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SolaRaider II awarded design grant

By Mark T. Gibson / staff

SolaRaider II, the team of students and faculty designing MTSU's solar-powered car for the 1997 SunRayce, was recently awarded \$2,000 by race organizers for its entry and design proposal.

The SunRayce organizers, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and General Motors, awarded the grants to the top 30 design proposals it received from universities across the nation. The criteria for winning specified those with the most "capable designs."

Teams will use the award money to assist in fundraising efforts. Dr. Sid Sridhara, professor of Industrial Arts and faculty advisor to SolaRaider II, said the group eventually hopes to raise \$40,000, with most of the money going toward purchasing parts for the car.

This is MTSU's second attempt to enter the 1100 mile race, which begins next June in Indianapolis, and ends 10 days later in Denver.

In the first attempt in 1995, the SolaRaider team failed to gain a spot in the race when the car's rear axle broke in the third lap of qualifying.

"Last time we could not raise

enough money, and it hurt us," said Smithous of the problems in 1995.

"Hopefully we can avoid that this time."

SolaRaider II's award-winning proposal centered on correcting some of the design problems which may have caused the rear axle to break, including decreasing the overall weight of the vehicle.

In doing so, team members were given the chance to receive class credit for their efforts, as well as the practical experience.

"It's a hands-on experience for students" said Sridhara. "They have an opportunity to design something themselves, and at the same time learn a lot."

The car, which was built on campus in the Voorhies Industrial Complex, is nearly completed. The team hopes to begin testing the new version of the car by early next year.

Sridhara says that the project is open to any students on campus that wish to join. Currently, SolaRaider II has ten active members.

The 1995 SunRayce was won by students from M.I.T., who finished 18 minutes ahead of the team from the University of Minnesota. ●

Bell Street Parking lot closed



John Scouten/staff

The phantom pavers work diligently to ensure that the Bell Street parking lot will not be closed for long. The parking lot which has been closed for two days already, for repaving, has caused parking congestion all across campus. The lot is scheduled for reopening the first week in July.

MTSU forms new Crimestoppers chapter

By Todd R. Cruse / staff

MTSU joined a small but select group of universities when it formed a CrimeStoppers organization for the University. CrimeStoppers is an international organization composed of independent chapters, and the newest one will focus its attention strictly on the MTSU community.

Each CrimeStoppers chapter is organized as a not-for-profit corporation, with a board of directors responsible for distributing reward money in cooperation with a local police force.

The MTSU chapter has both student and administrative members on its board. Generally, CrimeStoppers will only pay for information on felonies. However, the MTSU chapter and the Rutherford County chapter have developed a unique and hopefully beneficial relationship.

Rutherford County CrimeStoppers will continue to pay for information on felonies committed in Rutherford County, which includes MTSU. However, the MTSU chapter will also pay for information about misdemeanors committed on any property MTSU owns in Rutherford County.

"This is particularly important for a campus setting" said Assistant Police Chief John Wagoner. "The majority of crimes committed on campus are misdemeanors, and the regular CrimeStoppers organizations

will only pay for information on felonies."

Informants could receive up to \$300" he said. "If someone has information on a crime, they should call CrimeStoppers at 893-STOP (7867). We absolutely maintain caller anonymity."

"When the caller provides information, we assign them a reward which they use to claim their number.

The board of directors has a monthly meeting and at that time a police liaison, Officer Rick Roberts, recommends to the board a reward amount" he said.

"The board can accept the recommendation or go higher or lower, its their decision. The informant is told initially when to call back to find out about his reward."

"When he calls back, a meeting time is set up and we take the money to him."

"All information is kept strictly confidential. We never even know the name of the informant, which is very important. Many people are afraid to reveal information for fear of recrimination."

Rewards are contingent upon an arrest, not necessarily a conviction, said Wagoner, so it generally rewards people to call in no matter what information they have. The person who provides the missing link in the investigation, Wagoner said, is the person who pockets the reward. ●

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**Rick Roberts
police officer**

Governor Whitman still in party spotlight despite saying 'no' to Dole campaign

Associated Press

Tired of being pegged as a wannabe running mate for Bob Dole, New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman tried to stamp out speculation about her intentions by telling Dole she didn't want to change jobs.

Much of the "what-if" wondering about Whitman was quelled, but a curious thing happened: The media spotlight on Whitman didn't dim - it increased.

Republicans offered her a high-profile job at their August convention, her opinions are sought out as a moderate voice in the party and she landed on the cover of The New York Times Magazine, which hinted about her potential as a presidential candidate in 2000.

"I'll make this promise," Whitman joked later. "I won't run for any higher office - for the rest of this millennium."

Whitman, 49, has consistently said she wants to remain in New Jersey, where she faces re-election in 1997, but some observers still think she'd answer the call if Dole asked her to join the ticket.

"If Bob Dole in San Diego said to her: 'I really need you, your party needs you,' she might accept," said Steve Salmore, a Rutgers University professor who has consulted for Republicans. "Al Gore once said he wouldn't be a vice presidential candidate, and so did Lyndon Johnson."

As the nation's lone female governor, Whitman has been named a "temporary co-chair" of the Republican national convention. The post is only the latest showcase position for Whitman, who also gave the republican response to President Clinton's State of the Union speech in 1995.

What would she bring to a Dole ticket?

Whitman's backers believe she could attract female voters who deserted the GOP in 1992. She is a moderate who comes from a populous state that is considered a crucial battleground in this year's election. She has crafted a reputation as a tax-cutter. And Whitman sells well: She is calm and friendly in front of television cameras, at ease with voters.

But Whitman's social moderation has angered the right wing of the Republican party. She heads a political action committee for moderate Republicans and has frequently criticized conservatives, saying the party must accept different points of view. She supports affirmative action and abortion rights.

Whitman sided with President Clinton's decision to veto a bill to outlaw a controversial late-term abortion procedure. She believes abortion should not be a cornerstone campaign issue, and welcomes Dole's efforts to add a "declaration of tolerance" to the party platform that says those with differing views are welcome.

