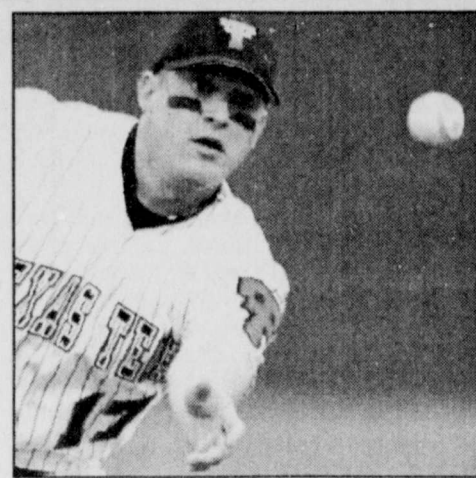


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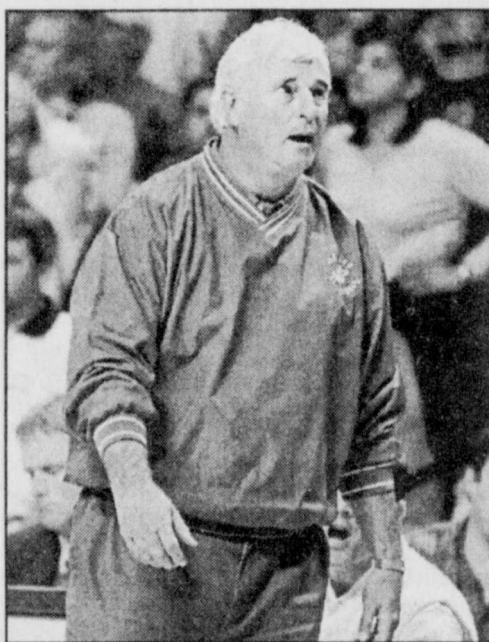
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Lubbock, Texas

Schmidly: Knight deserves chance

Former Indiana basketball coach Bob Knight paces the sideline during the opening game in United Spirit Arena in November 1999.

FILE PHOTO
The University Daily



By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Texas Tech President David Schmidly said he believes in second chances and new opportunities.

"It is what West Texas is all about," said Schmidly, who said his grandparents moved to Texas for better chances.

And if the options are right, Schmidly said, he would like to give Red Raider men's basketball coaching candidate Bob Knight another shot at coaching NCAA basketball.

"I am a big believer in giving people a second chance," Schmidly said. "West Texas has been known for that, and I believe this is the place to come for a fresh start. He is the right match."

Schmidly stressed the job has not been offered, and Knight has not said he would accept if offered.

Under state law, the job must remain



Schmidly

vacant for 10 business days, so the position cannot be filled until 5 p.m. Friday.

Schmidly said there is a list of 10 potential candidates, but they cannot be named or notified because they are still

in the NCAA Tournament.

Before a final judgement is made, there still is a process Tech administrators must go through.

It all starts with Athletics Director Gerald Myers who makes the first decision on whether or not Knight is capable of coaching the Red Raiders.

If it is determined Knight is a capable coach, Myers will send a letter of recommendation to Schmidly for his approval.

However, Schmidly told Myers he did not want the letter until he has met with the Faculty Senate, which is scheduled at 3 p.m. today in the University Center Senate Room.

Schmidly said he would like to make a final decision as soon as possible but said the opinion of the faculty is important.

"I want to do it as quickly as I can," Schmidly said. "But I told (Myers) I don't want to see anything until I meet with the faculty."

Myers could not be reached for comment.

