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In the News

University tuition increases expected across state

NASHVILLE (AP) — The Tennessee Higher Education Commission voted Monday to recommend tuition hikes on campus across the state.

The tuition increases are expected to be approved later this week by the Board of Regents, which governs MTSU. MTSU could face a 5 percent increase, which means students could pay approximately \$55 more per semester.

TBR will be voting on the recommendation this Friday. Tuition increased 6 percent last fall. UT-Knoxville faces the biggest increase — 8 percent, which translates to \$103 more per semester.

Public Safety temporarily removes callboxes

All of the emergency callboxes on campus will be removed this week for repair and will be out of service for three to four weeks.

The callbox maintenance is necessary to ensure that all units are fully operational before the Fall 1998 semester, according to an interoffice memorandum from the department of public safety.

MTSU makes Billboard magazine again

MTSU is in the latest issue of Billboard magazine. The story is about recovering the "lost" music of DeFord Bailey, Country Music's first black star. A CD titled "The Legendary DeFord Bailey," was produced for the Tennessee Folklore Society by Dr. Charles Wolfe, English, Bruce Nemerov, MTSU Center for Popular Music, and Bailey family friend David Morton.

It was remastered and edited by Nemerov at the Audio Restoration Lab at the Center for Popular Music. With this major national visibility, Wolfe says he expects many more inquiries and purchases of the CD to come in to the Folklore Society office on campus, according to Office of News and Public Affairs.

Three black colleges identified as endangered

NASHVILLE (AP) — Three historically black colleges in Nashville were on a list of historic properties identified as the country's most endangered Monday by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C.

The report cited Fisk University, Meharry Medical College and Tennessee State University.

Dozens of building on the six campuses are crumbling, and the cost to repair them is overwhelming.

Officials say Mix Factory is recruiting homeless

NASHVILLE (AP) — The Music City Mix Factory is accused by officials from two Nashville shelters of recruiting homeless men from downtown streets to fight in preliminary bouts before main events. The dance club was the scene of 49 of Tennessee's 64 boxing shows last year.

Mix Factory owner Paul Eichel denied recruiting fighters from places like homeless missions.

Tennessee has become the second most popular state in the nation for boxing.

Pepsi out, Coke in

MTSU to sign large contract with Coca-Cola

□ Bryan Brooks/ staff

Pepsi machines began disappearing around campus last Monday — replaced with Coca-Cola machines as the July 1 date approaches when the latter becomes the soft drink of MTSU.

"We selected Coke as our exclusive vendor on campus," said Joe Hugh, director of procurement services. "They were pretty aggressive in their bidding."

Every five years the university bids out the soft drink contract, and last spring Coca-Cola beat Pepsi in the bidding process to furnish their services to the campus and at athletic events, according to Hugh.

"There was a considerable

difference [in the bids], maybe a few thousand," said Duane Stucky, vice president of finance and administration.

Most visible will be the new vending machines which will have the new school logo on the front of them. Fifty of the machines will be placed off campus throughout the Middle Tennessee area, according to Stucky. Twenty-five will be located on campus.

In the package that MTSU received, the school will get a commission on the sale of drinks on campus. Stucky said that the difference between the commission offered by Coke and Pepsi was sizable.

A new \$4,000 scoreboard for the baseball field and \$25,000 for "equipment and merchandise" is also being offered by the company.

Coke also donated \$27,000 for

scholarships, which will be placed in the general scholarship fund for students with high scholastic achievements.

Another \$70,000 is to be given to the university primarily for assistance in marketing, sales and promotion of MTSU sports, Stucky said.

He said there is even a possibility that the MTSU logo could be placed on Coke cans for distribution in the midstate region.

After July 1, Pepsi will not be available anywhere on campus. The company that is contracted to run the food services on campus, Aramark, offers only Coke in the four campus cafeterias and at events it caters.

Doug Williams, director of New and Public Affairs, said that an official unveiling of the artwork on the front of the vending machines will be held next week.

Top midstate students pick MTSU

□ Bryan Brooks/ staff

For the second year in a row MTSU ranked first in a survey of midstate valedictorians and salutatorians conducted by "The Tennessean."

Ten percent chose MTSU as the college they plan to attend this fall — higher than any other school. UT-Knoxville was second with 8 percent.

The unscientific survey was released in the June 7 issue of "The Tennessean" and included 95 percent of the 203 valedictorians and salutatorians in the 10-county area.

Of students surveyed who would be attending just in-state schools, 16 percent chose MTSU above others. UT-Knoxville was chosen by 13 percent, Tennessee Tech 10 percent, David Lipscomb 8 percent, Austin Peay 7 percent, Belmont 6 percent, Vanderbilt 6 percent, Rhodes 5 percent, Cumberland 4 percent, Columbia State 3 percent, Union, University of Memphis, University of the South, UT-Chattanooga, UT-Martin and TSU all were chosen by 2 percent.

Last year MTSU was ranked first with 12 percent of students surveyed choosing the university as their school of choice. In 1996 the university was second with 9 percent, behind Vanderbilt which had 11 percent.

"We are excited to know we are attracting students of high academic promise," said Barbara Haskew, vice president of academic affairs.

"MTSU is committed in its Academic Master Plan to focusing on building excellence in its student body, its faculty and its programs," she added. "This is just one sign of our being successful."

Lynn Palmer, director of admissions, said she wasn't surprised by the survey results, particularly because MTSU was ranked first last year.

Palmer said that what helps MTSU attract students is the variety of "outstanding scholarships provided" to students. Over the past few years, MTSU has increased its academic scholarships from \$500,000 to \$3 million.

The Presidential Scholarship, Academic Service Scholarship and Leadership Performance Scholarship help lure students, according to Palmer. These are institutional scholarships offered only at MTSU.

The office of admissions is responsible for attracting students to MTSU. Much like an athletic department recruits athletes, they aggressively market what the university has to offer to prospective students, according to Palmer.

Last fall MTSU was named by "U.S. News and World Report" as the leading university in Tennessee in enhancing the educational attainment of its students.

State allocates funds for ADA renovations

□ Chad Gillis/ staff

Renovations and utility work is being performed at 15 sites across campus to better accommodate disabled users at MTSU.

"It's due to be completed sometime around the first week of October," said Earl Bogle of construction administration.

In 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act required all state institutions to put a transition plan into motion to accommodate disabled users, according to John Harris, Director of Disabled Student Services.

Since, the Tennessee Board of Regents hired Law Engineering to assess all TBR schools. The firm identified "barriers" that each institution needed to remedy to satisfy recommendations from the ADA.

"The state has allocated a certain amount of funds to each institute based on the Law Engineering report," said Mark Hawley, campus planning project manager.

Over the last two years MTSU has received \$500,000 to begin the first phase of renovations — which includes renovations to high traffic buildings and entrances, according to Hawley.

"What we've tried to do is look at what the ADA recommends," Hawley said adding that building exteriors would be worked on first.

The bulk of the renovations is focused on installing ramps and handrails along entrances and sidewalks. Inside work will be a



Chad Gillis/staff

A Walter Rice Construction worker attempts to remove a piece of sidewalk behind the James Union Building. Total cost of the project is \$461,699.

priority for the second phase of the renovation.

"One of the things that we're looking at doing is elevators," Hawley said.

Murphy Center, the Stark Agriculture Building, Cope Administration and the James Union Building were selected for elevator work because they are some of the most highly used buildings on campus, Hawley said.

According to Hawley each elevator could cost anywhere from \$100,000 to \$200,000, and the university does not expect TBR funds

to cover the entire cost of the elevators.

Harris said that about \$2.5 million of construction will be needed to remedy ADA recommendations over the next five years.

"I think all students will benefit from improved rest rooms, handrails, water fountains and cup dispensers," Harris said.

Harris estimated that MTSU has about 32 wheelchair users and over 700 students with physical and mental disabilities. Harris said he expects 36 new students to come through Disabled Student Services

Klan getting permit to march in Jasper; picks up

JASPER, Texas (AP) — The Ku Klux Klan has been granted a permit to march a week from Saturday in this town rocked by the suspected hate crime killing of a black man dragged to his death behind a pickup.

Sheriff Billy Rowles confirmed today that two factions of the white supremacist group have been granted a permit for a single parade from noon to 2 p.m. on June 27. He did not immediately comment further.

The news comes the morning after a vigil to remember James Byrd Jr.

and pray for unity. It what was expected to be the last in a series of public gatherings stemming from Byrd's death.

More than 500 people attended Monday's vigil. Several shook their heads in frustration when approached by reporters.

"I just wish it would all go away," said Lucy Luetkemeyer, 21.

Byrd, 49, was killed June 7 when he was chained to a pickup truck by his ankles and dragged along a country road for 2 1/2 miles. He apparently was

targeted because he was black.

Byrd was buried Saturday after a funeral that attracted national activists including Jesse Jackson and NAACP President Kweisi Mfume.

Monday night's vigil was led by local ministers who say they're striving to bring Jasper — a town of 8,000 deep in the piney woods — together.

"We just pray that ... unity will come about in this community," said Walter Glenn. "We pray that ... all wounds can be healed."

