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In the News

I-24 poses obstacle

Those attending the graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 9, are advised that I-24 will have one lane closed both east- and west-bound that day, according to MTSU Public Safety officials. Travelers are encouraged to plan for possible delays.

Feast features food, fun

The fourth annual Cajun Feast will be held at Bubba and Kay Woodfin's 1013 E. Clark Boulevard home at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 30. The event will feature a gumbo supper and live entertainment by Abe Manuel and the Cajuns. Former MTSU athletic director John Stanford and crew will do the cooking.

The event is sponsored by the MTSU Rutherford County Alumni Chapter. All MTSU alumni and supporters in the community are encouraged to attend. Reservations should be made by April 27. The cost is \$5, which can be paid at the door, and proceeds will go toward endowing a scholarship to MTSU for a Rutherford County resident. For more information, contact the MTSU Alumni Relations office at 898-2922.

Finance focus of seminar

The first annual Professional Seminar on Planned Giving for Professional Advisors, designed especially for attorneys, CPAs, and financial planners, will be presented from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MTSU on Thursday, May 14, in the MTSU Alumni Center. The registration deadline is May 7, and there is no charge.

The event is sponsored by the MTSU Foundation, the Tommy T. Martin Chair of Insurance and the Jennings A. Jones Chair of Excellence in Free Enterprise. It will provide 2.5 hours of CEC and CLE credit.

Guest speakers will be MTSU graduates Sandra V. Trail (1972), CPA and attorney of Trail and Trail in Murfreesboro and Steve Renner (1966), CLU of Renner & Flautt, Inc., in Nashville.

Trail will speak on the forms of charitable bequests and what's new in planned giving while Renner will address the practical uses of popular charitable gifts.

Holistic healing explored

Anyone who is interested in the healing arts is invited to the MTSU campus for a day-long conference, The Healing Arts: Starting a Conversation, on Saturday, May 16. Ilana Rubenfield, a pioneer in integrating psychotherapy and body work, will be the morning speaker. Afternoon workshops will be held in a variety of mindful topics, including yoga and mindful living, polarity theory, acupuncture, spirituality, healing touch, experiential psychology, therapeutic massage, creating a healing environment for the dying time and art, movement and sound.

The fee for the course is \$83 per person, but MTSU students and faculty can attend for only \$20. For more information or to register, please call the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2462.



Know something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.

Grads prepare to enter work force

□ Jamie Evans staff

Approximately 1,300 students will be graduating from MTSU this semester, but how can all these students find a place in the job market?

Temple Bennett, assistant director of the placement office, said the key to finding a job is research. But if graduating seniors have not begun planning yet, they may have a difficult time finding employment.

"They need to start researching and looking into different companies prior to graduation," she said. "They don't need to wait until the semester of graduation."

"A lot of it is career planning and doing it early and not waiting until the last moment to do these things."

If graduating students have not done any planning, Bennett suggested they pick up a newspaper or other similar resources to see if there are any job opportunities available for them.

She also said a big thing that students can use to find employment

now is the Internet. With the Internet, students can search for a specific job, city or state.

"It's limitless what they can do," Bennett said.

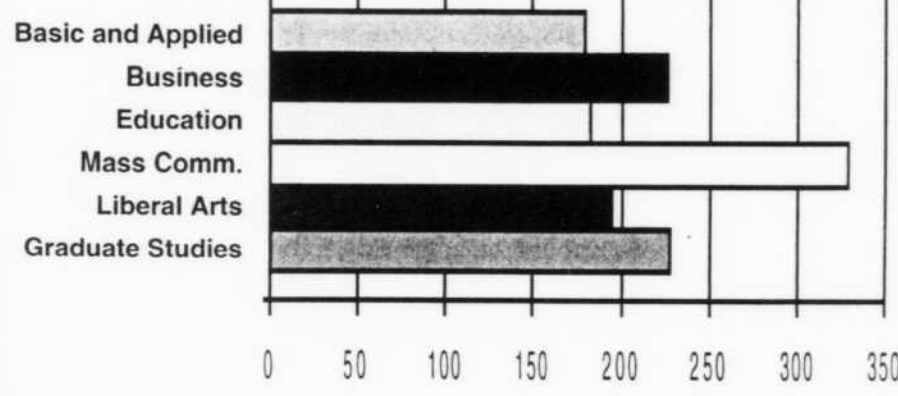
One negative element of the Internet is the number of sites available for job information. A standard search for "job listings" using the Excite search engine produced 22,930 results.

However, some web site providers have an area set up for employment seekers. America Online, for example, has an area where people can search through job listings and a place where they can post their resumes. The feature also lets the person work through an exercise to determine what type of job he should look for, how to prepare an impressive resume, how to have a successful interview and how to determine what salary he should expect to make.

Students who wish to get a head start on their career plan can use the placement office, which offers a resume registration database.

Students can register with the

MTSU May Graduates by Colleges



office and have their resumes stored in the office's computers. When employers call the office looking for a certain position to be filled, the office will search the database for qualified students and release the information to the employer.

Employers can then call the student and set up interviews or make further inquiries directly. But

planning ahead is still the key, Bennett said.

"We assist our graduates with us before they graduate — about three semesters prior to their graduation," Bennett said.

The placement office is located in the Keathley University Center 328.

Yeah, yeah, yeah . . .



Vickie Gibson/staff
"George Harrison" and "John Lennon" harmonize during the 1964 The Tribute concert Friday afternoon behind Peck Hall. Exhaustive research into costumes, haircuts, speaking and singing voices, stage movements and facial expressions have made these Beatles imitators as authentic as possible.

Top speakers highlight financial conference

□ Staff reports

Students studying business or finance will not want to miss the University Financial Industry Conference on Friday, May 8. The conference will feature some of the region's top personnel in the field.

The guests will include a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the former chair of the FDIC, the chairman and CEO of First Tennessee National Corporation and the lawyer who recently argued and won the "common bond" case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This has become a significant and highly respected event at MTSU," said William F. Ford, holder of the Weatherford Chair and conference coordinator. "That opinion has been expressed by many of the financial executives and entrepreneurs who have participated in previous conferences, coming from as far away as Alabama and Kentucky."

This conference will be of particular interest to anyone involved in financial services industry, Ford said, including bankers, executives of thrift institutions, insurance

companies, brokerage houses and other types.

The conference will take place at the Garden Plaza Hotel in Murfreesboro with registration and a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m. The program will begin at 8:45 a.m. and will end at 2 p.m.

Edward W. Kelley Jr., governor on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, will be the noon keynote speaker. He will be introduced by Ricki Tigert Helfer, former chair of the FDIC and now senior fellow of the Brookings Institution.

Kelley was sworn in April 20, 1990, to a full term as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, ending Jan. 31, 2004. Prior to that he served as a board member beginning in 1987, filling an unexpired term. Previously, Kelley was chairman of the Board of Investment Advisors, Inc. in Houston, and before that, president and CEO of Kelley Industries, Inc., a holding company with subsidiaries in manufacturing, distribution and business services. Kelley earned his

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Smoking violations can jeopardize jobs

□ Jamie Evans staff

Faculty and staff members may be risking more than their health when they smoke in non-designated areas. They could be jeopardizing their jobs.

"Smoking in non-designated areas may be regarded as a willful safety violation which requires immediate discharge," according to university disciplinary procedure.

Barbara Haskew, vice president for Academic Affairs, said this issue was brought up with the Faculty Senate after the Academic Affairs office kept receiving complaints about smoking violations. Haskew discussed the issue with the Liaison Committee and that is when she was made aware of the policy concerning discharge.

"I am concerned that this may not be well known to chairs and deans and faculty and staff," Haskew said, "and that some may unwittingly violate it and place themselves in jeopardy."

Regardless, smoking and the governance of smoking are becoming issues on campus.

On Jan. 12, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution to re-evaluate the smoking policy. The resolution was brought to the floor by Alice Mills, an assistant professor of biology, after being suggested by Joyce Miller, biology lab coordinator.

"We're supposed to be providing a healthy environment for our students," Miller said, "and, to me, smoking is just the worst thing you can do."

Secondhand smoke is the primary concern, according to Miller. She

pointed out two instances which particularly concern her. First-floor bathrooms should not allow smoking, she said, because disabled students have to use those facilities.

Faculty members who smoke in their offices without closing the doors are also causing a problem, according to Miller.

Even when faculty members do close their doors, the air is recirculated throughout the building, exposing the occupants to secondhand smoke, Miller added.

"My main goal is to get smoking stopped on campus," Miller said. "[Smoking] is just like carrying a loaded gun."

After receiving the resolution, President James Walker turned the request over to Wendy Thompson, legal assistant to the president, to look for possible legalities.

"MTSU must follow state laws regarding that all buildings have designated smoking area," Thompson said, "unless a federal law specifically applies."

The Faculty Senate has formed a committee to evaluate the smoking policy and possibly introduce a new one. This evaluation is expected to begin next school year, according to Christian Haseleu, current president of the Faculty Senate.

"The committee will be charged to be sure [MTSU] has the most appropriate laws," Thompson said. "Barbara Haskew is going to survey [MTSU's] programs to see if we have any that would apply."

Bach on guitar



Vickie Gibson/staff
Mary Ackerman, right, shows Christopher Dorsey, left, some tips on hand positioning during the master class in classical guitar which she and Stanley Yates conducted Saturday in the music hall at the Wright Music Building.

MTSU On Campus



To have information placed in the On Campus section of the paper, come by the "Sidelines" office, located in JUB 310, and fill out a form located on the table by the door. Information must be submitted in person. The deadline for Monday's paper is Thursday at 5 p.m. The deadline for Thursdays paper is Monday at 5 p.m. A new form must be filled out for each edition or the information will not be run.

May 1
A gospel concert featuring Lisa Page from Witness and other choirs will be presented at 7 p.m. in Bright Temple Church of God in Christ in Shelbyville. The Church of God in Christ Revival on Campus is offering free transportation to any students interested in attending. For more

information contact Cory McGee at 898-3857.

May 2
LDSSA (Latter-Day Saints Student Association) invites everyone to "The Truth About Mormons" featuring guest Speaker Dr. Allen Toke, 7 p.m. in the KUC Theater. For more information contact Elder Olsen at 895-2611.

Looking forward and remembering the past

Events that made headlines this year

Staff Reports

This was a busy year for MTSU, full of celebration in athletics and complication in academics. Some of the issues have drifted away with time, while others have been pushed off until next year. This is a glimpse at some highlights of the year.

Tuition and enrollment rises

Tuition went up six percent starting with the fall semester making it the highest tuition increase in the history of the university, but that did not seem to stop the flow of students.

To offset the cuts to the higher education budget made by Governor Don Sunquist, tuition at all Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) institutions went up six percent.

However, the increase did not seem to have an effect on the flow of students flocking to MTSU. Enrollment went up 2.82 percent in the fall making MTSU the second largest school in the TBR system.

Unfortunately, the growth does have a negative side. A plan to limit enrollment has been proposed if the university does not get more state funding.

"We sure don't want to do this," Cliff Gillespie, associate vice president for enrollment management, said but added that "we are not going to admit freshmen if

we don't have classes for them."

Bomb squad blows up package

The MTSU Postal Office received a large ticking package last November and the Tennessee Highway Patrol Bomb Squad was called to the scene.

After evacuating Keathley University Center, the THP backed a steel trailer with a large explosive-disposal barrel on top of it down the mail ramp in the back of the building. The package was loaded into the barrel, taken to a remote field and detonated.

