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SGA president under investigation for possible impeachment

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Staff Reporter

Allegations have been made accusing Jason Lawson, Student Government Association president, of improperly getting the SGA budget approved. The



Photo by Jamie Evans

Jason Lawson

offense is grounds for impeachment under the SGA constitution.

An anonymous letter containing the accusation was sent around campus to various offices yesterday calling for the impeachment of Lawson. The letter alleges that Lawson sent the budget to the SGA Senate for approval, but he failed to send it to the SGA House of Representatives. The letter further states that any money that has been spent this semester is unauthorized and in violation of the constitution because it was not approved properly.

After establishing for certain that the budget was never voted on by the House, Tim Smith, speaker of the Senate, asked the SGA Judicial and Governmental Committee to start an investigation to determine what went on with the budget approval and how that will affect Lawson.

According to the SGA constitution, the SGA president is required to submit to the SGA Congress a budget generally outlining all proposed expenditures and

anticipated income for the entire school year, including Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.

The allegations stem from the fact that Lawson did not submit the budget to

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- Tim Smith

both houses.

"Failure to submit the budget to Congress by the president of the SGA or any misuse of the budget by the president or any other member of the SGA government constitutes grounds for impeach-

ment," the constitution states.

Smith said he doesn't feel that Lawson was being malicious.

"It was probably a careless mistake that Jason didn't send it to the House," Smith said. "I don't think Jason would have acted with ill will."

Smith said he doesn't see why Lawson intentionally would not send the budget to the House, because there were no controversial items on the budget. Furthermore, Smith said the budget passed the Senate without any opposition.

Still, the budget wasn't completely approved and the issue is a major problem because the SGA has already spent almost \$6,000, Smith said.

"This is going to put everyone in a tough spot," he said.

Lawson claims he was unaware the budget had to go through both chambers of the Congress. He said the constitution states that the budget has to be

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Campus Kaleidoscope learns about diversity

Shawn Whitsell
Staff Reporter

In an effort to increase diversity awareness among college students, the campus Kaleidoscope will attend a retreat with other universities in the region. On Friday Nov. 13, Tonia Martin of Student Affairs, and a group of students will leave MTSU headed to Camp Hillmont in White Bluff, Tennessee for a three-day diversity retreat held by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ).

Campus Kaleidoscope is a program geared toward educating college students for effective leadership in our diverse society.

The purpose of the program is to challenge students with opportunities to discuss moral, economic, social and political issues with a diverse group of people.

Along with students from MTSU, there will be students from Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville State Technical Institute, Vanderbilt University, Volunteer State Community College, Belmont University, Aquinas College, Fisk University, David Lipscomb University and Tennessee State University.

The retreat will be held Nov. 13-15. Within these three days, students are expected to learn but most of all have a good time.

Martin, the campus coordinator, said that although her experience with coordinating this trip for MTSU has been "so far, so good," she hopes to get more people involved and do some other things next year.

Ed Woodall, one of the students participating in the retreat, said that he is going because he feels that all students should be involved in some form of extra-curricular activity.

"As an adult student, I feel that adult students don't get to do a lot of extra-curricular activities that traditional students do. I've done some research that showed that students that are involved in extra-curricular activities do much better than students that just come to school, do their homework, get their grades and leave school," he said. "I'm a firm believer that school is more than just grades. You have to be involved in other things such as Kaleidoscope."

"I liked it," said Tiffini Battle, who attended the first retreat last year. "We had a good group. We had good dialogue."

Battle said they participated in workshops and other activities. One activity involved picking two pictures and describing what they meant.

She said they discussed many subjects such as racism and sexism. "We discussed all the isms," she said jokingly.

She said the activities they participated in portrayed things how they really are.

"It's really blunt," she said, referring to the stereotypical names for different ethnic groups used in some of the activities.

MTSU got involved with Kaleidoscope when President Walker and his wife, Gwendolyn, came to the university.

Gwendolyn Walker, an elementary and special education professor at MTSU, said she got involved after her daughter received a diversity

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Indecent exposure strikes again

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Staff Reporters

Police are investigating another case of indecent exposure after the harassment of two students within the last week.

On Friday, Nov. 6, Cindy Martin-Drummond, a graduate student in Biology, reported being "flashed" near the intersection of Ewing and Fairview, two blocks from Rutledge Hall.

"He drove up to me and asked for directions to I-24," said Martin-Drummond. "Then he flung open the door to his van. He was exposed and masturbating."

She then got into her car and followed the suspect to Greenland Drive where she got his license plate number and the make of the vehicle. Martin-Drummond contacted MTSU Public Safety. Public Safety turned the case over to the Murfreesboro Police because the incident was outside of MTSU jurisdiction, but

are still collaborating on the case.

A similar incident happened on Tuesday, Nov. 10. A man matching the suspect's description asked a female for directions to I-24, but this time, did not expose himself or harass the female.

Police have stated there could be a correlation between these incidents and several others spanning the last couple of months. One such incident occurred on Oct. 19 in the same intersection as the Nov. 6 incident.

"We have significantly beefed up our efforts to locate this guy," said Inspector Darrell Collins of Public Safety.

If found in MTSU jurisdiction, Public Safety has one of three ways to deal with the suspect, according to Collins. The first is to identify the suspect and release him with only a warning. The second option is to identify him and charge him with trespassing. The final and most extreme option is to identify him and arrest him for indecent exposure. The police will

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Seniors say ACT-COMP is waste of time

Stephen Baker
Staff Reporter

Graduating seniors declare the ACT-COMP (American College Testing-College Outcome Measures Program) is one hurdle they could do without on the way to graduation.

"I don't understand it having to be a requirement, considering the fact that you have to take the

ACT before you come to college," said political science senior Charles Beam.

Betty Dandridge Johnson, director of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning, explained that the test is designed as an evaluation of MTSU.

"There are core courses, under general studies, that all students have to take," Johnson said. "This test is one indicator of

the performance of general education courses."

Students like education senior Betsy Lewis are confused about the purpose of the test.

"Are they really going to determine if they've taught me anything?" Lewis said. "It seems to boil down to money."

A summary of the 1997-1998 ACT-COMP shows that 54 percent of the students say they tried to get the correct answer on

most items. Out of a total of 240 points possible, their average score was 182.91. This is compared to the average of 168.70 scored by the 22 percent who admit they did not try.

"Motivation is really important," Johnson said. "The national average is about 180, so we are above that."

Of the 2,128 students who took the test, more than two thirds said they believe that their core courses have helped them in areas like problem solving and integrating ideas, according to last year's summary.

What concerns some students is the limited times the test is offered.

"The time was the problem," Beam said. "I don't understand. The room is reserved all day. I wanted to take it at 3 p.m., but I had to hang around for three hours."

However, Lewis was thankful

for the variety in scheduling. Three different times over three days was good for her.

"I was glad there was a variety because I had a basketball game to go to, a girl-scout meeting and date-night with my husband," she said.

Aside from the differing opinions about the test times, much of the confusion about the test is due to a lack of knowledge about its content.

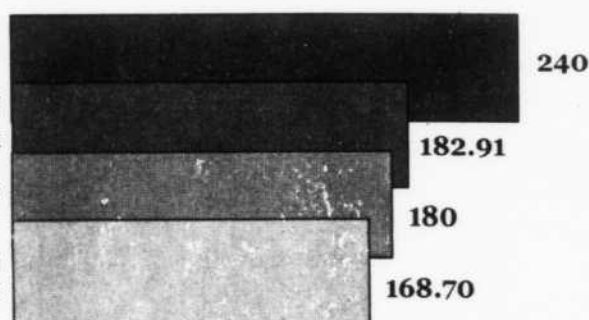
"There are six sub-scores to the ACT-COMP," Johnson says.

The sections cover communication, problem solving, value clarification, functioning within social institutions, science and technology and using the arts.

The summary of last year's test scores shows that MTSU students scored highest in the problem solving area and lowest in the communicating area. While the scores are above the

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Highest score possible
Average score of MTSU students who do make an effort
National average
Average score of MTSU students who do not make an effort



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To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487. Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

Thursday, Nov. 12

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

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

Sunday, Nov. 15

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

Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov. 17, 18

The Golden Key Honor Society will have information meetings in the KUC theater from 4 to 5 p.m. (both days) for students interested in joining. Member meetings will

start at 5 p.m. There will also be a clothing drive (blankets, coats, etc.) on Nov. 18 in front of Phillips Bookstore in the KUC. For more information, contact Cherese Vines at 898-3156.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

Phi Beta Lambda, business fraternity, will have a social from 5-8 p.m. at the Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro, 528 West College St. (located one street over off the downtown courthouse square). Come and meet the officers and other members of MTSU PBL in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, call 849-8874.

Sunday through Wednesday, Nov. 22-25

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

Tuesday, Nov. 24

The MTSU Psychology Department Social and Professional Activity Committee will have Psychology Day from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Alumni Center. Undergraduate psychology students will present the results of their research projects in poster session format and guest speakers will address topics on the

psychological-related issues and careers in psychology. Speakers will include John Pleas, psychology faculty member, and Michael Nietzel, dean of the College of Education at the University of Kentucky. All majors are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact John Pennington at 904-8446.

Continuing

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

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

Student Activity Fee Applications for Spring 1999 are now available in KUC 130. The application on both IBM and Mac formatted disks for your convenience. 10 photocopies of the application and disk are due on Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 130. For more information, call 898-2808.

Victory Ministries will hold Bible

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

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

Until Friday Nov. 20

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

Until Dec. 23

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

IMPEACHMENT

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submitted to congress but doesn't clarify that it should be sent to both chambers.

"A president should be impeached if he does not submit a budget," Lawson said. "That would mean that no other person had any idea how the SGA's money would be spent. I submitted the budget, so I have met this requirement."

Smith said the Senate is looking into the matter, but it is not the Senate's responsibility to start impeachment proceedings. For impeachment to occur, a member of the House of Representatives has to initiate the proceedings by submitting a formal resolution outlining the reasons for impeachment.

"The reason that we're investigating is, again, not for the purpose of impeachment because that's the House's thing," Smith said. "We're just wanting to see what's going on because it is still a concern of the Senate if money has been spent without it being allocated properly."

Lawson claims he cannot find any records that show the budget has ever been submitted

to both chambers. He said it has always been the tradition to only submit the budget to the Senate.

"Although this is the way that this has always been done, tradition can be no excuse," he said. "This shows us that the budget process needs to be more defined."

However, Ryan Durham, who served as 1997-98 SGA president last year and as speaker of the Senate from 1996 to 1997, said it has always been approved by both chambers and signed by Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Lalance. He said if needed, he can produce the records.