"We ask thee to bind us together as

one," said the Rev. Kenneth Lyons, pastor at the Byrd family's church, Greater New Bethel Baptist. "Only thee can make us whole again."

Byrd's family released a statement thanking Jackson, President Clinton, Mfume and concerned citizens from around the world for their support.

"Our hope now is that the death of James serve as a wake-up call to all of us to re-examine our stand on racism," the letter said. "Hate crimes must not be tolerated and we hope that justice will be done speedily."

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Gay political group says right wing has stranglehold on leadership

WASHINGTON (AP) — An official of the nation's largest gay political group says Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott is showing the right wing's influence by saying homosexuals should be helped "just like alcohol ... or sex addiction ... or kleptomaniacs."

"It's an indication of how the extreme right wing has a stranglehold on the leadership" of Congress, said Winnie Stachelberg, political director of the Human Rights Campaign, the 250,000-member gay and lesbian political organization. "It's comments like that that show he is much more in step with extreme elements than any other."

Lott, R-Miss., made his remarks while taping an interview for "The Armstrong Williams Show" on the America's Voice television network.

During their interview, Williams asked Lott whether he considers homosexuality a sin and Lott replied, "Yeah, it is."

Lott added: "You should still love that person. You should not try to mistreat them or treat them as outcasts. You should try to show them a way to deal with that problem, just like alcohol ... or sex addiction ... or kleptomaniacs."

"There are all kinds of problems, addictions, difficulties, experiences of things that are wrong, but you should try to work with that person to learn to control that problem," he said.

The remarks thrust Lott into a controversy that has engulfed the scientific, gay and conservative communities: Whether homosexuals have chosen their sexual orientation or whether it is biologically predetermined.

Many in the gay community say homosexuality is predetermined by biology. Some conservatives and other groups believe homosexuality is a chosen lifestyle and have searched for a "cure" for being gay.

Conservative leaders like James Dobson, president of Focus on the Family, have met in recent weeks with Lott and other congressional leaders, urging them to push for conservative priorities, including a tax reduction for many married couples.

Such meetings "may explain why he hasn't scheduled time for the nomination of James Hormel," Stachelberg said.

Hormel is a San Francisco philanthropist and Democratic Party donor whom President Clinton nominated last year to be ambassador to Luxembourg. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved the nomination in November, but it has been stalled ever since.

Earlier this month on CNN's "Late Edition" show, Lott said for the first time that he opposes Hormel's nomination, viewing him as an aggressive advocate of the gay lifestyle. As majority leader, Lott largely controls the Senate's agenda.

Stachelberg also said Lott is "out of step" with scientific studies of the causes of homosexuality.

Following the lead of the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association declared in 1975 that it no longer considered homosexuality a mental disorder. Some scientific studies have found differences between the genes and brain structures of homosexual and heterosexual people.

Lott spokeswoman Susan Irby declined to comment on Stachelberg's remarks.

Third lawsuit filed over deaths involving police

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The families of three black men who died during confrontations with police said a prayer for the city and the Police Department they are suing for more than \$14 million.

"We pray not just for the oppressed," the Rev. Ronnie Collins said Monday. "We want to see change, we want to see a city where everybody is treated honestly and like everyone else."

Collins joined the families of the three men at a news conference to announce the latest lawsuit.

The family of Juan Daniels, 25, who was shot by police while threatening suicide, sued Monday for \$6.7 million, claiming police used excessive force.

"The tears they shed won't bring them back," attorney Gloria Moore said of the Daniels family she is representing and the others.

"And I say to you the lawsuits won't bring them back. But it ought to get the attention of every man, woman, boy and girl around to know

that a life is precious."

Police spokesman Foster Arnett refused to comment directly on the lawsuit. "But I think it is important to point out that every investigation has vindicated the officers involved in the Juan Daniels' incident," he said.

Daniels' death in October was the third in a seven-month period involving black men and police officers.

Last June, James Woodfin, 63, was fatally shot by police who said he fired first when they came to pick him up on a disorderly conduct charge. His family has sued for \$1.25 million in federal court and \$1 million in state court.

In January, Andre Stenson, 34, died from a rare heart condition during a struggle with white officers who had stopped him for a traffic infraction. His family has sued for \$6.75 million.

Officers in each case have been cleared.

However, Mayor Victor Ashe has appointed a special commission to review all aspects of police procedures and consider creating a citizen

review board. The panel has yet to make recommendations.

Collins, of the nonprofit Joshua Generational International organization, questioned whether the deaths were "justifiable killings or questionable murders by the police."

He suggested that "if these men were white we would not be here today." A white man also died in police custody during the period, but Collins and the families claim police took greater care to prevent harm — supervisors were called and attempts made to negotiate.

"There are some things in common" between the cases, said Philip Lomonaco, the attorney representing the Woodfin and Stenson families. "One of the issues is the lack of training for police officers in Knoxville."

"While we feel that there certainly are a lot of good police officers on the force, the force is only as good as the training it receives and implements," he said.

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U.N. Security Council may lift Iraqi sanctions

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq is very close to becoming free of U.N. economic sanctions, the chief weapons inspector said today.

"The light at the end of the tunnel today is more visible than anytime," the U.N. envoy, Richard Butler, told reporters at the end of three days of talks with Iraqi officials.

The U.N. Security Council will lift the sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait only after Butler's U.N. Special Commission certifies that Iraq has no more illegal weapons. The embargo bars exports of oil, Iraq's main commodity, except in limited quantities to earn enough money to feed its people.

Butler said that his agency, UNSCOM, can finish its job in two months as long as Iraq fully cooperates with arms inspectors.

"I am very positive about it. It is good news ... provided Iraq fulfills its promises and gives us access to materials and documents," he said.

The statements were his most positive yet on Iraqi disarmament and reflect an improvement in UNSCOM's relations with Iraq, which has regularly accused Butler of being a lackey of the United

States and Britain.

During his talks in Baghdad, Butler gave Iraq a list of obligations that he said it must fulfill to back claims that it has dismantled all banned chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles.

In a sign of flexibility, Butler said his experts are willing to accept that it was impossible to verify every Iraqi claim.

In the past, UNSCOM insisted it needed conclusive proof and rejected Iraqi arguments that it had unilaterally destroyed many weapons before the inspection process began.

"It may be that we won't ever get 100 percent verification where physical parts have been torn apart and dispersed," Butler said today.

He said searches for missile and chemical weapons are nearing their end. Verification of Iraq's past germ warfare program is cumbersome but the two sides have "found a new way to deal with it," he said, without elaborating.

On Sunday, Iraq and UNSCOM agreed to detail a 2-month work program to end U.N. disarmament activities in Iraq.

Air pollution threatens Smokies tourism industry

CLINGMANS DOME, N.C. (AP) — Air pollution is putting a cloud over the tourism industry that depends on the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Park officials estimate visibility has been reduced as much as 60 percent in the last 50 years, with up to 80 percent visibility reduction in the summer.

Levels for some airborne pollutants known to harm human lungs exceeded safe standards one out of every three days last month.

Jim Renfro, air quality specialist for the park, say tourists are definitely noticing the trend.

"We get a lot of people complaining about that," Renfro said. "We get people expressing the

concern that they won't come back."

Conservationists have offered warnings for years about the deteriorating environment around the park. Now they are cautioning businesses about the potential economic impact due to a drop in tourism.

"Our economy is largely based on tourism and retirement that rely on the air being clear. With our poor air quality, we are driving away people that would be bringing a lot of money here," said Rick Maas, professor of environmental sciences at the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

The culprits are the sulfate particles emitted by industries which combine with water vapor.

The Environmental Protection Agency

recently adopted more stringent standards for ozone levels and for particulate matter because of their effects on human health, specifically as lung irritants.

The new standard, which went into effect last July, is .08 parts per million averaged over eight hours, rather than .12 parts per million in a single, peak hour.

Renfro said many counties adjacent to the park will struggle to reach the new standard for ozone based on his readings in the park.

"Things are not good and they're not getting better," he said.

The mountains are more susceptible to higher ozone readings because of their geography. Pollution gets trapped in valleys,

especially during long stretches of warm, stagnant days. That's why it seems hazier when it has been hot and has not rained recently.

"There are multiple pollutants and they all have different effects," Renfro said. "But since the ozone is monitored, it can help gauge how healthy — or unhealthy — the air is."

Ozone, a colorless, odorless gas, forms when nitrogen oxides mix with hydrocarbons and then react with sunlight. It is a primary pollutant in smog.

In the park, 11 of the last 18 days in May exceeded healthy ozone levels. That compares with seven days in 1994, and 13 each in 1995 and 1996. In 1997, the total was 19 days.

