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## In the News

### State air pollution division director sacked

Nashville (AP) — The director of the state Division of Air Pollution Control has been transferred following a federal audit critical of the agency.

John Walton was transferred Monday to the Division of the Underground Storage Tanks by state Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Milton Hamilton. In his new job, Walton will oversee monitoring of the cleanup and permitting of underground tanks.

Tracy Carter, a TDEC lawyer since 1989, was named by Hamilton to replace Walton at the air pollution division.

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency audit in June found "serious deficiencies" in the agency.

### Gay activist welcomes decision in Wilson County custody case

Nashville (AP) — Gay activists hope the case of a Wilson County lesbian who granted custody of one of her children marks a trend in Tennessee.

Pat Finn was awarded sole custody of her 9-year-old daughter this month by a judge in Wilson County. Her second child, a teenage son, chose to live with his father, who was awarded sole custody of the boy.

"I'm glad this has been brought to light," said Bev Clendenen of Nashville, director of the Lesbian and Gay Community Center.

"This reconfirms that gay mothers are good mothers. Like everything, there are good apples and bad. You should be judged not on your sexuality, but rather what kind of mother you are."

Patrick Sullivan, Finn's ex-husband, plans to appeal.

He said he opposes his ex-wife's lesbian relationship and does not want his daughter exposed to it.

### Stanford to offer master's degree online

Stanford, Calif. (AP) — Degree.com?

Yup — Stanford University is poised to become the nation's first major research university to offer a master's degree online, starting this fall.

The new online program will offer 30 courses leading to a master's degree in electrical engineering.

"In the industrial age, we went to school. In the communication age, the school comes to us," said Andy DiPaolo, director of Stanford's Center for Professional Development.

The approximately 50 students who will be accepted into the program will likely be working professionals who will take three to four years to complete their degree work.

Standoff officials say the workload online will just be as rigorous as the more traditional student's, and that they are even taking care to provide intellectual interaction for cyber-students by creating interactive seminars and chat line discussions.

## Court denies DTH appeal to open student proceedings

□ Kevin Schwartz "The Daily Tar Heel"

After a two-year battle to open the Undergraduate Honor Court to the public, The Daily Tar Heel lost its fight July 8 when the N.C. Supreme Court refused to hear its final appeal.

Amanda Martin, the DTH's attorney, said she was disappointed by the decision.

"There are no more avenues in North Carolina to try and change this decision," she said.

The final outcome is that the campus judiciary body, whose student members regularly adjudicate cases involving assaults, rapes, thefts and drugs which occur on campus, is a public body governed by the N.C. Open Meetings Act as the trial court originally ruled. But the university is allowed to close the proceedings under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

The DTH originally filed a lawsuit in April 1996 to open an Honor Court proceeding after two students admitted stealing 1,500 copies of the Carolina Review, a conservative journal, that pictured former Student Body President Aaron Nelson in a manner that some called anti-semitic.

The DTH obtained a temporary restraining order blocking the case from being heard, but after arguments

before the court, the judge vacated the order and ordered a trial, allowing the Review's case in the Honor Court to continue. When the Review case came before the Honor Court, the session was closed, and the DTH could not report on the proceedings. The students who took the copies of the Review were charged with violating the First Amendment rights of the Review's publishers, and were found not guilty of that charge. The public will now likely never know the details of the case, which included secret testimony from the student body president, student attorney general and university administrators.

The final disposition of the case would allow access to campus judiciary proceedings if FERPA were altered in such a way that it expressly prohibited its application to campus disciplinary bodies, a move that DTH and other student media advocates have been pushing in Congress for two years.

"It's just a matter of time before the FERPA law comes down," said Kevin Schwartz, general manager of the DTH. "FERPA was never intended to allow universities to cover up their campus crime." There is currently House and Senate momentum in Congress to change the law. "Lawmakers are

shocked when they are told that criminal matters rather than just academic dishonesty issues are being decided in these courts all over the country."

The House and Senate in recent weeks both passed reauthorization bills of the Higher Education Act, each version containing provisions that would provide more access to campus crime reports and judiciary proceedings.

The Georgia Supreme Court decided in 1993 that campus courts at the University of Georgia should be open after the student newspaper there filed suit. The Ohio Supreme Court ruled similarly last year in a case at Miami University brought by its student newspaper, but the U.S. Department of Education has joined the school to obfuscate that decision by bringing a lawsuit of its own.

"The bottom line is that this issue isn't over," said Mark Goodman, a lawyer with the Washington, D.C.-based Student Press Law Center. "Whether it be through court cases in other states or through legislation brought to Congress, sooner or later I think some of these disciplinary proceedings are going to be open to the public."

Margaret Barrett, UNC judicial programs officer, could not be reached for comment.

## Haseleu to address summer graduates

□ Staff Reports

Christian L. Haseleu, outgoing president of the MTSU Faculty Senate, will address the graduating seniors at the Aug. 8 commencement ceremony at Murphy Center.

A tenured full professor with 20 years experience at MTSU, Haseleu is now taking on the responsibility of chair of the Recording Industry Department.

When he came to the university as the second faculty member in the RIM program there were only 60 majors. The audio recording facilities, of which he was given charge, fit into a small closet in the Learning Resources Center. Now the department is the largest in the nation with more than 1,200 majors, 17 faculty and staff, and several thousand square feet of state-of-the-art facilities in the Bragg Mass Communication Building.

While at the university, in addition to his teaching, he has served as facilities coordinator, coordinator of the production and technology concentration, director of the Recording Arts and Sciences Center of Excellence, and associate and interim department chair.

He has been awarded the Outstanding Teach Award by the MTSU Foundation. He is an active member of the Audio Engineering Society, the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, and the Society of Professional Audio Recording Services. He has held national and/or local offices in all these organizations.

Haseleu came to MTSU from the recording industry, where he had several years experience as an audio engineer on the west coast. He received his B.A. degree in humanities from Callison College of the University of the Pacific and his M.A. degree in broadcast communication arts from San Francisco State University.

He is the son of the late Lt. Col. Harry E. Haseleu and Mrs. Mary Lou Haseleu of Burlingame, Calif. Both are descendants of some of the first American pioneers to settle in California. His father, a member of the Flying Tigers, served in North Africa during World War II. He also served in India, China, Burma theater during the Korean War. His mother, a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, worked as a social worker in San Mateo County.

He and his wife, Virginia Donnell, a professor of theatre at MTSU, live in rural Rutherford County with three Abyssinian cats.

## New Blue Raider



photo by Jennie Treadway



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The newly redesigned Blue Raider Bookstore is open and ready for business. Most of the inside is set up and ready for shoppers. The textbook room, located in the back of the store, is still being organized in an attempt to make buying/selling books easier.

