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MTSU copes with teacher shortages

Roy Moore
Staff Reporter

MTSU announced its participation in the revolutionary AT&T Learning Network Virtual Academy in Nashville on Oct. 29, joining three other nationally-renowned universities in response to a predicted nationwide teacher shortage.

Experts predict that two million new teachers will be needed over the next 10 years to offset upcoming teacher retirements and the explosion of student enrollment, according to U.S. Department of Education statistics.

To ensure teacher quality in the 21st Century, the academy will offer educators access to accredited online courses as well as the opportunity to reach their credential requirements. The classes will focus on the integration of technology into science and mathematics classrooms.

"The Virtual Academy is the first

online centralized resource of its kind to offer teachers access to a host of quality professional development programs focused on integrating technology into the classroom and designed to help teachers meet their credential requirements," said Joan Fenwick, AT&T Learning Network director.

Established in October, the virtual academy attempts to benefit school instructors and students who commute daily to the school from surrounding counties. With the new service, teachers can peruse course descriptions, register for Continuing Education Units and apply for graduate degree courses.

As part of the \$150 million program, online courses will be available to educators for free skill improvement as well as fee-based courses for college credit or degrees.

Instructors may also employ AskLN, SM for online coaching. Internet 101 as an Internet tutorial and WebTour

for information about the educational capabilities of the World Wide Web.

"The AT&T Learning Network focuses on the one profession that most directly impacts our future leaders — our teachers," Fenwick said.

National Education Association, National School Board Association and the National Education Association agree that professional development is essential to improving the nation's educational system. Several states currently require that teachers meet developmental standards for credential renewal.

MTSU will offer Technology in the Classroom as its first academy course this spring. Later classes will include Microcomputers in the Educational Setting during the summer and Educational Technology in the Elementary School next fall.

"I think it's great that AT&T chose us to be a participant on the ground floor," said Liz Johnson, MTSU's coordinator of

Continuing Education.

AT&T also presented MTSU with a \$5,000 grant for incentive pay for teachers, software and technical support through the AT&T Learning Points Program. AT&T already has committed \$50 million in grants to integrate technology into classrooms. Presently, more than one-third of the country's K-12 schools are registered in the program.

The university's partners in the academy include Pennsylvania State University's World Campus, Bozeman, George Washington University and the Burns Telecommunications Center at Montana State University.

MTSU currently offers distance learning courses and telecourses through its College of Mass Communication and its Continuing Education department.

The AT&T Learning Network Virtual Academy can be reached at www.att.com/learningnetwork or by calling 1-800-354-8800, prompt 3. ■

New law alters campus crime reporting policy

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

University officials are not too concerned about the implications of a new federal law which changes the way information about campus crimes will be reported, saying that MTSU is already close to meeting the new standards.

Enacted by President Bill Clinton on Oct. 7, this new law will expand disclosure of campus crime statistics and require higher education institutions to keep a public police log and update it on a daily basis. This law will also prevent schools from hiding criminal behavior in secret campus courts.

This law applies to all schools, public and private, that receive federal funding.

Public Safety already has a public log, but it's not updated everyday.

However, Inspector Darrell Collins said officers report crimes to the shift officer after every shift and, for accuracy, they determine the exact nature of the crime before listing it in the public log. He added that the log is updated at least twice weekly.

"We're trying to get them done daily," Collins said.

Collins said Public Safety Director Jack Drugmand understands that universities that do not comply with the new law could lose federal funding.

"Our chief has always been a stickler for staying with what the federal government wants," Collins said.

Gene Fitch, who heads up student judiciary matters, said this law will not affect his responsibilities because the law applies to activities dealing with crimes of violence and nonforcible sex offenses. He said campus disciplinary hearings only deal with students who violate MTSU regulations. Any criminal allegations are handled in the appropriate state or federal court.

However, if a student is convicted of a criminal act, the student's name, the violation committed and any sanction imposed by the institution must be released upon request. Previously, this type of information was protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, also known as the Buckley Amendment. The name of any other student, such as a victim or a witness, is still protected and can be released only with the written consent.

The Federal Department of Education will be responsible for enforcing this law. But, because the DOE has no way to police universities, they will respond to complaints from individuals who claim that an institution is in violation of the law.

This law was strongly supported by Security on Campus, Inc. SOC is a national, non-profit organization geared toward the prevention of campus violence and also assists victims with the enforcement of their legal rights.

S. Daniel Carter, vice president of SOC, said the law is a product of years of charges that colleges were exploiting loopholes in reporting laws to under-report campus crimes to protect their images.

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Whiteside points out people's vulnerabilities

Barry Gilley
Staff Reporter

Are you an easy mark for a con? As it turns out, we all are under the right conditions.

Terry Whiteside, professor of psychology, will cover what some of these triggers are, how vulnerable most people can be to them and how easy it is to use them against others even when we don't realize it when he presents the next installment of the Honors Lecture Series on Shams, Cons, and Cover-ups. Titled Psychological Cons, the presentation will be in Peck Hall 109A Monday, 3:30-4:20 p.m.

According to Whiteside, there are responses instilled in most people from a very early age that are activated when certain trigger conditions are present.

These automatic response tendencies are often called

click/whirr responses because when someone "pushes your buttons" (click) your initiation of the corresponding response is often as automated as the playing of a tape (whirr).

Whiteside says that not only are these click/whirr responses all around us, but in most cases they are helpful and even necessary. In the complex world that we live in, we cannot process everything in every situation. We often have to take these mental shortcuts in order to get anything done.

If people don't feel a sense of urgency every time the possibility for having or doing something is threatened, they might allow something valuable to slip out of their hands in a business transaction. If people didn't feel compelled to reciprocate favors and gifts, no one could afford to help others without fear of their efforts being wasted. In most situations, we actually need our

mental shortcuts in order to work together and make sense of reality.

Whiteside says, however, that while these things work well most of the time, they can be used against us. He says that whether or not these automatic responses come into play naturally or someone takes advantage of us depends upon how well-educated we are as persuaders and persuadees and what we do with that knowledge.

He says that what people do with their knowledge of automatic response tendencies can be used to divide them into three categories: smugglers, bunglers and sleuths.

"If I have done you favors and now I need help and I don't ask you, I've just bungled or wasted an opportunity to have help. But if I know that I'm going to need your help in a

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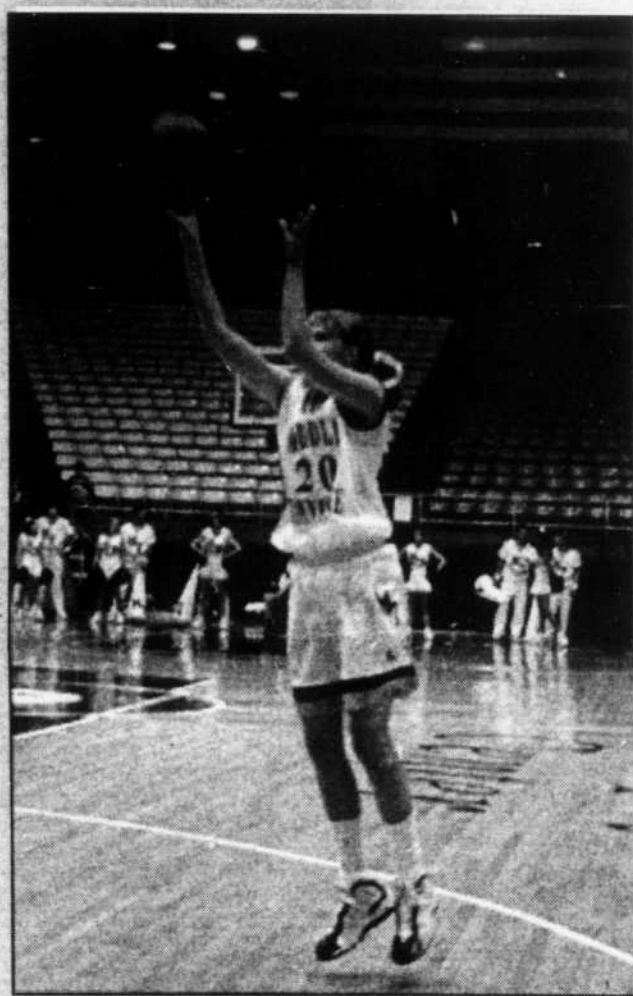


Photo by Michael Edwards

Jonelda Buck, 20, center, makes a shot to put the Lady Raiders on the board. The team started its season this weekend but suffered a disappointing loss. See page 8.

ROTC places second in Regional Ranger Challenge

Lakisha Langster
Special to Sidelines

MTSU's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) cadets placed second in the 1998 ROTC Third Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition hosted by Western Kentucky University at Fort Knox, Ky., Oct. 23-25.

The Ranger Challenge Competition is the varsity sport of Army ROTC. The team missed making it two first-place trophies in a row by only seven points, losing to the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

There were 33 teams that participated in the competition over the two-day period. The colleges and universities came from Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee and included Ohio University, Ohio State University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Virginia University, Austin Peay and Vanderbilt.

The competition consisted of eight

events including an Army physical fitness test in which MTSU placed first, construction of a challenging one-rope bridge in which MTSU also placed first, running of a difficult orienteering course and a strenuous hand grenade assault course, firing of an M16 rifle, conduction of a reconnaissance patrolling exercise, timed in the assembly of weapons, and finally, conduction of a demanding 10-kilometer road march in full equipment. The final scores ranged from 2,358 for UT-Knoxville to 1,017 for UT-Martin, with MTSU finishing with 2,351.

"We knew we would place in the top three at the Brigade Competition after we won a Head-to-Head Competition at Fort Campbell on September 26 against teams like Vanderbilt, Austin Peay, UT-Martin and Western Kentucky," said Lt. Col. Doug Chaffin, professor of Military Science at MTSU.

During this competition, teams participated in rifle marksmanship, one-rope bridge, 10-kilometer road march, hand grenade assault course and M16/M60



Photo provided

This year's MTSU team included Cdt. Cpt. Michael Fletcher, who was also the team captain, Cdt. LTC. James Elliott, Cdt. Cpt. Ernest Jenkins, Cdt. Cpt. Robert Kunkel, Cdt. Maj. Wendell Massey, Cdt. Brian Blake, Cdt. Joseph Jenkins, Cdt. Jennifer Phelps, Cdt. Pierre Piche, Cdt. Jonathan Ralston and three alternates including Cdt. John Womack, Cdt. Jason McAnally and Cdt. Alexander Smith.

weapons assembly and disassembly.

"I'm really proud of what our cadets have accomplished. This is the culmination

of weeks of hard work and practice for the 10 members and three alternates," he added. ■

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ON CAMPUS

To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487.

Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9, 10

Gamma Beta Phi will hold a Teddy Bear Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (both days) at the KUC (in front of Phillips bookstore). They will be accepting donated stuffed animals and selling paper Teddy Bears for \$1 to buy stuffed animals for children in the community. For more information, contact Cherese Vines at 898-3156.

Tuesday, Nov. 10

RTNDA will meet in Mass Comm 150 at 8 p.m. A special guest will be present.

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The MTSU Chapter of The Society of Professional Journalist will sponsor a fall book sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first level of the KUC. The sale is open to the public and all proceeds will benefit the local chapter. All donations are tax-deductible. For more information, contact President Lisa Rollins at 904-8355 or 904-8380 ext. 1.

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity will hold its monthly meeting at the BAS S113 at 5 p.m. Ralph Vaughn, past Director of the Chamber of Commerce, will be speaking on entrepreneurship and the business market of the future. Vaughn is a very informative, energetic speaker that you won't want to miss. This meeting is open to everyone. For more information, call 849-8874.

The Public Relations Student

Society of America will hold a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Mass Comm 104. Guests speakers will include: Lindsay Kirby of Katcher, Vaughn and Bailey and Jeff Weatherly of Hot Schtz Production who will speak on Agency PR and Music Industry PR, respectively. All majors welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 12

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism will hold a lecture over the novel The Fountain Head: "Rational Egoism in (Ayn Rand's) The Fountainhead," given by Dr. Andrew Bernstein from the Ayn Rand Institute at 7 p.m. in the BAS lecture hall. Free for all MTSU students, faculty and staff, \$5 for others. For more information, contact Luc Travers at 895-0951.