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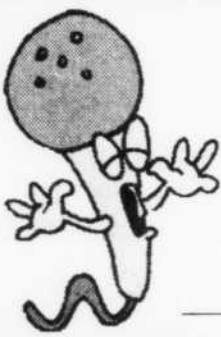
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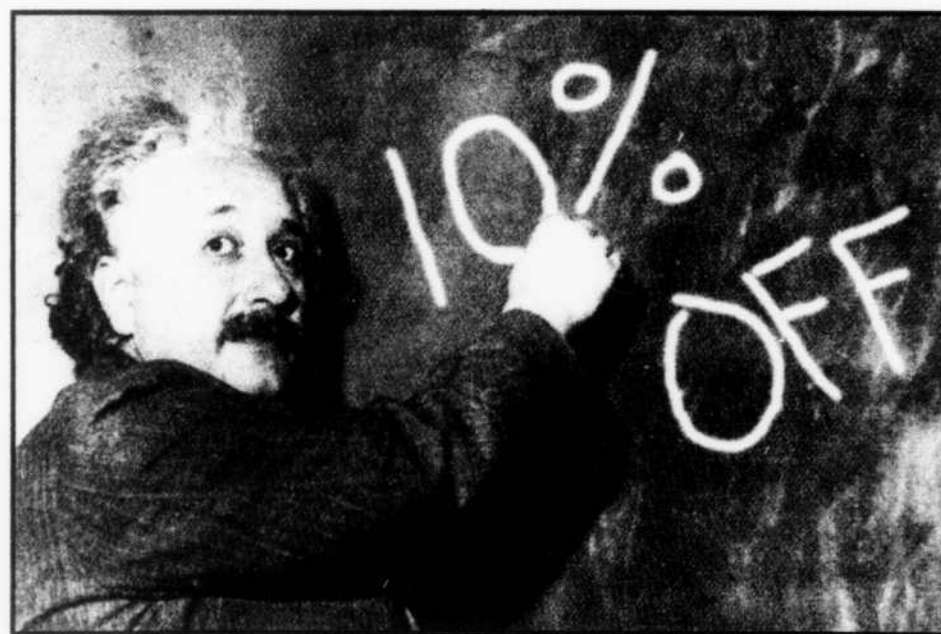
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Editorials

Race relations lacking in U.S.

Last week a Texas man was dragged to his death in what seems to be a racially motivated crime. And to add insult to injury, the Ku Klux Klan has a march planned for June 27 in that same town.

What?

Luckily, a portion of American society sees this as absurd and is willing to make strides towards solutions instead of adding problems to the greatest embarrassment this nation has ever encountered.

On Saturday, June 20, the Baha'is of Murfreesboro are inviting the public to join in a dialogue about race unity from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 205 of the Murfreesboro Electric Department.

Worthwhile events such as these are what our society should be striving for, instead of ripping bodies to shreds on rural roads.

And although "Sidelines" is not recommending this or any other religion, this publication is recommending the process of healing racism in America.

Racism is the most challenging issue confronting this country to date. Ignoring this can only result in additional injuries to every American.

Those who do not consider themselves to be racist are in as much danger, if not more, than those who openly draw lines in the dirt and separate themselves from all people of different race.

If an individual is to be accepted, that individual must accept others first.

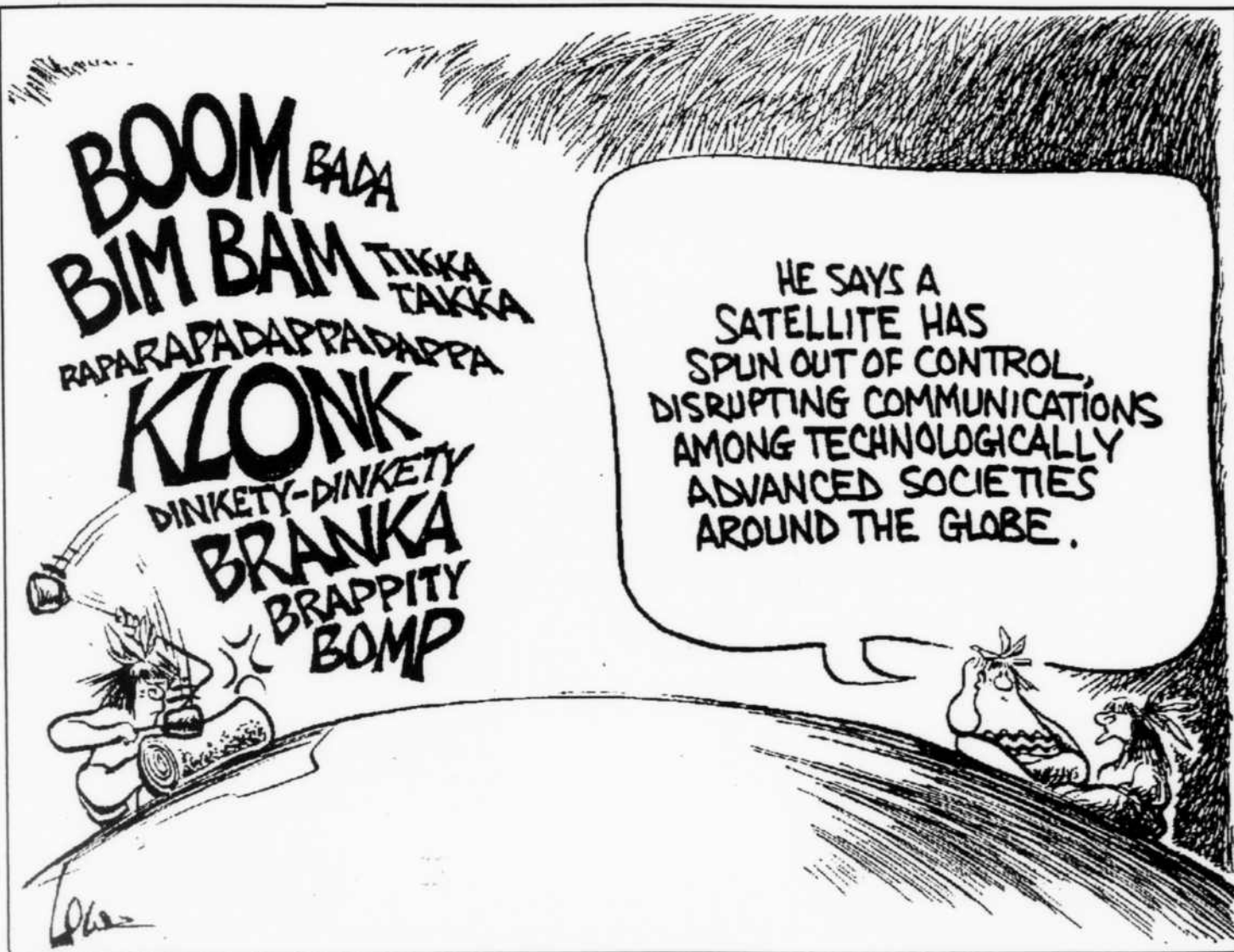
One of the largest indicators of weakness is the inability to successfully and peacefully confront situations that are troublesome.

This country must mature.

People who are oppressed constantly search for answers to their dilemmas.

Hopefully, violence will not be the first path chosen by the oppressed in America, but at times it seems that no other path is available.

Racism is a sickness souring in the soft underbelly of American society. We need a cure.



America's nuclear reaction

□ Urvakh Karkaria/CPS

Why is Bill Clinton mad at India? Is it because he'll now have to share the pool with one more person at the Nuclear Club? Or perhaps because he'll have to play the World's Greatest Hypocrite again? The way India gate-crashed the Club was terrible. Tony Blair must have dropped his scones and exclaimed, "How impropah!"

Many were stunned to hear of the country's controversial nuclear tests. While the real motives for nuclear armament remain shrouded in the mushroom cloud, India's millions aren't complaining.

According to a poll by "The Times of India," more than 90 percent of the population supports the blast. Even otherwise belligerent opposition parties have rallied behind the government.

But while Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee nibbles on chutney sandwiches on The Nuclear Club's lawn, the rest of the world screams bloody murder.

Last week the global response measured higher on the Richter scale than the nuclear tests. As Jay Leno observed how India had put the "bomb in Bombay," Clinton wearily mounted his moral high-horse and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan hid under Liberty's skirt. Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina believes India to be "an emerging nuclear threat to the territory of the United States." Who said politicians didn't have a sense of humor?

While it is unfortunate that India has chosen the path of nuclear armament, how does the United States get off on preaching nuclear disarmament? The same country that leads the moral parade opened the nuclear Pandora's box in the first place, conducting more than 1,000 nuclear explosion tests (more than

all other countries combined) and continuing to maintain its nuclear weapons indefinitely. Does Washington think New Delhi is less responsible? Pop quiz: Which country is overrun with trigger-happy fourth graders and over-armed nut cases?

The Big Five (otherwise known as Britain, China, France, the United States and Russia) have enough plutonium to send the planet on a one-way trip to the farthest Black Hole. Yet they wave hypocritical treaties such as the

is Detroit's El Dorado.

When the going gets tough, the United States gets nasty. Economic arm-twisting is a tested tactic of the class bully.

Wall Street, on the other hand, is too self-driven to be steered by Capitol Hill. Economic sanctions will boomerang back to hit the United States in the pocketbook. Indian software engineers keep Bill Gates in his Birkenstocks, and Levi's and Polo slap their multi-million dollar brand names on Indian fabric. U.S. exports count for less than 1 percent of India's Gross National Product. According to the New York Times, U.S. sanctions will only drive a market of nearly a billion consumers straight into the hands of America's European and Asian competitors.