Leading social conservatives have warned there would be a war at the convention if Dole picked a running mate who supports abortion rights.

Whitman says her insistence that she's interested in the vice presidential slot has nothing to do with conservative opposition.

"I don't think my positions on issues are the kind that would keep people from the ticket," she said. "I believe it's best to be representative of a broad base of this country, and I hope we see someone on the ticket who will reflect those views."

The Republican Party has always

been a part of Whitman's life. Her parents were prominent Republicans in the state and national parties, and her childhood was one of privilege and politics. She attended her first Republican National Convention in 1956, at age 9. Family photo albums include pictures with presidents.

Whitman seemed to come out of nowhere in 1990 when she took a sacrificial lamb candidacy against Sen. Bill Bradley and nearly won by turning it into a referendum on Gov. Jim Florio's tax increases. Three years later, she faced Florio one-on-one and beat him.

As governor, Whitman made a positive first impression that stuck by making good on a pledge to slice income taxes for most residents by one third. The tax-cut pledge was suggested by her childhood friend Steve Forbes, the magazine magnate who ran against Bob Dole-without Whitman's support.

Whitman hasn't slashed government to pay for \$1.2 billion in lower taxes. She has held the line on spending, drastically reduced contributions to public employee pensions, borrowed some, and scooped up dollars from a variety of sources, including trust funds. Her critics say she's mortgaging the future, a charge she strongly disputes.

For two consecutive years, environmentalists have wages radio campaigns charging Whitman's "open for business" policies weakened the state's resolve to protect the environment. Whitman says they are unfair.

Some of her friends hope she doesn't get a call from Dole, believing a second term would give her needed policy experience and political seasoning. ●

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MTSU to get new powerplant

By James Neal

In 1998, MTSU will begin drawing power from a new gas-fired co-generation plant, replacing the current coal-fired steam-generated system.

Plans to build the new co-generation power plant were approved by the Building Commission last Thursday.

William Smotherman, director of New Services, said the new co-generation plant will produce 50-percent of the school's electrical needs and from 80 to 90-percent of the school's steam.

The projected cost of the power plant is \$10.8 million to be raised through a 20-year bond issue. "There will be enough savings to pay the bond issue off," Smotherman said. "The project will pay for itself."

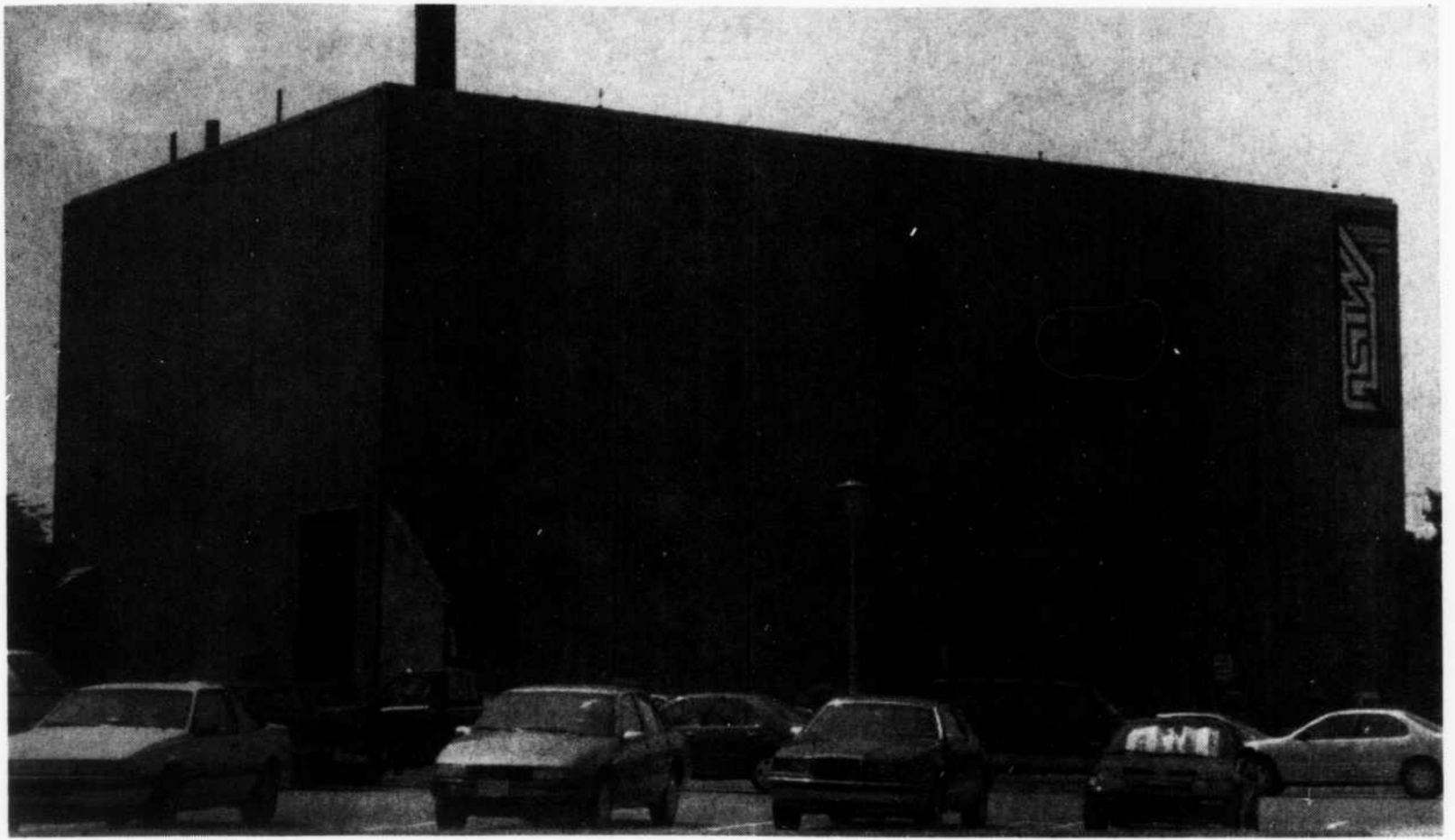
Electricity for the co-generation plant will come from a natural gas-powered turbine. The by-product of the turbine is heat used to make steam. The steam will be used to heat campus buildings and water.