Placement and Student Employment will hold a Career Placement Orientation at 2 p.m. in the KUC 322. This event will provide information on writing resumes, job searching, and interviews. For more information, contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

Sunday, Nov. 15

Raider Victory Fellowship will hosts a free concert featuring Ron David Moore at 10 p.m. at the Victory Church in the Murphy Center. Moore has written songs for George Strait, Allen Jackson, and Tammy Wynette. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov. 17, 18

The Golden Key Honor Society will have information meetings in the KUC theater from 4 to 5 p.m. (both days) for students interested in joining. Member meetings will start at 5 p.m. There will also be a clothing drive (blankets, coats, etc.) on Nov. 18 in front of Phillips Bookstore in the KUC. For more information, contact Cherese Vines at 898-3156.

Sunday - Wednesday, Nov. 22-25

The Todd Library will sponsor FINE FREE DAYS. Library patrons are encouraged to return all late materials to the circulation desk for a prompt check-in and fine adjustment. For more information, contact the circulation desk at 898-2650.

Continuing

Raider Victory Fellowship will hold Bible study sessions on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Corlew 719, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Cummings Lobby, and at 8 p.m. in Felder 208. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

CUSTOMS staff applications are now available in the KUC 122 for the positions of student coordinator, student orientation assistant, clerical office manager, receptionist, data entry, and cashier/clerk. All positions are paid and will begin for 2 hours a week (paid) training in January. For more information, call 898-2454.

Student Activity Fee Applications for Spring 1999 are now available in KUC 130. The application on both IBM and MAC formatted disks for your convenience. Ten

photocopies of the application and disk are due on Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 130. For more information, call 898-2808

Victory Ministries will hold Bible study sessions on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew 719, Wednesdays at Cummings 731 at 7 p.m., and Wednesdays at Felder 204 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 371-8479.

Campus Crusade for Christ will have CRU meetings every Thursday at 7:30 in the BAS Auditorium. For more information, contact 848-6741 or 867-2656.

Until Friday Nov. 20

The Japan Center of Tennessee in the cooperation with Volunteer State Community College will sponsor a Netsuke Exhibit at the Thigpen Library at Volunteer State Community College located at 1480 Nashville Pike, Galatin, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Thigpen Library at Volunteer State.

Until Dec. 23

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a Mini-Exhibit "Japanese Containers" in the lobby of the Cope Administration building at Middle Tennessee State University. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Johnson City (AP)— A fired East Tennessee State University professor has been indicted again on a trespassing charge.

Former adjunct philosophy professor Laura Waddey is accused of returning to campus in March after the school banned her and announced it planned to fire her.

An earlier indictment for aggravated criminal trespassing was dismissed for insufficient evidence. On Friday, she was indicted for criminal trespassing.

The school has fired Waddey but her attorney has said he will appeal that.

ETSU fired Waddey for insubordination and misconduct after complaints about the way she treated students. Waddey denied the charges.

The school said Waddey improperly expelled a student from her ethics class, refused to grade another student, accused four others of being "spies" and advised them to drop her class.

The school said she told another student she had a "Christian agenda."

Nashville (AP)— The state is getting \$3 million in federal grants to help Tennesseans recover from months of storms and tornadoes.

The money can be used for relocation payments for low- and moderate-income people who lost their homes or businesses; down payment assistance; fixing or building homes or businesses; and reimbursing public agencies for their work.

The money, available for 70 of Tennessee's 95 counties, also can help tear down damaged buildings or build streets and neighborhood centers, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo said Friday in Washington.

Half of Tennessee's \$3 million will go toward recovery from heavy rains that fell on the eastern and middle parts of the state last January and severe winter storms that hit the western and eastern counties in February.

The January storm killed eight people. Three people died in the second wave of storms.

The remaining \$1.5 million will help counties recover from April and May storms, tornadoes and flooding.

The April 16 tornadoes destroyed 145 homes and damaged 3,335 homes.

More than 150 mobile homes and 684 businesses were damaged or destroyed by tornadoes and accompanying storms. Nine people were killed, and more than 130 others were injured, HUD said.

Memphis (AP)— A federal judge will not disqualify himself or prosecutors in the pending retrial of former death row prisoner William Groseclose.

Also, U.S. District Judge John Nixon on Friday turned down Groseclose's appeal to be released because he did not get a speedy retrial.

Groseclose went to the state's death row after his 1978 conviction of hiring killers to murder his wife, Deborah, in Memphis. Nixon overturned the convictions for Groseclose and co-defendant Ronald Rickman and ordered a retrial, now scheduled for January.

Beaten, raped and stabbed with a knife, the 24-year-old nurse died in the summer heat, locked in the trunk of her car.

Her murder and efforts by Groseclose and Rickman to avoid the death penalty have been at the center of Tennessee's debate over capital punishment for years.

Nashville (AP)— State employees have switched credit cards and some are not happy about it.

The state switched from American Express to Diners Club. Some workers say the new cards are not accepted at enough places. Billing also is done differently, they say.

Jan Sylvis, chief of accounts in the Department of Finance, said American Express declined to bid for another year's contract. About 4,800 cards have been issued to state employees.

"We've gotten some feedback from employees that restaurants don't accept Diners Club," Sylvis said.

"As companies become more familiar with the business need that the state has for these kind of travel cards, we'll have more interest in them."

Linda McCarty, executive director of Tennessee State Employees Association, said workers also have a problem with billing. She said that rather than billing the state, the credit card company bills employees who must then seek reimbursement.

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"These changes will significantly improve campus safety across the country," Carter said. "Students have been deliberately left in the dark and couldn't make informed decisions about how to avoid and prevent campus crime."

Carter also thinks the crime rate will drop by accurately reporting campus crime.

"This public information available to trustees, alumni, faculty and parents will force administrators to provide adequate assets to reduce all types of crime, especially student-on-student crime," he said.

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couple of weeks and I start trying to get on your good side, then that's called smuggling."

He says that ideally an informed persuader will be someone who neither controls situations or misses opportunities.

This type of persuader could be characterized as a sleuth.

"A sleuth of influence is someone

who is a detective, someone who's looking to find these things when they naturally occur."

Although Whiteside says that playing on people's click/whirr responses is very common and often hard to resist against, there are ways to defend oneself.

He will cover some ways to be less vulnerable to this kind of manipulation, chief of which is simply being aware of when it is happening.

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High-tech cheating flourishes at colleges

Victoria Benning
Washington Post

George Mason University instructor Anne Marchant calls them "patchwork plagiarists" - the students who copy and paste together passages from various articles they've found on the Internet, then turn in the work as their own.

She catches at least one such student every semester in her computer science classes, she said. She even discovers such plagiarism in her computer ethics course.

"Certainly, cheating is pervasive," Marchant said. "It's usually deadly obvious. The introduction will be written in broken English; then it will have this flawlessly written, almost doctoral-quality body; then a conclusion that goes back to broken English."

Teachers and administrators at several Washington area colleges agree that cheating is on the rise - because the computer has made cheating so easy.

The high-tech offenses include using information from the Internet without proper attribution, buying term papers from online paper mills, and sharing answers and course work via e-mail or diskette. Dozens of Web sites are dedicated to helping students cheat more easily and successfully.

Professors are using the computer to fight back - launching Internet searches to find the source of purloined material and installing software that detects similarities in students' papers.

The computer has made cheaters out of students who otherwise would never have considered such trickery, some educators say.

"In the olden days, a student had to go to the library, dig up the information and retype it," said Leon Geyer, a Virginia Tech professor and an adviser to the

school's student-run undergraduate honor system. "Now you can sit in your dorm room and just reach out, point and click."

At Virginia Tech, the number of cheating complaints made to the school's Honor Court rose from 136 during the 1996-97 school year to 280 last year. Most of the cases involved computer-aided cheating, Geyer said.

Last spring, for example, dozens of

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- Amanda Rich

students in different sections of one computer science course were caught electronically sharing work on an end-of-year assignment.

In another case, four students in one science class turned in the same paper. The students hadn't copied off each other or shared their work - they'd all surfed the Web looking for a research paper to steal and had chosen the same one.

At George Mason, officials handled 101 honor code violations last year, up from the number in previous years, and most involved computer-related cheating, according to Girard Mulherin, associate dean for university life. "And that's probably only a fraction of the cases that are out there," he said.

Formal reports of cheating have increased at the University of Maryland, although Amy Ginther, the school's

assistant director of judicial programs for academic integrity, said she thinks part of the reason might be that teachers have become more adept at spotting the misconduct.

The most typical case is a student lifting material from the Internet to avoid doing assigned work, Ginther said. It might involve, for example, a student who was asked to see a play and write a review.

"The student hasn't seen it but has taken a review or summary found on the Internet and written it up as if they've seen it," she said. The cheater often is caught, she added, "because there's been some major difference in staging ... in the local presentation and the faculty member, of course, has seen it."

Penalties for offenses such as plagiarism and sharing answers tend to be harsh. And they should be, said Virginia Tech's Geyer. "It matters whether the guy who built the bridge cheated his way through engineering school," he said. "I'd worry about that."

But Geyer said he does believe in giving cheaters a second chance. At Virginia Tech, the typical punishment for a first-time offender is a double-weighted zero - which often results in a failing grade for the course - enrollment in an ethics class and 50 hours of on-campus community service. A student who completes his punishment can have the offense removed from his record.

Sam Miller, an assistant to the vice president for student affairs at the University of Virginia, where the mandatory penalty for cheating is expulsion, acknowledges that school officials might be getting relatively few cheating complaints from teachers because they are reluctant to subject students to such strong punishment.

Miller serves on an Internet abuse response team that looks into any computer-related misbehavior at the university.

The team handles about three cases a day, compared with about five cases a month three years ago, he said. But most of them involve floods of junk e-mail or e-mail harassment, rather than students copying from the Internet or from each other. He said there have been a few cases of hackers attempting - unsuccessfully - to gain access to exam questions.

The students who resort to cheating are often feeling intense academic pressure and juggling too many balls, said Amanda Rich, 21, a senior at Virginia Tech who serves as chief justice of the school's honor court.

"A student's (thinking): 'Oh no, I'm running late on time. I need eight to 10 hours to write that ... and it's only five hours until class,'" Rich said. "It comes down to the last minute, and they feel that (cheating) is their only option."

The Internet offers a wealth of resources for prospective cheaters. In addition to the Web sites that offer thousands of research papers and book reports, there are sites where students can submit math homework problems to a resident math whiz and online message boards where students with very specific needs can help each other.

Among the recent messages posted at one such site was a student's plea for a three-paragraph description of a favorite animal - "using lots of adjectives, please." Another student asked for help in interpreting "The Second Coming," by Yeats, which brought this reply: "I just completed an essay for English 102 on it. Nailed the meaning quite well. If interested, I can e-mail you the whole

thing."

Ironically, the same technology that is making it easier for students to cheat is making it easier for professors to catch them.

The Virginia Tech computer science students were caught by a computer program that detected similarities in their work. A growing number of professors are using such software. Other computer programs compare the answers of students who sat near each other during multiple-choice tests.

When George Mason's Marchant suspects patchwork plagiarism, she goes on the Internet. "I can do an Internet search using key words and phrases and find out exactly where they got it from," she said.

James Wilson, an associate professor at Howard University's College of Medicine, took advantage of computer technology a few years ago when he suspected that some highly organized cheating was occurring in one of his classes.

He decided to scramble the questions on his exams; students would get the same test, but with the questions in a different order.

"That kind of test would be difficult to hand-grade, but a computer can do it rather easily," Wilson said. "I use it on a random basis every now and then. Pretty soon the message gets out. ... The culture starts to change. Students start to say: 'Hey watch out for Wilson. You can't get away with that with him.'"

Mulherin said he believes that many of the students who resort to Internet-based cheating are spending too much time online in the first place.