Mr. President, India is no Banana Republic.

However, India would be hit hard if loans from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund are locked. These loans fund major infrastructure projects. It could be devastating if the international community adopts Washington's hypocrisy.

Fortunately, three of the Big Five — Britain, France and Russia — have refused to adopt such vindictive international policy. Without unanimous support and global economic sanctions, the United States will only shoot itself in the foot.

Despite all the doomsday talk of a nuclear arms race between India and Pakistan, the threat of economic sanctions will probably deter Pakistan from conducting nuclear tests. While every fanatic north of Karachi is beating his chest for revenge, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif is torn between political suicide if he doesn't conduct the tests, and economic ruin if he goes ahead with the plans and eventually invokes U.S. sanctions.



Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) at the rest of the world. If the First World is so concerned about nuclear Armageddon, they ought to get rid of their stock of candy. Selective non-proliferation doesn't work.

China is a far greater threat to global peace. For nearly a decade, India has unilaterally offered a hand of peace to Pakistan and China. Instead, China — in open violation of the CTBT which China itself ratified — continues to smuggle nuclear missile technology to Pakistan via North Korea. It has stockpiled hundreds of nuclear weapons in Tibet, all aimed at India. Where's the class monitor when you need him? Podium-thumping Bill has realized Beijing

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High school shooting numbs us again

□ College Press Exchange

Another shooting spree in an American high school recently has once again left us all shocked. As well it should. But somehow, it isn't quite as horrifying this time, is it?

On a rational level, we all believe this is a tragedy. At the same time, we're not as outraged as we were the first several times this happened.

No one would want to admit it, but maybe we aren't as impressed; we're starting to feel as if this has been done before. It just gets easier to ignore all the time.

We look at our children, at the games they play, the programs they watch and especially their attitudes toward violence. We shake our heads with disapproval, believing that more should be done. But we don't do anything to discourage their tendencies.

Kip Kinkel's parents, however, did do more. They recognized their son's problems. They had him on prozac, in anger-management counseling, and they tried to curb a dangerous obsession with guns into a constructive hobby to vent his excessive rage and perverse curiosity.

They tried to deal with his behavior in a rational manner. But at some level, it just wasn't enough, and they eventually gave up, trusting in providence while constantly afraid.

Perhaps it is time for us to realize that the problem is much more complex than just guns in the home or the phony violence on TV.

The very real violence in our society thoroughly saturates all aspects of our lives. Even those of us who think of our towns and cities as relatively safe can think of incidents of extreme violence we

either witnessed or were made aware.

Our children are growing up in an atmosphere not only of violence, but tolerance and acceptance of violence by their parents, elders and society as a whole. We have seen violence in the cities for years and accepted it as inevitable.

The recent outbreaks of violence in our nation's schools are symptoms of an endemic problem. If you don't believe it, try watching your local Fox television affiliate on any given night. We worship violence.

Unfortunately, the more often these events take place, the more desensitized to them we will all become, and the more likely they will be to continue unabated.

Until we find a new way of dealing with violence, we will have to live with it and keep finding someone else to blame.

An exciting, bright fall TV season? That's a joke!

NEW YORK (AP) — A very funny guy, that Paul Reiser.

Brought on stage during NBC's 1998-99 schedule presentation last month, the "Mad About You" star cracked a few jokes for the audience of advertisers, and gloated over his cushy new network deal. Then, taking his leave, he playfully ordered NBC president Robert Wright to go fetch the limo.

A day later, Drew Carey stood on stage at ABC's presentation for advertisers. Gloating over cushy treatment from his network, Carey quipped that when you have a hit sitcom, "(Disney chairman) Michael Eisner will run errands for you if you ask him really nice. Of course, he makes (ABC president) Bob Iger do it for him."

Different networks, different premium-priced talent, but the same joke, same recycled schtick, played out for an identical audience. It said as much about their prime-time programming as any specific shows the networks would announce.

But then, "new" is a relative term when applied by a network to its new fall series.

Likewise, "new" takes on a special meaning as NBC regurgitates a bellyful of summer reruns. In a reprise of last summer's promotion, NBC is once again arguing that the rerun you haven't seen is "new to you."

Expect "It's new to you" to be joined by other slogans as the summer wears on:

"Why not skip it again, so you can keep it new forever."

"TV is good. Especially on cable."

"Welcome home. Your cable's out."

And, reflecting each network's scramble to rip off a hit: "Count on us to be second FIRST!"

Those hits remain in short supply.

Veteran media analyst Steve Sternberg has just released his fall forecast, and it isn't bright. Of the 124 series on the six broadcast networks, 38 will be new. Of these, Sternberg hands a passing grade to just a half-dozen.

His chosen few are ABC sitcoms "Sports Night," "Brother's Keeper" and "Two of a Kind," the WB hours "Felicity" and "Charmed," and the CBS sitcom "King of Queens."

Note the absence of Fox, UPN and ratings champ NBC from this list of series that Sternberg, an executive with TN Media, credits with "an excellent chance" of renewal for Fall 1999.

Note also that the last of his favorites could be hyped with the slogan, "It's new to you if you missed another version that already flopped in mid-season."

In "King of Queens," standup comic Kevin James stars as a working stiff from Queens, N.Y., who has a downstairs rec room where he and his fellow overgrown adolescents gather in front of his big-screen TV. But then he loses his precious play-space when his wife's wacky sister and father move in.

The funniest thing about this sitcom may be the way it mirrors, however inadvertently, a sitcom called "That's Life." Just take the above description and change "Kevin James" to "Gerry Red Wilson," "downstairs" to "upstairs," and "father" to "nephew," and you've got "That's Life," which premiered on ABC in March and was dead by April.

Maybe we should brace ourselves for "new" variations on other recent duds like "Jenny," "Four Corners," "Total Security" and "The Closer" (picture Alan Thicke putting his spin on the role that Tom Selleck tried to ignite for 10 tepid weeks).

Copying flops could be a future TV craze. But right now trendspotters need look no further than Fox, where the gerund is clearly in vogue for fall.

No fewer than half of the titles of new Fox series feature this linguistic construction: "Living in Captivity," "Holding the Baby" and "Feelin' All Right," plus Fox incumbent "Getting Personal."

JFK: Name isn't original, but life story is

Student remembers family pain

□ Angelique Page/staff

If you met this MTSU student, you would remember his witty humor and charismatic personality. You would never have imagined that John F. Kennedy could tell you about more sad and traumatic moments during his childhood than most people experience in a lifetime. Most of them would break the human spirit and create a lifetime of anger.

"Although everyone remembers at least one difficult time from his or her childhood or youth adult years, my young life consisted of one followed by another," John exclaims. "Our two options are to either dwell on the past or use the experiences as tools to live fulfilled adult lives."

As John recalls his childhood battle of trying to be normal, he can't help remembering having brothers but not really knowing them, fighting to control borderline Tourette Syndrome, being teased and bullied in school and struggling to hide the fact that one brother had died of a disease about which people were ignorant.

In 1971 when John was born, his mother decided to name him after former President John F. Kennedy, who had been assassinated in 1963 on her birthday.

Although John had two brothers, they were much older than him. Sammy was 14, and James was 11. By the time John was seven, both his brothers had joined the military and moved to other countries.

When he was four, John's mother began to notice he had a couple of irritating habits, such as constantly rolling his eyes and shrugging his shoulders. She worked on getting him to stop the bad habits, but it appeared that he just couldn't break them.

"John was always a well-behaved child, so I couldn't understand why he couldn't stop," remembers his mother, Louise Kennedy. "No one really knew of Tourette Syndrome."

A year after his brothers moved away, John and his parents relocated to West Covina, Calif., in hope that the weather would be better for his father's health. John never fit in with the coastal style of living in California. He became an outcast to already existing cliques and learned how verbally and physically cruel kids can be.

"I remember one time, all of the kids wore these surfer style shoes called Vans off the wall, and they were real popular at school but expensive," he recounts. "My mother didn't have the money to buy the brand, but she did buy me a pair of look-a-likes, which a classmate decided was comical and worth beating me up over."

In California, John had learned of rejection and loneliness. Of course, he never told his mother the real reason he always had nose bleeds, bruises and torn clothes. However, his mother did notice that his habits had started when he was 4 had

gotten worse. Still she didn't know why.

After his parents lost their jobs in 1982, they moved back to Michigan where at least there was family.

One day, after moving back, Louise was watching the "Dick Cavett Show" and discovered Tourette Syndrome. After listening to the symptoms, she knew she had to find

that John's life began to change. His brother James returned after nine years, and he met his best friend, David Dickson.

"David was strong and popular among all of the kids, and for some reason he liked me," John recalls. "David taught me karate and self defense. But more than that he taught me how to have confidence

However, John couldn't help but want to be around him.

One year later, John's father, Sam, was transferred to Smithville, Tenn. James had a better chance to get help with AIDS in Michigan, so he stayed behind.

"John was heartbroken that James wasn't going to be moving with us," recalls John's father. "He feared he would never see him again."

The next year, in 1988, John and his parents received a call from their oldest son, Sammy, who relayed that "it was time." James had been in a coma for approximately 12 hours and time was running out.