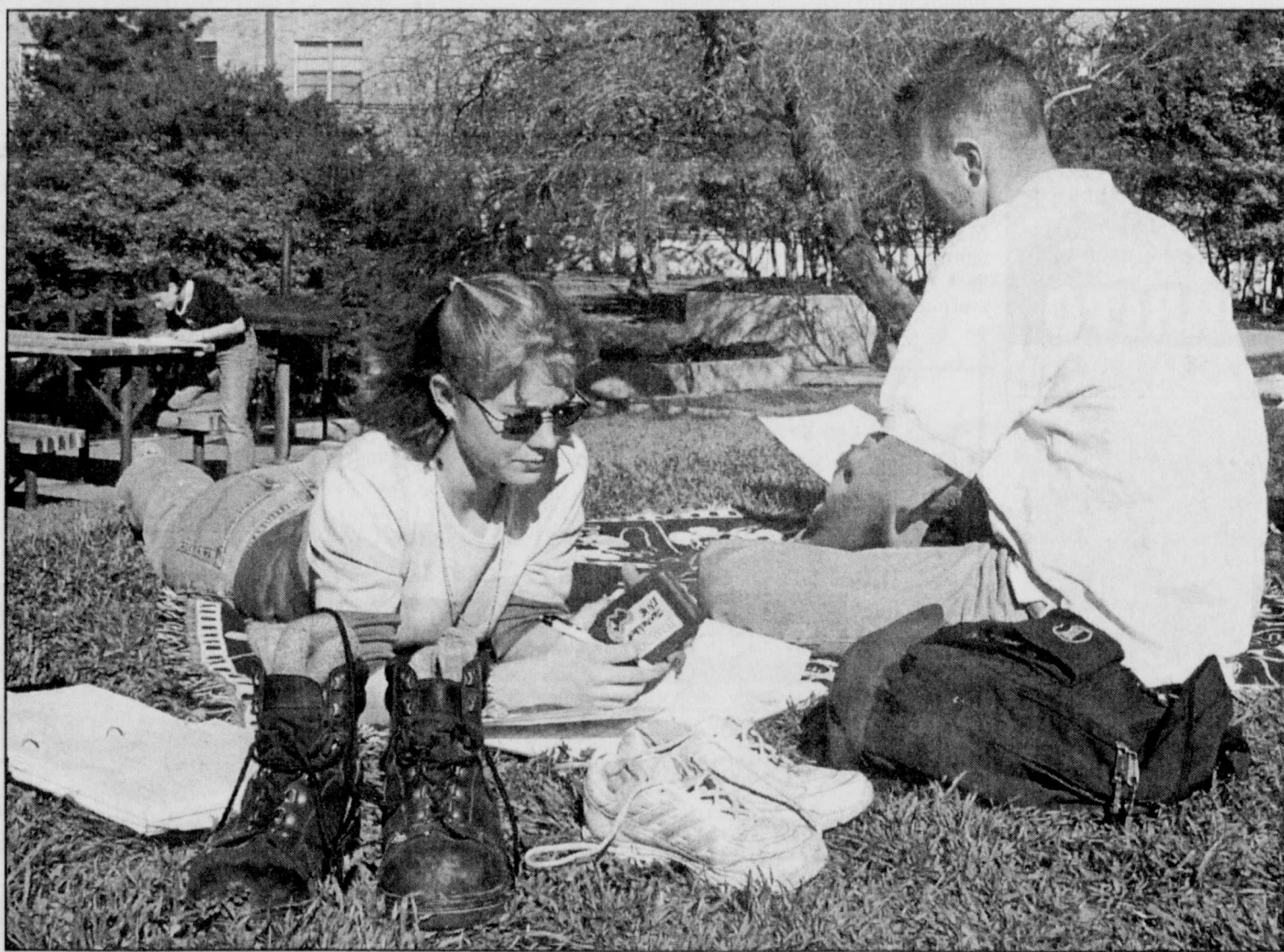
Following the meeting, Schmidly is scheduled to travel to Galveston to raise funds for undergraduate internships.

He said the trip will give him a good chance to think about his options on the situation with Knight.

"The trip is going to be good for me

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Studying made easy



HEATHER DOUGHERTY/The University Daily

Janna Whiter, a sophomore environmental engineering major from Goliad, and Matt Grisham, a sophomore mechanical engineering major from Sugar Land, take advantage of the first day of spring's warm weather Tuesday afternoon as they study outside Stangel/Murdough Residence Complex.

Jury set for Gilpin to appear

By Pam Smith
Staff Writer

Former Texas Tech student and Phi Delta Theta member Travis Gilpin will appear before a Lubbock County grand jury today concerning charges stemming from an incident Feb. 11, which injured a 10-year-old Lubbock girl.

"The grand jury will make the determination if there is probable cause for the charges that he is facing," said Lubbock Assistant District Attorney Matt Powell. "If they believe there is probable cause, they will indict him."

Gilpin, 20, was formally charged with intoxicated assault and aggravated assault after the incident where his car struck a house at 5201 17th St. At the scene of the accident, he told Lubbock police he was returning home from a Phi Delta fraternity party. Gilpin also told police he thought another motorist cut him off, causing him to hit a utility pole across the street from the house and then veer

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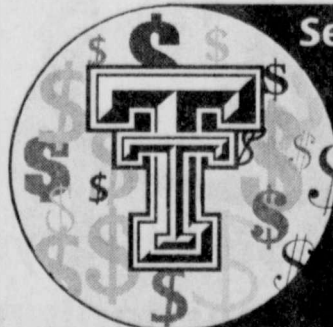
Shutout vote revitalizes bill

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

A committee substitute to a proposed bill that would give Texas Tech about \$6 million was voted out of the Texas Senate Finance Committee and back to the Senate floor Tuesday, by a vote of 12-0, with one absent. The bill now is eligible to be placed on the Senate intent calendar.

Senate Bill 737 was written to create the Texas Excellence Fund to "promote increased research capacity and to develop institutional excellence at eligible general academic teaching institutions in order to ensure that Texas and its work force remain at the forefront of scientific and technological innovation," according to the text of the bill.

The state of Texas allocates \$225 million each year to the Higher Education Assistance Fund. Of that money, \$175 million is distributed to eligible institutions. The remaining \$50 million is used to fund the corpus, or body, of the HEAF. Once the corpus reaches



**Senate Bill 737
Could Mean
Millions for
Texas Tech
Research**

\$2 billion, the state will stop contributing to the HEAF, and the interest earned from the corpus will be distributed among eligible Texas universities.