Lawson also blames Smith for not passing the budget over to the House after the Senate voted on it.

"When a bill is proposed in the SGA Congress, after it passes one house, the speaker of that house gives the bill to the speaker of the other house. This process did not happen with the budget," he said.

Smith is unsure if impeachment will result from the mishap, because it depends on the students' reactions.

"If there's no ill will, I think everybody's

going to want to just move on," he said. "Of course, if students start raising hell about it, that's something else."

Smith added that he hopes no one thinks he is after Lawson's job, because Smith is graduating in December. Jennifer Sykora, the current speaker pro-temp, will take over the Senate next semester. If Lawson is impeached, Sykora will become the new SGA president.

"I don't like it," Smith said about the situation. "I'm sure Jason likes it even less, but I don't like it."

If a member of the House brings forward a resolution to impeach Lawson, it will have to pass by simple majority. If it passes, the speaker will appoint a committee comprised of five House members to conduct a general investigation.

If the committee determines that their findings support the accusations, the committee will present the a resolution outlining the articles of impeachment. If it passes by simple majority, the proceedings will be forwarded to the Senate for a trial with the Chief Justice presiding. A two-thirds vote in favor of any one of the formal articles shall result in conviction.■

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award from the NCCJ.

She said she personally thanked them for giving her daughter an award and expressed interest in the program. After attending a few meetings, she was asked to be on the board.

She said she thought the program would be good for MTSU students so, after getting approval from her husband, she began to work with professors and staff to get things started.

She said that she expects participants to get a different perspective of social issues such as racism and bigotry.■

HOMETOWN NEWS

Chattanooga (AP)— Twin brothers have been accused of luring a mentally disabled woman to a home and raping her over two days.

Ronald and Donald Walker convinced the 24-year-old to go to a party with them, then held her at a North Chattanooga house and raped her, police say.

The twin 31-year-olds released her last week after her mother called a news conference to plead for her safe return.

Investigators tracked down the Chattanooga brothers and arrested them on Friday. Police plan to charge them with rape and attempted rape.■

Knoxville (AP)— Two office workers at the Ridgeview Baptist Church were given precautionary antibiotics after they opened a letter delivered Tuesday claiming it was contaminated with anthrax.

"We believe it's a hoax, but we're playing it on the safe side, as we always would, and judging on the side of caution," said FBI special agent David Parker.

As a precautionary measure, authorities temporarily sealed off the Ridgeview Baptist Learning Center, next door to the church, where dozens of children waited for their parents.

The letter will be sent to a U.S. Army facility for analysis.

A Catholic parish in Indianapolis and the Chicago headquarters of an anti-abortion group got similar letters Monday. All of the letters, including the one delivered to Knoxville, had Texas postmarks.

On Oct. 30, letters claiming to contain anthrax were delivered to eight abortion providers nationwide, including the Knoxville Center for Reproductive Health. An FBI analysis found the letters were a hoax.

Anthrax is relatively easy to find because it is used on farms. Symptoms usually surface in one to six days and include fever, coughing, chest discomfort and skin blistering. If left untreated, it can be fatal.■

Cookeville (AP)— A hearing to decide whether Byron (Low Tax) Looper should be suspended as Putnam County property assessor while he sits in jail on murder charges was delayed when the judge stepped down.

Chancellor Vernon Neal recused himself from presiding over the hearing, which had been set for Thursday.

Neal gave no specific reasons for recusing himself, saying only they were "satisfactory."

The matter will be sent to Judge John Maddux, the presiding judge over the 13th Judicial District, who will either select a new judge from this district or ask the state Supreme Court to appoint a judge from elsewhere.

Two lawsuits have been filed to oust Looper from his job since he was charged with murder in the Oct. 19 shooting death of state Sen. Tommy Burks. The hearing is to decide if Looper should be suspended in the meantime.

Looper has pleaded innocent and is trying to run his office from his cell in the Cumberland County Jail, where he is being held without bond.

Local and county attorneys plan to argue Looper cannot run his office from behind bars.

Looper's preliminary hearing also has been postponed, from Nov. 19 to Nov. 23, because of a scheduling conflict.■

Morristown (AP)— Three teens face charges after leading police on a 120-mile chase that began in Abingdon, Va., and ended with the car spinning out of control.

Police say the driver, 18-year-old Richard Chounet of Concord, Ohio, lost control of the stolen car Wednesday as he sped through a red light at a rain-slicked Morristown intersection at about 110 mph.

"He did four or five 360s and clipped a power pole. He lost it ... and ended up about 400 yards down," said Lt. Jerry Graham of the Morristown Police Department.

Chounet and the two 17-year-old boys riding with him were treated at Morristown-Hamblen hospital for minor injuries and released.

Virginia State Police started following the 1997 Chevrolet Cavalier, which was stolen in Lake County, Ohio, on Interstate 81, where Chounet was allegedly driving 115 mph.

After he ran two roadblocks outside Morristown, city police officers parked two cruisers at the Morris Boulevard exit off of Highway 25E to divert Chounet into town.

Authorities say all three teens will be charged with auto theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, felony evading arrest, felony reckless endangerment and running red lights.■

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determine which course of action to take upon interrogating the suspect.

Murfreesboro Police have found a possible identification of the suspect using records from the department of motor vehicles, and they are currently attempting to contact him at his residence for questioning, according to Sgt.

James Fanguy of the Public Safety.

The suspect is described as an Asian or Middle Eastern man in his 30s with a thin mustache. He was last seen driving a late 1980's model Plymouth Voyager.

If you have any information about this case or any other crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP. Information leading to the arrest may entitle you to a reward of up to \$1,000. All calls are anonymous and confidential.■

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Stereotypes prevent objectivity in sciences

Barry Gilley
Staff Reporter

How do we look at anything without bias when the very nature of objectivity as we know it may be faulty? Mary Magada-Ward, professor of philosophy, will discuss how gender bias may affect scientific objectivity when she hosts the Honors Lecture Series Monday, November 16. The lecture is titled Demystifying Scientific Objectivity and will take place in Peck Hall 199A, 3:30-4:20p.m.

"We tend to lump objectivity with mind, facts, science and reason. We tend to contrast that group with body, feeling, subjectivity and art."

Magada-Ward says that something crucial to realize is that these groupings tend to be genderized. She points out that people often speak of objectivity as a masculine trait while subjectivity and feeling are seen as

feminine.

According to Magada-Ward, men are often looked at as being rational, logical, and capable of abstract thought while women are seen as intuitive, emotional and concerned with particulars. These two groupings of thought and behavior are rarely weighed equally.

"What seems to be one of the problematic tendencies of our psyches, I think, is to make this notion of what is normal verses what is abnormal."

Magada-Ward says that, historically, society has put more emphasis on so-called masculine traits. This way of radically distinguishing between these groupings may prove an impediment to accurately making sense of our world and perhaps even the way the world actually is.

Magada-Ward says that if certain ways of conceptualizing human behavior are favored, a society will inevitably disparage any behavior that

don't line up with that model. She adds that, this being the case, much of the perceived differences between men and women may exist due to societal conditioning rather than biological imperatives.

Grouping and overemphasizing some qualities over others, according to Magada-Ward, has repercussions. Typically, she says that the idea people have of scientific objectivity is being detached and emotionless.

In the social sciences, however, that can lead the process of inquiry being blocked if people are thought of as inert objects.

Magada-Ward says that the best way to avoid these kinds of generalizations and stereotypes is to shift emphasis from individual perceptions of how things are to that of communities.

She says that achieving a consensus on things can help avoid mistakes biases and stereotypes.■

Public Safety installs updated call boxes

Darla Elkins
Staff Reporter

Students who find themselves in need of immediate assistance from campus should finally have access to emergency call boxes by the end of the week, said Ben Coman of Public Safety.

According to a fax from the Public Safety Office, all 18 of the boxes, located in various spots around campus, have been out of commission since June. "They were sent back to the manufacturer for refurbishing, because some of the radios were struck by lightning," Coman said. "This process took longer than we expected."

Workers are currently installing the call boxes, which were returned last week. As of 9 a.m. Tuesday, eight of the 18 boxes were working.

The call boxes have bright blue lights that are clearly visible after dark. By simply pressing a button, those who need help will get an immediate response from Campus Police.■

Call Box Locations

The call boxes were sent back for refurbishing in June and are currently being reinstalled.

Greenland lot B
Bell Street lot
West of Voorhies Industrial Studies Loop Drive at the campus directory
A Street at Smith Hall
South Peck Hall
Southwest corner of Murphy Center
KUC Courtyard
D Street at family housing
East Cummings lot
Northeast corner of family housing
D Street at the Recreation Center
D Street at the Greenhouse lot
Human Sciences at Crestland
Saint Mark's Church

U.S. beefs up Gulf troops against Saddam

Patrick J. Sloyan
Staff Reporter

WASHINGTON _ President Clinton ordered additional American forces to the Persian Gulf Wednesday for a second showdown this year over Saddam Hussein's refusal to permit U.N. inspectors to complete a search for biological weapon facilities.

In a Veterans Day speech, Clinton focused on Iraq's refusal to comply with previous promises that U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) inspectors be permitted to conduct the final phase of the hunt for weapons of mass destruction.

"We continue to hope _ indeed pray _ that Saddam will comply," Clinton said. "But we must be prepared to act if he does not." The

confrontation was almost identical to one in February that ended when Iraq promised U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan that the inspections would be permitted.

U.S. Navy warships in the region were poised to strike targets in the Baghdad area with Tomahawk Cruise missiles even before Air Force strategic bombers and other strike aircraft arrive at bases in Arab countries.

"We have a very capable force that is in the Gulf today," said Army Gen. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "I would say that Saddam Hussein has been given adequate warning."

Another 3,000 soldiers from the Third Mechanized Division in Georgia were alerted to join 2,600 Army troops in Kuwait and form an armored brigade protecting that

oil sheikdom.

Russian government officials deplored the possibility of a military strike against Iraq but, according to U.S. officials, Britain, France and other allies are supporting the American buildup.

More than 100 U.N. inspectors arrived in Bahrain Wednesday after being ordered out of Baghdad by U.N. officials who had been warned by American diplomats of possible military strikes. The last of the arms monitors left Baghdad Wednesday. One inspector, an unidentified Pole, was arrested in Baghdad and accused of spying.

American travelers were warned against visiting Kuwait or Israel Wednesday and the State Department ordered nonessential workers to leave the U.S. Embassy in Kuwait.