Everyone was given a moment alone with him. As John took his turn, kneeling beside his brother's hospital bed, he began to pray. His brother cleared his throat and said one last thing to John before he died: "Make me proud."

After regaining his brother for only a short period of time John had lost him again. He became frustrated, hurt and angry.

Because James had requested to be cremated, the family honored his wish. They went back to Tennessee with "the little black box" of James' ashes.

After the ashes had been with them for 6 months, the family felt the need to let James go, but they didn't know how or where. They only knew that James didn't want to be buried.

John felt his parents needed help, so he took the ashes to a beautiful bridge overlooking water and green hills and released his brother — all by himself.

For a while, John continued to hurt. His anger continued too. He wore black mostly, as if to tell the world of his mourning. When the pain seemed heavier, John unloaded everything onto paper in the form of poems, such as the one he called "The Little Black Box."

"My poems enabled me to release the hurt, bit by bit," John explains. "They allowed me an outlet that didn't, couldn't, exist verbally."

The pain slowly began to subside, and in 1993, John's oldest brother, Sammy, moved to Tennessee.

"We didn't even know each other," Sammy recalls. "John was only 4 years old when I moved away."

Although it was tough in the beginning getting to know each other and developing a relationship, they finally began to be brothers again. It helped John offset the loss of James.

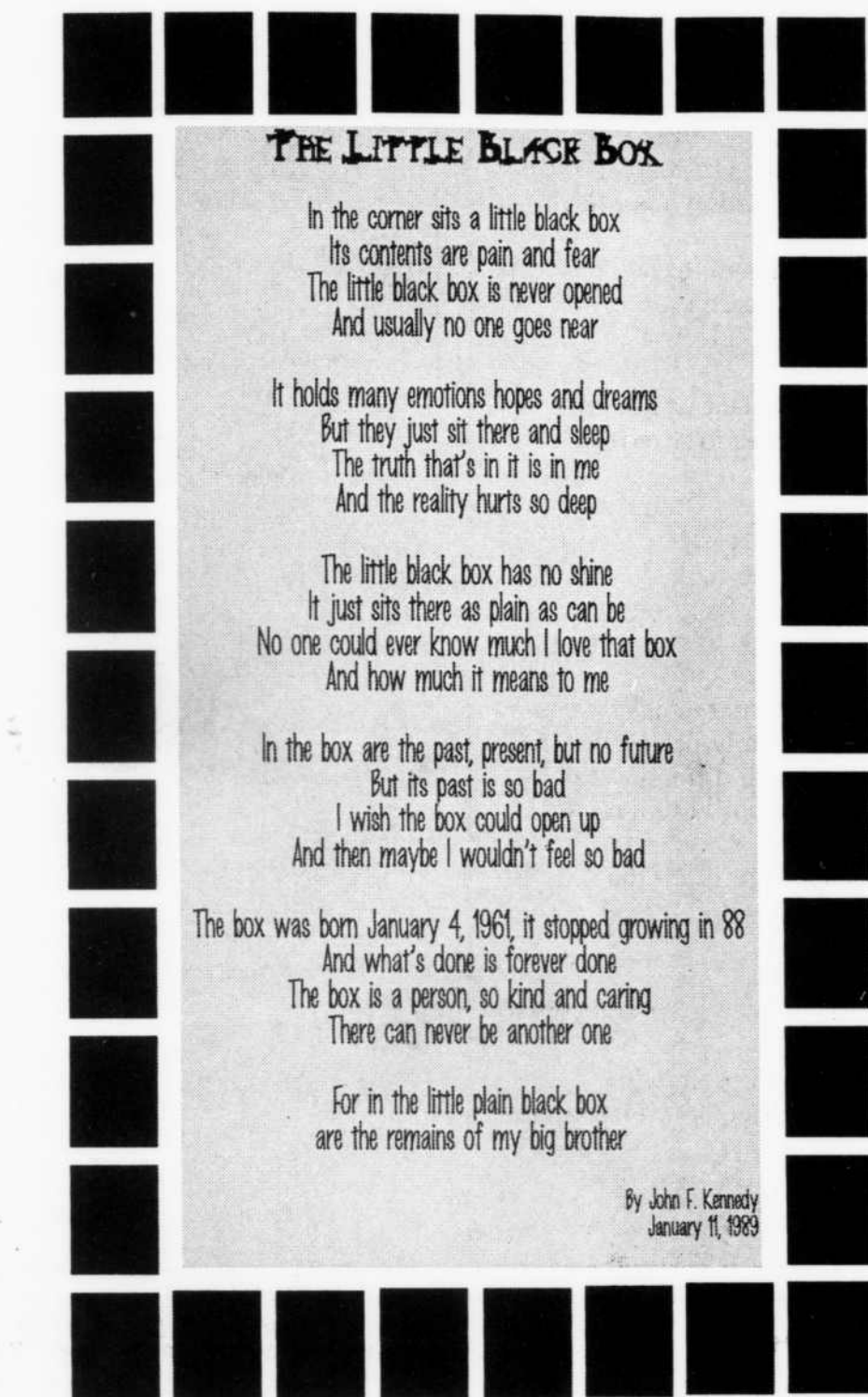
John hasn't forgotten any of his pain or the traumatic hurt of losing his brother, but he doesn't pity himself.

"I don't use the things in my life as anchors, but as guides," John announces. "I want to make my brother proud."

Today John is a sophomore and is pursuing a degree in advertising. His goal in life used to find happiness. Then he realized that it shouldn't be a goal because a goal is something you try to obtain.

"Happiness is life," John exclaims.

His goal today is to be a father some day and be able to use his experiences to teach his own children.



By John F. Kennedy
January 11, 1993

out if it was the reason John rolled his eyes uncontrollably and shrugged his shoulder constantly.

"I immediately called Northville Hospital and set up an appointment for John," Louise exclaims. "After eight hours of testing him, they informed me that John had borderline Tourette Syndrome. John and I were both relieved to finally have a name for his condition."

Afterward, the doctors advised John on how to control his symptoms.

"The hardest part was recognizing when I had 'ticks,' as they called it," he remembers.

John had put on weight during the stressful years in California, and although he began to control his "ticks," students in school continued to bully him. He learned to accept most of it, which made him even more vulnerable to being picked on.

It wasn't until 1984, at age 13,

and how to find my inner strength."

"John never gave up on anything," David said. "If he had trouble doing a move by the end of practice, he always had it by the next one."

Life seemed to pass smoother for the next couple of years, until 1986. John learned that his brother James had AIDS, a disease that not even the doctors knew much about — except that there wasn't a cure. More difficult than that, John wasn't allowed to talk to anyone about it because at the time public education on the subject was non-existent. The rumor was that it was a disease that only gay people had.

Upon doctor's advice, dishes and towels were separated for John's brother to use. Afraid that their youngest son would contract the disease, John's parents requested that he not drink after his brother.

Rock-a-bye college

Students juggle class schedule and parenting

□ Markeitha Gray/
special to *Sidelines*

Even though term papers, tests, limited parking and cafeterias are more than enough to have to deal with on a daily basis, many female college students have another battle to fight when they return home after a long day.

"The tests and term papers are always the most difficult!" says Florenda Young, a junior, full-time student and mother, who dreads these days.

"When there is an important paper due or a huge test, you seem to bump into so many obstacles concerning your child. You just deal with it because you know that they both have to get taken care of."

Florenda comments that studying for a test, preparing a dinner and caring for a child is like "being a one legged man in a butt-kicking contest."

Trina Weddington, another

college parent, notes the parking problem.

"By the time you run your baby to the sitter, parking is so complicated that you are usually late for class," Trina complains that she has to leave 30 minutes early just to beat other students to vacant spaces on or near campus.

What about meals? As a college mom, I can verify that being as busy as we are, we nearly starve. By the time we get up, prepare ourselves, as well as our children, get them to the day care and struggle to get to class on time, breakfast is out of the question.

The same with lunch.

If you are lucky enough to be blessed with a break, those minutes seem to fly by too fast. The lines are so long that by the time you make it to the front, you find yourself rushing to class and jamming your lunch in

your mouth.

"Some days I survive strictly off of corn chips and Pepsi," Florenda admits.

"It is hard being a single mom and trying to get an education, but it is in the best interest of your child," says Phylliss Davidson, MTSU director of child development.

Davidson teaches courses for Early Child Development majors and she stresses the importance of giving your child the proper developmental care. "Being a college mom is an extra burden because you are trying to develop and make sure that your child develops," Davidson declares. "However, this status develops some strong, independent women, who know first hand about struggling to open doors for their child's future."

She believes that "it is hard, but you still have to hang in there."

Students like Daphne Thomas and Maronda Jones express their struggles with college and neither of them even have children.

"Completing all my homework is hard enough. I can not even imagine having to care for an additional person," Daphne says, adding, "especially with so much social mingling."

Maronda says that being childless was a blessing. She points out the extra burden that a baby would bring, adding to the load that she has already.

"The women who do achieve this need great praise," Maronda compliments. "They are strong."

Tackling homework, difficult professors, peer pressure, social temptations and busy schedules is stressful enough. Taking on this load, not to mention a small child to look out for, can discourage a college mother.