The corpus has \$300 million and earned about \$16 million in interest in the last fiscal year.

The bill, as it was originally written, would change the law by counting the interest earned each year by the HEAF corpus toward the \$50 million used to build the corpus of the HEAF. The amount saved by using the interest to help build the HEAF corpus then would be used to create the Texas Excellence Fund.

Right now, the interest earned is rolled back into the HEAF corpus, but it is not counted toward the \$50 million required each year to build the HEAF corpus.

The Senate Finance Committee, which sent SB 737 to the Senate floor earlier this month, reviewed the bill

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Vandals take action during Spring Break

By Jeff Stoughton
Staff Writer

Several Texas Tech students returned to Lubbock following Spring Break to find their cars impounded or damaged.

Vandals abused 31 cars March 9 in the Z-4 parking lot near Chitwood/Weymouth Residence Complex and Coleman Residence Hall.

Tech Police Department Capt. Gordon Hoffman said the damage to the cars most likely occurred between 3:30 a.m. and 4:50 a.m. March 9, the Friday before Spring Break.

"Apparently, the vandals acted pretty quickly," he said.

Hoffman said Tech police were dispatched after a guard patrolling the lot noticed 16 damaged vehicles

at 4:49 a.m. Police then discovered another group of 15 vehicles that had been vandalized.

TTPD Sgt. Larry Clendenning said the damage was random and included vehicles parked in the Z-4P and Z-4R lots.

Clendenning said the majority of the vehicles had broken windows, but a few of them also were burglarized. He said until all of the vehicles' owners claim them, police will be unable to determine the exact amount of property stolen.

TTPD and Housing and Dining officials decided to impound some of the damaged vehicles to prevent further damage and burglaries. Clendenning said a large number of

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after questions arose from other Senate members. The committee substitute to SB 737 still would create the Texas Excellence Fund as was planned in the original version and expands the bill to offer funding to more universities.

"The committee is working on expanding the bill," said Porter Wilson, chief of staff for Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who co-authored the bill. "With help from Lt. Gov. (Bill) Ratliff, the committee is working on providing funding for institutions that are outside the bill."

As the bill is written, it would only benefit institutions that receive funding from HEAF. The majority of the money, 80 percent, would be split equally between Tech and the University of Houston. This would give both Tech and UH 40 percent of the interest earned by the corpus of the HEAF. The remaining 20 percent would be distributed among other schools who receive money from

HEAF

The committee substitute to the bill, which is a different draft of the bill originally proposed to the Senate, would provide funding to schools that are not eligible for HEAF funding or funding from the Permanent University Fund. These schools include the Universities of Texas at San Antonio, Dallas and El Paso.

In order for the new bill to go through, Senate Joint Resolution 44, which proposes an amendment to the Texas Constitution allowing for five University of Texas schools to receive money allocated from the \$8-billion PUF to the available university fund, also would have to be passed. The resolution has not been heard on the Senate floor yet.

Section 18(f), Article VII of the Texas Constitution would be amended to add the UT Dallas, El Paso, Permian Basin, San Antonio and Tyler campuses to the list of institutions that are eligible to receive money from the available university fund.

One-third of the annual money distributed from PUF to the avail-

able university fund is given to Texas A&M and its board of regents. The remaining two-thirds is given to the University of Texas-Austin and the board of regents for the University of Texas System.

For the five UT schools to receive a share of the available university fund, SJR 44 would have to be passed, as well as the committee substitute to SB 737.

"The (Texas) Constitution has to be changed to allow anything like this," Wilson said. "We're hoping the resolution will be heard within the next couple of weeks."

There still would be two separate pools of money for universities from which to draw. If an institution receives HEAF funding, then it would receive funding from the portion of money saved by adding the interest into the money used to build the HEAF corpus. If a university does not receive HEAF or PUF funding and is one of the schools named in SJR 44, then it would receive funding from the available university fund.

For more information on SJR 44 or committee substitute to SB 737, visit www.state.tx.us.

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across six lanes of traffic before finally crashing into the house. Police said his blood-alcohol level was .193, more than twice the legal limit of .08.

As a result of the incident, Siera Hanson suffered several injuries including three broken ribs, a collapsed lung and a ruptured spleen. Her family also is suing Gilpin and the national fraternity for medical and property damages the incident caused.

If Gilpin is convicted of intoxicated assault, he could face two to 10 years imprisonment and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. A conviction for aggravated assault also carries a fine not to exceed \$10,000 but could imprison Gilpin up to 20 years.

Dan Hurley, a Lubbock attorney representing Gilpin, said although he is Gilpin's attorney, he will not be representing him at the grand jury hearing. Hurley said the only people who will be involved in the hearing are the grand jury, Gilpin and law enforcement officials.

"The hearing will be an abbreviated presentation," Hurley said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they did in-

dict him."

Powell said if the grand jury does indict Gilpin, the case eventually would be assigned to a court, but the time frame for a trial date is uncertain.

"It is a random process," Powell said. "Depending on which court and which judge it is assigned to, the process works on different schedules."

