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In the news

College student held in death of her newborn

CHICAGO—A college student was ordered held under \$1 million cash bond Friday after she refused to return to California for questioning about the death of her newborn baby.

Linda Chu, 20, a student at the University of Southern California who lives in the Chicago area, appeared before Cook County Criminal Court Judge William Wood, who continued her case until July 2 after she refused to waive extradition.

Under a cash bond the entire amount must be put up to gain freedom, as opposed to the more usual bond where only 10 percent of the amount is required.

Chu is accused of giving birth in her dormitory room, strangling the infant and dumping it down a trash chute. She allegedly gave birth to the full-term baby girl on May 7.

Police in Los Angeles said the sophomore business major allegedly put the newborn down a trash chute three days before summer break started. A garbage collector found the body and called police.

Los Angeles police arrested her at her home in Niles, Ill., Thursday. She has been charged with murder, assault on a child causing death and child abuse resulting in death, and is being held on \$1 million bail.

Chu faces a maximum of 25 years to life in prison if convicted of the charges.

FSU fraternity probed for animal abuse

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Florida State University's Alpha Tau Omega fraternity is being investigated for allegedly abusing animals during its March social known as Excalibur.

The president of the university's chapter of Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (SETA) contends fraternity members killed several chickens during the party, even crushing one under a vending machine.

Cathy Keen made the allegations at a student government meeting and afterward charged that the student government president, a member of ATO, warned her to be careful because the fraternity "has a lot of money and can sue you."

The FSU Police Department and the dean's office are conducting investigations into the allegations, along with the fraternity.

Judge holds evidence in the unabomber case

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—The federal judge in Sacramento's UNABOMBER case says suspect Theodore Kaczynski's rights take precedence over prosecutors' desire to keep his trial from being extended.

U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. made that declaration in ordering some potentially sensational evidence to remain sealed until his trial begins in November.

The evidence is linked to 12 bombings for which the 55-year-old former mathematics professor hasn't been charged, but which his lawyers say could "irreparably damage" his right to an unbiased jury pool if it's made public.

Burrell expressed that concern in his decision on the issue, which was released today.

The judge says his own review of television news reports about the case convinced him that there's already substantial pre-trial publicity and that defense concerns are well-founded.

Corlew cafeteria undergoes changes

by Cynthia Ryan
staff writer

Food Services has instigated changes for Corlew cafeteria.

The entire area is being gutted and remodeled.

"We're redoing the serving area and putting in a kind of food court" to include a deli, steam table, self serve pasta bar, pizza area, and short order grill, said Food Services Director Doug McCallie.

The salad bar, dessert area, and drink stand will be located in the dining area.

"We started [planning] back in January," said McCallie. "Our target [to be finished] is when school opens in the fall."

"We've been working closely with the food committee student leaders in the SGA," said McCallie. They are working to "make the area look better and give more variety."

This has been a team effort according to Paul Stuart, assistant director of food services.

"We work very closely with Ryan Durham," said Stuart. Durham is the president of the Student Government Association.

"We've had some pretty good luck working with food services this summer," said Durham.

Food Services met with the SGA committee and Thomas Burke, dean of student life to go over the proposal, according to Stuart.

"We had talked to a lot of students and continually freshmen would tell us they would like a nicer place to eat," said Durham. "We wanted a more