It was later discovered that the ticking object was actually a battery-powered metronome, a ticking device used by musicians for rhythm, being sent to a student with some other items.

"I've been here almost 21 years, maybe once or twice has it ever gone this far," said Elizabeth Lanier Patty, post office mail manager. "I apologize for the inconvenience, but we just can't take the chance of students getting hurt."

Proposal to cut hours withdrawn

In light of the TBR's decision to lower the number of required units to graduate from 128 to 120, MTSU officials considered a similar proposal of its own that would lower the minimum graduation requirements from 132 to 128.

The proposal was later withdrawn and put on hold after TBR's decision to lower its required hours.

According to Barbara Haskew, vice president for Academic Affairs, one of the



Jason Mazzo/staff
On Tuesday, October 28, a crane knocked a 15- by 20-foot hole in the north wall of the natatorium. The crane was being used on the new football stadium press box.

reasons MTSU's proposal was not pushed forward was because she had been "waiting to see what would happen with [TBR's] proposal."

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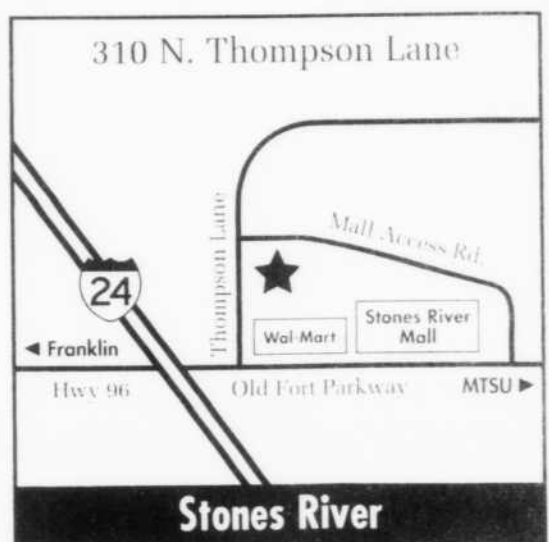
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After TBR decided to lower the required number of hours needed to graduate, Haskeu contacted the standards committee to see if it wanted to reconsider its agenda. On Jan. 16, the committee voted 5-3 to recommend that the 132 required minimum hours for graduation remain as it is.

MTSU gets new mascot

The new athletic logo and mascot were released on Jan. 17 at a basketball game against Tennessee State University.

The winged horse, Lightning, replaced Ole Blue but students reaction to the change varied.

"[The new mascot] is agreeable, but it's not what I would have picked," said Jason Reid, speaker of the House. "Everyone I've talked to seems to love the logo but they are not as excited about the mascot."

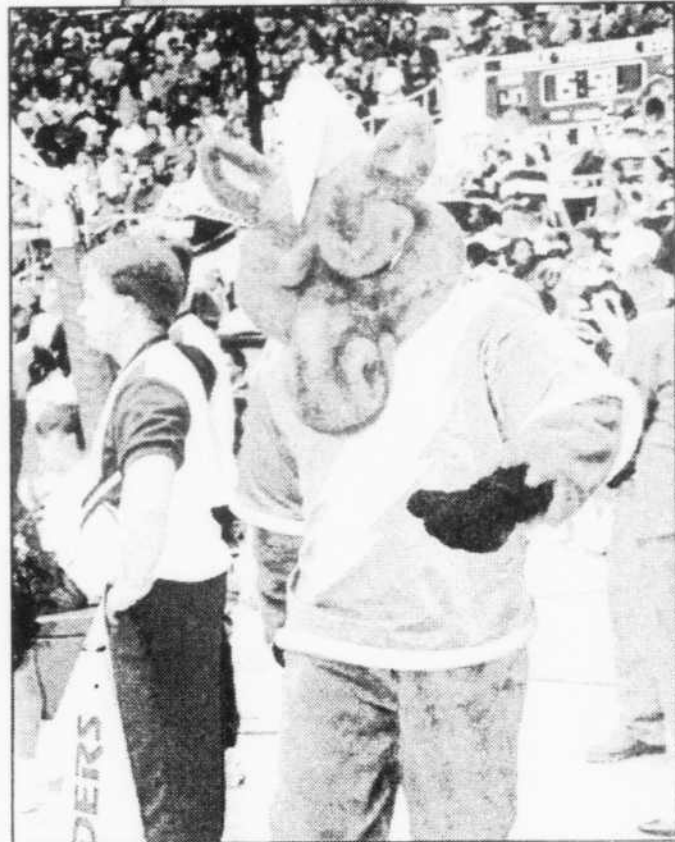
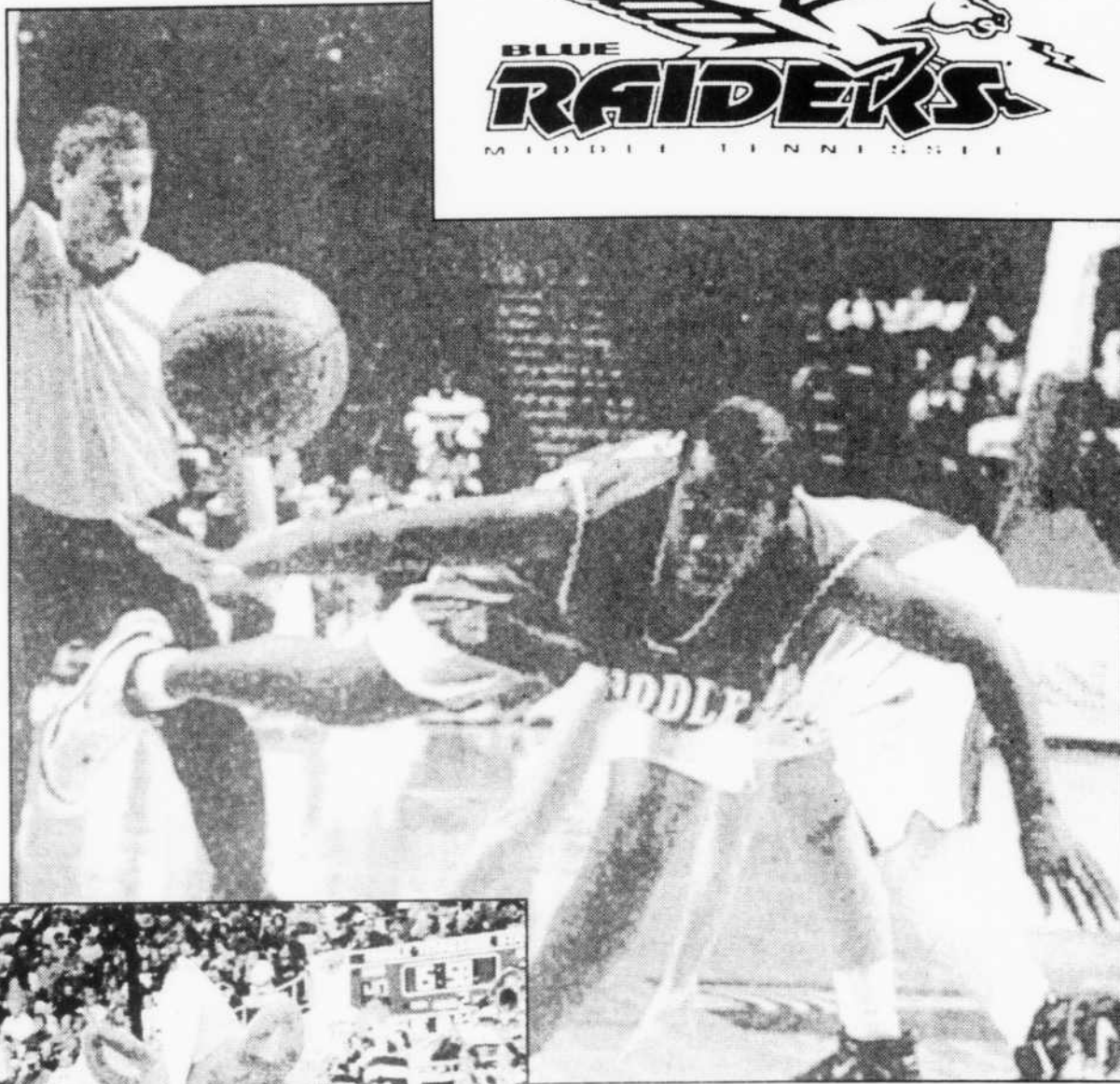
Lady Raiders win OVC

In dramatic fashion, the Lady Raiders basketball team earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by defeating UT-Martin 59-58 to win the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament March 1 at the Nashville Arena.

The Lady Raiders then matched up against Duke in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"It's tournament time," Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith said. "Anything can happen."

Even with a huge effort on the part of the Lady Raiders, they lost to Duke in the first round.



Photos by Chad Gillis/Staff

- (top) Carlita Elder steals the ball at mid court during the first game of the OVC basketball tournament. The Lady Raiders won the OVC title and received an automatic bid to the NCAA.
- (left) The new mascot, Lightning, became the university's first official mascot when he was introduced during halftime at a basketball game against Tennessee State University on Jan. 17.
- (right) Ole Blue entertains a young fan during his last few days as mascot.

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Slain leader's wife calls Ray's death 'a tragedy'

□ Paul Newberry AP

ATLANTA — James Earl Ray's death is tragic because the truth about Martin Luther King Jr.'s death will never be known, King's widow said Thursday.

"This is a tragedy, not only for Mr. Ray and his family, but also for the entire nation," Coretta Scott King said in a statement. A trial "would have produced new revelations about the assassination ... as well as the facts concerning Mr. Ray's innocence," she said.

Mrs. King and other members of her family have long supported Ray's claim of innocence and his quest for a trial. Earlier this month, she went to Washington and spent two hours with Attorney General Janet Reno pressing Ray's case. President Clinton directed Reno to meet with Mrs. King to hear her arguments that new evidence, including new witnesses, cast doubt on Ray's guilt.

In her statement Thursday, Mrs. King renewed her call for a full investigation of the assassination by a commission with the power to subpoena evidence, grant immunity and prosecute.

"We make this appeal, not only for our family, but for the

entire nation," she said. "We are more determined than ever to find the truth about this tragedy, which has had such a profound impact on our society."

"It is regrettable that Mr. Ray was denied his day in court, but the American people have a right to the truth about this tragedy, and we intend to do everything we can to bring it to light."

Mrs. King was accompanied on the trip to Washington by her younger son, Dexter, and former United Nations ambassador and King confidante Andrew Young.

Another King lieutenant, Hosea Williams, said Thursday he sees no point in continuing the investigation.

"If we couldn't do it while Ray was living, I don't think we can do it with him being dead," said Williams, who was King's advance man in the South in the 1960s.

Williams contends the federal government was behind King's assassination and orchestrated Ray's guilty plea to keep the truth from coming out.

"We'll never know what happened," he said. "The truth goes to the grave with James Earl Ray."

Mrs. King and Dexter King appeared in a Memphis courtroom in February 1996 on

behalf of Ray, and Dexter visited him in prison the next month. When Ray said he did not kill King, the assassinated leader's son replied, "I believe you."

King was shot by a sniper April 4, 1968, while on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. Ray pleaded guilty but soon recanted and claimed he had been set up to be a scapegoat.