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity also has been involved in a hearing of its own concerning the incident. bill Dean, adviser for the Tech chapter, said the fraternity did take part in an administrative disciplinary hearing March 8 with Interim Dean of Students Jim Burkhalter.

"A hearing did take place, but the university has not made any decision in the matter," Dean said. "They have also not set a specific date that a decision might be made."

Burkhalter, who is out of town until Thursday, could not be reached for comment. However, in a previous interview, he said the hearing would be used as a sharing of information between the fraternity and the university. Burkhalter also said if the university found evidence that the fraternity violated some of its own risk management rules, the fraternity could lose its student organization status with the university.

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the cars have not been claimed by their owners yet.

Hoffman said TTPD officials have been unable to reach some of the owners.

"There are still a few people who haven't been made aware their car has been broken into," he said.

Hilary Spruell, a freshman business major from Houston, said her compact disc player and about 100

CDs were stolen from her vehicle. She said she learned of the crimes Tuesday when she noticed her vehicle was missing from the Chitwood parking lot. Spruell said she then called TTPD officials, who informed her of the burglary.

"It makes me mad," she said. "I don't understand how nobody saw the crimes."

Hoffman said this is the largest number of vehicle crimes he has seen at one time during his tenure as an officer at Tech.

Clendenning said police have not

discovered a motive for the crimes. According to one theory, he said, the suspect or suspects broke the windows of the vehicles and waited for the patrol officers to leave before burglarizing them.

Hoffman said police are investigating the crimes but have not determined a suspect yet. He also said police are checking local pawnshops to see if some of the stolen merchandise has been sold.

"We have a few leads and are continuing the investigation," Hoffman said.

CORRECTION

In Tuesday's page one feature photo, some information in the outline was inaccurate. The production of "Don Giovanni" by students in the School of Music will be at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets cost \$6 for Texas Tech students and \$12 for the general public. *The UD* regrets the error.

Credit union office to close temporarily during renovations

The Texas Tech Federal Credit Union office, located in 166 Administration building, will temporarily close in conjunction with the renovation and remodeling for the new occupants in the west wing of the building.

The closure will become effective upon the opening of the Tech Federal Credit Union's new Member Services Center, located at 18th Street and Knoxville Avenue.

Credit union officials were unsure of the days of the closure but did apologize for any inconveniences and encourage all members to visit the new facility or visit the branch at the Health Sciences Center in Room 1A99.

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Debate team heads to national tournament

By Whitney Wyatt
Staff Writer

Texas Tech may soon have its first national champion debate team.

The Tech parliamentary debate team has five of the 272 teams competing in the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Tournament on Friday through Monday at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Trent Webb, director of forensics at Tech, said he feels optimistic about the potential of each one of his teams and believes it could be Tech's best year yet.

"I've never had five teams that I thought every team could break," Webb said. "I feel good. Every team I'm taking has a chance to advance."

The tournament has eight preliminary debate rounds that start at 8 a.m. Friday, he said. The top 64 teams then are seeded and will debate in five elimination rounds until the final championship round, which is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday.

Kyle Myers and Rob Vartabedian, Tech debate partners, are the current No. 1 debate team in the nation, according to the National Parli-



FILE PHOTO/The University Daily

Rob Vartabedian, a junior philosophy major from Canyon, and Kyle Myers, a senior political science major from Lubbock, prepare for the National Parliamentary Debate Association Tournament.

mentary Tournament of Excellence, and Scott Coleman and Stephen Chambers, Tech debate partners, are the 22nd ranked team.

Tech's remaining three teams consist of Dana Coulson and Rosanna Narvais, McKinzie Craig and Shane Davis, and Darren Sliney and Sonja Ralston.

The NPTE records parliamentary

debate results from across the nation and ranks individual teams by their win-loss records.

Myers, a senior political science major from Lubbock, and Vartabedian, a junior philosophy major from Canyon, lead the nation with 48 points with an 83.72 winning percentage.

The second- and third-ranked teams are from Colorado State University and University of Colorado, respectively, and both have 44 points. However, Colorado State's team has a 74.68 winning percentage, and Colorado University's team owns a 73.46 winning percentage.

Vartabedian said despite being ranked No. 1, there is a fair amount of pressure involved.

"Nationals is a different game," Vartabedian said. "We are tested in that environment."

Myers and Vartabedian advanced to the semifinal round last year at the national tournament in their first year as debate partners, even though they were the underdogs.

"Personally, I like being the underdog. I've never been at the top going in," Myers said. "It's pretty odd, but we're trying to make sure the ranking doesn't go to our heads because we want to win the tournament."

Their goal this year is to do well, have fun and obviously to win the tournament, he said.

"You don't realize how many hours you put in," he said, referring to the many practices Vartabedian and he have attended and the hours they have put in on their own.

"It is not the skill, but the will," Myers said. "I think that is important. You have to be motivated, and you have to want it."

TechNotes!

■ **Student Government Association** run-off elections end today. Vote at www.sga.ttu.edu until 7 p.m.

