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University searches for vice president for Student Affairs

Chris Crockett
Staff Reporter

MTSU is searching for a new vice president for student affairs.

The position was recently vacated when former Vice President for Student Affairs, Robert LaLance, stepped down.

LaLance has been employed at MTSU for 35 years. LaLance will continue to work in the health, physical education, recreation and safety department at MTSU.

The vice president for student affairs is the chief student affairs staff member and reports directly to university President James Walker.

The student affairs vice president is responsible for providing leadership for a comprehensive student affairs program that complements the university's academic mission and enriches the quality of student life.

According to Walker, the Division of Student Affairs is

responsible for almost every aspect of university life outside the academic departments.

The Division of Student Affairs includes Housing and Residential Life, Student Organizations and Community Service, Health Services, New Student Programs, Campus Recreation, Greek Life, Student Publications, Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services, Financial Aid, Placement and Student Employment, Disabled Student Services and many other divisions at Middle Tennessee State University.

To conduct the search for a new vice president for student affairs, MTSU has employed the services of Parker and Associates, a national search organization based in Atlanta.

"The search organization is currently reviewing a number of applicants," Walker said.

After all the applications have been reviewed, an advisory board will examine all the applicants chosen by Parker and Associates.

The applicants chosen by the advisory board will then be turned over to Walker for final consideration.

According to Walker, MTSU is looking for the most qualified applicant for the position.

According to the application for the position, qualifications include a doctorate in the appropriate field, a positive record of responsible leadership in student affairs, outstanding written and verbal communication skills and a knowledge of programs which enhance and integrate the relationship between academic and student affairs.

The vice president for student affairs is responsible for promoting a social and academic campus climate that is tolerant of diversity and encourages the inclusion and participation of minorities, women, adult students and individuals with disabilities. ■

All-Pro knows



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

Mark Brunell, quarterback for the Jacksonville Jaguars, speaks Wednesday night in the Murphy Center. He was on campus as part of "A Night of Champions," an event sponsored by the YMCA and Raider Victory.

Two windows shot out in new University Library

David Copeland
Staff Reporter

Two windows of the new \$33 million library were apparently shot by a pellet gun. Two holes, each located on the west side of the building, are small in size and have caused the windows to be severely cracked.

According to Don Craig, the dean of the library, one hole was noticed during the relocation that took place in December. Since then, someone has noticed another fractured window.

After this was brought to his attention, Craig reported it to Construction Administrator Jay Wallace. According to Craig, Wallace can decide to file a report to the police or not.

Jay Wallace could not be reached for comment. However, Major Roy Brewer, a security officer supervisor, said that Wallace informed Public Safety of the matter but has not yet filed an official police report.

The reason Wallace is waiting, according to Brewer, is because he wants to investigate the holes more to ensure that they were caused by a gun.

He does not want to file a police report if the damage was simply caused by construction or flying rocks.

In the meantime, Public Safety has heightened security around the new library, especially around midnight.

According to a public safety dispatcher, the consequences of vandalism could range anywhere from receiving a dean's citation to being arrested. ■

Scott Inks named outstanding professor in College of Business

Stacie Odeneal
Staff Reporter

Gamma Iota Sigma asked, and 388 students in the College of Business answered. Scott Inks was named "Outstanding Professor in the MTSU College of Business" for 1998-1999 after a Jan. 28 vote.

Inks, assistant professor of management and marketing, said the award was a pleasant surprise.

"I didn't even know about the election. I was out of town."

When he found out about his honor, Inks was attending his grandmother's funeral in Wisconsin.

"She had been a teacher all her life, so it was kind of ironic," Inks said. "It seemed like a fitting tribute to her and her life."

Jill Austin, department chair, agreed that a tribute was in order for Inks.

"I'm really pleased that Scott has received this award because he is a very positive and nice guy who enjoys working with students," Austin said. "He does a lot of work with technology and web

pages and creates interesting computer environments in his classroom. Scott is another on a long line of faculty from our department who have earned this recognition - it's a nice reflection on our department."

The election is held annually by the Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma insurance fraternity.

Dr. Ken Hollman, faculty advisor for the Omega Chapter, said the award "holds significant meaning for the winning teacher because it is an expression of appreciation from their students."

He also said that votes were widely dispersed among College of Business faculty and departments.

"Eighty-nine instructors received one or more votes, and 38 received four or more votes."

In a congratulatory letter, Omega chapter president Grant Lichtenwalter said the selection of Inks was "reflective of [his] sincere interest in students and of [his] efforts to provide them with a relevant and contemporary education experience leading to a career in business."

Lichtenwalter will present a plaque to Inks at the Gamma Iota Sigma initiation banquet in April. ■

Golden Key Honor Society inducts 360 new members

David Copeland
Staff Reporter

The MTSU chapter of the Golden Key National Honor Society inducted new members during a ceremony in the Tennessee Room on Monday.

The society also awarded two scholarships, worth \$350 each, to a junior initiate and a senior initiate. The junior recipient was James Gilliam, and the senior recipient was Elizabeth Lock.

They were chosen based on academic achievements, community involvement, and leadership among other things. Both Gilliam and Lock have 4.0 GPAs.

The ceremony also featured guest speaker Dr. Barbara Haskew, who reminded the initiates to decide what is most important in their lives, and to set their priorities accordingly.

After all new members were presented with certificates, they stood while the "reading of the charge" took place. The reading encouraged the students to always strive for high moral and academic standards and to never stop being ambitious.

During its 21-year existence, the Golden Key National Honor Society has awarded over \$2 million in scholarships to students.

Each spring, the MTSU chapter initiates new members and awards scholarships. This year, the society accepted 360 new members.

If you are a new member of the Golden Key National Honor Society but were unable to attend the reception of new members, you may receive your certificate in Dean of Student Life, Tom Burke's office, located in KUC room 126.

The next meeting for the society is March 4 at 5:30 p.m. ■

New club offered for students concerned about environment

Staff Reports

There is a new organization on campus for students interested in the environment.

Students for Environmental Action (SEA) held its first meeting on Jan. 26 and has recently elected officers.

The group's mission statement reads: "We are a grass roots community seeking to promote

earth-friendly ways of living through education and non-violent action."

Among the projects on SEA's agenda are making a push to recycle the plastic soft drink bottles on campus and performing a "green" audit of the university, similar to that being done at other Tennessee universities.

Besides "greening" up the campus, SEA will also plan outings for members and anyone

else interested in going. The first field trip will be a dayhike at Savage Gulf State Natural Area. SEA also plans to have guest speakers come talk at their meetings.

Interested students may contact group organizers at billy-plantiii@netscape.net.

SEA holds its meetings Tuesday evenings at 5:30 in Peck Hall, room 315. ■

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WEATHER FORECAST



THURSDAY
PARTLY
CLOUDY,
HIGH 56, LOW 34



FRIDAY
SNOW,
HIGH 35,
LOW 33



SATURDAY
SNOW,
HIGH 35,
LOW 33

ON CAMPUS

LOOKING AHEAD

FEB 18
The Student Publications Committee meeting will be held at 3:15 p.m. in the KUC 210. For more information call John DiVincenzo at 904-8251 (campus).

Heal Gibson, past commander of several shuttle missions, will speak to students about "Applied Physics, Orbital Dynamics and Rocketry." The lecture will be held in BAS S128 at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call Janet McGee at 904-8495.

MTTV will hold an "Old School Dance Party" from 8 p.m. to midnight in the LRC studio B. For more information, contact Bryan Dihigo at 898-3215.

Raider Victory Fellowship will sponsor, "Indecent Exposure" at 7 p.m. in the LRC Multimedia Room. This audio-visual presentation will explore today's sexual trends and their influence on society. For more information, call Ricky Walters at 907-4079.

FEB 26-27
A Project Communicate session titled "Effective Written Presentations" will be offered on both days from 3 until 5 p.m. in BAS 130A. The instructor will be Joe Sawyer. For more information on this session or other Project Communicate sessions, call Lisa Mitchell at 2036.

MAR 3
Walt Disney World will hold an information meeting for the Summer 1999 internships/college program at 6 p.m. in the KUC 322. Contact the placement office at 898-2500 for more information.

MAR 4
ABWA will have an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in KUC 312. Come and be a part of the formation of the first collegiate chapter of the AWBA. All are welcome at the meeting. For more information, contact Sherrie Murray at 898-5315.

ON GOING
Presbyterian Student Fellowship will host dinner and discussion on Wed at 6:30 p.m. located at the Fellowship House on 615 N Tennessee Blvd following the study

there will be wallyball at 9 p.m. at the Rec Center. For more information call Rich Zeigler at 893-1787 or Andrew Lee at 867-7370.

Raider Victory Fellowship will have weekly meetings and Bible sessions on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew Hall room 719. They will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Cummings Hall lobby and at 8 p.m. at Felder Hall room 208. Contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

Dragon's Guard School of Sword Fighting and Reenactment teaches swordfighting techniques and swordplay. The school meets for practice at 7 p.m. at Middle Tennessee Christian School gymnasium on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information contact Hunter Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

MTSU's Fencing Club will have practices every Monday at 8:30 p.m. till 10:30 p.m. in the Aerobics Room located in the Rec Center. The practices are geared to students of all skill levels. Contact Michael "Hunter" Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

The Student Pagan Organization will have meetings Monday at 8 p.m. The meetings will take place on the 2nd floor of the KUC in the lounge area. For more information contact John Bryan at 898-3734.

The MTSU women's rugby team will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. The practices will be held at the Rec Center or the intramural fields if the weather is permitting. Contact Shannon Bustillos at 867-3592 or e-mail at sib2a@mtsu.edu.

Raider Victory Fellowship will hold Sunday services at 10 a.m. in the Murphy Center. Contact Ricky Walters at 907-4079 for more information.

The MTSU chapter of Society of Professional Journalists meetings will be held every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Sidelines office, located in JUB 310. The meetings and the organization are open to all journalism majors. For more information, contact adviser Jenny Crouch at 898-2815 or chapter president Angie Harville at 907-1885.

Lambda Organization meetings will be on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room S316 of the Business Aerospace building. For more information go to www.mtsu.edu/~mlLambda.

Attending May Graduates!
Graduating seniors will need to complete a 10 minute survey at the Graduation Fair that will be held Feb 15-19 in the Alumni Center. The times are as follows: Feb 15, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 16, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 17, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 18, 10-3 p.m./ Feb 19, 10-3 p.m. Surveys need to be completed at the Institutional Research table. For more information call Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in KUC room 322. Those interested may contact Courtney Rushlow at 849-7899 for more information.

The "Right to Life" group of Tennessee will hold an outdoor revival concert in the KUC courtyard on March 5, 6. They are looking for music groups, religious organizations, gospel singers, etc. to participate in the event. Contact Kevin Fisher at fac0019@frank.mtsu.edu or mail him at Box 6003.

Homecoming Director applications are now available in the SGA office located in the KUC room 208. The applications are due on Monday, Feb. 22. Contact Maggie Prugh at 904-8418 for more information.

Alternative Spring Break applications are available in the KUC 306. The application deadline is Feb 12. The trip is going to Franklin, NC on March 14-18. The cost is \$100. For more information call Maggie Prugh at 904-8418.



NATIONAL NEWS

Graduated drivers license bill reintroduced

Nashville, TN (AP)—A proposal to restrict the driving privileges of teen-agers has been introduced in the Legislature.