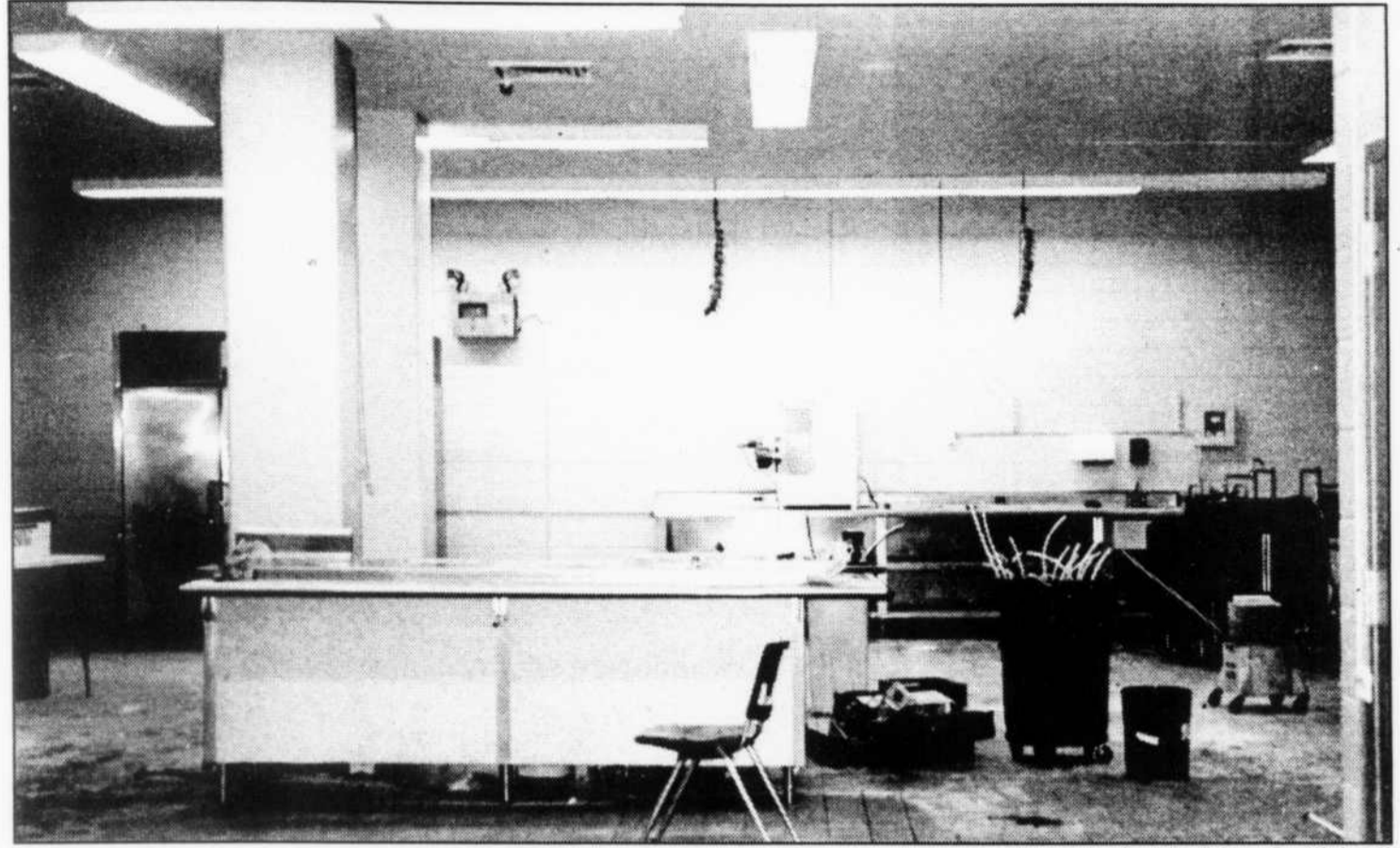


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Corlew cafeteria is currently undergoing major renovations. The renovations should be completed by beginning of the fall 1997 semester and will include a food-court style serving area with a deli, pizza bar, hot food and a grill.

updated fresh look."

"We have the same food services facilities we had in 1969," said Stuart. The current plan includes a future meal plan to give the students more flexibility.

Aramark was concerned that students are not happy with their

"dining experience" according to Durham. The main concern of undergrads seems to be that the cafeteria was closing so early for dinner.

"We have extended Corlew dinner hours" to be open until 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 6:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday,

Durham added. To allow for the extension in Corlew's hours, Woodmore cafeteria will no longer be serving breakfast.