Patty Miller, director of campus planning, said the next step is to appoint a designer. Once the new power plant is designed, the project will be put out to contractors for bids.

"The current power plant will be demolished," she said.

According to Smotherman, the new co-generation plant will be more efficient and self-sustaining, costing significantly less to build than to refurbish the old plant.

The new plant is expected to be operational in 28 to 30 months. ●



John Scoutten / staff

The current MTSU powerhouse, eventually to be replaced with a state of the art power system.

Sexual offender registry challenged

Associated Press

A rapist and another sex offender in federal court for a class action lawsuit challenging the state's practice of having them register after release from prison.

J.B> Flye and Ralph Huntley say in a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court that once they complete their sentences, their debt to society will be paid.

Being forced to register with the state constitutes further punishment, they say. They want other inmates in the same position to be allowed to join in the lawsuit.

Flye and Huntley also are challenging the state Repeat Violent Offenders Act, which denies parole to repeat offenders.

The Tennessee Sexual Offender Registry has been operating for about 18 months. Offenders released from prison are required to contact the Tennessee Bureau of

Investigation every 90 days.

The list of almost 2,000 offenders is not available to the public because of a federal court order, said Jacking Vandercook,

"All I can say is we have to work within the law."

Jacking Vandercook
TBI supervisor

supervisor of the TBI sex offender unit.

"We've had some comments about 'Why do you have it if you can't release the information?'" Vandercook said. "All I can say is we have to work within the

law."

The list is available to law enforcement officials, and the TBI distributes to prosecutors a list of offenders who fail to keep in touch.

Up to 35 percent of rapists and 75 percent of untreated child molesters repeat their crimes, said Patricia C. Kussman, a Nashville prosecutor.

"The government has a compelling interest in protecting the public against future crimes," Kussman wrote in court documents filed last week.

"As long as the statute provides for reasonable and non-excessive efforts to address a present problem rather than to punish past behavior, the statute will be considered regulatory."

Flye was sentenced to 30 years in prison in 1982 for the rape of a 10-year-old girl. Huntley is serving 20 years for the aggravated sexual battery of three girls, ages 11, 8 and 7. ●

Supreme Court to rule on Brady law

Associated Press

The Supreme Court entered the Supreme Court fire over gun control Monday, agreeing to decide whether Congress through the Brady Law can make local officials check the backgrounds of handgun buyers.

The court said it will hear appeals by sheriffs in Montana and Arizona who say the measure unconstitutionally requires local officials to enforce a federal law.

Local officials "may not be considered as the foot soldiers in a federal crusade," said lawyers for Jay Printz, sheriff of Ravalli County in Montana.

In recent decisions, the high court has begun to limit congressional inroads on the power of state and local governments. In March, the court curtailed federal lawsuits against states for alleged violations of federal laws.

The Brady law requires a background check to be conducted during a five-day

waiting period before the sale of a handgun.

The law, opposed by the National Rifle Association, is named after former presidential press secretary James Brady, seriously wounded in the 1981 attempted assassination of President Reagan.

The Brady law prevented firearm sales to more than 60,000 criminals in two years, the Clinton administration estimated in February.

A federal appeals court upheld the law in the Montana and Arizona cases. A New York-based appeals court also has upheld the law, though an appeals panel in New Orleans ruled the background check requirement unconstitutional.

"We are confident that the Supreme Court upon hearing the case will agree with the decisions made" by the two courts that upheld the law, said Brady's wife, Sarah Brady, who chairs Handgun Control, Inc.

In other action Monday, the court:

-Agreed to decide whether states may confine "sexually violent predators" who have finished serving their prison sentences. The Kansas Supreme Court threw out the state's sexual predator law as unconstitutional.

-Allowed women raped and tortured in the former Yugoslavia to sue Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic in the United States for alleged crimes against humanity.

-Agreed to consider reinstating the federal convictions of a Tennessee judge accused of sexually attacking women in his office. A lower court said freedom from sexual attacks is not a constitutional right.

-Said it will decide whether police who stop cars for routine traffic violations can order all passengers to get out.

-Opened the way for possible reinstatement of a Utah provision making it harder to get abortions if the fetus could survive outside the womb. ●

TennCare enrollees dubious about proposed rule changes

Associated Press

Moving and failing to notify the state within 10 days would be grounds for TennCare recipients to be booted off their health insurance plan under a set of rules changes being proposed by the state.

Other changes are also necessary to contain the \$3.4 billion program, says Theresa Clarke, TennCare bureau chief.

TennCare recipient Dennis Chapman objected to the idea at a rule-making hearing Monday. Chapman, saying he represented residents of the federally subsidized James Robertson Apartments in Nashville, said it had taken the state two weeks to mail him a change of address form. That would make the 10-day deadline impossible to meet, he said.

The state replacement for Medicaid that provides about 800,000 people with health insurance "is about health care, not legions of lawyers and offices full of bureaucrats," Chapman said.

"Please stop the nonsense."

Clarke said the new rules weren't intended to kick anyone off TennCare, provided they are "acting

responsibly." "It's important to us not to spend money on people who no longer reside in our state."

One of the other proposed changes was withdrawn. It would have removed from TennCare rolls anyone who is also on Medicare.

That would have cut up to 10,000 people from TennCare, including some who are covered by

Medicare for hospital and doctor costs, but use TennCare to pay for prescriptions.

Clarke said this change was intended to stop people with access to private insurance from using TennCare to save money. But the solution was too broad, Clarke said.

Among other proposals is one to take off TennCare rolls anyone

who fails to report an increase in income within 30 days.

State officials said they will consider the public's response to the proposals, and decide on new rules within 90 days. Clarke said the state planned to launch a newsletter this summer for TennCare enrollees to help keep them informed of any changes. ●

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Tennessee educators get in the island spirit

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

Have you ever had that dream where you're out dancing and you just happen to run into a teacher you once had?