The bill is a modified version of one that passed in the Senate last year but failed in a House subcommittee.

Rep. Joe Fowlkes, D-Pulaski, and Sen. Steve Cohen, D-Memphis, are pushing a bill to establish a three-tiered system of drivers' licenses.

Fowlkes said drivers 15 to 20 years old make up 7 percent of the driving population but are involved in 14 percent of all fatal crashes and nearly 20 percent of all crashes.

"We are not trying to punish teen-agers," Fowlkes said. "We are trying to provide them with a safe environment in which to learn how to drive."

The bill would establish three stages. The first is a learner's permit in which a novice driver would have to be accompanied by someone at least 21 years old, and would be prohibited from driving between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The intermediate stage of licenses would prohibit driving between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless the driver was supervised by an adult, going to or from school-sponsored activities, or to or from work.

Intermediate drivers could have only one passenger unless someone at least 21 years old was with them, or unless the passengers were siblings being driven to or from school.

The third stage would be an unrestricted license. ■

Oregon's assisted-suicide law used by 15 people in first year

Salem, OR (AP)—In the first year under the nation's only assisted-suicide law, 15 terminally ill people in Oregon used it to end their lives, and there was no evidence they suffered painful, lingering deaths as opponents had warned.

In a report published in Wednesday's New England Journal of Medicine, Oregon health officials also said that fears that the law would be used as an easy way out by people afraid of financial ruin or extreme pain proved unfounded.

Rather, health officials found that use of the law has so far been driven overwhelmingly by the desire of strong-willed patients to exercise some control over the way they died.

"Many physicians reported that their patients had been decisive and independent throughout their lives or that the decision to request a lethal prescription was consistent with a longstanding belief about the importance of controlling the manner in which they died," the report said.

The first annual report on Oregon's Death with Dignity Act showed that doctors prescribed lethal drugs to 23 people in 1998 but that six died from their illnesses before using the drugs. Two others still were alive as of Jan. 1.

Thirteen of the 15 who took the lethal drugs were cancer patients. The others were suffering from heart or lung diseases. The average age of those who took their lives was 69. ■

Two men plead guilty in marijuana delivery case

Blountville, TN (AP)—Two men pleaded guilty to delivering marijuana from Texas to East Tennessee through United Parcel Service.

Leonard Baggett and Chris Simpson pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess more than 10 pounds of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver. Baggett was sentenced to a year in jail. Sentencing for Simpson was delayed.

Texas authorities saw Baggett paying to air-mail two packages, which he said were compressors, to Kingsport, said assistant District Attorney Gene Perrin. But a drug dog later alerted police to the boxes, which contained more than 50 pounds of pot, Perrin said.

Texas police contacted Kingsport, and the two agencies worked together to continue the delivery and make an arrest. A Kingsport officer posed as a UPS worker who delivered the drugs to Simpson's house. ■



WORLD NEWS

Sydney organizers may roll dice on gambling

Sydney, AUSTRALIA (AP)—Slot machines may take the place of disillusioned sponsors to help Sydney Olympics organizers fill a multimillion-dollar budget gap.

Battling a fall in corporate faith because of the widespread bribery scandal, the Sydney Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games has revived the idea of using gambling to reach its revenue target.

Sydney organizers are more than \$130 million short of their goal of \$568 million in sponsorships, part of an overall budget of \$1.7 billion.

And while SOCOG president Michael Knight said Tuesday that "You can run a pretty fantastic Olympic Games" on what his group has raised, he added: "You can do even better if you can get another couple of hundred million."

"The first thing we want to do is go out and look positively and aggressively for that money," Knight said. "If we don't (find it) we'll make the necessary adjustments."

So, with the Olympics' leading sponsors calling for broad reforms to retain their financial commitment to the games, SOCOG is looking again at legal gambling to help plug the gaps.

John Moore, the marketing official in charge of finding the missing millions for SOCOG, has floated the idea of slot machines installed in clubs with a percentage of profits going to the Olympic organizers. ■

Israelis kill three Kurds trying to storm consulate

Berlin (AP)—Israeli security guards shot and killed three Kurds who forced their way into the Israeli consulate Wednesday with dozens of protesters enraged by reports that Israel aided in the arrest of the foremost Kurdish rebel leader.

Turkish officials jubilantly released a videotape of their captive, Abdullah Ocalan, dramatic footage showing him handcuffed and sweating, his eyes taped shut. Officials said he was being interrogated in an island prison and promised a fair trial, but refused to allow three of his foreign attorneys into Turkey.

In Berlin, as many as 100 demonstrators — some brandishing clubs and iron bars — pummeled their way past 30 German police officers sent to the Israeli consulate 30 minutes earlier after officials received reports that Kurds planned to take the building, police chief Hagen Saberschinsky said.

At least 43 people were injured: 16 demonstrators and 27 police officers. Police said they arrested 220 Kurds, 45 at the consulate and the remainder at demonstrations after the shootings.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reiterated that Israel had no role in Ocalan's arrest and defended the shootings, saying the guards acted in self-defense. ■

Airline head fired after accident involving Yeltsin's plane

Moscow (AP)—The head of a state-owned airline was fired Wednesday, nine days after Boris Yeltsin's plane struck the Italian prime minister's jet on a Moscow airport runway.

Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov dismissed Vladimir Kachnov from his post at the Rossiya airline, whose fleet includes the presidential jet, the Interfax news agency reported.

A preliminary inquiry showed the collision occurred because Rossiya's ground services improperly directed Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema's DC-9 jet, the agency said.

Yeltsin's Il-96 clipped the Italian leader's jet while taxiing on the runway after landing Feb. 8. The Russian president was returning from the funeral of Jordan's King Hussein. D'Alema was not aboard his DC-9 jet.

No one was hurt during the accident, Russian newspapers reported at the time. While Yeltsin's plane was not badly damaged, the Italian plane sustained a crack to its fuselage. ■

Top issues in counterterrorism planning include civil rights, states' needs

Jim Landers

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. - National security officials fear that for the first time in nearly two centuries a foreign power may be about to cross the oceans to invade the United States.

There is no armada headed this way. No one can stand up to the world's only superpower with conventional military muscle. War with America now requires unconventional means: cyber attacks, terrorism, plagues in a bottle, nuclear weapons in a suitcase.

Richard Clarke, President Clinton's coordinator for security, infrastructure protection and counterterrorism, says

America's enemies, from rogue nations to terrorists, have shifted strategy.

"In the future, they will look for our Achilles' heel, and it's here - here in the homeland," he said.

With little fanfare, federal, state and local emergency management leaders for the last three years have been building a homeland defense.

At a National Governors' Association conference last week in Williamsburg, emergency planners from 45 states and three U.S. territories listened to Clarke, Attorney General Janet Reno and other federal officials describe how that defense is coming together.

◆ Congress last year gave Clinton the authority to recall 200,000 reservists for up to 270 days. The Pentagon is seeking

"The World Health Organization has estimated that anthrax toxins dispensed by a plane over an urban area two miles across could kill 95,000 people and incapacitate 125,000 more."

White House approval for a Homeland Command to coordinate the military's response to a chemical or biological attack. The military already has authority to respond if there's a nuclear explosion.

◆ The Defense Department is stationing 10 Rapid Assessment and Detection Teams (RADT), each composed of 22 specially trained Air Force and Army National Guard personnel, in 10 states to respond to chemical or biological weapons attacks. A RADT unit will be based in Austin within a year.

◆ The Health and Human Services Department is working with public health agencies to stockpile vaccines and antidotes to chemical and biological weapons.

◆ In October, Reno established a

National Domestic Preparedness Office within the FBI to help local officials deal with terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction - biological, chemical or nuclear bombs capable of killing thousands. The FBI opened 86 investigations into the use or threatened use of such weapons just in the first nine months of 1998.

Some of these measures have been criticized on civil liberties grounds. The military is barred from doing police work within U.S. borders by the Posse Comitatus Act. While Pentagon officials emphasize they would play only a supportive role, such as providing hospital beds after a catastrophe, critics say the mission could soon get out of hand.

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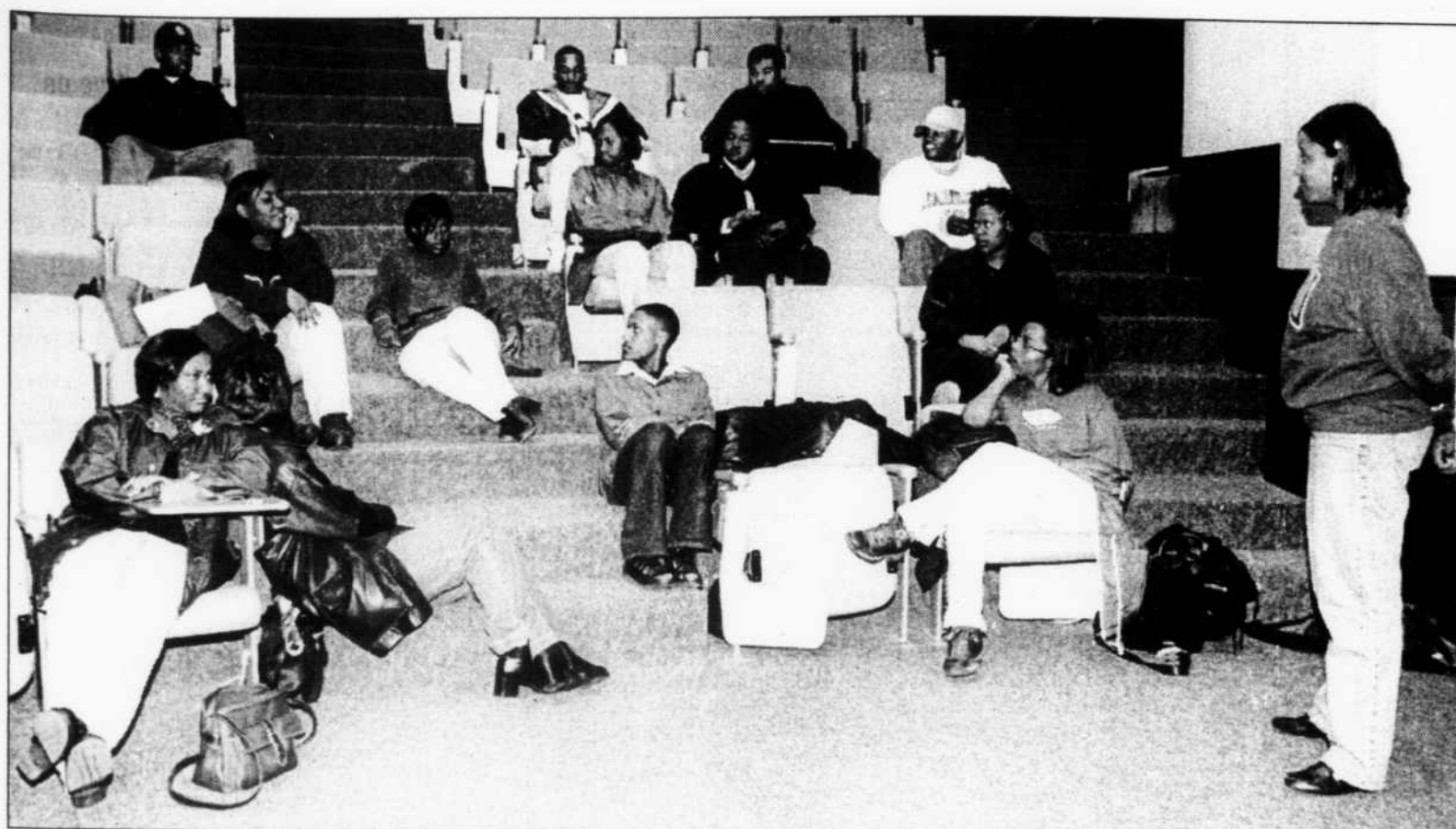
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U-N-I-T-Y



Students participate in a discussion titled "Brothers and Sisters: Unify and Ascend," Wednesday night. The event was sponsored by Multi-cultural Affairs and the African American Student Association.

Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

Labor leaders debate plans for 2000 campaign

Ron Fournier
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Organized labor leaders, hoping to reclaim the House for Democrats and influence other political campaigns, debated budget plans Wednesday that could pour \$46 million into the 2000 elections, beginning almost immediately.

The proposal, pending approval of the AFL-CIO executive council, would request that each union affiliate donate \$1 per member — about \$13.5 million a year for two years — to mobilize union voters. Coupled with political money in regular budgets, the federation's spending for 2000 campaigns would be \$40 million to \$46 million, senior labor officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The money would be spent on the grass-roots level earlier than ever, creating a continuous campaign cycle for labor's political operations.

The AFL-CIO political committee approved the plan Wednesday, sources said. The executive committee was debating the measure Wednesday night at its winter meeting.

The development indicated union chiefs will continue focusing on grass-roots organizing after

shifting away from an emphasis on ad buying following the 1996 elections. And they will not shy away from supporting moderate Republicans, though their goal is clearly to elect a Democratic House.

Gerald McEntee, head of the American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees, said labor targeted all Republicans, even moderates, in 1996, "and we caught heck for that from our members."

Teamsters President-elect James P. Hoffa interrupted a hallway interview to shake the hand of GOP Rep. Peter King, a moderate from New York. Turning away, Hoffa said King is the kind of Republican labor can't avoid supporting, saying, "We're certainly aware of who are friends are."

Hillary Rodham Clinton was a popular topic of discussion in the bars and hallways of the resort hotel that hosted the meeting. A longtime adviser, Harold Ickes, was quietly gauging support for a possible Senate bid in New York. New Jersey Sen. Robert Torricelli, head of the Democratic Senate campaign committee, was said to be urging labor leaders to encourage her to run.

"I think she has some pretty good credentials to be elected to the Senate," said AFL-CIO President

John Sweeney.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri, who bypassed a presidential bid to seek the speaker's chair, addressed a private session of the executive council, looking for early money and organizational support.

"We are definitely trying to get on this quickly and it's not just because there's a presidential campaign," Gephardt said at a news conference. "I believe ... work on all of these challenges — recruiting good candidates, helping them run a good campaign, helping them raise the resources they need to run — is a long process."

"I also believe get-out-the-vote efforts have suffered in the past because they're (organized) at the end" of too many campaigns, he said.

Vice President Al Gore, who wants the AFL-CIO endorsement in the Democratic presidential primary, addresses the group Friday. His only challenger so far, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley, appears Thursday.

A senior AFL-CIO official, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the endorsement likely won't be settled before the fall.

Two AFL-CIO affiliates have already endorsed Gore, but he is not popular with industrial unions; Bradley's standing is no better, the

official said.

With organized labor's help, House Democrats gained five seats in the November elections and need to net just six more to reclaim the chamber in 2000. Democrats also hope to narrow the Senate gap — now at 55 Republicans, 45 Democrats — and retain the White House.

The \$1-per-member goal would give the AFL-CIO \$27 million over two years to mobilize union voters. The effort would begin in about 35 marginal congressional districts and 20 states, said a top political adviser for the unions.

The states were chosen because of their strategic importance in the presidential campaign and the once-a-decade redistricting process, where governors and state legislators redraw the political maps. Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Michigan are among the states targeted.

Unions in the targeted areas will launch massive communications efforts to tell voters how their politicians stand on labor's laundry list of issues, such as education, health care, Social Security and the minimum wage.

Similar efforts were undertaken in 1996 and 1998, but not nearly this early in the cycle. ■

Movement detected in Kosovo peace talks

Jeffrey Ulbrich
Associated Press

RAMBOUILLET, France — Despite Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's defiant "no" to the chief mediator at the Kosovo peace talks, the British and French foreign ministers said Wednesday they detected some progress.

With less than three days to go to the Saturday noon deadline for reaching a three-year interim agreement between Serbs and Kosovo Albanians, Foreign Ministers Hubert Vedrine of France and Robin Cook of Britain said both sides showed signs of moving closer to a deal.

"It seems things are moving a bit," Vedrine said on the steps of the 14th-century chateau in Rambouillet, outside Paris, where talks have been taking place since Feb. 6. "But there is only a little time left."

Key to any Kosovo peace agreement is the deployment of a 30,000-strong NATO force in the province to ensure the deal is implemented. Belgrade's refusal so far to consider allowing such a force on Yugoslav territory has been a major roadblock in the talks.

Christopher Hill, the American who heads the international mediating team at the talks, flew to Belgrade on Tuesday with a tough message for Milosevic: Sign a deal by Saturday or face NATO missiles. NATO has threatened to launch airstrikes on Yugoslavia if an agreement is not reached by Saturday.

Milosevic, however, showed no sign of being intimidated.

"Our negative stand on the presence of foreign troops is not only the attitude of the leadership, but also of all the citizens of our country," Milosevic said in a statement carried by the official news agency Tanjug.

The six-nation Contact Group on the Balkans, made up of the United States, Russia, Britain, France, Germany and Italy, brought Serbs and secessionist Albanians to the negotiating table

to end a conflict that has cost an estimated 2,000 lives and left hundreds of thousands homeless in the southern province of Serbia, the dominant of two Yugoslav republics.

Asked if Milosevic's "no" to foreign troops was definitive, Cook said: "Mr. Milosevic rarely confines himself to something as brief as saying no, and we are quite clear that there have been instructions given to the Serb delegation with respect to that." He did not elaborate.

The Clinton administration said the Serbs face "swift and severe consequences" if they persist in rejecting a NATO force.

"If it would take some military action to force Mr. Milosevic to his senses, so be it," said State Department spokesman James P. Foley.

A senior American official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that if the Serbs agreed to the NATO force, an extension of the talks beyond the Saturday deadline might be considered to clear up some of the remaining unresolved issues.

In his statement, Milosevic reiterated the Serb stand that there can be no independence for Kosovo and that all ethnic communities in the province should have the same rights.

Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people.

A high-ranking Yugoslav official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said frantic political consultations were being held in Belgrade as the Saturday deadline nears.

Yugoslav Deputy Premier Vuk Draskovic said any final peace deal must include the lifting of the remaining U.S. and European sanctions on his country — in comments that suggested Belgrade might be more flexible over a NATO force if that was the case.

Draskovic did not rule it out when asked if Yugoslavia could accept a NATO force. "When we sign the just solution, then I will answer that question," he said. ■

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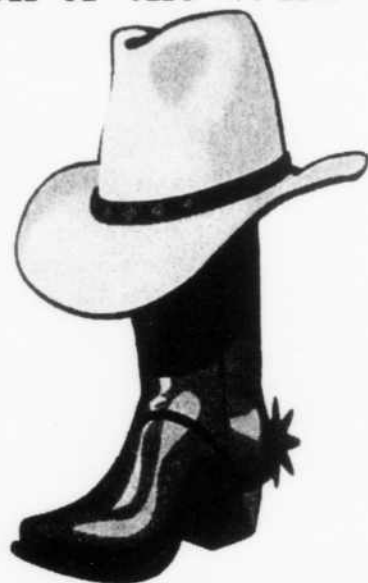
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"We don't need a commandante of cots," said Gregory Nojeim, Washington legislative counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union. "The thought that the military mission would be constrained once troops are deployed is just not credible."

A few state officials grumble that federal efforts have bypassed the governors to deal directly with big-city mayors.

Clarke said governors will be in the lead.

"In the new threat that reaches the homeland, we look to you to defend the homeland," he said.

Presidential directives issued last May put the FBI in the lead if a weapon of mass destruction were used anywhere in the country by terrorists. Once the crisis phase passed, the Federal Emergency Management Agency would take over.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs Charles Cragin said the military would get involved only if governors ask.

"The role of the federal government ... will be one of support," he said. "The governors are sovereign. Only they can ask for support."

Long before the federal cavalry arrives, local firefighters, paramedics and police officers would have to find ways to cope with what could be an almost unimaginable catastrophe.

The World Health Organization has estimated that anthrax toxins dispersed by a

plane over an urban area two miles across could kill 95,000 people and incapacitate 125,000 more.

Myra Thompson Lee, director of Oregon's Emergency Management Agency, came to last week's conference after wrestling with an anthrax hoax.

"We are all becoming much more aware it could hit any of us at any time. That's been apparent since Oklahoma City," she said.

"The good news is, there's money. The bad news is, there's really not a plan yet." She estimated it would be three to five years before the turf wars between Washington and local governments were ironed out.

Rex Coble, acting director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, said even getting enough money is a problem.

His state doesn't have the funds to buy enough biohazard gear to protect police officers and firefighters in case of a biological or chemical weapons attack.

"Unfortunately, in Illinois we're going to look for blue canaries and red canaries and EMS (Emergency Medical Services) people, and when we see them overcome by whatever it is, we'll know we've got a terrorist weapon," he said.

Tom Milwee, coordinator of emergency management services in Texas, said the biological weapons threat represents an entirely new kind of concern.

"It may be weeks before the public health officials are even aware a weapon's been used," he said.

Pentagon officials have helped 48 cities with training, equipment and mock exercises. They have also funded Metro Medical Strike Teams to deal with the threat.

Clarke said the nation's reliance on computer systems has created other weak spots.

Last year, the Defense Department sent reinforcements to the Persian Gulf to deal with Iraqi defiance of U.N. weapons inspections. During the deployments, the bases involved were hit with cyber attacks.

Computer networks were penetrated. Security clearances were stolen. The hackers traced and read e-mail. They built trap doors to escape detection.

"We thought that weekend that the Defense Department logistics and transport system we depend on was going to collapse," Clarke said.

The culprits turned out to be two 14-year-olds in San Francisco coached by another teen in Israel.

Clarke expects to release a national cyber defense plan in March outlining ways to detect and fight off attacks on both government and private computers.