## Suspects in double murder arrested in Texas

LEXINGTON (AP) - Two suspects in a double murder in Henderson County have been arrested in Houston, Texas, on first-degree murder charges.

Henderson County Sheriff Charles Woods said Gregory Derek Maness, 25, and Brian Keith Burgess, 19, both of Henderson, were arrested Saturday night.

Mark Holbrook, an officer with the Houston Police Department, said officers arrested Maness and Burgess at a Quality Inn motel at about 9 p.m.

"Our officers didn't shoot at them and they didn't

shoot at us," Holbrook said.

Weapons were seized but Holbrook would not elaborate about them.

The men were wanted in connection with the shooting deaths of Harold McCollum, 48, and his wife, Gwen, 24. The couple were found Thursday morning in their mobile home just north of Reagan. Both had been shot at least twice.

McCollum, an unemployed mechanic, was released from prison less than two years ago after serving time for first-degree murder. His wife was

licensed as a nurse but also unemployed.

Maness was McCollum's former stepson. Sheriff's department Investigator Mike Vance said last week that Maness and Burgess bragged about the killings before fleeing.

"They admitted it to four people. (Maness) told them who they shot and how they did it," Vance said. "What they described is consistent to what we had found at the crime scene."

Police have said they believe Maness shot the couple as Burgess looked on.

### OPINIONS

Sometimes you have to take a moment to think about someone else. Murfreesboro often forgets to, page 4

### FEATURES

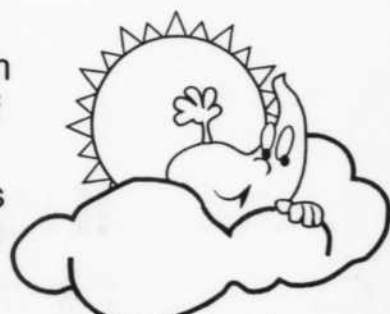
Vince Gill talks about his divorce and Broadway may be getting new talents regularly, page 5.

### SPORTS

The Memphis Steamboat Classic kept the Recreation Center busy this weekend, page 7.

### WEATHER

Partly cloudy with a 50% chance of rain. High in the upper 80s; winds southeast at 5 to 10 mph



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## State due for share of \$100 million in heat relief money

NASHVILLE (AP) - Tennessee is one of 11 states in line for a share of \$100 million in emergency federal funds for heat relief.

The White House has not yet settled on a formula for distributing the money among the 11 states, a spokesman for U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon said Thursday.

President Clinton ordered the release of \$100 million on Thursday to help people pay for air conditioners, fans and other means of relief in 11 Southern and Western states.

Temperatures in those states are 16 to 26 percent above normal this summer, making them the hardest hit by extreme heat.

Those states are Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

The temperature in Chattanooga hit a record 100 on Sunday. It exceeded 100 for several days two weeks ago in Memphis.

## Eight elephants found dead in southwestern China

BEIJING (AP) - Eight elephants were found dead in a nature reserve in southwestern China, apparently struck by bolts of lightning, the Beijing Evening News reported Monday.

Game wardens found the elephants' bodies July 15 inside the Xishuangbanna reserve, near China's border with Burma, after reports from local farmers, the newspaper said.

Six were found under a fallen tree. Two others were found nearby.

Autopsies proved inconclusive, but investigators noticed seared streaks on the tree, which they attributed to lightning, the newspaper said.

Before the nature reserve was set up in the 1980s, local residents hunted the elephants to keep them from damaging farmland and for their precious tusks.

# Survey suggests ailing children

OAK RIDGE (AP) — A preliminary survey has found three dozen children living near the Department of Energy's Y-12 nuclear weapons plant who say they have experienced breathing problems.

Whether the health problems are related to toxic emissions from Y-12 is unknown, and the severity of the symptoms remains unclear. The children have yet to be examined by survey doctors.

"This is really a very preliminary analysis," said Dr. Steve Redd of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which is conducting the study.

Redd presented the results Thursday to members of the Scarboro community, a neighborhood closest to the Y-12 plant, where nuclear research and weapons production has occurred for more than five decades.

Working to build community trust, Redd said the presentation was "almost more about who was surveyed than the findings of the survey."

Thirty-eight of 119 children in the community reported some respiratory problems. "I don't think that number in itself is alarming," Redd said. "It all depends on what the illnesses were."

He said the children will have to be questioned further and physically examined - perhaps within the next few months.

The survey responses suggested a range of problems - asthma, allergies, sinus infections and ear infections - along with the asthmatic symptoms of dry coughs and wheezing.

The Scarboro survey is the first step in the CDC's investigation of unexplained health problems in the Oak Ridge area. The probe began in November after U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., Gov. Don Sundquist and state Health Commissioner Nancy Menke asked the CDC to look into the situation.

That request followed public hearings and a series of articles by The Tennessean in which more than 200 Oak Ridge-area workers and residents claimed to be suffering unexplained illnesses, including tremors, memory loss, fatigue and acute joint and muscle pain.

Jackie Holloway, a member of the Scarboro

Environmental Justice Committee, formed to work with the CDC, said she was surprised so many children reported breathing problems in the community.

"The report is not conclusive and we really shouldn't draw any conclusions from that report," she said.

But she hopes it will lead to treatment for those who need it and finding a common cause if there is one. "There are some things that need to be put to rest," she said.

The CDC survey, which was conducted by representatives of the University of Tennessee College of Social Work, asked Scarboro residents how they perceived their health.

It found 40.5 percent rated their health as "poor" or "fair," 29 percent said "good," 29.1 percent said "excellent or very good," while 1.4 percent did not respond.

When asked if they thought the health concerns were related to living near the Oak Ridge reservation, 57.4 percent said "yes," 14.3 percent said "no," and the remaining 28.3 percent said they didn't know.

A federally funded panel has spent the past five years studying toxic releases from the nuclear reservation. Pat Lipford, a project leader, said Scarboro is one of five communities being studied for potential effects from emissions from the government complex.

"So far it is still a work in progress," he said of the study.

## Lewinsky's turn leaves Clinton with few options

WASHINGTON (AP) — As former White House intern Monica Lewinsky moves into prosecutor Kenneth Starr's orbit, the president is left with few options — and none are very attractive.

"Ill winds are blowing," one Clinton backer said Tuesday after Ms. Lewinsky agreed to testify against her former boss.

The rapid-fire advances of the last several days caused some of President Clinton's allies to conclude that Starr had outfoxed his vaunted damage control team. "Checkmate," one called it. In the span of a week, the prosecutor:

- Issued a subpoena for Clinton to testify.
- Won a court victory on attorney-client privilege that forces confidante Bruce Lindsey to testify.
- Conducted five hours of talks with Ms. Lewinsky and sealed a deal that gives the 25-year-old complete immunity.