Maybe it's just me. I bring it up because I sort of had an experience that reminded me of the dream.

I was minding my own business when out of nowhere I here steel drums coming from the Tennessee room of the KUC. On the off chance that I might field a little free food I decided to see what was going on.

Expecting maybe an Alumni for Island Music meeting, I was surprised to find a banquet hall full of teachers from across Tennessee.

The 1996

Education Conference, sponsored by MTSU and the State Department, is being held this week on the MTSU campus. Educators from across Tennessee are learning to pull together to meet the individual challenges facing their schools.

Tuesday night was a time for teachers participating in the 1996 Education Conference to talk, have a little dinner and enjoy the smooth

groove of local Salsa favorite, Island Waves.

I remember times in school when it seemed as though my principal and teachers were left and right hands, neither having any idea what the other was trying to achieve. Looking at my graduating class as they are today, I am sadly not surprised at the lack of success stories. From my own experience I can see the positive implications of teaching educators to work together.

The program curriculum, designed by Dr. Richard Dufford of the Adeline Stevenson school district of Chicago, addresses productive restructuring of schools. Traditionally school principles have been leaders and teachers have been followers. The goal of the program is to make teachers into leaders among the faculty and principals into coordinators.

"It's a cooperative venture to change schools in the direction they choose," said Danny Collins, special education teacher for Alcoa City Schools.

Principals along with a group of four teachers, are learning about setting goals for their schools and how to work together effectively to reach

"[It's] practical information we can use rather than abstract theories."

Rosemary Walls
teacher



Both photos on this page by Mark Gibson / staff

Attendees of the Education Conference enjoy island music while forming a makeshift conga line

those goals. The teachers work to be the best "hands" they can be while principals strive to become coordinating brains.

After squirming my way in I spoke with five educators from Balmoral Elementary School in Memphis as the band grooved into high gear. Over the music they expressed optimism about what they were learning. According to Rosemary Walls, a teacher at Balmoral, the conference offered "practical information we can use rather than abstract theories."

They each felt that the material covered in the conference was

invaluable but some of the problems they face will not immediately be affected by the skills they are gaining.

Connie Gleaves, also of Balmoral, said that current budgets often create uncomfortably high student to teacher ratios in the classroom and don't provide funds for support faculty such as PE and music instructors.

Danny Collins agrees, "There are all different types of kids needing all types of education. It's important that we as educators try to meet those needs and allow these children to become productive members of our society."

As the music got louder the conversations turned from business to recreation. While the teachers got up to conga, I swiped some coffee and pie as planned and headed out the door.

Friday will wrap up the conference. Hopefully the lessons teachers learn will at least be a drop toward filling the bucket that is effective public education. Public education can work if people are dedicated and motivated to making it better. These Tennessee teachers are both. If we (as tax payers) can be half as motivated as these teachers, our schools can't help but get better. ●

Alumni makes art happen in Nashville

By Yanetra Mitchell / staff

When Nashville artist R. Lafayette held his first solo art exhibit in 1976 at the Keathley University Center on the MTSU campus, he set a personal precedent. Receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree that same year, Lafayette had reached a pivotal point in his life.

The art show had been a success with the help of collegiate friends: out of 20 displayed art works, all but three sold. One painting, which was sold to the chair of the art department, was filled with artistic devices which would leave their mark on his artistic style—Neo-Futurism. The painting was of a little girl on a carousel with its canvas stretched over a three-dimensional wooden frame.

"It was the streamline of all my paintings," Lafayette says.

Thirty years later, Lafayette's art exhibits have left the college campus for the metropolitan scene. Recently, through the supervision of the Visual Artists Alliance of Nashville, Lafayette was commissioned to exhibit an art show in the downtown Metro Courthouse, emphasizing his Neo-Futuristic style.

Although Lafayette is not the founder of Futurism, he has managed to transform its basic principles into a form that he systematically calls Neo-Futurism—a spin-off title from the original early 20th-century Italian movement; the period Charles Jansen, art history professor at MTSU, describes as a love affair between Italian anarchist artists and the machine world.

"A lot of their images," Jansen explains, "certainly in sculpture, photography, cinema and painting, involved a repetition of images, and that to them was an image of time."

But Lafayette meets the early

"Art to me is that image or symbol which best illustrates that creative expression found in talented people."

R. Lafayette
alumni artist

light beams from its strings. Her face, resembling the scattered pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, is magnified above her gray body.

"Caribbean Rhythms," another popular oil piece, recreates a lively dancing scene from a sunny tropical island. Two realistic couples dance around abstract flowers, trees and buildings, as the women's red, circular skirts encompass most of the bottom half of the painting.

In fact, many of Lafayette's works center on music and dance, originating from his desire to display music as a universal language. A recent art show at the Vanderbilt Stadium Club in early September 1995 featured several of his paintings focusing on music and dance.

Although painting appears to be an innate characteristic, Lafayette hasn't always been an artist. It is his talent—a childhood desire that developed into an adult accomplishment. And whether or not he is selling, painting still serves as a form of personal catharsis.

"Art to me is that image or symbol which best illustrates that creative expression found in talented people," he says. "Art adds quality to the lives of the people of a society. It educates the viewer to an emotional reality not realized in the beginning."

Beginning in 1953, when he was 6 years old, Lafayette began his quest for his artistic self. His first artistic sketches were not on the white papers of an Academe sketch-pad, but on the white papers of the family Bible.

"These were the only clean white papers I could find in the house," he remembers.

This particular event during Lafayette's childhood would inspire him all the way to Pearl High School

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The band Island Waves performs for educators at Tuesday's conference.

Women's Conference held

By Ruth Dunkerley / staff

Over five hundred women (and one man) gathered at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders held on the campus of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. These women, whose ages ranged from the 17-year-old freshman to the "thirty-something" non-traditional student, were culturally and ethnically diverse, representing colleges from across the nation.