"In the time they've spent surfing the Net, they could have done the work themselves," he said. ■

Scientists able to isolate versatile, self-replenishing cell

Rick Weiss
Washington Post

Scientists announced Thursday they had achieved one of the most coveted goals in biology by isolating from human embryos and fetuses a primitive kind of cell that can grow into every kind of human tissue, including muscle, bone and brain.

The long-awaited discovery of so-called human embryonic stem cells - the primordial human cells that give rise to all the specialized tissues in a developing fetus - was hailed by researchers as a landmark event with vast biomedical potential.

The cells multiply tirelessly in laboratory dishes, offering a self-replenishing supply from which scientists hope to grow replacement tissues for people with various diseases, including bone marrow for cancer patients, neurons for people with Alzheimer's and pancreatic cells for people with diabetes.

Already, researchers have used the stem cells to grow human heart muscle cells that beat in unison in a laboratory dish, as well as blood cells, blood vessel cells, bone, cartilage, neurons and skeletal muscle.

But the cells are also giving rise to daunting legal

and ethical concerns.

Stem cells are controversial because they offer embryologists a relatively simple method for creating "designer" babies bearing specific genetic traits that would become part of a child's permanent genetic lineage.

The discovery also threatens to reopen the debate over human cloning, since one of the simpler ways to grow transplantable replacement tissues from the new cells would call for a patient to be partially cloned.

In the political arena, the new work has reignited a smoldering debate over a congressional ban on the use of federal funds for human embryo research.

With the therapeutic potential of embryonic cells suddenly very real, advocates are calling for a reexamination of that ban, saying the development of lifesaving applications will be hindered if federal dollars remain off-limits.

Such a reexamination would pit antiabortion forces and other strong proponents of the funding ban against a powerful biomedical research lobby that has in recent years become popular with Congress and the public.

Adding to tensions within the scientific community,

it is unclear whether the ban's wording precludes federally funded researchers from studying laboratory-reared stem cells - the progeny of cells taken from embryos by privately funded researchers - which are generations removed from their embryonic source.

Stem cells are controversial because they offer embryologists a relatively simple method for creating "designer" babies

Lawyers at the National Institutes of Health were scrambling this week to settle that issue, even as Rep. Jay Dickey, R-Ark., one of the authors of the congressional ban, reasserted his intention to keep the funding prohibition in place.

The new work was reported Thursday by two

teams of scientists working independently. James A. Thomson, an embryologist at the University of Wisconsin, and his colleagues describe their success in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

John D. Gearhart of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore led the other effort, results of which will appear in the Nov. 10 issue of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Experts warned that significant work remains to be done before the findings can be translated into useful therapies. Scientists know little about how to get stem cells to become one kind of cell or another. They've had some success getting them to become neurons or heart cells by adding specific hormones. But for the most part they must watch for the desired kind of cells to erupt out of a mass of maturing stem cells, then tease them away to be grown on their own.

The ability to purify single cell types will be crucial. In one set of experiments done in another lab, batches of cardiac cells grown from mouse stem cells were injected into the hearts of living mice.

A few contaminating stem cells must have been present, scientists said, because along with the new cardiac tissue, other tissues began to grow out of the hearts. ■

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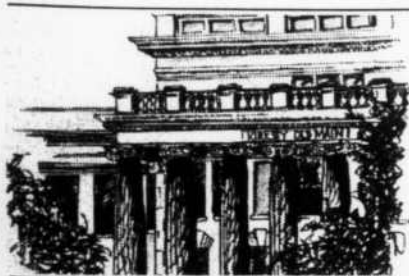
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OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Online classes may not be best choice

A shortage of teachers is driving students to the web, not only at MTSU, but all around the region.

On Oct. 29, MTSU announced its participation in the AT&T Learning Network Virtual Academy. Through this program, universities can offer classes not available on campus to students through online services. Due to the projected shortage of professors in the next 10 years and the increase of student enrollment, universities might be in a bind when it comes to finding rooms and teachers for required classes.

While distance learning and telecourses can be convenient for some, what's wrong with the traditional classroom setting? New technology allows universities to reconstruct and improve the level of education for each new generation of college students, but the one-on-one contact and instruction a student gets from traditional schooling is irreplaceable.

The soon-to-be shortage of teachers is depressing. Sure, the pay is chicken feed and the days are long, but the results are rewarding. Students, especially while in college, need all the motivation they can get. And monitors don't motivate. Computers don't give inspiration or constructive criticism. Students need verbal feedback and that comes from teachers.

Perhaps universities are looking to online services as a resort instead of looking to improve faculty. Increase salary, add more benefits, do what it takes to keep real teachers here. ■

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



Raise in tuition may solve problems

Angela White
Graphic Artist

Lack of parking spaces. Overcrowded dorms. A 30-year-old pigeon-infested building. What do they all come down to? Money. We don't have any. And yet MTSU seems to have its heart set on becoming the largest university in the state. Why? Who knows. But, nonetheless, plans to achieve this goal are underway.

I wouldn't care less if it weren't for one somewhat-disturbing method MTSU keeps using to gain revenue: attracting more students.

We can't even handle the students we have now. Overflowing bike racks, constantly empty vending machines and eroded-away grass are just a few of the constant reminders here on campus of our need for population control. Our university seems to be caught in a Catch 22: in order to expand the size of campus, it needs more students from which to generate revenue, but in order to

accommodate those extra students, MTSU needs more space. Rather than screwing the students over the way it is doing now, perhaps this fine institution should seek an alternative source of funds.

There is one possibility MTSU hasn't seemed to consider just yet. No one wants to bring it up, certainly not students. It's not the most pleasant idea, but it would generate more revenue without further overstressing this campus's compacity. Dare I utter the phrase? Raise tuition. There, I said it.

It costs over \$1,500 more to attend the University of Tennessee at Knoxville than it does this university. And that's not including the \$2,000 difference between their cost of room and board and ours. Why are our fees so much lower? Good question. The same quality of education is provided at both institutions. In fact, there even has been talk of changing the name of MTSU to University of Middle Tennessee just so that it will sound less like a community college and more on level with schools like UT. You would almost think that raising tuition to match that of other

state schools would in itself make us equal with other state universities in people's eyes. Yet, MTSU seems reluctant to consider such an option.

Our university shouldn't bother worrying about losing many students with a tuition increase. People need a college education these days, and quite frankly, you're not going to find many state schools cheaper than the University of Tennessee, except for MTSU of course. It's time for that to change. By raising our tuition, not only would we eventually more than double our current revenue without doubling our enrollment, but maybe we'll finally be considered just as smart as those Vols over in Knoxville we keep hearing so much about.

If MTSU wants to have the largest school in the state, it should stop putting the cart before the horse. Rather than wasting money lobbying for even more students than the overabundant amount we have now, it should take advantage of the resources it already has. MTSU, if you want to be treated like a real university, then milk your students dry like a real one would! ■

GPA isn't everything

Michelle Blair
Cornell University

Do you get an average of three hours of sleep on weeknights? Do you often find yourself studying at social events? Do you feel that most of your friends and associates have a much livelier social lives than you do? Can you remember the last time you went to a party or major social event?

If you answered yes to any of the previous questions and you may be suffering from a syndrome known as over-studying. (If you are not a student and one of these characteristics applies to you, you are in serious need of some fun.)

That's right. There are way too many people here who are overly concerned with their grade-point averages. Before they even attempt to learn what they are studying, they calculate exactly what score they need to get on a prelim exam so they can end up with an 'A' in the class.

These are the people who may graduate without learning one concrete thing since they devoted all of their time to worrying about their grades. And sometimes all of these worrywarts have to ask themselves one practical question:

Whom am I trying to impress?

If they are thinking of applying to some kind of graduate program, maybe their anxiety is justified, but for the others, you have to wonder what their problem is.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not advocating low GPAs and poor study habits. It's just that when students start regularly neglecting important necessities like sleep, or when they start depending on beverages to get them through their classes every day, there's a serious need for priority assessment. Most students can't survive long periods of time pretending they're not human.

The self-sacrificing student is just one example of the grade-obsessed; worse yet are those who base their self-worth on their grades.

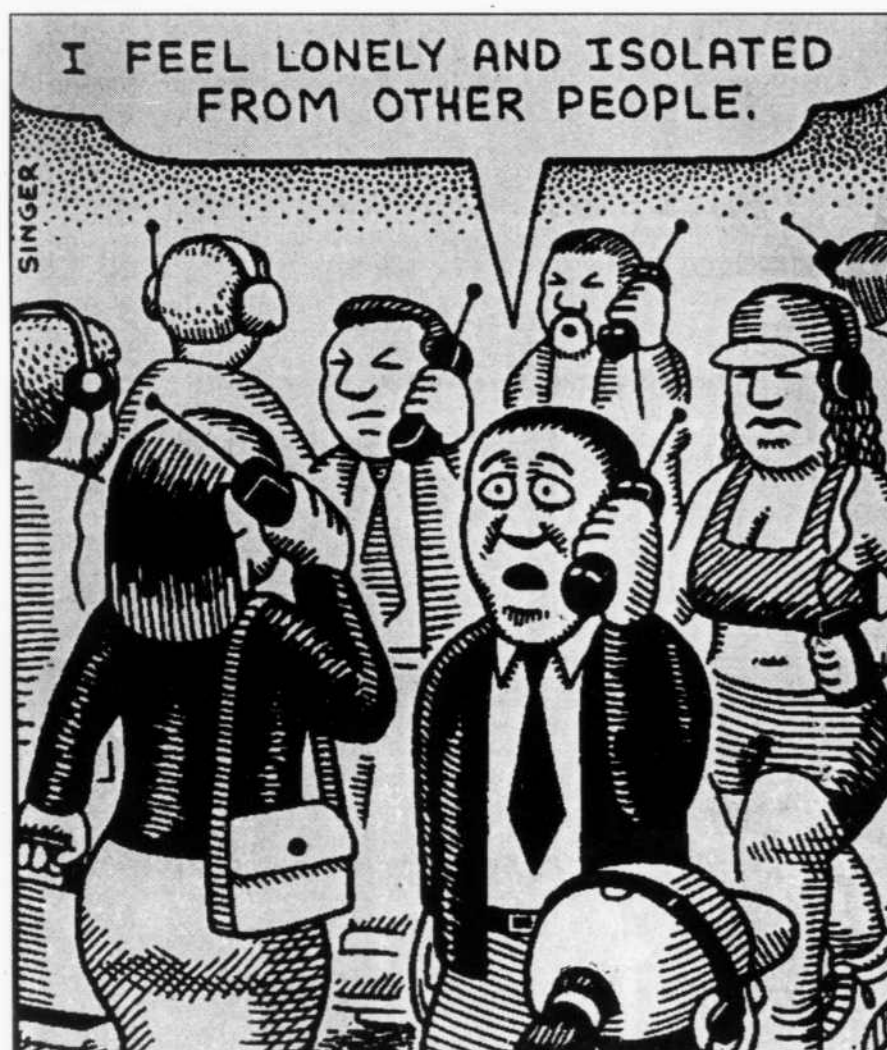
This type of person ranks his health as less important than his parents' approval.

Constant stress and desperation, all for the sake of getting an 'A', forces certain members of this group to make such serious and final decisions as suicide.

I'll never forget asking my high-school history teacher for a pass so that I could attend an information session about Cornell University. As

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NO EXIT



Women's college athletics offer rich lawsuits

Bill Wallace
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

"Sports Night," a new show on U.S. network television, has received positive reviews because of its realistic writing. This comedy and drama captivates because sports reflect real life, warts and all, and that's something we sportswriters have been insisting upon for years.

No fairy land ours. It's a good bet that the show, which airs Tuesday nights on ABC-TV (at 9:30 in the East), will sooner or later seize on the issue of women and their hard-won entitlement to participate in competitive athletics.

It's a rich vein of stories, none more

compelling than a lawsuit brought against a famous women's college soccer coach, a male, by two of his former players.

The coach's name is Anson Dorrance, a 47-year-old married father of three.

