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STATE

Living with corpses sparks murder charge

GALVESTON (AP) — An unemployed shrimper who lived with the corpses of his parents for months has been indicted on a single count of capital murder.

A grand jury deliberated less than 10 minutes Friday before returning the indictment against 52-year-old David Sidney Hisey, Assistant District Attorney Mo Ibrahim said.

David Hisey has been behind bars at the Galveston County Jail since the bodies of his parents, 85-year-old Sunnye and 91-year-old Hollis Hisey, were discovered in early September at their Galveston home.

He was arrested Sept. 1 after a son-in-law of the couple asked police to check on them. A medical examiner later ruled that the couple had been strangled.

David Hisey's attorney, Tucker Graves, said his client was adamant that he had no hand in the deaths and that both parents died in their sleep.

"We're totally shocked," Graves told *The Galveston County Daily News*. "We deny it completely, and he will plead not guilty."

Graves said Hisey admits his mother died nearly a year before his father did but could not discuss why he didn't contact the authorities at the time.

NATIONAL

Train derailment kills one, injures dozens

NODAWAY, Iowa (AP) — An Amtrak train carrying 210 people from Chicago to California derailed in rural Iowa early Sunday, killing one passenger, injuring about 90 others and leaving a zigzagging trail of silver cars along a muddy embankment.

At least seven of the injured passengers were hospitalized, and dozens of others were treated and released from area hospitals after suffering minor injuries.

The cause of the crash about 70 miles southwest of Des Moines was unknown.

The California Zephyr's two locomotives and 15 cars were carrying 195 passengers and 15 crew members, Amtrak spokeswoman Debra Hare said. Amtrak officials did not immediately release a list of passengers.

The scene of the wreckage stretched about one-fourth of a mile.

Workers began picking up debris near the tipped-over cars, some of which formed a V-shape along the tracks.

WORLD

Security cracks down against Islam rebels

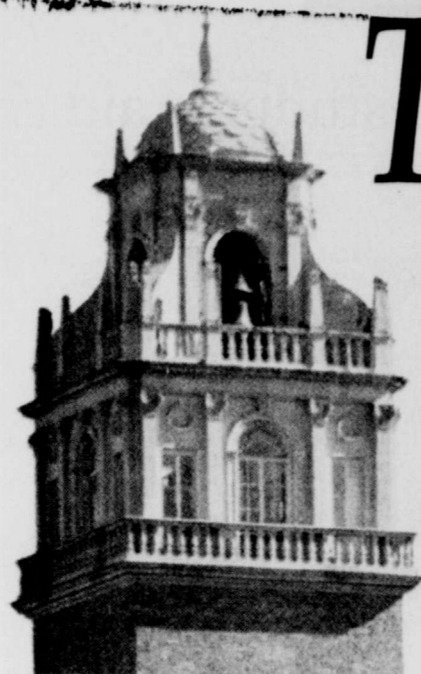
ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Security forces killed 22 Islamic militants in a crackdown against rebels waging a nine-year insurgency, while a clash between two rebel groups claimed the lives of 20 others, news reports said Sunday.

Algeria's army killed nine armed rebels during an attack Wednesday night in a forested area of Timexi, about 220 miles west of Algiers.

The militants belonged to a group that authorities had been tracking in connection with several murders of civilians in recent weeks, the report said.

Also Wednesday, soldiers killed 13 rebels hiding in caves near Ouled Attia in the Collo region, 185 miles east of Algiers, the *El Watan* newspaper reported on Saturday.

El Watan also reported that soldiers in the Collo region witnessed a clash earlier in the week between members of two opposing militant groups.



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Lubbock, Texas

Knight's visit adds to speculation

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

The suspense and speculation have been building since Bobby Knight's name came into the picture for the Texas Tech men's coaching position two weeks ago.

The question remains, will Bob Knight be the next coach of the Red Raider basketball team?

In 10 days, Tech has fired a coach, asked one to visit and left people wondering and waiting.

For more than a week, Tech Athletics Director Gerald Myers has been courting Knight to replace recently departed James Dickey as the next coach of the Red Raider men's basketball program.

Myers' focus is on Knight, but no offer may be made until 5 p.m. March 23 because of a state policy that states the job must remain vacant for 10 business days.

Cindy Rugeley, vice chancellor for news and information, said it is clear Knight is the top candidate, but no offer has been made and no decision will be made until the 10-day period is up.

There is a list of other unnamed candidates, but Knight is the only one that has been asked to visit the school.

"If it is decided that Knight is all the university wants, then their will be no other interviews," Rugeley said.

Knight visited the campus Thursday through Friday and went through a series of interviews with the administration, regents, athletic council, students and Tech coaches.

Knight could not be reached for comment but did address the media Thursday in a 10-minute news conference at the United Spirit Arena.

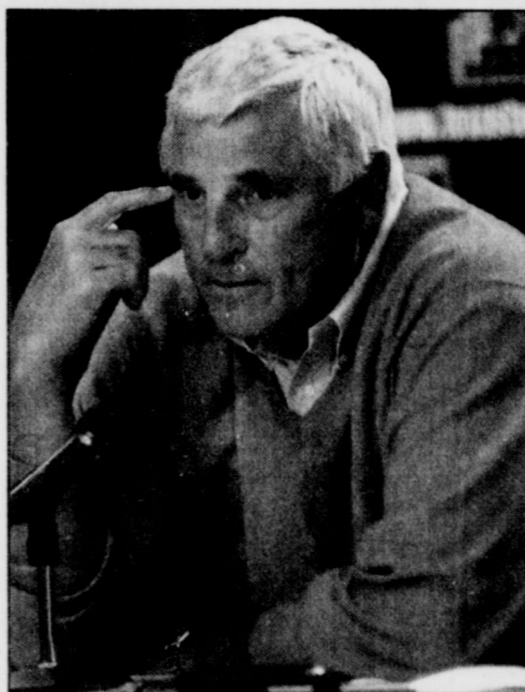
The 60-year-old former Indiana coach said a number of schools have reached him about filling job vacancies, but, Knight said, Tech is the only one he has considered.