A U.S. consular message

warned that the possibility of a chemical or biological-weapons attack by Iraq on Kuwait "cannot be excluded."

Beside the saber rattling, Clinton's remarks included an option short of military strikes. The Iraqi leader's defiance has been linked to American refusals to allow a review of the economic sanctions that have crippled Iraq's economy over the past seven years.

"Now, if Saddam Hussein is really serious about wanting sanctions lifted, there is an easy way to demonstrate that: Let UNSCOM do its job without interference; fully comply," the president said.

Since late last year, Iraq was close to complying with U.N. inspections that might have paved the way for lifting of economic sanctions and the resumption of oil exports.

Before invading Kuwait, Iraq was the world's second-largest exporter of oil. Under a cease-fire agreement at the end of the Gulf war, Iraq agreed to permit U.N. certification of the location and destruction of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear, chemical and biological.

By late last year, U.N. inspectors had located and destroyed both nuclear research and development facilities as well as chemical plants and warheads. The current dispute has been over sites in Baghdad and other locations where U.N. inspectors suspect biological weapons, including anthrax, were developed and produced.

Clinton alluded to the standoff in his speech.

"If the inspectors are not permitted to visit suspected sites or

monitor compliance at known production facilities, they may as well be in Baltimore, not Baghdad," the president said.

Clinton said Iraq could quickly rebuild weapons within months. "Failure to respond, to embolden Saddam to act recklessly, would permanently damage the credibility of the U.N. Security Council," Clinton said.

In Baghdad, Hussein met with his cabinet and offered no sign of backing down.

But as military pressure mounted in past confrontations, the Iraqi leader has moved to defuse the crises.

Senior Pentagon officials say Defense Secretary William Cohen won approval of Gulf nations, including Saudi Arabia, to use their air bases to stage sorties against Iraq.■

Prison abuse probe shows inmates should stay in state

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Allegations that a Tennessee prison abused Wisconsin inmates have prompted renewed complaints by relatives who say the state should stop sending convicts to out-of-state prisons.

Inmates' relatives said Wednesday that the allegations support their belief that prisoners should be kept in the state, despite prison overcrowding here.

Gwendolyn Pierce, 51, whose son Torri Williams claims he was abused, said the matter shows the state should reconsider sending inmates elsewhere.

"I'm highly upset about this," she said. "Why don't they just do something here? If they can afford to send them out of state, they can afford to build something here."

Joyce Smith, 25, of Milwaukee, whose brother also was among the inmates claiming they were abused, said that because a private company is involved, the state and families have less access to information about inmates.

The state should keep inmates here for better contact, she said.

"I feel very helpless," she said. "I'm too far away to do anything."

Department of Corrections Secretary Michael Sullivan on Tuesday accused officials at the private prison in Whiteville, Tenn., of covering up abuse of Wisconsin inmates. The prison is run by Nashville, Tenn.-based Corrections Corp. of America.

Sullivan has requested an FBI investigation,

DOC spokesman Bill Clausius said Wednesday.

State Sen. Gwendolyn Moore, D-Milwaukee, received several telephone calls from relatives of inmates in response to the news of Sullivan's statement, Moore's office said Wednesday.

"I think this is just the tip of the iceberg," said state Sen. Fred Risser, D-Madison, an opponent of the inmate transfers. "I think transferring prisoners out of state is a mistake. Furthermore, it's a private prison, which is even worse."

In a news conference last July, several families of prisoners said they opposed sending the inmates out of state because long-distance separation can make inmates misbehave and does nothing toward rehabilitating them.

The abuse allegedly occurred when a team of prison employees were trying to elicit information from inmates after an Aug. 5 beating of a guard. Nine Wisconsin inmates face charges in the attack, which left the guard in a coma for weeks.

Smith's 21-year-old brother Milton, serving a sentence for reckless homicide, was among inmates who reported that prison employees used stun guns to get information about the attack on the guard.

Because of incomplete reports from CCA, the department sent their own investigative team to the prison to check into the allegations of abuse, Clausius said.

They learned of the abuse after interviews

last month with 51 inmates and prison workers.

Despite the allegations, Sullivan said the investigation will not jeopardize the state's contract with CCA. Yet, he also said breaking the contract with the for-profit company is "always a possibility" if it's justified.

"We are reviewing with CCA their policies regarding use of force," Clausius said.

A total of 944 Wisconsin inmates are housed at the Whiteville prison.

The department is authorized to send 1,500 more inmates to the privately run facility. It plans to send at least 40 more this month, Clausius said.

Wisconsin currently has an adult inmate population of 17,584 and 2,353 are in facilities in Tennessee, Texas, Minnesota, Oklahoma and West Virginia because of overcrowding.

The total cost to Wisconsin taxpayers to house inmates out of state since it started contracting with the prisons is \$13.5 million, Clausius said.

Eleven inmates at the Whiteville prison have retained attorney Gaston Fairey of Columbia, S.C., to look into a civil-rights lawsuit on their behalf, Fairey said.

The prison's security chief and six guards were fired after Wisconsin officials brought forth the evidence of abuse, CCA spokeswoman Susan Hart said.

CCA is the nation's largest private prison management company and has facilities in 26 states.■

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national average, MTSU scores have continued to decline over the past five years.

"We've been scoring a little less every year," Johnson admitted. "I think it may be related to students level of motivation."

She said that students need to understand that this test is part of a bigger picture.

"This ACT-COMP is part of a larger testing program here on campus, and that's performance funding," Johnson said. "By participating in this program, it provides additional financial resources for the institution."

The funding provided by high scores is used to improve the quality of the university by assessing the effectiveness of different departments, according to a letter sent to seniors by the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning.

"These students who are currently taking the test are the recipients of the funding provided by the test results of those who have taken the test before them,"

she said. "By doing well now and taking the test seriously, you can have an impact on bringing additional dollars to the university."

The ACT-COMP can be used on job placement files and also for graduate school admission.

"Typically, it can be used when faculty are writing recommendations for graduate school," Johnson said. "But scores are only sent to the students upon request."

But those reasons to perform well don't sit well with senior graphic communications student Kirby Kiskadden.

"I have to take the test next spring," Kiskadden said. "Having a higher GPA on your resume seems far more impressive than an ACT-COMP score. It represents the school well, but doesn't a GPA do the same thing?"

Whether students want to do well on the test or not, they have to take it before they can graduate.

"It gets back to what you value," Johnson says. "Oftentimes, education is the most expensive thing we pay for, but want the least out of."

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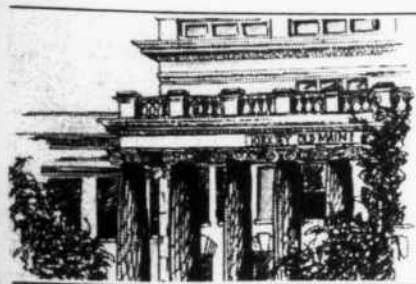
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OPINIONS

"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

ACT-COMP should focus on student's major

Nearing graduation, the last thing students want to take is an exit exam.

The ACT-COMP is a required test graduating seniors must take before they leave MTSU. It is composed of questions from every area of general studies—science, problem solving, technology, art and communication.

While the test is required before a student can graduate, most seniors don't take it seriously. There isn't a certain grade or score a student must achieve to graduate, so what's the motivation?

Taking the ACT in high school is important because its score can determine where or if a student goes to college, but the ACT-COMP serves as a three-hour review of information some students would rather leave in their freshman biology classes.

It appears that the ACT-COMP lets the university know if students have learned anything. The simple assumption is yes—a majority of students graduate college with a basic knowledge in the area of general studies. For example, they may not be able to map the stages of mitosis and cell division, but students know the process exists.

The primary purpose of college is to study a specific area of interest in preparation for a related career. Sure, general studies makes every student a little more well-rounded, but why test it? Shouldn't the exit exam be related to a student's major? Isn't that more important?

The general studies program has its benefits, but if the university wants to test its success rate, it should focus on larger subject areas. For example, how successful is its English department? And what about agriculture courses—are they up to par? Ultimately, it is the student's area of study that will be tested following graduation. A career is the absolute test of what a student learned in college.

The reason ACT-COMP scores are dropping year-by-year is correlated to the lack of motivation students have when test time rolls around. High scores can bring more financial funding to the university, but what good does that do for graduating students? That's one thing they won't have to think about.

If the university wants a true evaluation of itself, make students think. See if they are ready for the real world. ■

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Campus crimes cannot be hidden

Susan McMahan
Managing Editor

Imagine a girl is raped in her dorm room.

Too embarrassed to report the assault to her parents or the police, she decides to tell her school's administration.

The administration tells her they can handle the incident without her story being public, and she agrees.

So, they call her attacker into an office and confront him. He could be her friend, her boyfriend's roommate, the guy who sits next to her in English class or a complete stranger. It doesn't matter.

He is well known and liked on campus, and he doesn't want to be arrested and sentenced. When he is offered the chance to appear before a private student judiciary court, instead of a criminal court judge, he jumps at the chance.

She doesn't have to tell her parents, he won't go to jail and the university doesn't have to include the crime on the yearly statistics they mail to perspective parents and students.

Sound impossible? It's happened at universities all over the country, and it was perfectly legal.

Until now.

Thanks to a new law, schools can no longer use the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act to hide the results of campus judiciary courts on cases of violent offenses and non-violent sexual offenses.

FERPA, commonly known as the Buckley Amendment, is the act that makes a student's academic records private. It has been interpreted by universities across the country to include such things as everything from grades to parking tickets to anything a person does on campus.

The law that altered FERPA was signed into effect by President Bill Clinton on Oct. 7. It doesn't technically require the student court decisions to be released, but public schools — like MTSU — will probably gain access to the reports because of state open records laws.

Advocates of first amendment rights for college journalists have been fighting FERPA since it was passed. The new law is a step in the right direction, although it is not as big a step as advocates hoped.

With the old standards of FERPA, a student newspaper staff may "know" that an event like the one above happened on their campus, but they had no way to prove it. Only one university in the country, the University of Georgia, has

open campus courts.

For other universities, the only way to obtain details was for either the victim or the attacker to contact the staff and tell them. The chances of this in either situation weren't very likely.

Now, the staffs are hoping they will have access to the records to accurately report the crimes that occur on their campus.

Why do universities try to hide the crimes? Many prospective students and their parents use crime statistics as one factor when choosing the right university.

Supposedly, a university with an artificially low crime rate is better than one where all crimes are recognized and solved.

