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Lecture series to explore role of women

Curriculum examines the progression of women's roles

TRIPP BALLARD
Staff Writer

MTSU is sponsoring a lecture series titled "Women in the Curriculum" as part of the March recognition of National Women's History Month on campus.

The lecture series will cover a variety of subjects

related to women in professional, athletic, artistic and scholastic settings. These diverse subjects will present an opportunity for students to learn about the successful roles that women fill in society.

There are 37 scheduled lectures left in the series

from today until April 28.

The lectures are scheduled at various times and rooms

today's *Sidelines*.

The MTSU National Women's History Month committee is in charge of organizing the celebration and has tried to plan events that would be important to

various activities that would be meaningful to students, faculty and the community," said Deborah Gentry, co-chairwoman of National Women's History Month and assistant to the president for development and university relations.

"I think we succeeded in finding a number of different subjects that will please everyone."

The main goal of the lectures is to explain and

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-Diane Cummings

co-chair

Women's National History Month

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JAWC offers support group for abuse survivors

JENNIFER RUSSELL
Staff Writer

The June Anderson Women's Center (JAWC) is offering support groups for women survivors of rape and sexual abuse.

Statistics on rape suggest that one in four girls are

sexually abused as children and approximately 75 percent of women have experienced some type of sexual assault.

"These groups help the women to break through their sense of isolation," said Mary Glantz, the counselor at the women's center. "They have something in common, and this allows them to share their experiences."

"Within the meetings, each person is able to share her experiences with the others and participate in group discussions."

"Sometimes it is a little hard to get going in the

beginning so I sometimes prepare a topic to get them to open up," Glantz said.

Discussion topics include crisis situations and family relationships.

"Everyone is free to share as much or as little as they wish," Glantz said. "They are discouraged from leaving

until they feel content with the way things have gone in the session."

The JAWC is also involved in many other activities in the community other than counseling. They are co-sponsoring programs and activities with National Women's History Month and the "Take a Daughter to Work" program.

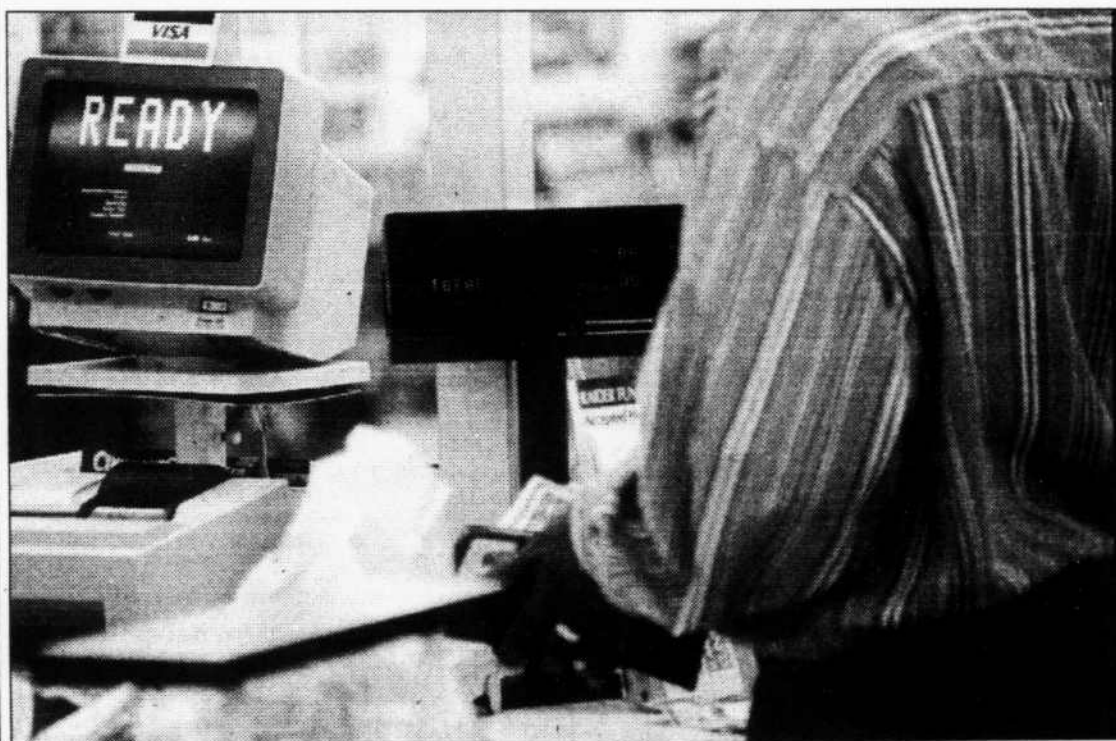
The center also sponsors other support groups that tackle coping with pressures and health issues.

For more information on their services, call the June Anderson Women's Center at 898-2193. ■

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-Mary Glantz
JAWC counselor

Ringin' it up for the staff



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

A Phillips Bookstore employee prepares to pay for an item at the bookstore Friday afternoon. SGA president Drew Bergman says there is not much that can be done about prices of textbooks, other than to hold protests about the prices. Bergman says "that would be pretty drastic."

Insurance frat wins Quiz Bowl

MARTHA STROUD
Staff Writer

The team from the Gamma Iota Sigma insurance fraternity won the sixth annual MTSU Quiz Bowl receiving \$80 for first place.

Pi Mu Epsilon's team came in a close second winning \$40 and the third place prize of \$20 went to the Housing team.

"I want to express my appreciation on the behalf of all Gamma Iota Sigma's members, to every organization represented and to all individual participants," said Dr. Hollman, faculty sponsor of Gamma Iota Sigma.

The Quiz Bowl was sponsored by the Gamma Iota Sigma Fraternity. Of the 15 teams that entered the competition only 11

showed up to play Thursday night.

Each team paid a \$15 entrance fee to participate in the competition. The money from the entrance fees was used to pay for the prizes, the trivia questions and the refreshments.

The contest will be aired on MTSU's television station, Channel 8, on Tuesday evening, February 28. ■

MTSU NEWS

Sidelines wins five journalism awards at SEJC competition

WARREN WAKELAND
Editor

Five MTSU students won print and broadcast awards at the 9th annual Southeast Journalism Conference (SEJC) held this past weekend in Atlanta.

For *Sidelines*, managing editor Robin Dixon and photographer Carl Lambert each won two awards. Dixon won first place in the best arts & entertainment column category for his humor piece about family reunions and third place for best A&E review for his analysis of the movie "The Scout."



DIXON

"It was really a surprise to me," Dixon said upon learning of the awards. "I'm really happy to have won the awards and know somebody thinks I write well."

Lambert received an honorable mention in the best photo essay category for photos taken during his work as an Army reservist in the Bosnia food airlift, and a third place award in the best personality/profile photo category for his shot in the story of professional cyclists in Murfreesboro.

"These are not bad results, but I think we can do better," Lambert said.

Sidelines assistant news editor Mark Blevins won a third place award in the best in-depth/investigative story category for his piece on trouble in the music department.

"Getting an award from the SEJC is fine and all, but it in no way implies that my work or *Sidelines* is where it could be and needs to go," Blevins said.

"*Sidelines* is now trying to reestablish the credibility which has been lost because of the sloppy, capricious and unprofessional work of a few people that came before us," Blevins continued.

"*Sidelines* is now committed to providing its readers with the information they need and deserve as members of this community, and to provide it in a comprehensive, unbiased and fair manner."

For WMOT, Joe Legge won third place in the best news story category for his report in early November on housing problems on and off campus, titled "Where To Live."

"I feel honored to more or less come out of the box and win an award," Legge said. "I have only been doing news stories for three or four months. This was only the second segment that I've done."

"It gives me motivation to think that I will get better."

Pat Guy won three awards at the conference, two for his work at WMOT and a third for his work at Channel 8, the MTSU television station.

Guy won first place for best sports story at Channel 8, and second place for best newscast and honorable mention for best newscast at WMOT.

"This is the first year broadcast got to be part of the conference," Guy said. "To be able to be honored by your peers at a conference is a privilege on any level."

"I'm going to Disney World."

The Southeast Journalism Conference is an annual gathering of 41 schools throughout Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana. Its purpose is to recognize excellence in college journalism.

The 10th annual SEJC conference will be held next February in Jackson, Miss. and be hosted by Mississippi College. ■



BLEVINS

Campus Capsule

Today

Contesting Library Fines: People who are being charged with library fines who do not believe that they are responsible for them can meet on the steps of the library on from 12 - 2 p.m.

A College Republican Meeting will be held in KUC Room 316. Special guest Dr. Ralph Hillman will speak about "Time Management."

The Anthropological Society of MTSU will hold an organizational meeting for anyone interested from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 318.

Jane Alden Stevens will be lecturing at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104 and a reception will follow in the Photographic Gallery of the LRC.

Campus Rec is sponsoring a spades tournament on March 1 from 5 - 9 p.m. in Alumni Gem Room 219. Deadline for entry is TODAY. \$5/team. \$3/individual.

Tue., Feb. 28

The PSI CHI/Psychology Club will have a meeting from 4:30-6 p.m. in Peck Hall 208. Dr. John Pleas of the psychology department will speak about "Issues for Minorities & Women in Pursuit of Graduate Degrees."

The Ad Club will hold an officers meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the usual place.

Wed., March 1

The Society for Human Resource Mgmt. will hold a meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the C-K Nursing Bldg. Room 108. Guest speaker Susan Clabough will speak about "The Future Role of Human Resources."

The Tenn. Assoc. of Political Science Students will meet at 7:30 p.m. in KUC Room 315.

Cookies, cakes, brownies, muffins, coffee and other such delights will be featured at the Am. Criminal Justice Assoc. bake sale on Wed., March 1 and Thur., March 2 in the quad at Peck Hall.

Thur., March 2

A Career Placement Orientation and Career Fair Tips will be held at 2 p.m. at KUC 322. Learn about Placement Services, Resume Expert, Campus Interviews and Employment Opportunities.

MTSU LAMBDA will sponsor "Come Out" and Dance at 8 p.m. in the Tenn. Room of the JUB. Admission is \$3 at the door

and refreshments will be served. Call 780-2293 for more info.

The American Criminal Justice Assoc. will meet at 5 p.m. in KUC 314. A special agent from the Tenn. Bureau of Investigation will be speaking. Anyone interested is welcomed to attend.

Fri., March 3 WOMEN AND POWER CONFERENCE: Friday March 3 and Saturday March 4 at KUC. Free to MTSU students, faculty and staff.

MTSU Concerts presents '95 Coffeehouse Acoustic Series in the 2nd floor lounge in the KUC at noon. Featured artists will be Greg Garring, Seth Timbs, and Four Zoas. The show is FREE and OPEN to the public. Call 898-2551 for more info.

Upcoming & Ongoing

A photography show by Jane Alden Stevens will be in the Photographic Gallery of the LRC from Feb. 26 - March 30.

There will be an OES country ham breakfast at the Masonic Hall, 1206 SE Broad St., on March 4 from 6 - 11 p.m. The price is \$5/adult, \$2.50/12 and under. Call 898-2708 or 2409 for student special.

A pre-nursing seminar will be held by the Jr. nursing students who have just started the nursing courses from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the C-K Nursing Bldg. Room 121 on Mon., March 6. The seminar is being held to give insight into admission to the nursing courses and things to expect in your first semester of nursing courses.

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Resume Writing Workshop on Wed. March 8 at 11 a.m. in KUC Room 318. Learn the basics for writing your resume.

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a n Interview Preparation Seminar (a workshop for developing interview skills and professional dress) on Thur. March 9 at 3 p.m. in KUC Room 318.

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Resume Critique on Fri. March 10 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in KUC Room 318. Bring your resume for personal critique.

Campus Rec will be sponsoring a table tennis tournament on March 15 from 5 - 9 p.m. in the Alumni Gym. Deadlines for

entry will be March 13. \$2/person.

The Erudite Emancipators meet every Thursday in Peck Hall Room 304 at 3 p.m. E.E. is an organization dedicated to help African-American students address problems and difficulties they may face on campus.

Block & Bridle meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in SAG Room 125. Everyone is welcome! *Members should wear their B \$ B jackets to the Feb. 28 meeting for yearbook group picture.

MTSU Equestrian Team meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the TN Livestock Center Sales Arena.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appt.

MTSU LAMBDA ASSOCIATION: A social support group for gays, lesbians and bisexuals meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104. For more info. call 780-2293.

International Student's Association meets Fridays at 6 p.m. in KUC 318. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Dinner/Worship every Tue. at 5:30 p.m. at Wesley Foundation for \$2.50. Worship on Wed. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 8 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings at 7. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

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THURSDAY
EDITION:
5 P.M. TUESDAY**

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Interested parties should call Kris or Mark at 898-2336.

MTSU NEWS**Sundquist's budget creates little hope for salary increase****STAFF REPORTS**

News reports currently offer little hope of salary increases in the 1995-1996 budget, but MTSU employees can count on other kinds of help through the Employee Assistance Program.

March is EAP Awareness Month, says Annette McGowen of the office of Human Resource Services, who adds that she hopes all employees will take advantage of several opportunities to acquaint themselves with the beneficial services EAP provides.

"The Employee Assistance Program offers professional, confidential counseling services for employees and their dependents who may be experiencing personal or workplace problems," advises McGowen. "Problems addressed include physical illness, emotional upsets,

marital or family stress, financial or legal concerns, alcohol or drug addiction and other concerns."

There are over 500 EAP counselors under contract across the state. Green Springs of Tennessee provides counseling (up to six sessions per problem) free of cost. Services may be accessed by calling 1-800-867-6811. All services are strictly confidential.

According to McGowen, Human Resource Services has planned several activities during the month.