"Texas Tech was the first school that I talked to, and I had had contacts since talking to Texas Tech in different ways, and I just said 'I don't have any interest,'" Knight said. "This is a situation that appeals to me tremendously."

Knight did not take any questions from the media, but he used two key words that may have convinced Tech fans that he would be the new man in charge — our and appealing.

"I'm not ready to divulge it yet," said Knight about his plan. "That may keep

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JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR The University Daily
Bobby Knight pauses for a moment to collect his thoughts during a press conference Thursday at the United Spirit Arena. The status of the former Indiana coach becoming Texas Tech's head basketball coach could be determined this week.

Philosophy prof starts petition against Tech acquiring The General

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

Amidst the debate and controversy surrounding the Texas Tech men's basketball coaching position, several Tech faculty members have signed a petition hoping to lure Tech away from hiring the controversial Bobby Knight as the next Red Raider men's basketball coach.

Walter Schaller, an associate professor of philosophy at Tech, is the author of the letter and sent it to more than 900 Tech faculty members last week via the Internet.

Schaller argued Knight would be an embarrassment to Tech if hired.

"Having Mr. Knight as the basketball coach at Texas Tech would bring much negative publicity and damage our reputation in ways that are completely unnecessary," Schaller wrote. "At a minimum, the announcement of his hiring would be accompanied by the film clip in which he throws a chair across the basketball court, except this time the name of Texas Tech would be attached to such antics."

As of Sunday, 77 Tech faculty members had signed

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A sweet embrace



Senior Lady Raider guard Katrisa O'Neal hugs assistant coach Lance White as she walks off the court at United Spirit Arena for the final time during the Ladies' 73-52 second-round victory Sunday evening against Virginia Tech in the NCAA Tournament. They will next play Purdue in the Sweet 16 in Birmingham, Ala., next week. See related story, page 6.

GREG KRELLER
The University Daily

BOR awards Horn honors to professors

By Kristina Thomas
Staff Writer

The Texas Tech Board of Regents recently approved Horn Professorships for math professor Frits Ruymgaart and professor of music William Westney.

A Horn professorship is the highest faculty award Tech gives to professors, and according to the agenda from the Feb. 8 regents meeting, the board only has approved 50 Horn professorships since the award was established in 1966.

Horn professors receive a \$20,000 per year stipend as long as they remain at Tech.

According to Tech Provost John Burns, the money is not a raise, but instead, an unrestricted account to be used for any legitimate purpose that will contribute to the professor's study.

"It is like a research account," he said. "They can pretty much use the money for any legitimate purpose."

Burns said Horn professors are secretly nominated, usually by their dean, and in addition to the nomination, the professor submits a list of 20 references, nationally or internationally, who can write a letter attesting to the accomplishments that professor has made.

The professor's letters and resume are collected and reviewed by a panel of previous Horn professors, the dean of the Graduate School and president of the Faculty Senate. Once the panel makes its decision, the Tech president and the regents must approve the nominations.

"The criteria and selection of these professors is very hard and critical," Burns said. "There are more years that we don't give them out than years we do."

Westney, a pianist in the School of Music, said he

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Family hires lawyer to help file grievance against Tech

By Mara McCoy
Staff Writer

The family of Kristin Eady, a teen-age girl who was denied access to the United Spirit Arena floor during the Carman concert Feb. 19, has hired a lawyer to aid them in filing a grievance against Texas Tech.

Kim Scroggins, Eady's mother,

said she and her family have hired Las Colinas, N.M., lawyer Ken Carden.

"It's been over a week since we last heard from anyone at Tech," Scroggins said. "The last time we heard from Liz Hall (assistant provost and university ADA compliance officer), she told us she was forwarding everything over to the Office of the General Counsel. It makes me

angry to know we're just being shuffled off and aren't a real concern."

Tech's operating procedure states all employee and public grievances concerning ADA compliance should be sent to Hall. However the procedure does not state how a grievance should be filed, and *The University Daily* was unable to contact anyone who knew how.

Eady, who has spina bifida and is in a wheelchair as a result, also suffers from vertigo. Scroggins said because her daughter is confined to a wheelchair, she was not allowed on the floor of the arena.

"We arrived at the concert with plenty of time to get floor seating," Scroggins said. "When we got inside and attempted to access the floor area, we were told no wheelchairs

would be allowed on the floor."