If Clinton heeds the grand jury subpoena, his testimony could be challenged by the recollections of Ms. Lewinsky and her mother, who also was given immunity, plus dozens of other grand jury witnesses. If he refuses to testify, a political price would be paid.

Don't assume, as many now do, that he will honor the subpoena.

When the order to testify hit the desk of Clinton attorney David Kendall, the president's attorneys decided to pre-empt the public relations bombshell; they had press secretary Mike McCurry announce that Kendall was negotiating with Starr over ways Clinton could provide information to the grand jury.

McCurry's announcement created the impression that Clinton had decided not to fight the subpoena. More important, it weakened his best argument for refusing to testify: If Clinton was willing to negotiate with Starr, then he must think a presidential subpoena is constitutional.

"After entering negotiations to provide testimony at the grand jury it might be difficult now to pull back and make a constitutional argument to avoid testifying all together," said Jane Sherburne, a Washington attorney who once worked in Clinton's White House legal shop.

Some members of Clinton's legal team are said to be reluctant to mount a constitutional argument after practically conceding by negotiations

that Clinton would testify in some form.

Kendall doesn't belong in that category: As the president's private attorney, he would fight the subpoena if it is in the president's personal interest, said an official familiar with his thinking. With the former intern now in Starr's corner, Kendall might decide Clinton needs to stay mum.

Indeed, the attorney is said to be trying to delay a grand jury appearance, telling Starr's office that the president will be busy or on vacation until mid-September. Beside giving Clinton a chance to free up his schedule and prepare for such high-stakes testimony, a delay would give Kendall a chance to assess the impact of Ms. Lewinsky's immunity deal.

In Washington's close-knit legal community, Kendall might expect that he'll hear from fellow defense attorneys about what Ms. Lewinsky has told Starr or the grand jury.

It is possible, said a lawyer in the president's camp, that Starr subpoenaed Clinton to put pressure on him to testify — while quietly approaching Ms. Lewinsky with an immunity deal that makes testifying dangerous for Clinton.

"He's been completely boxed in," the lawyer said. "It's checkmate."

A longtime Clinton adviser said the president has not ruled out fighting the subpoena. Kendall has indicated that Clinton would submit to a deposition under oath at the White House; if Starr refuses those terms, it could give the lawyers an excuse to challenge the subpoena.

Clinton could argue that he wants to tell the grand jury everything it needs to know, but he doesn't want to be the first president who marches into a grand jury room. With Starr so unpopular with the public, the president thinks he could win that argument.

His advisers also think Clinton could survive a he-said, she-said battle with Ms. Lewinsky, who they claim would be a terrible witness. They note that Ms. Lewinsky and Clinton have sworn under oath that they didn't have sex — and Clinton is not the one who is changing his story.

McCurry was careful not to criticize Ms. Lewinsky on Tuesday, telling reporters that Clinton "is pleased that things are working out for her."


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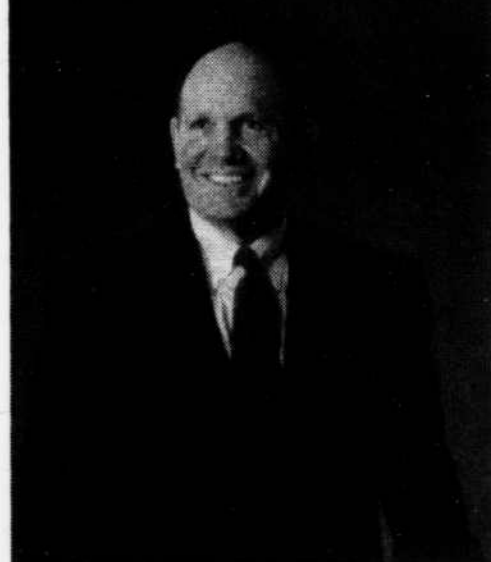




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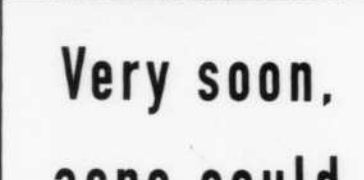
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## Consumer claims deception by Wendy's menu

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - A \$30 million lawsuit accuses Wendy's fast-food chain of misrepresenting its veggie pitas as vegetarian fare.

In a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, Patrick Fish accused the Dublin, Ohio-based company of false advertising in its nutritional guides and of violating his First Amendment rights by infringing on his moral conviction of not eating meat.

The lawsuit may be the first of many against Wendy's, said Lige Weill of Knoxville, Tenn., president of the Washington, D.C.-based Vegetarians Awareness Network, a consumer group which is considering filing a class-action lawsuit.

Fish touched off a nationwide furor against Wendy's among vegetarians last summer after he discovered the dressing in the vegetable pita included gelatin.

Gelatin is made from animal tissues, including hides, and is often used to thicken low-fat foods.

Fish said Friday that he bought the veggie pita April 16, 1997, only after he received assurances from workers at a Wendy's in Utica that it contained no meat or animal byproducts.

He likened his experience to someone unwittingly eating the remains of a human.

"You'd feel defiled," said Fish, 31, a Utica computer programming consultant. "It's a body-as-a-temple kind of thing."

Denny Lynch, a Wendy's spokesman, said the company had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment on it. The restaurant chain, which has nearly 5,200 stores worldwide, took gelatin out of the dressing recipe after getting complaints from vegetarian groups and recalled thousands of nutritional guides from its

restaurants, he said.

"A mistake was made," Lynch said. The company said it never advertised the sandwich as a vegetarian product.

But both Fish and Weill said they tried for weeks to get Wendy's to fix the problem and change its advertising. It wasn't until the story attracted national media attention that the company made the change, said Weill.

As a result of the network's complaint, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Federal Trade Commission investigated the matter but did not take any action against Wendy's because the company was correcting the problem.

Fish called himself an ethical vegetarian who cannot justify killing animals for food. He said he hoped his lawsuit will make fast-food companies more accountable to the public.

## Death toll mounts in New Guinea from deadly wave

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - The discovery of 47 decomposing bodies near a refugee center Monday pushed to 2,000 the official death toll from giant waves that thrashed Papua New Guinea.

The figure was not expected to change significantly because rescue officials believe they have accounted for nearly all of the missing, government spokesman Chris Hawkins said.

Emergency workers completed a head count of 10,063 in refugee villages in the disaster area, Hawkins told The Associated Press from Brisbane, Australia.

That count exceeded the number of people who the government said were in the area when the tsunami struck on July 17. Hawkins said the discrepancy occurred because the last census was in 1990 and the government had underestimated population growth.