On March 1, an EAP awareness table will be located in the Cope lobby from 9-11 a.m. An information video will be shown and pamphlets, information cards and treats will be available. Benefits coordinator Lisa Batey will be available to address specific questions regarding utilization of EAP services. ■

WOMEN

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celebrate the history of women, especially the large strides that have been taken in the professional world. Many of the speakers will be women who have made great contributions and achieved important contributions in their own professions.

"These kind of events are a great chance for students to interact with professional women who have made a positive mark in their field and learn how these women succeeded," Gentry said.

Most of the lectures will be lead by professional women and professors, but the series will offer an undergraduate student symposium that will be organized and led by students.

"We are very pleased to have an entire symposium showcased by students. I can't say enough good things about the students who have helped organize this event because they took time to generate the whole project while juggling a busy class schedule," Gentry said.

The undergraduate women's symposium will be held March 7 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The showcase will be open to all undergraduate women who want to showcase their talents.

Highlights include a lecture hosted by Pat Head Summit, coach of the women's basketball team at the University of Tennessee. Summit will also receive a

"Women of Achievement Award" from the MTSU National Women's History Month committee.

Summit will deliver her lecture on Friday, March 5 at 5:00 p.m. in Murphy Center Dance Studio A.

"We've tried to bring in a diverse group of lecturers that will cover a broad range of subjects. Of course, because I'm involved with women's athletics, I'm very excited about Pat Head Summit speaking," said Diane Cummings, co-chairwoman of National Women's History Month and MTSU women's volleyball coach.

In the past, student participation has been strong and has grown over the past few years. Gentry and Cummings hope that the positive student involvement will continue to grow this year.

"We worked hard on getting student participation and hope that all students will participate in the month-long celebration and take advantage of the great opportunities that the lectures will offer," Cummings said.

Anyone with questions concerning the upcoming events can call Deborah Gentry at 898-5818 or Diane Cummings at 898-2450. ■

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**Women in the
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CALENDAR

National Women's History Month 1995

Women in the Curriculum

Monday, Feb. 27
11 a.m. **French and British Women in the Great War** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Tuesday, Feb. 28
6 p.m. **Communication: Gender Differences** A. Burford BMOM 465 MB 201

Wednesday, March 1
11 a.m. **German Women and the British Blockade** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222
1 p.m. **Arthurian Women** W. Connelly ENGL 224H PH 314A
(This series will continue each MWF until Friday, March 31, with the exception of Spring Break March 20-24.)

Friday, March 5
5 p.m. **Pat Head Summit**, coach of UT-K women's basketball team Murphy Center Dance Studio A

Monday, March 6
8 a.m. **When Civil War Is Waged by Women** N. Rupprecht HIST 171 PH 213
1 p.m. **When Civil War Is Waged by Women** N. Rupprecht HIST 171 PH 313

Wednesday, March 7
Check for time
Undergraduate Women's Symposium
Tenn. Room of JUB

Wednesday, March 8
11 a.m. **Women in Revolution: Ireland and Russia** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Friday, March 10
9 a.m. **Female Sociologists in History** J. Eller SOC 101 PH 219

Monday, March 13
11 a.m. **Women in the USSR** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222
6 p.m. **Guest Speaker Tonya Jones: Women in Leadership Positions** J. Phillips GMT 674 KOM 206

Tuesday, March 14
9:25 a.m. **The Beguine Movement** J. McCash HUM 395 BDA 303B
10:50 a.m. **Adolescent Women** L. Petty SOC/SW 315 WPS 102

Wednesday, March 15
11 a.m. **Women in Britain: The Post-War Era** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Friday, March 17

11 a.m. **Film: A Room of One's Own** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Monday, March 20
6 p.m. **Guest Speaker Dean B. Haskew: Women and Leadership** MGMT 674 KOM 206

Monday, March 27
11 a.m. **Women in Post-War France** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222
3 p.m. **Literature, Gender, Sexuality: The Poems of Marilyn Hacker** C. Gendron, N. Long ENGL 485 PH 326

Wednesday, March 29
3 p.m. **Literature, Gender, Sexuality: The Poems of Marilyn Hacker** C. Gendron, N. Long ENGL 485 PH 326

Thursday, March 30
9:25 a.m. **Margery Kempe** J. McCash HUM 395 BDA 303B
1:40 p.m. **The Women's Suffrage Movement in Tenn.** M. Hoffschwelle HIST 466 PH 204

Friday, March 31
10 a.m. **The Women's Suffrage Movement in Tenn.** M. Hoffschwelle HIST 466 PH 307

11 a.m. **The Women's Suffrage Movement in Tenn.** M. Hoffschwelle HIST 466 PH 307

Monday, April 3
11 a.m. **Women in the Third Reich** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Wednesday, April 5
11 a.m. **Socialization of Girls in the Third Reich** I N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Friday, April 7
11 a.m. **Socialization of Girls in the Third Reich** II N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Monday, April 10
10 a.m. **Women's Health: Ages and Stages in Our Lives** B. Emery CDFS 439 EHS 200

Wednesday, April 12
11 a.m. **Women in WWII** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222
12 p.m. **Barbara McClintock: Nobel Laureate and Genetics** S. Barlow BIOL 100 DSB 100

Monday, April 17
11 a.m. **Women in Resistance Movements**

N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Tuesday, April 18
9:25 a.m. **Christine de Pizan** J. McCash HUM 395 BDA 303B

Wednesday, April 19
11 a.m. **Women and the Holocaust: Race and Gender** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Friday, April 21
11 a.m. **Women in the Post-War Era** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Wednesday, April 26
10 a.m. **Immortal Sisters: The Secrets of Taoist Women** R. Bombardi PHIL 311 JUB 204

Friday, April 28
9 a.m. **Melissa Etheridge as Poet B.** Klemt ENGL 223 PH 322
10 a.m. **Immortal Sisters: The Secrets of Taoist Women** R. Bombardi PHIL 311 JUB 204
11 a.m. **Melissa Etheridge as Poet B.** Klemt ENGL 223 VIS 242

SGA

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WEDNESDAY 3/1

NATIONALS

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OBSCENE JESTERS

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

UM Journalist not excluded from testifying

MINNEAPOLIS (CPS)—A student journalist at the University of Minnesota will have to testify as a witness in an assault case after an appeal by *The Minnesota Daily* was rejected by the state Supreme Court.

The decision upholds a ruling by a district appeals court, which states that Minnesota state law gives journalists "no privilege not to testify regarding an alleged crime witnessed while reporting a story."

The case began in 1993, when freshman reporter Jesse Rosen was assigned to cover a campus rally by a neo-Nazi group. When Rosen arrived on the scene, he began walking among the more than 100 students who had gathered to hold a rally of their own opposing the neo-Nazis.

Soon after, Rosen witnessed an assault by student Kieran Knutson, who jumped and attacked a UM senior who was walking through the crowd. Knutson was arrested and charged with second- and third-

degree assault, both felonies.

When questioned by police shortly after the incident, Rosen described Knutson as the assailant. But when prosecutors subpoenaed the freshman to be a witness at the trial, *The Minnesota Daily* filed a motion to void the request on the grounds of Rosen's role at the event as a journalist.

Pam Louwagie, editor-in-chief of the paper, said she is concerned with the message that Rosen's testimony might send. "It makes things appear as if we are working hand-in-hand with the police," Louwagie said. "Making a reporter testify at a trial, even in something like this, could lead to some bigger problems."

While journalists often enjoy judicial immunity in cases in which they promise to not reveal the names of their sources, the appeals court ruled that this instance is based on the witnessing of a crime.

Louwagie says that *The Minnesota Daily* may appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court. ■

North Carolina State posts grading curves

RALEIGH, N.C. (CPS)—North Carolina State University students worried about getting that infamous professor who gives out nothing but C's, D's and F's can rest a little easier next time they register.

Thanks to an agreement between NCSU's student government and the university's administration, students have access to the grading habits of some instructors.

Grades for some classes now are posted on the Internet. These listings, which are only available with a NCSU password, show the breakdown of grades for each class that has more than 50 members. No students trying to decide which section of Psychology 01 they should take can get

a glimpse at how many of their classmates left the class with an A.

"This is something we've been working on for a long time, but it's really only the first step," said Megan Jones, NCSU's student senate president.

University officials were skeptical about posting the grades at first, saying they were concerned with protecting students' privacy. By settling on grades from classes with more than 50 students, administrators and students leaders felt comfortable that the anonymity of students would be protected.

"If you're in a class with 10 other people, you could probably figure out what the rest of the class got," Jones said. ■

Men's and Women's
OVC Tournament Preview
Thursday

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3. Any materials may be used in the submitted design.
4. All elements of the design must be to scale, that is, precisely as they would appear in the full-sized flag.
5. Submitted designs must not be folded.
6. A completed entry tag must be affixed to the upper left corner of the back of the design. The tag must include:

Name

Campus box # (if any)

Phone

Home address including zip code

7. All submissions must include a short statement explaining the rationale underlying the design concept.

8. Only one entry per person. Submit designs to
Deborah Gentry, assistant to the VP
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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Holocaust Studies emerge on college campuses 50 years after the end of WWII

(CPS)—To Ralph Rose, the endowment to create the first-ever chair in Holocaust studies at Clark University is more than a memorial to the aunts, uncles and grandparents he never had the chance to meet.

It's also a thank you to his father—the only member of his immediate family to survive the Holocaust—and a gift to future generations.

"My father was the guiding light of our lives, and we were taught that if you save one life, your life will be worth living," says Rose, who with his brother Sidney, have given \$1.3 million to Clark to create a chair in Holocaust studies and modern Jewish history and culture. "This is how we will save lives."

A half century after Soviet soldiers liberated Auschwitz, the study of the Holocaust is becoming more popular at colleges nationwide as a way to help future generations understand the horrors of genocide and dangers of bigotry and racism.

While many colleges now offer courses dealing specifically with the Holocaust, some institutions, such as Clark University in Worcester, Mass., Emory

University in Atlanta and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, have created specific departments for Holocaust studies.

"Interest in the Holocaust has never been greater than it is now," says David Strassler, chairman of Clark's Board of Trustees and national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith. "Given the re-emergence of so-called historians who argue that the Holocaust never happened, the importance of genuine scholarship in the field of Holocaust history has never been more important."

Sharon Krefetz, Clark University's dean, agrees. "It's important for everyone to realize that anti-Semitism is not dead and neither are horrifying manifestations of prejudice and hatred," she says. "It's been about 50 years—two-and-a-half generations—since the Holocaust. Many people now have only a vague awareness of what happened."

"It's important to teach the lessons of the Holocaust and what gives rise to such acts of genocide and how and why people respond or fail to respond."

Clark administrators are currently looking for a professor to teach courses specifically on the Holocaust, which will cover the origins and history of the event, as well as the far-reaching consequences.

Last year, Florida's legislature passed a bill mandating that the Holocaust be taught in Florida state schools. To help give teachers the necessary academic background, Florida State University held a Holocaust Summer Study Institute, a seven-day seminar focusing on how the Holocaust should be taught in world history, world literature and American History courses.

"The civic education of children and youth in our democratic society is woefully incomplete without a systematic and accurate study of the Holocaust experience," says FSU history professor Neil Betten, who helped teach classes at the Institute. "The facts of history must speak for themselves."

Rutgers University, which has more than 5,000 Jewish students, is currently planning the construction of

New Jersey's first comprehensive center for the study of Jewish life, thanks to a \$2 million grant from Joan and Allen Bildner.

The Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life will house classes about Jewish life and will ultimately be part of a new bachelor's and graduate program in Jewish studies. Class topics will range from Holocaust studies to Jews in the American cinema.

Jack Fischel, professor of history at Millersville University in Pennsylvania, says the study of the Holocaust is important because of the unfortunate possibility that the unprecedented historical event could be repeated, albeit in another form.

"The Holocaust was the intention on the part of the Nazis to eliminate every Jewish man, woman and child from the face of the planet," Fischel says. "People need to realize that as crazy as the ideology sounds, it almost worked. We need to study the Holocaust because with the skinheads and neo-Nazis, this type of thinking is still around."

Dartmouth College professors Marianne Hirsch and Leo Spitzer developed a course devoted solely to the study of the Holocaust. The husband-wife team, both children of Jewish survivors of Nazi-occupied Europe, now teach "Representing the Holocaust History: History, Memory and Survival."

"It is very different from other classes," says Hirsch. "Because the material is so difficult, it involves students on so many different levels—intellectual, emotional and psychological. We are all acquiring a knowledge from which we may never recover."

Difficult or not, educators believe that the Holocaust is a subject that needs to be talked about and understood by a generation too young to remember it.

And so does Ralph Rose.

"This is something that should never be forgotten, even by someone who has no family members who suffered or died in the Holocaust," says Rose. "It's our responsibility to apply what we've learned to our acceptance and understanding of all people."



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African-American and Jewish students find common ground in their struggles

WASHINGTON (CPS)—Elona Kibler, a junior at Howard University, says she always tried to see both points of view in terms of the relationship between African Americans and Jews.

But sometimes it was difficult, she says.

"I've always heard a lot of negative things about Jewish people but I'm learning that what I've heard isn't true," Kibler says. "I didn't realize how long Jewish people had been oppressed. There are similarities between the troubles of African Americans and the troubles of Jews. We should be working together."

Kibler is learning firsthand about Jewish culture from students at The American University in a unique program that brings together Jewish and African American students from two Washington campuses.

Students from The American University's Jewish Studies Program and Howard University's Afro-American Studies Department are taking part in a joint academic program

designed to promote a new awareness of each other's history and situation.

"A lot of people never talk with the subjects they are studying," says Dr. Russell Adams, chair of the Afro-American Studies Department at Howard University. "It's always 'Read the book, then talk to each other about the absent person.' The second half of the dialogue is never seen or heard."

"We're trying to make a small but very important contribution to the education of young Americans regarding cross-cultural communication and understanding among blacks and Jews," Adams adds. "We want this program to make a meaningful and symbolic contribution to a greater awareness between the people of these two cultures."