In January, Clinton urged Congress to fund a national Cybercorps, where students win scholarships for computer sciences courses in exchange for government service defending against cyber attacks once they graduate. Mr. Clarke said he wants the Cybercorps to become a civilian counterpart to the military's Reserve Officers Training Corps. ■

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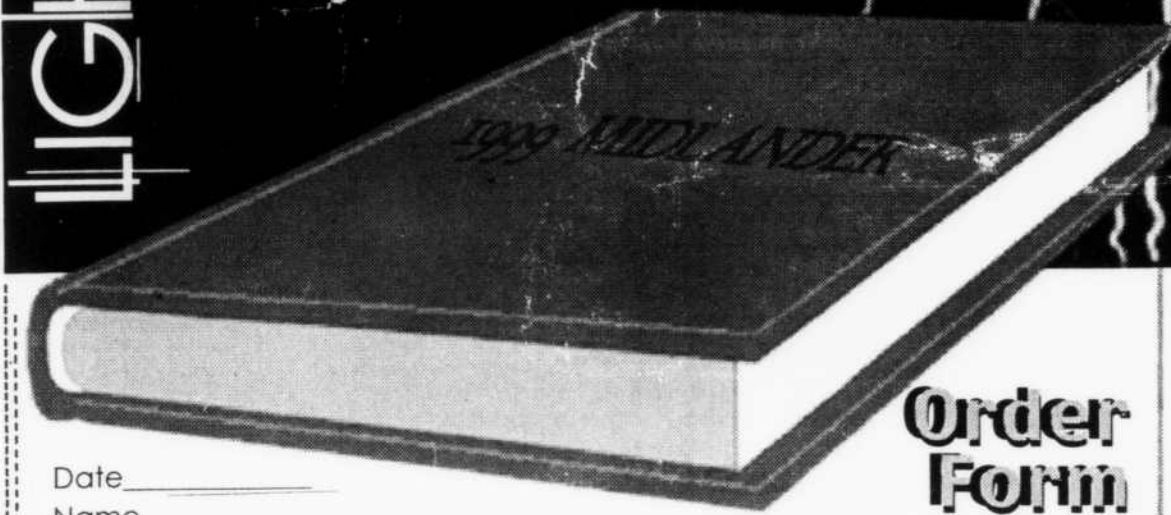
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OPINIONS

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

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Don't be too quick to pass judgment

By now, you all should have heard about the recent sexual harassment case on campus. If not, then you must be living under a rock or something.

In many cases, the accused, usually a male, is often considered guilty of sexual harassment before he is even convicted. True, the person accused is given a chance to defend himself in court but sometimes the jury has a preconceived notion of that person, which could result in an unfair trial. But the real question is, would people have these same preconceptions if the accused was a woman?

There have been cases when people have been given life sentences and even put to death for crimes they didn't commit. This is why the judicial system, as well as the public, has to be extremely careful with cases such as this.

Even if the person is acquitted, there will always be people who say, "I don't care what anyone says - I still think he did it." These are the kinds of things that destroy reputations, careers and families.

Although the sexual harassment case is unfortunate for both the accused and the accused, it did bring the subject matter to the forefront. People on campus now are starting to talk about it and educate themselves. With better knowledge, society will be able to determine what sexual harassment really is. This can aid in preventing both sexual harassment and the common misuse of the term. ■

Jim Spencer
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

God bless you, brothers and sisters. Today's column is brought to you by HeteroHeaven, the Rev. Jerry Falwell's new collection of televangelically correct toddlers' toys. If, like Jerry, you believe the manufacturers of the Teletubbie doll Tinky Winky are out to turn your children into homosexuals, HeteroHeaven is for you.

As Jerry pointed out this week, Tinky Winky wears a purple costume, and purple is the color of gay pride.

That's why you'll find nothing but earth tones in the clothing of toy figures. Costumes for the HeteroHeaven collection of dolls come in shades of charcoal, mud, gunmetal gray, olive drab, terra cotta and camouflage in jungle or desert patterns.

Jerry personally oversees the dying process. And unlike those perverts at Itsy Bitsy Entertainment Co., the makers of all Teletubbies, including Tinky Winky, the Rev. Falwell takes quality control very seriously. Production mistakes which lead to dyes any brighter than burnt orange are grounds for immediate dismissal.

As for female accessories on male characters, forget it. The people at Itsy Bitsy

will try to tell you Tinky Winky carries a "magic bag," and not a purse, as Jerry charged.

At HeteroHeaven, Jerry Falwell and his faithful followers have bent over backward to remove even the hint of a gender identity crisis at the formative age of two.

Male dolls come in slacks and collared shirts. Female figures all wear high-necked, knee-length dresses. No child will have to wonder who wears the pants in this family of toys.

Nor will they be confused about true family values. Push Tinky Winky's tummy and you get warm fuzzies, a bunch of Teletubbie drivel about hugs and love.

Push the stomach of any of Jerry Falwell's HeteroHeaven dolls and you get the truth: "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

And by the way, if you find a triangle anywhere on a HeteroHeaven figure, feel free to charge the manufacturers with crimes against nature.

Jerry knows that triangles are symbols of gay pride. That's one of the ways he ferreted out the Teletubbies' plan to subvert America's children: Tinky Winky has antenna shaped like triangles. Not on a HeteroHeaven product. You won't see the "Mark of the Beast" on a single one of them.

The Rev. Falwell personally inspects each doll.

What's more, as a service to his God-fearing customers, Jerry makes sure that every HeteroHeaven figure comes with nonflexible knee and elbow joints so that toddlers will not be scarred by accidentally forming triangular shapes with their toys' limbs.

So if you've got a 2-year-old son and you want a he-man, not a she-man, skip Teletubbie's Tinky Winky and pick up HeteroHeaven's Binky Thumper.

He comes in olive drab or jungle camo with a tiny New Testament in one hand and a scale model of a 9mm SIG-Saur semiautomatic handgun in the other. Push his tummy and you get no sweet tones of indeterminate sexuality. You get a manly rasp.

If you like what you see and hear, then look for Thumper's companions Holy Roller and Moral Majority at a toy store near you.

Once again, God bless you, brothers and sisters.

And as you make your purchase decisions, just remember the motto here at Jerry Falwell's HeteroHeaven:

"There are fruits, and there are fruitcakes." ■



Maryln Schwartz
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Bad-girl Barbie raises a few eyebrows

Well, they have, Aunt Dorothy, they really have.

Please sit down if this is coming as a complete shock. Barbie has gotten tattooed.

Yes, I'm talking about Barbie. That pristine doll who once wanted only to shop for designer clothes until she dropped now comes with a set of do-it-yourself wet-and-stick-on tattoos. OK, these stick-ons aren't whips and chains, just flowers and butterflies. But, still, the door has been opened.

And for every tattoo that goes on Barbie, there is one included for the little girl who buys her. "It's too much," says nurse Nancy Lenox. "Now they've gone too far. I saw this as a commercial on TV. I can just picture all those little girls running around in their new tattoos."

Lenox is a friend of mine. Frankly, she hasn't gotten anywhere near as upset over the

Monica situation as she has over Barbie's tattoos.

Interns are in and out of fashion. But Barbie, for goodness' sake, is an institution.

"What are we going to have next?" Lenox wants to know. "A Barbie with body piercing?"

This is all part of the Mattel toy company's plan to bring Barbie into the 21st century. A spokesman for the company says the tattoo doll is proving popular. I know the little girls love it, but what about their parents?

"Well, they've also made Barbie's figure more realistic," says Carol Pennington, a mother I talked to while browsing through a toy store. "A tasteful tattoo doesn't bother me. After all, my daughter can always wash off the Barbie kind. Lots of kids are getting tattoos. It's not the shock it used to be."

"But to have my daughter play

with a doll with that impossible figure would make me feel a lot worse."

I checked out that new, more realistic-figure Barbie while I was in the store. Guess what, folks? I don't know anyone who has a figure like that, either.

Just like any other out-of-the-ordinary Barbie, the tattoo version is beginning to get a cult following. And it's adults who are buying it, just as much as kids.

"I collect outrageous toys," says Marianne Davis, a college student. "I know a girl at school who has her own tattoo and has had an artist friend paint the exact one on this new Barbie. It's quite a conversation piece."

This brings to mind what happened some years ago when the company came out

with a Magic Earring Ken. This Ken doll had very blond hair, rather mod clothes and an earring in one ear.

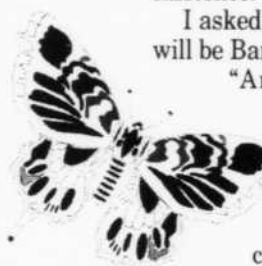
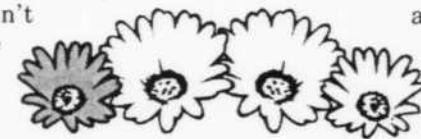
I wasn't aware of this, but a friend tells me the doll was an instant hit, but not with little girls. It was heavily collected in the

gay community. This Ken doll is no longer being made. It is almost impossible to find one secondhand.

Toy marketers and a lot of parents like the idea of Barbie and Ken taking on a more worldly existence.

I asked several what they think will be Barbie's next foray.

"Anything that's in the spotlight," says mother-of-two Jan Higgins. "Well, let's just hope for Ken's sake, they don't come out with a Lorena Bobbitt Barbie." ■



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Keep web smut safe for the rest of us (or them)

Sarah Leonard
Iowa State University

Iowa State students can't forget the kid who got caught checking out the "midgets and amputees" Web site in Durham hall last year. The young man was caught with his hand "in the cookie jar," so to speak, when a university officer apprehended him.

Maybe he didn't mean to be looking at the Web site; it is possible that it was an accident. OK, probably not. If that was the case, then his zipper accidentally came undone as well.

If it had been a mistake, I can empathize with him.

I know I'm not the most savvy Web-surfer around, but this is ridiculous. Last

week I was looking up a Web page for a person named "Julie." I couldn't believe what I received for results. There were countless sites with titles such as "Buying Julie's Panties." (The others are so graphic, I don't think they should be printed.)

On another occasion, I was researching a paper, and I typed "whitehouse.com" into the site field. I know I can't be the only one who's made this mistake.

Expecting to be connected to a site pertaining to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, I was appalled to see six-inch nudie photos materialize on my computer screen. I quickly closed the site before someone called campus police on me.

If it's so easy for a bumbling 22-year-old to come across these sites by accident, imagine what a 12-year-old could come

across. Worse yet, imagine what a group of 12-year-olds that were really trying to view smut could come across.

This issue of pornography and other graphic material being posted on the Web is not only an issue for those of us who care about kids. It is also an issue that will affect every person's use of the Internet in the near future.

A new federal law shields kids from commercial pornography on the World Wide Web, but many people want to quash it as unconstitutional. The issue is being debated in the courts and revolves around the Child Protection Act signed into law last October by President Clinton. Dr. Ruth's poster boy for sexual addiction.

On the other side of the issue, supporters contend that the law is necessary to prevent

commercial sites from making graphic sexual images available to all visitors, including children. It is aimed at free samples offered by pornography sites and does not seek to purge the Web of adult entertainment but to merely place it behind childproof electronic gates.

The solution is to require age verification before such materials will be available.

We do not need to scour the Internet and rid it of adult entertainment; that would be an infringement on First Amendment rights.

However, we do need to stand behind the law so that those of us who choose to surf a porn-free Web can, and those who want the whole enchilada can have theirs too. Think of it as Burger King for the World Wide Web — have it your way! ■

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Alumnus runner-up to Miss USA crown

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

Over the years the state of Tennessee has been represented by numerous people in many areas of society. This year, MTSU alumnus Morgan High wears the crown as Miss Tennessee.

In that capacity, she has served her home state well as Morgan finished second in the Miss USA pageant that was broadcast nationally last week.

As a child Morgan never competed in beauty pageants. As a matter of fact, she did not compete in her first pageant until 1994, while a student at MTSU. In her days as a kid, Morgan says that she was more of a "tomboy" than the average little girl that plays with Barbie and watches pageants on television. In high school, Morgan was a cheerleader, and she attributes much of her activities as a child to her success as an adult.