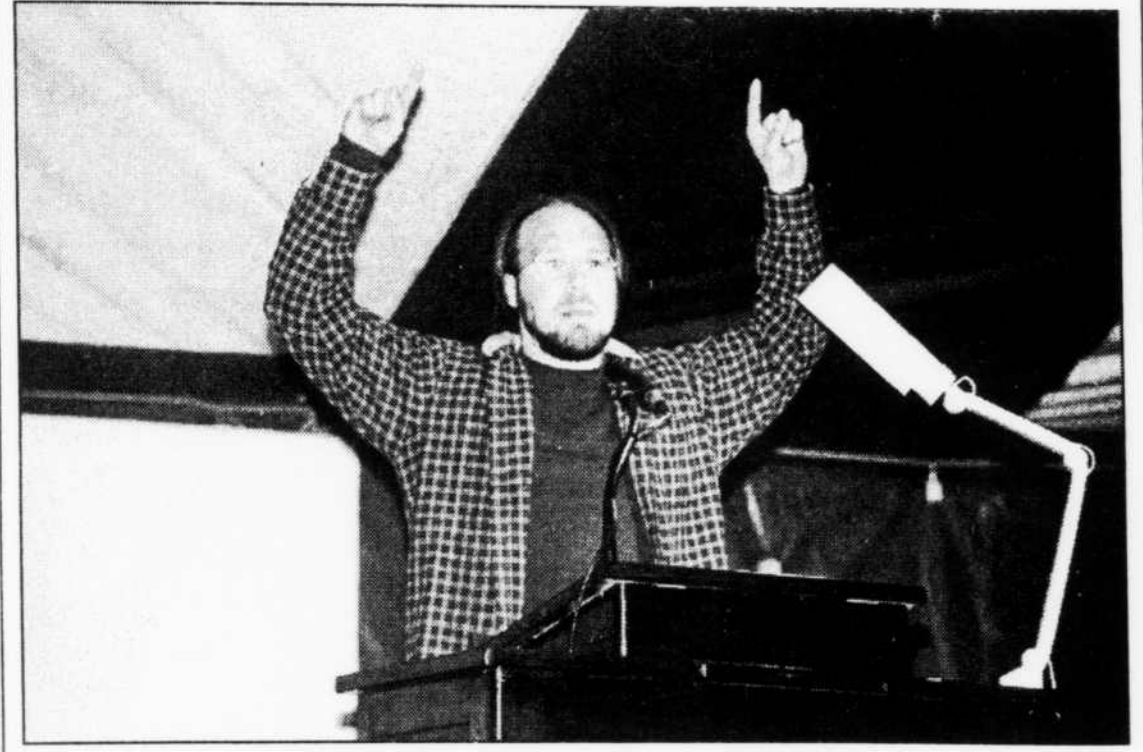
The Kings and others have said the nation needs to know for sure whether King was the victim of a conspiracy.

Dexter King said recently that polls indicate a large majority of Americans doubt the official story that Ray acted alone. He said a new inquiry should be conducted "so once and for all, this can be put to rest."

Some King associates who suspected a conspiracy pointed to disclosures in the years after his death that the FBI, under then-Director J. Edgar Hoover, spied on and harassed King.

"Ray neither had the motive, the money, nor the mobility to have done it by himself," the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who was with King when he was shot, said recently. "The haunting question is how deeply did the assassination go into our government?"

The bard of the 'Boro



Katie Wise/staff
English major Ed Sullivan shares an original poem at Wednesday's Poetry Slam XI. More than 150 people turned out to share poetry. Each reader was allowed five minutes in front of the mic.

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bachelor's degree in history from Rice University and a master's from Harvard Business School.

Helfer will speak earlier that morning at 9 a.m., followed by discussion. A native of Smyrna, she will be introduced by her sister, Rutherford County Executive Nancy Rhodarmer Allen.

Helfer was the first woman to head a federal bank regulatory in the U.S., serving from 1994 to 1997. She was a member of the Basle Committee on banking supervision that

developed the core principles that established the first international standards for banking supervision. Helfer received her bachelor's degree from Vanderbilt University, her master's degree from University of North Carolina and her doctorate from the University of Chicago Law School.

The conference is being sponsored by NationsBank and MTSU's Weatherford Chair of Finance. The cost is \$15 per person which can be made in advance by mail. Registration for the conference should be received no later than April 29. Faculty, staff and business students may attend free of charge if they register by deadline.

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"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

Editorials

Summer: boot camp for life

The end of another wonderful semester is rapidly approaching. And most students are thanking their gods, or other higher being, that classes will adjourn for a few months.

Fall is seen as a time of harvest, to reap the benefits of a fruitful past and prepare for a demanding future. Winter is a time to hibernate in the warmth of Todd Library. Spring rejuvenates the spirit. But summer is generally a time to be lazy. For many Americans, May through August is a time to meld into a Siamese twinship with a cushioned piece of furniture.

Why not use those months as a mini boot camp for your personal life? Collegians are extremely adept at gruelling through the fall, winter and spring months, but summer is seen as a time to nap in the shade.

This is not to say that every waking moment should be spent sharpening career skills. But personal improvement doesn't always have to be a painful experience.

The summer could be thought of as an extended New Year's day — a time for immense consumption in beverages while making commitments to the future.

It could be seen as a time to fully explore certain facets of one's life while taking on new challenges. Three months is a long time.

It would be a great time to quit smoking, take up a hobby, travel, get in shape, take on volunteer work, meet new people or just take time off to organize for the upcoming school year.

Many students must work a job or two and save for tuition for the upcoming school year. That is admirable and definitely worthwhile. But, for most, time still exists for a side project at the least.

For students, summer could be compared to the "off season" in professional athletics. Think of it as a preseason training camp.



From the Mailbox

Student apologizes for irresponsibilities of studio manager

To the editor:

For the past two years Channel 8 has featured several "Old School Dance Parties" LIVE on Channel 9 and FREE to ALL students. About 50-100 people filter in and out of the small TV studio (located in the LRC) throughout the night, and the event is always a tremendous success. Believe it or not, an event like this takes much planning (money, permission and signatures are needed to provide security; approval from faculty members is needed weeks in advance;

and an "official campus event" document is required for use of the facility).

On April 23, studio manager Matt James canceled the "Old School Dance Party" just three hours before the scheduled event. His reason for the cancellation was because he remained uninformed about the whole event up until two days prior to its scheduling (even though the event was advertised on Channel 8). You're probably thinking, "How did the studio manager not know about this event?" Well, just because Matt James holds the title "studio manager," don't assume that he hangs around the studio. In fact when it's time for him to do his job and simply unlock the doors to the studio, Matt James is nowhere to be found. When crews at Channel 8 try to

call/page him, he doesn't return their calls. After four weeks of planning, I had permission from Channel 8's faculty advisor Bob Spires, programming manager Nic Spurger, student events director Gina Poff and Murfreesboro police.

Not knowing about the "Old School Dance Party" is nobody's fault but Matt James'. If he would have responsibly done his job, then he would have heard about it a long time ago. I would like to apologize to the campus for the irresponsibilities of Channel 8's studio manager Matt James.

Bryan Dihigo
producer "The Creep Show" and the "Old School Dance Party" radio/TV management

Lawson begins setting SGA agenda

Jason Lawson
SGA
President-elect



Now that the elections are over, it is time to get to work. I am finalizing my appointments for the press secretary. The attorney general is the position that is responsible for the court systems. After a brief orientation, we will have the traffic court and the supreme court operating for the next school year. The press secretary is the person most responsible for communication. This includes the maintenance of the webpage.

Along with this, the press secretary will be in charge of "getting the SGA out of its office." What I mean by this is making the SGA more visible to the student body. We plan to set up response tables in academic buildings throughout the semester, as well as attend organization meetings, conduct town hall meetings and use campus media effectively as a form of communication with the student body.

All town hall meetings will be widely publicized well in advance of the meeting. The press secretary will be contacting the presidents of each organization on campus in order to request time within the meeting to talk to members. Last year in the Senate we passed a bill requiring each SGA senator to work at least one hour per week outside of legislative meetings, committee duties and legislation research. I plan to use this hour to have the senators present at the response tables that will be set up throughout the semester in the academic buildings.

I feel that it is just as much our duty to come to you as it is your duty to come to us.

I will have applications for homecoming director available in the SGA office (KUC 208) early next week. Anyone interested should come and fill out an application. I will be basing the appointment on the criteria of the application as well as a personal interview with the applicants.

I will also be appointing for the positions of supreme court, presidential cabinet, university

standing committees and any vacancies in the Senate for the next year. These decisions will be made this summer. If you are interested in applying for one of these positions, please come by the SGA office or give me a call at 898-2464.

I plan to officially move into the SGA office on May 6. Upon moving in, there will be a special place set aside for communication. Any person on this campus who has a problem with anything that has to do with MTSU is encouraged to come in and fill out a short report for me. The SGA will use these to pursue justice in your individual situation, and also place it with the responses from the communication activities of the press secretary. These will be used to set the SGA's agenda in the upcoming year.

There is no person on this campus who I do not consider a friend. If you have any concern, or just want to say hello, my door is always open to you. Visit me at KUC 208 or call 898-2462. If I am not in, I will return your call at the earliest possible time. Thanks for your support and cooperation.

Affirmative action more than just an issue of race, gender

Gregory Nagurney

Many people fail to realize that affirmative action - the policy that allows decision makers to consider factors beyond strict qualifications when deciding whether to hire an employee or enroll a student - exists in many forms.

One of the first questions on many college applications asks whether the applicant has a family member who attends or attended the school. If the answer is yes, it becomes a factor that helps the applicant's chance of admission. That's affirmative action.

Many state-run colleges and universities limit the number of out-of-state students they accept to make way for those who are the sons and daughters of in-state taxpayers. That, too, is affirmative action.

Ditto for any jobs a relative or friend of the family helps you acquire.

People who are quick to bash affirmative action should back away and look at how much they have done on their own accord, and compare that

to how much they have because of who they are or who they know. Instead, they often prefer to take sides without giving much consideration to the benefits they've received from affirmative action.

That was certainly the case recently at Pennsylvania State University, where students with the Penn State Young Americans For Freedom invited Ward Connerly to speak about the issue. Connerly, a black man who serves on the University of California Board of Regents, convinced a majority of regents in 1995 to end the university's use of race as a means of admission.

He spoke elegantly and convincingly about the current tension among races in America. Difficulties abound despite governmental efforts to level the playing field, he said. Racial quotas and set-asides serve only to promote racism and discord and must be abolished, he said.

In part, Connerly is correct. Racial quotas are indeed a bad idea. They divide people by the same arbitrary

characteristic of race that they aim to overcome. Another inherent message in quotas is that white guys like me are plotting to make sure that minorities remain powerless.

But Connerly's views, like those of many who are eager to eliminate affirmative action, stopped short of proposing a workable solution.

Aside from people failing to realize how they've benefited from affirmative action, another trouble with the national debate is this: People want to end quotas and set-asides, but, at the same time, are failing to support public schools.

It is foreseeable that racial quotas and set-asides could be phased out, but if and only if public schools pick up the slack. Imagine if public schools received the proper support and needed funding, namely, a redistribution of tax revenue to benefit all schools equally. Then the rich wouldn't have good schools and the poor bad ones.