Pamela Nadell, director of Jewish Studies at AU, says that education is the first step in improving relations between blacks and Jews. "We have to start with our history," Nadell says. "The lessons these young people

glean through this program will affect future generations."

The program consists of 12 undergraduate students with concentrations in either

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**-Susan Jerison
B'Nai B'Rith Anti
Defamation League**

African American or Jewish studies. The students attend lectures on the history and culture of the other students,

as well as a lecture series on relations between blacks and Jews throughout the years.

Students from each university will soon be paired off to do research and work on community projects. At the end of the semester, students will participate in a prejudice awareness training session.

Participants have discussed some of well-publicized tensions last year between Jewish and African American students, such as the appearance of Dr. Khalid Abdul Muhammad at Kean College in New Jersey and other campuses, including Howard University.

In a November 1993 speech at Kean College, Muhammad made headlines after he called Jews "bloodsuckers of the black nation."

After Muhammad's talks at Kean and Howard drew national attention, critics accused campus leaders of not condemning his message strongly enough. The speeches also led to a larger discussion about why some people were drawn to

Muhammad's message of black empowerment without understanding why other people could find his statements to be hateful.

But participating students in the class say discussions go beyond finger-pointing. "We get a chance to understand our histories and get everything out in the open," says Sarra Schaab, a senior at AU. "Phenomenal work is being done. A lot of the misunderstanding between the two groups is being cleared up."

Susan Jerison, of the B'Nai B'Rith Anti Defamation League, says she hopes that more universities will follow the example of this program.

"Universities should have more discussions between people of different cultures," she says. "If cultural awareness was a part of freshmen orientation, or even some sort of mandatory program, people of different cultures could be sensitive to the issues that affect each other." ■

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Russian forces pound southern Chechnya with heavy artillery

SHALI, Russia (AP) — Using the same tactic that pushed rebel fighters out of Grozny, Russian forces pounded southern Chechnya on Sunday with heavy artillery and rockets.

Also Sunday, a newspaper reported the discovery of two open mass graves in the capital of the breakaway republic. *The Observer* of London said the graves contained the bodies of more than 100 Chechens, most of them civilians, including women and children.

Bodies of the newly dead lay among a far larger number of decomposing corpses in open trenches between Grozny's central graveyard and a main road, the newspaper said. Some were clearly victims of exploding shells while others looked relatively unscathed.

There was no suggestion that the victims had died in a mass killing, rather the graves were an indication of lack of burial space in the devastated Chechen capital.

Survivors of the two-

month Russian bombardment of Grozny visit the site in search of missing relatives, the newspaper said.

With the Russians tightening their ring around separatist strongholds, an aide to Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev struck a conciliatory note, offering to resume peace talks.

Military aide Musa Merzhuyev suggested that instead of disarming, Chechen rebels could join the Russian army — a far-fetched proposal unlikely to even be considered by either side.

Meanwhile, about 200 Russian armored vehicles backed by up to 50 tanks surrounded the last Chechen stronghold in southwestern Grozny, rebel fighters told the Interfax news agency.

The Russian government press service also reported a Russian attack on Gudermes and fierce fighting around Argun, two rebel towns east of Grozny. ■

Surveys say 3 out of 4 Americans overweight

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans keep putting on the pounds, according to a new survey that says nearly three in four are overweight.

The Harris Poll released Monday found that 71 percent of Americans age 25 and older are overweight, based on a national survey of 1,250 adults.

That suggests a steady climb: Harris polls found 58 percent of Americans were overweight in 1983, 64 percent in 1990 and 69 percent last year.

"It doesn't surprise me," Dr. JoAnn E. Manson, an endocrinologist at the Harvard School of Medicine, said Sunday. "Obesity is an alarming epidemic."

Other studies have found that the average American has gained eight pounds in the past decade, and that 60 percent of Americans can be classified as sedentary, she said.

"Everything is automated and very convenient and it's

possible to spend very little energy in a typical day unless you go out of your way to exercise," Manson said.

Being overweight is linked to a host of debilitating health problems, including heart disease, stroke and some cancers.

According to the survey, 10 percent of Americans are at least 30 percent overweight and another 12 percent are between 20 percent and 30 percent overweight.

The Harris Poll concluded that 79 percent of American men and 64 percent of American women are overweight.

For the most part, the proportion of overweight people increased with age, from 55 percent of those ages 25-29 up to 82 percent of those ages 50-64. The proportion was 70 percent for people 65 and older.

The poll's overall margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. ■

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Results of anti-smoking project disappoints cancer researchers

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the nation's biggest anti-smoking projects failed to help heavy smokers kick the habit, and had just a modest effect on more moderate smokers, federal scientists report.

Disappointed National Cancer Institute researchers blamed the \$45 million study's lack of effect on people who smoked more than 25 cigarettes a day on nicotine addiction too powerful to overcome.

They insisted their modest success with more moderate smokers — a 3 percent higher quit rate — was significant enough for communities nationwide to adopt the anti-smoking programs.

"It may sound small, but the public health importance of that benefit, if we were to apply it on a national basis, would translate to about 1.1 million fewer smokers," said NCI study director William Lynn.

Dr. Edwin Fisher of Washington University agreed.

"Considering the enormous risks attendant on smoking and the benefits of quitting, such an impact is noteworthy," he wrote in an editorial accompanying the study in

Monday's American Journal of Public Health.

The NCI launched the massive Community Intervention Trial for Smoking Cessation to see if intense anti-smoking programs would help smokers quit.

NCI paired 20 demographically similar communities in the United States and two in Canada. One community in each pair ran the campaign, everything from education and workplace smoking bans to teaching doctors to push patients into smoking cessation program. The idea was to see if, after four years, more smokers subjected to the community pressure kicked the habit than did their neighbors.

Of the 2.3 million people living in the study communities, NCI monitored 10,019 heavy smokers and 10,328 more moderate smokers.

At the end, 18 percent of the heavy smokers had quit for at least six months — in both groups. Special pressure had no more effect on heavy smokers than the routine smoking information average Americans hear every day.

"It's disappointing," Lynn said. ■

Calif. Governor to attempt repeal of affirmative action laws in state

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

(AP) — Gov. Pete Wilson endorsed a 1996 ballot initiative to repeal the state's affirmative action laws Saturday, telling Republican leaders such statutes are unfair.

"Is it right that we have laws that bestow preference solely based on race or sex?" he asked about 2,000 delegates and guests at the state Republican Party's

convention.

"It is time we end discrimination against all Americans," the GOP governor said. "Let us begin to undo the corrosive unfairness of reverse discrimination. ... We will not confer false group preferences. We will not lower standards."

The Republicans want to repeal all California laws granting state jobs, contracts

and admission to colleges on the basis of race, sex or ethnicity.

A handful of black delegates to the predominately white convention handed out leaflets from the California Black Conservative Network opposing the proposal.

In Washington, the new GOP-led Congress is taking aim at affirmative action as well. ■

AIDS activists say GOP destroying key prevention programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mother of Ryan White, who died of AIDS five years ago, is urging Republicans not to cut the AIDS program that bears her son's name.

"The AIDS epidemic is sweeping the country, taking with it my son, your daughter, someone else's mother," said Jeanne White-Ginder.

"Congress can't turn its back on people with AIDS at this point in the crisis and expect not to face a crisis of its own — a crisis of confidence," she said at a news conference Friday.

House Republicans this week cut \$13 million from this year's budget for the Ryan White CARE program. The money goes directly to states and cities to care for people with AIDS or the HIV

virus that causes it.

Overall, GOP lawmakers in the House plan to cut \$209 million from AIDS-related programs.

As part of a \$17.5 billion reduction from this year's budget allocations, Republicans also would eliminate a housing program for those with AIDS, which has a \$186 million budget, and cut \$23 million from prevention programs run by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The announcements came just as the country learned that Olympic gold medalist and diving great Greg Louganis has the disease.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., called the cuts "one of the most appalling acts of callousness that I have seen." ■

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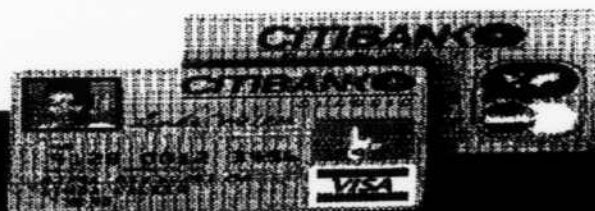


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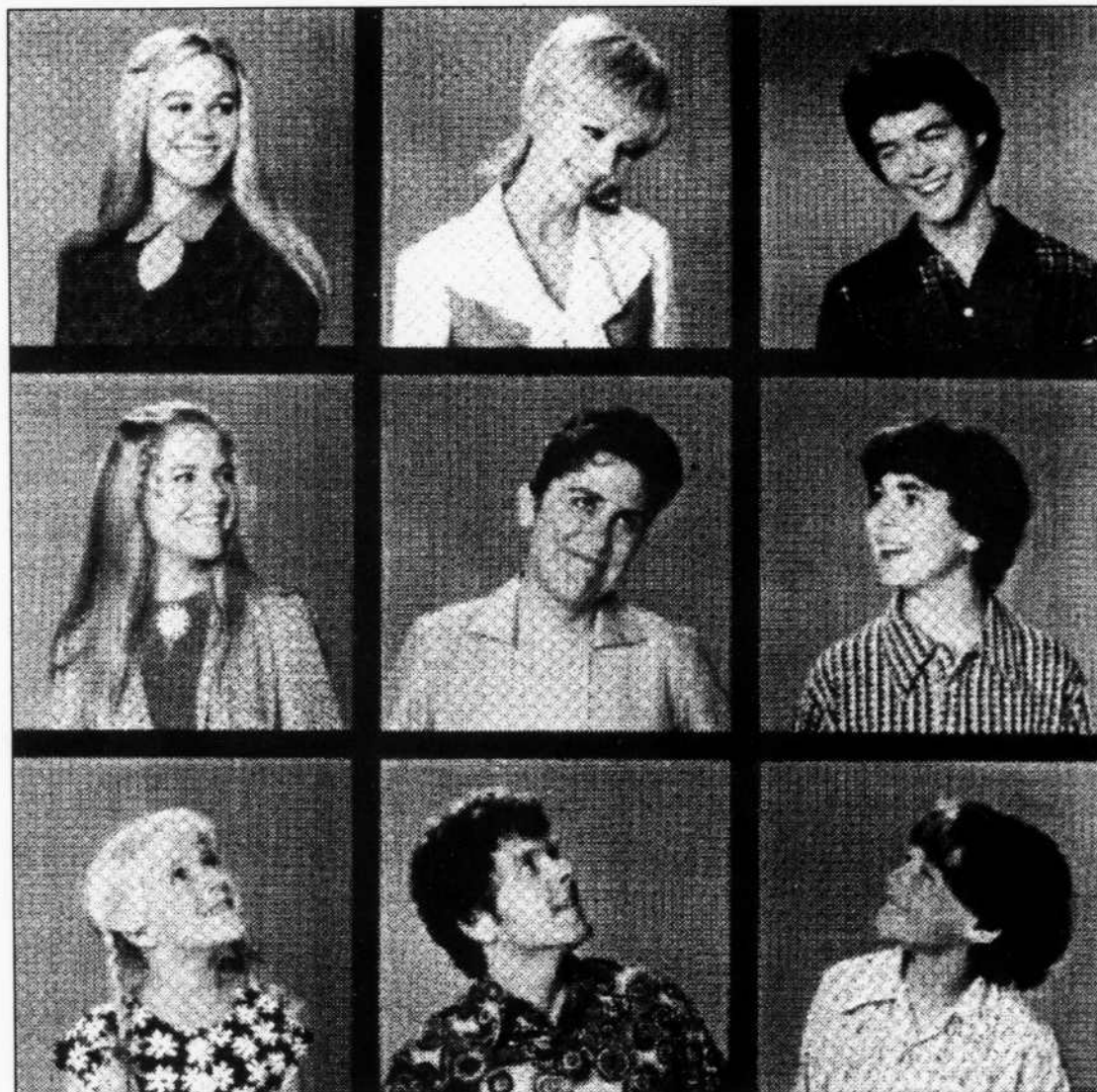
Finally...a movie that truly speaks for my generation. Yes, I admit it. I've seen every episode of *The Brady Bunch*, (the most frequently syndicated t.v. show of all time, by the way).

I, like every young male growing up in the 70's, lusted for Marcia. My voice changed with Peter's. I was there when the Brady's visited Hawaii, King's Island, ...glued to my t.v., sucking in the horrible acting and pretentious plots from each pathetic, saccharin episode like a smoker siphoning the last whiff off a cigarette.

I was, and still am, a Brady bunch junkie. (They say the first step to recovery is admitting it, right?) Well, I'm out of the closet now, I guess.

When I first saw the trailer for *The Brady Bunch Movie*—a vision of my favorite way-too-functional family having a backyard potato-sack race on the big screen—I was secretly intrigued. Much like that empowering moment when I realized and admitted that I like the BeeGees, the concept of this film spoke to me. This movie appealed to my deepest sense of inner being; my identity, y'know? Generation X. This is us, like it or not.

The truth is, those of us who lived it and understand the joke will find this movie



A Family for the 90's?

Like the phoenix rising from the ashes, so goes that 70's sitcom *The Brady Bunch*. To refresh your memory, the three on the left have hair of gold like their mother while the boys on the right lived with their father—all alone.

uproariously funny. The film—which stars Shelley Long and Gary Cole as Carol and Mike Brady—uproots the squeaky-clean family from their early-70's origin and plops them smack dab in the fast-paced, gang-bangin',

safe-sex 90's.

It seems that just about everything in the world has changed and evolved since the carefree Brady era. Everything, that is, except the Brady family.

Each defining

characteristic of the television family is recreated to the tee—the voices and mannerisms of each character, the horrible decor of the rooms (much uglier on the big screen)...they even acknowledge the strange way

the Bradys lined their backyard with astro-turf!