"I was always into extracurricular activities when I was younger," High said. "I definitely think that helped me."

When Morgan went to college in 1992, she chose Middle Tennessee State University. Oddly, she never thought about entering any beauty contests. It was not until she saw a friend in a contest that she even contemplated trying. The next year she told her sorority sisters that she was interested in trying out for Miss Middle Tennessee Blue Raider. It was that comment that got her pageant career started. She was nominated by the Kappa Delta sorority to enter the contest.

"It just seemed like fun, and that is why I entered it," High said.

Although she did not win the pageant her first attempt, High did not let that deter her from entering a second time. Usually the third time is the charm, but in High's case it was the second time. In 1995, she won the Miss Middle Tennessee Blue Raider pageant and moved on to the Miss Tennessee pageant.

The following year Miss Blue Raider won the Miss Nashville contest. It was that



Miss Tennessee Morgan High

"I was having fun,
and I knew that I
had done the best
that I could,"

-Miss Tennessee Morgan High

contest that propelled her into the Miss Tennessee/America. Even though she did not win the Tennessee preliminary contest in 1996 that experience helped her in her later pageant experience.

The 1997 Miss Tennessee Blue Raider contest would prove to be the contest that would take her to the top of the beauty pageant scene. After winning the Miss Blue

Raider pageant, High continued to the Miss Tennessee/USA pageant. She proceeded through the rounds and at the end it was her name that was called as the winner of the Miss Tennessee pageant.

According to High the experience is one that she will never forget.

"We would wake up about 5 in the morning, and go to breakfast by 6. From there we would rehearse until dark, when we would go to a function at night. By the time we went to bed it would be about one in the morning."

On to Branson, Missouri she went to compete in the Miss USA pageant. She was chosen as one of the 10 semifinalists. After she won the evening gown competition easily, Morgan was chosen to one of the three finalists. The first name for second runner up was called, and the name was Miss California. There were two left. Miss Tennessee, Morgan High, and Miss New York.

After moments of suspense High was announced as the first runner up. Even though she did not win the competition, High continued to keep a great attitude.

"I was having fun, and I knew that I had done the best that I could," High said.

High gives much of the credit to her mother who she says has been behind her the whole time.

"Definitely the first person I would credit is my mom," High said resoundingly.

As life rolls on for Morgan High, she wants to continue her career in consumer service consulting. Indeed, she has already created her own company, MTH Consulting, which she hopes will turn into something bigger or get her a job with a larger firm.

Even though she did not come in first place in the Miss USA pageant, Morgan High will go down in MTSU history as a legend. It is not everyday that a student, faculty member or alum is in such a position of fame. Rather than being looked upon as just another small school in Tennessee, High has brought class and integrity to a relatively unknown university.

High replied, "If you just be yourself it is a good experience. I would, without a doubt, do it all over again." ■

Lay the snack down

Kelley Finlen
Staff Reporter

Deep hunger lies inside the walls of the Mass Communication Building.

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What brings her to MTSU?

"Well, I always used to go to the KUC post office and get my mail. Then, I would head up to the grill and get a cup of coffee. One day, I decided to ask for an application."

Rafferty began to work as a cashier at the grill for the next couple of years until Aramark, the company who provides food service to MTSU, came up with the idea to place food carts through out the campus.

Working on campus for a total of 10 years, Rafferty has only missed an astonishing five days and has never been late. "The people here are so friendly that I don't mind coming to work."

Rafferty was born and raised in Jackson, OH. Shortly after graduation, Rafferty moved to Memphis, TN, where she worked at Memphis Furniture Co.

Dissatisfied with Memphis life, Rafferty decided to make the move to Nashville where she bartended on Commerce Street at The High Hat and The Sam Davis Lounge. When Rafferty wasn't soaking up the nightlife, she was busy with her love life. In Nashville, Rafferty met her husband of 20 years, Jim. They have one son.

"I love Tennessee...the people are so nice here. Although, I enjoy the Nashville area much more than Memphis," says Rafferty.

She enjoys reading books, when she's not peddling her wares and satisfying the hunger pangs. ■

Students scramble to finance tuition after company fails to honor scholarships

College Press Exchange

HOUSTON (CPX) - Some of the best and brightest high school seniors in the country are feeling the most burned by what appears to have been a bogus scholarship program.

Straight-A students, National Merit Scholars and class valedictorians competed for a chance to win a \$10,000-a-year scholarship, renewable for four years, from Houston-based AdamsVision USA. One winner from each state and the District of Columbia was chosen.

There was just one little problem: AdamsVision now admits there is no money to give and never was.

Now students, who were turned down for other scholarships after being named winners of such a hefty award, and their parents are searching for answers, and in some cases, attorneys.

"I'd like to believe that it was just an unfortunate mistake, but I kind of think I've been had," Amber March, a student at Eckerd College in Florida told the Associated Press.

Wise assumption, Texas prosecutors say. They describe Val Adams, the company's founder, as a career-criminal who has been convicted of theft for writing bad checks.

"His schemes were fairly grandiose," John Boone of the Harris County prosecutor's office told A.P. "He had some sort of fake business, and he would use checks from the business to basically just to live well."

Adams acknowledges his criminal past but insists the scholarships were legitimate. He is quick to point out that neither students nor their parents were required to pay application fees - information that many scholarship recipients and their parents confirm.

Adams said he founded AdamsVision in 1997 with the intention of providing much-needed college scholarships. He sent applications for the business' "Scholar-Leadership Award" to every high school in the country and encouraged eligible students - those with at least a 3.0 grade-point average and combined SAT score of at least 1160 - to apply.

He then hired a former teacher to assemble a panel of 15 educators who would choose the finalists. The teacher said she grew suspicious in January 1998 when Adams failed to pay her and the panel members for their work.

After announcing the winners early last year, Adams was forced to follow up with a letter confirming to students and their parents that funding for the scholarships wasn't complete. The final blow came last month when he sent a two-paragraph letter to the university of each winner's choice explaining that AdamsVision "will not be financially capable of honoring the Student-Leadership Award at this time."

Adams told the Associated Press that he's still trying to get corporations like Ford, Sony and Time-Warner to fund the scholarships. He also acknowledged that he has yet to receive money from any company. ■

Acid jazz comes to Murfreesboro

David Robinson
Staff Reporter

For those of you looking for something different, on Thursday, Feb. 18, Murfreesboro will host acid jazzer El Bu'ho and his troop at 527 Mainstreet. Opening for El Bu'ho will be MTSU's Blueshound. Show time is at 9:00 p.m., and tickets are \$6.

Combining the sounds of jazz, blues and multi-cultural rhythms, El Bu'ho has created a truly original form of fusion, sure to attract a wide range of listeners.

El Bu'ho's founder and lead trumpet player, Gary Gazaway, was nicknamed "El Bu'ho," which translates to "The Owl," by musicians while on tour in South America.

Touring from town to town, El Bu'ho gathers the best of local talent at each stop, making all of his shows unique from the last. Including guest appearances from such artists as Phish and the Dave Matthews Band, one never knows who might show up. And there will definitely be surprise appearances at 527 Mainstreet.

Having seen the El Bu'ho show a few times before, concert promoter and loyal El Bu'ho fan, Larry Mignogna, stresses the point that each time has been a completely different musical experience.

"He always has different musicians with him," Mignogna said, "and it's almost completely improvisation. They may get together before-hand to decide on

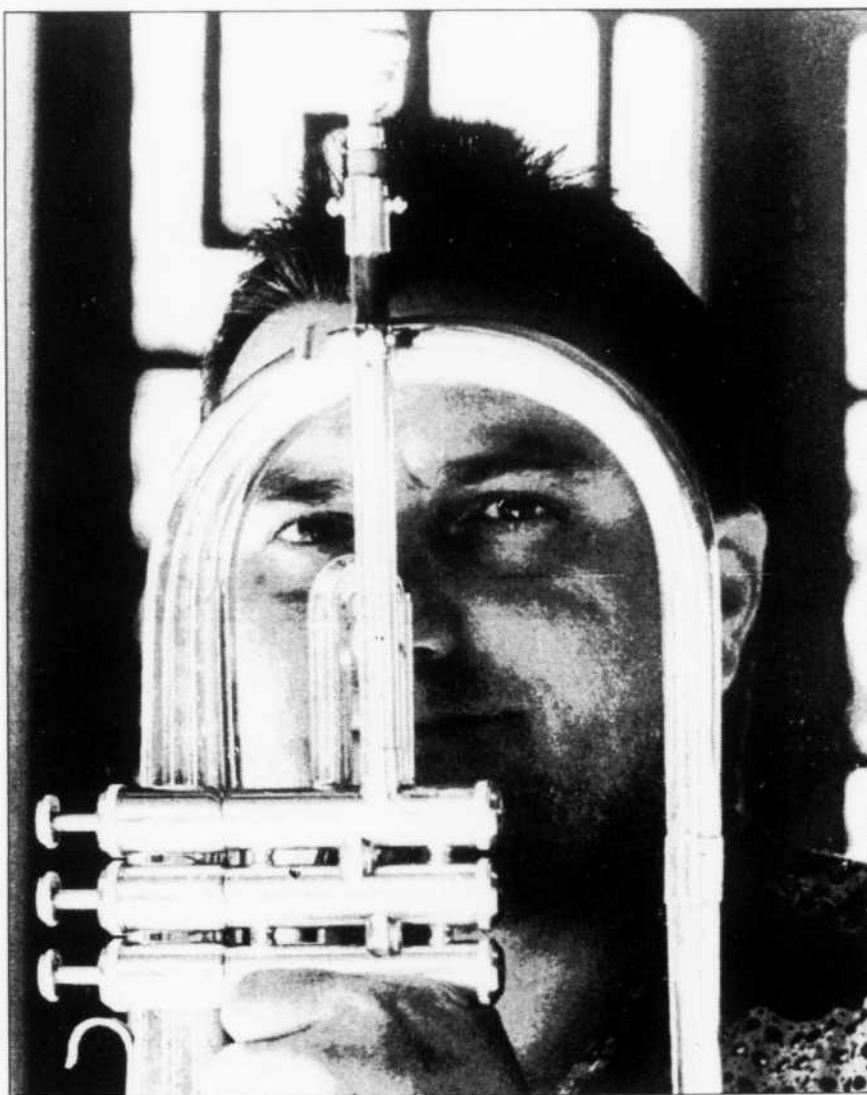
which songs to play, but when they get out there on stage they all just go off."

Having just recently risen to the ranks of underground stardom, El Bu'ho has had a long and musically diverse career. He has played with the likes of Joe Cocker, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Widespread Panic, Hootie and the Blowfish, Pat Metheny, The Commitments and Web Wilder. He has also taught theory in Hawaii, toured in South America and is no stranger to being amongst extreme talent. He was the horn player at Phish's 1996 Halloween show, a legendary performance and a much sought-after bootleg among Phish fans.

Included in the Thursday night El Bu'ho lineup are Nashville's Chad Hunley on drums, Erin Hatmaker on bass and Steve King on keyboards. You can also rest assured that there will be surprise guest appearances by more than one artist, but you will just have to wait and see what El Bu'ho has in store.