Scroggins also said she was told the reason her daughter was not allowed access to the floor stemmed from an opinion of Tech Fire Marshal Walter James, who stated in a memo to Emmett Rogers, administrator of construction for facilities, planning and construction, that he

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you folks around Lubbock a few more days, which would be good for our economy."
Knight cited his long-time relationship with Myers as the key link

to him and Tech.
In 1999, Knight's Hoosiers played in the inaugural game at the United Spirit Arena.
Knight said he agreed to travel to Texas because Myers asked him.
"I came then because Gerald asked me to," Knight said. "I think that explains how I feel about

Gerald. That's really important to me."
Knight's son Pat told The Associated Press he believes his father will take the job — if it is offered — and that he's ready to move to Lubbock to coach with him.
"You know for him to go down there, it has to be close," said Pat

Knight, who coaches at Akron University. "He wouldn't go down there for nothing."
A group of eight selected Tech student leaders, including basketball player Andy Ellis, met for breakfast Saturday at the Lubbock Inn where Knight spoke to them for about an hour about student involvement and graduating players.
Ellis said the meeting gave him a lot of insight about the Hall of Fame coach, but stressed Knight never talked about his future at the helm of the Tech

program.
"He didn't talk about the job situation," said Ellis, who scored 30 points against Knight's Hoosiers in 1999. "It was more about student involvement and what he did at Indiana. It went real well and it was a pretty nice session."
Ellis also said he would not mind Knight at the helm next year but did add he would miss

"If we can't have coach Dickey, I couldn't think of anyone better."

Andy Ellis
TECH BASKETBALL PLAYER

Dickey because the former coach was like a father figure to him.
"I would definitely like to have him because he is one of the best in the country," Ellis said. "If we can't have coach Dickey, I couldn't think of anyone better."
Knight also said that he intends to co-exist with the Lady Raider basketball program.
When asked how he would feel if he took over the No. 2 basketball program at Tech, Knight replied, "I would get more benefit from Marsha Sharp than she'd ever get from me."



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TechNotes!

■ 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.

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

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Homer Simpson on Shakespeare

Montreal's Rick Miller gives MacBeth a Drudge-ish face-lift

Musician and vocal impressionist Rick Miller will present "MacHomer," a little Homer and a little Willie, at 8 p.m. March 27 in the UC Allen Theatre.



Touted as "Shakespeare, done the way he'd like it," "MacHomer" fuses the

best of pop culture's favorite dysfunctional TV family, the Simpsons. Texas Tech Student Activities Board will present "MacHomer" as part of the Nightlife series at 8 p.m. March 27 in the University Center Allen Theatre. Homer Simpson stars as "MacBeth," Bart as the innocent Fleance, and Krusty the Clown as the Drunken Porter.

Performed by Montreal's Rick Miller, "MacHomer" features more than 60 voices from the hit show "The Simpsons." The script, (85 percent of which remains the words of Shakespeare) is embellished with popular cultural icons to bring this classic drama to audiences of the 21st century.

More than 300 color slides, hand painted by author and star Rick Miller, and an original musical score, also composed by Miller, serve as the dramatic backdrop for "MacHomer." This combination of theater, music and scenery makes "MacHomer" not only hilarious, touching and refreshingly accessible, but also a beautiful experience.

Miller never fails to dazzle his audiences. This one-man vocal extravaganza single-handedly fills

the entire stage as well as theaters around the world. Trained as an architect and actor at McGill University, Miller also carries the titles of musician and vocal impressionist. As a cast member of the Repercussion Theatre's "Shakespeare-in-the-park," Miller began "MacHomer" as a cast-party gag. This summer, a revamped version will debut in Europe at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Miller also has received critical acclaim for his other creations, which include "Art?," "babaloo&ganoosh" and "Slightly Bent." Miller also starred in the first French translation of "Grease." Current projects include the development of "Phyllis Fresh and Her Big Fat Mouth," his first animated series, and a retrospective mockumentary of his work, "Me, Myself and Machomer." Miller's next one-man show will be "Baroque," a co-creation with internationally renowned director Robert Lepage.

Look Miller up at www.rickmiller.ca, and more learn about this actor extraordinaire, and his show "MacHomer."

For information regarding tickets, please contact the UC ticket booth at 742-3621.



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'Gladiator' to be Shown as Part of Film Series

Texas Tech Student Activities Board presents "Gladiator" at 8 p.m. March 30 in the University Center Allen Theatre. When Maximus (Russell Crowe), Rome's greatest general, uncovers the murder of the emperor and his family is murdered, he is forced into slavery and learns to fight for what he believes in — pitting himself against the new emperor of Rome. Rated R. Join us for the first film shown on our new, brighter screen! For more information, please contact the Student Activities Board office at 742-3621.

Tech SAB Presents 'Gone in Sixty Seconds'

Texas Tech Student Activities Board presents "Gone in Sixty Seconds" at 8 p.m. April 6 in the University Center Allen Theatre. In order to save his brother's life, a retired car thief (Nicholas Cage) must steal 50 cars in one night. For more information, contact the Student Activities Board office at 742-3621.

Glassblower to Make Unexpected Appearance

Glassblower Al Hoffman will make a reappearance April 2 through April 6. Hoffman has been coming to the university for 11 years, weaving his glass magic for students in the University Center Courtyard on the ballroom porch.

If You Feel You're Missing Out, SAB is the Place for You

You have the chance of a lifetime. The Texas Tech Student Activities Board is looking for some new recruits this spring semester to help gear up for the fall. TTSAB is the relatively new name of the organization that has been entertaining Texas Tech for decades. The students involved with group bring films, art, speakers, international performing artists and concerts to campus.

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artwork, writing, management, artist hospitality and much more.

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It will all be absolutely worth it. We miss him so much, but I am so glad for you that you got him. I look forward to following him once again, following the fortunes of the Red Raiders and am eager to read your newspaper accounts of your games next year! I will also be loudly cheering for the Red Raiders to beat the Hoosiers like a drum next year when you play here in Indiana!