The pointedly condescending humor cleverly makes fun of the schmaltzy quality of the

The Brady Bunch

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series' writing (when they laugh, they're laughing at, not with, the lame dialogue) while never resorting to mean-spirited ridicule of the show or its actors.

Shelley Long and Gary Cole are hilarious—doing some fascinating impressions of Carol and Mike Brady, from Mike's calm vocal inflections as he prophesizes for the kids about why "nobody likes a tattletale," to the exaggerated reaction shots of Carol, as she adds an occasional "oh, Mike" for good measure.

Christine Taylor as Marcia sounds like and bears an uncanny physical resemblance to the original Marcia, Maureen McCormick, as she bounces around school in her pink, cotton-polyester-blend mini-skirt, wondering which boy is the most "dreamy."

But the show-stealing performance in *The Brady Bunch Movie* belongs to Jennifer Elise Cox as Jan. Cox perfectly mimics the over-dramatic, breathy delivery of Eve Plumb, the first Jan. The paranoid,

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Heart to Heart

CLARE ANN McDERMOT
Advice Columnist

Just because abortion is legal in Tennessee doesn't mean that it is easy to get one. If a woman is pregnant in Middle Tennessee, and she believes that an abortion is her choice of action for resolving her pregnancy, she has much to accomplish in a very short span of time.

Some doctors in Middle Tennessee do perform abortions on occasion, but those doctors do not openly accept patients. If a woman chooses to have an abortion through a private doctor, more than likely it will have to be with her own, and under the umbrella of a lengthy, well-established doctor-patient relationship.

It is improbable that a patient can walk into a doctor's office as a first-time patient, request an abortion, and obtain one.

You may have seen advertisements for The Pregnancy Crisis Center. This is a pro-life organization. They will help a person cope with pregnancy, but they will not aid a client in obtaining an abortion, or even with the most general of information. In fact, they will not even keep the phone number in The Pregnancy Crisis Center office of an agency in Middle Tennessee that will provide abortions to their clients.

If you are considering

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Mom and dad go back to school

GENE MELDRUM

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The scene looks like a combination of "Little Rascals" and the "Keystone Cops," with children scurrying wildly between the bathroom and bedrooms, while the adults are barking out commands like a drill officer motivating troops.

The breakfast table is a blur of activity, as the kids wolf down whole wheat waffles slathered with butter and honey, and wash it down with a glass of cold milk. Then a quick checklist: J.T. has milk money. Manda has her books. Jared is wearing socks. And Becca is wearing a coat. The slamming of the front door brings a welcome silence to the house as Lucy, the family dog, waddles off to

sleep on one of the vacant beds.

This is a typical morning for our family who are part of the growing number of parents that are returning to school to finish their educations.

I guess we're kind of late bloomers. We had our children first, and now we're planning our careers. I am currently a junior in the Recording Industry program at MTSU, while my wife Alice is a biology major.

Alice and I were married when we were 19 and had the first of our four children a year later.

"We decided to have all our kids close together and we just put off college until they were all in school," smiles Alice, who is also working on her minor in chemistry at MTSU.

And that's when the fun really started.

"It gets really hectic around here sometimes," Alice laughs, "but we work real hard to provide our kids with a caring household."

This we do by budgeting our time with the kids. We try to have at least one sit down family meal together each day.

"That way we can talk to each of the children and see what's going on in their lives," Alice says.

I usually like to do the cooking but this semester, between going to school full time and working forty hours a week I have given that duty up to Alice.

"We try to make our meals quick yet nutritious," Alice says.

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The Daily News Journal and MTSU Fine Arts presents

That mystical, magical kingdom with its idealistic King Arthur and legendary Knights of the Round Table returns to vivid life with this new production of Lerner and Loewe's famed musical. **Camelot** will be at Middle Tennessee State University for one performance only at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, in the BDA Tucker Theater. The performance is presented as FREE and OPEN to the public by The Daily News Journal and MTSU Fine Arts. FREE tickets are available at The Daily News Journal, MTSU Concert Ticket Office - Keathley University Room #308, and Murphy Center Athletic Ticket Office.

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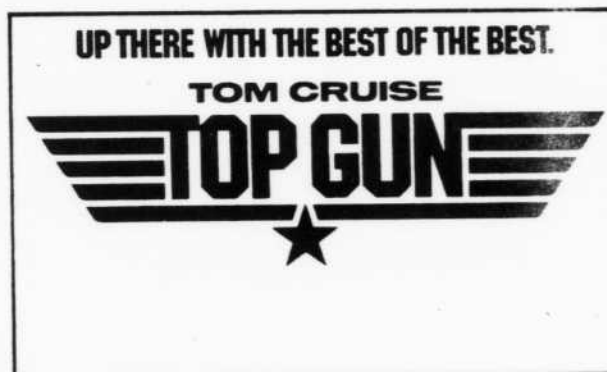
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BRENT ANDREWS
Features Editor

So the mighty month of February is almost over, and MTSU students are half-way to that glorious day when we shall burst forth from the halls of this institution and make merriment far and near. No longer will we be restrained by the chains of that 9 a.m. class--no, we will stay out all night and drink like thirsty camels and not worry that the Sun is coming up, and we haven't done our homework yet. The time for books and blank looks will be replaced by the time for all-nighters and senseless binges. No more Spanish class. No more English lit. But first we must brave

the perils of mid-terms, the rigorous schedule of Spring Break, and the horror of final exams (I only have 2, and I am already shaking). We have to keep our GPA's up so our parents (or Big Brother) will keep that money coming in. We have to keep those student loans flowing.

In order to do all of this we must forget for the time being that we could be in South Padre Island or New Orleans in just a few weeks doing the Spring Break thing. We must forget that the weather is great for camping and parties in the park; stop staring out that window, dear student, and feast your eyes on this delicious, Chinese buffet of a book called *College Algebra*.

You want to get a real job one day, right?

I know, I know--New Orleans and Panama City and the slopes of Tahoe are just a daydream away. All you have to do is be in the right place (algebra class or some other place of learning) at the right time (whenever your class might be) and close your eyes and you are there: you're soaking up the Sun on the beach; you can smell the smells and hear the blues of the French Quarter; you can feel your snowboard sinking into a deep drift.

But hey, think of your future--where are your priorities?

Probably in the same place mine are. ■

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jealous hysteria that stems from her middle-child syndrome makes for some really funny physical comedy, and announces Cox's arrival as a promising young actress.

Of course, I don't mean to make this sound like a brilliant piece of high art. This is a movie about the Brady Bunch, and the plot is about as inane and mindless as those of the original series. In fact, much of the plot is actually lifted from old story lines.

Cindy is teased about her lisp. Bobby goes overboard with his safety-patrol power. Marcia gets hit in the nose with a football the day before a big date. Jan tries a new look by wearing a dramatic wig. Greg calls a kids' meeting, where they decide to form a singing group and enter a contest in order to raise money (this time it's for the \$20,000 dad owes in taxes).

Sound familiar? Well, there are familiar faces in the film as well--several members of the TV cast make cameo appearances (the funniest being original Greg Barry Williams as the record producer who scoffs at the new Greg's dreams of a record deal). It's all part of the running inside-joke this movie shares with those of us who have embarrassingly memorized every episode. The baby boomers who aren't very familiar with the series aren't gonna get it, nor will

they want to.

The Brady Bunch Movie is deliberately dim-witted, but don't let that scare you away. We sit in our stuffy college classrooms, studying our anthropology, our calculus, reading the works of T.S. Eliot and James Joyce, all the while pompously denying the existence of the Brady Bunch in our past.

While these are all noble pursuits, we mustn't ignore where we came from. The Bradys are our heritage. They appeal to the same instinctual, numb part of our brain that draws us to watch the idiots on *Ricki Lake*, even though we insist to our friends that it's the lowest form of entertainment. It's a part of us, and I say let's celebrate it.

So the next time you hear some gray-haired-stuffed-shirt-baby-boomer refer to us as "generation x: the lost generation, the nothing generation," don't be offended. Promptly stand up and admit it.

"Yes, I'm confused. I have no direction. I was raised with a daily dose of the Carpenters, bellbottoms, Scooby-Doo, and the Brady Bunch. What do you expect?" Then proudly fork over you five bucks, find a seat in the theatre, and get ready to laugh. We are the "Brady boomers." This move is for us.

(Having said all this, I sincerely hope Hollywood stops here. Let's leave the Partridge Family where they belong. In reruns.) ■

HEART

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obtaining an abortion, you may call the Planned Parenthood Clinic at 327-1066, extension 33 for information. They do have several requirements if you do decide to have an abortion with them. They will only perform an abortion on a patient who is between 8 and 14 weeks pregnant. The patient may supply a pregnancy test from a physician, medical clinic or the health department, or arrange for pregnancy to be confirmed through Planned Parenthood's facilities. A home pregnancy test is not sufficient. Also, a \$315 fee payment is required on the day of the procedure. There is no payment plan, and personal checks are not accepted. The abortion is performed in a clinic setting, and the patient is not hospitalized or detained overnight.

In other words, if you suspect you are pregnant, and are committed to having an abortion to resolve the pregnancy, you have to get busy and attend to the business of it before it is too late.

Planned Parenthood provides their clients with counseling before an abortion takes place. They make absolutely sure the patient is

aware of other options, and that this is the client's independent choice, and that she is not being coerced into an abortion because a boyfriend, parent, or some other person is choosing this option for her.

If the client is under 18 years of age, according to Tennessee law, one parent or guardian must be made aware that the teenager is planning to obtain an abortion at least 48 hours prior to surgery.

If the client is a person of low income or otherwise without financial resources, most often Planned Parenthood will not be able to help them. Occasionally, they do have funds donated from private sources, but these funds, when available, are very limited and quickly used up.

It is, of course, very much preferable that an unwanted pregnancy does not occur, but if one does, a woman needs to confront her situation, determine her options, and make her choices while still in the first trimester.

(*Heart to Heart* welcomes letters to "Dear Clare," MTSU Box 42.) ■

Editor's note: The opinions of Ms. McDermot do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the features editor, or Sidelines.

FEATURES

New summer options from Cal

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Bored with the beach? Had a surfeit of surf?

If the conventional joys of summer leave you cold, the University Research Expedition Program may be just the travel agent you're looking for.

Dig for dinosaur fossils in Montana. Track monkeys in Costa Rica. Wade into the wetlands of Belize. Hike into the Negev Desert.

Accidental tourists and the comfort-crazed need not apply. But for those interested in a voyage of discovery, these holidays are a real trip.

"The kind of people that are attracted to this program are generally people who are adventuresome, are looking for things off the beaten path," says program director Jean Colvin.

A quick glance at the 1995 brochure makes it clear this program isn't competing with Club Med.

Applicants are asked to rate themselves on such attributes as flexibility, sense of humor, stamina and vehicle repair skills and are encouraged to get a physical before signing up.

There are no five-star hotels on the itinerary, although there is one excursion in which lodgings are adorned with a million stars — real ones — glittering in the night sky above your outdoor hammock.

Still, it's not all slim rations and sponge mattresses.

Along with the more rigorous offerings, outings this season include gentler jaunts to a medieval castle in Ireland and the villa

gardens of Northern Italy. Even the more grueling excursions offer something no glitzy resort could, expedition veterans say.

Ask school teacher Carol Comeau, who spent part of last summer camped out on a hot, windy stretch of beach on Mexico's Baja Peninsula, part of an archaeology team researching how primitive peoples lived. Accommodations were as basic as they get.

"We were sleeping out in the open air," she recalled, laughing, and team members had to rise at 4:30 a.m. to escape the midday heat."

The expeditions, affiliated with the University of California at Berkeley, began 19 years ago when Colvin hit on the idea of inviting interested amateurs to join research teams.

The initiates got an exciting change from the usual holiday fare of shuffling through the stately homes of Europe or simmering on tropical sands. The researchers got volunteer labor and a welcome infusion of funds.

One of the first big forays was a trip to Suriname in search of the world's largest leech, Colvin recalls.

The invertebrate "wasn't where we thought it was going to be," but the team finally tracked down the bloodsucking blob in French Guiana, home of the infamous penal colony, Devil's Island.

"Things are a little tamer now. We do things like Inca fortresses and medieval castles and prehistoric fishermen's sites," says Colvin, who cautions, "You never know what's going to happen on a research project." ■

SCHOOL

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says.

We make a lot of the meals in advance and freeze them for easy preparation. Cost is also a consideration, and we eat a lot of soup and sandwich meals as we put it, "creative cuisine."

One of the biggest obstacles when we decided to go back to college was money. We have been able to stretch by with the help of some government grants and student loans. Also, Alice has received some scholarships this year from the Honors department and a local women's organization.

"I don't even think about how far we're going in debt because it wouldn't do any good to worry about it now because I believe that it will pay off in the end," Alice says. "This family's long term quality of life is what is most important."

During the summer Alice works with the USDA, but while she is in school it is a priority that she is home to take care of the kids when they get out of school in the afternoon.

"We would rather have a little less money than to put our kids with a babysitter," Alice says.

So when do they find time to study?

Well this is one of the touchy subjects between us. It seems that I can read a little bit here and a little bit there, and I can absorb the material with virtual ease.

This really gets to Alice, who has to labor for long hours, night and day to grasp her subjects.

For Janet Lintemuth, the situation is similar.

After spending 14 years on the same job, Janet injured her back and was forced to look for a new career.

"This is a new experience for me because I've never been to college," Janet says.

Janet is studying interior design at MTSU and is facing the same problems that we are. With two children in school she is faced with the challenge of balancing her household and school.

"The hardest thing for me is not having enough time to go shopping," Janet laughs, "but the kids think that it's real neat that I'm back in school."

Janet is hoping that her example will encourage her children to go to college in the future, and have a better outlook on the college experience.