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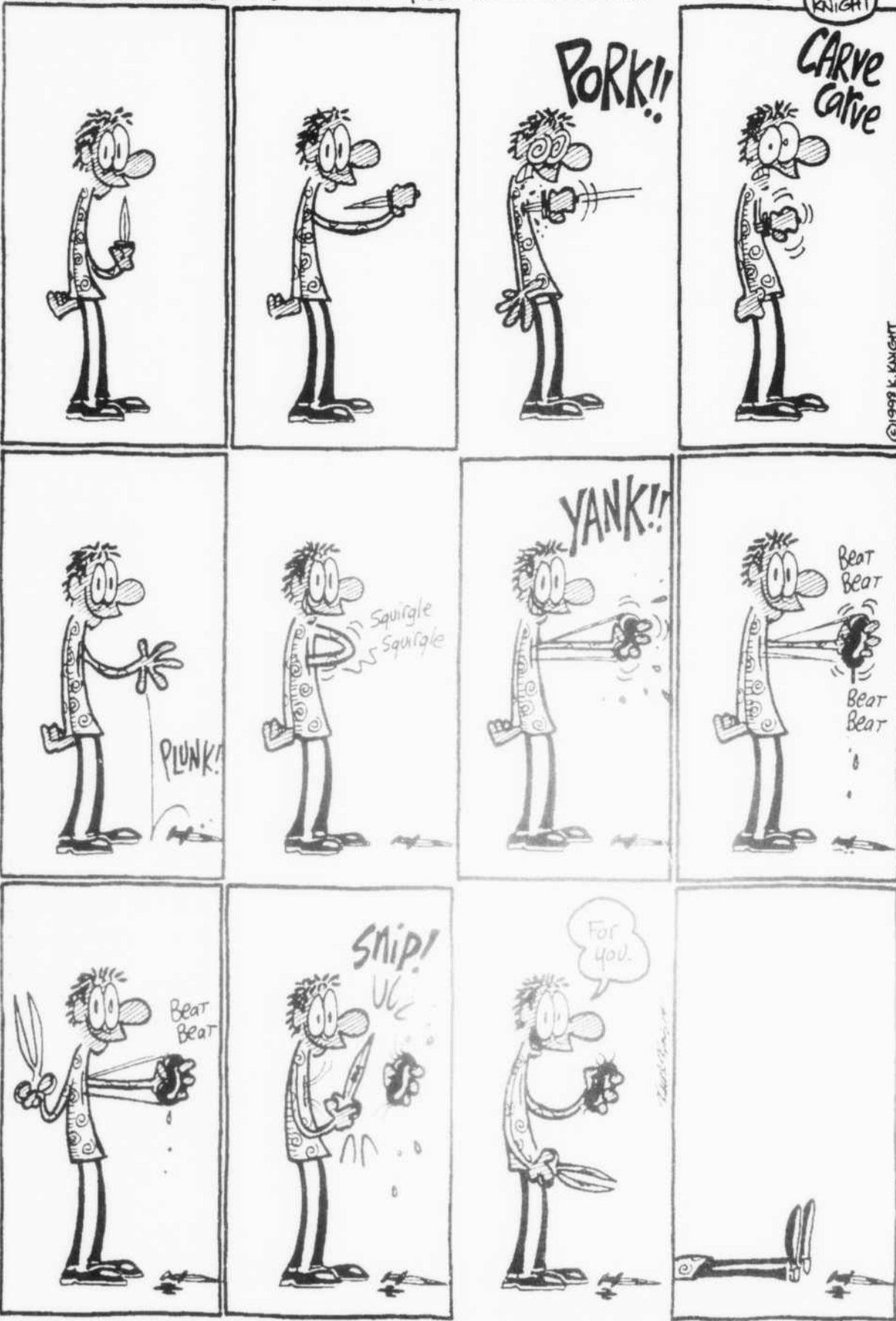
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BY KEITH KNIGHT



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The literal is alive and well and doing the mambo

□ Bob Greene/CPS

My continuous quest in search of the literal — as opposed to the cutting edge — may have at last brought me to the ideal place.

There is such a desire in the United States to be on the cutting edge — in movies, in art, in design, in magazines, in advertising — that the literal has become a vanishing species. The literal — the plain, the straightforward, the means-what-it-means, said-without-a-wink — is disappearing. If there's not an implied smirk, a built-in sneer, an idea has little chance of catching on. At least that's how it increasingly seems.

So as I pulled up to my hotel, I had the distinct and pleasing feeling that I may have arrived at the literal capital of the world.

The hotel's philosophy was spelled out in a series of signs that greeted the arriving traveler on the access road. These were like the old Burma Shave signs — meant to be read one after another.

Here they are — the specifics of the hotel's credo:

- "Smiles...instead of blank looks."
- "Warmth...instead of insincerity."
- "Courtesy...instead of being impolite."
- "Understanding...instead of closed mind."
- "Friendliness...instead of rudeness."
- "Patience...instead of arguments."
- "Helpfulness...instead of not caring."
- "Respect...instead of indifference."
- "Attention...instead of neglect."
- "Appreciation...instead of thanklessness."

Now...all of this is so literal that I was half inclined to believe it was all a mean joke, meant to make fun of the very concepts it was promoting. Any establishment can promote itself as being warm, but "Warmth...instead of insincerity"? How right-on-the-nose, how non-cutting-canny, can you be? And "Courtesy...instead of being impolite"? "Helpfulness...instead of not caring"? Have you ever heard more literal phrases in your life? I certainly hoped the signs meant what they said, or this would turn out to be the most sarcastic trick of all.

Apparently the road signs were real — because the same slogans, arranged in the same order, were painted on the walls inside, in at least two different

places. But the thing that really made me feel as if I had arrived at the world epicenter of literalness was the Southern Regional United States Ballroom Scholarship Championships.

The ballroom dancing championships were being held in one of the hotel's conference rooms. Most of the contestants competing for dance scholarships were women who appeared to be in their 60s and 70s; some were said to be in their 80s, and one in her 90s. They all had been accompanied here from around the country by their dancing instructors (most of them men who appeared to be 30 or 40 years younger than the students). The women wore ball gowns, even in the daytime; the men wore costumes that almost cried out "bolero."

Brackets included the "International Preliminary Bronze Tango," the "Silver Waltz," the "2-Dance Samba/Mambo" and the "Merged Peabody" (this last one sounded entirely too extralegal, to me, and as a precaution I closed my eyes when it began).

It was teeth-chattering cold in the ballroom, but the official program was quite literal in explaining why: "Contrary to popular belief, there is no Arctic life in the ballroom. The ballroom temperature will be modified for the comfort of the dancers, not the spectators. If you are a spectator, we suggest you bring a wrap for comfort." Likewise the rules for the "Miss Elegance and Mr. Gentleman Awards": "The Miss Elegance and Mr. Gentleman demeanor is one of refinement and grace in displaying good manners toward others."

In this most literal of places, it seemed only appropriate that the main restaurant was an all-you-can-eat buffet. Having survived the freezing ballroom and appreciated the intricacies of the "Basic Social Ease Cha Cha," I obediently...no, gratefully...stood in line for my evening meal.

It might as well have been immortalized on road signs:

- "Meat loaf...instead of pork patties."
- "Creamed corn...instead of spinach."
- "Banana cake...instead of fudge cake."

(All right, all right — we might as well be honest as well as literal. Banana cake in addition to fudge cake.)

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If public schools were equal, everyone would have an equivalent education, and America would not have to depend upon affirmative action to make up for past failings in the educational system.

Predictably, whenever this plan is proposed, many critics of affirmative action bellow: "How dare those bureaucrats tell us how to run our schools! Besides, you can't fix a problem by throwing money at it!"

Just because a poverty-stricken Abe Lincoln

was rumored to have done his school work on the back of a shovel by candlelight doesn't mean it is all right for schools to be grossly unequal still today.

My parents are teachers. Ask them whether money makes a difference in the classroom. Some of the texts my dad teaches from are older than me. Money does make a difference if sociology textbooks don't deal with the issue of divorce in our society, history books end with Vietnam, and teachers have 35 kids in one class.

It is this contradiction in policy between schools and affirmative action that needs to be addressed by Connerly and his supporters before the issue of racial quotas.

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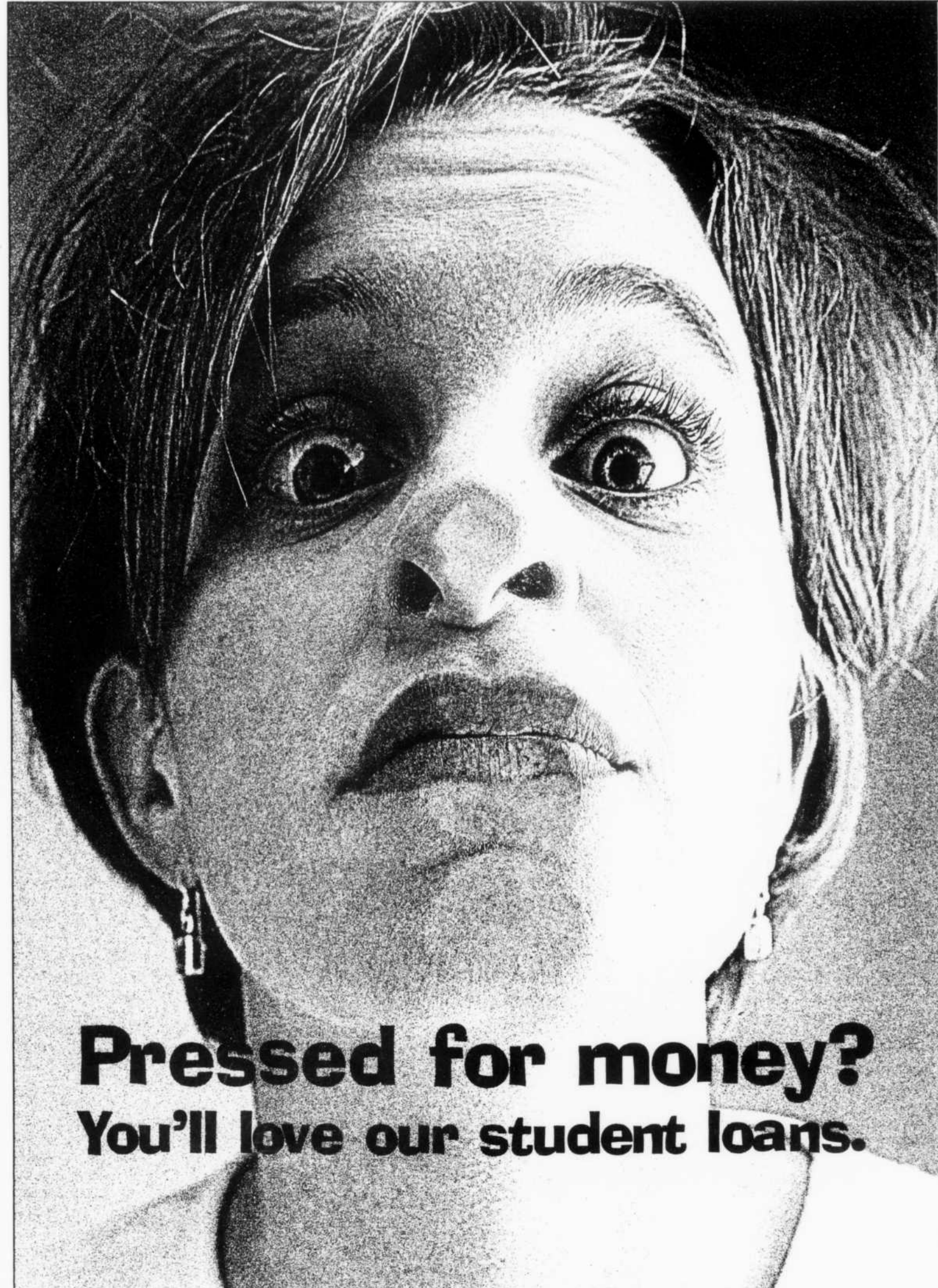
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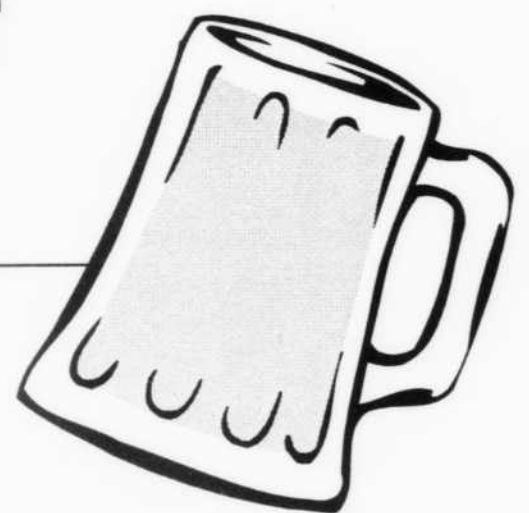
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SCHOOL'S OUT-IT'S FIESTA TIME

A worthy namesake

Women's Center founder June Anderson left behind a legacy that's still important

□ Susan McMahan/staff

When June Sutton Anderson arrived at MTSU in 1958, few people realized the impact the professor would later have on the university. They didn't know she would eventually become the namesake for the Women's Center that she helped found in 1977 and that she would establish an influential group on campus called Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women (CFAW). But she was recognized as different from the start. Anderson, who taught high school science at inner-city Nashville schools for 10 years, graduated to college and chose MTSU. She was hired as the lone woman in the chemistry and physics department, a distinction that set the stage for her more than 30 years of distinguished service to the university.