■ **The Classical Society** will have a presentation on Latin poetry by Alden Smith of Baylor University at 5 p.m. today in the Qualia Room of the Foreign Languages building. Call Duane Brooks for more information at 748-8569.

■ **Gamma Beta Phi** will meet at 4 p.m. today in 358 Business Administration. For more information, visit www.ttu.edu/gbp/ or contact Kimberly Warminski at 745-3107.

■ **Order of Omega Phi** will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 3 in the Pi Phi lodge, 17 Greek Circle. For more

information, contact Michelle Banta at 745-7524.

■ **Rho Lambda** will meet at 7 p.m. April 3 in the Pi Phi lodge, 17 Greek Circle. For more information, contact Kelley Sanders at 797-0387.

■ **Texas Tech Athletic Services** is recruiting members for 2001-2002. An information session will be at 6:30 p.m. April 5 in 109 Law School. For more information or for applications, contact Felicia Martin at 742-0150. Deadline is April 13.

■ **Texas Tech cheerleader and pom squad** tryouts will be April 20-21. For more information, contact Billy Smith or Angie Labaj at 742-1195 or log on to www.texas-tech.com and click on traditions. Applications are due April 13.

First Sundance online film festival held

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — A dark tale of a future world ruled by a corporation boss has won the Sundance Institute's first online film festival.

"Freeware," a short film directed by London native Alex Orrelle, received the audience award from

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Column

What global warming?

We Americans sure do love a good hoax. Threats of global warming have recently surfaced again in the media, and the saddest part of it all is that most people actually believe everything they hear about this issue.

We don't see it as a hoax at all. We see it as a very legitimate concern. Indeed it may be a cause for concern but certainly not to the extent that groups such as the Environmental Protection Agency make it out to be.

Many journalists are whining about environmental conditions with the global warming argument leading the festivities. Molly Ivins, a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, is one of these habitual whiners. The UD regularly publishes her columns, so you've probably read about her strong feelings against George W. Bush and his new administration. I think you could accurately title each of her articles, "Bush sucks, and this is why" Ivins must have temporarily tired of her Bush-bashing, only to commence bellyaching about the dire state of our environment and the issue of global warming. Her Bush roasts are political in nature, of course. But her inflammatory arguments about the threat of global warming are nothing short of foolishness that stems from a biased political philosophy. This widely touted global warming trend is completely ill founded. The evidence used to support it is usually based on misleading second- and third-hand information that has been carefully filtered by the cronies of people like Al Gore. The bottom line to the global warming argument can be summed up in one word — hoax.

Why is this theory so incorrect? Because the information used as evidence to support this theory is but a feeble attempt to make the global warming argument credible when it really holds no water at all. Last summer, *The New York Times* excitedly reported on puddles of open water at the North Pole as evidence for climate change, only to retract the claim a couple of days later after they realized this was a regular occurrence. But the media is supposed to adequately investigate their stories before printing them, right? Not this time.

Last month, *The New York Times* again printed a faulty global warming article. This time, they cited the melting snows of Mount Kilimanjaro as proof, only to learn that this too was a regular occurrence. Chalk up another blunder for one of the nation's elite newspapers.

Ivins used the same defective Mount Kilimanjaro argument to support her argument of a global warming trend. "The evidence against a warming trend is overwhelming: Weather satellite observations, the only truly global measurements, independently confirmed by weather balloon data, show little if any rise in mean temperature," said atmospheric physicist S. Fred Singer.

Non-thermometer data from tree rings, ice cores, and ocean sediments all show no warming trend during the past 60 years. There is no sound evidence whatsoever to support a warming trend since 1940. The whole global warming argument is nothing but a clever ruse to support radical environmentalism.

The most frightening part of the global warming sham is that it will never truly be exposed. Why not? Because our liberal friends who control the vast majority of the media filter everything they can get their hands on. Global warming science is certainly included. The bigwigs behind the newspapers and television stations are completely willing to filter out truth and replace it with their own philosophy. The liberal media certainly lives up to their name when it comes to the First Amendment. They exalt the freedoms of speech and press above all else. Of course by freedom they mean their freedom to print whatever they want — no matter how erroneous. And unfortunately, this global warming sham is just the tip of the iceberg.

It's a sad day when people exchange truth for hearsay and philosophy. We live in a time where just about everyone, the media included, is more than willing to bend the standards of honesty and truth for their own selfish pursuits. You and I have a responsibility to reverse this trend. I'll start by taking everything I read and hear and putting it under the microscope of truth. I think I'll be surprised at how much of it is burned up.

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Column

Ladies deserve our full attention

When I first heard about Bob Knight being considered for the head coaching job for Texas Tech's men's basketball team, I was apprehensive at first.

He is a man surrounded by controversy. His repeated, passionate acts of violence and hostility overshadow his career as a basketball coach with 763 wins. It is often easier for us as human beings to judge others based on their unfavorable qualities and forget what they have contributed for society.

The Lubbock and Texas Tech communities should not chastise Knight for his previous inappropriate behavior, but commend him for what he has done for college basketball.