"My kids and I have a lot more in common now that I'm in school," Janet says. "They see that I have to do homework and that I have mean teachers, too."

There are many needs that need to be considered when a parent decides to pursue their education further.

Like snow days. It seems that many of the local county schools call off classes at the hint of bad weather, but colleges like MTSU pride themselves on the fact that their doors remain open. Rain or shine.

"What is a parent

supposed to do with their kids?" Alice asks. "We can't just leave them home by themselves."

More than once Janet has had to scramble to find a babysitter so that she could go to her classes.

According to Zona Frazier, assistant director of childcare on campus, there is an increasing need for daycare while parents are in classes.

"Right now there is a one year waiting list to get your child into the on campus daycare," Frazier says.

The way the system is running they can handle 25 children, but hopefully in the fall they will be able to handle twice that amount.

"We are also looking into nighttime for adults taking late classes," Frazier says.

Another problem that they are faced with is the feeling of isolation from the other students on campus.

Between my studying and my full-time job I don't feel like I'm a contributing factor on campus. I don't have time to go to ball games, or get involved in any on-campus organizations.

There is no doubt that being a parent and a college student is a real high-wire act, balancing home life and school and trying to excel at both.

"I wouldn't trade my life for anything...it's a challenge I know, but I'll reap my rewards when I finally graduate," Alice says. ■

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Grammy nominee loves the blues

Musselwhite found love in Memphis, but got his start in Chicago, Illinois

NEW YORK (AP) — Blues harmonica player Charlie Musselwhite says he has "one foot in country and one uptown."

Musselwhite tours 200 to 300 days a year with a hot, modern blues band.

"I describe the music as blues with a touch of jazz," he says. "We're not playing riffs I memorized off old blues records."

But, he says, "I still love the country blues style."

During his career in music, Musselwhite has always kept both feet in the blues.

On his 50th birthday on Jan. 31, 1994, Alligator Records released a Musselwhite album, "In My Time." This year, it's nominated for a Grammy Award in the best traditional blues category.

The album includes seven blues classics and nine tunes Musselwhite wrote. He plays his harmonica, with his road band, with the Blind Boys of

Alabama vocal group and with West Coast musicians who specialize in 1950s Chicago blues and swing. He plays also solo guitar and sings.

Musselwhite learned both guitar and harmonica in Memphis. He started performing professionally on the South Side of Chicago.

"They called me Charlie White Boy — not in any derogatory way," he says. "People couldn't remember my last name."

"The first time I played guitar in public was at a Madison Square Garden concert in honor of John Lee Hooker, a benefit for the Clarksdale, Miss., Blues Museum. They stuck me on at the last minute. They gave me a guitar and I walked out and played 'My Road Lies in Darkness.'"

Musselwhite and his third wife now live in California.

"I'm the only musician who moved to the wine country and quit drinking," he says. "I used to drink two quarts of gin a day. I don't know why. It seemed like a good idea at the time. I had a great capacity, which is too bad."

He was born in Missi-

ssippi but lived from age 3 to 18 in Memphis, where he first heard — and loved — the blues.

Musselwhite learned to play from recordings he heard on the radio and from musicians and street singers in and around Memphis.

"They were flattered a teen-age white kid would take the time to talk to them and show interest in them," he says. "There were white guys that knew blues, too. It was not uncommon for hillbilly bands to know blues. I liked hillbilly band music, but what I wanted to play was blues."

After high school, Musselwhite continued to live with his mother.

"Memphis was economically depressed," he says. "Things were really slow. I was digging trenches and laying concrete. It was backbreaking work and I was thinking there was no future there."

"I'd done a little moving some moonshine from out in the country into Memphis. That was good money but you didn't do it but a couple of times a month. One day the police followed me. I thought it was a sign: It's time to go."

So Musselwhite went to Chicago.

"I'd heard there was lots of jobs. You could walk in a factory and go right to work for \$3 an hour with benefits. This sounded pretty good. Other than that, I didn't know anything about Chicago."

When Musselwhite arrived in Chicago, he says, "Factories weren't hiring. I was getting ready to go on back to Memphis. One last day before the rent was up, a Sunday, I went out for a stroll to take my last look around. I saw a 'Help Wanted' sign on a store. An old man just happened to be in there. He was an exterminator. He needed a driver and somebody to help him spray roaches and build traps to catch pigeons. He hired me right then."

As they drove around Chicago, Musselwhite saw posters advertising appearances by Muddy Waters and Elmore James. He found the blues clubs where they were playing and people there told him about other places to hear blues.

"I felt like a kid in a candy store," he says. "I'd go out every night of the week. I remember going to see

Muddy at Peppers Lounge. Monday nights you got in for 25 cents. I got to know everybody. I couldn't stay away. I was just so happy, having a beer and listening to Howlin' Wolf or Muddy just a few feet away."

One night a waitress told Waters that Musselwhite played the harmonica.

"Muddy told me to come up," Musselwhite says. "I said, 'Oh, no, I didn't come here to do that.' He said, 'Get on up here.'"

"I always had a harmonica with me. What a thrill to get up and play with Muddy Waters."

"Word spread to other clubs. People started hiring me. We'd pass a cigar box around for tips. I did do some factory jobs. It started looking like this is a way out of the factories."

In 1966, Elektra Records cut an album with Chicago harmonica player Paul Butterfield. Vanguard Records decided to match it with Musselwhite. The record got played on underground radio stations in California.

"It put me on the road and I've been on the road ever since," Musselwhite says. ■

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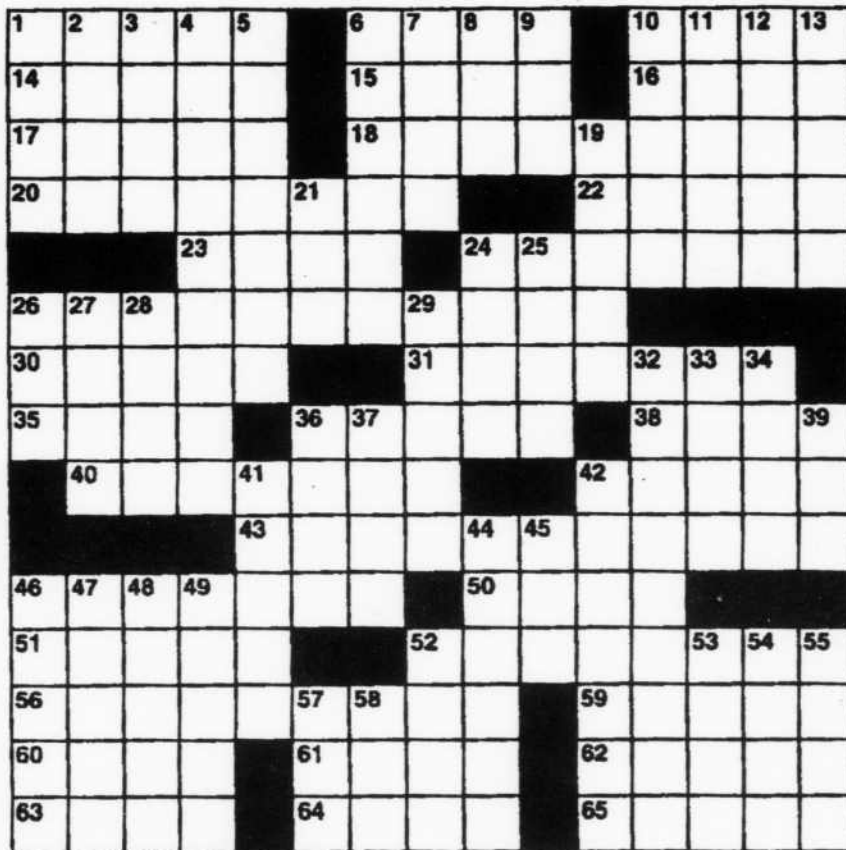
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The Amputation Diet Plan

Profile of a candidate

MARYVILLE, Tenn.
(AP) — Gov. Lamar Alexander was on the verge of a coup, landing a Japanese auto plant and thousands of jobs for Tennessee's listless economy. But Nissan liked only one site — Maymee Cantrell's dairy farm — and she wasn't of a mind to sell.

So the governor paid her a visit. He drank her spiced tea and complimented her lime icebox pie and asked her to sell her 437-acre dairy farm in Smyrna for the good of the state. Maymee Cantrell sold.

It's the kind of story Alexander loves to tell, as testament to his determination and energy and homespun charm — and because he just loves to tell stories.

About growing up in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, about his grandfather the railroad engineer, his mother the kindergarten teacher, his dogged 1,000-mile campaign walk across Tennessee, and the good people he met in eight years as governor.

Alexander, 54, is also a millionaire, a New York-educated lawyer and a lifelong politician with an ambition to become president.

His tales are polished to a high gloss and carry his own personal spin. Asked whether it was the governor's visit 15 years ago that persuaded her to sell the family farm, Mrs. Cantrell hesitated and said, "I'm not sure that he did." But like most people who meet Alexander, she was impressed.

"He seemed right genuine, very genteel," she said.

From his high school principal to his former neighbors, people in Maryville (they pronounce it Mur-vul) say with a straight face they always thought young Lamar might be president some day.

"Everybody expected pretty big things from him," said Jim Renfro Jr., one of Alexander's good friends from high school. "He was born with all those attributes parents like."

It seemed he could do anything: make top grades, letter in basketball and track, be an Eagle Scout, win statewide piano competitions. He found time to sing in the Presbyterian church choir, edit the local newspaper's school page, be class president.

He knew his parents expected him "to amount to something."

His mother, Floreine, raised Lamar and his two sisters while running a kindergarten in their backyard garage.

They stressed education and self-discipline and church three times a week. Lamar had a library card at 3, started music lessons at 4.

After studying history at Vanderbilt and law at New York University — and receiving student deferments from the Vietnam draft — Alexander ventured into politics as coordinator of Tennessean Howard Baker's 1966 Senate campaign.

Alexander was playing first base at a staff softball game when honey-haired Honey Buhler, secretary to Texas Sen. John Tower, caught his eye.

She hit a slow grounder and tried to salvage it with a long slide into first. The first baseman was smitten. (At least that's how he tells it; Honey denies the slide.)

They were married in January 1969. Soon after the wedding, Alexander went to work in the congressional relations office of the Nixon White House.

He returned to Nashville well before Watergate, but the link to Richard Nixon became an issue after he won his party's nomination for governor in 1974. It was a bad year for Republicans.

"People who never voted before were driving down out of the mountains in pickup trucks to find a Republican to vote against," Alexander said.

The loss convinced him to change his campaign style. He shed his blue suit, cut back on formal speeches, and reached out to voters the way he does best — chatting one on one, or in small groups around a supper table.

"After all of Ray Blanton's problems, Lamar sort of rode in on a white horse," said Democrat Randall Tyree, who challenged Alexander's re-election and lost.

Alexander proved a popular, feel-good type of governor — Tennessee's first to serve two terms. His four children (the youngest boy was born while Alexander was in office) charmed visitors to the governor's mansion. Alexander played piano at events across the state, and launched a yearlong celebration of community heritage.

He made his name as an education reformer — and a hardball politician — with a trendy plan to give teachers bonuses based on evaluations of their skills.

He is doggedly determined. A year before the first presidential primary, he has thrown himself full time into the grind of speeches and fund raising and handshaking. It is a grueling schedule, but Alexander doesn't complain.

He tells a story:

Singer Johnny Cash once told him he played 200 concerts on the road each year. "I said, 'Why in the world do you do that?'"

"He looked at me like I was crazy and said, 'That's what I do.'" ■

Losing Beebe too good to be true

My Sportscenter highlight goes something like this: (Dream Sequence starts here.)

WORD ON THE STREET



Drew Butler

named the commissioner of the new Big 12 conference."

Yeah!!!!

No more Beebe?!

Who else but Beebe could dream up a sportsmanship rule that says that fans must be nice to each other during the game. Then condone the behavior of Tennessee Tech. Ever since I can remember, Tech has thrown a blizzard of toilet paper that covers the court after the first successful Tech basket.

Not only did toilet paper get tossed on the court, but some people decided to throw ice cubes. It got so bad that Tech coach Frank Harrell pleaded with the fans to stop the behavior.

Other than a technical foul that allows the opponent to shoot two free throws, I can't think of any punishment by Beebe.

That's sportsmanship. That's Dan Beebe.

Obviously, it's cool with Beebe. I wonder what would happen if MTSU started to pick up Tech's habit.

But Tech is only one in a long series of what I call "Beebe-ism" or the philosophy of having no rationale behind any actions.

Let's go back to one of the first occurrences of "Beebe-ism." All the way back to once of his first acts as commissioner.

It all started at the "Basketbrawl" of 1990. In that game against, take a guess, Tennessee Tech, former Raider guard Mike Buck shoved Tech center

See Drew, page 19
Milos Vavic. Then came some words followed by

MTSU track teams shine at OVC indoor championships

Otis, Riley lead men's efforts; Lady Raiders defend indoor title

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The MTSU men's and women's track teams gave their all this weekend at Murphy Center in the Ohio Valley Conference indoor championship meet.