Charles Alley
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via e-mail

To the editor: I'm happy to read and hear that Bob Knight may coach your basketball team. I must admit that I don't know much about your university or your team but I'm learning fast. Your current coach seems like a fine man and I don't wish bad things for him, but I must say that if a change is in order don't be afraid of Coach Knight.

I'm from Maryland and a Terp fan, but I've also been a fan of Bob Knight and used to be a fan of Indiana University. I have followed Coach Knight's career since he was at Army, and, of course, I've seen and heard the negatives about him, mostly exaggerated or taken out of context. I guess the bottom line for me has been that Bob Knight is 100 percent honest, never cheats, expects his kids to go to class, produces productive people, is extremely loyal, teaches work ethic, has guts, is a caring person, has helped many and is a man of high character. I think most of us would be fortunate to be half the man he is if truth be known. I don't know if he's coming your way, but if he is I assure you I will be a fan of your basketball team and your university.

I highly recommend Mr. Knight, and I'm positive he will make you proud and also a winner. Your entire community will benefit, and the young men going through your program will be better people because of him. I'm excited about the possibility, and I hope the folks out your way will welcome this chance to get one of the finest coaches and men that you could ever expect. Good luck and go Texas Tech!

Terry Goehringer
Maryland
via e-mail

Don't blame Dickey

To the editor: I remember back in elementary school we were all taught the "Golden Rule,"

which in basic terms just states what should be obvious — treat others the way you would want to be treated. I consider myself to be in the upper echelon of Texas Tech basketball fans. I dress up for every game, sit in the same seats on the front row at center court and refuse to sit down.

I also, like many others on campus, love James Dickey and what he has done for our program during the last 10 years. But I do believe it is time to get a new face at the helm of the men's team.

Dickey has been dealt a bad hand in recent years with restrictions placed on the program that has definitely not helped his recruiting. Regardless of Dickey's status with this university — after this sorry excuse for ethics and business practices athletic director — Gerald Myers deserves every bit of scrutiny he gets.

Adam Boedeker
junior
undecided

Fie, fie the faculty

To the editor: Finally, it looks like the Tech administration wants to be unavenged at something. Kudos to Mr. Schmidly and Mr. Meyers for wanting Tech to actually be good at something besides women's basketball. Why build a new \$63-million arena only to have it a quarter full during men's basketball games. Face it, students will go to the games if we have a good team.

Since 1996 we have not had a good team. Bob Knight is a proven winner. His teams win and his students graduate. Why would the Indiana student body be so loyal to Coach Knight? Well I can answer that — he wins basketball games. James Dickey has not been winning. This game is a business. If you don't get results, you get replaced.

As to the whiny Tech professors who signed a petition without even meeting Coach Knight, how would you like it if someone judged you without even meeting you? All you've heard is what the media has reported, and as we all know media reports are always 100-percent accurate. When did motivation become a four-letter word? Coach Knight motivates his players well. If a player can't handle it, then don't play for him.

In today's sickening politically correct environment, can a little yelling and screaming be done without someone accusing you of being mentally unstable? Everyone has done or said something in their lives that they regret. Why would Coach Knight be different? Give the man a chance. We want the General.

To the professors who gathered their pathetic petition: three national championships, 11 Big Ten championships, 762 career victories — is your resume in your profession as good as Coach Knight's? I didn't think so.

Ramy Elmasri
senior
advertising

Alumni against the General

To the editor: I do not think that hiring Bobby Knight is the right choice to make for Texas Tech. When Gerald Myers was the coach of the basketball team in the '70s and '80s, we had our highs and lows. But throughout the Myers' era, there was pride in the team and the coach.

We knew that Coach Myers had his players' best interest at heart. Winning is not everything.

Yes, you want a financially successful program, but at what cost? Must we give in to the almighty dollar for its sake alone? Hiring Knight may prove to be a financial benefit to the athletics department, but do we want the embarrassment of a coach who cannot control himself, who cannot deport himself in a professional manner at all times?

Children yell obscenities at the people they don't agree with. Children kick chairs and throw chairs out onto the court. We, as alumni, do not want this type of man representing Texas Tech. We do not want this type of man controlling the lives of young people. We will not support this type of decision. It surprises me that Gerald Myers would consider hiring a man like Knight because they have been "friends" for a long time.

If I had to resort to calling a temperamental, abusive embarrassment like Knight as a friend, I'd rather be friendless. Don't hire Knight. There are many more respectable coaches in the country that would conduct themselves in a civil and professional manner, who are capable of running a successful basketball program.

Ed Myers
Class of 1979
Austin

To the editor: The news is reporting that Tech is seriously considering hiring Bobby Knight as head coach for the men's basketball team.

Please do not hire this man! He represents all the worst aspects of sportsmanship in college athletics and would be an embarrassment to the university. Chair-kicking and temper tantrums just don't represent what Tech is all about. My husband and I are both graduates of Texas Tech, and our daughter plans to attend Tech once she graduates from high school. We believe Tech is a wonderful school with high moral and educational standards. It is a university that promotes leadership, personal responsibility and good sportsmanship within its student body. Please don't tarnish the image of the university by hiring this man who has become the gold standard for bad sportsmanship and abuse! Texas Tech deserves better than Bobby Knight.

Kitty Myers
Class of 1979
Austin

To the editor: I feel Tech officials think hiring Bob Knight is a great move, but I don't get their reasoning. Does a winning record totally outweigh an utter lack of respect and a horrible attitude toward the college and NCAA establishments? This is what I feel Knight has proven himself to possess.