However, no matter how hard the test, how long the essays, or how short the breaks may be, college is a necessity that can almost guarantee your child a better life.



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MTV's newest 'Real World' takes on Seattle

□ Tim Klass/AP

SEATTLE — Gone are the surveillance cameras, video crews at every step, heckling at concerts and snide notices in gossip columns.

Now the cast in the latest reincarnation of "The Real World" can get down to just being celebrities.

There was no script for this unusual experiment in visual cinema verité — just candid footage of seven bright, attractive young strangers, college students chosen from about 15,000 applicants to live and work together for 4 1/2 months in a cacophonous electronic fishbowl.

"I didn't know how much of a struggle it would be," said Nathan Blackburn, 21, of Chesterfield, Va., a Virginia Military Institute student.

"It got to be so stressful for me, it would get to be like a prison sometimes," said Stephen Williams, 20, of San Diego and the University of California at Berkeley.

"No one can ever be used to having cameras follow you around all day," said Rebecca Lord, 19, of Charlottesville, Va., a University of Virginia student. "I really thought I was going to have a breakdown."

Immediately following a one-hour special on cast selection, the MTV series resumes Tuesday at 10 p.m. EDT with a one-hour introduction to Nathan, Rebecca, Stephen and the others. In the weeks to come MTV will air 18 half-hour episodes compiled from 1,894 hours of videotape by Bunim-Murray Productions of Los Angeles.

Like "Beavis and Butt-head," "Unplugged," "Singed Out" and "Choose or Lose," "The Real World" has helped to define MTV.

Todd Cunningham, vice president of research and planning for the Viacom cable subsidiary, wouldn't reveal ratings but said the show has

drawn more viewers every season and is now broadcast in 41 countries.

On the show the participants are identified only by their first names. Last names for this article were obtained from outside sources.

From mid-January to late May they occupied 4,500 square feet on Pier 70, Seattle. Their fantasy land was adorned with 67 donated art works ranging from beds with hand-carved, Northwest coast Indian-style headboards to a larger-than-life barking metal bulldog for a doorbell. There were 2,000 books, a rock-climbing wall, exercise machines, espresso maker, pool table, aquarium and hot tub.

Twelve surveillance cameras and microphones were linked to an adjoining control room with 15 TV monitors. At least two video crews were on call 24 hours a day.

The footage was then "condensed into small pods of time and into story lines," co-executive producer Mary-Ellis Bunim said.

Bunim previously produced soaps such as "As the World Turns" and "Search for Tomorrow." Co-executive producer Jon Murray has a background of news and documentary work.

They aim to show people who are "in the process of defining who they are ... and have the courage to make those choices in front of the camera," Bunim said.

"It's very compelling," she said. "People try to write dialog representing this age group and fail abysmally."

"The first episode, I was a little sex kitten," said Lindsay Brien, 21, a University of Michigan student from Aspen, Colo., in an interview after taping ended.

"That's not who I am ... well, that's a little part of what I am, but I'm also the grandma of the house," she said. "I'd come home by 10 p.m. I didn't date anybody while I was

here." Many locals questioned the show's authenticity and integrity.

The Stranger, a widely circulated counterculture weekly, printed the secret location of the group's lodgings and offered \$1,000 for the most unflattering videotape of the cast.

"No one can ever be used to having cameras follow you around all day. I really thought I was going to have a breakdown."

Rebecca Lord
from the cast of
the 'Real World'

Some nightclub employees said MTV crews asked that cast members under 21 be admitted in violation of liquor laws. At the Roanoke Tavern, the staff had T-shirts printed saying "Seattle thinks The Real World sucks."

At some concerts attended by the cast, fans chanted obscenities to make the resulting footage unusable.

After six seasons in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, London, Miami and Boston, respectively, some elements seem almost scripted, especially in the season premiere.

Pulse-pounding music plays over rapid-fire scene-setting shots of Seattle's Space Needle and Monorail, downtown skyline and waterfront, fireboat in full spray, drip-drip-drip weather and salmon-tossing fishmongers.

There are whoops of joy as each cast member is chosen, then teary goodbyes and an edgy glee on arrival.

The camaraderie and tension develop apace. Stephen, who was born

into a black Muslim family and converted to Judaism on his own at age 15, feels shut out when he learns that David and Nathan are best friends and roommates.

A page from a personal journal is discovered. Nathan reads aloud:

"I wish they had brought a more diverse group of people to the show. I wonder why they don't have any people who don't go to college and are not from the — scratched out — upper white."

Nathan and Janet Choi, 21, a Northwestern University student, assume Stephen is the author. Later they learn it was David.

Irene McGee, 22, a Georgetown University student from Pleasant Valley, N.Y., leaves more than halfway through because of stress and a flare-up of Lyme disease.

Nathan struggles in one long agonizing phone call after another to avoid a breakup with his girlfriend.

All seven begin as "modulators" in low-level promotional work at KNDD, a modern alternative music radio station. They make an 11-day trip to Nepal to make commercials for Recreational Equipment Inc.

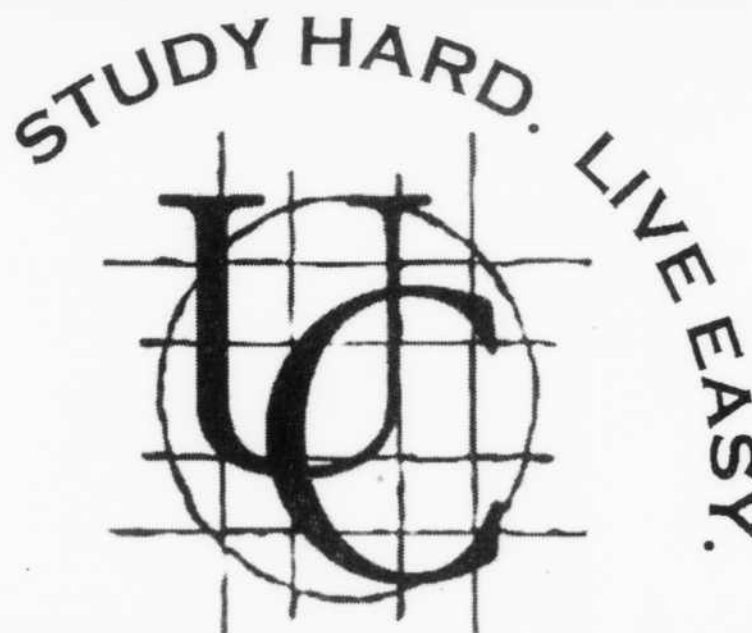
The four women eventually get their own weekly wee-hours show, "Dead Air," with Rebecca working the board as engineer. When Irene leaves, Nathan takes her place on the air.

The six who stuck it out said they were eager to return to their own real worlds. They quickly added that they would stay in touch and would not trade their experience of self-discovery for anything.

"It's been Disney World, Disney World for the 20-somethings," Nathan said.

"I'm so much more open-minded than I ever have been," Rebecca said. "Seeing that first show, it's amazing how much you have changed."

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Stars of tomorrow? Who knows

Stephany Smith's "Stars of Tomorrow" camp just saw its first session last week and hundreds more of girls will arrive on campus later this summer. They are the future of basketball; they are the stars of tomorrow.

But if you want to be a star of tomorrow for the Lady Raiders, good luck.

Last season, the rookie coach led the Lady Raiders into the NCAA and a capture of the OVC title after coming off of a 10-20 setback in the 1996-97 season.

Now the pressure's on. It's on Smith that is.

Her first year as head coach has brought her much success. She surprised the critics who doubted her before the season as head coach.

Through one aspect, it was good that her first year was a success, but on a different side of the token, she can't sit in her chair at her office in Murphy Center too comfortably. The athletic department may have more confidence in her now than prior to last season. But now she's a "good coach" and that's what she's gotta be to keep her job.

Staying on the team or getting playing time will be the toughest part of all. Especially in MTSU's growing women's basketball program.

In order to be a good coach, you have to win. So she's picking up the right players.

Smith has always been known as a fierce recruiter during her assistant coaching days at Alabama-Birmingham, Harding and MTSU.

Said Alabama coach Rick Moody, "I've seen her on the road recruiting and she has always represented her schools in a classy way."

For Smith, the pressure is on. This time, she won't be recruiting for someone else she is working under, she'll be recruiting for herself. She must recruit players who will win games.

Smith's assistant coaches may find themselves filling empty slots in practice. There aren't enough players for practice, but that won't be a problem next year.

As the years go by, Smith will recruit better players.

The Lady Raiders face a shortage in height. Against Tennessee Tech, they'll find problems grabbing rebounds or attempting to hit an easier, closer shot to the basket.

Right now, Smith is working on that. Two players Smith recently recruited stand over six feet tall; something the Lady Raiders need.

If Smith can get the inside game on track, the Lady Raiders may be one of the most dominating forces in the OVC.

As for the stars of tomorrow, there will be quite a few. Most of the girls at the camp will end their basketball career at high school. Some may further their game at a junior college. But entering the OVC will be a great challenge for many of the girls.

Lady Raider scholarships will always be signed, but for a girl to accomplish that goal doesn't mean the credits will start rolling to a happy ending. Staying on the team or getting playing time in years to come will be the toughest part of all.