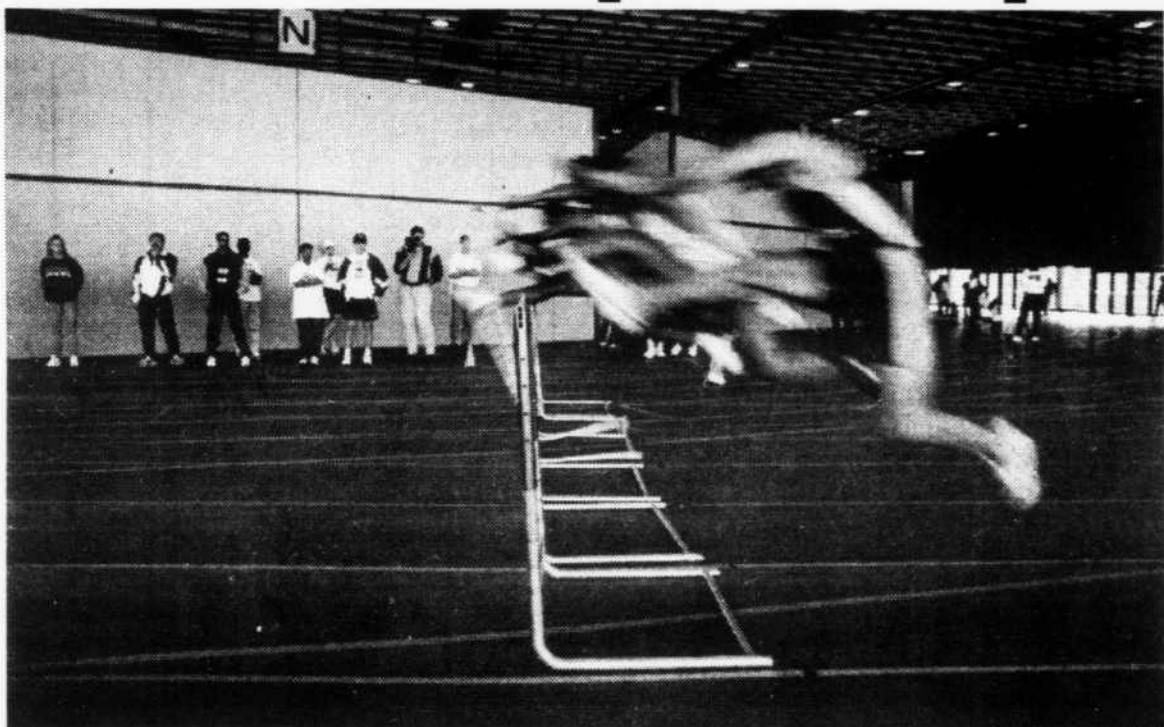
The Blue Raiders finished the meet in third place behind defending champions Eastern Kentucky and the large and always powerful team from Southeast Missouri.

Micah Otis had a very good meet for the Blue Raiders, claiming two individual wins, in the 55 meter hurdles and the 200 meters.

Torrence Riley took first place in the high jump and broke his personal records in the triple jump, with a leap of 49 feet 1 inch, and the long jump, at 23-11, taking fourth place in both events.

Keith Watkins contributed to the team's cause, winning the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.29 seconds.

Mario Allman also broke two personal records. He finished second in the 200



CLIFF KARELL/Staff

Whoosh-and over the hurdle

OVC sprinters compete in the men's 55 meter hurdles at Saturday's finals of the OVC indoor championship track meet. The Blue Raiders claimed several individual events and finished third overall in the meet, while the Lady Raiders took first place overall, successfully defending their indoor championship.

with his lifetime indoor best time of 21.78 seconds, and crossed the finish line neck and neck with Watkins in the 55 to claim second with a 6.29 in a race Coach Dean Hayes called one of the closest he has ever seen.

Jaz Salahuddin also collected some points for the team's effort, posting a fifth place finish in the triple jump with a leap of over 45 feet and taking second in the high jump at 6-8, in his first ever competition as a high jumper for the Raiders.

In the distance events, Jeff Lingwall had a very good showing in the 5000 meters with a time of 15:14.85, good enough for fifth place, and Curt Arthur finished the 3000 in 8:51.84, only good enough for seventh place but shattering his personal best in that event by over 20 seconds.

"We competed pretty hard, we're just short of people," Hayes said. "We got about all we could get and they did a pretty good job."

The Lady Raiders

repeated as OVC indoor champions, collecting 140 points, 10 higher than the second place team from SEMO.

Mia Florence had another outstanding meet, finishing first in the high jump, triple jump and long jump.

Nadia Graham won the 200 with a time of 24.79 seconds, and also claimed first in the 400 meters, breaking a school record with a 56.17 second finish.

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Blue Raiders fall to Eagles in tough conference contest

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider basketball team clinched a sub-.500 season Saturday night in Kentucky with a hard-fought 65-61 loss to the Eagles of Morehead State University.

After last week's exciting win against Southern, the Raiders came into Ellis T. Johnson Arena on a definite upswing. Morehead seemed to be heading in the opposite direction, coming home after a four game road losing streak.

The entire game was very close, with neither team getting on top by more than six points, but in the end

taking on the Eagles, their fans, and the officials was just too much for the visiting Raiders.

"It's just real unfortunate, because our kids outplayed that team and our kids had every reason to expect to win it," Coach Farrar said in a post-game radio interview. "There's just no way that could have ended up the way it did and that's as simple as I can make it."

Morehead got on the board first, but defense allowed the Raiders to control the flow of the game, as Tim Gaither gave them the lead with a breakaway lay-up following a steal. Middle kept up a good

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Lady Raiders lose to EKU; share OVC title with three teams

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders had to settle for a share of the regular season championship as they lost to the Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky yesterday, 83-77.

The loss moved the Raiders' conference record for the season to 2-4, placing them in a four-way tie for first place with EKU, Tennessee Tech, and Tennessee State. Because of the team's records against the other first-place squads during the season, Middle received the fourth seed for the OVC tournament this weekend.

Shutting down Lady Colonel guard Kim Mays was a definite priority for

the Raiders, especially since she scored 27 points in a losing effort in Murfreesboro earlier in the season.

Both teams played tough defense in the first half, resulting in a very close game. The score was tied seven times and the lead changed hands eight times. The defense successfully stopped Mays, who only had four points in the half. Both teams shot 42 percent in the half, but four of Middle's field goals were 3-pointers, allowing them to take a 35-32 lead into halftime.

Eastern cut the Raider lead to two to start the second half, and Kim Mays tied the score at 35. Jessica Beaty buried a 3-pointer and

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Raider Tennis teams continue to struggle

Both men and women's teams lose weekend meets

JOEL FREY
Staff Writer

The state of Alabama was unkind to Blue Raider tennis over the weekend.

MTSU's men's team suffered a 6-1 defeat to South Alabama on Saturday in Mobile, while the women traveled to Birmingham, losing to Southwestern Louisiana and host school University of Alabama at Birmingham.

After beginning the day with a "lackluster effort in doubles," as described by assistant coach Keith Harrietha, the men gave a better effort against the Jaguars in singles play.

Still, team captain Patrick Zackrisson was the only Raider who won his match, 6-4 in the third set.

The inability to win close matches that has troubled the men all season long, once again played a key factor in the loss to South Alabama.

Fred Niemeyer, Marshall Brown, and David McNamara all extended their matches to three sets, yet none could manage an MTSU victory.

The men will play their first home match of the year this weekend against UAB

on Saturday and the University of Evansville on Sunday.

Harrietha said that the men need a home match at this point in the season.

"Traveling every weekend has taken its toll on the guys. Everyone is looking forward to staying home and playing in a friendlier atmosphere," Harrietha said.

The women will also be at home this weekend in search of their first win of the year.

Despite the early season losses, women's coach David Thornton said his team has shown improvement of late.

"We are getting better. Our lack of experience has hurt us at this point in the season, but we are working extremely hard," Thornton said.

Against UAB on Sunday, the doubles team of Emma Doyle and Kelly Bacich found themselves down 2-5 in the third set, before coming back in dramatic fashion to defeat their UAB opponents 6-3, 4-6, 7-6(5).

Thornton said he hopes that the rest of the team will follow the lead of Doyle and Bacich.

"Emma and Kelly are playing some pretty intense tennis. It is time for everyone to begin stepping up and winning these close matches," Thornton said. ■

Softball team splits '95' opener

MTSU wins 2-1, loses 2nd game 9-1

STAFF REPORTS

The MTSU softball team opened their 1995 season by splitting two games at Troy State yesterday.

In the first game with the score tied 1-1, the Blue Raiders scored the winning run in the top of the eighth when Melissa Webb scored off an RBI by Mandy Biggar. MTSU won the game 2-1.

Webb was on base because on the International Tiebreak Rule which places a runner on second base.

"It looked good for it to be the first two games," said team member Kristin Rawlins. "We played well defensively in the first game, but came up a little short in the second."

The second game was cut short because of the 10-run rule. Troy was ahead 9-1 in the fifth when the play stopped.

Mandy Biggar scored the only Blue Raider run in the

second game. Biggar was pinch-running for Jamie Estepea.

This game was the first of three road games for MTSU. The softball team will take the field again next Saturday and Sunday when they play Georgia State in Atlanta.

Then, the Blue Raiders will play at Southern Illinois University on March 7.

They will begin a four-game homestand on March 12 when they start the OVC season against Morehead in their home opener. ■

Blue Raider baseball team drops fourth straight at Birmingham

Fourth straight road game ends in 7-4 Raider loss

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider baseball squad's record went to 0-4 on the season with a 7-4 loss to the Panthers of Birmingham Southern College.

The game was played at Hoover-Metropolitan Stadium, home of the minor-league Birmingham Barons.

Joe Dalton started the

game for the Blue Raiders, and was greeted in the bottom of the second when Panther catcher Mark Mattasits hit a solo homer to give his team an early lead.

Chris Goggin drove home the first Raider run, scoring Doug Barner with a sacrifice fly.

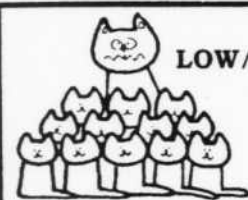
The Panthers offense kicked into high gear in the bottom of the fourth, scoring three runs after shortstop Hayes Evans was struck by a Dalton pitch.

Going into the seventh, Middle was down 6-1. Suddenly the Birmingham Southern defense became

clumsy, and the Raiders took advantage of Panther errors and some clutch hitting by sophomore shortstop Clay Snellgrove and senior outfielder Craig Reavis to move the score to 6-3 before an inning-ending double play cut short their rally.

Snellgrove drove in another run in the top of the eighth to bring Middle within two, but the Raiders could not get any closer as Panther reliever Shaun Player shut out the Raiders in the ninth.

MTSU hits the road again this week, with games at Ole Miss, Cumberland and Auburn. ■



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Shelley Johnson and Rhonda Hall continued to dominate the women's shot put, claiming first and second, respectively.

Nekeya Ralls was one of the bigger point gatherers for the Lady Raiders. Ralls finished second in the 55 meter hurdles and 55 meter dash. She also took fourth in the triple jump and fifth in the high jump.

Several other Raiders contributed points to the winning effort. Andrea

Byers placed third in the triple jump and fourth in the long jump.

Tyjuana Phillips took fourth in the high jump and fifth in the 400 meters. Tiffany Dean finished fourth in the 55 meter hurdles.

Melanie Hall placed third in the 200 meters, and Kim Watson took fifth in the 55 meter dash.

The mile-relay team, consisting of Graham, Watson, Hall and Phillips finished second to the team from Tennessee State University with a time of 3:50.95.

Coach Hayes was very pleased with the women's efforts, especially since they have such a lack of distance runners.

"Because we have so few events I was really pleased with the way they competed," Coach Hayes said. "The didn't have the points to spare and they had to each get their event and they did a good job of doing that."

Hayes felt good about how both squads competed in the meet, adding that since so many of the athletes are freshmen, the team can only get better with time. ■

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Beaty drew Mays's fourth foul with just over 13 minutes remaining in the half, and while Mays was on the bench the Lady Raiders were able to open up a five point lead.

Mays returned to the game at the 6:30 mark, and quickly took over the offensive duties for the Colonels, while their defense

forced MTSU into taking bad shots.

Lady Raider center Nickki Edwards scored four straight points to tie the score at 72 apiece. But Middle would not be able to take the lead, as Eastern went on an 11-0 run in the last two minutes of regulation to win the game.

Sherry Tucker led all scorers with 31, and Heather Prater was the only other Lady Raider in double figures with 13. As a team Middle shot 37 percent from the field, and only connected on 10 of 34 3-point attempts.

The Lady Colonels were led by Stephanie Davis with 18, and Kim Mays scored 13 in the second half to finish

with 17. The Colonels also out rebounded Middle 46-33.

"They played harder than us," Coach Lewis Bivens said in a radio interview after the game. "When it got down to where we needed to get it done we did not make good offensive decisions."

Even though the loss cost the Raiders sole possession of the OVC championship, Coach Bivens stressed that the team has had a very successful year.

"You can't let the last five minutes when we did not make a lot of good decisions diminish how many great decisions Heather, Sherry, Jessica and the kids have made all year long." ■

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defensive pressure, converting steals and turnovers into baskets.

Eagle center Tyrone Boardley dominated Morehead's offense, scoring 19 points in the first half. But a balanced offensive attack by the Blue Raiders led by Gaither and David Washington kept the score close.

Morehead took a six point lead, the biggest of the game, with 11:29 left in the half. Senior Bobby Clark, who Coach David Farrar said before the game has been playing "above the rim" lately, scored five as Middle went on a seven point run to go up 21-20.

The Eagles tied the score again, one of ten ties in the first half, and the Raiders went into halftime down by a point, 32-31.

The Blue Raiders started the second half very strong, going on a 6-0 run to retake the lead 41-40 with just over 14 minutes left. The MTSU defense continued to force turnovers, and a 3-pointer by K.J. Harden with 12 minutes remaining in regulation put the Raiders up by five.

Morehead eventually retook the lead late in the game, but the big Blue refused to give up. A big part of the Raider offense was removed, however, when David Washington fouled out

on an extremely controversial player-control call.

The Raiders apparently cut the lead to one with just over a minute left to play as Tim Gaither scored on a breakaway lay-up following a steal, but the basket was waved off, as the officials claimed the shot clock had expired for the Eagles before the ball was stolen.

Down late in the game, Middle was forced to foul to conserve the clock, and the Eagles hit free-throws to seal the win. Tyrone Boardley led Morehead with 25 points, and guard Mark Majick contributed 11 to the winning effort.