I hope I'm wrong about this, but I really feel that Tech will end up with lots of egg on its face after all is said and done. Men's basketball tickets will sell (maybe even sell out), no doubt, but will they sell just so people can see Knight hurl chairs across the United Spirit Arena's court in a completely uncivilized display? Will he be able to recruit players after the abuse he has been warned about time and time again and subsequently fired for?

Only time will tell. I hope this move doesn't cast a dark light on Texas Tech. That's really the worst thing that could happen to a school that already exists in the shadows of the University of Texas and Texas A&M.

Biff Sturgess
Class of 1994
Dallas

Column

Despite rumors, Hub City has its high points

As the nation watches famed basketball coach Bob Knight's next moves, all eyes are on Lubbock. Shocked as if L-town had never existed before, people all across the nation, when hearing about Knight's possible new home, are saying, "Where's that?"

It seems the media is having a field day with our town. They laugh, they beguile, they poke fun of a city they see as outdated, backward and too old-fashioned.



Brandon Formby

Even ESPN's Sports Center has gotten on the bandwagon of Hub-City bashing. As the Lubbock Knight watch peaked prior to Tech's former basketball head coach James Dickey's firing, one anchor said something to the affect of, "You may never hear this again, but news out of Lubbock, Texas."

They went on to call Lubbock a "one newspaper town." Man, I bet Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal* Editor Randy Sanders must be miffed that they forgot about his paper when calculating that number.

Besides, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, Austin and hundreds of other major cities across the nation only have one newspaper. Multiple newspaper metropolises are a thing of the past.

OK, so maybe Lubbock is not the most up-to-date city. When they built the town, they forgot to include a drainage system. Tech graduates are the only people on the planet who can say they've had to swim to get to class.

Despite dust storms, the smell of freshly slaughtered cows and having to drive 3,495 miles to find another town with two Wal-Mart's, Lubbock is a great place to live. We may not have a major league sports team. We may not have a subway system. And, yes, Lubbock is the town Starbucks forgot. But the Hub City does have some major perks.

I grew up in Dallas and am a city kid at heart. I love having millions of things to do on any given night, an array of places to go and real news anchors to watch at night (this Texas-sized stuff makes me embarrassed to be a journalism major.) But I have to admit, Lubbock has had its affect on me.

I love living in a town where it only takes you 15 minutes to drive anywhere. Rush hour lasts for 10 minutes and even then no one is in a real rush. Lubbock is laid back and relaxed. It's good for your blood pressure, and those West Texas sunsets are nice on the eyes.

I love how people hold the door open for you and actually make eye contact with you. I love how you can say hi to anyone and they'll say hi back. I love how the entire town congregates in the Science Quadrangle for Carol of Lights every year.

We may not have a major league sports team. We may not have a subway system. And, yes, Lubbock is the town Starbucks forgot. But the Hub City does have some major perks.

I love that we have all the big chains like Blockbuster, Chili's, Friday's and Target. But I really love the small places that add local flavor to daily life like One Guy From Italy and Spanky's. I love the mom-and-pop shops and how people in Lubbock actually go to them.

I love trying to figure out how in the world the wind is always blowing in my face no matter which way I am walking. I love the glow of the Strip from a mile away. I think it's great how Buddy Holly, Marsha Sharp and Robert Earl Keen are religiously worshipped.

I like living in a town with people who can go 15 minutes without a frozen java mochaccino with a double shot of espresso. I love how Broadway is still lined with bricks and how once you get downtown, Main Street actually lives up to its name.

I love how there are more trucks than SUVs in this town and that people in Lubbock drive trucks because they actually need them. I love how we city slickers see Lubbock as a small town, yet all the people from surrounding towns see Lubbock as a thriving metropolis.

I love how it is actually affordable to live here. I love how the natives know what is out there in big cities but do not really care. I love how Lubbock marches to its own beat.

Of course, there are plenty of things Lubbock does not have. But, luckily, everyone seems to be over looking just what we do have — the small things that make this town a great place to live. At least this way we can continue keeping the allure of Lubbock our own little secret.

At last week's Lady Raider game against the University of Pennsylvania, a fan for the yankee team held up a sign that read, "Who lives in Lubbock?"

For starters, the Lady Raiders, who by the way whipped your team by more than 40 points, live in Lubbock. Not to mention nearly 200,000 people who know what it's like to enjoy life without using their careers, cell phones and sports sedans to define who they are. So get off our back, ya'll, aight?

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OPPOSE

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the petition and President David Schmidly is expected to meet with the Faculty Senate on Wednesday.

Schmidly said he has read and considered the petition and is anticipating Wednesday's session.

"They make a lot of points," Schmidly said. "Part of a university is having free expression. They have the right to say what they want."

If Knight is hired, Schmidly said he does not think Knight will get a bad wrap from the signees of the petition.

However, Schmidly did say if he did not speak with the Senate, then he would get negative feedback.

"I have to listen and talk to them," Schmidly said. "But I think the faculty are not the right people to hire a coach. That is done by the athletic department. But I will say (the faculty) does have input."

Schaller stressed the issue at hand is not Faculty Senate based.

"This is not a Faculty Senate issue," Schaller said. "They have not endorsed this letter. It's just a coincidence that I am the vice president of the Faculty Senate."

Schaller said he is looking forward to hearing how other senators

feel about the situation with Knight. "I would like to hear what other senators have to say," Schaller said. "Our foremost concern has always been faculty input."

In the shadow of the document against Knight is an electronic petition that has been surfing the Web with more than 2,500 signatures in favor of Knight.