Especially in MTSU's growing women's basketball program.

Smith has to win. Like other college coaches, her job will always be on the line. With her in the coaching staff and in the recruiting fields, the Lady Raiders may see more post-game celebrations ahead.

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McNamara, Robberts return to the NCAA tourney

□ Kin Easter/staff

McNamara wins in the first round of the singles and doubles

It was a big trip to Athens, Ga., for seniors David McNamara and Julius Robberts, but it was no vacation.

The two Raider tennis standouts took on the nation's collegiate best in the 1998 NCAA tournament.

McNamara entered the individuals tournament and defeated Michael Jessup of Pepperdine 7-5, 6-4 in the first round and lost to Ryan Wolters of Stanford 7-5, 6-2 in the second.

Robberts and McNamara teamed up in the doubles tournament. Together, they defeated 1997 NCAA finalists George Bastl and Kyle Spencer of Southern Cal 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

"It was the defining match to say who was the better team," Robberts said. "We were very focused. We wanted to get the monkey off our backs to get through that first round. It was our senior year."

The two duos also faced each other

in the All-American Tournament and McNamara and Robberts came out on top 7-6, 7-6. But they fell to the same opponents in the first round of the 1997 NCAA tournament 7-6, 7-6.

The two Raiders found sweet revenge in '98.

"We feel great about winning in the first round, even though we had greater expectations than that."

The two collegiate careers came to a sudden stop in the second round when they fell to Pepe Caballero and Jeff Williams of New Mexico 7-6, 6-4.

"We didn't expect to play them in the second round," Robberts said. "We thought it would be easier than it was, but we weren't focused enough."

However, tennis still remains in both futures of the two-time NCAA participants.

McNamara is currently competing in the satellite tour in Shreveport, La., in his attempt to play professionally.

If his ATP points increase, he may move to the next level, the challenger, and possibly the grand prix which features the U.S. Open, the French Open and other highly competitive tournaments.

Robberts will finish his bachelor's degree this summer and work on his master's while helping coach Dale



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David McNamara serves as Julius Robberts awaits the ball's return. The duo entered the 1998 NCAA Tournament earlier this month.

Short as a graduate assistant.

"I'm looking forward to working with him this year," Short said. "He's got a good head on his shoulders."

While McNamara continues to play, Robberts will lighten his tennis load and concentrate on other things.

"I'll just take a little break from tennis and reevaluate what I want to

do," Robberts said.

"He was a little disappointed in his play for the year," Short said. "He's been injured a lot and he thought he could make it to the highest level. He had four good years of college, and he'll concentrate on other aspects of life."

Lady Raiders put in the hours

□ Kin Easter/staff

Smith and her players coordinate 'Stars of Tomorrow' basketball camp during the summer

Summertime is here, but don't expect the Lady Raiders to take a break anytime soon.

One member of the basketball team, guard Kelly Chastain, stays busy selling Raider merchandise or officiating games at the Monte Hale Arena.

"I'm coach (Stephany) Smith's slave," Chastain said. "I'm the team secretary."

Chastain may get an earful from coaches every now and then on some calls or take some heat if something goes wrong in the camp's operations. She did, however, learn one hard lesson in life.

"I've learned I've never wanted to be a ref," said Chastain. "They couldn't pay me enough."

The games Chastain officiates are just a few in the 20th annual "Stars of Tomorrow" girls basketball camp, which began its first session on June 10. The merchandise is sold to parents, players and coaches from 60 high schools located in Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky and other states.

Smith may be cracking the whip toward her players who are helping to coordinate the project, but she also

stays busy.

Smith opened the session with a speech. Afterwards, she made sure each team played in its assigned court and against its assigned opponent. If one of the team's coaches has a problem or a concern, Smith is there to listen.

In her spare time, she may be catching the talents of the stars of tomorrow at Murphy Center, the Alumni Gym or the Rec Center with a walkie-talkie on hand, just in case a problem arrives that her players/workers can't handle.

One talent that caught Smith's eye a few years ago was Lady Raider forward Bama Burrell, who attended the camp her junior year in high school. Smith, an assistant coach at the time, approached Burrell and kept in contact with her ever since.

Burrell played two years of college basketball at Kilgore Community College in Texas, but decided to further her career with the Lady Raiders.

Now Burrell will help the youngsters develop their skills at the camp.

"The girls told me, 'If you see them, help out and give them a boost,'" Burrell said. "Make them compete and work hard, and let them know if they do work hard, they can get scholarships."

The girls are eager and thrilled to learn from the Lady Raiders in their three-to-four game day.

"They're not conceited," said Knoxville Bearden's senior Ashley

Fleming. "It's a lot better than where (Western Kentucky) we went last year. I think it's cool because you get to meet different players from MTSU."

The members of the Bearden team didn't only get their kicks from interacting with collegiate athletes during their first session stay last week; they also enjoyed some of the conveniences of their stay.

All camp members were provided a room, buffet food at Corlew Hall and shuttle transportation to and from the games.

The Bearden team thought the

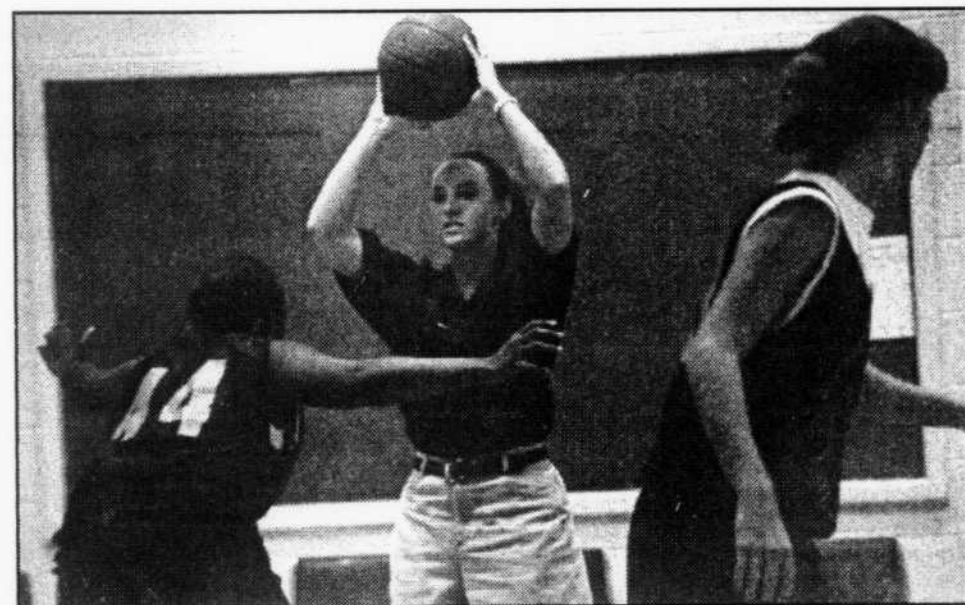
rooms were cold and a few had problems keeping the room key outside the door after they locked it.

Other than that, the girls were satisfied with the university.

"It's closer to Knoxville and the food is better (than Western Kentucky)," said Bearden's Leah Andrick. "Plus, we have phones in our rooms. We don't have to stand in line."

Some were satisfied enough to consider MTSU in their athletic and/or academic futures.

"It would be an option, it's a nice campus," Bearden's Sara Estes said.



Kin Easter/staff

Lady Raiders assistant coach Valecia Tedder (center) teaches basketball fundamentals to Jennifer Dozier (left) and Marsha McGuillivray (right) of Soddy-Daisy High School Varsity basketball team.

1998 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponents	Site	Time
9/5	Tennessee State	Murfreesboro	6 p.m.
9/12	@Illinois	Champaign, IL	6 p.m.
9/19	@Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, AL	2 p.m.
9/26	Eastern Kentucky	Murfreesboro	6 p.m.
10/3	@Tennessee Tech	Cookeville	2 p.m.
10/10	Murray State	Murfreesboro	6 p.m.
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10/24	Eastern Illinois	Murfreesboro	6 p.m.
10/31	@Southeast Missouri	Cape Girardeau, MO	1 p.m.
11/7	@Tennessee-Martin	Martin	1 p.m.
11/14	@UAB	Birmingham, AL	1 p.m.

1998 SOCCER SCHEDULE

Date	Opponents	Site	Time
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9/5	Jacksonville State	Murfreesboro	2 p.m.
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9/13	East Tennessee	Murfreesboro	1 p.m.
9/15	@Chattanooga	Chattanooga	6 p.m.
9/19	@Wofford	Spartanburg, SC	11 a.m.
9/20	@Tennessee Tech	Cookeville	1 p.m.
9/23	Samford	Murfreesboro	4 p.m.
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SIDELINES GAME OF THE WEEK

Jazz loses gracefully- again

□ Greg Beacham/AP

SALT LAKE CITY - The Utah Jazz don't get mad, and now they won't get even, either.

"Our hat goes off to them," coach Jerry Sloan said after his team fell short yet again in its Sisyphean quest to beat the Bulls. "We tried, but we couldn't beat them, and we have to accept it. That's why they're the champions."