"I am pleased that we were able to do this...to benefit a lot of students," said Durham

Walk this way



Photo by Susan McMahan/ staff

Students watch as Customs SOA Gabe Smith points out the exit the KUC to his group yesterday during a campus tour. Smith, a senior biology major from ENGDU, is one of the students working with the Customs program to help news students get familiar with MTSU.

MNAA donates to aerospace department

by Cynthia Ryan
staff writer

Aerospace scholarship fund has increased by \$13,151. The scholarship fund was put together by the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority.

"This donation will be very helpful to our students, who have a lot of additional expenses associated with flight training," said Ron Ferrara, chair of the department.

"We have had a good relationship with the Airport Authority for some time and greatly appreciate their support," said Ferrara.

MNAA started the Aviation Classic Golf Tournament to raise money for the Aerospace programs at MTSU, Tennessee State University and Volunteer State Community College.

The event, sponsored by major regional corporations, raised \$39,455 on May 22. It was held at Opryland's

Springhouse Golf Club in Nashville. This marks the second year of the golf tournament.

"This makes over \$25,000 they have contributed to our program in the last two years," said Ferrara. "It will become one of the larger endowments for scholarships in Aerospace."

Currently, there are over 400 undergraduates in the Aerospace major and approximately 25 graduates in the program.

Hong Kong university students are gloomy about handover

Reuters News Service

HONG KONG—Most Hong Kong university students are gloomy about the prospects for freedom and human rights after China takes over next Monday and do not welcome the handover, according to a new survey.

The poll, by a youth group Breakthrough, published on the front page of the mass-selling Apple Daily, questioned 1,211 students from three universities and seven technical colleges.

It found 65.3 percent believed post-handover Hong Kong would lose freedom of speech, assembly and association. Only 20.5 percent thought these freedoms would survive.

As for Hong Kong's current political system, which includes elements of democracy, 77.4 percent said it respects human rights and 65 percent said it is democratic.

Almost 70 percent said the future Hong Kong will restrict criticism of new leader Tung Chee-hwa and his government.

The survey showed 52.8 percent did not believe China's "one country, two systems" or that "Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong" would be a reality. Less than a third believed these concepts.

Some 40 percent said they did not welcome Hong Kong's merger with China. They worried that Hong Kong would lose human rights and freedom, and that corruption would get worse.

Just 28.9 percent welcomed the handover, holding the view that with the end of British they will be real Chinese.

China is taking back Hong Kong after 156 years of British rule, under a treaty in which Beijing promises the territory can keep its capitalist way of life unchanged for the next 50 years.

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Exhibitor carries on after fatal explosion

by Duncan Mansfield
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Pyro Shows Inc., one of the Southeast's top fireworks exhibitors, says the show will go on this July 4th despite a deadly explosion a month ago.

"As far as I know, we are going to be able to fulfill all of our commitments," Lansden Hill Jr., president and founder of the LaFollette-based company, said in a telephone interview Tuesday.

The future of the company Hill built from scratch 26 years ago will be decided after Independence Day with input from his employees. "It is going to be a group decision."

At this point, Hill said Pyro Shows is trying to concentrate on the some 110 displays the company will be presenting around the region on Friday.

Among them are shows in

Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis, Johnson City; Tunica, Miss.; Charlotte and Fort Bragg, N.C.; Jacksonville and Panama City, Fla.; and Norfolk, Va.

"We didn't have one customer to bail ...," Hill said. "That was encouraging."

On June 5, a fireworks depot Pyro Shows operates on the outskirts of LaFollette exploded, some 40 miles north of Knoxville.

Four employees were killed: Tim Petree, 22, and his fiancée Allison Hale, 19; her friend Gretchen Wells, 20; and longtime employee Luther Seiber, 49, vice mayor of the neighboring town of Caryville.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tentatively ruled it an industrial accident, though an exact cause remains a mystery. A final report is pending.

"I told my employees after the accident that our first responsibility was to do

anything and everything we could for the families (of the victims)," Hill said. "And secondly, for people who sustained any property damage outside our facility report. And third, to fulfill our commitments to our Fourth of July customers."