Schmidly said he has had more positive feedback than negative on the Knight situation.

"I have had a lot of students come up to me and say they would like Bob Knight to be the next coach," Schmidly said.

Schaller said he has not seen the pro-Knight petition but added Knight is a Tech issue, not a national issue.

"I think since this is Texas Tech, it is important what we say," Schaller said. "It is not what people around the nation say."

Asked about Schaller's petition Wednesday night on Bob Costas' "On the Record" show on HBO, Knight said it was the first he had heard of it.

"I'm not sure I know a single person or have ever met a single person on the Texas Tech faculty," he said. "And I would certainly, if I coached there, reserve judgment about the faculty until I meet them."

Charity ball gains HSC support

By Linda Robertson
Staff Writer

Medical students prepare ball to benefit community

Several Texas Tech medical students, as well as some occupational therapy and physical therapy students, are much busier this week than the rest of their classmates.

That is because some of them are helping to organize and host the City Lights 2001 Charity Ball, in association with Tech's Health Sciences Center and Texas Medical Association students.

The ball will be March 31 at the Holiday Inn Park Plaza Hotel, 3201 S. Loop 289.

Tickets are \$80 per person or \$60 for Tech students.

Proceeds from the ball will benefit Lubbock Women's Protective Services, Prevent Blindness Texas and Catholic Family Services.

Zeke Duke, a first-year medical student from Benjamin and chairman of the ball, said he is honored to serve in the ball.

"The ball is a project that is pri-

marily headed by the first-year medical students, with some physical and occupational therapy student involvement," he said. "It is a lot of responsibility, and the chairman position is an elected position. The project was started about four years ago by Alicia Sliver, who was a first-year medical student and a member of the Texas Medical Association."

Duke said the group of medical students forms a committee to decide which of the many local charities has a good, specific need and donates the proceeds to them.

"Last year we donated a total of about \$20,000 to three charities," he said. "This year, we also have three charities, but we would like to donate more."

Trianna Fisher, a first-year medical student from Dallas, is the chairwoman of the committee that selects the charities for donation. She said the organizations asking for donations have to fill out a questionnaire that lists a specific need for the money, and the organizations must have never received donations from the student charity.

"We have a list that was compiled last year," she said. "The organizations have to disclose what they do, how much goes to administrative costs, and how much government funding they receive, as well as how much other funding they get."

Both Fisher and Duke said there is much to be learned by working on a project like this.

"I have seen what others are do-

ing in the charity realm," Fisher said. "It is amazing what these organizations do."

Duke said he is not sure he could be busier than he has been preparing for the ball.

"It was crazy," he said. "We did so much between classes and during lunch."

Fisher said her committee did much the same.

"We read during lunch breaks and broke up the work by assigning each committee member several charities to find out about," she said. "They would then come back and tell us all about their charities, and we would all decide from there."

Duke said the ball is a good way to let Lubbock citizens know that students are here to help.

"If medical students can do this, anyone can," he said. "Being busy is no excuse for not giving back to the community."

For more information, e-mail Duke at zeke_duke@hotmail.com or call 771-1914.

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had some concerns about the means of egress from the floor of the arena.

"During events of this nature (concerts), the only egress points off of the floor are the stairs that exit up to the concourse," James said. "A wheelchair would have to be physically carried down and up those stairs to gain access to the floor level."

"My daughter has two choices. She can stay home and not participate in even the most simple of things, or she can make a stand and fight to get policies changed."

*Kim Scroggins
KRISTIN EADY'S MOTHER*

The arena has two ramps leading to the floor area. One leads from the floor to the dressing rooms. Production personnel use the other ramp during concerts. The arena is the only building on the Tech campus that has ramp access to several floors. Floors in all other buildings are accessed by means of an elevator or stairs.

Carden said while the arena had been reviewed for compliance with the ADA and Texas Accessibility Standards and received a Certificate of Substantial Compliance from the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, the policies the arena operates under were not in compliance with the ADA.

In a draft of a letter prepared by Carden, he stated, "Merely because the physical construction of the fa-

cility meets the requirements of the ADA, does not, however, mean the policies and procedures of the university comply with either Title II of the ADA or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973."

Carden said all Texas public universities, through federal funding, have agreed not to discriminate against people with disabilities where access is concerned.

"Since 1973, public universities of the state of Texas have accepted federal funding on the condition that they do not discriminate on the basis of disability in providing access to their benefits and programs," Carden wrote. "Neither state law nor university policy can

lessen the nondiscrimination requirements of the ADA or Section 504."

Curtis Edmonds, ADA technical assistance specialist with the Governor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, said while he could not comment on this specific case, if Eady was denied access, she can file lawsuits at both the state and federal level.

Scroggins said her daughter still has her options open to her.

"My daughter has two choices," she said. "She can stay home and not participate in even the most simple of things, or she can make a stand and fight to get policies changed."

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was honored to be selected for the professorship.

"It is something that I've always looked up to. It is an esteemed opportunity," he said. "It is an exciting and thrilling honor to receive."

Westney also said he has not yet decided what he will spend the stipend on.

"I have one CD out, and I would like to make a second one," he said. "I have also done video projects, and I would like to continue to do those. There is plenty of time though to decide."

Westney has been a professor in

the School of Music for 22 years and said he rediscovered a Sigismund Stojowki musical piece that had never been performed in America until Westney premiered it in 1986.

He said part of his job has been performing as well as teaching and his work at Tech has been something he never expected to do.