"June Anderson was really remarkable," declared Sarah Bishop, a historian for the women's center. "Anybody that you talk to, any of her colleagues, will call her things like 'tenacious' and a 'pistol.'" Despite the fact that she was academically inclined, Anderson, born Feb. 11, 1926, did not come from a family of college graduates. However, her parents, George and Leliah Sutton Anderson, were overwhelmingly supportive of their only child's academic inclinations. Anderson and her father, who quit school in the eighth grade to become an apprentice to a railroad telegraph operator, and her mother, who attended a normal school for two years, lived in the small Tennessee community of Covington, in Tipton County.

The future scholar supported herself at George Peabody University through work and loans, and she graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry and biology in 1947. She went off to work in Nashville the same year.

But her education did not stop there. She received her master's degree from George Peabody in chemistry and English the very next year. Before entering school, Anderson had decided she wanted to major in pre-medicine, but difficult circumstances and severe discrimination made it impossible.

Since she was unable to follow her dreams because of discrimination, Anderson decided to push her dreams to pursue non-traditional careers for women like engineering, math and science, a habit that would follow her to MTSU.

"She understood the struggles non-traditional women were going through," explained Bishop.

After her first four years at MTSU, she took a leave of absence to pursue her doctorate. In 1964, she became Dr. Anderson after earning a grant-in-aid leave and completing her classes in chemistry and statistics at Florida State University.

She returned to MTSU after completing post-doctoral work at the University of Arkansas under a grant from the National Science Foundation. She was made a full professor of chemistry in 1968.

In the midst of encouraging MTSU women to follow their dreams, Anderson began to notice that the student profile was changing. The



Photos provided

ABOVE: An early photo of June Anderson.

LEFT: Anderson's mother, Leliah Sutton Anderson, views a plaque placed in the campus day care in memory of her daughter.

BELOW: June Anderson makes a demonstration in a chemistry lab.

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After Hours

Monday, April 27

Jon Zadick & The Corporation play 3rd & Lindsley at 8 p.m.

The Bluebloods, with Mike Henderson, Glen Worf, John Jarvis and John Gardner, play the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.

Hypnotic Casey and his Trojan Sheiks play Springwater at 9 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28

"Cinderella" will be performed by the Nashville Opera at 7:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Tickets range from \$10 to \$40 and are available from Ticketmaster. \$5 student tickets will be available at the TPAC box office 30 minutes before the show. The show will be in Italian with English subtitles.

Duane Blackwell & friends play the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.

The Sidemen play the Station Inn.

Pieces submitted for the Center for the Arts high school art competition will go on display. The paintings will be on display until May 23. The contest winner, which will be used on 1998-99 playbills, will be announced May 17.

Wednesday, April 29

Tim Carroll, Butterfly Bullet, and Hal Newman play 3rd and Lindsley at 6 p.m. The Wooten Brothers play at 9 p.m.

Joe Satriani plays 328 Performance Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17.50 in advance and \$20 at the door.

The Walt Wilkins Band plays the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.

The Ventilators play Springwater at 9 p.m.

Thursday, April 30

Rodney Carrington is performing at Zanie's at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The Southern Women's Show opens at the Nashville Convention Center every day through May 3. Donations will be taken for the American Red Cross Nashville Area Chapter Disaster Relief Fund for the recent tornadoes that hit Nashville.

The Boys from Kentucky plays the Station Inn.

Nashville Institute for the Arts Songwriters Night 1998 will take place at 328 Performance Hall starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets for the preparty and the show are \$35.

Lisa Dale Daniels, Gene Nelson, Jim Robinson and Carol Ann Ethridge play the Bluebird at 9:30 p.m.

The Lennon Murphy Band plays 3rd & Lindsley at 9 p.m.

Please direct any entertainment information to the 'Sidelines' Features Desk at 898-2917. Fax information to 904-8487.

SNM is the hottest show on WMTS

□ Sean Whitsell/staff

Do you listen to MTSU's radio station, WMTS (88.3)? Well, if so, I'm sure you have heard the sounds of one of the hottest shows on the station, SNM (which stands for Sean, Nappy, Mont).

SNM is a very popular show, which is influenced by hip hop music. The DJ's are Sean Morelle, Nappy Wilson, and Lamont "Mont" Gholston Jr. This trio brings humor and a continuous stream of hip hop hits to campus radio.

Sean Morelle is a senior RATV Journalism major from Utica, N.Y., who is now into his first semester as a radio DJ.

Morelle said what he likes most about doing radio is that WMTS gives them a lot of freedom on the airwaves, which isn't common for most radio stations. Although he likes the freedom, Morelle wishes that the studio was bigger. He also dislikes the fact that one of his partners, Nappy, is in a different room.

Morelle describes his experience on the radio as, "The Bomb."

"Working with Sean and Nappy is a great experience," he said. "I can't wait to pursue the show next

semester."

Morelle stated that though he is anticipating a career in sports broadcasting, he would consider a career in radio, but only with his partners, Wilson and Gholston.

Nappy Wilson, a junior recording industry major from Memphis, is responsible for the continuous hip hop mixes you hear on the show. Wilson started spinning three years ago, working magic on the turntables at parties.

Wilson said he got into radio for exposure to the recording industry. Popularity is also a benefit that came along. Wilson said that what he likes most about radio is being live on the air. He added that he likes formats the least.

When asked what he brings to the show, Wilson replied, "Phlava and the N in SNM."

Wilson's plans for the future are to become an audio and video producer. He also plans to launch his own entertainment company, Kelazh Entertainment.

Wilson said that his influences are God, his mother, Premier, Pete Rock, D-Dot, Angellette, C-Luv, King Britt, Deep Dish and Meshell N'degeocello.

Lamont "Mont" Gholston Jr., who is the veteran of the crew, is a sophomore recording industry major from Louisville, Ky. Gholston saw an add in "Sidelines" last semester for DJs. He looked into it and got an internship. He interned under Walt Grier for two months before taking over the show.

When I asked his reasons for getting into radio, Gholston replied, "I got into radio mostly because of my love of music but also because it was an opportunity to get into the music business."

Gholston is currently looking into an internship at WGZB in Louisville. Later he plans to start his own conglomerate.

"If that doesn't work out," Gholston joked, "I'll work with Sean and Nappy at KFC."

Gholston is also working on a compilation album with some artists in Louisville.

Being some of WMTS's hottest DJ's comes with a lot of perks. Some benefits include exposure, links to the recording industry, guests appearance at clubs and parties and free music. One of the biggest benefits was when Shane Martin, promotions director at

WMTS, hooked up a chance for them to co-host a major concert. The artists who performed at the concert were Bone Thugs N Harmony, SWV, Immature and Scarface at the Municipal Auditorium in Nashville.

When SNM got out on stage the crowd gave them a warm welcome. They hyped up the crowd before the artists came out.

"It was so dope to see the crowd get hype over people they didn't even know yet," said Morelle. "It was an unbeatable high."

"It makes you say, 'WOW,'" said Gholston. "It warms the depths of your soul."

Morelle said the best thing about working with a group is that you always have something to do. "You never get bored," he said.

Gholston said the best thing about working as a group is that there is always someone there to tell you when your doing something wrong.

"You don't have to do all the work," Wilson joked.

SNM will be around for a while. Catch their last show Monday from 2-4 p.m. Also look for the SNM mix tapes in the fall. If you love hip hop, then SNM is where its at!

Scorsese's 'Raging Bull' is the absolute best '80s movie

Jared Wilson
The Movie Guy



Two weeks ago, I recommended "Citizen Kane" on video and mentioned that it has been generally accepted as the greatest film of all time. That got me thinking. What are the very best movies from the 80s, the decade of my childhood? I had to peruse every page of "Halliwell's Film and Video Guide," but I managed to compile a list of what, in my opinion, are the very best 80s motion pictures. Below, I've listed them year by year, and following that, are my reviews for my Top 4 of the 1980s.

1980: "Kagemusha," "Ordinary People" and "Raging Bull." **1981:** "Chariots of Fire" and "On Golden Pond." **1982:** "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" and "Gandhi." **1983:** "Blood

Simple," "The King of Comedy" and "Zelig." **1984:** "Amadeus," "The Killing Fields" and "Once Upon a Time in America." **1985:** "Back to the Future," "Ran" and "Witness." **1986:** "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "Platoon." **1987:** "Hope and Glory," "Raising Arizona" and "Wings of Desire." **1988:** "Au Revoir Les Enfants," "Die Hard" and "Rain Man." **1989:** "Crimes and Misdemeanors," "Do the Right Thing" and "When Harry Met Sally."

It was fairly easy selecting the best for each year. Picking a top four, however, proved more difficult. In order from least to greatest, here is my list for the Best Films from the 80s:

4. "The King of Comedy." Don't let the title fool you. The film definitely has comedic elements, but it is not a comedy per se. Martin Scorsese's movie about celebrity stalking taken to its extreme is especially haunting in the 90s, when

names like Andrew Cunanan and Mark Chapman are just as recognizable as their respective victims, Gianni Versace and John Lennon.

Robert DeNiro is Rupert Pupkin, a disturbed would-be comedian who kidnaps his idol, talk-show host Jerry Langford (played remarkably by Jerry Lewis), in order to secure an appearance on Langford's program. Pupkin drifts in and out of delusion, and Scorsese reflects this brilliantly, slipping these scenes in and out of the narrative as if they were reality. You never know just what is real and what is part of Pupkin's insanity. (Is the receptionist really mispronouncing his name, or is this just a glimpse into his paranoia?)

The film is a triumph, because it hits so close to home. America worships "celebrity." What imaginative youth hasn't given an Oscar speech to a mirror, or sung to a sell-out

crowd in the shower, or played Michael Jordan in the driveway? This movie just takes that a few steps further, right down into madness. The outcome of the picture depends on your view of the final scenes. Are they fact or fantasy? Which is worse?