Now Hill just wants to get through this weekend.

He doesn't want his employees to have to think beyond that. "It is hard enough to stay concentrated and focused as it is, I don't want to throw another monkey wrench into it."

About 10 of his 300 mostly part-time workers have quit fireworks, at least for the moment, in the wake of the accident.

Replacements have been found.

Safety officials in some towns where Pyro Shows will be performing Friday will be using additional security

personnel to keep crowds at a distance.

But Hill said, "There has been no perceived reflection on our ability or our credentials. I think everybody has a heightened awareness of what their responsibility is and what can happen."

Industry officials and regulators have said Pyro Shows has one of the best operations in the business, meeting or exceeding safety standards.

Yet, Hill said he is considering doing more — such as hiring an independent safety inspector.

"The fact that we have gone 20-some years without any kind of major incident is kind of an indication that they must be following the rules," Hill said of his employees.

"But then when something so massive and so tragic happens..."

On Campus

The ACT-COMP exam will be given in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building at 8:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21. All graduating seniors are required to take this test. For more information, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

Rutherford County's July 4th "Celebration Under the Stars" will be held at MTSU - free and open to the public. Picnicking and children's activities, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; program 7:25 p.m.; The Middle Tennessee Symphony and Nashville Pipes and Drums, 8:00-9:00 p.m.; fireworks begin at 8:55 p.m. In case of rain, the Symphony will perform

inside Murphy Center. Call 898-2919 or 898-5322 for more information.

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held next Tuesday at Peck Hall from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Association of Clerical Employees at MTSU. All donors will receive a free T-shirt.

Child Abuse Prevention of Tennessee needs volunteers to answer the Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with families of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, and to work with children in the Children's Program while their parents are attending parenting classes. For more information, please contact Amy Garcia at 227-2273.

Parking authority moves to new building

by Susan McMahan
news editor

Parking authority opened their new doors Monday in the parking lot of the Tennessee Livestock Center parking lot.

According to Charlotte Hunt, manager of parking authority, the new double module building has been planned since last August to provide parking authority with more space.

"We have three times as much space as we had," Hunt said. "We're glad to have our own space."

Hunt said she hopes the move will help differentiate parking authority and public safety.

The two were combined, but are now two separate departments with two campus mailboxes.

Parking authority is box 147, while the box for public safety is 141.