"Since I have been here, my work has gone in a way I did not anticipate — work with educational innovations," Westney said. "Texas Tech has been very good to me. I have gained the time, space and support to develop."

Ruymgaart has been a faculty member at Tech since 1990. He was elected in 1991 to the Fellow of the

Institute of Mathematical Statistics. He also has been credited with eight statistical advances.

Generally, Ruymgaart deals with non-paramedical primary statistics

but has been doing research with inference in inverse statistical models. He said that he is honored by the award although he is not sure that he deserves it.

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Lady Raiders blast Virginia Tech

Texas Tech heads to Alabama, Sweet Sixteen

By Matt Muench
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders were chanting "Sweet Sixteen" in the hallway after their victory. And next week, you may here them singing "Sweet Home Alabama."

After struggling offensively in the first half, the Lady Raiders found their offensive form and knocked off Virginia Tech, 73-52, on Sunday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at the United Spirit Arena.

The win advances the No. 2-seed Texas Tech to its third consecutive Sweet Sixteen where they will face No. 3-seed Purdue next weekend in Birmingham, Ala.

Tech fell behind early and never claimed a lead in the first half as they found themselves behind, 25-18, at intermission.

The 18 points was a season low for points in a half for the Lady Raiders.

Tech post Plenette Pierson said the Lady Raiders went into the locker room disappointed at their first-half effort but said the team was calm.

"Coach Sharp is a calm person, and she simply told us that we had to loosen up," Pierson said. "She knew we had the ability to play hard."

Tech coach Marsha Sharp even tried to calm the players down when she asked freshman guard Jia Perkins to tell a joke.

"I tried anything to loosen them up and get them back on track," Sharp said. "I wanted to get them back to their normal personality."

Perkins never did tell a joke, but by the end of the game the Lady Raiders were all smiles as they came out in the second half and scorched the Hokies in the paint. Pierson poured in nine quick points to spark a 14-6 Tech surge as the Lady Raiders claimed their first lead of the contest. Pierson scored 22 points in the turnaround second half and finished with a career high 28 points.

Pierson said she felt like she had to adjust and be more aggressive in the second stanza.

"I just took the mentality of refusing to lose when I came out at halftime," said Pierson, whose squad outscored the Hokies, 55-27, in the second half.

"I needed to get our lone senior (Katrisa O'Neal) out of here with a win."

From that point, Tech kept pulling away with pressure defense on one side and aggressive post play on the other.

Sharp said it was important for the Lady Raiders to make mental adjustments at halftime.

"It came down to us making a decision at halftime," she said. "We needed to find out if we were going to be mature and poised enough to win."

Sharp said Pierson was the player that stepped up and carried the squad in the second half.

"She was a horse tonight, and we rode her for a long time," Sharp said. "She was outstanding."

Virginia Tech coach Bonnie Henrickson said Pierson may have been the most athletic post player her team has competed with this

season. "Plenette is a tremendous athletic that hurt us in the second half," Henrickson said.

After falling behind, 48-37, with more than seven minutes to go, Virginia Tech made their last surge and pulled within six at 49-43.

That was when Tech's second key element to the win came in to play.

The Hokies switched to a zone to control Pierson down low, and Sharp countered by putting freshman three-point threat Natalie Ritchie in the game.

Ritchie responded to her coach's motives by scoring 10 of her 15 points in the last five minutes of the game, knocking down three three-pointers in the process.

Henrickson said she knew when she switched to zone that Sharp would put Ritchie in.

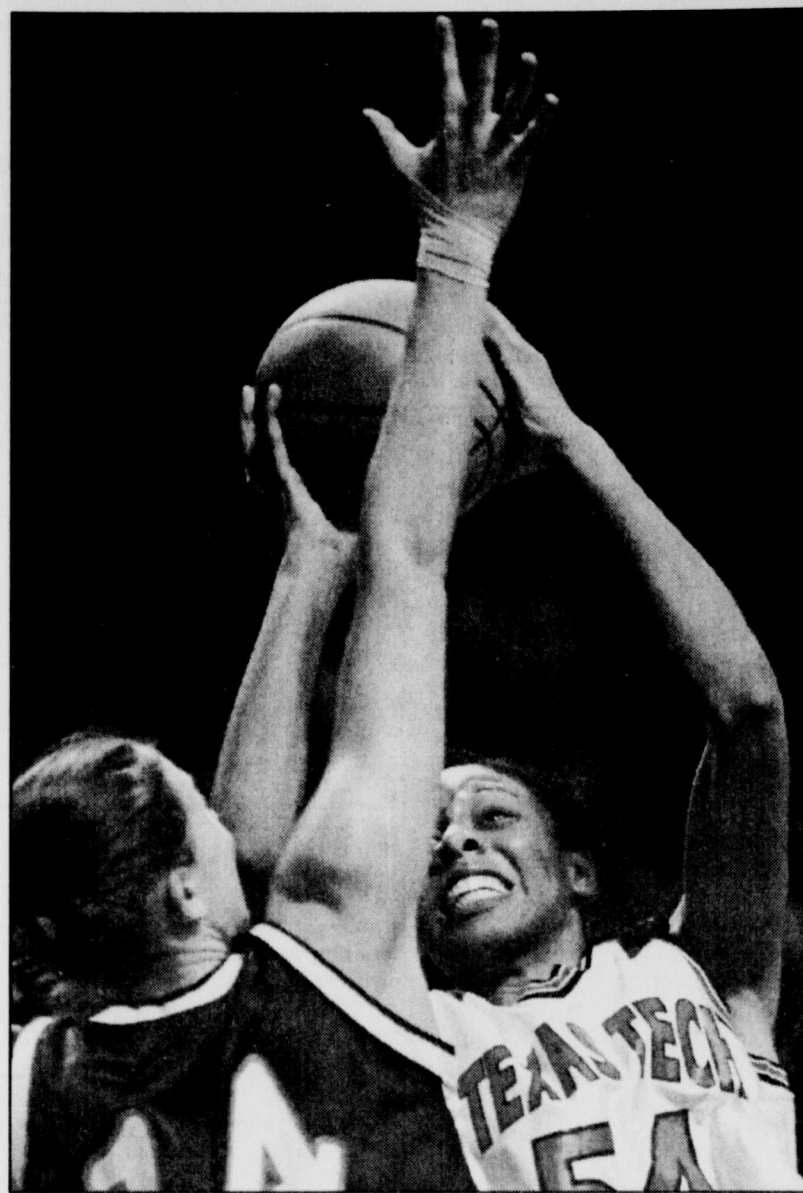
"It was a little bit of a chess match," Henrickson said. "I knew it was coming. I knew when I heard the horn I could have bet my paycheck who was coming in. I have to give (Ritchie) credit."