For the Raiders, Paul Washington led the team in scoring for the second straight game with 16, and David Washington added 13.

"I'm proud of my kids and very pleased with them, they've had a lot of things to deal with," Farrar said. "It's my hope that it'll just make them that much hungrier to get something done in the tournament."

Tonight's games will decide who the Raiders opponent will be for round one of the OVC tournament on Thursday night.

"It's very feasible that we could play this team in the first round of the tournament," Farrar said. "And that wouldn't bother me at all." ■

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ON THE LINE

INSTRUCTIONS

Place a mark beside your predicted winner. Entries must be received no later than Fri., March 3. Pickers with a perfect week will qualify for a MTSU T-shirt. The picker with the best total record at the year's end will receive a plaque. If a game has MTSU 'vs' TSU, it means the game is at a neutral site. Also note that some contest will be women's games and some teams will appear more than once since they play more than one game per week. Send entries to 'On the Line', Box 42, MTSU, Murfreesboro, Tn: 37132 (Box 42 if sent through campus mail), or come by the JUB, room 310 and leave them in the sports mailbox. Late entries won't be accepted unless postmarked by the deadline date.

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	Ariz. St. at Arizona			N'western at Illinois	
	Illinois at Ohio State			Southern Cal. at Oregon	
	Iowa at Indiana			Purdue at Michigan	
	UCLA at Louisville			Washington at Stanford	
	Virginia at Maryland			Oregon at UCLA	
	Michigan at Iowa			Washington St. at Cal.	
	Mich. St. at Wisconsin			Michigan St. at Iowa	
	Purdue at Minnesota			Penn St. at Michigan	

Congratulations!

There was a four-way tie for top picker for week four, as Jennifer Moyer, Igor Zhislin, Corey Staggs, and Greg Meyer finished with records of 9-7. Zhislin's record moved him into first place in the overall statistics. Good luck to all the pickers in week six! Don't forget -- a perfect week will qualify you for a drawing for a free tee-shirt!!!!

TOP PICKERS	W - L
Igor Zhislin	39-26
2 pickers	37-27

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Milos Vavic. Then came some words followed by punches.

That started a brawl, filled with punches, kicking and even the use of a cheerleader's megaphone.

Dan Beebe suspended eight MTSU players for a total of 22 games. Tech received a portion of that. Beebe placed six players on suspension for 11 games.

So what happened to equal treatment and equal punishment. I don't advocate the incident but both teams needed equal punishment. A perfect example of a "Beebeism."

MTSU had to forfeit their next game against TSU because of the suspensions.

And I'm not even going to get into the rumors that Beebe turned in MTSU by reporting basketball violations to the NCAA. Beebe would neither confirm nor deny this action.

But what a second, if this guy's so bad, then why would anyone else take him, Especially a new conference that is trying to build a reputation.

Reality has finally set in. The hard to believe facts woke me up.

The OVC is stuck with him.

When I come out of my stupor, I look around only to see ESPN's Plays of the Week on the TV and my accounting homework.

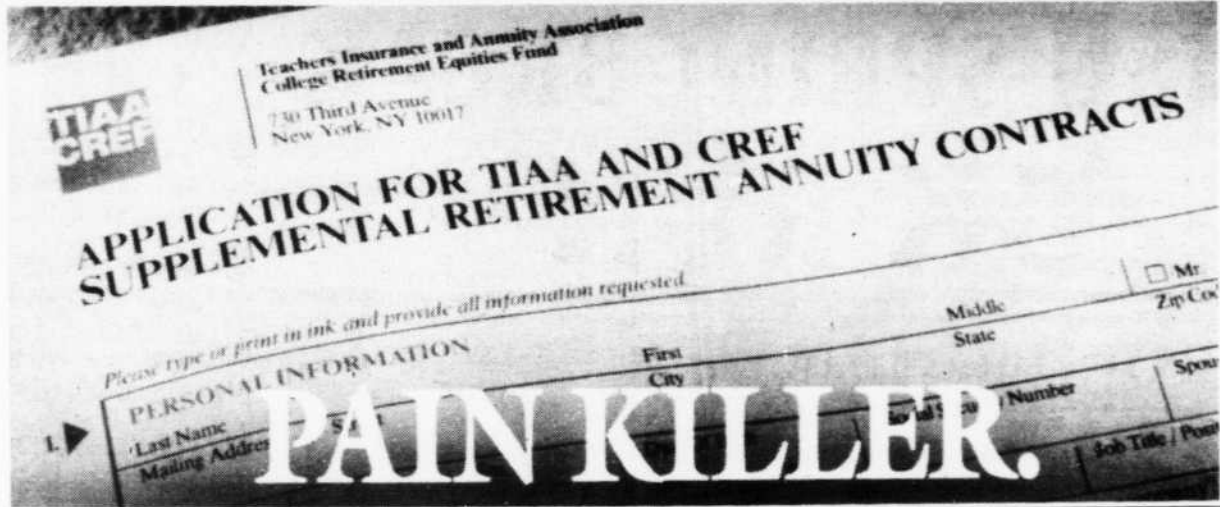
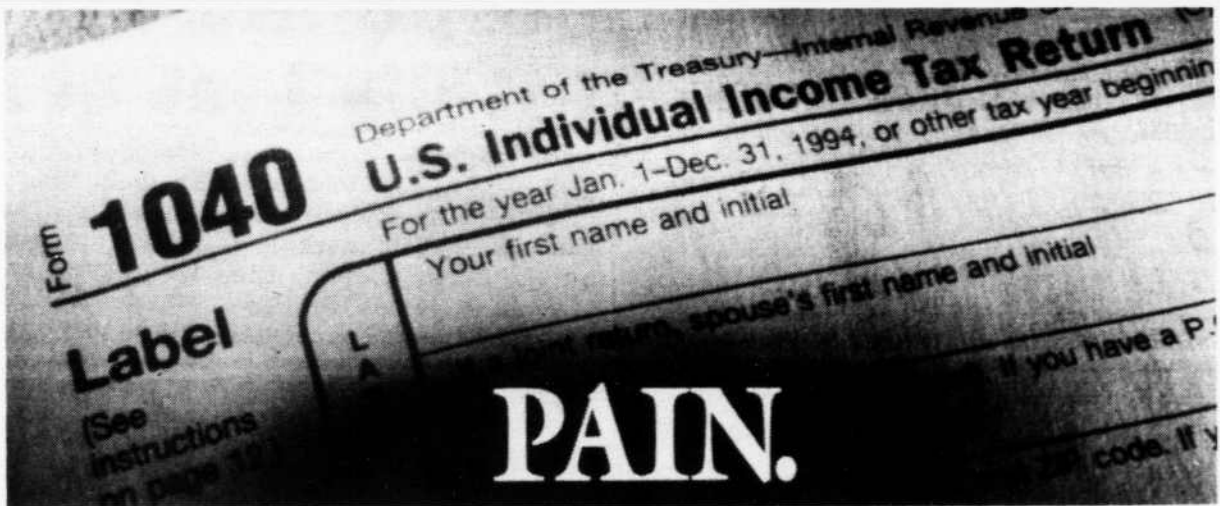
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Editorial

Take a minute and help the athletic department

Many of you have heard of the Master Plan, the massive construction project designed to move MTSU into the 21st Century.

What many of you may not know is that there is also a master plan for the athletics department.

One major focus of this plan is to move MTSU into the upper echelon of football programs nationwide, the NCAA's Division I-A. Football is currently the only major sport in which this university does not compete at the highest level.

Recently, athletic director Lee Fowler has held open forums for students to discuss what they feel is important about MTSU athletics, including the move to Division I-A. Students can attend these meetings and voice their opinions directly to the most important athletic man at MTSU. The last forum will be held Monday at 4:30 p.m. in Tucker Theater. Interested students should attend.

The athletic department will also be sending a survey to one of every 13 student post office boxes asking questions about aspects of the athletic program and particularly football.

If you receive a survey, we encourage you to fill it out and send it to the address on the back. If you do not receive one, call the athletic department and ask for one to be sent to your box or home.

It is important that student's voices be heard on this matter. The financial well-being of the university and your education is directly affected.

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Corporate America has totally lost sense of humor



Dave Barry

Before I get to today's topic, which is mutant cereal in Canada, I want to apologize in a sincerely l e g a l manner to J O C K E Y I n t e r - national Inc.,

which manu-factures JOCKEY brand wearing apparel. Recently I received a certified letter from Charlotte Shapiro, a JOCKEY brand corporation attorney, noting that, in a column concerning the issue of whether or not you can eat your underwear, I had incorrectly used the official JOCKEY brand name in the following sentence:

"Waiter, are these JOCKEYS fresh?"

Ms. Shapiro points out that the word JOCKEY is an official trademark, not a generic word for underwear, and it must be used "as an adjective followed by the common name for the product." Thus my sentence should, legally, have read as follows:

"Waiter, there's a fly in these JOCKEYS!"

I am grateful to Ms. Shapiro for making me more sensitive to this issue, and in the future if I ever hear anyone misusing the JOCKEY brand name, I will make it my business to strike that person with a Sears CRAFTSMAN brand hammer.

Speaking of hard objects, I have here an alarming item from the oxymoronically named Canadian newspaper Northern Life, sent in by alert reader Alan Nursall.

The article, by Kim Dominique-Plouffe, concerns a Sudbury, Ontario, woman named Dot Brousseau, who was pouring some Kellogg's brand CORN FLAKES cereal into a bowl when—please try to remain calm—out came a hard, fist-sized clump of CORN FLAKES all wadded together.

Here in the United States, a typical consumer, confronted with this situation, would probably just take it in stride, by which I mean don a STYROFOAM brand neck brace and sue Kellogg's for \$4.7 million. But Canada is not part of the United States (it is part of Iceland). So what Dot Brousseau did was contact Northern Life, which printed a story headlined WOMAN SURPRISED TO FIND A LUMP 'THE SIZE OF A FIST' IN HER CORN FLAKES BOX. The article is accompanied by a photograph of Brousseau looking concerned and holding the CORN FLAKES clump, which looks sort of like an oyster.

Like most professional journalists, I routinely investigate any documented case of breakfast foods spontaneously wadding together, so I contacted various news sources that I have cultivated over the years, and I was able to determine that Canada does, in fact, have telephones. I then called Dot Brousseau and asked her for an update on the situation. She told me that she had received "several compliments" on the Northern Life article, and that a number of people had come over to view her clump, which she is keeping in a BAGGIES brand plastic bag.

She said that a Kellogg's

representative had also come to her home and examined the clump, and had wanted to take it away, but she refused. "I'm gong to have it analyzed," she said.

She also said that Kellogg's had given her some free products. "They're going to bend over backward to kiss our butt," she noted.

I asked Brousseau if she was aware of scientific experiments showing that Kellogg's strawberry POP-TART brand snack pastries will, if you place them in a toaster and hold the lever down, burst into flames within six minutes (unless you attempt to demonstrate this to a national TV audience on the David Letterman show, in which case the POP-TARTS will not ignite until after your segment has ended). Brousseau was surprised to hear this, and told me, with concern in her voice, that she had strawberry POP-TARTS in her cupboard even as we spoke.

Canada: Land of Danger.

Speaking of scary consumer things, I have also received, from alert reader Ron Fusco, an article from the Dec. 27, 1994, edition of The Pacific Daily News, which is published in Guam, an island located somewhere in the PACIFIC brand ocean. The top story on page one concerns a 13-year-old Guam boy whose NIKE brand shoes exploded. I am not making this up. The article, written by Elizabeth A. Thompson, quotes the boy's mother as saying that her son had jumped up to touch a beam in the garage when his shoes "seemed to explode, catching his jeans on fire."

The story states that the

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OPINIONS

Baseball still is just a game

Guest
ColumnistTripp
Ballard

In America, spring not only brings weather that makes students alter their plans on attending class but also brings the baseball season. The smell of the first cut of grass permeates the air. In the past this has been synonymous with pepper games and the crack of bats.

Right now, the kings of American baseball and their bosses are squabbling about who's right and who's wrong, and how many millions of dollars each should rake in. This is a major problem, and many of us are sick of hearing grown men fight over money.

I believe one thing is being left out of the equation: the millions of kids, covering all ages, who will march on to the field to battle each other whether or not the big boys can figure out which side is truly the greediest.

We, as Americans, have been in love with baseball since the beginning of the century, and the love affair should not end because major league players will not be hitting the field opening day. What we should do is appreciate the game for what it really is: a game.

True baseball lovers

should seek out other games at lower levels to cure the addiction, whether it be a minor league game or a tee-ball game. For it is these games that capture the love of baseball and entice millions to play it.

One can go to local minor league games and see great ball players playing, as they have sacrificed everything to reach their level with hopes of advancing. They make these sacrifices not for money but because they love the game.

There are great college games, especially here at MTSU, which I find are great ways to take in a beautiful spring day. At MTSU players work tirelessly in the off-season while trying to balance a college class schedule. They do it because they love the game.

And last but not least are the various little league games, where one can find the greatest of all players in the baseball equation. Go and watch a 5-year-old team play and not only will you be seeing baseball, but you are guaranteed to be tickled to death at the little ones as they try their hardest to grasp the rules of the game and be like the big leaguers.

It is this kid's infatuation with the big leaguers where we may find the greatest tragedy of the strike. For example, my seven-year-old nephew Casey, who is already a walking baseball encyclopedia, was playing

catch with his father recently. As he was trying his hardest to make great catches he was yelling things like, "Ken Griffey Jr. with the catch," and "David Justice with the snag."

You see, Casey really isn't worried about how much the players are making and I don't think he could really understand what the strike is about, because many of us grown-ups don't either. What he cares about is playing the game, because at his young age that is what is important.