Similar to Phish, El Bu'ho has created a strong following, complete with "tapers" and "drivers," or loyal fans who follow him everywhere he goes. The "tapers" have produced more than 20,000 copies of his bootlegged shows, which are in circulation and strong demand. It is also not rare to find fans who have driven several hours to see El Bu'ho play live, and he sells out at almost every show.

A studio album is now in the works for El Bu'ho, featuring members of Phish and should be nearing completion sometime



El Bu'ho

Photo provided

around fall of this year.

Fans of jazz, blues and funk will likely be impressed by, if not amazed at, El Bu'ho's Thursday night show. Mignogna hopes for a big turnout.

"I think once word gets around that El Bu'ho will be playing here in Murfreesboro, there will be plenty of people wanting tickets," Mignogna said, "and I'm definitely not going to miss it." ■



"Gong Hay Fat Choy!"



Happy Chinese New Year!



Phonethip Melaynee Liu
Staff Reporter

Hooray! Chinese New Year is finally here! Tuesday marked the beginning of the four-day celebration of the Lunar New Year.

As a Chinese-American, the New Year has always been my favorite holiday. My house is constantly stirring with friends, family and FOOD!!! On the eve of the New Year, my family cleans the house, sweeping away any bad luck that is still around, so that we are prepared to welcome in the New Year with good fortune and wealth.

The initiate celebration begins with the offering of food, fruits and whiskey and lighting incense to show respect for deceased ancestors so they, too, may join in the celebration.

Then family and friends gather to feast on the buffet of delicacies prepared especially for the celebration. The feast lasts all through the night until dawn.

At midnight, firecrackers are lit to awaken the New Year with a bang and to scare away evil spirits.

The noise continues as drums thunder and colorful red dragons dance among the sea of people watching the parade on the streets of Chinatown. The color red and dragons are symbols of good luck and fortune.

On the day of the New Year, it

is customary that kids and unmarried adults wish their friends and family "Gong Hay Fat Choy!" (or "Happy New Year!") and in return, they receive a little red packet filled with money called Hong Bao.

Along with the tradition dinner and Hong Bao offerings, Chinese New Year has always been a time of friendliness and happiness. It is a time when all grudges and ill manner are easily cast aside and new and old friendships are rekindled. In my household, it is customary always to be happy and joyful during the celebration because any ill manner will bring bad fortune for the rest of the year.

The Chinese Lunar New Year is based on the cycles of the moon. Therefore, the start of the new year usually falls between late January and early February. A complete cycle takes 60 years and is made up of five cycles of 12 years each.

The Chinese Lunar Calendar names each of the twelve years after an animal. Legend has it that Buddha invited all the animals to come to him before he departed from earth. Only twelve came to bid him farewell and as a reward he named each year after each one in the order in which they arrived. The years are Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Boar. 1999 marks the year of the Rabbit. ■

The Year of the Rabbit

Sandwiched between two of the most turbulent and unpredictable Animal signs, the Rabbit brings a year that may be likened to the eye of the storm. This is a time of recuperation, a year in which to soothe your nerves and catch your breath. This is certainly not a year in which to force issues, as all efforts will call upon stony ground and melt in the heat of the sun. But it is a time for negotiation, for diplomatic relations, and for reaching settlements and mutual agreements. The year of the Rabbit focuses on women and their interests: children and the family, food and welfare, home and domestic security become salient issues. Medical advances will be made and the arts will be a prominent feature on the agenda.



Put your couch-potato behind in a canoe and row

Jennie Treadway
Staff Reporter

Stumped for Spring Break ideas? Look no further. Your vacation guides are right under your noses.

The Recreation Center, known for its wild - yet safe - adventures around the U.S., as well as other places, is sponsoring a week of excitement for your Spring Break needs. Although the Venezuela Adventure is filled, another trip can cater to the untamed bone in your body.

If you're looking for hot weather, leave hohum Florida behind and head to the Rio Grande. You'll have the chance to canoe 90 miles in the lower canyons of Big Bend, which is on the Texas/Mexico border. Designated a "wild and scenic river," there will be plenty of outs to lay on the river bank or in one of the many hot springs. If you have your own gear, the price (\$199) gets cheaper; however, the Rec Center will provide canoers with the supplies they need.

The total price includes van rental, canoes, all camping gear, trailer, and campground fees.

A van will tote the adventurers down south and stop to camp along the way. Expect to see antelope, white-tailed deer, road runners (yes, they actually exist), turkeys and hawks, along with beautiful state parks and historic monuments. The ride down is a trip in itself - canoeing is the perk.

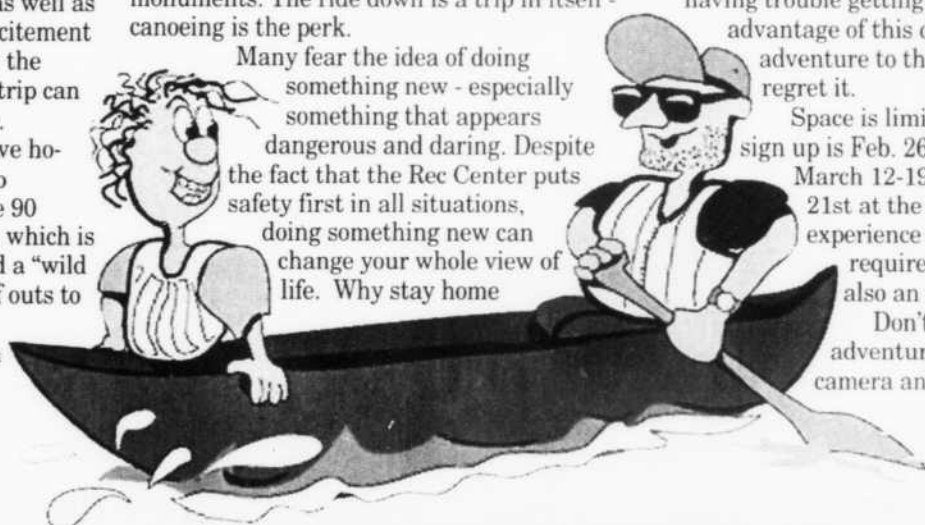
Many fear the idea of doing something new - especially something that appears dangerous and daring. Despite the fact that the Rec Center puts safety first in all situations, doing something new can change your whole view of life. Why stay home

with the boob-tube when there's a world of places and people to explore?

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Space is limited and the deadline to sign up is Feb. 26. The trip dates are March 12-19, arriving home on the 21st at the latest. Prior canoe experience is helpful, but not required. A good fitness level is also an advantage.

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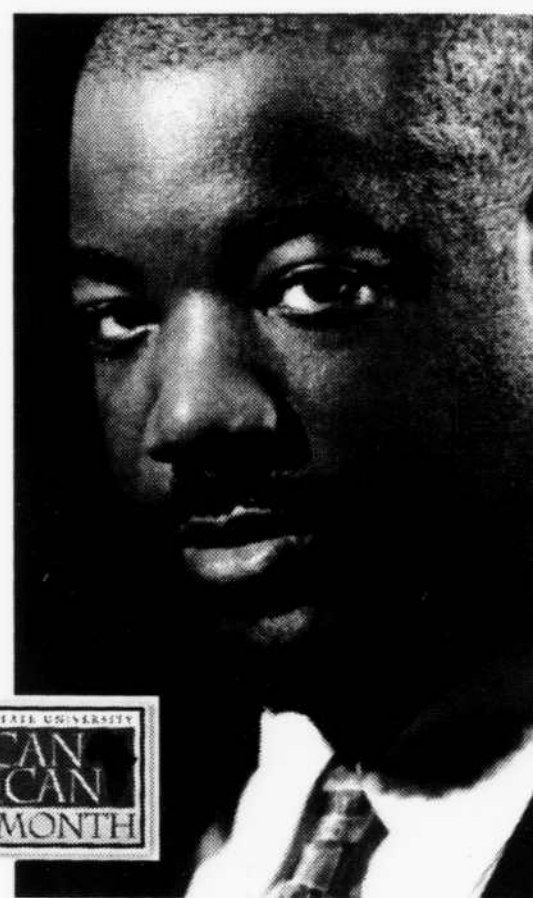


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Murfreesboro, TN

Turnover troubles cannot stop Lady Raiders romp over APSU

Josh Ezell
Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders overcame 27 turnovers and defeated the Austin Peay Lady Govs 69-43.

Defense was key for the Lady Raiders early as they held the Lady Govs to no field goals in the first 11 minutes. During this time, the Lady Raiders built an 18-6 lead. Bama Burrell and Erica Lufkin sparked the run, with Burrell scoring eight points and Lufkin contributing four.

Tiffany McCarley finally ended the Lady Govs' drought with a short jumper, making the score 18-8. At this point Carlita Elder answered with two straight lay-ups. The first

was set up by a beautiful pass from Cyndi Ainsworth. Burrell set the second one up with a sweet by going back door pass, making the score 22-8 with 7:44 remaining in the first half.

What followed is something that does not happen very often. Angelica Suffren hit a long jumper for Peay, which made the score 22-10 -- unfortunately for Peay, McCarley was called for a push off. Dana Conner went to the line and hit both free throws, making the score 24-10.

Behind Kelly Chavez, the Lady Govs embarked on a 9-3 run, cutting the lead to eight at 27-19 with under five minutes left in the half.

Jamie Thomatis ended the

Peay run by scoring three straight points, which extended the Lady Raider lead, to 11 at 30-19 with 2:57 left to play in the half.

Both teams traded baskets to end the half, with the Lady Raiders leading 33-21.

In the second half, Suffren and the Lady Govs cut the lead to nine at 39-30 with 12:47 remaining in the second half. This is as close as Peay would get.

Behind Jamie Thomatis, the Lady Raiders would pull away. She scored 14 of her 19 points in the second half, enabling the Lady Raiders to prevail 69-43.

Thomatis led the Lady Raiders with 19 points and eight rebounds. Suffren led Austin Peay with fourteen

points.

The Lady Raiders played spectacular defense, holding the Lady Govs to 34 percent from the field while forcing thirty-two turnovers.

"I'm proud that we were able to win all of our conference home games," said head coach Stephany Smith. "I'm also proud of the seniors. They've accomplished great things and had great careers."

The Lady Raiders remaining games are against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky, both on the road. Following these games, the Lady Raiders will participate in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament with the first round game being played at the Murphy Center. ■

Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

Jamie Thomatis, 35, goes for a layup. She led the Lady Raiders against APSU with 19 points.



Last two games vital for Raiders vying for home court advantage in upcoming OVC tournament

Michael Barrett
Staff Reporter

It is crunch time for the Blue Raiders men's basketball team. They are currently on a two game win streak and reside in fourth place in the OVC standings.

The top four teams at the end of the season host a first round playoff game on their home court. With only one game separating teams 4 through 6 in the standings, that home playoff game is still up for grabs.

MTSU has two games remaining in their season and both will be played on the

road. On Thursday night, they play the Eagles of Morehead State and they head to Eastern Kentucky Saturday with a regular season ending showdown against the Colonels.

MSU comes into the game 7-9 in the OVC and 10-14 overall. They are in 6th place in the standings, but are only one game behind the Blue Raiders in the standings. MTSU defeated the Eagles earlier this season at home 75-62. This is a must win for the Blue Raiders if they want to host that ever important home playoff game.