Ritchie said she knew her role was to knock down the long ball when she entered the game.

"I have been working on my three-point shots, and luckily they fell," Ritchie said. "Plenette was awesome in the second half, and it opened it up for the guards outside."

Hokie guard Amy Wetzel said Tech's early run hurt Virginia Tech because they never reacted.

"Great teams make great runs," Wetzel said. "And we couldn't answer."



JAIME TOMAS AGUILAR/The University Daily
Texas Tech forward Plenette Pierson goes for two of her 28 points in the Lady Raiders' 73-52 victory against Virginia Tech on Sunday night at the United Spirit Arena.

Tech baseball takes two from K-State

The Texas Tech baseball team wound up a busy Spring Break by taking two of three Big 12 contests at Kansas State during the weekend.

The Raiders, 18-11 on the campaign and 4-5 in conference action, handed the Wildcats a 7-0 defeat Friday, then exploded for a 16-2 victory Saturday before falling, 8-4, in the series finale.

Saturday's lopsided win was paced by Nick Blankenship's seventh-inning grand slam and seven second-inning runs helping the Red Raiders jump out to an 8-0 lead. Freshman Brent Fossum ripped his first career home run in the third.

Junior right-hander Chris Phillips, 7-1, tossed six shutout innings and allowed just two hits to earn the win. Kansas State starter Chad Druckers, 2-2, was Saturday's loser.

Friday's opener featured a dominating pitching performance from Tech senior Brandon Roberson. Roberson, 4-3, turned in a complete-game shutout and struck out nine for the win. The Wildcats' Kevin Melcher, 0-1, was tagged with the loss.

The Raiders' offensive attack was led by junior second baseman Bryon Smith, who drilled a three-run dinger in the top of the fifth to lift Tech to a 5-0 advantage. Smith was 2-for-5 with three RBIs and one run scored in Friday's win.

Sunday's chance for a Tech sweep was erased as K-State hurler Luke Robertson fanned nine in six innings, and Pat Maloney hammered two homers as the 'Cats rolled to an 8-4 win. Tech starter Chad Ertel took the loss, giving up four runs on three hits with a walk and a strikeout. Reliever Cory Metzler lasted five innings and allowed four runs on seven hits and a pair of strikeouts.

The Raiders entered Sunday's matchup on a season-high six-game win streak after taking the final two of a three-game set at Texas, beating Eastern New Mexico, 7-2, then tripping Valley City State of North Dakota, 9-5, in Spring Break action.

Individuals shine for Raider track at Tech meet

Senior standout Leigh Daniel grabbed a pair of first place finishes to pace the Texas Tech track squad at the weekend Texas Tech Open at R.P. Fuller Stadium.

Daniel posted a 4:45.66 for top honors in the 1500-meter run, then won the 3000-meter with a 10:22.47 clocking.

The Raiders' Ryan Luna captured first place in the javelin throw with a 217-foot-6 heave; and Antonio

Franklin won the men's 400-meter with a 49.74 effort.

Other Tech winners included Ashley Mitchell, who flashed a 12.11 time for first in the women's 100-meter, and Tami Zachary, who turned in a 25.18 time to win the 200-meter race.

Ryan Curry was second in the men's discus throw with his 51.46-meter toss.

Mike Beasley leaped 2.05 meters

for second in the men's high jump. Scott Moore was runner-up in the steeplechase with a time of 10:02.23, and Saidric Williams' 10.57 in the men's 100-meter dash was good for second.

Melonie Barrow and D'Andria Brigham finished in the top two spots in the women's 400-meter. Barrow posted a 56.03, and Brigham carded a 58.22.

Rachel Stevenson was second in

the women's 100-meter dash with a 12.42 time, and Tiffany Green came in second in the women's 200-meter with her 25.31 time. Green's time in the event was just .14 ahead of teammate Rachelle Evans, who was third.

Tracie Akerheilm was third in the 1500-meter race with 4:49.67 and the 3000-meter competition with 10:53.83.

Tech took the top three slots in

the women's discus throw on a 43.52-meter effort from Megan Schuessler, a 43.04-meter heave by Tracey Anderson and a 40.68-meter toss by Katy Goedke.

Tyson McKinney claimed second place for the Raiders with a 6.61 long jump.

The Red Raider track squad will make its return to the cinders for the April 4-7 Texas Relays which will take place in Austin.

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