I don't want to be the one who has to explain to Casey the reasons that Ken Griffey, Jr. and David Justice aren't on TV anymore. Maybe the players themselves should be the ones to explain to the millions of kids why they aren't playing. I wonder how guilty that would make them feel.

So baseball lovers, don't hang your heads just because the major leaguers are taking a break; they will be back in time. Instead, try to fall in love with the sport all over again by taking in various games at different levels.

Go to the little league parks and watch the little kids run around the bases backwards or sit in the outfield and play with the grass. It is antics such as these that makes baseball fun--the game it was invented to be. ■

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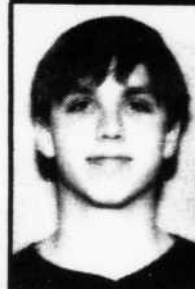
shoes were turned over to the fire department; a fire official is quoted as saying that "it does appear that the explosion came from within the shoe itself."

I want to stress that this is just one isolated incident of NIKE shoes apparently exploding. We cannot conclude that all NIKE footwear explodes, even if we feel somewhat bitter toward the NIKE brand corporation because we are forced to purchase its absurdly overpriced products for our children, who refuse to wear any other kind because they have been exposed a relentless multimillion-dollar advertising campaigns featuring athletes such as MICHAEL brand JORDAN.

We should continue to purchase and wear NIKE brand shoes with total confidence, unless we happen to be among those rare individuals who need, for some medical reason, to retain the use of their feet.

Ha ha! I am joshing, of course; I have nothing but the deepest respect and affection for the NIKE corporation and its huge legal department. So just in case I may have misused or maligned any brand names in this column, let me conclude with this formal statement of apology to NIKE, CRAFTSMAN, KELLOGG'S, STYROFOAM, BAGGIES, MICHAEL JORDAN and any other giant corporate entity I may have offended: I'm really sorry, OK? So don't get your JOCKEYS in a knot. ■

Get real reasons before voting on SGA

From The
GrandstandMark
Blevins

Here comes SGA elections again and I've already read signs like, "Blah Smith for SGA Prez, JUST DO IT."

I will not "just do" anything dear candidates. I need

reasons to vote for people who will make many decisions concerning the operations of the university on my behalf.

I ask you candidates to tell me why I should want you as representatives of the student body.

Last year's elections turned out about 1,300 votes, according to a *Sidelines* report. So that's 1,300 out of about 17,000. I would not call this representative government and its nobody's fault but our own.

Now I know that there are people who go through their whole lives without casting a single vote on anything and who pretty much keep their heads in the sand or in that place popularly referred to as "where the sun doesn't shine." The sleepers have always been around and I suspect they always will be around like slugs on a shady

tree. So I will not concern myself with them.

However, you, the awake and thinking, must demand reasons to vote for your representatives and then go out and vote on the ones that you think can do the job best.

I've often heard my fellow students say that the SGA is nothing more than an arm of the fraternities. These people imply that a member of a fraternity runs for SGA and all of his brothers vote for him. Well, this may be so (the current and past two SGA presidents have been fraternity members), but this does not make the SGA an "arm" of the frats. Obviously, a fraternity member can potentially be just as qualified and fair as any other person.

The difference is that they vote. If your "boy" is running for office, you will probably vote for him as well. The fraternities just happen to be very organized when it comes to voting for their "boy."

We must ask, and I do ask, that the candidates give us real reasons to choose them as our representatives.

So, on your little signs and in the *Sidelines* interviews, tell me what it is you hope to do and why I should vote for you.

P.S. There is no parking problem on this campus, so be thorough and realistic when you decide to serve. ■

Thought for the Day

"I don't let my mouth say nothing
my head can't stand."

-Louis Armstrong
jazz musician
1956

Letters to the Editor

History major has his own lesson for African-American History Month

To The Editor:

A quick lesson in history for everyone. The United States brought slaves over from Africa, whom their own kings had caught rival tribes and in turn sold them to the United States as slaves. So how come African-Americans are not calling for the removal of the United States flag, instead of the Confederate flag? The U.S. flag had brought them over here as slaves and then SOLD them to the south! Abraham Lincoln said, "I declare that I have no intention, directly or indirectly, to interfere with slavery in the states where it exists. Just to preserve the Union at all cost. During the invasion of the south" our future president, General Grant owned slaves. He said, "If people think I am fighting for the freedom of the slaves, then I will offer my services for the other side." The only reason for the Emancipation Proclamation was to deplete the south of slaves used for digging trenches and other defensive uses. Lincoln said, "A revolt of the slaves would bring a collapse of southern resistance, a necessary war measure." Therefore, SLAVERY WAS NOT AN ISSUE for northern aggression. The issue was to preserve the Union at all cost. The South's issues were, states rights and equal representation in both house and senate.

The Confederate flag was a symbol for southern states leaving the Union. All

states, both north and south, had the right to leave the "United" States whenever they felt it was in their best interest. Study the Articles of Confederation of 1781. What is the difference between the south leaving the Union and the 13 colonies leaving the British empire? It was for the same reasons! The black's who killed that young white man in Kentucky last month, said "If you like that flag, rebel flag, then you like slavery." How foolish can a person be. People, who are educated, know that 99.4 percent of white people do not like slavery.

A person thinks and acts the way he or she is brought up. One of the mothers, whose son was involved said, "He got what he deserved for flying that flag." Is that mother to blame also? Sure she is. That kid grew up thinking that all whites are bad if they fly that flag. History has not told the true story of the "invasion" or of the confederate flag. If a person wants the truth, here it is. *Facts the Historians Leave Out*, by John S. Tilley; *War for What?* by Francis W. Springer. These books and others can be yours if you want the truth. All-Media, in Atlanta, at 1-800-942-2447 can get a person these and more. but remember, a person must want to know the truth in order to find it.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE

Leave it to Sonny to take care of spreading the love all around the committee

Bono restores sanity, objectivity with pizza

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nerves were frayed as the House Judiciary Committee wrestled into the night over legislation, so much on the edge that Rep. Sonny Bono bought pizza to restore civility.

That peacemaking move last week calmed things for a little while between sparring Democrats and Republicans, but invective and vitriol are more the norm than the exception in the House these days.

Midway through the majority GOP's 100-day deadline for House action on major bills, lawmakers are tired and cranky, Democrats feel desperate, and the customary civility has gone by the wayside. Tempers flared in key committees over

an array of issues: legal reform, welfare restructuring and cuts in programs for low-income people.

"They're working harder over a concentrated period of time than they ever have," said Norman Ornstein, a veteran Congress-watcher at the American Enterprise Institute. "The stakes are high and they're talking about some highly controversial things. ... The pressure on those committees, particularly on Judiciary, is intense."

Much of the hostility has been displayed among members of the House Judiciary Committee, which is handling roughly half the legislation in the Republicans' "Contract With America."

Wednesday's drafting session began badly as Democrats accused the GOP majority of rushing through without adequate debate on a bill to limit damages

awarded in lawsuits.

At lunchtime, the Democratic committee members huddled in their office and seriously considered a walkout, according to several Democratic sources.

That night, after hours of drafting and debate, Bono, a freshman Republican from California, had 15 pizzas brought in. The former pop singer and Palm Springs mayor, who also was in the restaurant business, apparently subscribes to the old adage about enemies breaking bread together.

"I'd like to move that we adjourn," Bono told Judiciary Chairman Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill. "The pizza is here and it's warm. I even bought some for the other side." The pizzas — cheese, cheese and pepperoni, and the works — smoothed the raw edges.

By the morning, the bickering had started again. ■

Yell all you want — they really don't care

WEATHERFORD, Okla. (AP) — The squeals and grunts, the manure, the sight of the mayor kissing a pig Saturday: It just might be enough to send the uninformed visitor running back to the highway.

The cognoscenti, though, stuck around to absorb the flavor of the World Championship Hog Calling Contest.

In its eighth year, it drew 700 people, but the commotion did little to capture the attention of the hogs: The four small pigs gathered in a makeshift corral before the stage mostly just lay back on the concrete or put in a few laps chasing litter blown about by the 25-mph winds.

The title winner, who's taking home a \$1,000

savings bond, showed more enthusiasm.

"I have pig sheets, I have pig everything," said Roxanne Ward of Littlefield, Texas, who grew up around pigs and has loved them ever since. "I just can't find no pig underwear."

"I have pig sheets, I have pig everything. I just can't find no pig underwear."

**-Roxanne Ward
contest winner**

Her winning call, a "Sooooo-ooooo! Here hog, here hog!", followed by several nasal grunts, faced stiff competition from the likes of first-time entrant Willie Janero of Weatherford, who focused on calling the

street-wise pig. "Yo! Pig! (a whistle) I said yo! Pig! (a whistle)."

The pigs didn't pay much mind.

They usually only come to people who have food, a judge pointed out. ■

New Orleans 'baring' down on nudity at Mardi Gras

Tough legislation bans below the waist nudity in French Quarter

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In the 10 years he's been in the French Quarter, Earl Bernhardt has seen it all at Mardi Gras. Now he's seeing too much of it — and wants some of it covered up.

"We're not prudish," said Bernhardt, co-owner of three night clubs and a restaurant. "This has always been a place to drink, have fun and show some flesh. It's just that now people are committing acts in the street that heretofore you had to rent an X-rated video to see."

The French Quarter, always an adult playground, becomes even more so during Carnival, the party season that begins Jan. 6 and builds to an orgy of self-indulgent excess with Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday" — the last day before Lent.

Next-to-nothing costumes have become common at this bawdy celebration, and women frequently bare their breasts at the behest of male revelers in exchange for showers of plastic beads.

In the past, it has been treated as innocent fun. But Quarter merchants and residents have complained recently that it's getting out of hand.

This year, the Bourbon Street Merchants Association is posting Mardi Gras guidelines on their balconies and in their clubs. Baring breasts is still OK under the guidelines, but "nudity below the waist, public sex acts, grabbing or groping people or public urination" are not.

"It certainly got pretty raw last year," said Arthur Hardy, a Mardi Gras historian who produces an annual guide to the parades

"They come here to raise hell and do things they wouldn't do at home."

**-Ronald Garland
Owner
Mardi Gras Center**

and parties. "I think it's gotten kind of ugly."

Take, for example, the custom of flashing breasts, long considered one of the more wanton parts of Carnival. Now instead of offering just a quick glimpse, many women wander almost topless except for the beads they collect.

"Some people think anything goes," said Fred Hendrix, who operates another French Quarter lounge. "We do have a lot of freedom during Carnival, but

we want to see a stop to the things that interfere with other people's enjoyment."

The problem, say some residents, is that Mardi Gras is becoming less of a custom and more of a simple beer blast for college kids, who seldom wear masks or costumes and whose only nod to tradition is to load up with beads, which they barter for a variety of pleasures in the streets.

"They don't care about Mardi Gras tradition; it's just like spring break for them," said Ronald Garland, owner of the Mardi Gras Center, a shop that specializes in costumes and decorations. "They come here to raise hell and do things they wouldn't do at home."

Exactly, said Jay Jones, a New Orleans native and now a student at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C.

Jones and seven friends planned their Mardi Gras weekend for months. By leaving school Thursday, they could have three days of revelry before driving back to school Sunday — two days before Mardi Gras itself.

"We want to go to the parades, but the French Quarter is the big thing," said Jones, 19. "There'll be lots of drinking going on, lots of walking around partying. Women showing their breasts is the main draw for some of these guys." ■

Inmates strut their stuff on the runway

BALTIMORE (AP) — Forget those dowdy jumpsuits. Prison bleak gave way to trendy chic at a fashion show just for inmates.

Thirteen women and two men showed off everything from suits to strapless gowns Thursday before about 300 of their fellow inmates at the Baltimore City Detention Center.

Granted, the atmosphere lacked the ambience of Paris or New York. The runways were made of two dozen tables laid end to end. Music came from a small radio underneath a basketball hoop. Uniformed guards eyed the exits.

Nothing to fear but...

HARVARD, Ill. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy found out this one-cow town was serious about fighting gangs when police arrested him for wearing what they considered a gang symbol: a small Star of David dangling from a necklace.

Harvard, a former farm town 90 miles northwest of Chicago that's inching toward suburbanization, doesn't have a gang problem, doesn't want a gang problem, and has a two-year-old city ordinance to make sure it never gets a gang problem.

But some attorneys say the sweeping statute, which among other things says it is illegal "to wear known gang colors, emblems, or other

Still, neither the makeshift models nor the cheering crowd seemed to mind.

"I feel on top of the world," said Marie Moses, who showed a Latin flair as she danced down the runway.

The models got last-minute instructions on how to walk the walk and smile the smile from the owner of a boutique that donated the clothes.

Corrections Commissioner LaMont W. Flanagan said the show is designed to keep inmates busy and entertained.

"Our motto here is: 'Let's entertain them before they entertain us,'" he said. ■

gang insignia," is unlawful.

"We applaud the city for taking a stance," says attorney Charles Weech, who has challenged the measure on behalf of the teen-ager. "But it must be within the bounds of the Constitution."

Youngsters in town acknowledge there are drugs — mostly marijuana — at the high school and shrug when asked about gang problems.

The 15-year-old boy, who wasn't identified because he's a juvenile, was arrested last year as he walked home from school.

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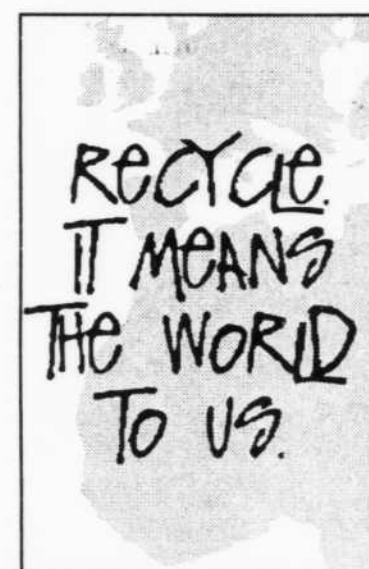
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