"There has been a lot of confusion," Hawkins said.

The tsunami hit a 22-mile stretch of the coast, sweeping four villages into Sissano Lagoon and sending thousands of survivors fleeing into the jungle.

A search-and-rescue unit from Florida using sniffer dogs discovered 47 bodies near the village of Malol Monday.

But the concentration of bodies proved too much for the dogs, which are trained to react to any signs of human remains.

"They were not finding two or three bodies per day, they were alerting to hundreds of body parts," said Garrison St. Clair, who heads the search-and-rescue team.

The Sissano lagoon

remained clogged with bodies, either caught in impenetrable mangroves or floating on the surface after breaking loose from underwater debris and resurfacing. Shooting wild pigs and dogs to prevent them from scavenging on bodies had proved futile, and bodies were being left to the elements.

Meanwhile, the relief officials have started considering how to rebuild villages.

Since the tsunami, the populations of some villages located near the coast have more than doubled, straining water supplies and toilet facilities, rescue officials said.

Homeless people sleeping on the ground or under tarpaulins were drenched by tropical rains overnight. Simon Walsh, a New Zealand military officer, was quoted by the news agency NZPA as saying.

Mosquito nets, clothes, kitchen utensils and agricultural tools were badly needed, he said.

Gary Barki, an aid official in the village of Aitape, said people want to start rebuilding their lives.

"When I talked to most of these people, they tell me: 'We want bush knives [machetes] so we can cut down trees, make our houses, make our own gardens.' That's what they want," Barki told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

The government has set up bank accounts to receive donations from around the world, while at least one organization in Australia is accepting gifts of gardening tools.

## Officials blame school meal for E. coli breakout

ATLANTA (AP) - Health officials believe ground beef served last spring in a northeast Georgia school system is the likely source of an E. coli outbreak that sickened more than two dozen children at a suburban Atlanta water park.

Two of the them are from Chattanooga.

"At this point we suspect the beef. It's not definitive, but there is an indication of a strong link," state epidemiologist Dr. Paul Blake told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Thursday.

Blake said health officials believed serious E. coli cases linked to beef eaten by kids in April and May in Madison County had been limited to one child.

After the contamination was discovered, the meat was recalled quickly by the manufacturer, Bauer Meat Co. of Ocala, Fla. A boy with diabetes and other health problems in Danielsville in Madison County was hospitalized in connection with

the beef.

Health workers checked absentee records of school children to make sure there wasn't a "large hidden outbreak" but found nothing, Blake said.

Now it is believed that secondary infections, those that are passed from person to person, might have led to the June outbreak at White Water Park in Cobb County that led to the death of a 2-year-old child.

Health investigators have known about the genetic match between the hamburger and White Water for weeks, but had declined to make a firm connection because the particular strain common to the beef and White Water cases has appeared elsewhere in the United States.

Blake said investigators are still trying to determine how the bacteria contaminated the park.

"Trying to do a trace back through a multiple-generation transmission is about impossible," he said.

Health workers recently revised questionnaires originally completed by victims, family members and friends. They are now asking parents the exact time of day when they visited the park and when symptoms first occurred.

They are also exploring other possible ways fecal matter could have gotten into a kiddie pool where the sickened children played on four days in June.

Previously, officials said there were probably either fecal accidents on June 11 and June 17, each followed by a day of residual contamination, or four days of fecal accidents.

But since learning more about the practices of White Water visitors, other scenarios are possible, Blake said. Some mothers, for example, were not using the diaper changers in bathrooms; instead, they were changing infants on the plastic deck chairs, leaving soiled diapers under them.

Blake said toddlers or others could have gotten feces

on their feet from walking on a diaper and then could have rinsed the bacteria off their feet and into the pool. There could have been residue left on the chairs or on parents hands, he said.

Members of a group called Safe Tables Our Priority, or STOP, said public health officials should have worked harder to find a link sooner and communicated more with parents about the possible connection.

"They've given them a false sense of security," by saying pools are safe and not linking the outbreak to beef, said Nancy Donley of Chicago.

Blake said he was surprised by the criticism since state health officials learned of the E. coli cases on June 19, a Friday, and held a news conference the following Tuesday.

"We've been very proud of the fact that we were able to move so quickly," Blake said.



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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

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## Editorials

### It doesn't take an army to help

About 10:30 p.m. last Saturday night, I was on my way to the James Union Building, traveling down Tennessee Boulevard to the Main Street intersection. At a normal speed, I stopped at the just-changed stoplight next to the Davis Market — the first vehicle in line.

Waiting for the light to change, I noticed two men across from me on the corner near the president's house trying to cross Main Street. At first I didn't notice, but at a second glance I saw that the two men were blind.

With their canes in hand and about 10 cars on each end of Tennessee Blvd. ready to move, the men set out to cross just as the red light changed to green. Their attempt to cross the street that late at night would not have been a big deal had they been crossing in the right direction.

Instead of heading directly across Main St., they walked diagonally, crossing over to the left side of my truck. The second man even ran into the left fender but kept walking toward the other lane of traffic.

Concerned, I rolled down my window to give them "left" and "right" directions, ignoring the honking horns. Apparently, the folks behind me didn't want to wait for the men to get onto the sidewalk.

I drove on once they were safely back on the side of the road but wondered where they were heading so late at night. Surely they weren't making a grocery trip to Kroger.

I sat in the parking lot of the JUB for a minute with an awful picture in my head of the jaywalkers getting run over by some speedy sports car. I quickly turned around and headed for the intersection.

I didn't see them anywhere. My heart raced.

I flashed my headlights at a police car opposite me at the intersection. Not only did he not stop, but he flew down Tennessee Blvd. towards Greenland Drive — not interested in what I was doing.

I finally found the two in the corner convenient store chatting with the man behind the counter. I offered them a ride back to wherever they were going, but they kindly refused.

Getting back in my truck, I couldn't help but feel I was the only one who came back to check on them.

And I secretly wished the impatient honkers had gotten speeding tickets.



## From the Mailbox.

### MTSU should engage student agencies to win the 'suitcase' battle

To the editor:

I find it interesting that MTSU would do a public affairs radio program on a Nashville radio station when the university has two stations of its own that could be used for the same purpose. You would think that this program would be of more use to student media than Nashville media.

It is understandable MTSU has students in both Nashville and surrounding areas. However, to

keep MTSU from being a 'suitcase college' one would think that support could be built from the base up... as with any structure. Without that foundation, school spirit and on-campus communication will fold in upon itself... like a house made of playing cards.

I am referring to the "Incredibly Early Show" on WLAC 105.9 FM which airs Sunday mornings at 5 (!) The program is excellent. I am not condemning it. I just don't understand why MTSU's PR department would alienate our campus stations (WMOT and WMTS) when it is the students they are targeting.