His satisfied employer is the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dorrance's teams have won 14 out of 16 possible national championships. His overall record over 20 seasons is 432 victories, 16 losses, 11 ties.

The current team is 15-0 and ranked No. 1, as usual.

Dorrance, in the lawsuit filed last August, is accused of sexual harassment and emotional abuse. (The acronym thus is SHEA).

The suit seeks his removal from the

coaching position and \$12 million in damages.

It is up to the judicial process to weigh the evidence and, along the way, define SHEA. Of course, we will all be interested in the court's definitions at a time when what is—and what isn't—sexual has become a national debate. Alas, there is no court date as yet.

The lawsuit was brought by 23-year-old Debbie Keller, a former Tar Heel scoring star, and Melissa Jennings, a 19-year-old one-time goalie with lesser credentials. It alleges that Dorrance more than once made "an uninvited sexual advance" upon Keller, that he made inappropriate physical contact—touching her body, stroking her hair.

Other accusations are that the coach asked the players about their personal and sex lives, made lewd comments about the players, telephoned Keller often and sent her harassing e-mail.

As for Jennings, still an undergraduate but no longer playing, she claims the coach asked her to spend \$400 on stuff for the team, when the coaching staff ran short, and encouraged her to drink alcoholic

beverages even though she was an underage Mormon.

Dorrance wrote a letter of apology to Jennings' parents and denied the other charges. His university has backed him, a significant sign of support at a time when state universities too often wobble over sexual harassment issues.

Furthermore, 100 former players came forth in support of their coach, and the school's chancellor, Michael K. Hooker, has said there is no evidence to support the charges.

In sports life, as in real life, there are often trails of money leading somewhere.

Keller, the intercollegiate women's player of the year in 1995 and 1996, accused her coach of intruding when she attempted to get custom-made shoes from Adidas or Nike while recovering from a heel injury.

The intrusion, the suit says, had to do with Dorrance's concurrent negotiations with the two competing firms for sponsorships. Nike won out and, it has been reported, will pay the coach \$112,500 a year for four years because he and his players will wear Nike gear. His annual salary is \$50,000.

This is not a one-of-a-kind lawsuit. At Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., two former women tennis players filed a \$25 million SHEA lawsuit against the male

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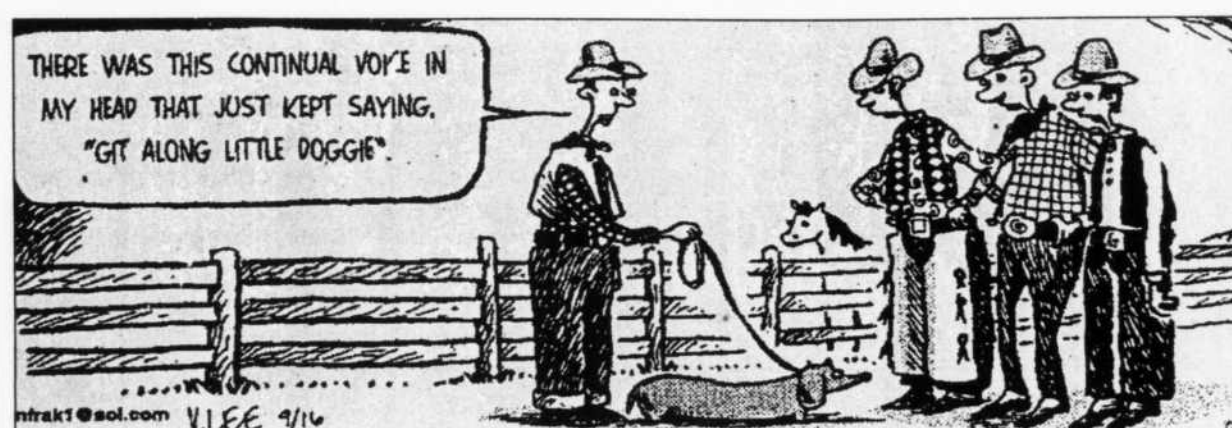
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I NEED HELP



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Before then, I had never realized that there was a suicide rate ranking for American colleges. Sadly, there are many students who define themselves by their GPAs. If you know someone who seems like they take their grades too seriously, try to make them understand GPAs are never more important than their existence.

If you are an "over-study," please talk to a family member or close friend who you know would love to hear from you. If you've given something your all, console yourself with the realization that your best is good enough.

It may be a nice plus for an employer to be able to read that you've been on the dean's list eight

semesters in a row, but in the end, that won't be the pivotal factor that gets you the job. Book knowledge is book knowledge, so for those who think GPAs automatically make up 75 percent of a person's eligibility for a job, please try to remember the important distinction between book knowledge and practical knowledge.

Your GPA won't help you after you walk into the interviewer's office.

There are many organizations and on-campus jobs that help students exercise at least one or two of the skills they'll need to be successful.

It's a good idea to check out those options because senior who has never participated in a single extra-curricular activity may not fare well when job hunting. One

job interviewer told me that most students she sees don't participate in enough things to even fill out the small section set aside for them on the job application. That, she said, is not impressive.

The bottom line is this: Sleep. Enjoy social events to the fullest - which means leaving your books at home. Make a commitment to do at least one thing each week that doesn't involve schoolwork. If you're really concerned about getting that job, involve yourself in at least one extra-curricular activity. (Your social life will improve if it seems like too many changes to make at once, implement one at a time. The key is to enjoy something - anything. After all, isn't some degree of happiness required for a truly beneficial college experience? ■

said, should never be alone with players, never be in equipment or locker rooms with them or be in any social situations with them.

Coaches are teachers and, she added, "The distance between teacher and student is a guarantee of objectivity and proper limits."

But such sterility subtracts so much of the fun, frolic and friendship found in playing games. Do we really want to become a society of prim, prissy prudes? ■

William N. Wallace has viewed the American sporting scene in various poses, chiefly as a daily journalist for New York City newspapers, and as a book author and curmudgeon essayist for specialist publications.

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coach, Jesse Dwire.

The university backed the coach mostly but said he was guilty of certain allegations, including giving massages to some players but not others. The lawsuit is ongoing. There is something sad, something wrong, about stories like these.

For all the encouragement, growth and improvement in women's athletic participation, sexual harassment issues between players and coaches are too common.

Are they real? Too often, they have the resonance of minority

athletes playing the race card - accusing their coaches of racial prejudice when they get benched or reprimanded.

Because the percentage of women coaches is going down, there are going to be more men coaching women. Must that mean more opportunity for SHEA litigation?

Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation, thinks so.

The former basketball coach recently told The Boston Globe, "This issue of intimate relationships by authority figures with students is causing great concern, soul-searching, and rightfully so."

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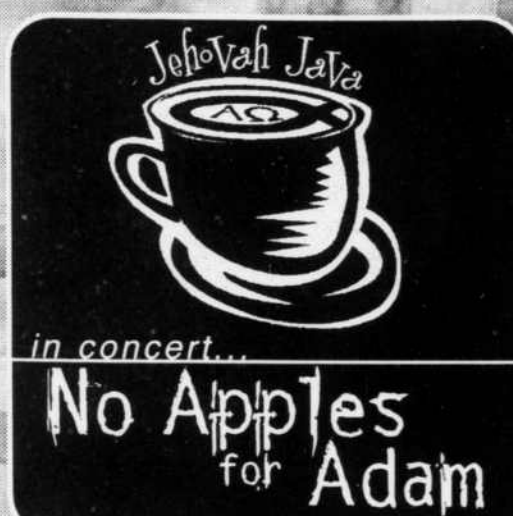
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A personal account ... Kelley Dodd/Staff Reporter

Easy to fall into eating disorder pattern; getting out can be more difficult

You may often hear the phrase, "If only I could lose a few pounds..." or "I am too fat" in passing and think nothing of it. Most of the time, it is said and forgotten within a few minutes. However, there are some people who say these phrases to themselves or to others and become obsessed with losing weight. This obsession is commonly known as an eating disorder.

Eating disorders are common, especially among teenage girls and young women. It is a familiar topic that many are aware of in some way. You may know someone who is afflicted with an eating disorder, or you may suffer with one yourself. It is very easy to fall into the dangerous pattern of an eating disorder.

I know this because I suffered with anorexia during my junior and senior years of high school. I really did not intend to lose the over-20 pounds that I really did not need to lose. However, it became something that controlled me and food became something I could control.

Fortunately, I overcame this disease. I was lucky. But while I was able to do this, many others are not able to overcome eating disorders on their own. They need help. Eating disorders are dangerous and can lead to serious health problems or even death.

I do not want anyone to suffer the way I did. I know there are some on this campus trying to overcome eating disorders right now.

The basis for both anorexia nervosa and bulimia is simply a lack of self-esteem branching from a desire to lose weight and a need for control in one's life.

Anorexia is the starving of the body by restricting food intake to dangerously low levels. Victims may lose 25 percent or more of their total body weight.

Bulimia is characterized by a binge of large amounts of food, usually indulgent choices like junk food and desserts, and then the purging of these foods by induced vomiting or by taking laxatives.

Obviously, these are not healthy ways to lose weight, but they appear to be ideal "quick fixes" in the beginning. The practice soon turns into something much stronger and very easily overpowering.

Eating disorders affect over five million people nationally, many of them females between 14 and 25 years old. Males also become victims of eating disorders although a much smaller percentage of men suffer from anorexia and bulimia. Anyone who has a low self-esteem or distorted body image may become afflicted



Signs someone has a eating disorder:

- * Large rapid weight loss with bones visible around neck and shoulders and sunken-in faces
- * Constant remarks about food being "bad" or the desire to lose more weight
- * Low self esteem
- * Loss of social desires or sex drive (wanting to stay home all the time)
- * Growth of fine hair on the body (which grows when the body thinks it's freezing)
- * Constantly being cold
- * In females, amenorrhea — the loss of menstrual periods
- * Feelings of depression or the need to control all details in one's life

with either or both of these eating disorders.

Athletes and dancers are particularly at risk for developing such disorders because of the pressures they face to look better during performance or to fit a certain ideal description of a fit and trim person.

Who is to blame for the prevalence of these disorders? Is it pressure from the media, our peers or our own personal confidence conflicts? The answer varies from one person to the next. While I, personally, am too judgmental of myself, many others are told by their friends,

parents or coaches that they need to lose weight when it is not really necessary.

When one acknowledges a problem with an eating disorder, the first step is to talk with someone trustworthy — a friend, parent, teacher or counselor — about it without being judgmental of the situation.

Since the effects of an eating disorder can be long lasting, the sooner one can overcome it, the better.

It is not a healthy way to live. Food is fuel, not an enemy and one cannot survive without food. Food is not what makes one "fat," but rather the overindulgence of the

wrong type of food and a lack of exercise.

I still have my bad days when I wish I was able to wear smaller sizes and have my friends tell me to gain weight (which I took as a compliment at the time). I now know that I was miserable at that time and I never wish to go back there.

If you or someone you know has an eating disorder, get help and get it fast. There are counselors available at the Counseling and Testing Center, KUC 329, phone 898-2670 or at the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206, phone 898-2193. ■

Support a beary special cause

Amanda Virgillito
Staff Reporter

Interested in contributing to the happiness of a small child? Donate a teddy bear through the Gamma Beta Phi Society's Teddy Bear Drive today and tomorrow at the Keathley University Center's first floor lobby.

Members will accept any type of stuffed animals, new or used, and also monetary donations. Those who donate will have his or her name displayed on a paper teddy bear in the KUC.

Donations will be given to the Domestic Violence Shelter and to the Rutherford County Police Department.

The Domestic Violence Shelter gives the toys to children taken from homes involved in a domestic disturbance. These children are often frightened due to the circumstances and long for comfort. The shelter provides toys for the children as an attempt to calm them and make the change a little less scary.

"Children coming into the shelter are scared and the animals provided by the shelter help them adjust to the upheaval of being removed from their homes," said Mary Stroud, president of Gamma Beta Phi.