The atmosphere was charged with the energy of talented women, most of whom were active leaders in their colleges. Among these five hundred women were five students from MTSU: Erin Felder, Kelly Bosworth, Ruth Dunkerley, Alice Meldrum, and Annie Miller. These students along with Dr. Candice Rosovsky and Holly Lenz-Korstens were chosen for conference to observe and gather ideas for the upcoming Second Annual Women's Leadership Conference to be held at MTSU in the spring.

The first session, "Finding Your Own Voice," resembled an episode of Oprah. Presiding over the conference were Nancy A. Gaffney, Director of

Administration, Publications and Conference Services Council of Graduate Schools, and Sharon Parker, Director of Social Responsibility at the Union Institute.

The directors posed serious questions about difficult issues. This exercise allowed the students to "find their own voice" or evaluate their own stance, regarding these issues. The audience responded to the questions by standing to agree, or sitting to disagree and after each question, there was an open mic opportunity for students to express themselves verbally.

Other activities included a trip to Capitol Hill to participate in "Women at Capitol Hill." A small group was chosen to listen to female legislative assistants such as Sandy Zimmit, asst. to congresswoman Nancy Morella, speak about legislation regarding crucial women's issues. A session on networking led by Beverly Silverberg, President of Silverberg Communications, Inc.

One of the most inspiring aspects of the conference was the "Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony" in

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in 1961, when he sketched portraits of friends upon request. But it wasn't until the art show held in the KUC in 1976 that he felt like a real artist.

While some of his colleagues graduated from MTSU and started circulating résumés to art galleries, Lafayette hung back. Instead, he focused on marriage and parenting. His 3-year-old daughter's artistic style remained dormant. In 1988, when Lafayette held an art show at The Tennessee Art League in Nashville, he was

able to start his art career. Since then, Lafayette has sold numerous works to interested clients, held many art exhibits, and taken his art to several cities beyond Nashville. One of his proudest accomplishments was selling an oil painting titled "Double Piano Player" to Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen in 1991, which hung in the mayor's office. Lafayette also displayed art works at an exhibit titled "The Nashville Images at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville in February 1995.

In 1993, Lafayette joined the Nashville African-American Artists Association and became the vice-president of adjudication the following year. Then in May 1994, Lafayette held a debut art exhibit at the

Black Art Group International Gallery in Chicago over one month, ending the show on April 23. At the exhibit, he featured "Serenade," an oil painting depicting a woman playing the piano and "Dance Duet," another oil piece displaying movement and energy. Besides showing his works, Lafayette was also able to sell many of them.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the day that Nashville will have one main center where all artists can exhibit art together."

Precedent set, and pivotal expansion endured, R. Lafayette will continue to create new and original art. Until his next creative exploit, be it flowers or machinery, the art world will longingly await the birth of his next creation. ●

LEADERS:

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which six women of achievement were honored. Among these women were Kavelle R. Bajaj, founder and CEO of I-Net, Inc; Deborah J. Doxtaor, Chairwoman of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin; and Carolyn S. Shoemaker, Planetary Astronomer and visiting scientist from the United States Geological Survey.

These women shared with the students their family background, how they got to be in the positions they currently

hold, and the struggles they had to overcome to reach their goals. Their stories stimulated and encouraged the students to pursue their goals as women leaders. After the ceremony, these "Women of distinction" intermingled with the women attending the conference at a dessert reception.

During the three day conference, there were workshops on "Dealing with Stress," "Women's Body Image and the Media," "Conflict Resolution" and other vital topics.

The keynote address, "Women World Leaders," was given by Laura A. Listwood who traveled to fifteen different

countries to personally interview female prime ministers and presidents. Listwood presented her video at the conference which shares the same title as her book "Women World Leaders."

In all, the conference was well balanced. It was not about male bashing and bra burning, but rather encouragement and an inspiration to work towards equal opportunity for women in our society.

The message of the conference could be summed up in these few words by Eleanor Roosevelt: "the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." ●

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MTSU SENIOR STUDIES
Classes will be held for seniors on both computer literacy and investment throughout the summer. Interested parties should contact Cynthia Drenan or Mike Reed @ 898-2179

TBA
Erudite Emancipator will be holding meetings in the Fall Semester. A tentative list for those interested in joining the reading group include: *Brothers and Sisters* - Bebe Moore (\$6.99), *Makes Me Wanna Holler* - Nathan McCall (\$12.00), *When We Were Colored* - Clifton L. Foubert (\$8.95), *Never Satisfied* - Michael Baisden (\$13.95), *Disappearing Acts* - Terry McMillan (?), *Claiming Earth* - Haki Madhubuti (\$22.00), and *Racial Healing* - Harlen L. Dalton (\$22.50). Discussions may also include poetry, and current events. There is a possibility that group discounts will be available. Interested