3. "Ran." Japanese filmmaker Akira Kurosawa's retelling of "King Lear" is one of the most invigorating things I have ever seen. "Ran" is visually stunning and nearly hypnotic. The camera plays the role of impartial observer, keeping a steady distance from the mesmerizing events on screen. This epic film appears to be a manifestation of Kurosawa's feelings about loyalty, but it's also a parable about justice and the superiority of righteousness. Up until its time, "Ran" was the most expensive Japanese film ever made, and it still remains one of the most incredible works ever created.

2. "Crimes and Misdemeanors." Woody Allen applies his superb direction to his own script, in which two stories, one comic and one tragic, intertwine in their examination of human nature. The first plotline involves Allen as a documentary filmmaker in love with a production assistant (Mia Farrow) he just can't seem to woo. The second stars Martin Landau as an ophthalmologist who has his mistress (Anjelica Huston) killed when she threatens to blow the whistle on their affair.

Allen's exceptional ability to capture real people as they are (with Farrow) shines brightly. A major theme is "the eyes of God," portrayed partly by Sam Waterston's character, a rabbi who goes blind. He and a professor, one of Allen's film subjects, are the moral centers of the movie. The professor commits suicide, though, prompting Allen to re-examine the purpose of existence.

"Crimes and Misdemeanors" is an example of Allen's finer work, almost as great as "Manhattan," but certainly with a brighter message. It concerns itself with the banality and the evils of modern man in his search for the meaning of life.

1. "Raging Bull." So much has been written about Scorsese's film, one of the greatest achievements of all time, that I believe any praise would be redundant. It is difficult to find a movie that is so near perfection in all of its components: the writing, the acting, the cinematography... everything! "Raging Bull," the semi-biographical story of boxer Jake LaMotta (played by Robert DeNiro), is closer to that perfection than any other film of the 80s, and closer than most films from any other decade. A true work of art if there ever was one.

ANDERSON:

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typical student was no longer a white 18- to 21-year-old male.

Now, more women and minorities were entering college at older-than-traditional ages and the university's faculty wasn't keeping up with the changes. Bishop, a student in MTSU's Public History and Historic Preservation graduate program, said.

By the mid '70s, half the student population was female, but women made up only 21 percent of the faculty. Of that 21 percent, more than half were found in five departments.

Anderson also noticed that five of the 26 university departments on campus had no women on staff, no committee on campus had a woman chairperson and women were lacking outlets to learn about safety issues.

In 1975, declared International Woman's Year, Anderson did something about the discrepancy. She got together with other women faculty and staff and created

Concerned Faculty and Administrative Women, a group dedicated to improve the status of women on campus.

One of the first things the group did was conduct a salary equity study. They filed a complaint against the university under the Equal Work, Equal Pay Act, which led to a Department of Labor investigation of salary equity at MTSU from 1976 through 1977.

Anderson testified in 1977 at hearings on discrimination patterns at MTSU in front of the National Advisory Council for Education of Women. The investigation resulted in 35 women receiving additional money for back pay.

"She was always prepared for diversity," explained Bishop, who completed an extensive class project on Anderson including a time line of her life. "She wasn't afraid to bring anything up to deans, presidents, chancellors, whomever."

The second thing the group did was create a Women's Center.

The CFAW women got



Anderson in 1982

together and created the part-time Women's Information Service for Education (WISE) Center, housed in Jones Hall, in 1977. Anderson served as the Center's director.

That same year, they sponsored the first women's conference in the state. It was called "From Her Point of View" and featured Dr. Joyce Brothers as the keynote speaker.

The center offered women and men the chance to go back to school through a Women's Education Equity Act Program grant in 1979. Bishop noted that most of the students who received their GED through the program enrolled in MTSU and earned their degrees.

Under Anderson's leadership, the Center continued to grow and offer more services to women students. They offered the first in-tern sessions on rape alertness. They tackled the topics of stereotypes, the job market and abuse and battery.

They moved into a small office in the James Union Building in 1979. Within a year, the Center was again moved. This time, WISE was relocated to the area of the JUB second floor they still occupy.

In 1980, Anderson founded Women in Higher Education in Tennessee, a state-wide organization designed to help unite the state's women faculty and administrators.

"Basically, nothing like it had ever existed before," Bishop declared.

Anderson's next big goal for the Center was to establish a self-sufficient day care on campus, a dream that was realized in September 1982.

That same year, Anderson used her estate to set up the June Sutton Anderson Foundation, which provides

annual scholarships to women over the age of 23 entering male-dominated fields. The director, who had suffered from asthma all her life, had wanted to set up the JSA Foundation before she died.

Anderson fought her battle with emphysema for almost two more years before she died at the age of 57 on Jan. 11, 1984.

"June Anderson was a faculty member who for a number of years was a leader in advocating equal rights and equal pay for women," former MTSU President Sam Ingram said in Anderson's obituary. "She did it at a time when it wasn't the most popular action, but it needed to be done."

Anderson was not allowed to slip the memories of those she had impacted so much. In October 1984, the campus day care she had pushed for honored her with a plaque and dedication ceremony that was attended by her mother, Leah Anderson.

But the biggest reminder was still to come. Anderson successor Rebecca Rice had the Center's name changed to

honor its creator. It was and still is the June Anderson Women's Center.

Third Center director Candace Rosovsky said she is honored to be "following in the footsteps" of Anderson and the other women who helped build a Center with a history like the JAWC.

Twenty-one years after Anderson founded the Center, Rosovsky selected Anderson to represent National Women's History Month at MTSU. In honor of NWHM, all students who attended MTSU's third annual state-wide Women's Leadership Conference last month were given buttons bearing a 1975 photo of Anderson attached to a biography of the Center's namesake.

The theme of this year's conference was "Dream Out Loud," something Anderson did at MTSU for more than 30 years. Her dedication to the university is still being recognized over 14 years after her death, proving her impact will still be felt at MTSU for a long time.

NOTICE

In the recent MTSU SGA Presidential Elections, candidate Jeff Beaumont distributed printed flyers in which he stated past experience as President of the Baptist Student Union (BSU). This led many to believe he was President of the BSU here at MTSU. Mr. Beaumont has never been involved with MTSU's BSU and has never served in any leadership capacity.

Upon questioning Mr. Beaumont, he clarified his statement by indicating he served as President of the BSU at Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) when he was a student at that campus.

Contrary to Mr. Beaumont's claims, there are no records to indicate he was ever elected an officer at the DSCC BSU. Further, conversations with the former campus ministers at the DSCC BSU confirm he was never elected president.

We regret any confusion Mr. Beaumont's claims might have caused. Please forward any additional questions to:

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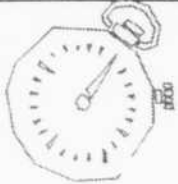


Stewart Shofner, M.D.

Dr. Stewart Shofner is proud to be practicing ophthalmology and refractive surgery in Middle Tennessee. After growing up in Shelbyville, he received degrees from Harvard and the University of Virginia. It was at Louisiana State University that he found his calling in refractive surgery. LSU was regarded as having one of the top corneal programs in the world, and it was at LSU, that Dr. Shofner assisted in the very first Excimer laser eye surgeries for nearsightedness! In Dr. Shofner's words, "I am thankful for having this kind of training and was fortunate to participate in Excimer laser surgery from its beginning. I am proud to bring these experiences back to the community that I grew up in." In fact, he has practiced ophthalmology and surgery in Tennessee for 9 years, is an expert in corneal diseases and transplant surgery, refractive surgery, and has extensive experience in dealing with all problems of the eye. It is the combination of his education, experience, and care for his patients that makes Dr. Shofner an excellent choice for your ophthalmologist and laser eye surgeon.

SPORTS & RECREATION

2-MIN. DRILL



Tracks pulls out of Penn

The MTSU men's and women's track team had to pull out of the prestigious Penn Relays to be run April 23-25. The Blue Raiders are out due to injuries.

Baseball Auction

The popular Blue Raider Baseball Memorabilia Auction has been set for Monday, May 18, from 6-9 p.m. at Fuddrucker's on Memorial Boulevard in Murfreesboro.

It has been dubbed the south's largest sports memorabilia auction.

As always, there will be a large assortment of autographed plaques, balls, jerseys, bats of hall-of-famers and current stars from the world of baseball, football, basketball, NASCAR, boxing and hockey. There is a letter of authenticity that comes with each item.

There will be items from stars like Dan Marino, Jerry Rice, Reggie White, Cal Ripken Jr., Greg Maddux, Reggie Jackson, Muhammed Ali, Dale Earnhardt, Rusty Wallace, Wayne Gretzky, Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams and others.

All items to be auctioned can be previewed at T.L.'s Trophy and Collectibles, 1802 Memorial Boulevard in Murfreesboro.

BRAA membership drive

The 1998 Blue Raider Athletic Association membership drive is underway.

The BRAA is the booster organization for Middle Tennessee athletics. The drive will run until May 18.

The goal for this year's membership drive is to raise \$450,000 through membership pledges and donations. This includes renewals as well as new memberships.

According to the drive's chairperson, Liz Rhea, this is an important year for the Blue Raiders and the BRAA.

"With the move to I-A in football," Rhea said, "there will be an increase in the number of scholarships in athletics. Most of the money raised in this campaign will go to fund athletic scholarships in all sports."

City recreation activities

The Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department announced several activities it will sponsor in May.

Senior citizen day in the park will be held May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 8, it will host lunch in the gallery from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The following day it will hold a street festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

May 16 is the start date for the Senior Citizen District Games which will run until May 21.

The Sports Com swimming pool will open beginning May 23.

Raider Radio Network

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Upcoming schedule

Track & Field-

at National Invite May 2
at Middle Amer. Classic May 10
at Billy Hayes Invite May 16
at Georgia Tech Invite May 23
at NCAA Championship June 3-6

Baseball-

vs Belmont 7 p.m. Today
at Vanderbilt 7 p.m. April 28
at Murray(DH) 1 p.m. May 2
at Murray 1 p.m. May 3
at UAB 7 p.m. May 5
at UAB 3 p.m. May 6
at OVC Tournament May 7-9

Softball-

vs Troy State(DH) 2 p.m. Today
at OVC Tournament May 2-3

This is the last issue of "Sidelines" until Wednesday, June 3.



Please fax any information on sports and recreational activities to Sidelines at 904-8487 or call the Sports desk at 898-2816.

RAIDERS SPLIT

□ Matthew Gillespie staff

The Blue Raider baseball team (16-27, 8-11 OVC) and Morehead State (16-31, 9-11 OVC), two teams fighting for the sixth and final spot in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, split their first two games of a three-game series this weekend.

Morehead took the first game 7-2 and the Raiders came back strong to win the second game 10-0.

The split kept the Raiders just a half game behind Morehead for the sixth spot in the tournament. At press time the two teams were getting ready to square off in the final game of the series.

In game one, Morehead pitcher Jon Rauch held the Raiders to just one hit through the first five innings in the game.

The Raiders scored their only two runs in the game in the bottom of the

seventh inning on a solo homerun by Ty Curley and a sacrifice fly from Kris Lammers.

Rauch went the distance to earn the victory. He threw seven innings, gave up five hits and two runs, walked none and struck out nine Raider batters.

He got big run support from two Eagle homeruns provided by Josh Cox and Harold Craft.

Raider starting pitcher Jeff Parsons was very impressive through the first four innings. He struck out eight Morehead hitters, six of whom were all recorded in the second and third innings.