The Rutherford County Police Department has a similar program. Officers keep stuffed animals in the trunks of patrol cars to calm children they

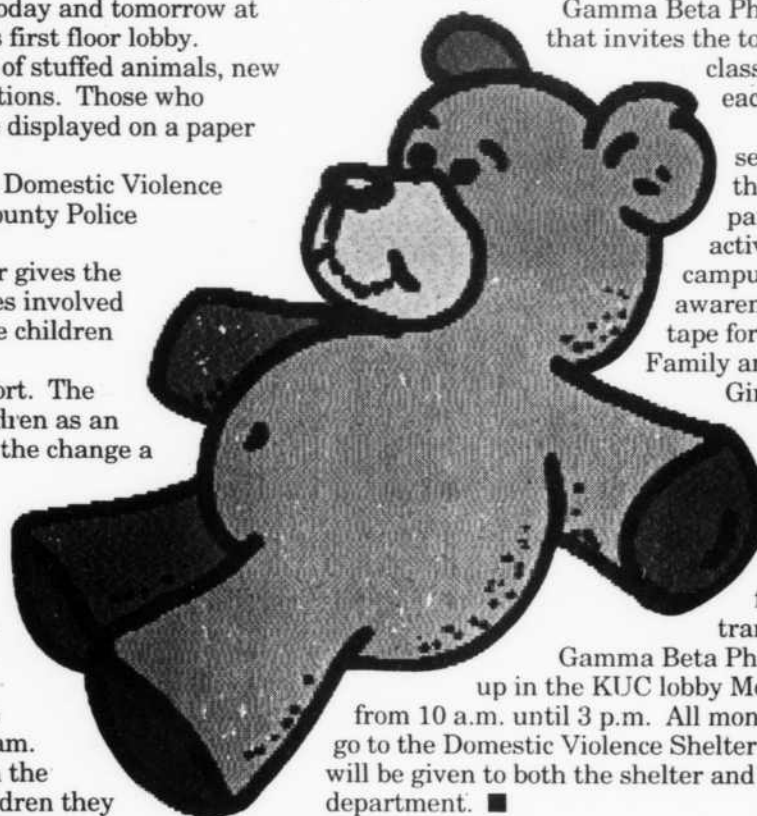
encounter on the job.

This is the first time the society has conducted such a drive, Stroud said. The group picked the Teddy Bear Drive as its service project because it is a good cause and they encourage students on campus to participate.

Gamma Beta Phi is an honor society that invites the top 15 percent of each class into membership each fall.

The group is also a service organization that has previously participated in activities such as campus cleanup, AIDS awareness booths, books on tape for children, Adopt a Family and the Boys and Girls Club Christmas tree decorating. An upcoming project for Gamma Beta Phi involves a mentoring program for freshmen and transfer students.

Gamma Beta Phi will have tables set up in the KUC lobby Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. All monetary proceeds will go to the Domestic Violence Shelter and stuffed animals will be given to both the shelter and the police department. ■



Saturday Night Live's Victoria Jackson comes to Zanies

Staff Reports

Best known for her six seasons as a cast member of "Saturday Night Live," comedian, actress and recording artist Victoria Jackson will be appearing at Zanies Comedy Showplace this week.

Jackson does the voice of Mom Needlemeyer in Nickelodeon's newest cartoon, "Nightmare Ned." Jackson recently released a CD of children's songs entitled "Ukelele Lady" and is the star of the soon-to-be-released children's video series "Kidazzle."

Jackson credits her inspiration, Lily Tomlin, and the unusual combination of competitive gymnastics, in which she trained from age 1 to 18, a love of adventure and a finely-tuned eye for silliness in human nature for her show business career. It was her ability to hold a handstand for over a minute that helped her break into Hollywood.

Her acting career has

included guest appearances on "In The Heat of the Night," "The Jeffersons," "Perry Mason," "Diagnosis: Murder," "The Naked Truth," "Unhappily Ever After" and "Viper." Her first regular role was in the sitcom "Half-Nelson" with Joe Pesci.

In 1986, she joined the cast of "Saturday Night Live" where her impressions of Roseanne and Zsa Zsa Gabor, handstands on the update desk and comic zaniness won her a devoted following.

Her feature film credits include "Casual Sex?" "The Pick-up Artist," "Baby Boom," "The Couch Trip," "I Love You to Death," "Family Business" and "UHF."

Showtimes at Zanies at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. on Friday and 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$15 and are available in advance at Ticketmaster or at the door. Zanies is located at 2025 Eighth Avenue South in downtown Nashville. For more information, call 269-0221. ■

Sons of the Desert recording session brings TNN to campus studio

Tim McGraw's opening act to cut song here Tuesday

Vickie Gibson/Staff Reporter

Up-and-coming country group Sons of the Desert will be on campus Tuesday to record a song and participate in a panel discussion for students. The band's visit comes during a break as the opening act on Tim McGraw's 30-plus city tour this fall.

The recording session will be televised nationally on The Nashville Network, according to Recording Industry Management professor Rick Barnett, who said TNN officials will also be coming to the recording session Tuesday. The RIM

department is sponsoring the recording session where the Epic Records artists Sons of the Desert will record two tracks before a student audience. The band recently released its debut album "Whatever Comes First" on Epic Records after paying dues in honkey tonks and on the club circuit.

"We're extremely pleased that Sons of the Desert could fit this visit to MTSU into their schedule," said Doug Mitchell, RIM associate professor. "We're fortunate to have them here."

Mitchell said the RIM studio has previously recorded sessions for Take 6 and other groups, but nothing on the scale of Tuesday's recording and the panel discussion with band members and label executives that will follow.

"We will be tracking a couple of new pieces for the band, and this will give my students some very practical experience with session set-up procedures, cue set-up, microphone techniques, overdubbing and session

etiquette," he said.

"Since we have limited time to accomplish the tracking," Mitchell added, "this will also give my students a little insight into how quickly an accomplished engineer must be able to work in order to succeed as a music session engineer."

The band's members include lead singer Drew Womack on acoustic guitar, his older brother Tim Womack on guitar, Doug Virden on bass, Scott Saunders on keyboards and Brian Westrum on drums.

Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., the band will be in Studio B recording. Students will be able to see the session in action firsthand. A three-camera live feed from the studio will be projected onto large screens in an adjoining classroom so more students can observe the session.

The band members will join Epic Records executives at 4 p.m. in a panel discussion about the music industry for a larger group of students. Epic Records' Bo

Martinovich and Shelly Gregory will be joined by vice president of promotion Rob Dalton and director of media Craig Campbell on the panel. All are MTSU RIM graduates, according to Barnett.

"The students will get an opportunity to talk directly to the band and label executives and ask any questions they want about the band's experience with success," said Tom Hutchison, RIM associate professor who will serve as moderator for the panel discussion.

"This will be a rewarding experience for our students and something we have looked forward to for a long time," he said. ■

Texas quintet is a long way from Waco

Sons of the Desert is a five-man group from the heart of Texas set to make their mark on the country music scene. Virtuoso musicianship, brotherly harmonies and a set of songs that span a range of emotions, makes a fresh musical sound.

Fronted by lead vocalist Drew Womack since 1990, the

Sons of the Desert first formed a year earlier at McClellenn Community College in Waco, Texas. When the lead singer left the band, Drew jumped at the chance to fill the spot.

In 1993 original member Doug Virden and the band moved to Dallas to continue their "honky-tonk education." As the band grew musically

and developed a solid local following, drummer Brian Westrum and keyboardist Scott Saunders joined the group. Ironically, the last man to join the group was Drew's brother Tim.

"It has always been a dream of mine to be in a band with Tim," said Drew. "When he came on board we felt we

had everything we needed to make it happen."

The group's recently released debut album "Whatever Comes First" was recorded in Nashville and includes heartfelt ballads like "Colorado" and "Promises" and the uptempo "Hand of Fate" and title track "Whatever Comes First." ■

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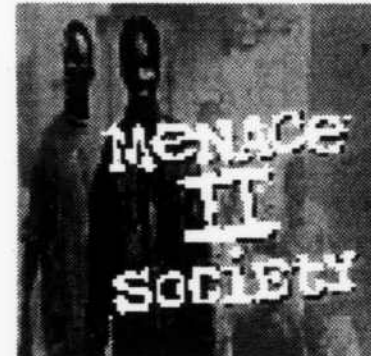
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Blue Raider basketball starts with loss

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders began the season Friday night with an 80-68 loss in an exhibition game to Freestyle Express.

Sloppy play dominated the early portion of the contest, with both teams battling back and forth for the lead. This lasted until 11:17 was left in the first half, at this point the Lady Raiders blitzed Freestyle Express with a 19-4 run to take to take a 30-15 lead with 4:47 remaining to play in the first half.

The run began with a basket by LaShonda Winfree, which gave the Lady Raiders a 13-11 lead. It continued behind the play of Jonelda Buck, who scored ten points during the run; and Bama Burrell, who scored four points during the run. The run concluded with a three point basket by Kelly Chastain at the 4:47 mark.

The Lady Raiders maintained the lead with

tough defense, holding Freestyle Express to thirty-five percent shooting, and building a 42-26 halftime lead. The only bright spot for Freestyle Express was the play of Renee Spencer, who contributed nine points.

In the second half it was a totally different story. Behind the play of Kim Beard and Jackie Franklin Freestyle Express mounted an 18-4 run to make the score 48-44 at 13:00 mark in the second half. Kim Beard contributed eight points during the run, and Jackie Franklin contributed four points.

The Lady Raiders refused to roll over and die. LaShonda Winfree answered with a three pointer at the 11:45 mark to build the lead to six, 53-47. Carolyn Aldridge responded for Freestyle Express, scoring the next six points to cut the lead to 55-53 at the 11:30 point in the game.

Erica Lufkin responded with a three point basket, which made the score 58-53 with ten minutes left to play. This was the last time that the Lady Raiders would see the lead. Jennifer McFall's basket with 9:10 left to play gave

Freestyle Express its first lead at 59-58.

Freestyle Express began to take command. They bombed the Lady Raiders with a 21-10 run to close out the game. Kim Beard led the charge with nine points, including a key basket with 4:05 left to play which put Freestyle Express for good at 65-63. She finished with 21 points to lead all scorers. The Lady Raiders scored only five points the rest of the game, losing 80-68.

The Lady Raiders next exhibition game is Nov. 10 at the Murphy Center at 5:45 p.m. against the Swedish National team. The regular season begins Nov. 14 at the Murphy Center at 1 p.m. against Erskine. ■



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Jonelda Buck, 20, center, makes a jump shot for a Lady Raider lead.