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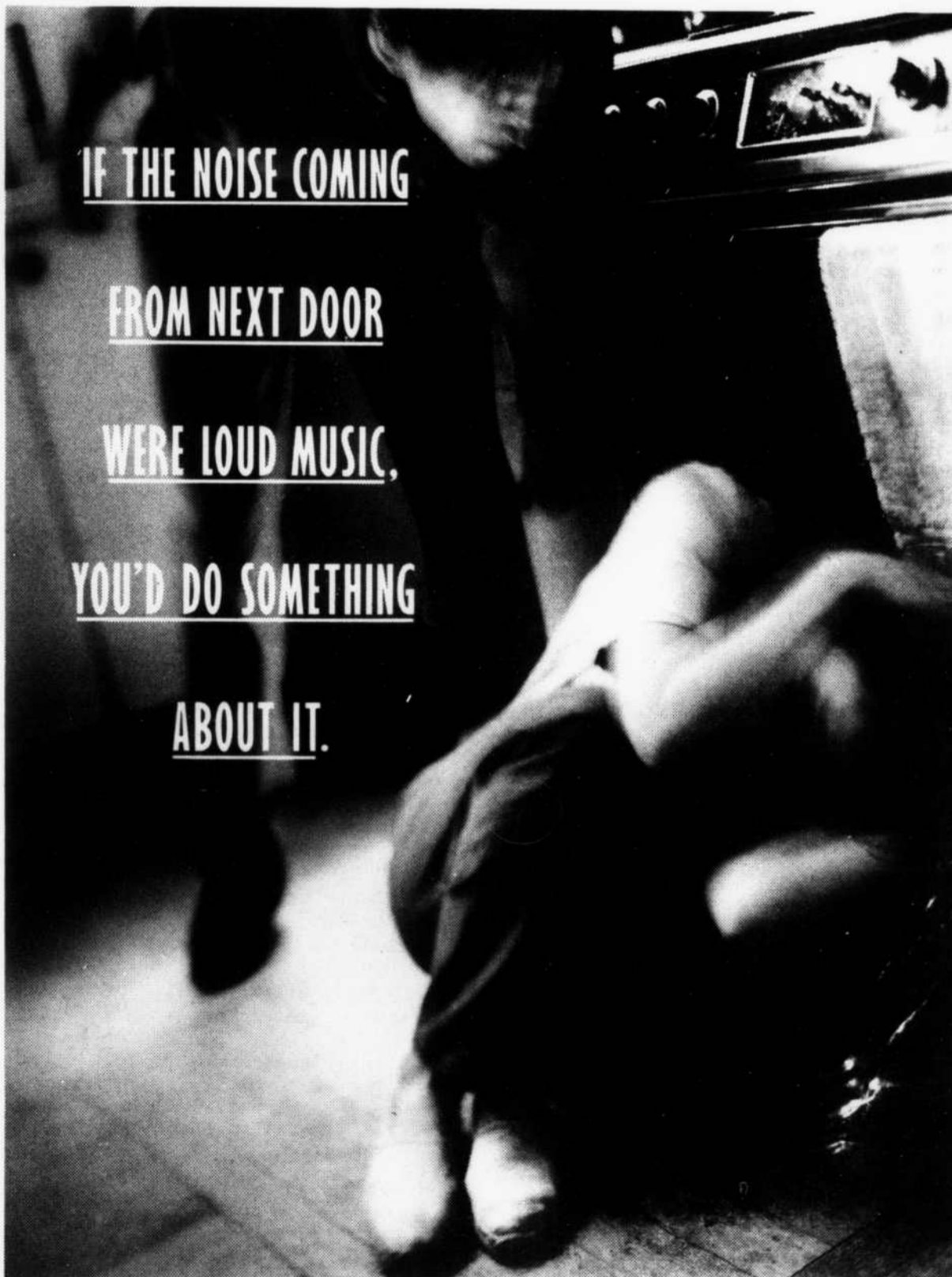
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Tuesday, July 11
All Seniors planning on graduating in August must take the ACT-COMP as a condition of graduation. The test will be given on July 11 in the James Union Building in the Tennessee Room. You may choose from the following test times: 8:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., or 6:00 p.m. The test should take two and one-half hours. Any questions should be directed to the office of Betty Dandridge Johnson @ 898-2854.

Thursday, July 18
Oak Creek Golf Association is sponsoring the First Annual Charity Golf Scramble to benefit Children's Discovery House. Shotgun start will be at 2:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Entry fees are as follows: \$100 per golfer, \$600 (HOLE SPONSOR) purchases a four-man team and promo at tee box, \$2000 (CORPORATE SPONSOR) purchases two four-man teams and two family memberships to Children's Discovery House. Prizes for closest to pin, longest drive, and best team. A new car will be awarded for a hole-in-one! Register before June 30 through Children's Discovery House @ 890-2300.

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SIDELINES

Wednesday, June 19, 1996

In Our View

American Image Important

Once again, and not a week later, the Clinton administration has taken another hard hit. At this rate of negative press, that the current president is receiving he does not stand a snowballs chance in hell when the November elections roll around.

It was only a matter of time before the Whitewater oversight committee was going to implicate the President or the First Lady in the scandal at hand. It turns out that the period of time it took the committee to implicate one of the Clintons was not long.

The first lady, who has now been accused at having her hand in the Whitewater cookie jar, was the unfortunate member of the Clinton family upon which the blame fell. It turns out that our precious and headstrong first lady is just as guilty as the common crook.

It seems as though the First Lady felt that it was her duty, after the mysterious death of Vince Foster, to contain political embarrassment towards the Clinton Administration.

To contain this embarrassment she willfully sent her lieutenants to Foster's office to conceal any and all documents linked with the Whitewater development project. Does this sound like obstruction of justice or what?

What is up with the First Family? The only one of them that seems to be innocent of any wrong doing is Chelsea, and that is probably because she is too young to be involved in the messes that her parents create.

Every time something goes amiss in Washington it is always somebody's fault other than President Clinton or his wife. If Hilary wanted to play such a dramatic role in her husbands administration, as she claimed in the beginning, she should have been more prepared to handle herself accordingly.

What is more disturbing is the pattern that the Whitewater scandal has made is becoming just as evident in the search for why the Clinton administration copied 400+ FBI files on prominent republicans.

It would be nice for a change to see a family occupy the Whitehouse and not create a media fiasco every three months, although this does make our job more interesting it is also bad P.R. for America. The President and his family are supposed to represent the American people. To our knowledge the majority of the citizens in America are not crooks and do not believe in lying and cheating just save their hides. Noted that there are a few exceptions to that general assumption, like attorneys and other vermin in our society, but for the most part we are law abiding citizens going about our day to day tasks.

Hopefully when the November election roles around the American people will take notice and remember the plague that has struck the current administration. If we are lucky they will heed their call to action by voting in, an honest and hard working president that cares how his image and the image of the American people is perceived by the rest of the world.

Frustrating Technology

Technology is a wonderful thing. Over the course of the last 50 years technology has helped get America to where it is today. It has allowed for the creation of some of America's most prominent business organizations and wealthiest individuals. Technology has also helped move the media along across the world, but there are some problems with technology and the world of computers.

Computers are one of the fastest selling items in today's market and at the same time they are also one of the fastest items that become obsolete in a short time span. Every company that is involved in the world of computers is always coming out with "new and improved" products. Granted there are some people and companies that can adapt to these products, but the large majority of the population has a hard time figuring out how to use the current piece of hardware that they have.