Of course there are people who will disagree. Remember, athletes are showmen who are paid with money or



Tyler Treharne

Letters to the editor

Argument is null and void

To the editor: At the March 6 public hearing on the smoking ordinance issue, more than 20 health experts spoke to the detrimental effects of environmental tobacco smoke. Michelle Hanlon's column (UD, 3/8) entitled "Smoking is not the only threat," does not fairly represent the numerous studies that were presented - these experts did not just speak to the long-term effects nor those only address studies done in the home. The EPA has classified second-hand smoke as a Group A Carcinogen — a substance known to cause cancer in humans — and, unlike some other health problems that exist (such as overeating), the burning end of a cigarette affects the lives of others not just the person with the bad habit. Employees of businesses that allow smoking do not have "random exposure" to ETS; they inhale these carcinogens for eight to 12 hours at a time.

The government should protect the lives of its citizens. I am sure business owners were not happy when government created child labor laws nor were trucking or airline companies thrilled when laws were created limiting the number of hours a driver/pilot could work before sleeping. The Occupational

Safety and Health Administration has strict noise requirements so that citizens are not exposed to noises that may result in hearing loss. Building codes protect citizens and many Lubbockites choose restaurants by KCBDD's "Food for Thought" health code violations.

Only 20 percent of Texans smoke, so while businesses may worry that a non-smoking ordinance will hurt their business, it would seem more likely that more of the 80 percent of non-smokers would utilize their services. Businesses in cities that have passed non-smoking ordinances have, incidentally, not seen a decrease in revenue.

I, too, hope reason prevails and that the Lubbock City Council will join the numerous other Texas cities (Bryan/ College Station being one of the latest) that have become smoke-free.

Betty Blanton Associate Director of Recreational Sports

Petition unfair to new hire

To the editor: It has come to my attention that many of your professors at Texas Tech have filed a formal petition against the hiring of Coach Bob Knight. I am a former Indiana

University student and now a proud alumnus, and I was appalled to hear of such disgraceful behavior by your faculty members. To my knowledge, none of those faculty members have met with or tried to meet with Coach Knight. Have they even attended a game coached by Knight? I don't see how such judgments can be made using only media perceptions of a man. For the record, yes, Coach Knight has done things I disagree with. However I never felt that he embarrassed my university, our basketball program or myself. I was always, and will always, be proud of the job he did, the respect he gained for our program and the good he did our community.

Few people outside of Indiana University, and many of those inside, fail to see beyond what the media portrays. Coach Knight supported our players in their education, supported young children in their desire to play the game of basketball and supported our whole community in ways you can never know. Your university would be lucky to achieve the level of respect and success that IU has. I ask that your faculty reserve their judgments until they know who and what it is they are really judging.

Kristina Simmonds Indiana University alumnae

To the editor: I am extremely appalled at Professor Walter Schaller's decision to petition the hiring of Bob Knight. This group of "highly intellectual" officials have no say so in the matter whatsoever. It is a situation that is left in the hands of the Athletic Department and the student body. I believe these nerds might have a problem seeing this window of opportunity through their coke-bottle bifocals. It doesn't take a genius (or a philosophy major) to figure out that coach Knight will make a tremendous amount of improvements to our campus as well as the city of Lubbock. Hiring Bob Knight will simply follow up on the expansion process Chancellor John Montford has set forth. No other university in the Big 12 has the chance to expand and progress the way we do. Mr. Knight is strictly out to get the opposing team, not Professor Schaller and his elite posse's philosophical BS. Sure, he has had some embarrassing acts of self control. However every incident deals with an aggressive approach in his competitive nature. I must admit, I would love to see the General get steamed up and throw a chair across the United Spirit Arena. Just as long as it finds its way into the right seats!

Kyle Wright senior marketing

Out of the past

From The University Daily March 21, 2000

Plenette Pierson led the Lady Raiders to the Sweet 16 round Monday night, defeating Tulane 76-59 at the United Spirit Arena.

The first stage of renovations begin today during construction work in the south end zone of Jones Stadium.

From The University Daily March 25, 1991

At the March 15 Texas Tech Board of Regents meeting, Provost Donald Haragan warned board members of a three-percent cut in funding for the 1992 fiscal year budget.

Agricultural economics students are selling fertilizer to raise money for agricultural economics scholarships and the save the barn project.

From The University Daily March 24, 1981

The worst dust storm in four years hit Lubbock, leaving Lubbock International Airport with more than \$50,000 in damage and caused numerous traffic accidents.

Violation of election codes is the cause for a possible external vice president runoff.

From The University Daily March 19, 1971

Gov. Preston Smith remarked in a University Daily interview that the state of Texas could conceivably get by without a proposed tuition increase.

The Society for the Legalization and Appreciation of Marijuana will spend Spring Break compiling research, both pro and con, regarding marijuana.

From The Toreador March 26, 1931

Three Tech freshmen traveling back to Lubbock for early registration were questioned by a Breckenridge sheriff in connection to a local bank robbery. All three were found innocent after questioning.

Plans are under way to put out a special senior edition of The Toreador. The edition will be the first ever to be published by a senior class on the holiday.