Having been with both stations and speaking on behalf of WMTS, we always look forward to working with ANY department or organization to better connect our faculty, students and organizations.

Anyone who believes in better campus communication, school spirit and a sense of community please feel free to contact myself or Shane Martin at WMTS (898-2636).

Together, we can win the battle on 'suitcases.'

Matt Lane  
technical director  
WMTS FM

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## Anti-flag burning torches liberty

□ John Roszkowski/CPS

Last call for freedom of speech! Enjoy it while you can, because it's going fast.

The Senate is giving careful consideration to an amendment that would make flag burning illegal. Granted, the Supreme Court ruled flag burning constitutional, since freedom of expression was implied in freedom of speech. Well kids, it's time to change this and usher in a golden age of censorship.

Taking the fight to the pinko liberals, is Orrin Hatch (truly a man of our times). Not only has he assembled a panel of experts, but he has mastered cheesy semantics games well beyond the call of duty.

Reactionary forces claim freedom of expression is not speech, so should not be protected by the first amendment. I'm assuming sign language and Morse code will be the logical next steps.

The panel of experts consisted of three, junior high fascists who won an essay contest, a 19-year-old political science major, Tommy

LaSorda, and a Vietnam vet. All agreed flag-burning is bad. (I'm not making this up).

Sen. Hatch also gave a rousing speech proving that not only a lack of family values, but rampant flag-burning are responsible for urban decay, economic stratification, and the decline of civilization in general.

A wacky liberal might say that oppressive regimes known for their civil rights atrocities punish flag-burning severely.

Liberals be damned! If modeling our government after evil dictatorships makes us more American, full steam ahead!

Other crackpots might make other claims. Once we start chipping away at freedom of speech, we'll never stop. Soon it will be illegal to criticize our "democracy" that places corporate interests ahead of the needs of the people. Proposed changes to the Bill of Rights are scary, and fill a thinking person with a fear of things to come.

Tell people like that, "If you don't like America, get the hell out!"



All kidding aside, we shouldn't allow amendments to what we consider to be the unalienable rights of human beings across the globe. Prior to the Revolution, the Boston Tea Party was a symbolic gesture of colonial discontent. According to reactionary logic, maybe tea dumping should be illegal as well, since a lot of people like tea.

The American flag, like all flags, is a symbol. It means different things to different people. To some, it means much. To others, it means little. However, free speech has a very concrete meaning. This will probably give the spotlight to someone whose views you disagree with sometime down the road. Tough cookies, we live in America and that is what free speech is all about.

Once restrictions are imposed on free speech, it ceases to be free speech. There is no "partial" free speech. We either have it or we don't. Once we start regulating it, we won't stop until it is totally gone. There is no getting off of the censorship train.

So stop kidding yourself, you might not care for freedom of speech, but there is nothing un-American about it. In fact, burning a flag could be one of the most patriotic things you could do.

Our country was founded by the proles expressing discontent with the government in the most dramatic way possible. Over the years we've become docile serfs in the corporate feudal system. Old ideals of freedom and equality will rise from the ash of flags that have ceased to mean anything.

Stand up for freedom of speech. Write your senators in Washington, D.C. Demand they vote for the integrity of free speech.



## Vince Gill gets personal

**He says 'I never hurt this much before.'**

NASHVILLE (AP) - The 9-to-5 songwriters who crank out formula songs that make up much of what country fans hear on radio these days should listen hard to Vince Gill's new album.

The norm for many country songwriters is catchy, well-crafted songs that fail to connect on an emotional level. Gill digs a lot deeper.

In songs like "There's Not Much Love Here Anymore" from his new album, "The Key," he approaches country legend Hank Williams Sr. in expressing the depths of love gone wrong. Williams' frequent muse was his up-and-down (more often down) relationship with wife Audrey Williams, which resulted in classics like "Take These Chains From My

Heart" and "Long Gone Lonesome Blues."

Songs on "The Key" have the same feeling of legitimacy. It's hard to imagine a more inspiring mainstream country music album coming out in 1998, even with the Christmas superstar releases still ahead.

The singer-songwriter from Oklahoma obviously had two topics on his mind when he wrote "The Key": divorce and the death last year of his father.

"I never hurt this bad before," Gill sings on "There's Not Much Love Here Anymore," a ballad about a crumbling marriage. And you really don't have to know or care about Gill's divorce from singer Janis Gill to appreciate the song.

Gill won't discuss the specifics of his divorce or how his new songs relate to it.

"I've never said a word, and I won't," he says. "I think it's disrespectful not only to myself, but to everybody else involved."

But he does say that he took a nine-month break from touring to deal with his personal life and write

new songs. In the past, he has come up with classics like "Go Rest High on That Mountain," a song he wrote when his brother died, and "I Still Believe in You" about his struggling marriage.

"The Key" isn't perfect, though. At its worst, with "I'll Take Texas," it adds one more disposable Texas-is-great song to the world.

But the album is frank and powerful, thanks in part to lyrics that at times are as confessional as James Taylor's. For example, on "Let Her In," a father pleads with his daughter to accept the new woman in his life - the Gills have a teen-age daughter, Jenny.

Musically, it is Gill's most traditional country album, arriving after the foray into New Orleans funk on his last album, "High Lonesome Sound." Several top female country artists sing on "The Key," including Dawn Sears, Sara Evans, Lee Ann Womack, Shelby Lynne, Patty Loveless, Faith Hill and Alison Krauss.

"More than anything, I miss it," Gill says of the traditional country

sound. "I really miss singing it and I miss playing it. And I lost my father and I thought, 'Man, think back to those songs that you learned from him and the records that you used to listen to ...'"

"It's not necessarily what I think is country music today. It's definitely not what is the top 40 records of country radio, you know?"

The first single, "If You Ever Have Forever in Mind," is a re-creation of the 1960s Nashville Sound. Gill croons while strings flutter in the background and backup singers "oooh" and "ahhh." The record was inspired by the country music remakes on the classic 1962 album, "Modern Sounds in Country & Western Music," by Ray Charles.

"The Key to Life," the last song on the album, is a tribute to Gill's father Stan, who died in July 1997.

"That one is really sweet for me, because it really is the truth," Gill says.

"The Key to Life" tells how Gill's life as a musician was inspired by his father, a federal judge and amateur banjo picker.

Gill, 41, born in Norman, Okla., began playing bluegrass music to emulate his father. He broke into the pop charts as lead singer for Pure Prairie League in the early 1980s.

RCA Records signed him as a country artist in 1983, and for a decade he struggled. He was better known as the husband of Janis Gill, a singer with the then-hot country music duo Sweethearts of the Rodeo. He wrote a song about it, "Everybody's Sweetheart."