This Saturday, the Blue

Raiders will end their regular season against the Colonels of Eastern Kentucky. The Colonels are hoping to play spoiler, and to put an end to their miserable season with a victory over the Blue Raiders.

EKU is 2-13 in the OVC and 3-21 overall. They are in last place in the OVC standings and are out of the playoff race. The Blue Raiders defeated the Colonels earlier this season 82-67.

A victory by MTSU would be a great way to end the season and also carry momentum heading into the OVC tournament. ■

Baseball battles No. 15 Auburn to kick off season

Michael Barrett
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders begin their 1999 baseball season this weekend with a 3 game series against the Tigers of Auburn University.

This series should be a great test for MTSU. The Tigers play in probably the hardest conference in college baseball. They are the defending Southeastern Conference Tournament Champions. Auburn is also currently ranked in the top 15 in the national baseball rankings.

This will not be the first time these two teams have met each other. The Tigers have a commanding 13-2 lead in head to head matchups against the Blue Raiders.

The Blue Raiders will hope its pitching woes

from last season will remain in the past, or this could be a long series. Auburn is one of the best hitting teams in the country. The Tigers have lead the SEC in hitting 5 of the last 6 seasons. They have 7 returning players who hit .300 or higher last season. They will also have 6 players returning from last year's championship team. They are lead by All-American Todd Faulkner who, last season, belted 20 homeruns and hit .382.

The Tigers are managed by Hal Baird, who is entering his 15th season as their coach. He is the winningest coach in the school's history.

This weekend's series should be a good challenge for the Blue Raiders. A victory in any of the 3 games would be a great way to start their season and prepare for the rest of their season. ■

1:59 Drill

BY
MICHAEL EDWARDS
Staff Reporter

Here are just a few of the other sporting events that took place over the past week for the Blue Raiders.

The women's tennis team traveled to Arkansas to do battle with Arkansas State. The Blue Raiders took a 3-0 lead in the match on the back of Jennifer Bryans, Alex Toelle and Michelle Gridling.

Toelle destroyed her opponent 6-2, 6-3. ASU finally picked up a win over Esther Eisenbarth, but the Raiders bounced back to win to take the next match.

Unfortunately, the Raiders lost the next match due to the injured Blue Raider that vacated the 6 slot. ASU swept MTSU in the doubles competition and took the match 5-4. ASU moved to 5-0.

The men's tennis team took on the third ranked team in the nation. Mississippi State beat the Raiders 4 to 3, but MTSU made a valiant effort against the Bulldogs.

State took the first match of the day when Matt Walker was defeated in straight sets. Michael Chamberlain answered that with a win over the Bull Dogs also in straight sets.

The Blue Raiders ran off 3 wins consecutively, until finally Mark Pellerim and Olie Nystrom were taken down at the wire. The

Raiders were swept in the double competition and lost overall 4-3. MTSU moved to 1-2 on the short season.

The women's team will be playing at home on Feb. 20 against Brenau and Belmont. The times are 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively. The men will be playing at the Tennis National Team Indoors in Louisville, Kentucky. Their next home match is on the 26th against Troy State at 2:00 p.m.

The Predators have been struggling lately with losses to the Pittsburgh Penguins and the New York Rangers.

The ESPY's were held on Monday night and Mark McGwire took home three awards. Mark O'Meara won golfer of the year, while Michael Jordan shocked the world when he won basketball player of the year.

The men's indoor track team will next run at the OVC Championships which is held in Charleston, IL.

MTSU softball is at Troy State this weekend for a three game series.

The Blue Raider baseball team will be in Auburn, Alabama for a game against the Tigers. Auburn is ranked 4th in the nation. The game will be televised on MTTV. MTTV will pick up a simulcast off a broadcast by Auburn. ■

Golf team prepared to redeem last loss

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders golf team will look to put last week's disappointment behind them when they tee off Friday at the Ron Smith Intercollegiate in Tampa, Fla.

Hosted by Florida Southern, the 54-hole event is spread out over three days with one round taking place each day.

"I think we're ready to play," head coach Johnny Moore said.

"Much more ready than we were two weeks ago."

Above average weather has allowed the team more than adequate practice time, including having golfed 18 holes on Monday and Tuesday prior to their departure.

Junior Whit Turbow, coming off a shoulder injury, will make the trip with the Raiders in the fifth spot as opposed to redshirt-freshman Stewart Pate, who made the trip to Bay St. Louis, Ms.

"We'll be a little bit more

experienced," Moore said.

"We haven't worked on anything in particular other than we're trying to learn how to keep the ball in the fairway a little better than we have been."

Coming in on the wrong side of the fairway was the source of the majority of the problems the Raiders were plagued with in the Bridges All-American.

The Claw, however, will present a new set of challenges for the Raiders. While it's an

older and shorter course with less swamps than The Bridges Golf Club, it does have more trees and elevated greens.

"If you miss the greens, you've got to hit it straight up the embankment," Moore said. "It's a severe penalty to take if you miss."

As always, the Raiders hope to finish in the top-half of the field. Moore did note that the competition shouldn't be as strong as it was in the first tournament of the Spring. ■

Gordon unstoppable; already on a roll

Mike Harris
Associated Press

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) - Perhaps the only driver who can beat Jeff Gordon is The Kid himself.

There are NASCAR fans who dislike the 27-year-old superstar because, as far as they're concerned, he's already won too much. But they better get used to it.

His victory Sunday in the Daytona 500 is followed by a stop at North Carolina Speedway, another track Gordon dominates.

"There's plenty left to accomplish," said the two-time defending series champion. "To keep at this level is not easy to do. That's what drives me. What I've got in Winston Cup is not easy to come by in other sports."

His victory at Daytona International Speedway was certainly not easy to come by. Even his detractors must have

been impressed.

Gordon made a breathtaking pass for the lead 11 laps from the finish. Then he held off defending champion Dale Earnhardt for his 43rd career victory in what crew chief Ray Evernham says wasn't the best car in the field.

This happens often, and Dale Jarrett finds it disconcerting. He and Mark Martin are foremost among those hoping to keep Gordon from a record-tying third straight championship and fourth in five years, but Jarrett can read the numbers.

"I maybe only win somewhere like 8 to 10 percent of the time when I don't have the best car," Jarrett said. "Mark, maybe 20 percent. Jeff, closer to 40 or 50 percent."

And it's not much different when they do have the "best" car.

"Maybe we win those races 40 to 50 percent of the time," Jarrett said. "When Mark has the best car, he might win

maybe 60 to 70 percent of the time.

"When Jeff has the best car, I think they win about 90 percent of the time."

If that's the case again this year, Gordon will have a chance to set another record. In 1998, he matched Richard Petty's mark of 13 victories in a season.

One of the main reasons is Evernham, considered by many the best organizer and strategist in the business. The anti-Gordon faction argues that Evernham is the main reason for all the success.

Evernham emphatically denies being responsible for the latest victory.

"We didn't give him the best car and we didn't give him very good pit stops," Evernham said. "Somehow, he did it without us giving him much help at all this time."

That's got to be unsettling to the rest of the Winston Cup competitors, and the Dura-Lube 400 on Sunday in Rockingham, N.C., might not do much to

encourage them.

Gordon won both races last year on the 1.017-mile oval known as The Rock. He'll try to make it three in a row, but he never loses sight of the big picture.

"This team loves to win races, but we love to win championships the most," he said.

Based on the last two years and the Daytona 500, it's going to be hard for anyone to keep the Hendrick Motorsports team from doing just that in 1999.

Gordon isn't getting carried away by all the hype.

"I think it's totally unpredictable right now," he said. "I love winning the Daytona 500, but that's over."

"We'll find out the next couple of weekends what our chances are at the championship."

He figures Martin and Jarrett will make things difficult in Rockingham after a

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The Hook Up

Commentary by Josh Ezzell/ Staff Reporter

Hello, wrestling fans. Yes, it's that time of the week again. Time for Josh 3:16 to give you the skinny on the WWF and the WCW. As promised, I am going to deliver a WWF triple shot. That's right, triple shot. I'll review the St. Valentine's Day Massacre and this week's Raw. In addition to this, I'll give everybody a little taste of what to expect on Raw next Monday. So, without further adieu, for the thousands reading around campus, ladies and gentlemen, let's get ready to rumble!!!!

St. Valentine's Day is usually a day for people to express their love for one another. Time for flowers, romantic dinners, candy and WWF PAY PER VIEW!!

Speaking of romance, "The Big Valbowski" was in action on Sunday against "The World's Most Dangerous Man," Ken Shamrock. This match was fitting, considering the fact that "The Big Valbowski" was dating Ken Shamrock's sister, Ryan Shamrock, at the time. In the end, blood was not thicker than water, as Ryan chose to help Val Venis, costing "The World's Most Dangerous Man" the match and the Intercontinental Belt.

In other action, Corporation members Chyna and Kane defeated Degeneration X Members Triple H and X-Pac. The Rock and Mankind battled each other to a draw, with neither man able to answer a ten count. And now, for the main event.

If you wanna read about Stone Cold Steve Austin whippin' Vince's ass, gimme a HELL YEAH!!! That's right, The Rattlesnake had it goin' on Sunday night. After chasing Vince around the ring for what seemed like an hour, Stone Cold finally caught the Corporate leader. Austin beat McMahon to a pulp, making him bleed profusely. It seemed as though the Corporate leader was doomed, but things are not always as they seem. Once again, the Corporation had the money to hire a big gun. This time McMahon hired the biggest of the big guns, Paul Wight (formerly known as The Giant in the WCW). Wight came from under the ring to make his WWF appearance and save the boss. In the end, Austin won the

match; but will he win the war?

The war raged on Monday, with McMahon asking Stone Cold to apologize for his actions. Stone Cold apologized all right: for not whippin' Vince even more. Vince was not done, oh no. He made the announcement that Paul Wight would be the special guest referee for The Rock's title defense against Stone Cold. After this, he arranged a ladder match between Mankind and The Rock. This means that the Heavyweight title be suspended in the air. To win the match, a wrestler must use the ladder to retrieve the belt. And now, it's time for some tag-team action.

X-Pac and Triple H battled Kane and Shane McMahon in a European title match. Yep, I said European Belt. If X-Pac was pinned, then he had to give up the belt. As you might expect, Chyna made an appearance. That appearance made the Corporate lackey Shane McMahon the new European champion.

Now back to singles action. Val Venis, accompanied by the beautiful Ryan Shamrock, battled "The Bad Ass" Billy Gunn in a title defense. Once again, Ryan helped her man when he needed her. And how did "The Big Valbowski" show his appreciation? By dumping her!

Let's talk about The Undertaker and his Minion of Darkness. It seems that The Undertaker wants to take over the WWF and incorporate it into his Minion of Darkness. He started by kidnapping the Corporate lackey Shane McMahon and making him deliver a message to his father. And now, for the main event.

As mentioned earlier, Mankind battled The Rock in a ladder match. Mankind seemed to take control of this match when he and Mr. Socko put "The Mandible Claw" on The Rock, but looks can sometimes be deceiving. Just as Mankind was finishing off The Rock, Paul Wight entered, choke-slammed Mankind, and made The Rock the champ.

Now it's time for a Raw forecast. This Monday expect an inferno match between Kane and The Undertaker, with appearances by The Rock, Vince

McMahon, Paul Baird, and Stone Cold Steve Austin. Expect some friction in The Corporation between Paul Wight and The Rock, and also expect a resolution between the two.