The worry now is that the secret campus courts will still be in use — but for non-violent crimes like theft and embezzlement. It would be nice if no crime committed on campus was covered by FERPA, but the sexual and violent offenses are the place to start.

A person who commits a crime on campus should be punished as severely as someone who commits the same crime elsewhere.

A criminal should still be a criminal whether they commit a crime on campus or off. ■

Never guessed Gingrich a wimp

Bill Thompson
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

I figured Newt Gingrich for a lot of things, some good and some not so good: Smart, articulate, visionary, arrogant, self-indulgent, combative, uncompromising ...

One thing I didn't figure him for was a gutless wimp, a coward who would cut and run in the face of adversity.

When rebellious Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives reacted to GOP losses in Tuesday's congressional elections by threatening to oust Gingrich from his post as speaker, it seemed reasonable to assume that he would battle the insurgents with every resource at his command.

After all, Gingrich's leadership had been challenged before, by many of these same people, and he quickly quelled the rebellion. What reason was there to expect that this time would be any different?

But this time was different all right, different as night is from day. This time, Gingrich opted not to fight for the position he maneuvered throughout his political career to attain; this time, Newt decided to surrender without so much as a whimper of resistance.

Gingrich had always approached political combat with the bravado expressed in that great line from "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid": "There aren't any rules in a knife fight."

He joyously slashed and sliced his way through any opposition, in or out of

Congress. He defended his turf with a take-no-prisoners ferocity that earned him the respect if not the admiration of his adversaries.

But last week some of his fellow Republicans — including some of the very people who charged into Congress as part of the Gingrich-led Republican Revolution of 1994 — hurled a few rhetorical hand grenades in his direction and he suddenly, inexplicably, dove into the nearest foxhole. As his enemies rallied their troops, Gingrich looked out upon the battlefield and recoiled from the fight that loomed.

I figured Newt for a lot of things, but not for a gutless wimp.

Who could have guessed that by week's end, Gingrich would be telling associates that he would not fight to keep his job as speaker, that he would not even ask to be re-elected to the position that places him second to the vice president in the line of succession to the presidency of the United States.

Gingrich didn't even have the gumption to step in front of the TV cameras that he has so often courted. Instead of holding a news conference and telling the world that he had no stomach for a political showdown, he confided his decision over the phone to colleagues who in turn passed along the information to the media.

Gutless wimp.

Pundits have sometimes drawn comparisons in recent years between Gingrich and his frequent adversary, President Clinton. The theory seemed to be that despite drastic differences in their political philosophies, Clinton and Gingrich had a great deal in



common — their intense combativeness and will to win, for example.

Now we see that the comparisons were bogus.

Clinton is a man who never, ever quits. Tenacity is the defining quality of his life.

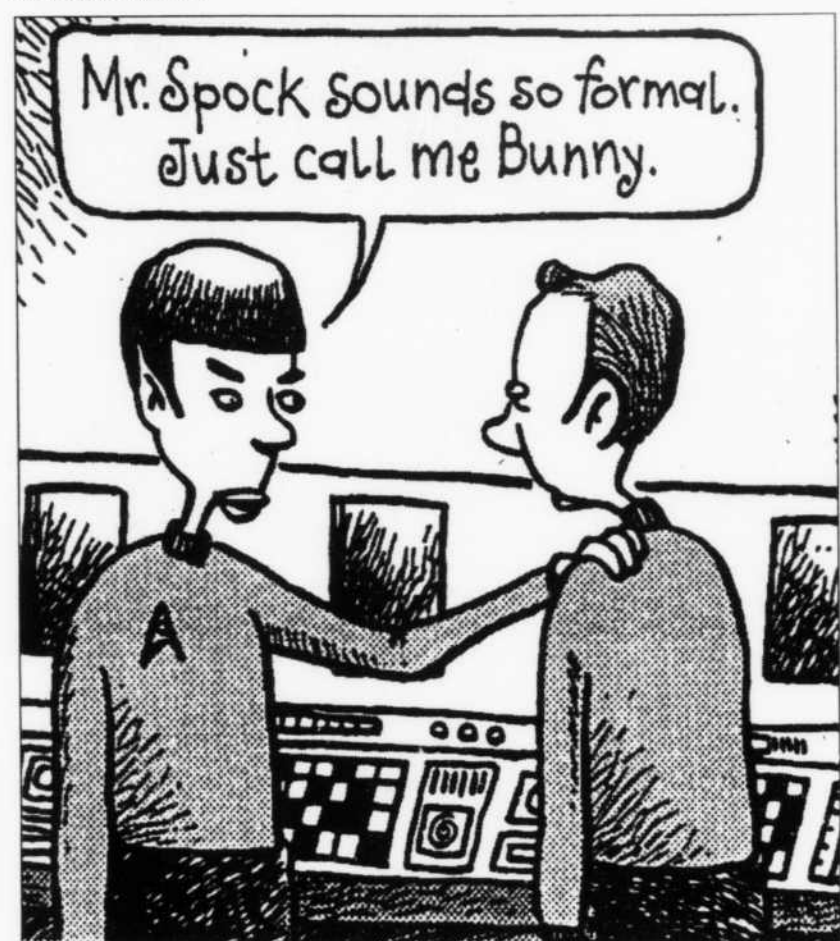
Perseverance is the one principle he holds dear. In that sense, if no other, Gingrich had seemed to be a similar soul. But he is not. He is a quitter.

It would be one thing if Gingrich had fought for his job and been defeated. He could have been a gracious loser, acknowledging the need for new leadership in a Republican Congress that can't get anything done and can't even agree on what ought to be done. Maybe Newt's time was up. Maybe his vision had run its course, or just run out of gas.

But Republicans who once saw him as their party's savior, who may have believed that his leadership was not entirely spent, deserved to see him stand tall in defeat. Instead, he crawled away in the night, unwilling to face friend or foe at his moment of capitulation.

Newt and others will try to pass off his surrender as statesmanship, as a noble sacrifice that he made for the good of the party. But the truth is inescapable. He's gutless. ■

I NEED HELP



A freshman looks at college sex

Alex Ross
Tulane University

When asked to write an editorial regarding sex, I balked, believing that it occurred nightly and anyway, "who wants to read a freshman write about college sex? What does he know?"

Perhaps that mentality holds true, but I figured I'd give this assignment a shot anyway.

Hear me out. This editorial is how I, an 18-year-old college-going Joe, see college nightlife and how we — college students, that is — regard sex. Granted this is a biased view from a white suburbia-bred boy from the Rockies; I play golf, and my Mom sports a minivan. But at least my writing is open and honest.

So here goes.

Generally speaking, college

students regard sex as play; nothing more, nothing less. We've adopted a permissive attitude and loose behavior that's running rampant throughout society.

Years back the media hounded several gangs in California when they discovered gang members kept track of the numbers the girls with whom they'd had sex. Frightening yes, but I'll bet there's hardly a frat house in this nation that doesn't do the same thing — either officially or unofficially.

I hear frat boys at my school, Tulane University, keep track of such stats amid laughter and slaps on the back. It's a game, I tell you. Their exploits have garnered them a reputation for proclivity in the sack, and the blatant stories told of and by them are campus legends. They

have to keep the myth — and the games — alive.

Don't think fraternity boys are the only ones guilty of this offense. They're actually no better or worse than non-Greek guys and — horror of horrors — women. We're all equals, in fact. I've seen the X's (a smiley face for the guy down the hall) on doors signaling, "Don't come in, I'm busy." Those doors open up to rooms inhabited by fraternity and sorority members, non-Greek men and women — even resident assistants.

We're growing up, but in a different world than our parents did. We expect our college classmates to have one-night stands. One girl I know gets pissed because her

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roommate is really loud when she's having sex on Friday nights - not because it's with a different guy each week.

Our parents would consider our concept of sex socially repugnant. After all, we've turned sex into little more than a recreational activity.

Laugh if you want, but this behavior has more impact than hurt feelings and regrets: Safe sex on college campuses hovers only around 50%.

One in four college students has a sexually transmitted disease. HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is predicted to be the greatest killer of our generation.

And it's not only men who are making hushed trips to the doctor.

I was on a bus several weeks ago with a Tulane sorority that was inventing little sing-song rhymes about each of its rival sororities. In essence, those women belittled their rivals for not putting out, for having virgins in their ranks and for not pleasing boys. A guy sitting across the aisle from me couldn't help but smile when the girls praised themselves for

"swallowing."

I smiled, too, but I felt hollow inside.

Many girls once held the belief that virginity was sacred and honored, but the percentage of those under 18 who have engaged in intercourse or other forms of sex has risen unabashedly since the '60s. Nowadays, the numbers approximate as such: Non-virgin girls — 70%. Non-virgin males — 80%. And those numbers are still on the rise.

Former college "stud" turned Christian author, John Gray, caught hold of a wave of loose girls during his school years and laments in his article "Romances with Wolves" that he slept with so many women. He's not upset because of religion or health issues as one might expect. No, Gray says he's upset because those women are now "married to other men."

"When I put myself in the shoes of those men, I wish that I hadn't done what I've done," he wrote. "In fact, I might even like to punch myself in the nose for it."

Chances are good that when Gray does marry, his wife will have the same regrets. Lots of women have been around the block - several times.

I've seen the male eyes track girls across the cafeteria - another little game with which we're all familiar. A friend once remarked when a blonde in a mini-skirt strode past that he "wouldn't mind getting a piece of that." shot back, "It's not like I'd have to talk to her." Heads nodded; no explanation needed.

Even sexual assault, once a hideous crime both socially and legally, doesn't hold the weight it previously did. One survey of male college students reported that in 1984 almost 35 percent of respondents said they would rape a woman if they knew they wouldn't be caught. That number shot up to 50 percent this year.

A college counselor at another school told me a story about a girl who was raped on that campus several months ago. She went to a bar with friends, had maybe two beers and woke up naked next to a strange man. She was drugged no doubt, and left the office assuring the wide-eyed counselor that "she wouldn't drink for at least two or three weeks." The counselor told me no charges were pressed in the rape.