Gill broke through on his first album for MCA in 1990, "When I Call Your Name." In recent years, he has been a consistent million-seller and award-winner.

And he has handled stardom with unusual grace, preferring to let the songs do the talking.

"I made it from the joints to the Opry stage," he sings in "The Key to Life."

"And he didn't care that everybody knew my name. He said it's all for nothin' if you don't stay the same."

## Seniors: Let the games begin!

CLARKSVILLE (AP) - More than 1,700 seniors from across the state are registered to play in this week's Tennessee Senior Games, making the event the largest in its 17-year history.

Seventy-six-year-old Brownie Mayberry of Centerville and her daughter, 51-year-old Diane Garrett of Brentwood, served as torchbearers Sunday night for the opening ceremony at Governors Stadium at Austin Peay State University.

Sporting events were to begin today and continue through Friday.

"It's great to see these seniors come here," said 78-year-old Chuck Holub, who will participate in the bowling event.

"It gives us a chance to see people we've known forever. People who don't participate are missing out on the best thing going for them," he told "The Leaf-Chronicle."

This year's games feature Tennessee athletes ranging in age from 50 to 98.

The event was founded in 1981 by Blue Cross and Blue Shield to encourage fitness among seniors. Tennessee's champions will represent the state at national games later this year.

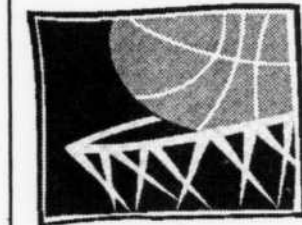
Mayberry said she always has been interested in sports and played high school basketball and softball in 1941. She first heard about the senior competition when she started frequenting the Hickman County Senior Center after her retirement. She is now in her fifth year of participation and took home six awards in district games.

This is the eighth year the state games have been held in Clarksville, where the event pumps more than \$600,000 into the local economy.

Area civic leaders said the city's hotels and motels are booked solid through Friday, and the average participant spends more than \$100 a day.

"There is fierce competition for these games with other cities," said George Halford, president of the Clarksville-Montgomery County Economic Development Council.

Clarksville has the games for the next two years and will bid next year to keep the games past 2000, Halford said.



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CHICAGO (AP) - The big ticket in the theater world today is the musical, and that has propelled soaring enrollments in college undergraduate programs that combine acting, voice and dance studies, say educators.

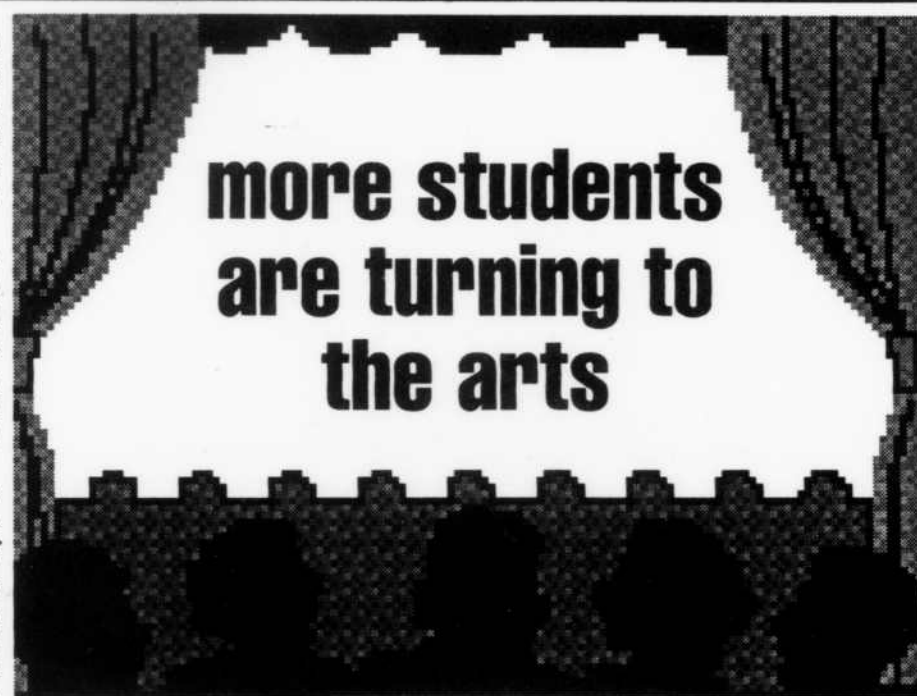
Enrollment for Columbia College Chicago's musical theater performance program has grown from 15 to 90 students in five years, according to program co-facilitator Estelle Spector. She attributes the increase to renewed popularity of the Broadway show, both in New York and on the road.

"Last season saw a huge jump in Broadway musicals," says Spector, a veteran director and choreographer of musical theater. "Several dozen shows toured the country, and to keep costs down, they all used what we call 'triple-threat' talent - people who can act, sing and dance. It's a big change from the era when singers only sang and dancers only danced."

At American University in Washington, D.C., Christian Mendenhall expects a doubling of the enrollment in the musical theater program he directs. "This year, more students applied for a music theater degree than a theater degree," he says. Forty students are expected in the fall, up from 20 the previous year.

"Les Miz," "Cats," "Annie" and "Phantom" are what young people see today," says Byron Grant, chairman of the theater and music department at Webster University in St. Louis. "High schools also put a big emphasis on musicals, so it's been their theatrical experience."

Opportunities in the field aren't limited to Broadway and its road shows. Summer stock playhouses, dinner theaters, and community theaters are also calling for multiple-talent performers, says Grant. "Regional theaters are now doing one or two musicals a year, something



they formerly didn't do."

Straight acting talent may not be enough, notes Wallace Smith of the Illinois Theater Association. "Actors are expected to be able to sing and dance when they come out of theater school. There are so many jobs where they're called upon to do it that they're getting prepared for it. At our auditions, the number of people who sing is much greater than it used to be. It may even exceed the people who audition with straight acting."

So how do you become a "triple threat" performer? Spector of Columbia College Chicago says her students are grounded in a variety of musical theater techniques, including ballet, tap, jazz, acting, voice training, music theory, ear training and sight singing. For students with high school music experience, acting classes are especially important, she says. "These students may be highly talented singers, but they're usually weak in acting, because they haven't had the training."

It all comes together in their senior year when

they take the musical theater workshop, says Spector's co-facilitator, Albert Williams, a writer and performer who specializes in rock musicals. "It's a very intensive, performance-oriented class that's team-taught by a director, a choreographer, and a vocal coach."

At American University, students are required to take equal amounts of acting, singing and dancing classes, says Mendenhall.