Michael Jordan hogged the title for another year, scoring 45 points in Chicago's 87-86 victory in Game 6 Sunday night. The Jazz were left in exactly the same place they ended last season - watching the Bulls celebrate the extension of their dynasty.

The Jazz are the most gracious of losers, a trait that's often been labeled as one of their faults. Not even a one-point loss in which the Bulls picked up five points on a pair of questionable shot clock calls could make the Jazz blame anyone for their failings - or even show a little anger.

"I hate to put the loss on the referees," Antoine Carr said. "Officiating is one of the toughest jobs in the league. The guys try and do their best. A couple of calls I would have questioned, (but) other than that they did a good job."

In the second quarter, Howard Eisley buried a long 3-pointer that

was waved off by referee Dick Bavetta. Replays showed Eisley had released the ball well before the shot clock expired.

With 3:45 to play, Ron Harper took a jumper at the shot clock buzzer that the referees allowed to count. This time, television replays appeared to show that Harper was late.

"We have no control over that," Sloan said. "But that's part of this business. You're still a loser."

John Stockton, the most inscrutable member of the Jazz, could barely articulate a feeling minutes after becoming the man who has played the most NBA playoff games in history without winning a championship.

"As you might expect, I'm not real open with my emotions," Stockton said. "It's not a pleasurable experience, I can assure you that. It's a lot of work to put in and end up like this."

For the sixth time in their two finals meetings with the Bulls, the Jazz lost a game in the closing minute of play. Once again, their execution down the stretch was faulty. Once again, Jordan was a magician and the Jazz were the duped audience.

"You can't say we didn't have chances, but we didn't get it done," Adam Keefe said. "It was right there for us, but the Bulls found a way to

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Bulls run over or will it be reprised?

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Coach Phil Jackson is gone, right? The Montana wilderness beckons, a refuge where he can meditate, work on inner peace and relax while considering his myriad options.

Superstar Michael Jordan? "Fore." There are golf courses to explore, an unfathomable business empire to overlook.

No Jackson, then no Jordan. Maybe. He's talked of a second retirement, then hedged. He's still the best player in the game, even at 35. Why leave too soon?

How about unhappy sidekick Scottie Pippen, who's been saying all year he wants to leave? Westward ho. New surroundings, a different style of play and the big contract and elusive respect he says he's been lacking.

Dennis Rodman. Party on, Worm. Vegas awaits you, bro. Or maybe there's another year left for a bizarre, 37-year-old, seven-time rebounding champ who likes women's clothes, professional wrestling and skipping practices.

Where are these Bulls going? Or are they going anywhere? It could be a case of see you later or see you in October.

Just months after they'd clinched their sixth title in eight years, it was time for the questions that have been following them for months--years actually--to surface again.

"Right now I have to let everything soak in," a sore-backed Pippen said as the Bulls celebrated Sunday night's 87-86 victory over Utah that earned them yet another ring.

Stuck in a contract that paid him far under market value for years, he will now become a free agent.

"There are a lot of opportu-

nities out there for me and I have to look for them down the road in my future," Pippen said. "But I don't know."

Jackson-his relationship with general manager Jerry Krause strained to the max--has said wild horses couldn't bring him back next season.

Asked if it was true that Seattle, Denver and the Lakers would like to talk to him about next season, Jackson showed his humor.

"I think they want to congratulate me on the sixth championship," he said. "And I think I'll accept those calls. Thanks."

Jackson has tabbed the season the "Last Dance," and he stuck to that after Sunday's stirring victory that included another performance that only Jordan could provide--45 points, including the game-winning basket.

"We have to celebrate and enjoy," Jackson said. "Unless something absolutely unusual comes out of the left field, I don't expect to see us back again. And what a great run it has been."

Jordan, while accepting his sixth Finals MVP trophy, has said he'd like to make yet another run.

"I think that's something that's going to have to be determined over the summer," he said. "I have another life. And I know I have to get to it at some point in time. Hopefully the fans and the people understand that."

Owner Jerry Reinsdorf, who has admitted he doesn't want to be the one to break up a championship team, said again Sunday night he wants Jordan and Pippen back. General manager Jerry Krause said he wanted to celebrate and would worry about the future today or later in the week.

Don Shula joins cable guy Dolan in bid for Browns

CLEVELAND (AP) - Former Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula has joined a group which includes Bill Cosby and Cablevision chairman Charles Dolan in an effort to purchase the Cleveland Browns franchise.

Shula appeared with Cleveland lawyer Larry Dolan and his brother, Cablevision Systems Corp. chief Charles Dolan, at a news conference today to discuss his role if the group succeeds in its bid to buy the expansion Browns.

Shula owned five percent of the team and has also signed a five-year contract to become executive vice president of the Browns.

A Cleveland player in the 1950s, Shula would be responsible for hiring the Browns front office and head coach.

"Don Shula has no learning curve," Larry Dolan said.

Shula, who grew up near Cleveland, said the Dolans contacted him about three weeks ago and he got excited about the idea of bringing a team back to the city.

"When Cleveland lost its franchise I felt like I was losing part of my own personal history," he said.

If their bid to buy the

Browns is successful, Shula said he would step down from his position as vice chairman of the Dolphins board of directors.

Aside from his football career, Shula is a successful businessman. Shula is an equity partner in Don Shula's Steakhouses Inc. The company operates six upscale steakhouses and five sports-oriented restaurants, including Shula's Steak 2 in Independence, a Cleveland suburb. Shula also is an equity partner in the Don Shula Hotel and Golf Club in Miami Lakes, Fla.

At a news conference on June 2 aimed at stirring up excitement about their bid, the Dolans and Cosby outlined a plan to have the brothers each own 30 percent of the team, hold 30 percent in trusts for two sons, have Cosby own 5 percent and let other investors own 5 percent.

The NFL has said it has about six serious candidates to buy the Browns.

The NFL is expected to set a price for the team through a bidding process as early as next month. Most estimates put the price between \$300 million and \$350 million.

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win."

Carr even found his way into the Bulls' locker room after the game.

"I just wanted to come in here and congratulate the champions," Carr said. "We banged and fought, and I came to let them know it was nothing personal. We give them credit

for beating us."

Only Karl Malone seemed overly distraught at the loss, but he made his feelings known with silence. Malone skipped the postgame interview session and left the Delta Center without a trophy again.

He spoke briefly to NBC before he walked off the court, his face expressionless, the beginnings of tears in his eyes.

"Give them credit, they won," Malone sighed. "What else can you say?"

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I know "stars of tomorrow" is a fancy name that's been used by the program for years to attract schools to come to the

camp; but at the camp, very few of the girls down there will be stars of tomorrow due to all the competition not only in the OVC and the Lady Raider program, but in other levels of play as well.

2-MIN. DRILL

CHICAGO (AP) - In the aftermath of the Bulls' sixth NBA championship, five people were shot and one killed Sunday night, but the killing was a gang shooting, according to police.

A police sergeant was hit by a car on the city's West Side, and there were reports of scattered looting, bottles being thrown and cars being overturned. But overall, police said crowds were easy to keep in check.

In the first three hours after the game ended, Chicago's 911 dispatchers handled 4,368 calls, up from 3,206 last year. But celebration-related arrests fell from 582 last year to 441, and reports of serious incidents dropped from 144 to 77.

NEW YORK (AP) - In response to a threatened player boycott of the world championships, U.S. basketball authorities might enter a team excluding the 12 NBA players already chosen.

A decision must be made by Friday, the deadline for submitting 24-man rosters to FIBA, the international governing body running the tournament.

Options include entering the 12-man Goodwill Games team, made up of college players, or a roster of CBA players and Americans playing overseas.

USA Basketball's executive board will confer by conference call to vote on the next move. Players spoke by conference call last Thursday and decided they would not commit as long as a lockout seems likely July 1 when the NBA's labor agreement expires.

The world championships, held every four years, will be played in Athens, Greece, from July 29-Aug. 9. This would be the fourth U.S. national team to use NBA players.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Predrag Stojakovic, a 6-foot-9 forward whose accuracy from 3-point range made him one of Europe's top players, signed a three-year contract with the Sacramento Kings - the team that drafted him in 1996.

The deal with Stojakovic, 21, is reportedly worth \$3.9 million.

A native Serbian who lives in Greece, Stojakovic was MVP in the Greek League after leading PAOK to the finals last season. He averaged nearly 24 points and shot about 41 percent from 3-point range.

The Kings set an NBA record with their 15th consecutive losing season in 1997-98, losing 26 of their final 29 games - including seven straight to end the season.

PARIS (AP) - Germany, a three-time world champion that has dominated European soccer for a quarter century, beat the United States 2-0, going ahead when Andreas Moeller scored off a corner kick in the ninth minute.

The United States failed on its one good chance to tie early in the second half, gave up a goal to Jurgen Klinsmann and now must get at least a win and a tie against Iran and Yugoslavia to advance past the first round.

MARSEILLE, France (AP) - Alan Shearer scored late in the first half and Paul Scholes late in the second to give England a 2-0 victory over Tunisia.

Even as fans from the two countries fought with police and each other outside the World Cup stadium, England dominated the game.

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