The young woman went out on a date the next Friday. ■

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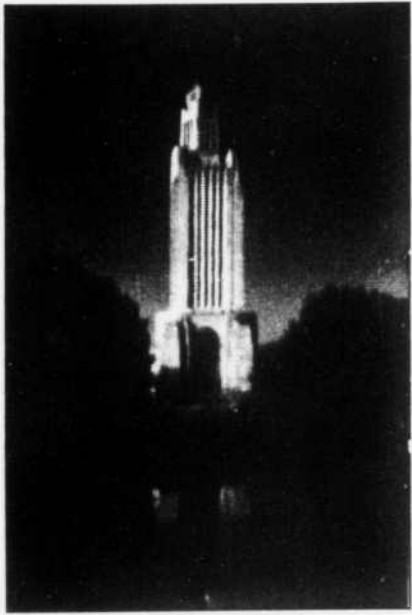
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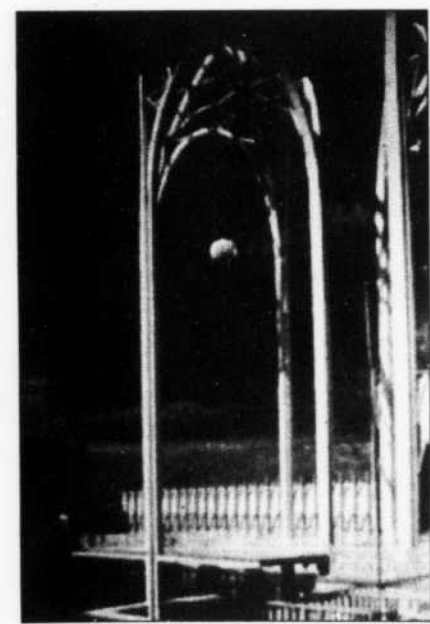
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Opera tells familiar story of Hansel and Gretel

Vickie Gibson/Staff Reporter



Photo by Derrick Wilson
Holli Harrison portrays the witch, Clare Sevier is Gretel and Angie Gortmaker is Hansel in the opera "Hansel and Gretel" at Wright Music Hall Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.

The familiar childhood story "Hansel and Gretel" will be presented as an opera by MTSU's music department for two performances at Wright Music Hall Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m.

"It's fantasy come to life on the stage," said Christine Isley-Farmer, music professor and director of the production. Based on the classic Brothers Grimm fairy tale, the fully-staged opera is suitable for the whole family, she said.

The cast includes MTSU students, most of whom are senior voice performance majors, and children from Homer Pittard Campus School. Angie Gortmaker plays Hansel, Clare Sevier, a senior vocal music education major, is Gretel. Rebekah Menard portrays the mother; Oliver Henderson is the father and Holli Harrison is the witch. The role of the dew fairy is double cast with sophomores Alice Matlock and Stacey Mangrum each doing one performance. Sophomores Emily Zeringue and Alysa Cannon take turns portraying the sandman.

Nancy Turpin-Ammerman is choreographer. Raphael Bundage is conducting the orchestra. Amy Tate-Williams of the Nashville Opera Association is coach accompanist. Taylor Bills of Murfreesboro did the set design and Jeff Warren, a theatre major, is in charge of lighting and sound.

Campus School teacher Karen Blooding helped prepare students Melissa Hudson, Sarah Lavery, Meagan Crowe, Brad Horn, Joshua Hays and Ryan Braschler for their roles as gingerbread children.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children and free for MTSU students with ID. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information or discount tickets for groups of 10 or more children, call 898-2469. ■



SPITTING DISTANCE:

When granny tells a story, write it down

Susan Campbell
The Hartford Courant

The scholars are atwitter about Thomas Jefferson. After two centuries of debate starting with a whispered story, a recent DNA test established that the former president and author of the Declaration of Independence fathered at least one child by a slave woman, Sally Hemings.

Originally, the idea that Jefferson had fathered a child out of wedlock—and with a slave, no less—was raised by an opponent in an election as an attempt to besmirch Jefferson's name. There being no television or Internet (or Kenneth Starr) to spread the word, most of the voting populace (of-age white men) never heard the story. Years later, when word spread, some big historical guns considered the source and discounted the tale.

But Sally Hemings' descendants knew whence they came, and they refused to quit talking about it. Everything anecdotal pointed to their forefather, but their stories did not suffice in academia. Anyone, after all,

can tell a story, and have you ever noticed that everyone is always related to someone famous? No one traces their roots and comes up with farmers and merchants.

There's always Alexander Graham Bell, Zora Neale Hurston, Crazy Horse, or someone else everybody's heard of.

Still, it was a foregone conclusion that the Hemings would be proved correct even though now, 200 years later, it seems almost anticlimactic—to still be debating the whole thing. We can all learn from this.

We can learn that oral history most definitely has a place in our world, that the stories we tell our grandchildren had better be accurate, and that if we as grandchildren are not listening to our grandparents, we are systematically dismantling our own infrastructure.

Stories hold a family together. We get on the phone and we share and we laugh and cry and then we don't write a thing down because what would be the point? I have told and retold the story of a bad car wreck I was in at age 5 to the point that the facts

are rubbed smooth like river stones and I can line them up without even thinking about it much. There is no need for embellishment, because the facts are plenty. My son knows this story by heart, and maybe one day, if he thinks of it, he will tell his children, if he has them.

He also knows by heart the story of his birth, the New York Mets game I watched in the labor room and the way the lights looked in delivery and how everyone talked softly at this everyday miracle that made me cry. Every birthday, I re-give him his first story.

I do that because I know how much those same stories meant to me. I can read about the Battle of Bull Run until my eyes give out, but nothing brings it to life like the story of my great-great-grandfather climbing a hill to watch, a curious little boy who wanted to see the battle. He didn't last long up there. He was chased away by stray bullets that raised little explosions of dirt at his bare feet. For the rest of what I know, he survived that brush with gunfire, grew up, got married, had a bunch of children, died and was raised to the bosom of God.

About 10 years ago, I began to fear losing my grandparents. I sat down and recorded a long conversation with my grandfather, in particular, about his family. That's when I heard the story about the Battle of Bull Run, and the wagonload of corn he turned over on a dark road one night, and all about his first wife, Jerusha, who died of diphtheria and left him with two young'uns he knew he couldn't raise alone. He married the church lady who'd come to mop the fevered brow of his wife all those nights. He married my grandma.

She insists the story is true. It needs no embellishment. The facts are plenty.

The thing is, most of us didn't come from anyone famous. Our foremothers and forefathers were dirt farmers who liked beef jerky and could play a fiddle if they took a mind to. They went to work every day and came home dog-tired and hugged their wives and their children (or not) and then got up and did the whole thing all over again.

But they all had their stories, and in that, they were and are as majestic as the president, or any other luminary you might name. ■

Flute Week showcases musical talent with guests, faculty, student concerts

Vickie Gibson
Staff Reporter

MTSU Flute Week is bringing numerous musical performances to campus Nov. 15-22 by guest musicians and music department faculty and students.

The event is sponsored by the MTSU music department and the Middle Tennessee Flute Society and includes faculty and guest recitals, a flute clinic and performance by the MTSU Flute Ensemble.

Guest musicians include Erik Gratton, principal flutist with the Nashville Symphony, Licia Jaskunas, principal harpist with the Nashville Symphony and flutist Mara Goosman of the Goosman Flute Headjoint Company.

A special guest artist recital will feature flutist Gratton Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. at Wright Music Hall. He will be accompanied by associate music professor Polly Brecht on piano. The recital will include works by Schumann, J.S. Bach, Bartok, Poulenc and Muczynski. The recital is sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Flute Society. Admission is free.

Gratton, a native of Canada, studied at the Conservatoire de Musique de Montreal and received the premiere prix avec grande distinction in flute and chamber music in 1996. He has won the Conservatory Alumni Award and the McAbbie Foundation Award. He toured

with L'Orchestre Réseau des Conservatoires in 1995 and 1996 and has participated in several international music festivals.

Jaskunas will perform during a faculty recital by associate music professors Yvonne Chavez Hansbrough and Brecht Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Wright Music Hall. Featuring Jaskunas on harp, Hansbrough on baroque flute and flute, and Brecht on harpiscord, the recital will include works by Hotteterre, Telemann, Krumpholtz, Ibert, Godard, Rutter and Corigliano. There is no admission charged.

Jaskunas received her bachelor's degree and performer's certificate from Indiana University and her master's degree from Eastman School of Music. She is enjoying her first season with the Nashville Symphony. The previous two years she was harpist with the New World Symphony in Miami Beach, Fla. She has just completed her third summer season with the Utah Festival Opera Company. She was winner of the American Harp Society's National Competition in 1987 and the Ruth Lorraine Cloze National Award for harp in 1987 and 1988. She has participated with numerous international music festivals.

Hansbrough, on staff at MTSU since 1990, is the founder of the Middle Tennessee Flute Society and coordinator of the annual Middle Tennessee Flute Festival. She also will perform with the Stones River Chamber Players in concert

Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. She recently released her first CD titled "American Flute Music: Leaving the Twentieth Century." The project was funded in part by an MTSU faculty research grant. She has won several national awards.

Brecht teaches organ, harpiscord, continuo and music theory at MTSU and maintains a busy performing schedule on piano, organ and harpiscord. She has won and been finalist in several competitions. She has been on staff of Sewanee Summer Music Festival. She is the organist at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville.

Mara Goosman studied flute with Bernard Goldberg, James Pappoutsakis and Marcel Moyse. After her husband, Jack, began making flutes after a move to Canada, they began Goosman Flute Company which is now located in Northwood, NH.

She will demonstrate the Goosman Butterfly headjoint during a clinic Thursday, Nov. 19, which will also discuss general flute maintenance. The clinic will be held at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Choir Hall at Saunders Fine Arts Building 117. There is no admission to the clinic, and flutes will be available to try.

Flute Week will conclude with a concert by MTSU Flute Ensemble Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Wright Music Hall. MTSU junior Lisa Melick is soloist for the program. The ensemble will perform works by Telemann, Rimsky-Korsakov, Maury, Mozart and Austin A. Scott. ■



Concert Features Music with a 'French Twist'

Vickie Gibson
Staff Reporter

"Les Salons de Paris" is the second concert of the season by the Stones River Chamber Players. The Sunday concert will feature music with a "French twist," mostly by French composers with the exception of one American, Charles Loeffler, whose music is set to French poetry.

Loeffler often set music to poetry by French poets

Verlaine and Baudelaire. Featured on the program is Loeffler's beautiful "Four Poems, Opus 5 for voice, viola and piano" sung by associate music professor Christine Isley-Farmer accompanied by Nashville Symphony members Judith Vann on viola and Charlene Harb on piano.

Also featured on the program is flutist Yvonne Chavez Hansbrough, performing with the Chamber Players as part of MTSU

Flute Week. Two works for clarinet, oboe, flute and piano, the moody "Sonate, Opus 47" by Darius Milhaud and the rollicking "Caprice on Danish and Russian Airs" by popular 19th century composer Camille Saint-Saens, will be performed by Hansbrough on flute, Todd Waldecker on clarinet, Dewayne Pigg on oboe and Raymond Bills and Dana Landry on piano.