Morehead put the nail in the coffin in the fifth inning with three runs, extending their lead to 6-0. The inning was highlighted by Craft's two-run homer.

Chad Kirby was the difference in the nightcap.

The senior right hander pitched seven scoreless innings to record the first shutout of the Raiders season.

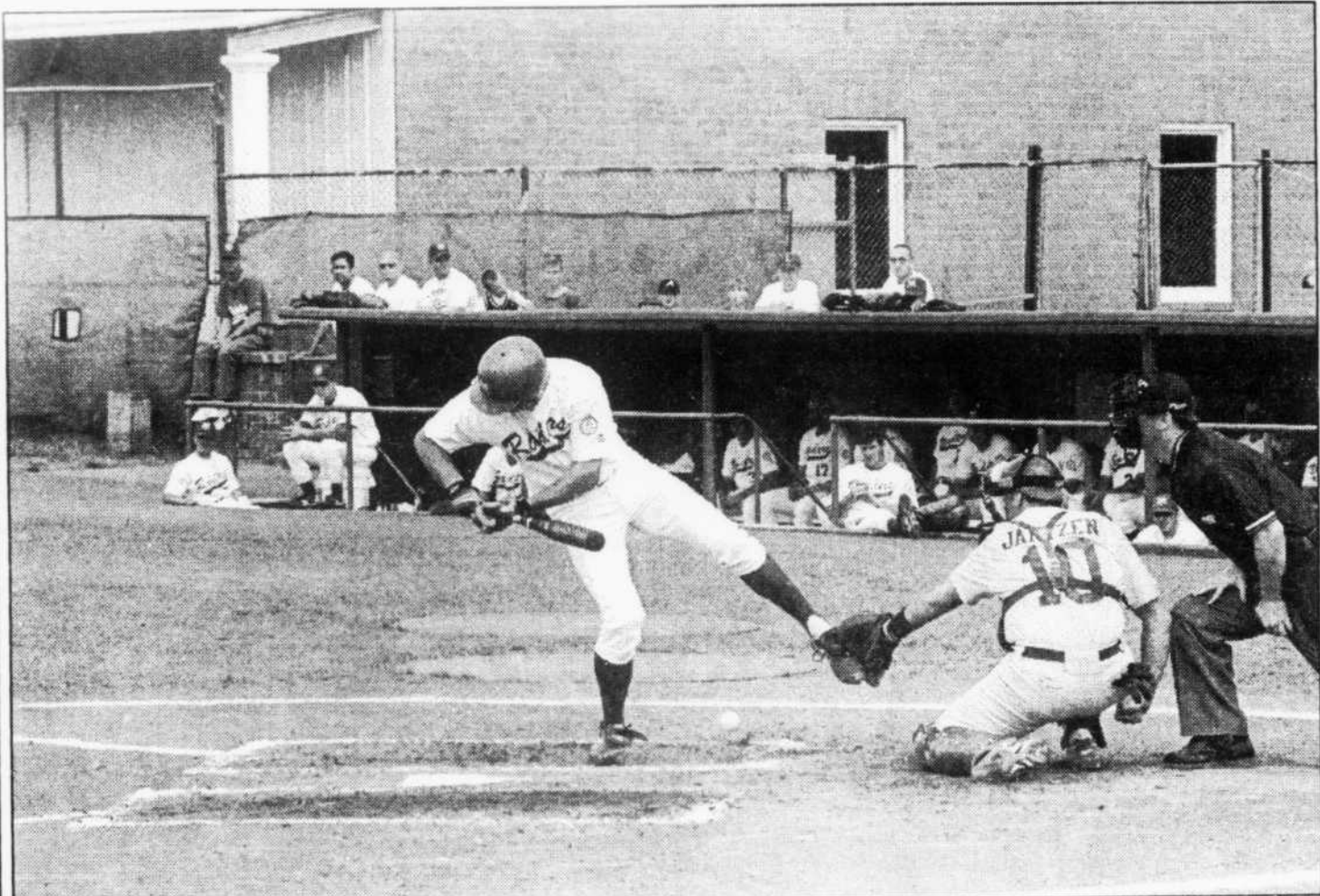
He allowed only three hits,

walking none and striking out six. This improved his record to 5-3. While pitching in conference games, Kirby now posts a 4-1 record against OVC opponents.

The Raiders offense came alive early jumping out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, which included a lead-off homerun by Jeremy Owens.

The homer was followed by a Lammers single. Curley doubled to left center, one of five doubles for the Raiders in the game, scoring Lammers. Curley then scored after Morehead pitcher Troy Young attempted to throw him out at third, but over-threw the ball.

Owens finished the game going 3-for-3 with three runs scored and two RBIs. Lammers went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and one RBI. Wayne Chinapen was the other hot hitter for the Raiders, as the powerful lefty drove in two runs on three hits. He also scored a run.

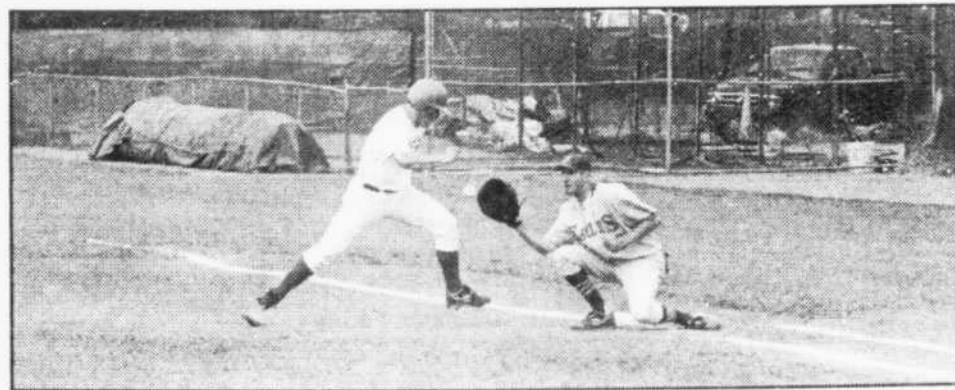
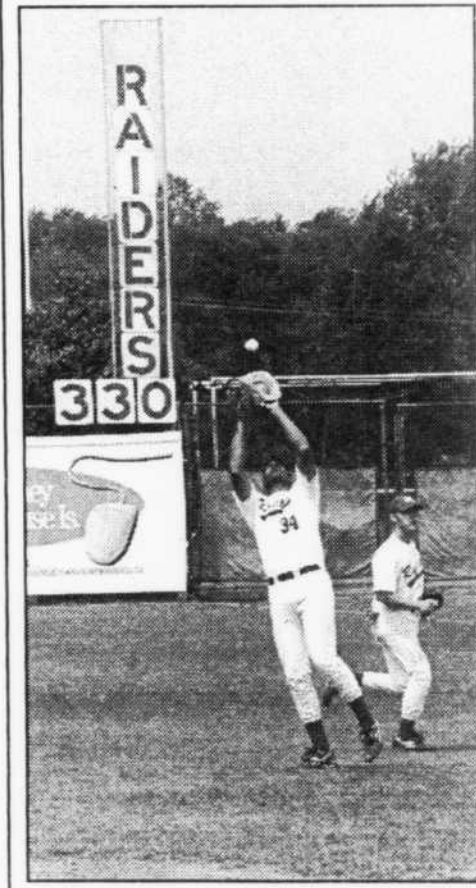


Ending a three-game series on Sunday, the Blue Raiders lost to Morehead State 9-7. Both teams have one more conference series remaining next weekend.

Above: Kris Lammers, 29, is hit on the leg by a pitch from Morehead's Ric Sercy. Lammers hit a two-run single, which extended the Raiders' lead to 4-0.

Left: First baseman Wayne Chinapen, 34, catches Morehead's in-field fly ball.

Below: Josh Pride, 31, makes it back to first base safely after an attempt at second.



Photos taken by Chad Gillis/staff

Blue Raider tennis falls to MSU

□ Staff Reports

STARKVILLE, Miss. — The Blue Raider men's tennis team (14-11) lost a 5-2 decision at fourth-ranked Mississippi State (18-4) this weekend.

The loss ends the regular season for the Raiders who now await word on a possible NCAA Regional bid.

David McNamara/Julius Robberts, ranked 15th in the country, got off to an impressive start crushing the 14th-ranked duo of Jeremy Bayon/Simon Larose 8-2 to open doubles play.

The Bulldogs would hang tough and claim the doubles point with a pair of 8-6 wins at two and three.

Daniel Healey/Derek Pope toppled Marshall Brown/Matt Walker at three, while Stéphane Floricien/Matt Walker

held on a little longer before falling to the 32nd-ranked duo of Matthieu Ballay/Thomas Dupre.

Dupre, ranked seventh in the nation in singles, continued his hot streak of late with a 6-2, 6-3 win over McNamara, number 26 in the latest Rolex Collegiate Rankings, at number one singles to open the singles action.



The Raiders would cut the lead to 2-1 as Brown defeated Pope 6-2, 7-5 at five.

MSU went up 3-1 as 47th ranked Ballay eased by Podbury 6-1, 6-2 at three. Floricien cut the deficit to 3-2 with a 6-3, 6-2 win at six over Conrad

Hunter.

The Bulldogs clinched the match as 12th-ranked Larose won a hard-fought three setter over Robberts 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 at two singles.

The score on the match at the four position was not indicative of its tightness as it was the last match off the court. Bayon, ranked 59th, was a 6-4, 6-2 winner over Walker.

"We took the fourth-ranked team in the country to the limit," said head coach Dale Short. "This match was like our other losses in April to teams like VCU and South Alabama. We got close but just can't get over the hump."

"As far as the regionals, I think we have proven we can play at the level our program is accustomed to after a slow start. Hopefully the committee will take into account how well we are playing now, as well as the injuries which affected us early in the season."

Where, oh where have my Dodgers gone?

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports co-Editor



Could somebody please tell me what has happened to my beloved Los Angeles Dodgers?

Sure they still have a great coach in Bill Russell. They even have an array of talented players.

But after decades of running one of the most storied franchises in baseball the O'Malleys are gone -- replaced by Ruppert Murdoch and his powerful FOX Network.

I understand that professional sports has become a business, a big business. And there's no denying the money FOX will have the ability to spend in order to keep the Dodgers competitive, I hope.

But nonetheless, there seems to have been a loss in the tranquility that was once known as "America's Favorite Pastime."

Recently, I was watching a Dodger game and was appalled to find out new owner Ruppert Murdoch didn't have a clue as to what was going on out on the field.

He apparently knew that it was a good thing when the Dodgers were up to bat and the ball went over the fence -- you know, that little thing we call a homerun.

But that was it. Oh yeah, he also understood how to read the score. But as far as all the repetitious things that make the game what it is, he didn't have a clue. In fact, he had never even been to a game before.

The man doles out millions of dollars to buy the Dodgers, will have to continue spending millions on player contracts and he has to rely on somebody else's opinion as to whether or not he's getting his money's worth.

No wonder baseball is in the shape it's in.

After all, the Dodgers have been instrumental in making the game of baseball a game for everyone, no matter where you're from.

I wish I was kidding but I'm not. There was guy sitting with him whose job it was to explain to Murdoch what was going on and why players were doing what they were.

He didn't have a clue as to what the hell a hit-and-run was, let alone a sacrifice squeeze play. I guess it's safe to say the "No pepper" signs along the first and third baseline railings at Dodger Stadium are, to say the least, pretty confusing to him.