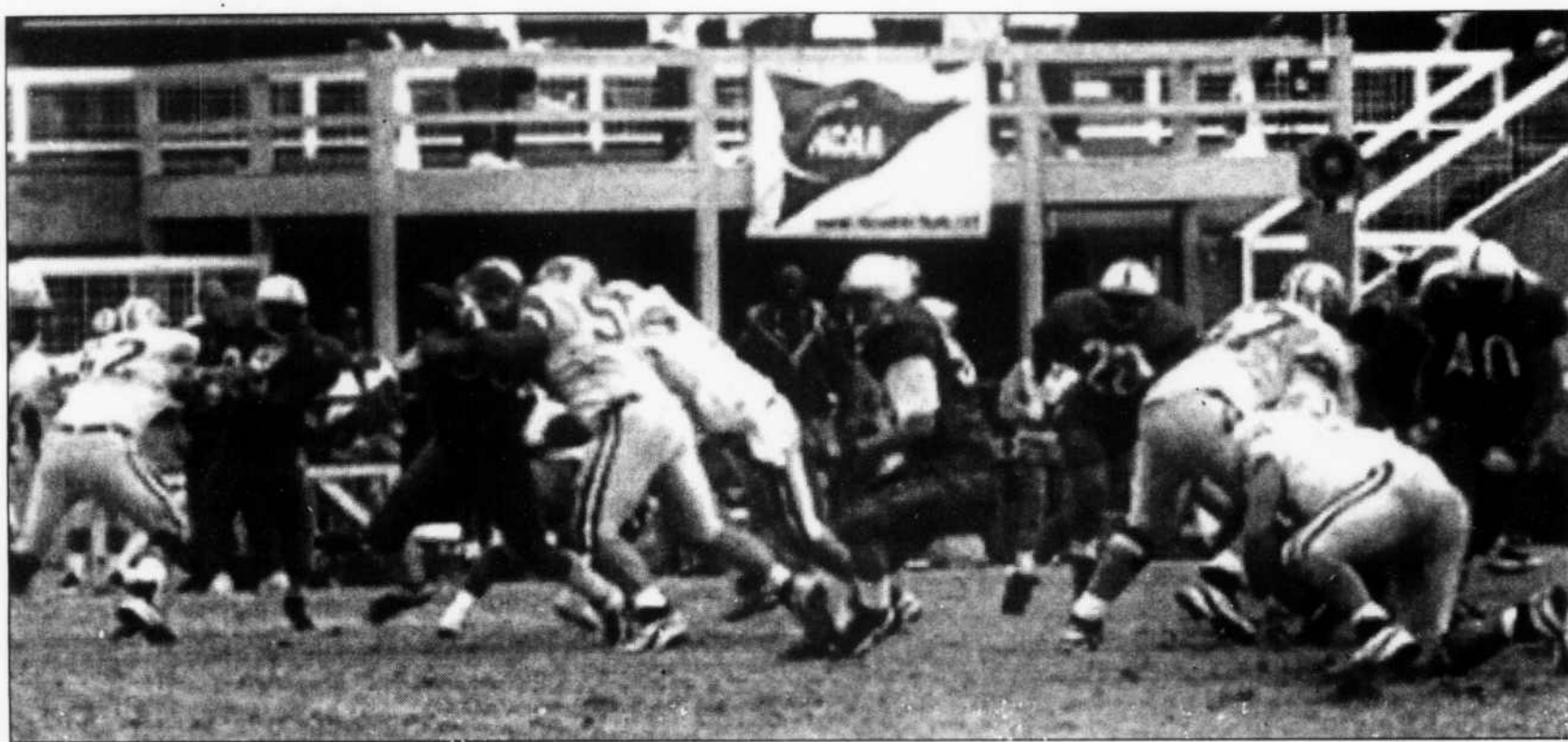


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The Blue Raiders held off the Skyhawks Saturday with a 47-33 win, with star players such as Wes Counts, Kelverick Green and Torin Kirtsey. Kirtsey announced that he is leaving his position on the Blue Raider football team.

Blue Raiders bring home win

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raider football team played its final Ohio Valley Conference game Saturday with the 47-33 rout of UT Martin.

Early in the week, the Raiders were dealt some disturbing news that might have hurt their chances. Torin Kirtsey made it clear that he would no longer be a Blue Raider. According to Sports Information, Kirtsey left the team due to personal reasons. He led the OVC in rushing with 774 yards and may have been on his way to an OVC Player of the Year award.

The show must go on, however. The Blue Raiders continued their quest for an OVC championship with the game against Martin. At the start of the game, UTM jumped out to a 7-0 lead thanks to a Wes Counts interception which Joe Daniels returned 59 yards to the 1-yard line of MTSU. On the next play, the Skyhawks' Tim Beattie plunged into the endzone for

the score.

The Blue Raiders answered quickly. Starting from their own 30, the Raiders ran five plays before new starting tailback Kelverick Green ran around the left side and into the endzone from 51 yards out. The touchdown tied the score at 7 apiece.

UT Martin, on their next possession, started very well. John Reppela went deep to a Martin receiver who made the catch and scored a touchdown. Unfortunately for the Skyhawks, their receiver cheated. He pushed off and got caught. This penalty negated a 59-yard touchdown pass. On the next play, Marcus Able ran 11 yards and then had the ball knocked out of his arms. Delvin Pikes recovered the fumble for the Blue Raiders.

The Blue Raiders were given great field position and they took advantage. Green broke a total 36 yards before the drive stalled at the 3-yard line. Keegan Ray was asked to convert a 20-yard field goal and he did. The score was MTSU 10 and UTM 7. The Skyhawks made two turnovers, and the

Blue Raiders cashed in on one of them.

With MTSU up 14-7 Martin attempted to tie the game. However, on the first play, Beattie forgot the ball on a handoff to the left side of the line and the Blue Raiders recovered the third fumble of the first quarter by UTM. Green received the handoff from Counts and powered his way for eight yards. Wesley took the handoff on the next play and scampered into the endzone from 27 yards out. The drive lasted 47 seconds and took two plays.

The Skyhawks were down 17-7 when they started their next drive. It started from their own 39-yard line. On the first play, Ruppela completed a pass worth 15 yards, but it proved worthless when the Skyhawks were forced to punt after only four plays. Jade Stillings' punt sailed over the head of Sulecio Sanford and out of bounds at the 3-yard line.

The Blue Raiders, though, are not discouraged by long drives. They put

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Blue Raiders to host Hungary in exhibition

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raider basketball team will host Hungary on Tuesday. The Blue Raiders beat the team from Sports Reach last week.

This is another one of those exhibition games that does not count on the record, but it is good for the team because they are able to practice against real competition.

The team probably will feature a different starting lineup against this team. Coach Randy Wiel will be able to find out which players work together best.

Hungary is a bigger and more physical team than Sports Reach. Lee Nosse and Johnny Cobb will have their work cut out for them.

Hungary is much better than Sports Reach and this game should be a much better representation of NCAA play. The starters projected are Richard Duncan, Kent Ayer Cedrick Wallace, Nosse and Ali McGhee. These, of course, are merely predictions.

The Blue Raiders were led by Nosse who scored 23 points and grabbed six rebounds in only 23 minutes. MTSU had four players in double figures including Wallace and Dale Thomas with 12 and Kevin White with 10.

The Blue Raiders worked this week on their secondary offense and boxing out. The game starts at 7:45 p.m. following the Lady Raiders game. The Blue Raider's first regular season game will be next Monday at 6:30 p.m. The opponent will be East Tennessee State. ■

Close losses plague Arizona

Andrew Bagnato
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

With Heisman Trophy candidate J.R. Redmond toting the ball, Arizona State had every reason to believe it would contend for the Pac-10 title. The Sun Devils were No. 8 in the Associated Press preseason rankings. With the right bounces, they might even end up playing for the national title on Jan. 4 in their own stadium.

Louisiana State opened the season one rung below the Sun Devils. After the Tigers had capped a nine-victory 1997 season by belting Notre Dame in the Independence Bowl, their faithful began dreaming about the school's first national title since 1958—or at least its first Southeastern Conference title since 1988.

But as the regular season heads into the home stretch, ASU and LSU have turned out to be the biggest busts since Jenny McCarthy.

Both teams are 4-4 and scrambling to qualify for minor bowl bids. But neither is as bad as its record appears. Both teams can point to a single, heartbreaking home loss that started a chain reaction of puzzling defeats.

Compare their seasons with those of UCLA and Notre Dame and it's obvious that the margin between terrific and terrible in college football is as slim as a hashmark.

Terrific: Notre Dame (6-1) is off to its best start in five seasons. But without big plays at the end of the Purdue and Army games, the Fighting Irish would be fighting to stay better than .500.

Terrible: ASU came up with a big play in the final minute of its opener against Washington Sept. 5 in Tempe, scoring on a fourth-and-goal at the Husky 8 to take the lead. But on the ensuing series, the Huskies burned the Devils for a 63-yard touchdown - on fourth and 17.

The Sun Devils didn't recover from that Labor Day weekend shocker until almost Halloween. They lost the next week at Brigham Young, then were drubbed by Notre Dame at home.

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Collins promises offense his last

Scott Fowler
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

New Orleans Saints quarterback Kerry Collins promised Tuesday he would never again be arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

"This is my first offense and will be my only offense," Collins said at a news conference at the Saints' training facility in Louisiana.

Collins, the former Panthers quarterback, was arrested in Charlotte on Monday at about 1 a.m. and charged with driving while impaired. He apologized in a brief interview with The Charlotte Observer on Monday afternoon, saying he broke the law, and was even more contrite at the news conference Tuesday.

Collins took full responsibility for actions that he called "totally

and completely unacceptable."

"My behavior was extremely careless and immature," Collins said. "There was nothing short of a severe lack of judgment."

Collins, who has been asked many times over the years whether he has a drinking problem and has always denied having one, denied it again.

"I know myself and I don't think I have a problem," he said. "I think I have a severe lack of judgment, but I don't think I have a problem."

Collins, 25, said he would submit to any tests the Saints

want to give him to determine that for themselves.

"If I do have a problem, I want to find out - simply for my own safety and for my own health," he said.

Panthers president Mark Richardson said he didn't know whether Collins had a drinking problem.

"I don't think that you nor I can evaluate that," Richardson said. "I don't know what a drinking problem is."

Collins was in a club partly owned by Richardson on Sunday night before his arrest, and the two had talked briefly about

"I know myself and I don't think I have a problem. I think I have a severe lack of judgment, but I don't think I have a problem."

Kerry Collins, New Orleans Saints quarterback

Collins' future in New Orleans.

Collins had spent Sunday on the sideline for the Saints, getting booed intensely although he didn't get in the game.

Richardson paused for about 10 seconds when asked whether the Panthers had ever asked Collins to seek counseling while he was quarterbacking the Panthers. Then Richardson declined to answer.

"The biggest question for Kerry is to find what will make him happy," Richardson said. "I don't think there's a simple solution."

Collins refused to take a Breathalyzer test Monday after being taken to the Mecklenburg County jail in Charlotte, and he said that was on the advice of his attorney. He did not discuss the incident in any further detail, but did say: "I made a terrible decision

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Terrific: UCLA held off Stanford Saturday night when a defensive back stripped a Cardinal ballcarrier as he approached the goal line for the potential game-winning touchdown. UCLA coaches expressed disbelief this week after reviewing the play on film.

Terrible: LSU trailed Georgia 28-27 Oct. 3 in Baton Rouge, but the Tigers were poised for a comeback. All they had to do was force the Dawgs to punt on a critical possession midway through the fourth quarter. But on third and 6, Georgia quarterback Quincy Carter escaped the grasp of Anthony McFarland, LSU's best defensive lineman, and flung a pass toward Champ Bailey. Mark Roman, LSU's top defensive back, had Bailey blanketed, but somehow Bailey came down with the ball and Georgia came out with the victory.

LSU lost three of its next four, including a 39-36 decision to Kentucky on a last-play field goal. Last week, LSU roared back from a 31-10 deficit against Ole Miss only to lose 37-31 in overtime.

Coach Gerry DiNardo has stressed how close the Tigers have been. But fans aren't listening. They're too busy dialing radio talk shows to hammer

DiNardo and first-year defensive coordinator Lou Tepper, the former Illinois head coach.

"We're losing, so everything is being examined, which is life," DiNardo said. "The problems we have are no greater or less than if we were winning."

They're just getting a lot more attention.

"If we had stopped the reverse against Kentucky and won in overtime ... if we had not jumped offside against Georgia and picked off some passes against Florida, we would still have all the same problems."

SCOREBOARD WATCHING: Leading outmanned Indiana 31-7 in the fourth quarter Saturday, Ohio State threw six consecutive passes to drive for another touchdown. The Buckeyes still had starting quarterback Joe Germaine and his best receivers in the lineup.

When ABC analyst Bob Griese pointed this out to a national television audience, his partner, Keith Jackson, said, "Coop" wanted to get this into the high 30s, maybe the 40s, to protect himself.

But was Ohio State running up the score?

Buckeyes coach John Cooper said Tuesday he had left Germaine, a Heisman Trophy candidate, in the game so he could reach 300 passing yards. And Cooper said Ohio State passed up a chance to tack on another touchdown when it had the ball deep in Indiana territory as time ran out.

"I might be penalizing our

football team," Cooper said. "I never have attempted to run the score up on anybody. I hope we don't have to have lopsided games to impress people around the country."

But victory margins matter. That was the lesson Penn State learned on the same field in 1994. The Nittany Lions defeated Indiana 35-29 and the final tally was close only because the Hoosiers scored a couple of late touchdowns against reserves.