It is not just the new and faster equipment that causes a problem but the programs that are being upgraded tend to change formats and styles just

as the operator becomes familiar with the old formats.

From first hand experience, there is nothing more frustrating than owning or having access to a wonderful piece of equipment, that doesn't do what it is supposed to. Over the past two weeks we have been trying to prepare and produce the weekly edition of the *Sidelines*, we have had our share of problems.

The trouble that we have been encountering more than likely stems from human error, rather than technology.

If not for our friends in OIT and at *The Daily News Journal* we would probably still be here on our first issue cussing the computers for our mistakes.

There have been times when a swift blow to the computer and equipment would have seemed appropriate but later irrational. Computers are great and they are an asset that most people could not do without. It would just be pleasant, for a change, if we could make our complex toys work.

Staff Opinion

An open letter to Representative John Bragg

Dear Rep. Bragg,

Every year, millions of deaths and injuries are caused by the reckless and impersonal application of gravity. Gravity causes people to fall to the ground every day, resulting in broken arms and hips, skinned knees, scraped elbows, and lots of dirty words.

Objects fall to the ground willy-nilly, with no regard for the people, animals and property which might be below them. Millions of dollars are wasted every year on devices whose sole purpose is to resist the pull of gravity; for example, chairs, bookshelves, and beds and, most tragic of all, bras.

Even with our country's mighty industry poised to combat the tragic side-effects of gravity, we still suffer immeasurably from its unwholesome consequences. Skin sags, hernias abound, and breasts droop. People's faces grow wrinkly and then millions more are spent on aging remedies, many of which, tragically, result in Cher infomercials late at night.

Furthermore, gravity is well-known for its complete disregard of social status; it affects homeless people, children, drug addicts, welfare recipients, social security recipients,

and members of youth gangs who, if not for gravity's insidious effects, would not be the criminals that they are.

We feel that a Gravity Czar should be named, and a cabinet-level administration should be created to address this problem and provide compensation to those tragically affected.

A NEXUS search reveals that The Law Of Gravity was authored at the beginning of time by God. We feel that the Creator of the Universe was mistaken, and legislation should be introduced to rectify his mistakes.

Think of the benefits we shall see immediately: no more wrinkles, no more money wasted on needless future, and no more tragic instances where one's breakfast toast falls, butter side down, on one's carpet.

We at *Sidelines* have given this matter serious thought, and heartily endorse the proposition that gravity is counterproductive and results in a lot of time in science classes over confusing and nonproductive concepts such as "32.2 feet per second, per second."

"Democrats Against Gravity"
Mark T. Gibson, Club President and
News Editor for *Sidelines*



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Republicans; The lesser of two deceivers

Yea, Yea, Mark Gibson, so you think you know a thing or two about politics. Republicans had Watergate, wasn't there a lot of money spent on it? I'm sure if you did some research you probably could find this out, but hey you didn't have to pay for it. I don't know how young you are, but based on your name calling (or should I say stereotyping?) of Al D'Amato as a Mafia kingpin, I can only say that you are either immature or are prejudiced toward Italian-Americans. That's very disrespectful. Why didn't you just go ahead and label Kennedy as a "drunk?" Mark, there's one thing you need to know about persuasive speech; that is that name calling and labeling tend to make your point(s) less effective. At the very least name calling is detrimental in that you insult others. Also, it causes a breakdown of communications. What if I called you a "narrow-minded bigot?" What would be your response? Well, 1) I'd have just stereotyped you as being a certain way. 2) I just made an assumption without really getting to know you as a person. Chances are your response to me would be very negative. Before you start calling people "crazy" and "Godfathers" consider what would happen if they

called you a name. Another bit of advice I'd like to give you; if you're getting your news from the mainstream media try expanding your knowledge a little bit, listen to talk radio, you'll find out the Democrats are not as "reprehensible" as you think. The Dems want to shutdown talk radio because they feel it's promoting hate speech, which it's not, it just goes into more detail than mainstream media. Even if there was a hate speech show on the radio, like it or not they have freedom of speech too. Even they have a right to label Italian-Americans. And as a response they can be reprimanded by us—the listeners. But I digress. Mr. Gibson, I don't know you, but I'm sure you're an okay guy, however you have to scrutinize both parties. Bush went back on his work in part because of the 1992 balanced budget deal that the Democrats initiated—consider that. Also the Democrats voted to raise their pay 49% in 1989 and only gave me a 4% raise (I was in the Navy at the time). Until we have a unified third party I'll vote for Dole because he and the Republicans have tried to initiate change instead of just resting on their laurels and relying on legal strategies to make themselves look good. One reason democrats don't want to

cooperate with Republicans is that they don't want to admit they have been wrong. I guess 40 years in Congress really bolsters a huge ego, not to say Republicans don't have a huge ego—they do, their ego is not as inflated as those of that party which has a donkey representing it. Also, the budget can be balanced if you cut taxes, government doesn't need massive amounts of money. The Dark Ages are over.

Eddy D. Dyer
Senior, Social Work

P.S. Isn't it suspicious that the Democrats are suddenly attempting to do something about the Medicare/welfare mess? It's all political. They've got to give the appearance they're enacting legislation in hopes people will think they're doing something. If it looks like they're doing something their constituents will re-elect/rehire them. By the way, let's ask Bart Gordon, "Why does national government have to decide whether or not we get a football team?"

Gibson's Reply: I don't mind calling Kennedy a drunk. He's a drunk.

A whole lot of reviewing going on

By The Summer Sidelines
Review Board

RESTAURANTS

Kebab Cuisine

If you're looking for an exciting dining experience but aren't sure you want to stray too far from the tried and true meat and potatoes meal, Kebab Cuisine should be your destination.

Kebab Cuisine offers traditional Damascene dishes, prepared daily with the freshest all natural ingredients.

The restaurant is reminiscent of a Mom-and-Pop dinner. The outstanding differences would lie in the brass tea set which garnishes the front window, maps and posters of Damascus, and instead of a hair net, the friendly waitress may be wearing turban.