Parking authority has kept the same phone number, but now has a new fax number,

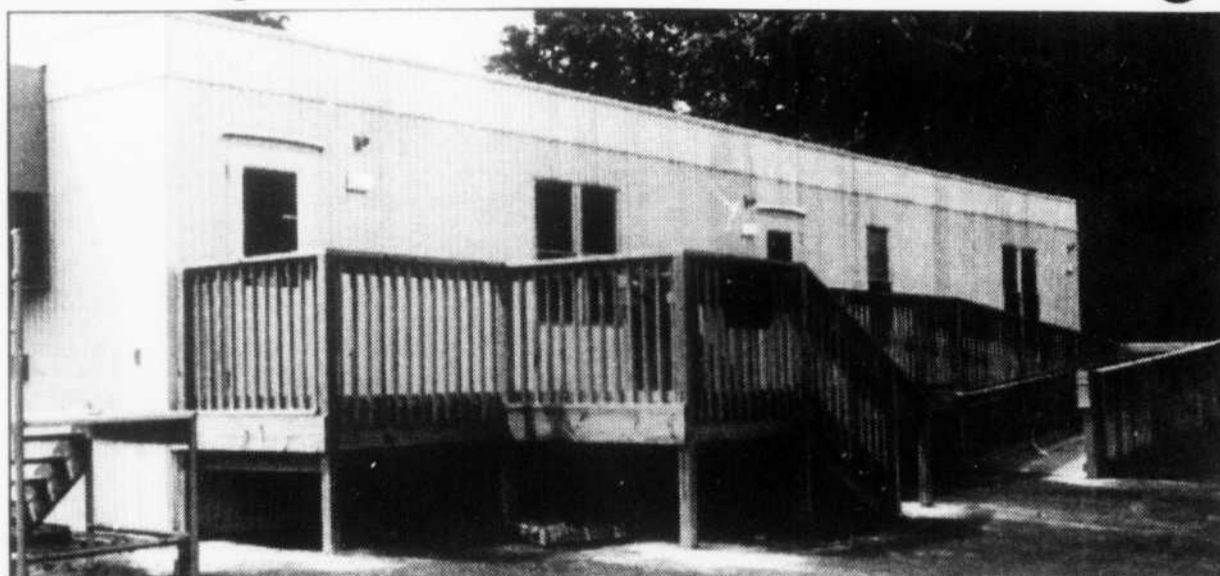


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The new parking authority building, which opened Monday, is located in the parking lot of the Tennessee Livestock Center across from the livestock pavilion.

Hunt said there are four students currently working for parking authority. In the fall there are 20 to 30 students working.

There are no plans to increase the number of workers in the new building.

Hunt said that parking

authority is planning to increase their number of hand-held ticket writers, though.

Currently, there are six ticket machines being used. Hunt claimed that two more have been ordered, which will allow more ticket writers to be out at a time.

"Six (ticket machines) isn't

enough to cover all of campus all day," said Hunt.

Hunt said a larger waiting area in the new building will hopefully keep students from having to wait outside.

"We hope we'll be able to accommodate more people," said Hunt. "We really do see a lot of people."



by Celeste Castillo/staff

Customs students listen to a speaker during a group assembly yesterday.

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Continuing studies offers ballroom dancing class

Staff reports

If you would like to learn to ballroom dance, MTSU Continuing Studies is offering a course just for you.

Ballroom Dancing is being held on Thursdays, July 10-August 7 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The course will emphasize ballroom dance patterns, footwork and body stance. Participants will learn how to perform the Waltz, Cha-Cha, Fox Trot, West Coast Swing,

and the East Coast Swing. Other dances will also be covered if time permits.

The fee for the course is \$80 per couple and includes all materials. Margaret Rucker will instruct the course. Rucker has been instructing country and western as well as ballroom dance courses for the past six years.

To register for this course, please call the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2462.

Archeology class offered

Staff reports

Murfreesboro's own "Indiana Jones," Dr. Ronald Messier, is instructing a hands-on course to teach participants the basics of archeology.

Messier has been to Morocco 13 times to be part of digs to find Sijilmasa, a medieval city on the edge of the Sahara Desert in southeastern Morocco.

Participants will learn theory and basics needed to be a skilled assistant in an archeological dig. This 3 day seminar will include one day of lecture, one day of field

experience, and one day of lab.

The entire process of a dig will be followed including staking out the site, how to dig without damaging the artifacts, keeping an archeological journal, taking pictures of artifacts, drawing pictures of artifacts, and how to document finds. Information will be provided on how to get involved in a real archeological dig.

This course will be held Saturdays, July 12-26, 8 a.m.-noon. The fee for the course is \$64. For more information about this course or to register, please call Continuing Studies at 898-2462.



photo by Susan McMahan

Tiffany Ramsey, a junior industrial psychology major, plays with her dog, Daisy, Monday afternoon

Red Cross seeks blood donors

Staff reports

The American Red Cross is urging the nation to donate blood. The summer months pose a concern for the Red Cross due to the traditional decline in blood donations because of school closings and family vacations.

This concern is further exacerbated by other unplanned events, including the recent requests from hospitals in Utah, Texas, and San Francisco East Bay to provide some of the blood needs for these areas and already low blood supply inventories in many of the Red Cross blood regions.

"Although the Red Cross has a national resource sharing system that is prepared for unanticipated contingencies, we are urging the nation to donate blood throughout the summer months," said Brian McDonough, chief operating officer, American Red Cross

Blood Services. "We need donors to help us offset the decline in donations we usually experience in the summer as we continue to support our affected blood regions and our commitment to the people in Utah, Texas, and California."