The next morning, Penn State fell from the top spot in the coaches poll (after dropping from No. 1 in the media poll a week earlier) and never recovered. The 12-0 Nittany Lions wound up behind fellow unbeaten Nebraska in both polls.

On Monday, UCLA slipped from atop the BCS standings after defeating lowly Stanford by only four points. The Bruins also slipped in the coaches and media polls on Sunday.

"What they're telling us is that it doesn't matter if you just win. You have to win big," UCLA coach Bob Toledo told reporters in Los Angeles. "What it tells us is, we have to run up the score. I'm not going to run up the score."

"If it means we have to run up scores to win the national championship, then we're doing the wrong thing."

Of course, teams that run up the score have to be able to shut down their opponents. UCLA hasn't proven it can do that. ■

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to get behind the wheel."

If convicted, Collins faces a minimum of 24 hours in jail or community service, or loss of his driver's license for 30 days. Refusing the Breathalyzer could mean he loses his license for a year.

Collins' first court appearance in Charlotte is scheduled for Nov. 12. The Saints haven't decided when and if to punish Collins, but they won't cut him. Collins said he is "recommitting" himself to football and wants to again become the person he was while he was in college at Penn State.

Ditka had said last week he wanted Collins to start against St. Louis Nov. 15, and privately had thought Collins might be ready this Sunday at Minnesota. Now, though, Ditka is reconsidering his timetable, and Collins said he understands why.

"Certainly, with this latest incident, I would understand if he would be less willing to put me in on schedule," Collins said. "... Obviously it's going to take me busting my butt to win everybody over, but I plan on doing that." ■



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together two drives of 90 plus yards that resulted in touchdowns this year. Tony Wesley and Green came together, once again, to make a dynamic duo. Green rushed for 54 yards while Wesley rushed for 24 yards on two carries. Counts went straight up the middle to score a touchdown from the 1-yard line.

The drive covered 97 yards and used over five minutes on the play clock. With the score 24-7, the game's outlook was pretty good.

The Skyhawks ran three plays, lost a yard and punted on their next possession. MTSU started at their own 17-yard, but they could not seem to get any big plays to continue the drive. It stalled after six plays and 21 yards.

After forcing the Blue Raiders to punt, the Skyhawks were feeling pretty good. On second down and seven, Ruppela hooked up with Brian Webb for 25 yards and a first down. The play took the ball into MTSU territory. From the UTM 36, Ruppela completed another pass for a touchdown but, thanks to another penalty, it was nullified. This time the penalty was for holding. However, the Skyhawks were able to get a field goal. With the field goal, the score was MTSU 24, UTM 10.

At the half, Green rushed for 169 yards on 19 carries and one touchdown. Wesley added 70 yards on 8 carries. UTM's Ruppela was 6 of 13 for 108 yards.

On the opening drive of the second half, the Blue Raiders ran three plays for 66 yards. Green had a run for 31 yards

and Wesley had one carry for 26 yards which ended with a touchdown. The Skyhawks, on their next drive, were forced to punt, but the attempted fake punt was stuffed when Wes Stephens made the tackle on the punter.

The Blue Raiders took the punt from their own 48-yard line, and began their drive. A balanced attack of running and passing led the Raiders down the field.

On third and 4, the Skyhawks were penalized half the distance to the goal, because of an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty which gave the Blue Raiders a first down. On the next play, a holding penalty pushed MTSU back and made it first down and 20. Wesley ran 17 yards on the next play, followed by an eight-yard pass from Counts to Sanford for a touchdown.

With the score 38-10, UTM began a drive at the 23-yard line. On the second play, Repella hooked up with Rory Redman for 58 yards. That set up the next two passes which resulted in a touchdown for UTM. The Skyhawks drove 77 yards on four plays.

The Blue Raiders ran 11 plays on the next drive, but were forced to kick a field goal which was good. UTM came right back with a drive of their own. Despite two penalties for 15 yards, the Skyhawks made two fourth downs leading to a touchdown. The drive lasted almost 6 minutes and covered 78 yards.

Wesley led the charge down the field with 8:34 left in the half. Wesley amassed 45 yards on six carries and the final

touchdown for the Blue Raiders. The score at that point was 47-25 in favor of MTSU.

On the next drive by UTM, the Skyhawks ran seven plays, but on fourth and 10, the Raider defense held up and took the ball back.

The Raiders took the ball from the 25-yard line, and began their drive. It started with a penalty of five yards. That backed them up to the 20. On the next play, Green would make history. The junior tailback ran for nine yards and broke the all-time single game rushing record held by Kirtsey. Green totalled 259 yards on the day.

"Kelterick has been good for two years. We've probably done an terrible injustice to him," Donnelly said.

The Skyhawks scored another touchdown, but the day was done. The Blue Raiders won the game by a score of 47-33.

In the game, Green had 259 yards on 28 carries. Wesley ran for 191 yards on 22 carries and 3 touchdowns. Counts didn't have a big game, but he didn't need to. He did, however, complete 8 of 11 for 75 yards. Repella had a huge day in the losing effort. Repella connected on 23 of 39 for 347 yards and 1 touchdown. Sulecio Sanford went over 1,000 yards for his career with the 53 yards in the game.

Next week MTSU plays the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The game is scheduled for 1 p.m. in Birmingham. ■

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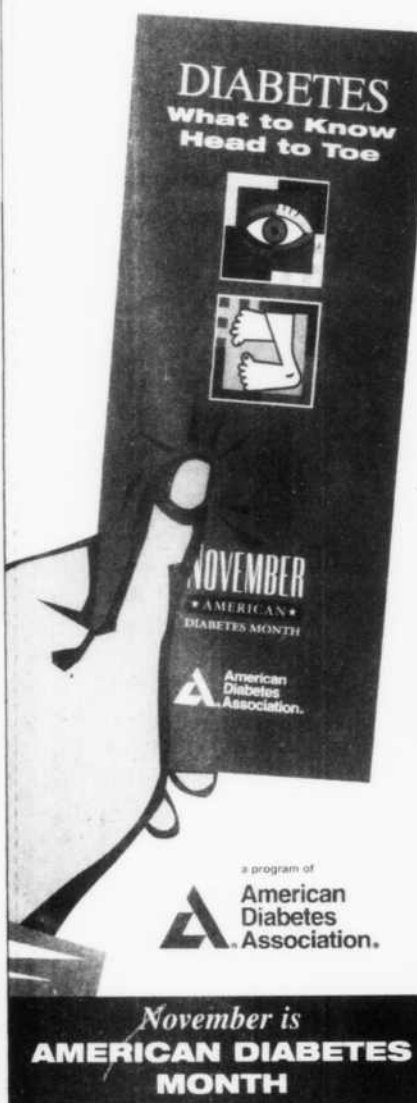
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Falcon's Anderson running in right circles

Terry Price
The Hartford Courant

FOXBORO, Mass.— It is possible to know celebrities without knowing celebrity.

Jamal Anderson has rubbed elbows with some of the biggest stars in sports and show business, among them Muhammad Ali, Sugar Ray Leonard, Richard Pryor, Donna Summer and Diana Ross.

All of this was long before Anderson became a running back for the Atlanta Falcons (6-2), who play the Patriots (5-3) Sunday at Foxboro Stadium.

For the past four years, Anderson has been dwarfed by luminaries among his peers: Barry Sanders, Terrell Davis and Emmitt Smith, to mention a few.

But fame has finally found Anderson—sort of.

"He's one of the best-kept secrets in the NFL," said Patriots cornerback Ty Law.

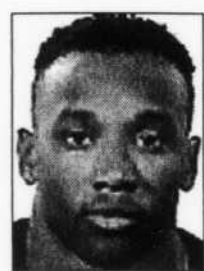
Anderson has become the linchpin of the Falcons' fastest start in their 33-year history. He has bulled his way to 862 yards on the ground, a pace that would push him over 1,700 for the season.

Anderson is no stranger to 1,000-yard seasons. He's had 1,055 and 1,002 the

past two seasons. Not that many noticed.

"I understand," said Anderson. "The team is in a situation we're in first place, we're 6-2 at the halfway point. The individuals who are contributing to that success will get some notice."

Anderson grew up in the Los Angeles area. His father, a former New Jersey police officer, was chief of security for sports stars and entertainers.



Anderson

Ali would often entertain Jamal and his friends with magic tricks when he came to visit and "Uncle" Muhammad was in the hospital waiting room when he was born.

Sugar Ray Leonard sang at his father's birthday party once and he let Jamal visit his dressing room before fights. He was there when Leonard beat Marvelous Marvin Hagler. Former Lakers guard Byron Scott would come over to cut Jamal's hair.

"It was really interesting having so many celebrities around," Anderson said. "I got to see them in a different atmosphere, to see how they handled the adversity and success with the same flare. That was plenty of advice for me, just seeing it."

It didn't look like Anderson was

destined for notoriety. Coming out of the University of Utah, he was virtually ignored in the NFL draft. He was the 201st player selected in 1994. The names of 24 other running backs were called before Anderson heard his name.

Some of the backs that went before Anderson include Marshall Faulk, Chuck Levy, Mario Bates, Errict Rhett, LeShon Johnson, Lamar Smith, Raymont Harris and Lamont Warren.

Anderson said he keeps tracks of what his "classmates" do every week.

"You think I don't?" he said. I know what every single one of them are doing. Last week against the Patriots Marshall had 22 yards rushing on 11 carries and 119 receiving."

Anderson had a career-best 172 yards rushing last week in a 37-15 victory over the St. Louis Rams. That put him second place in rushing in the National Football Conference, only 10 yards behind Sanders. Anderson trails Sanders by three yards in total yards from scrimmage.

The back Anderson has been compared to the most, however, is the Steelers' Jerome Bettis.

"He does kind of run like Bettis," Patriots Coach Pete Carroll said. "He's a little flashier. A little more shake-and-bake to him."

It took Anderson (5 feet 11, 234 pounds) some time before he hit his

stride in the NFL. He had only two carries as a rookie and 39 his second season. His style didn't fit the run-and-shoot offense the Falcons were running, and they had Eric Pegram coming off a 1,000-yard season and were also using Craig "Ironhead" Heyward.

Anderson finally got his shot in 1996, rushing for more than 1,000 yards and also had 49 pass receptions. But even last season Anderson was competing for playing time with Bryon Hanspard, who is on injured reserve this season.

With Dan Reeves ditching the run-and-shoot for a more conventional offense, Anderson has settled into a more natural role.

Anderson said the only goals he set this season were to get into double digits in victories.

"The number one goal had nothing to do with rushing," he said. "If we win 10 games, I'm obviously doing my job and I'm going to have the yards at the end of the season."

The Patriots defense is second in the league against the run.

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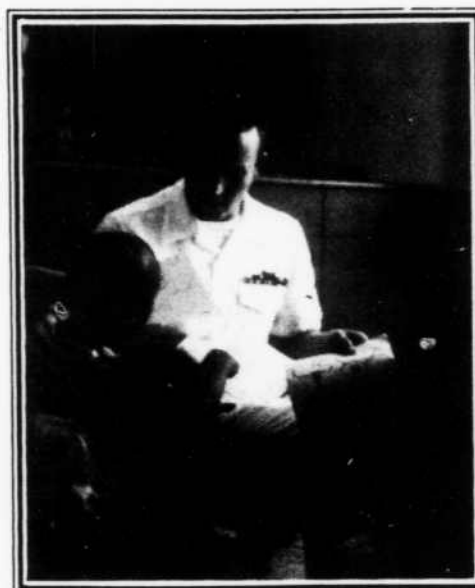


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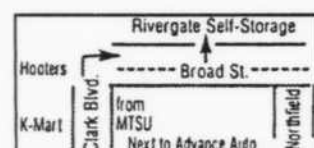
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Michigan defense smothers Penn State

Mark Wogenrich
The Allentown Morning Call

ANN ARBOR, Mich.— A football hangs in the defense room at Schembechler Hall, commemorating the fourth-down stance of 1993. Michigan can hang another Sunday.