This is Waldecker's debut performance with the Chamber Players. Waldecker

is finishing a doctoral degree in clarinet performance at Indiana University and has just joined the MTSU music teaching staff this fall.

Sunday's program will include a group of French recital pieces for oboe and piano performed by Pigg and Landry.

The concert will be presented Sunday, Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. at Wright Music Hall. Admission is free to MTSU students and faculty. ■

TOWERS

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They are towers of culture, nature, faith and commerce in a story of architectural interest that includes many pictures of skyscrapers, cathedrals and historic buildings along with natural wonders.

"Towers: a photographic essay" is a unique collection of photographs by J. William Rudd on display at the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the McWherter Learning Resources Center.

Rudd is a professor and dean of College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. His study of architecture has resulted in a vast collection of photographs from around the world.

Some photographs are taken from unusual angles and showcase man-made towers of steel and brick. But there are also pictures of waterfalls and geysers and cactus that tower over their surroundings.

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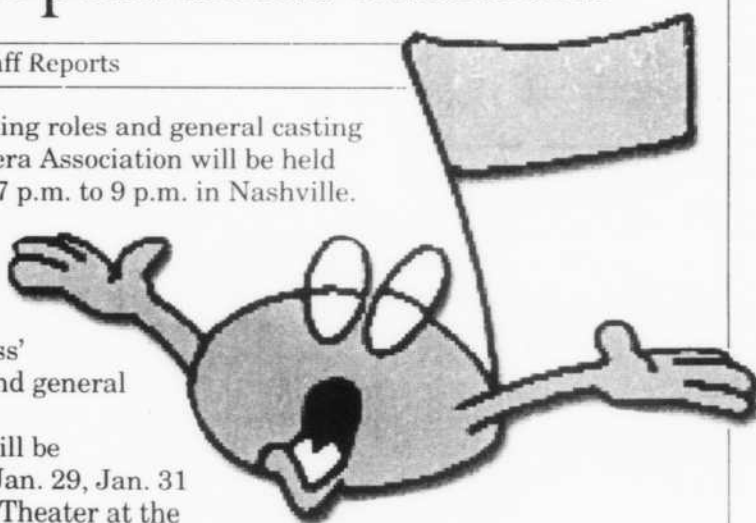
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Auditions for upcoming roles and general casting with the Nashville Opera Association will be held Monday, Nov. 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Nashville.

Chorus members for Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" and small roles in Richard Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" and general casting are sought.

"H.M.S. Pinafore" will be performed in English Jan. 29, Jan. 31 and Feb. 2 in the Polk Theater at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. "Der Rosenkavalier" will be performed in German on April 10 and April 13 in the Jackson Theater at TPAC.

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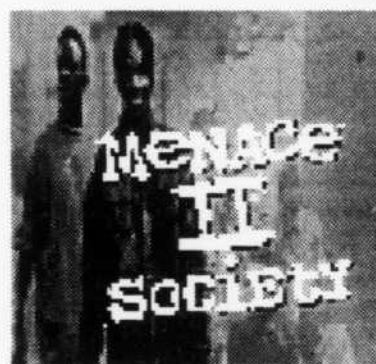
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Basketball teams go international

◆The Blue and Lady Raider basketball teams played teams from Hungary and Sweden Tuesday night.

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

Despite not having two key players on the Blue Raider basketball team, MTSU was able to hold off the pesky Hungary team and win 85-67 Tuesday night.

The Blue Raiders were led by Cedrick Wallace on offense. Wallace finished the game with 19 points and four rebounds on 9 of 16 shooting. Wallace managed only four points in the second half, but he erupted at the start of the second and scored 10 of the first 12 points in the second half.

The formerly injured Freddie Martinez saw his first action of the season in the game. He and Wallace combined for the first 18 points in the second half. Martinez finished the game with 14 points including 4 of 7 shooting from three-point land.

Nate Green, not of Hungarian decent, finished the game with 26 points including a few shots that resembled that of Julius Erving of the now-defunct, ABA. His teammate Terrance Davis added 23 points and eight rebounds. The two combined for almost 75 percent of the team's scoring.

The Blue Raiders were held in check for most of the first half. They had the lead for the entire game, but were never able to pull away from Hungary. MTSU led by 12 at the half. In the first half, MTSU shot 47 percent from the floor, and 36 percent from the three-point line. Hungary was able to shoot only 35 percent in the first half.

At the start of the second half, Hungary came out ready to play. They started with a 6-0 run, which ended with a Wallace 15-foot jumper. Wallace and Martinez then caught fire. The two scored the next 16 points for the Blue Raiders. Hungary, however, stayed close and, at the 12:48 mark, Hungary scored six straight again. These points all came from lay ups, and they were not all from fastbreaks. At that time, Coach Randy Wiel took a timeout.

"I put Kevin White into the game. He is a very good defender. I told them to put pressure on the guards," Wiel said.

Pressure is exactly what the Raiders applied. Over the next seven minutes the Raiders outscored the Hungarians 23-5. At that point, the game was all but over. Freddie Martinez got the run started with a big three pointer. He then added a lay up. That was followed by Ali McGhee and Dale Thomas contributing steals and lay ups. Murfreesboro's very own Gerald King continued the assault with his hustle and effort. King came up with a loose ball, dove out of bounds, corralled rebounds and scored six points.

When all of that was complete, the Hungarians gave up and began the showboating. Walk-on Eric Jones was the only player that did not have his name on his shirt, but he answered the crowd with two three pointers at the end of the game which capped off a good night of basketball.

In the end, the Blue Raiders won 85-67. MTSU hosts ETSU on Monday, Nov. 16 for the first regular season game. ■



Above: Cedrick Wallace, 34, forward from Lawerenceburg, Tenn., jumps over his opponent. Wallace was a key player throughout the game. Right: Kevin White, 3, from Decatur, Ala., shoots for a three pointer.



LaShonda Winfree, 00, forward from Gordonsville, Tenn., wards off her Swedish opponents to put the Lady Raiders on the board.

photos by Derrick Wilson

Chad Folts
Staff Reporter

In an overtime battle of guts and glory, the Lady Raiders hoopsters fell just shy of victory by losing 73-68 in the Murphy Center Tuesday night.

The Visby Ladies from Sweden were the international visitors, and they came looking for their first victory of the season.

Right out of the gate, there was the feeling that it would be a tight game, and the women from both squads didn't disappoint. After controlling the opening tip, the Lady Raiders went right to their bread and butter, an inside pass to forward Bama Burrell who put in a lay-up for the opening bucket.

Although it took the Visby Ladies nearly three minutes to put in their first hoop, you could tell by the intensity of their full court press and rebounding that they weren't going to fade away without a battle.

More evidence of the Visby Ladies fighting spirit was apparent in the way that they were able to hold on during the first half, after staving off runs of 13-2 and 9-0 by the Lady Raiders, and despite a five-minute scoring drought that was finally ended by Lotta Johansson with 6:13 left in the half. Going into the locker rooms, the Lady Raiders held a solid but deceptive lead of 36-26.

The second half started out much the same as the first, with the Raiders immediately going inside, this time to Dana Conner, who put in the bucket and drew a foul. Unfortunately for the Raiders, the missed free throw that incurred was a sign of things to come. Making that first lay-up of the half was as deceiving as the 10-point lead they had accumulated by the break, because in the second half the team went ice cold, shooting a frigid 12 of 41 from the field. (In case you were wondering that's a 29 percent clip.)

After the first bucket by Conner, the next four minutes was dominated by the inside play of Burrell for the Raiders, who led the team with 16 points and tied for the game high in rebounds with 8 in only 28 minutes of play, and by Mandee Armstrong of the Visby Ladies, who came off the bench to score the first six points for the Swedish.

Right when it appeared that the Raiders may be going for the jugular, the Visby Ladies came down the court three straight times for three pointers, including back to back three-balls by Desma Thomas, who scored the game high with 22 points on 6 of 15 shooting, including 5 of 11 from behind the arch. This long ball philosophy brought the Raiders lead down to five with only 11:40 left in the game.

Less than a minute later, the contest got somewhat mysterious. With 10:42 left, one of the referees, who had already been calling ticky-tack touch calls on both teams all night, called a technical foul on

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Raiders play last game before move

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders will play their last game as a Division 1-AA team on Saturday against the University of Alabama Blazers. The game time is 1 p.m.

The site will be Birmingham, Alabama, but specifically Legion Field. This is the home of the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant.

A week ago, the Blazers played against the University of Tennessee Volunteers in Knoxville. UAB rushed for 211 rushing yards and a total of 282 yards of offense in the loss. Tennessee won the game 37-13.

Although UAB enters the game at 2-7, they have lost to teams like UT, Nebraska and Virginia Tech. They beat Tennessee Tech 38-6 earlier in the season.

The Blue Raiders will enter the game with a record of 5-4. Their chances of winning the Ohio Valley Conference are gone since Tennessee State beat Tennessee Tech last week. However, they still can finish second in the conference. They are a few plays or breaks away from being unbeaten in the conference.

UAB statistics are distorted because they have played some very good competition. They will show a multiple set on defense, and the same is true on offense. Statistically, the teams are pretty equal.

On offense, UAB averages 151 yards on the ground. They are led by Lucious Foster in rushing. MTSU averages 162 yards on the ground, and they are led by Keverick Green, who had 259 last week.

At quarterback, the Blazers are led by Daniel Dixon. Dixon has thrown for 635 yards in nine games. The Blazers average 126 yards per game through the air.

MTSU, on the other hand, is led by Wes Counts. The freshman has thrown for 1,410 yards in the eight games he has played. The Blue Raiders average 184.9 yards of passing offense. The Blue Raiders, on average, use 70 yards more than UAB. This is too close to call.

Defensively, the Blazers give up 137 yards on the ground against MT's 151. MTSU has given an average of 4.5 points less than UAB. Defense against the pass favors UAB by two yards. MTSU gives up about 15 yards more per game than UAB.

The coaching match-up features one of the most winningest coaches in college football and, also, Watson Brown. Brown has a career record of 49-102-1. Boots Donnelly, however, is one of the winningest coaches in the history of 1-AA football. MTSU has an edge on the sidelines.

If the Blue Raiders want to have a chance in this game, the punting unit is going to have to do a much better job than it's done over the past two games. The punts that do not register more than 20 yards will not work against a 1-AA opponent. Field position is going to be a big key.