Historically, blood donations are low during the summer months since schools and colleges are closed and consequently, blood drives are not hosted.

In addition, many families plan vacations and other functions during the summer, which may preempt regular blood donors from giving.

Last month, the Red Cross assumed responsibility from Intermountain Health Care, Inc., a blood services facility that lost its license, for the collection, management, testing, and distribution of blood products to serve the needs of the people within the state of Utah. The Salt Lake City, Utah, blood services

operation is expected to be fully operational by the end of September 1997, supplying more than 20 hospitals throughout Utah with 80 percent of the blood transfused in the state.

By the end of April 1997, Red Cross overall blood collections were down 23 percent in comparison to this time period last year. Approximately half of the Red Cross blood regions have less than a one-day supply of O negative.

This blood type is most needed because it can be used in emergency situations and can be safely transfused to recipients with other blood types. Typically, the blood regions have a three to four day supply.

"The American Red Cross is issuing a plea to first-time and repeat blood donors to take the time in the next few weeks and during the summer months to five blood in order to ensure

that there is enough blood available for the people who need it," said McDonough. "The blood we receive will help people who depend on the Red Cross every day for life-saving transfusions."

The need for blood by patients being treated for accidents, routine surgeries, and serious diseases, such as cancer, heart disease, and hemophilia, is ongoing.

Thousands of people rely on the generosity of blood donors daily. To donate blood, one must be healthy, at least 17 years old, and weigh 110 pounds or more. To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE and help save lives.

With the help of close to four million blood donors, the American Red Cross is the largest collector, processor, tester, and distributor of blood in the United States, supplying approximately 3,000 hospitals across the nation.

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Sidelines

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How Mike Tyson can become a good scout

by Bob Green
Tribune Media Services

Congressional committees, panels of professors, conferences of theologians, state legislatures, athletic governing boards, police commissions...

Those are just a few of the official groups that are being urged to look into the meaning of what happened during the Mike Tyson-Evander Holyfield fight last weekend. When Tyson chomped on Holyfield's ears, it seemed to represent the turning point in America's unease with what outrageousness in professional sports has evolved into.

Whether it's Tyson dining on his opponent's ears, Dennis Rodman head-butting a referee or kicking a cameraman, or Michael Irvin engaging in off-the-footbal-field activities for which he must later atone to the public, there is a sense that someone must come up with answers to how some of our most famous athletes conduct themselves.

Actually, all the commissions and blue-ribbon panels won't be necessary. The solution for what is going on — not only with Tyson, Rodman et al, but with much of American society — can be found in a book that is already sitting around millions of U.S. households. It is inside, but the answers are inside.

I refer to the Boy Scout Handbook. You're laughing? You're laughing out loud at the idea of Tyson or Rodman reading the Boy Scout Handbook?

If they would read it, each of them might be in a lot less trouble. So would many other people. Roll the athletic-misbehavior videotape one more time — and then think about these passages from the Boy Scout Handbook:

— "A Scout is courteous...He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together. This is another way of saying, 'A Scout is a gentleman.' Good manners show that you respect the feelings and needs of others. Open a door for someone. Offer your seat on a bus to an elderly person, a pregnant woman or someone carrying a baby. Rise from your chair when a guest enters the room...The courtesy you practice as a Scout will stay with you throughout your life."

— "A Scout is kind. A Scout

understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated...There is nothing weak about being kind. In fact, kindness is a sign of true strength."

— "A Scout is clean...You never need to be ashamed of dirt that will wash off. If you play hard and work hard you can't help getting dirty. But when the game is over or the work is done, that kind of dirt disappears with soap and water. There's another kind of dirt that won't come off by washing. It is the kind of dirt that shows up in foul language and harmful thoughts."

— "A Scout is obedient...He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks those rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them."

— "A Scout is helpful. A Scout is concerned about other people...A Scout's willingness to help is evidence of his attitude toward life. He wants the best for everyone, and acts to make that happen. A Scout will work for pay, but he does not expect to receive money for the hope of getting a good turn done in the being of getting a tip is not a good turn at all."