Letters to the editor can be e-mailed to ud@ttu.edu



Fitness Happenings

Fitness Instructor Positions Available

Fitness Instructors will be needed for the Summer and Fall semesters. If you are interested in becoming a Rec Sports Fitness Instructor, applications will be available in the Fitness/Wellness Center and in the Main Office, Rm 202 of the Student Recreation Center. After filling out an application, please sign up for an audition time. Auditions will be April 3-5 from 3:00-4:30 pm. For more information, call 742-3351 or 742-3828.

Self Defense Workshop

This Self Defense workshop will include techniques for protecting yourself against attackers, tips on prevention, and personal safety awareness. This three-hour workshop is open to any rec center member. Those who are not Rec Center members will need to pay the SRC entry fee also. The class is Saturday, March 24 from 10:00-1:00 pm and is \$6. The class will be taught by Darryl Robbins, who is a 1st degree black belt in Taekwondo and has a wide variety of personal safety and body guard certifications. For more information, please call 742-3828 or to register, please stop by the Fitness/Wellness Center in the SRC.

Tennis Class

Come join in some spring fun, and try out the beginning Tennis 1,2,3 class. The class will introduce stroke techniques including forehand, backhand, volleying and serving, game play, and doubles and singles play. The class is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:15-6:15 pm. The class is March 26-April 23 and is \$20. Register in the Fitness/Wellness Center of the SRC or call 742-3828 for more information.

Fitness/Wellness and Personal Trainer Job Applications Available

Student assistant positions in the Fit/Well and Personal Trainers positions are available for the Summer and Fall, 2001 semester. Job descriptions and applications can be obtained in the Fit/Well or in the Rec Sports Office, Room 202. Both positions require students to be able to conduct various health screenings such as body composition, blood pressure and flexibility as well as instruct patrons on usage of equipment. Fit/Well positions also include class registrations, reservations, preparing bulletin boards and working special events. Personal trainers work one on one with SRC patrons to develop individualized programs. Both may also perform Fitness Assessments with patrons. Exercise Science classes such as the theory of weight training and Scientific Basis are highly recommended to have been completed. Upper level nutrition majors are also encouraged to apply for Fit/Well positions. Applications must be received by Friday, April 6. For more information, call 742-3828.

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Plan your class and work schedules as far ahead of time as possible, in order to avoid time conflicts. Arrange your classes so that you don't have to go to campus more than once a day. Use time efficiently. Use those 10 minutes spent waiting on the phone to read a few more pages. If your job has a lot of downtime, use the opportunity to do schoolwork. Be flexible and willing to make sacrifices; you'll probably have to cut down on both work and school to make this work. Schedule time for your own relaxation. If you don't structure it into your schedule, it'll be the first thing to go and your sanity won't be far behind!

Wichita Mountains Climbing Trip

Are you ready to take it outside? If you have enjoyed the comforts of climbing at the new Climbing Center in the SRC, maybe it is time to take it outside. The Outdoor Pursuits Center is offering a climbing trip to the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma. The trip dates are April 6 to 8. This is a great chance to expand your skills or be introduced to the popular sport of climbing. Also, this is a great chance to meet people with the same interests and enthusiasm for the outdoors. The trip cost is \$65 and it includes all the camping and climbing equipment, food at the activity site, camping fees and transportation. All you have to do is sign-up and be prepared to learn the basics of rock climbing. If you have any questions or wish to register please stop by the Outdoor Pursuits Center in Room 206 of the Student Recreation Center or call 742-2949 / 742-3351.

Upcoming Events

Intramurals Entries Due

3 on 3 Volleyball March 19-29
Tennis Singles April 4
Home Run Hitting April 11

Special Events

Stroke Mechanics March 25
Mountain Bike Race April 8
Baseball Tourney April 18

Intramural Basketball Rankings

Men

1. Bourbon-N-Blues
2. Polo Express
3. Bus Drivers
4. Phi Delta Theta D
5. Pi Kappa Alpha A
6. Just 3's
7. SWAT
8. Sigma Phi Epsilon A
9. Glob
10. BYX

Women

1. Bohica-ettes
2. Sharp Shooters
3. Pi Phi
4. Dirty
5. Theta Black

Basketball Championships To United Spirit Arena

Tonight and tomorrow the intramural basketball season will conclude with championships being played at the United Spirit Arena.