Both schools also emphasize audition techniques and require substantial loads of liberal arts and sciences.

In response to student requests, the University of Southern California is introducing a minor in musical theater this year. "Most students who signed up for it are majoring in something else," says Dr. Sharon Marie Carnicke, associate dean of the theater school. "But they realize that it's important to have added flexibility. One may be a fabulous singer who needs to work on acting, another may be a fabulous actor who wants to develop his talent for dance."

There's no formal musical theater program at Boston University, but the school encourages theater students to take voice and dance classes, says Claudia Catania, a veteran performer and adjunct professor who teaches singing for actors. "In New York, live entertainment is almost all musical theater. It's difficult to make a living in straight theater unless you hit it big. But musical theater provides excellent opportunities for young actors. They can be in the chorus of a musical and get every-night performing experience, instead of working as waiters."

Students at the universities get to perform before audiences in a variety of shows staged at school. These can range from older standards such as "Kiss Me, Kate" and "Crazy for You," to rock-era hits like "Jesus Christ Superstar," and a revue of 1960s rock, "Up on the Roof."

## Jackson's new movie 'Negotiator' might take back seat in box office

(AP) — One of Hollywood's most redeeming qualities is that even when a studio churns out a completely formulaic, paint-by-numbers movie, you can sometimes find a gem of a performance by a truly gifted actor.

Jodie Foster won her first Academy Award as the blue-collar rape victim in "The Accused," an otherwise underwhelming drama, and Alan Rickman was hilarious as the evil Sheriff of Nottingham in the Kevin Costner dud "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves."

The flip side is that sometimes, even when you have a pair of actors as talented as Kevin Spacey and Samuel L. Jackson, you get a movie as dull as "The Negotiator."

From its opening scene with Jackson heroically saving the day (think "Blown Away") to the murky conspiracy involving crooked cops and a pension fund (think "The Big Easy") to the unbelievably hokey final shot of Jackson's Chicago police badge, "The Negotiator" is so familiar that it may as well have been patched together from other movies.

Jackson plays Danny Roman,

the department's best hostage negotiator, a gutsy and unpredictable cop loved by almost everyone in his precinct. But, of course, there's a catch - Roman gets framed for stealing from the officers' pension fund. His friends in the department suddenly turn on him (think "Fallen"), and his lawyer advises him to pack it in and negotiate a plea bargain.

Roman decides to take a top police official hostage to try and clear his name. Hey, what better way to demonstrate you're an upstanding, law-abiding officer than to point a gun at your boss' head?

He demands to talk only to Chris Sabian, a respected negotiator from another precinct, whom he knows only by reputation. Roman's theory is that somebody he knows probably framed him, so the only person he can trust is a stranger.

What follows is a convoluted mixture that can't decide if it's a psychological drama or a mystery about the pension fund or a summer action flick. It ends up borrowing from each theme, and the sum total is none of the above.

All the clichés are in place: the

concerned, loving wife (Regina Taylor, who was much better as the concerned, loving wife of Denzel Washington in "Courage Under Fire"); the meddlesome media; the cold-eyed, bureaucratic FBI agents. The late J.T. Walsh, who built a career as the utilitarian villain of character actors, plays another baddie here. Too bad Hollywood never took better advantage of his talent.

Director F. Gary Gray has said Jackson and Spacey were his top picks for the lead roles, and it's easy to see why. Jackson has a history of playing wisecracking, emotional characters like the Bible-quoting Jules of "Pulp Fiction." Spacey was Hollywood's flavor of the month after winning an Oscar as the cerebral con artist in "The Usual Suspects." But their characters in "Negotiator" are pale imitations of their earlier successes.

"The Negotiator," a Warner Bros. release, is rated R for violence and foul language. It was produced by David Hoberman and Arnon Milchan and written by James DeMonaco and Kevin Fox. Running time: 2 hours, 15 minutes.

## In Brief...

NEW YORK (AP) - She's not the first person to waste violin lessons.

Madonna has decided not to play the lead in "50 Violins," a movie about an inner-city music teacher, Miramax said Tuesday.

Wes Craven, the film's director, said the problem was "genuine mutual creative differences."

Madonna's spokeswoman, Liz Rosenberg, did not immediately return a call Tuesday.

Madonna spent three months learning the violin so she could play the role of Roberta Tzavaris, who taught kids in East Harlem, Daily Variety said.

NEW YORK (AP) - Logic stands between Tom Hanks and bad-guy roles.

"The problem is that I'm always in search of logic in storytelling," he said in this week's USA Weekend. "And the bad guys always suffer from faulty logic."

Hanks stars with Matt Damon in "Saving Private Ryan," a World War II film that left Hanks thankful he never had to go to war.

"I'm glad I didn't have to fight in any war. I'm glad I didn't have to pick up a gun. I'm glad I didn't get killed or kill somebody," he said. "I hope my kids enjoy the same lack of manhood."



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## Pink Floyd no match for Michael

□ Kin Easter/staff

Since there's nothing exciting happening in the Blue Raider world, let's talk NBA.

Michael Jordan. Ha, ha!

I've always liked Michael. I've enjoyed watching him play from his early to his latter years. It was interesting to see how his play turned from that of a babe into that of a meat eater.

His comments about the possible new coach of the Bulls, Tim Floyd, almost made me sick. Someone reported Michael calling Floyd, "Pink Floyd." That's pretty catchy.

Michael has earned quite a reputation not only with the city, but with the basketball program. He is a legend. The United Center is the house that Jordan built.

Michael's pretty smart too. Oh, yes. Michael knows how high his reputation is, he's using it as a tool. And it's working too.

Michael at one time said he would only play for Dean Smith, his North Carolina coach, or Phil Jackson, his newly former coach.

At first, Michael would appear to be a whiny spoiled brat who wants, wants, wants and one who can't accept change.

But Michael is playing it pretty cool. He's laying low and watching his fame cause such an uproar in the organization's operations. It's nice to know how much you're needed.

The decision is left to Michael, a basketball player, not a president or owner; will Floyd be the new coach?

O.K. now. Who's the boss? Who runs the Chicago Bulls organization?

The pennant races are really heating up. I enjoyed watching the Mets and Cubs play — two top contenders in the Wild Card race.

My prediction for the World Series? I hate to say it; the Yankees.

I am a Braves fan, and I am loyal to the locals. I still hold a grudge against the Yanks for beating the Braves in the World Series, but the Yankees just can't be stopped.

The Yankees will win the World Series, yawn. Glue your eyes to the TV set for the National League playoffs.

Without being as biased as possible, I'm going with the Braves for the pennant winners. But it won't be easy. The Padres and the Astros are both looking good this year.