— "A Scout is trustworthy...People can always depend on him...There will be times when your judgment fails and you make mistakes. Everyone does. Your baseball may smash a window. You may misread your map and come home late from a hike. If you quickly admit what you have done and make good on any damage, others will soon forget the incident. By learning from those mistakes, you can do better in the future."

— "A Scout is cheerful. A Scout looks for the bright side of life...Some people grumble when they are losing a game...Others are always cheerful...Their good spirits make everything easier for them, their friends and their families."

So all of the answers to help Tyson make amends for what happened last weekend have already been committed to paper, and are in wide distribution. Now, if only someone can persuade him to study those lessons. There will be times when your judgment fails and you make mistakes. Everyone does. Your baseball may smash a window. You may misread your map and come home late from a hike. You may bite off Evander Holyfield's ear...



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Tolerance goes too far in public schools

by Herbert London
Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service

NEW YORK—At a school in New York City, a teacher abraided one of her students for criticizing clitoridectomies, routinely conducted in Africa, noting for the class that "we should not judge others by our standards."

Recently, a discussion at a large urban university led to censure of a middle-class girl who, during her prom, gave birth and threw the infant in a waste bin. The baby was later found dead.

The discussion leader, adopting a stance different from that of his class, said, "Who are we to judge this young woman? We don't know what was going through her mind."

During the Oakland, Calif., school board's debates about the introduction of *Ebonics*, a proponent argued, "As long as we can respect differences, it doesn't matter what students learn."

These three examples are merely the latest manifestations of tolerance madness, a pathology that is afflicting American education.

If tolerance, the opposite of intolerance, it stands to reason that educators and a significant part of the public will choose to be on the side of social harmony, liberated from hatred and bigotry.

The problem is that tolerance without discrimination can lead inexorably to a host of seditious ideas.

It may be intolerant to criticize the cannibalism of the Aztecs or the slavery in Sudan and Mozambique. (After all, these are different cultures employing different practices.) Or is it?

Tolerance is best understood as suggesting disapprobation as well as approval. We tolerate what community norms delineate. Tolerance does not include criminality, albeit "orthodox" relativists will employ tolerance as a rationalization for almost any deed.

In its conventional meaning,

tolerance is bound by normative beliefs and communal principles.

In the present educational mindset, teachers encourage a tolerance that avoids any form of discrimination.

That is why even throwing a newborn infant into the trash has its rationalizers. Right and wrong are merely perceptions of individual choice.

Cheating isn't wrong, as long as you aren't caught. Sex at an early age isn't wrong, as long as you don't get pregnant.

With tolerance madness, with a pedagogy that emphasizes the respect for differences as the highest value, youngsters are systematically deprived of the distinguishing characteristics of right and wrong.

In fact, in the topsy-turvy world of relativist morality, the normal is made abnormal, and the abnormal, normal.

Cultural diversity, what is sometimes described as multiculturalism, promotes this tolerance pathology.

It is initially conceived as an acknowledgment of civil liberties that are incontestable. Who can oppose civil liberties?

In the second stage, there is an effort to establish the legitimacy of different approaches to issues. Why should everyone be obliged to conform?

And last, tolerance acolytes make the claim that what they want is harmony, love and a world free of conflict. Now who can oppose those conditions?

Of course, what is sacrificed in succumbing to this logic is one's basic beliefs. If you accept the strategy of tolerance education, an Orthodox Jew and Catholic, for example, must embrace homosexuality, even though religious convictions prevent them from doing so.

Doesn't the First Amendment protect the free exercise of religion, or must religious beliefs now be subject to tolerance monitoring?

In stretching the limits of tolerance, in eliminating its disapprobatory role, tolerance has ushered in an "anything goes" philosophy.

Despite the current multicultural standard, societies should not all be valued in the same way. Those that emphasize life, civil liberties, virtue, goodness and beauty are to be admired over those that promote savagery and barbarism.