No belts will change hands, but challenges will be made. What I'm saying is this: X-Pac will challenge Shame McMahon for the European title, and Vince McMahon will respond to The Undertaker's threats. There is much more, but I don't want to give everything away.

Nitro began with Arn Anderson jumping the NWO's stooge, Disco Inferno. "The Nature Boy" Ric Flair heard about this and ordered his driver to take him to Nitro. Well, the driver just happened to be Eric Bischoff, and he just happened to make a wrong turn. That wrong turn put Flair all alone in NWO country with no one to help him.

Other Horsemen faired better, as "The Canadian Crippler" Chris Benoit and Dean Malenko defeated Fit Finlay and Dave Taylor. Later, this same Horseman tag team defeated Mike Enos and Scotty Riggs and advanced to Super Brawl.

Another Canadian was victorious Monday night. Of course I'm talking about Bret "The Hitman" Hart. He defeated Will Sasso (whose name I misspelled last week, and I apologize) with Debra Wilson's help, although he did not really need it.

The man who stripped Hart of his U.S. Belt was in action Monday against the NWO leader, Hollywood Hogan. Piper kicked Hollywood's butt all over the ring but was unable to capture the Heavyweight title. Just as Hollywood was about to tap out to a sleeper, Scott Hall interfered with his taser and shocked Hot Rod. Shortly thereafter, the rest of the pack appeared and talked some smack again.

In the main event, "The Nature Boy" was supposed to battle Hollywood for the gold. As you might suspect, Flair was too beat up to wrestle. He stumbled to the ring and received another beatdown. Once again, Flair looked like an old fart, and the NWO looked "Just Too Sweet." ■

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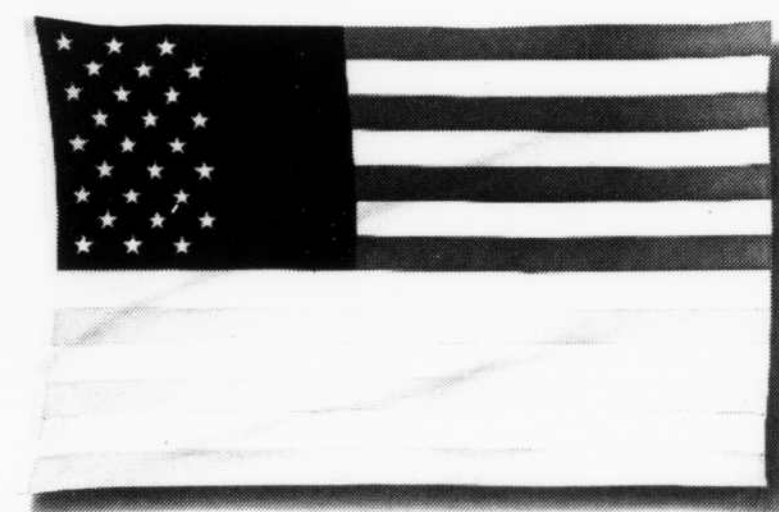
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Pederson turns undistinguished numbers into payday

Barry Wilner
The Associated Press

Doug Pederson, who has never started an NFL game and at times has been a third-stringer, parlayed that undistinguished resume into a \$4.5 million contract and, perhaps, a starting job.

Pederson, 31, with only 32 regular-season passes in a career that began in 1992 — as a practice squad member in Miami — signed the three-year deal with the Philadelphia Eagles on Wednesday. New Eagles coach Andy Reid believes Pederson could be his starter.

"He's a very smart individual who has size, and that helps," said Reid. Green Bay's quarterbacks coach before being hired by the Eagles. "He

also has the physical ability to run and throw the ball. He's been able to study the West Coast offense for the last three years, so he knows the system."

He also seems to have beaten the system. A perennial backup, Pederson spent the last four seasons as Brett Favre's backup, which meant rarely getting onto the field, never in tight games.

Still, the Eagles think he will be a vast improvement on Koy Detmer, Rodney Peete and Bobby Hoyer, who quarterbacked the team to a league-low offensive ranking.

"I've been around enough to know that it's a game about winning, and I want to win. That reaction is fine," Pederson said of those who question his credentials. "I guess that's part of the history of Doug Pederson. I've been a backup to Dan

Marino, I've been a backup to Brett Favre. This is my time."

It's not Steve Atwater's time. Or Cornelius Bennett's. Or Chris Calloway's.

All three veterans were released Wednesday.

Atwater, 32, who played safety in three Super Bowls and eight Pro Bowls, was not stunned by being cut — he sat out most passing downs last season.

"It's not like this is a big shock to me," said Atwater, one of the best tacklers at safety in the game. "When they were taking me out of games, that said something right there. They had needs to address."

"I have nothing but great things to say about my time in Denver. It was 10 great seasons."

Denver needed salary cap room, so Atwater was released

one day after Denver signed cornerback Dale Carter to a six-year, \$38 million contract with an \$8 million bonus.

Bennett, a linebacker for the Buffalo Bills in all four of their Super Bowl defeats in the early 1990s, helped Atlanta get to the NFL title game in January. The Falcons lost to the Broncos 34-19.

The five-time Pro Bowler led the Falcons in tackles, but he is 33 and would earn \$3.7 million for the final year of his contract.

The Falcons also want to make room for last year's top draft pick, Keith Brooking, who played regularly in passing situations at the end of the season.

Atlanta also released offensive lineman Dave Widell. Falcons safety Devin Bush signed a four-year contract with

the St. Louis Rams.

Calloway, 30, would have earned just over \$1 million this season, including a \$500,000 roster bonus due on March 1. A starter since 1993, Calloway had 62 receptions for 812 yards and six touchdowns this season, all team highs.

"In my two years here, this was the toughest move I've had to make," Giants coach Jim Fassel said. "We've improved the quality and the depth at the receiving position. That, along with the salary cap, forced us to go in this direction. Chris is a true professional and I wish him nothing but the best."

Middle linebacker Corey Widmer signed an \$11.2 million, four-year deal to stay with the Giants. Widmer became a starter in 1996, and last season he finished with 85 tackles, a fumble recovery and

five passes defended.

The New York Jets declined to match Jacksonville's \$14.4 million five-year offer to tight end Kyle Brady. The contract calls for a \$4 million bonus and a salary cap hit of only \$1.3 million next season, but the Jets opted to sign Eric Green away from Baltimore and let Brady go.

Defensive end Clyde Simmons, whose 114 career sacks are 10th in NFL history, signed a two-year, \$4 million deal with Chicago. Simmons, 35, started all 16 games for the Cincinnati Bengals in 1998 and finished with five sacks, second-best on the team, and 30 tackles. He made the Pro Bowl twice with Philadelphia.

"The Bears stepped up to the front and showed they wanted me here now," Simmons said. "So that's why I'm here." ■

GORDON

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multicar crash ended the hopes of both at Daytona. And they might have company.

"Some names we may not be used to seeing up there will be around, too," Gordon said.

Those who believe Gordon is lucky can say the Daytona wreck could have involved him. He went by moments before Jarrett swerved to the bottom of the high-bank third turn and started the 13-car accident.

Gordon's detractors must admit he won with virtually no drafting help, a growing scenario on the superspeedways where it's so important.

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"Every time I tried to make a move, they made sure they hung me out and made sure they went with the other guy," Gordon said with a smile and a shrug. "That's just part of it."

"If you win 13 races ... they're not going to help you. They're going to make you work for it every week." ■

What cold weather? Baseball's back!

The Associated Press

Mark Wohlers and Stan Belinda arrived at spring training eager to put aside the memories of last season.

Supervised workouts begin today — 45 days before the Rockies and San Diego Padres start the season April 4 at Monterrey, Mexico.

Right now, that seems a long way off for Wohlers, who reported to Atlanta Braves camp in Kissimmee, Fla., on Wednesday in search of the strike zone and a way to revive his once promising career.

It was less than a year ago that Wohlers, who had 97 saves from 1995-97, inexplicably lost the ability to throw strikes. He had a 10.18 ERA in Atlanta, with 33 walks and seven wild pitches in 20 1-3 innings.

He tried to regain his form in the minor leagues, but that only made matters worse. At Triple-A Richmond, he was 0-3

with a 20.43 ERA, walking 36 and throwing 17 wild pitches in 12 1-3 innings.

During the offseason, Wohlers traveled to Puerto Rico and California to work one-on-one with Guy Hansen, a special instructor for the Braves.

"What I want to do is just get in the program and go along with everybody else," he said. "No special treatment, no early workouts. People know what I've gone through in the past. I've been working hard; there's been some upside."

"I'm here, that's positive," Wohlers said. "I went through some (bad things) last year, and I'm still here."

At Sarasota, Fla., Belinda talked about a more personal goal: his fight against multiple sclerosis.

"This has put everything in perspective," said Belinda, diagnosed with the disease last August.

"When I came here, it gave me a boost or a jolt that I did

come back and that I am going to make a go of it," the Cincinnati right-hander said. "If I give up a dinger to lose a game, it's not the end of the world like it was before. It's not what life is all about anymore. It's giving your all and being good to people."

Cincinnati was the first team to open camp Tuesday, and six more teams started Wednesday, including the NL champion San Diego Padres, who saw country star Garth Brooks report to camp at Peoria, Ariz. Brooks, a non-roster player, has no shot at making the major league team, but could be assigned to the minors if he shows ability.

"The last five months, there's been a lot of hard work," said Dodgers general manager Kevin Malone, who spent millions of Rupert Murdoch's dollars to retool the team. "Right now, the light at the end of the tunnel is growing larger and larger. We'll soon be involved in

actual baseball."

Exhibition games begin March 2, when the New York Mets play St. John's University at Port St. Lucie, Fla. Until then, teams will be working out and playing intrasquad games.

At Tampa, Fla., the New York Yankees showed up, still filled with memories of their World Series title and record-smashing 125 wins.

"Hopefully we have the same resolve on a day-to-day basis that we had last year and not get caught up in our celebrity of last year — of what we accomplished," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Houston, smarting from its loss to San Diego in the playoffs, is still trying to get Roger Clemens in a trade with Toronto. Astros owner Drayton McLane wants the issue resolved this week.

"I think he and I agree that it would be a distraction to our club that we'd like to try to avoid," general manager

Gerry Hunsicker said. "I will defer that final decision to him but clearly, before the full camp opens next week, we'd like to see this thing over."

In other baseball news: — Oakland signed free agent first baseman John Jaha to a minor league contract.

— Dave Stieb, a 41-year-old right-hander, who came out of retirement last season to rejoin the Toronto Blue Jays, retired again.

— Pitcher Jeff Austin, the last first-round pick from the 1998 amateur draft to sign, agreed to join Kansas City for a signing bonus worth about \$2.55 million.

— St. Louis Cardinals left-hander Darren Oliver lost his salary arbitration case and will get \$3.55 million, a \$500,000 raise.

— Yankees closer Mariano Rivera asked arbitrator James Duff for a raise from \$750,000 to \$4.25 million, while the team argued the reliever should be paid \$3 million. ■

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Therefore, the traffic "arm" east of Cope will again be activated Monday, Feb. 22, closing East Loop to all vehicles except safety vehicles and campus shuttles.

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