Don't forget the Cubbies, who are the top candidates for the Wild Card. They would be dangerous at Wrigley in the playoffs. The fans are hungry for a championship trophy and they want to impress the man upstairs, Harry Caray.

As far as Monday is concerned, Mark McGwire is at home 44, only 18 more to go and he'll break the 37-year-old record of most homers in a single season set by Roger Maris with 61.

It's not even August yet. However, it's hard to predict now if he'll break the record. Pitchers just may not pitch to him, and time could run out for him.

There's been a lot of beatings going on in the sports world.

That would give Jerry Springer something to think about.

He could invite these athletes and the women they abuse.

Wouldn't that be a great episode.

Guests on the show would include baseball greats Livan Hernandez of the Florida Marlins and Albert Belle of the Chicago White Sox and two-time All-Pro tight end Ben Coates of the Patriots. Along with their women.

Watching Belle explode would be terrific. Maybe his victim would have a new boyfriend on the show. Springer would have to hire more Chicago cops for that episode.



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## Wiel eyes national talent

### Steamboat Classic takes over Rec Center

□ Kin Easter/staff

Scouting came close to home for Blue Raiders men's basketball coach Randy Wiel.

The university hosted the Steamboat Classic Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Games were played in the Alumni Memorial Gym, the Rec Center and Murphy Center.

Eighty-six high school teams nationwide participated in the event consisting of pool games, followed by a double elimination. The event was held at Rhodes College and area-wide gymnasiums in Memphis for a number of years.

Wiel recently visited an AAU tournament in Orlando, but he preferred events similar to the Showboat Classic because players compete with their usual varsity teammates. The coach has been watching games throughout most of the event.

"This is a much better perspective with them playing on their teams," Wiel said. "Plus, you get to see a lot of players you don't know about."

"There's a difference between AAU and the Steamboat Classic. You see the best ones and you see the best players [in the Steamboat Classic]."

Due to a scheduling conflict in

Memphis, MTSU was given the opportunity to host the event. MTSU hopes to host it again next year and will put up bids against Memphis, Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio.

This year's location has been convenient for the Raider coaching staff.

"There are a bunch of recruiters," said Rec Center facility supervisor Mark Owens. "This is like a camp for coaches to see the players. This is the last camp of the year."

Alumni Jim Drew (1973) coordinates the event each year and helped move it to the university.

"Jim wanted to bring it back home," Owens said.

The move has somewhat helped local businesses.

"This is real big in the community for hotels and restaurants," said Jessica Shamblin, who operates the tournament brackets. "Nobody's been in Nashville. Everybody's staying here [Murfreesboro] or in Smyrna."



Katie Wise/staff



High school basketball teams from around the nation traveled to Murfreesboro this past weekend to play ball with new opponents and show their stuff to talent scouts.

## Tar Heels will come to the 'Boro

### Blue Raiders plan for trip to Puerto Rico

□ Staff Reports

A home bout with national power North Carolina and an appearance in the Puerto Rico Christmas Shootout tournament highlight the Blue Raider men's basketball schedule announced by Athletic Director Lee Fowler.

The Blue Raiders will host North Carolina's Tar Heels on Nov. 30 and will be playing in the Puerto Rico tournament Dec. 21-23.

The tournament field includes Oklahoma, North Carolina State, Ohio State, Mississippi State, Alabama at Birmingham and St. Joseph's (Pa.), along with the Blue Raiders and host American University of Puerto Rico.

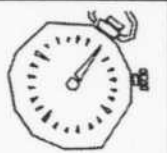
Blue Raider fans get their first chance to see the new edition of the Blue Raiders in a pair of exhibition games, first on Nov. 3 against Sports Reach and then on Nov. 10 against a foreign touring team.

The Blue Raiders open the regular season with home dates against East Tennessee on Nov. 16 and Erskine on Nov. 21.

"We certainly have a tough, competitive schedule," said coach Randy Wiel, preparing to start his third season at the helm.

"The game with North Carolina, the field in Puerto Rico and games with Marist on the road and Western Kentucky in Nashville send us against some of the best competition around," he said. "Nearly all of our non-conference games are against very successful programs and should help to prepare us for the Ohio Valley Conference season."

## 2-MIN. DRILL



Lady Raider pitching coach Steve Chattin has accepted the first base coaching position at University of Georgia.

Chattin has served two years under softball coach Karen Green. The Lady Raiders had a 26-28 and record last year.

"Steve's done a wonderful job wherever he is," Green said. "He always wanted to go to the Southeastern Conference and later become head coach. We hate to lose him."

Due to the acquaintances between the Lady Raider and Lady Bulldog coaching staffs, Chattin discovered the opening.



GRENOBLE, France (AP) - Stuart O'Grady, the overall leader for three days earlier in the race, used his sprinting ability to capture the 15th stage of the Tour de France.

O'Grady was part of a six-man breakaway that left the pack early in the 116-mile trek from Valreas to Grenoble. He edged Giuseppe Calcaterra at the line for the victory. Orlando Rodrigues was third, followed by Leon Van Bon and Peter Meinert-Nielsen. Laurent Desbiens, another former yellow jersey holder earlier in the Tour, was sixth.

Defending champion Jan Ullrich maintained the overall lead, 71 seconds ahead of Bobby Julich. Laurent Jalabert and Marco Pantani were next, 3:01 back.

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) - Laura Davies ended a 10-month winless slump with a six-shot victory in

the Chrysler Open, a European tour event. Davies shot a 3-under-par 70 and finished at 8-under 284. Trish Johnson, also closed with a 70 to share second with Raquel Carriedo (73). Last year's U.S. Open champion, Alison Nicholas (73) and was alone in fourth at 291.

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) - Gustavo Kuerten captured his second career title, beating Karol Kucera 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 to win the Mercedes Open. Kuerten became the first Brazilian to win a Grand Slam tournament when he took the 1997 French Open title.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Andre Agassi won a record fourth Legg Mason Tennis Classic title, needing just 50 minutes - the fastest final match on the ATP Tour this year - to defeat Scott Draper 6-2, 6-0.

After finishing out of the top 100 last year for the first time since turning pro in 1986, Agassi rose to a season-high No. 13 after the victory.

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Spain knocked the United States out of the Federation Cup semifinals when Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Conchita Martinez beat Lisa Raymond and Mary Joe Fernandez 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 11-9 in doubles for a 3-2 victory.

Spain will play Switzerland for the title in September.

SION, Switzerland (AP) - Martina Hingis labored before beating Amelie Mauresmo 6-7 (6-8), 6-4, 6-2 and clinching Switzerland's first appearance in the Federation Cup final. The victory gave the Swiss an unbeatable 3-0 lead over defending champion France. Switzerland went on to win 5-0.



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