Sad, that's the only way I can describe the feeling I have when I think about Murdoch owning a major league baseball team and not really being able to appreciate what he has.

I really wanted to call him a dumb foreigner, but that would be insulting to thousands of others and ignorant on my part.

After all, the Dodgers have been instrumental in making the game of baseball a game for everyone, no matter where you're from. They signed Jackie Robinson, the first black to play in the big leagues. They were the first club to actively develop Hispanic talent. And they were the first to tap into the talent pool in Japan, Korea and China.

However, in each of those cases all those parties involved had an understanding of the game itself. They all played the game or coached the game with extraordinary talent.

Any way you look at it, owning a professional team in any league is a rich man's hobby. But at least let it be the hobby of someone who has an undeniable understanding of what the game is all about.

People who disagree with me will argue that owners don't need to know

Cars damaged in major crash at Talladega

Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) - A fiery 20-car crash brought out a red flag Sunday at the DieHard 500, knocking the wind out of Bill Elliott but causing no major injuries.

Elliott and Dale Earnhardt took the worst of the crash at the start-finish line at Talladega Superspeedway, the fastest and arguably most dangerous track on the Winston Cup circuit.

The red flag stopped racing for 27 minutes. When the race resumed, only 15 cars were left

on the lead lap, two of those running with significant damage.

"I guess it's just regular speedway racing," said Jerry Nadeau, who was involved in the crash. "When something happens, something happens big."

As the drivers completed the 141st lap, Elliott got hit by Earnhardt, whose car was turned sideways by a bump in the rear from Ward Burton.

The impact flipped Elliott's car and flames began shooting out from underneath the hood as he skidded several hundred feet toward the first turn.

Earnhardt's car also suffered major damage, but both he and Elliott walked away from the crash. Elliott refused a stretcher, but appeared wobbly as he talked with Earnhardt while leaving the track.

"The fire came off Elliott's car and singed my hair," said Earnhardt, who had second-degree burns on his face. "My mustache got burned a little bit."

Track officials said Elliott bruised his sternum. He left the speedway on his own and was flying home to Dawsonville, Ga., where he would be

examined by his own physician.

The accident appeared to start as Burton, Earnhardt and Elliott were racing for third position. Burton bumped Earnhardt, who slammed into the side of Elliott's car and the chain reaction began. Burton emerged relatively unscathed and stood in ninth place when racing resumed.

Earlier, two yellow flags had come out, but one was for debris on the track and the other was for fluid on the track.

"We all expected it," said Chad Little, who also got caught up in the crash.

DODGERS

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too much about their given sport or you're more apt to run into guys like George Steinbrenner or Al Davis. But I'll tell you what, at least those two guys can appreciate a talented player or coach.

With Murdoch, I'm afraid his philosophy will be it doesn't matter what happens on the field as long as his bank account continues to grow.

Believe me, sports are all about making money. In fact life is about making money. But there comes a time when you have to be patient and develop things for the future.

Sometimes you have to look at the long haul in order to make the proper decision. With Murdoch, that look into the future may not be there. If he runs his team like a television show, the ratings will have to be instantaneous or else.

Only time will tell, I just don't have a good feeling about the future of the Dodgers. True blue Dodger fans will get a look at just how Murdoch plans to run his team at season's end when he negotiates with Mike Piazza.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed.

SPORTS GLANCE



Associated Press

Baseball

NEW YORK (AP) - Yankee Stadium reopened for baseball as the New York Yankees returned home to open a series with the Detroit Tigers, 11 days after a 500-pound concrete-and-steel joint broke off the upper deck before batting practice and crashed onto empty seats below.

Hundreds of construction workers and engineers worked, some around the clock, to repair the damage and make sure the stadium was safe. City officials promised the stadium, closed for its 75th anniversary last weekend, would be able to stand at least a few more years.

Football

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) - Larry Brown, the 1996 Super Bowl MVP for Dallas but a bust the past two seasons in Oakland, has been told to look elsewhere for work despite having another three years on his contract with the Raiders.

Brown, who signed a five-year, \$12.5 million free agent contract with Oakland before the 1996 season, met with new Raiders coach Jon Gruden on Thursday night. After their discussion, Gruden decided that Brown should try to look for a job with another team.

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) - The Miami Dolphins canceled their acquisition of former Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam from the Chicago Bears two days after announcing it, saying Salaam failed to pass the team's

physical exam.

Basketball

NEW YORK (AP) - Charles Barkley was fined \$10,000 by the NBA for making obscene gestures at fans and using profane language during the Rockets' victory over the Utah Jazz on Thursday night. Most of Barkley's gestures and language were apparently directed at a single Utah fan sitting along one of the baselines.

Tennis

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) - Defending champion Michael Chang beat Brazil's Marcio Carlsoun 6-3, 6-1 to move into the semifinals of the U.S. Clay Court Championships.

Jim Courier also advanced with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Germany's Marcello Craca. He will face Romanian Andrei Pavel, who won his ninth straight match, defeating Alex Calatravas of Spain 6-4, 2-6, 6-4. The fourth spot went to Sweden's Mikael Tillstrom, a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Australia's Andrew Ilie.

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (AP) - Petr Korda lost his chance to take the No. 1 ranking on ATP tour, losing 4-6, 7-6 (7-1), 6-1 to Richard Krajicek in the quarterfinals of the Monte Carlo Open.

Korda's loss allowed Pete Sampras to regain the men's No. 1 ranking despite losing to Fabrice Santoro in the third round on Thursday. Marcelo Rios, who supplanted Sampras at No. 1 last month, has an injured elbow and could not defend his title at this tournament, costing him the

top ranking.

In the other quarterfinals, Carlos Moya beat Spanish compatriot Alex Corretja 6-3, 6-2, and semi-retired Boris Becker's surprising run ended with a 7-6 (4-7), 7-5, 6-1 loss to Alberto Berasategui. Also, Santoro lost to Cedric Pioline 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Skating

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - Olympic gold medalist Tara Lipinski skated two perfect routines, landing all jumps, to take the top prize in her professional debut at the Skate, Rattle & Roll Figure Skating Championships.

Lipinski led throughout the competition, edging three-time world silver medalist Surya Bonaly and Olympic gold medalists Katarina Witt and Oksana Baiul. Witt and Baiul turned pro years ago, while Lipinski and Bonaly lost their Olympic eligibility by appearing in the event.

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The beach has its glamour, but you can step outside on any given day and get a tan. For a more convenient and thrilling time, reserve your spot on a Campus Recreation trip.

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Now that the summer is peaking its sun-shiny face and school is at its end, we will all be shifting gears into slow-motion.

Summer jobs will be hovering over most of our days and some of us will be back in school for another round of classes. But ultimately, summer is a time for relaxation and making incredible memories.

Summertime is the perfect time to restore our sanity, to remember why we are living and to make living worthwhile. Trips to the beach, excursions around the country and even across the ocean are some people's means of relieving annual stress.

Date	Trip/Event	Location	Info Mtg.	Cost	# limit
May 2, Friday/Sat.	Great Memphis Canoe Race	Tennessee	May 1, noon	Entry fee, plus \$10	n/a
May 18-27, Mon. - Wednesday	Canoeing Boundry Waters	Minnesota/Canada	April 29, 5:30 p.m.	\$199	12
May 28-31, Thurs. - Sunday	Robert Trent Jones Golfing	Alabama	May 28/31	STBA	16
May 30, Saturday	Kayak/Rafting/Fly Fishing	Hiwassee River	May 30, 8 a.m.	\$15 (fishing optional - \$89+\$10)	12
June 6, Saturday	Canoe the Elk River	Elk River, Tenn.	June 6, 7:30 a.m.	\$10/\$12 (guests)	12
June 11, Thursday	Canoe the Full Moon	Stones River	June 11, 8 p.m.	\$10/\$12 (guests)	12
June 20, Saturday	Rafting/Kayaking/Fly Fishing	Hiwassee River	June 20, 8 a.m.	\$15/\$20 (guests)	12
June 21, Sunday	Rafting/Conservation	Ocoee River	June 21, 6:30 a.m.	\$FREE (incl. lunch)	12
July 10-19, Fri-Sun.	Tetons Backpacking	Wyoming	July 1, 8 p.m.	STBA	12
July 11, Saturday	Funyak/Kayak/Canoe	Bear Creek, Ala.	July 11, 7:30 p.m.	\$15-\$25	12
July 18, Saturday	Raft/Kayak/Canoe	Hiwassee River	July 1, 8 p.m.	\$15/\$20 (guests)	12
July 22-25, Wed. - Saturday	Amusement Park (roller coasters!)	Ohio	July 16, 8 p.m.	STBA	12
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Manning prepares for Colts

□ Hank Lowenkron AP

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Peyton Manning's dedication to studying football has made a quick impression on the quarterback's new coach and teammates.

Less than one week after the Indianapolis Colts made the former Tennessee star the No. 1 pick in this year's draft, he began participating in the team's three-day minicamp on Friday.

"I'm a rookie. I don't say much, just trying to earn my way in, trying to get to know people," Manning said after the first of five practice sessions he'll have this weekend.

Manning plans to return to Knoxville next week and divide his time between there and his parent's New Orleans home until NFL rules allow him to return to the team's complex on June 1.

"The guys seem to be trying to be patient with me. I appreciate that. It's probably

frustrating for them," said Manning, who was handed the team's playbook shortly after he was drafted last Saturday and then asked to study it before he arrived Thursday.

"Some of the routes are the same (as at Tennessee). But there's a different word for everything. If we called something right, it might be left here," he said. "I made some mistakes."

Manning said he met with coach Jim Mora on Thursday night.

"He just told me to be patient," Manning said. "That's the best advice I've gotten. But at the same time, I don't want to slow this team down."

"He definitely has done some work between the time that we drafted him and today's practice," Mora said after sending the team through a workout that lasted about 90 minutes. "It was very obvious that he'd been doing some homework. ... Had he not done that, it would have been very obvious. He was prepared."

Manning's passes showed the zip and accuracy that produced 33 school, eight SEC and two NCAA records in four seasons as a starter for the Volunteers.

"Today was the first practice, so everybody is going to be a little uptight," said wide receiver Aaron Bailey. "He looked pretty good. He looked well composed. He looked like he knew what he was doing. He was confident about himself. He looked like a leader."

Mora said that he, offensive coordinator Tom Moore and quarterback coach Bruce Arians are working out a plan to help Manning adjust for the season after he returns to Knoxville.

"He can't be here, and we can't go visit him. But he can work, and he'll have his playbook. We can talk to him on the phone, and we can send him tapes," Mora said. "We'll just do everything we can to get him ready."

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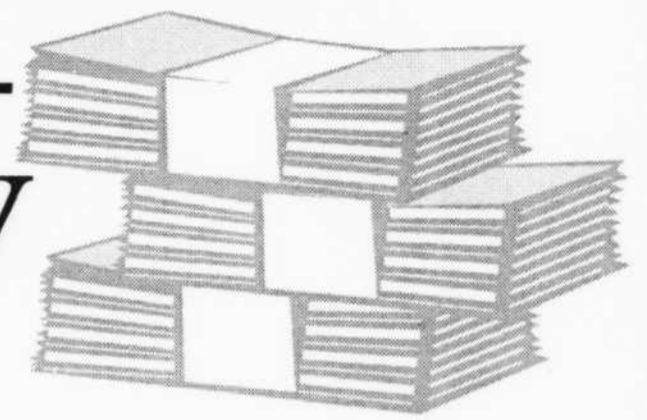
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