To win this game, MTSU must not only force turnovers, but take advantage of any that they get. Counts must continue to play smart and efficient. He must be able to hit the open receivers down field.

The Blazers are superior talent-wise and the Blue Raiders will have to be aggressive. Mixing up the play calling on first down will help tremendously.

As far as my prediction goes, this is the toughest game yet. I am now 4-1 as "Master Prognosticator." Saturday, unfortunately, I don't see the Blue Raiders winning. The game will be close, but in the end, due to a very costly mistake in special teams, the Blazers will come out on top. The score will be 21-17. ■

Seniors stand out on Lady Raider basketball team

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

This years' Lady Raider basketball team contains five seniors who have contributed to the winning ways of the Lady Raiders for the last three years. Two of these senior standouts are Carlita Elder and Cortney Neeley.

Elder is a Murfreesboro native and Oakland High School graduate. Neeley is a Troy native and an Obion County High School graduate. Both believe that they have had many positive experiences on the court.

"My first accomplishment here was a buzzer beater against Ole Miss my Freshman year," Elder said. "Beating TSU here last year was also something that I am proud of; the large crowd was something that I will always remember."

"What I am most proud of is making the NCAA tournament the last two years," Elder said.

Neeley agreed.

"Hitting three 3-pointers in a minute against Tennessee Tech two years ago was great, but what pleases me more than anything is making the NCAA tournament the last two years," she said.

Both Neeley and Elder are pleased with the success they have achieved, but both desire more.

"We expect to have another winning season. We have the talent to repeat, we just need to bring it all together," Neeley said.

"We are the defending champions and are very proud of this. We have a winning tradition and expect to win," Elder added.

Basketball has helped both off the court, as well as on the court.

"I do not know where I would be without basketball. It has enabled me to get an education," Elder said.

"My experience here has really helped me grow as a person. When I came here, I was an immature freshman. Since that time, I have learned so much and now I feel like I am more of an adult," Neeley said.

After graduation, Elder plans to move to Atkins, S.C., to teach high school wellness. Neeley plans to embark on a career in Public Relations. ■



CARLITA ELDER

Cortney Neely, 12, right, makes a shot for the Lady Raiders Tuesday night. They fell short to the Visby Ladies from Sweden 73-68.



photo by Derrick Wilson

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Cortney Neely (who also tied the game high with 8 boards) for leaving the court. Since the ref decided that she had not left the court to avoid contact, he assessed her with the big T.

It really was a big technical foul because, after the Visby Ladies hit the free throw to cut it to four, the momentum shifted in their favor. With 10:25 left, Marie Soderberg should have tied the game up at 48 apiece for the Swedish, but the basketball gods intervened. This is where the game got even more mysterious to those who were paying attention. At this point, for some unknown reason (the b-ball gods?), the official scorekeeper only rewarded Soderberg with one point for her lay-up, a miscue that in the long run could have drastically changed the game if the Swedish had gone on to lose.

The mistake definitely had impact in the short run because the game should have been tied at 48 all, but instead, the mystery of the one point lay-up

left the Visby Ladies down by one, 47-48.

The Lady Raiders did regain some composure after these strange incidents, and after two Swedish free throws, Burrell hit yet another inside bucket to put the Raiders up 50-49. Burrell's bucket ignited a 7-0 run, which included a huge three by Conner, who chipped in 8 points and five boards on the night. At the end of the run, the Raiders found themselves up 55-49. Once again the Visby Ladies fought back, and with the help of four free throws and a big bucket by Thomas, they had forged their way right back into the match, trailing now only 58-56 (with MTSU's additional three points coming off another bomb by Conner).

With less than 14 seconds left, Burrell got sent to the line and made one of two, giving the Raiders a slight three-point edge. The Visby Ladies marched right up the court and found Thomas standing behind the arch, who let one fly in at the buzzer to tie the game at 59 all. (How big is that one point miscue now?)

In overtime, it appeared as though the Lady Raiders simply ran out of steam. The defensive intensity that had been so effective the entire game at making the Visby team rely so heavily on the perimeter game fell a notch, and poor shooting from the field and the line in the extra period turned out to be too much for the team to overcome. In the end, the Visby Ladies had pulled out the 73-68 victory.

"We have a long ways to go, and an awful lot to work on. When we only have three guards with any real game-time experience, and one of them fouls out with 11 minutes to go, it hurts," said Lady Raiders head coach Stephany Smith. "Considering the situation, and the quality team that we played, I think we did a pretty good job."

Other standouts for the Lady raiders included Jonelda Buck, who shot 60 percent from the field adding 13 points and Cyndi Ainsworth who put in solid minutes off the bench adding eight points and seven rebounds.■

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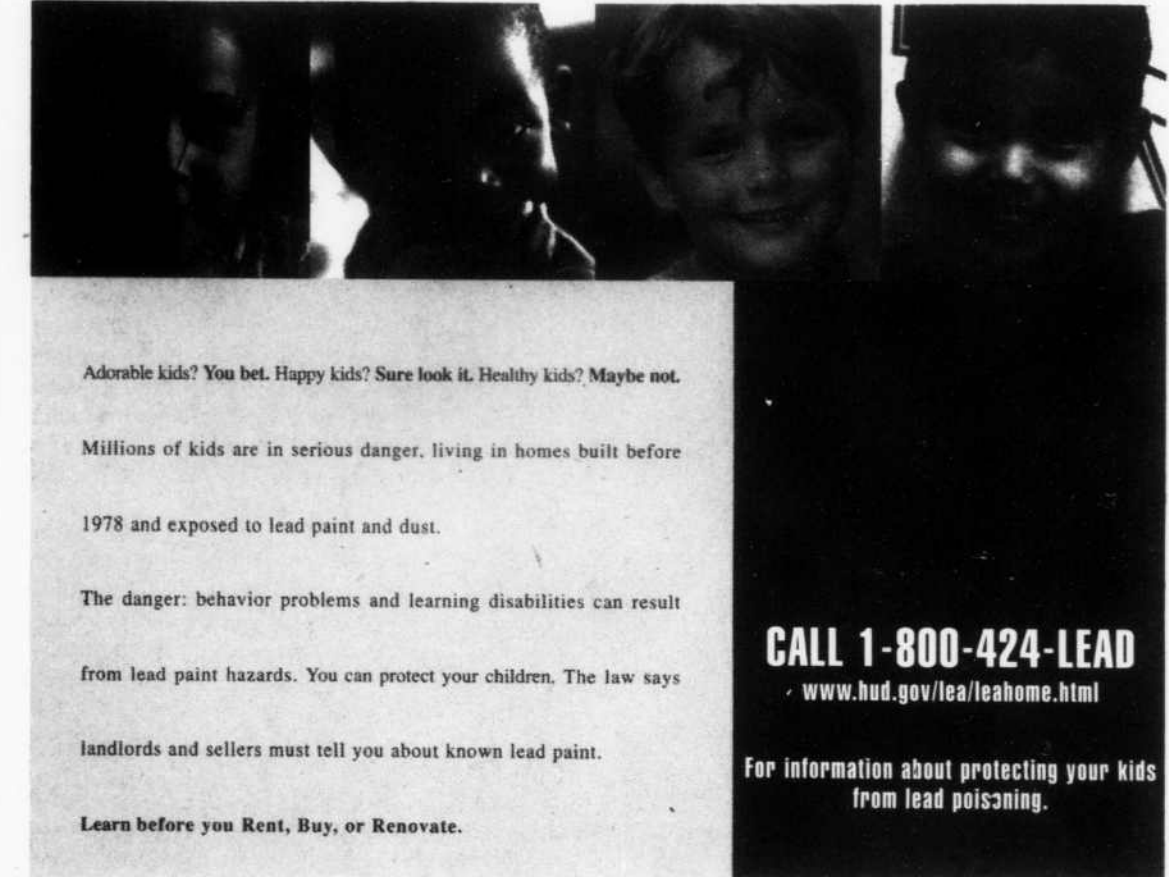
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NFL decision on who to coach a tricky business

Ken Murray
The Baltimore Sun

When Jerry Jones chose Chan Gailey to coach the Dallas Cowboys last February, it concluded one of the most exhaustive coaching searches in recent NFL history.

Gailey, offensive coordinator with the Pittsburgh Steelers at the time, came out of the shadows to win the job in the 11th hour of a 34-day process. Still, he was the choice only after former UCLA coach Terry Donahue balked at accepting one of the league's lowest salaries.

Among the candidates left in Gailey's wake were former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert, a two-time Super Bowl winner, and Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis.

In the end, Jones, the Cowboys' owner, opted for offense over defense (Seifert's specialty). In Gailey, he chose a low-profile career assistant over a high-profile coordinator (Lewis) who had collected four Super Bowl rings with two organizations.

The right choice?

Ten weeks into the season, Gailey has the Cowboys (6-3) sitting in first place in the NFC East with much the same team that was in a 6-10 free fall under Barry Switzer.

Jones' winding path to find a coach is certain to be revisited a number of times before the spring. Headed down the homestretch of the season, no fewer than four coaches - and perhaps as many as eight - figure to be fired for various deficiencies.

San Diego's Kevin Gilbride was the first to go, getting the ax in Week 7 after the Chargers started 2-4. He was replaced by interim coach June Jones, who had coached the quarterbacks.

Those on slippery ice include Washington's Norv Turner, Philadelphia's Ray Rhodes, St. Louis' Dick Vermeil, Seattle's Dennis Erickson, Carolina's Dom Capers and the Ravens' Ted Marchibroda. Pending the second-half finishes of the Kansas City Chiefs and Chicago Bears, the jobs of Marty Schottenheimer and Dave Wannstedt, respectively, might also be in jeopardy.

Selecting a head coach in today's NFL is a tricky business. An owner must lean heavily on instinct, philosophy of the franchise and educated guesswork in the interview process to arrive at a choice.

Managing today's athletes is not as simple as drawing up a power sweep. There is increased emphasis on communication skills and lessened emphasis on tactical insight. One general manager who recently conducted a coaching search of his own wanted a leader who could meet the varied demands of the job, not simply a strategist.

"It didn't make a difference whether my guy was a defensive guy or an offensive guy," the general manager said. "I was looking for someone with leadership, motivation, who was a talent evaluator and a recruiter, and someone with a track record."

"He also had to be able to deal with the media. At the bottom of my list was X's and O's because he can hire those guys."

Another league executive pointed to the need for a coach with communication skills.

"You're looking for somebody who relates to players," he said. "You need somebody with a good background, with a lot of energy who wants a challenge. You want somebody who can control players."