The Wolverines blanketed Penn State at the goal line once more, then rode that energy to a 27-0 victory at Michigan Stadium on Saturday. And a program already overloaded with symbols will get another.

Five years ago, the Wolverines held the Lions four straight times on fourth-and-1. That second-half stand marked the turning point of Michigan's 21-13 win.

On Saturday, the stand marked the beginning of a demolition. Michigan opened the second quarter by stuffing the Lions on fourth-and-1 to protect their 10-0 lead. They were nearly invincible thereafter.

"Maybe this will get us back the respect we deserve," tailback Clarence Williams said.

The players felt disrespected this week, even though they had won six straight games. Coach Lloyd Carr was incensed about his team's lack of, well, everything in last week's 15-10 win over Minnesota.

"They knew they didn't play well," Carr said.

They got ornery and vented against Penn State. The Wolverines held the Lions to 200 yards of total offense, a weak 94 in the air.

They intercepted three passes and forced two fumbles.

They finished with four sacks and held Penn State, which leads the Big Ten in sacks, to none.

The offense, meanwhile, rolled up 360 total yards and included an efficient performance from quarterback Tom Brady (17 for 30, 224 yards, two TDs, one interception).

"Basically," Penn State linebacker Brandon Short said, "they beat the crap out of us."

All that produced Michigan's 15th straight Big Ten victory and improved Carr to 8-0 against top-10 teams. The Wolverines (7-2 overall, 6-0 Big Ten) also remained hot after their second consecutive Big Ten title.

Conversely, it left the Lions (6-2, 3-2) struggling to explain themselves. The defense didn't muster its usual intense rush, freeing Brady to seek a variety of receivers. The offense played without tailback Cordell Mitchell (neck injury) and didn't muster much of anything, getting blanked for the first time since 1987.

"We gotta play better than that," Penn State Coach Joe Paterno said.

"They basically exploited every little thing we didn't do," Penn State defensive end LeVar Arrington said.

It began early. Michigan took a 10-0 first-quarter lead, benefitting from Penn State's horrific offensive start. The Lions lost 4 yards on their first possession, leading to a Michigan touchdown.

The scoring play, a 24-yard pass from Brady to Aaron Shea, was delivered during film hour last week. Shea, a

fullback, broke loose from the backfield and was wide open on the left side.

"We saw that as one of their weaknesses," Shea said. "They didn't seem to cover that as well as other teams did."

Nittany Lion QB Kevin Thompson fumbled on the Lions' second possession, blitzed hard from the left side by James Hall. That led to a Michigan field goal.

On three of their next four series, the Lions drove inside the Wolverines' 20-yard line but didn't score once. Hall blocked one field-goal attempt, another sailed wide right. Sandwiched in between was the goal-line stand.

At first, the Lions intended to attempt a field goal. But Paterno changed his mind during the break between quarters.

"Obviously we needed a touchdown," he said. "I thought we could get it."

Hall, who had quite a game, made sure they didn't. Along with Sam Sword and Ian Gold, Hall dropped Aaron Harris behind the line of scrimmage.

"I was so excited when they went for it," nose tackle Rob Renes said. "It reminded me of '93."

Thereafter, the game belonged to Michigan. The Lions had 89 yards of offense in the second half. They didn't get past the Michigan 39-yard line. One series lasted 4 minutes but covered only 14 yards. "It is really frustrating how we get into these big-hype games and seem to fall short," Penn State center Eric Cole said. "This really starts to get to you after a while."

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Eight seconds held surprise for Kings

Jim Hodges
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES —Most of the crowd was still outside, fighting the Saturday night traffic, when Dallas' Tony Hrkac poked a puck into the Los Angeles Kings' goal.

The time was eight seconds — that's right, eight seconds, a record for a goal scored against the Kings — but when the tardy among the 13,329 settled in their seats and asked their neighbors what happened, nobody was much surprised when the answer was what's left of the King defense had misplayed the puck.

The surprises came later when the Kings notched a rare goal from Vladimir Tsyplakov and a rare power play score from Luc Robitaille that generated a lead.

It wasn't enough to keep them from losing, 4-3, because the Stars were able to capitalize on a penalty-killing unit that was without defenseman Rob

Blake. Brett Hull and Derian Hatcher scored power-play goals in the second period and Grant Marshall added what eventually became the game-winner at even strength.

The quick goal that started things seemed a harbinger of things to come when Philippe Boucher sailed in behind the King goal to start the play after the opening faceoff.

Boucher struggled, headed left, then tried to backhand the puck to Garry Galley, but instead it ended up on the stick of Hrkac, whose shot was good from a difficult angle to Manny Legace's right.

"I made a bad play," Boucher said. "I should have kept on going

(instead of backhanding the puck). ... That's easy to say now, but I'll take it." He can share blame.

"There were about four things that went wrong with that play," Coach Larry Robinson said after the Kings finished a four-game home stand with a 0-3-1 record.

One of the things was that the puck

caromed oddly off the end boards and onto Hrkac's stick.

"Ninety-time times out of a 100, that puck goes into the corner and around the boards," Galley said.

This was No. 100.

"The nice thing about it was that we didn't let it bother us," Robinson said. "We came back and played them hard."

And well enough to take a 2-1 lead.

Tsyplakov's goal, set up by Josh Green's relay of Yanic Perreault's pass, was a rarity in that Tsyplakov shoots about once every leap year. He one-timed the puck in at 15:11 to tie the game, 1-1. It was only his 16th shot, and it came in the season's 13th game.

Robitaille's goal ended an 0-for-18 power-play drought for the Kings, and it was set up by Steve Duchesne's pass. It was only the fifth power-play goal of the season for the Kings and it came on their 53rd opportunity.

But the lead wouldn't last, because the penalty-killing unit, the NHL's best through the season's first 12 games,

proved porous.

"We came in after the first (period) and said, 'Uh-oh, we're up, 4-0, in penalties,'" Robinson said.

Uh-oh was right, because it was 4-4 after the second.

Dallas converted on the first King penalty when Hull's goal tied things at 2-2 at 3:55. The goal came when Duchesne tried to clear the puck and his pass hit Nathan LaFayette in the back and fell on Hull's stick.

Hatcher's goal, his first of the season, came when he sailed in unscathed and hammered home a pass from Jamie Langenbrunner.

The game-winner came from Marshall 1:09 later.

"The puck was behind my skate, and he shoved my skate," said Boucher, who still wasn't sure that the puck ever hit Marshall's stick.

Not that it mattered. The Stars held a 4-2 lead, and Glen Murray's fourth goal of the season, coming at 1:33 of the third period, merely made it close. ■



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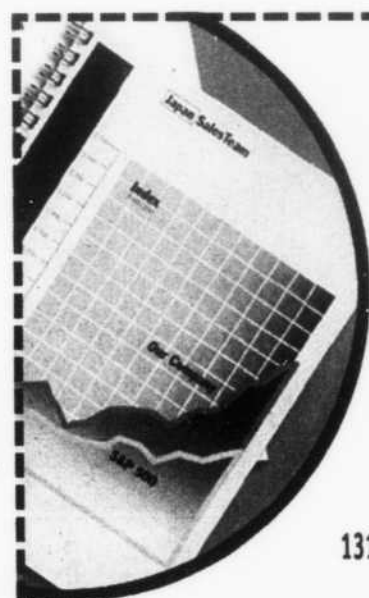
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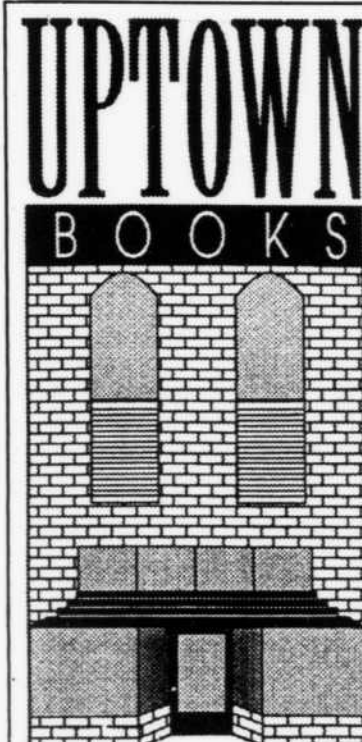
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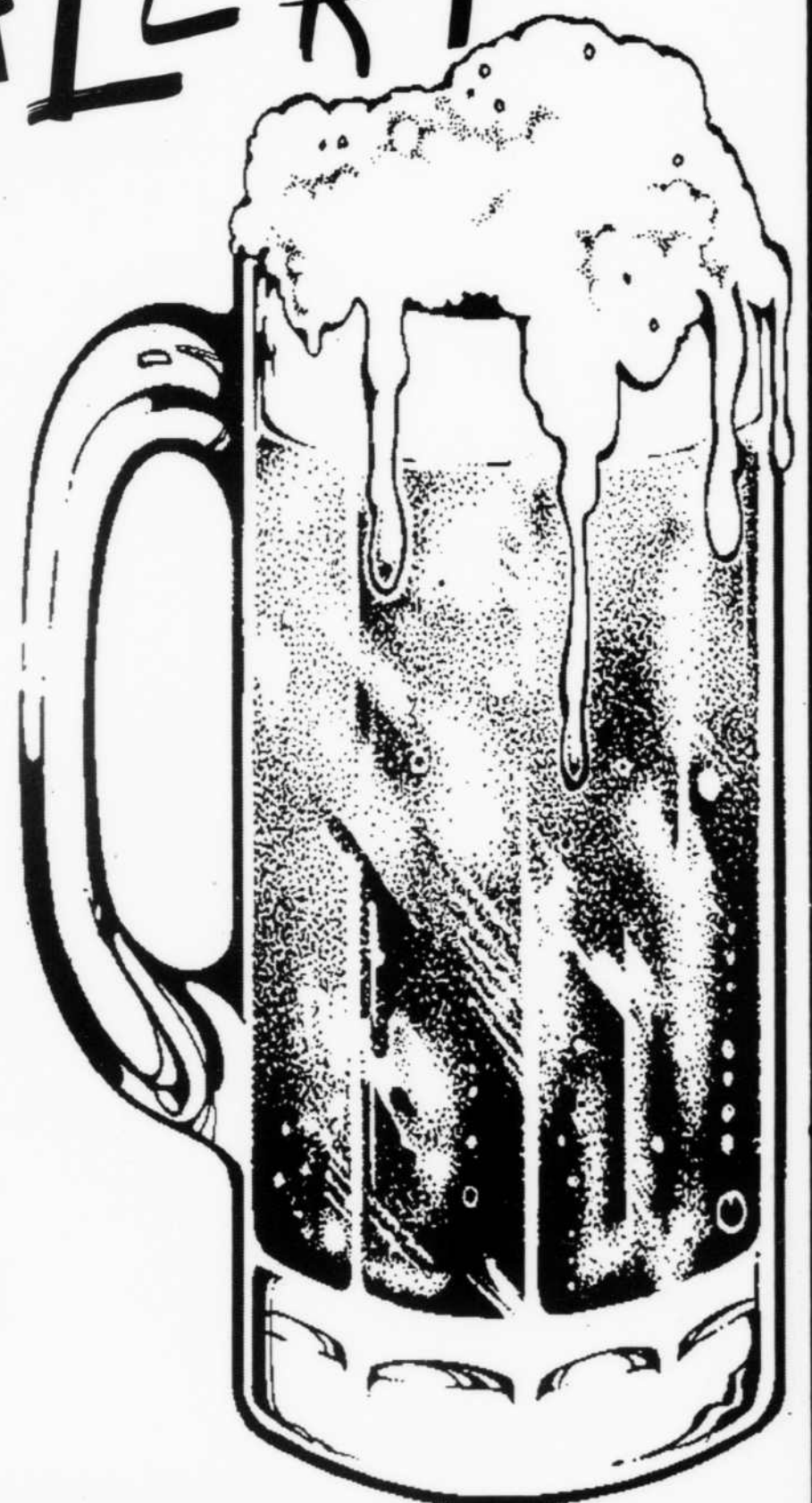
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