Tonight 6:30 Men's Residence Hall Championship

7:30 Women's Open Championship
8:30 Greek Men Championship
9:30 Men's Open Championship

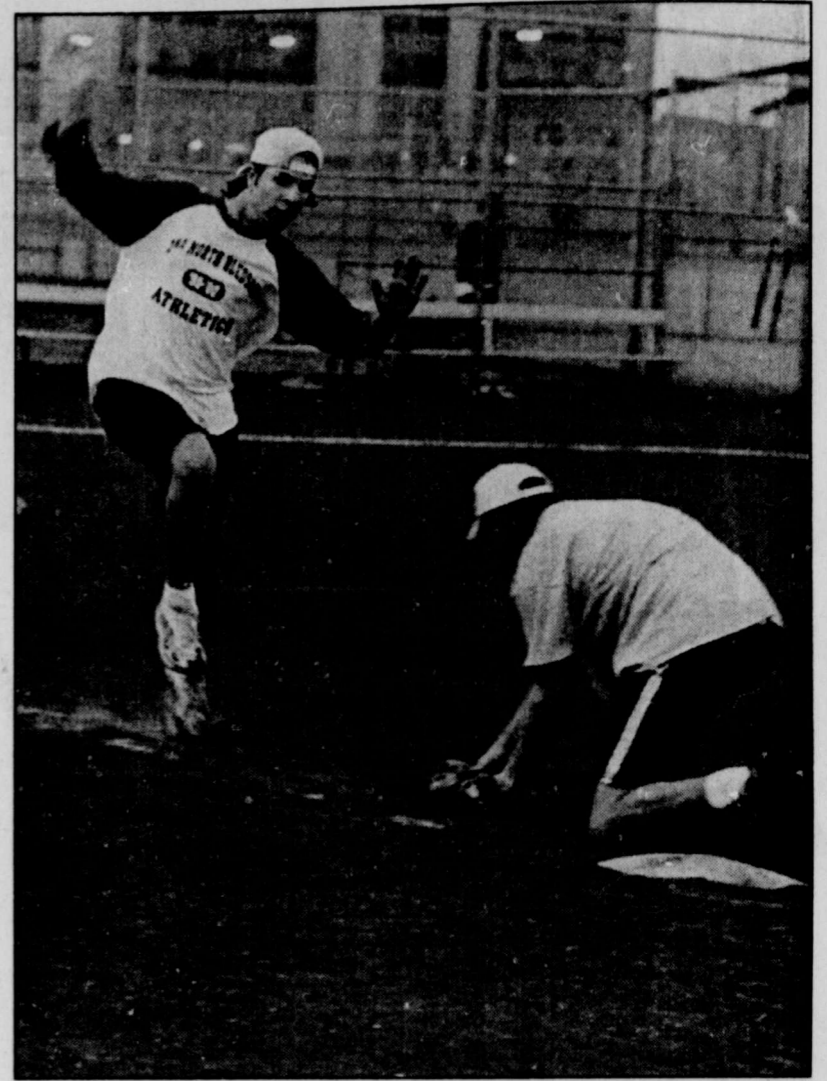
Thursday: 6:30 Men's Semi-Final game

7:30 Men's Semi-Final game
8:30 Women's All-University Championship Game
9:30 Men's All-University Championship Game

Come cheer on your favorite team and share the excitement of the United Spirit Arena. There is no admission fee to any of the games.

Summer Camp Instructors Needed

Applications are being accepted for students interested in becoming instructors for Recreational Sports Summer Camp. The camp is designed to improve the sport skills of children. The sports taught during camp are Tennis, Racquetball, Basketball, Softball, Archery, Rock Climbing, Rappelling, and Soccer. Summer Sports camp is offered Monday thru Friday 8-noon. The current stipend is \$6.50/hr. If hired, your appointment would be the months of June and July. So if you are interested in working as a camp instructor, drop by the Rec Sports office in Room 203 of the Student Recreation Center and fill out an application. Applications are due by Friday, April 6th.



Courtesy Photo: Recreational Sports
Disco Dancing! An intramural softball player from the JC Players tries to avoid a tag at first base during a recent game APO. The JC Players won this game 13-2.

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Step 2 = Take a class

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Become a certified American Red Cross lifeguard. The course includes Lifeguarding, Standard First Aid, and CPR for the Professional Rescuer. Tech students are \$60 + books

Session 1 March 27th - April 26th (Tues/Thurs) 6-9:30pm
Session 2 March 31st - April 8th (Sat/Sun) 9 am - 7 pm
Session 3 April 21st - 29th (Sat/Sun) 9 am - 7 pm

Want more opportunity? Try these:

Head Lifeguard

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Wednesdays April 11th & 18th (must attend both days) 4-9pm

Lifeguard Instructor

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Fri - Sun April 6,7,8 varied hours

Already a Lifeguard Instructor?

Don't be left behind. The Red Cross has changed the course and you need to be updated before Dec 31, 2001!! We will be offering a roll over session for currently certified instructors March 31st & April 1st. Call the Aquatic Center and speak with Melissa for more details.

Just want to swim- stop by:

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Natural High Mountain Bike Race Set

Ever wanted to feel what a mountain bike race is like? The Natural High Mountain Bike Race will be held at the Martin Luther King Course on Sunday, April 8. Registration will be held from noon-12:45 pm with the first race beginning at 1 p.m. There will be Men's and Women's Beginner, Sport and Expert Classes. Helmet and eye glasses required. Cost is \$3 with a Tech I.D. and \$5 without. This is a race to learn how to race—so come and enjoy!

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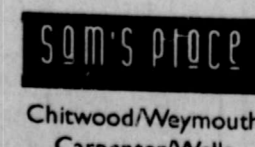


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