Is it a big-name coach with a proven track record, like,

say, the Green Bay Packers' Mike Holmgren, who could be available? Or the hot coordinator, like Brian Billick, who directs the NFC's most prolific offense with the Minnesota Vikings?

Does an owner go for a highly successful older assistant like Kansas City defensive coordinator Gunter Cunningham, who's 49 and has coached in the NFL for 17 years? Or does he try to find the next Jon Gruden, at 35 the NFL's youngest coach, who has the Oakland Raiders in playoff contention his first season?

Then there's always the college arena.

What follows is a list of prospective candidates - based on conversations with league executives - who might join in the interview process in the coming months.

This group obviously starts with Holmgren, who has a contract clause that will allow him to leave the Packers for a dual title job as general manager/coach after the season at the cost of a second-round draft pick. Holmgren has been connected to possible openings in San Diego, Seattle and San Francisco.

Seifert won 108 games in eight seasons with the 49ers, then was pushed out because he didn't win more than two Super Bowls. It says something, though, that he isn't regarded a candidate for the Cleveland Browns expansion job even though his old boss, Carmen Policy, is in control there.

Of the current coaches on the firing line, Capers and Rhodes appear most likely to get second chances.

The most prominent names are those of Billick, whose Vikings are averaging 32.9 points a game this season; Gary Kubiak of the Denver Broncos; Chris Palmer of the Jacksonville Jaguars; Joe Pendry of the Buffalo Bills, and Lewis.

Kubiak doesn't call plays with the Broncos, but has considerable input into one of the league's most versatile offenses. He has worked on two Super Bowl staffs with Mike Shanahan (49ers in 1994, Broncos in 1997), and was interviewed for the Dallas job last winter.

Palmer gained attention last year when he won games with three different starting quarterbacks in Jacksonville. Pendry is winning this season with 5-foot-9 quarterback Doug Flutie.

Lewis, meanwhile, has been passed over several times despite the Packers' Super Bowl win in 1997.

Pittsburgh's Jim Haslett might be the hottest name on the list, and he is most often linked to the Philadelphia Eagles, where former Steelers executive Tom Modrak has taken over as director of football operations.

Other candidates include Cunningham, Willie Shaw of Oakland, John Fox of the New York Giants and Dick Jauron of Jacksonville.

Cunningham's defense has led the NFL in scoring defense two of the last three seasons and has been ranked in the top five in total defense.

Cunningham launched his NFL coaching career as a defensive line coach with the Baltimore Colts in 1982.

Shaw has turned the worst defense in the league into one of the best this season. Fox's defense led the NFL with 44 takeaways and 27 interceptions a year ago. Jauron, a record-setting running back at Yale, is in his 14th season as an NFL assistant.

Florida's Steve Spurrier is the most attractive candidate, but he has an annuity in his contract that likely will keep him in Gainesville. It could, of course, be replaced by cash. ■

'Catfish' stricken with Lou Gehrig's disease

Ron Bergman
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Jim (Catfish) Hunter, the Hall of Fame pitcher for the A's and New York Yankees, has a message for his fans.

"Just tell them I'm all right," he said Monday by phone from his home in Hertford, N.C.

The truth, however, is that James Augustus Hunter is not all right. Doctors at John Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore told him last Friday that he has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease - a fatal neurological disorder that kills 80 percent of its victims within five years of diagnosis.

"I feel good, I just don't have any strength in my hands and arms," Hunter said. "I can do a little bit with them, but just a little bit. I can't lift anything."

"Everywhere I go I need to have my wife, Helen, with me to button my shirt and zip my pants."

Hunter, 52, who spent 10 years with the A's before joining the New York Yankees in 1975, was matter-of-fact about being diagnosed with the disease that abruptly ended Gehrig's career in 1939 and claimed his life two years later, 17 days short of his 38th birthday.

His friends weren't as sanguine.

"I'm shocked," former A's left fielder Joe Rudi said. "It's devastating. He's such a super guy. It's hard to understand."

Gene Tenace, who was Hunter's catcher with the A's, couldn't help recall another former teammate, left-handed reliever Paul Lindblad, 57, who has been institutionalized in Texas with Alzheimer's disease.

"It's sickening," Tenace said. "It's unbelievable. This is a tragedy - Paul Lindblad, now him. They're both still young men."

News reports said Hunter spent the day Monday out hunting with his son, but the disease has already forced him to give up that hobby.

"I just ran my hunting dogs," Hunter said. "I didn't take a gun. I haven't taken a gun out all year."

The outlook for ALS victims is grim. About 30,000 people in the United States suffer from the disease, which weakens spinal cord and brain cells responsible for muscle control. Most patients die two to five years after its onset, according to the ALS Association. Half the victims survive three years; only 20 percent live longer than five years.

But it's also possible to live a long time with ALS. When Los

Gatos High School football coach Charlie Wedemeyer was diagnosed in 1977, doctors told him he had one year to live. Wedemeyer is still coaching the school's frosh-soph team even though he has been unable to move or breathe by himself since 1985, and Monday he felt for what Hunter is going through.

"The doctor told me I had such a short time to live, but I was so confused because I felt fine and I looked fine," Wedemeyer said through his wife Lucy, who reads Charlie's lips because he can't talk. "I didn't see how I could be dying."

"Life, itself, is terminal," Wedemeyer said. "Nobody has guarantees. So we do the best we can given our situation. And with Catfish, he's enjoyed a fabulous career."

Unlike when Wedemeyer was diagnosed, doctors now prescribe medication in an effort to slow down the debilitating symptoms of ALS.

"They gave me three different kinds of medicine," Hunter said. "I'm going to take the first medicine for 30 days, then the second kind of medicine the second 30 days, and the third for the next 30 days. They said it might slow it down or it might turn it around a little bit."

"They're hoping by the year 2000 maybe to have a cure for

it. That's what they're hoping. I don't know."

The cure doesn't appear to be right around the corner, said Dr. Robert Miller, a neurologist at the Forbes Norris MDA-ALS Center in San Francisco.

"There are a number of promising treatments that appear to slow things down," Miller said, "but none of the current treatments appear to be a cure. No candidate drugs even arrest the progress of the disease - they only slow it down."

But after telling patients the sobering facts, Miller gives them the good news.

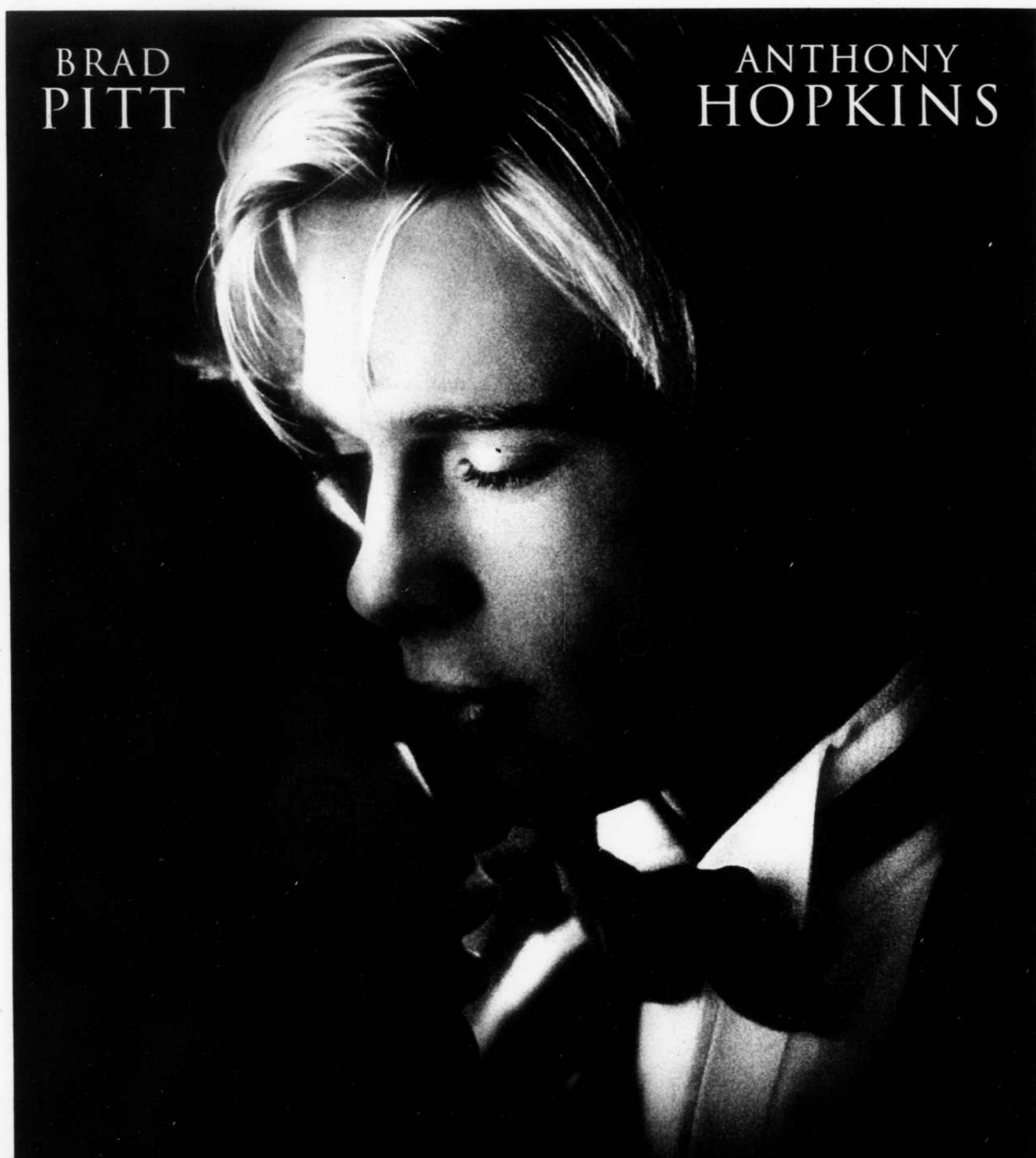
"There's hope, because basic science research is exploding in this disease. There is that significant 20 percent subgroup, Charlie Wedemeyer, for example, who will go much longer than that 3-5 year period."

Miller said there is no evidence that athletes are more or less prone to get the disease. Three members of the 1964 49ers team died from ALS - perhaps a bizarre coincidence, but nobody knows for sure.

"We really don't know the cause," Miller said. "In some people an abnormal gene makes them susceptible, but why a guy like Catfish should get this disease..."

"Why" has been the big question for those close to Hunter. ■

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