As I mentioned before, the meals generally consist of meat (ground beef, beef kebabs, chicken kebabs, or lamb) along with rice, and either cabbage, potatoes, carrots, or sweet corn depending on the specific dish.

If you haven't tried near eastern food before, rest easy; it really isn't that different from southern cooking. Meat, potatoes, carrots—perhaps they're thrown together a little differently. Perhaps the potatoes will be seasoned with garlic and cinnamon or the ground beef will be served in a grape leaf. Remember, this is kind of exotic so you should definitely take your spirit of adventure and keep an open mind.

If you're just out to find something different you

won't be disappointed. Kebab Cuisine offers 10 traditional vegetarian dishes including a falafel platter and a garbanzo platter. Vegetables cooked with unique blends of spiced yogurts and olive oils make for a light lunch which is reasonably low in fat, and delicious.

You can expect to pay around six dollars for lunch and a couple of dollars more for dinner, but you'll probably leave full.

Kebab Cuisine is located on the corner of Walnut and West Mainstreet, just off the square. They are open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. If you're in the mood for something different you should definitely check it out.

COMPACT DISCS

Red Hot Chili Peppers

One Hot Minute

The only reason this album didn't receive four mugs is because Perry Ferrell isn't on it. The addition of Dave Navarro to the band has expanded the Chili Peppers' musical depth immensely. The album is original, smart and the guitar parts are never boring. Before Navarro, the band relied on punk riffs and funky bass to give it a foot-hold in the music biz.

Kiedis is still spouting off about the misguided path of the middle class and dysfunctional relationships but the music is complex and driving. Navarro approaches his guitar heroics in the same manner of Jimmy Page,

playing each note for the good of the song. The most delightful aspect of One Hot Minute is the band's new found tightness. They appear to jam and write music as tightly as Yes, or even Pearl Jam.

Hot spots on One Hot Minute are, Transcending, Aeroplane and Walkabout. Check it out

Cocteau Twins—Milk and Kisses

When listening to the unintelligible lyrics and the euphonic music by the Scottish trio, Cocteau Twins, one may venture on a musical odyssey and ask the same question I did once I began my quest: How can a music group reach international stardom with lyrics that make no sense?

It was only a matter of ironic coincidence that I even became interested in the band. My interest flared around 1990, when I was a freshman in high school. Whenever I went shopping at The Limited, a French-inspired women's clothing store, I would hear a certain catchy pop song sung in what I thought were butchered French lyrics. I carried the peculiar song in my head, to school, work and home. I was sure I would never discover the song's title or origin, until one day.

While in geometry class, when I became a junior, a classmate offered me a trial listen to an album by a musical group she liked. The next day, when she gave me a copy

of it on tape, I took it home and listened to the album. My discoveries were astounding. On the third track was that same catchy song, titled "Iceblink Luck," I heard from the store. The search was over.

Six years and nearly 100 listens later, I am a devoted fan who has concluded that those are not just lyrics sung in unintelligible gibberish, but representations of a unique and artistic form of musical communication—the same conclusion that brings me to the release of their latest album, Milk & Kisses.

This album, their ninth in completion, is an open invitation to a fantasy land. In each track, vocalists Elizabeth Fraser thrusts the listener into the eye of rampant emotions and sends the listener hunting for a handkerchief when she's through with him or her. Moreover, the tracks are a splendid blend of alternative pop and new age. The band especially captures the heart and triggers the smile in "Serpentskirt," "Ups," "Seekers Who Are Lovers" and the sound-scaping "Eperdu."

After hearing Milk & Kisses, the listener shouldn't be disappointed, but may have to come to the broad conclusion that I, and perhaps thousands of other fans, eventually did. Nevertheless, they are still uniquely the Cocteau Twins.

Pantera—The Great Southern Trend Kill

Let's talk about crunch

chords for a minute. Hmmm. What can you say? *Vulgar Display of Power* was crunch and byte with choppy lyrics. *Far Beyond Driven*, with its 747Ampeg over-driven guitar sounds bytes even harder baby! Add bowl of *Cowboys from Hell* and what do you have? Why, a whole new album of course!

It shreds! I've enjoyed it.

My favorite cut is 13 Steps to Nowhere. It starts out with a heavy bass rumbling and leads into the screaming lyrics of Philip Anselmo with several breaks of divergence to thunderous bass guitar and gale force drums.

All true Pantera fans already have this album (or their in prison and have no access to legal tender) so they can ignore this.

This album is the best \$12 I've ever spent. I give *The Great Southern Trend Kill* a frothy four mugs. If you don't have it, buy it or all your friends will make fun of your clothes.

MOVIES

Terri Gilliam—Twelve Monkeys

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Terri Gilliam's 12 Monkeys investigates the theme of reality by exploring time travel. James Cole (played by Bruce Willis) is sent into the past to investigate a chemical disaster that forces mankind off the surface of the planet. In 2035, scientists in a post-apocalyptic Philadelphia send Cole back to find the

source of the disease which has forced them underground

Upon arriving in 1990, Cole is put into the hands of psychiatrists who label him as insane after hearing his story. His exposure to the asylum inmates, in addition to the trauma of time travel and his inability to prove his story, lead him to question his own sanity and reality.

Willis acted the part to the best of his ability, but at times the screen-writing is weak, leaving Willis' character out on the limb of absurdity.

Brad Pitt also had to rough out tough spots in the same bad script, but he added a subtle insanity to the movie. Although some may think Pitt went over board, but on second viewing reveals his unique style of subtlety.

Not enough can be said for the movie's maker, Terri Gilliam, in regards to the impact he has had on the world throughout the course of his life. Monty Python survivor, accomplished film maker and brilliant animator and artist. Whether you liked *Brazil* (a Gilliam movie starring Robert DeNero) or not, the scenery is a slice of Gilliam's mind. 12 Monkeys is also an example of this. The animation of Monty Python was a pretext to the style of Gilliam and a perfect training ground for his sense of dementia.

No one envisions post-apocalism better than Gilliam. This movie is for the sci-fi fan. So, if your favorite movie is *The Bridges of Madison County*, check your pulse please because your dead.

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