Similarly, teen-age pregnancy, gang violence, "gangsta" rap and drug use should not be explained away as manifestations of another culture, thereby tolerated as an anthropological reality.

The power of discernment, yes, of discrimination, is at least as important as respecting cultural differences. And it is precisely this discernment that is being lost in our public schools.

When Saul Bellow, Nobel laureate, commented, "I will read the Zulus when they have produced a Tolstoy," he was criticized for intolerance.

But Bellow was simply applying a standard of discernment. He was arguing it is important that students read great works, not merely diverse works.

Tolerance that recognizes qualitative differences and cultural norms is what students should imbibe. But a tolerance, that avoids judgment is propelling the society into an abyss of anarchy and amorality.

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Correction

In last week's edition, it was printed that the Solarraider team was given a full day to prepare for their final tests. According to Paulina Soria, Solarraider team captain, the team found out they had to take the dynamics test again at 5:45 p.m. Monday. Sunrayce officials told the team they would wait for them before leaving. The team had to check their solar array, which was judged best in the competition, before taking the test. The judges left the track at 6:30 p.m., 15 minutes before the Solarraider team arrived.

When the team decided to follow other cars in the race, they were told they could not use the race facilities if the car had problems and they were on their own, which forced the team to return to Murfreesboro.

Mrs. Walker expresses thanks for support during surgery

Letter to the editor:

The past four months have been quite a challenge for me and my family due to my recent lung transplant. Now I am home and doing the time long days at the hospital, I had considerable time to reflect on my life, my family and the many friends we have in Middle Tennessee.

Waiting for my transplant was a difficult time, but with the support of Jim and my daughters it was bearable. I could have never made it without their love and support.

After my surgery it was the many cards, letters and fruit baskets, books and numerous prepared dinners that brightened my days. The cards were a godsend. I received over 400 cards and read each of them after my therapy sessions and they were an inspiration and helped me keep the faith.

Jim and the girls were the could benefactors of the food and it was a blessing, as they could then concentrate on helping me and their many daily duties. I appreciate the many prayers and the support of people from across Tennessee and even individuals outside the state that sent me words of encouragement.

The many people at the university, students, faculty and staff have all been very interested and supportive and that means a lot. Jim and I are very lucky, actually I feel we are all very lucky, to be living in Middle Tennessee which is such a giving and thoughtful community.

I also want to thank my personal physicians Dr. Jim

Garner and Dr. Ray Johnson and the Vanderbilt Transplant team for their wonderful professional care. They are all the best anywhere at what they do.

In my opinion, my operation is like a rose bush being pruned, with one part being removed, yet making the whole plant stronger and better. I see one outcome of my surgery is that I will be more patient, caring, stronger, and wiser than I was before.

As far as the future, I am still in the process of recovery. Each day I see myself getting stronger and better. With the support of my family, doctors and friends, I plan to resume my day-to-day activities and my professional career. I think I will do that.

In the meantime, I still read the cards that arrive at my home and think of my many blessings and the people I care so deeply for.

God bless each and everyone of you.

Love,
Gwenn Walker

(Note: Gwenn Walker is an instructor in Elementary and Special Education at MTSU and the wife of President James E. Walker. She underwent a lung transplant on March 30 of this year.)

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Uncle Dave Macon Days to be held July 1-13th

by Chad Gillis
features editor

Dig out those old cloggin' boots and give 'em a shine; the 20th annual Uncle Dave Macon Days festival is coming.

The celebration of Dave Macon pursuing a career as a full-time entertainer at age fifty—after leaving a life of mule drawn transportation, will be held at Cannonsburgh Village and throughout Murfreesboro July 11-13th.

"It offers something for everyone," said Wendy S. Bryant, publicity director for Macon Days.

Good food (provided by local vendors) such as Bar-B-Q and ice cream will be available according to Bryant.

Some \$5,400 will be awarded starting Friday with the old-time singing contest beginning at 6pm and run straight through old-time clogging and buckdancing Saturday evening.

This year's featured performer is 1997 Heritage Award winner,

Charlie Louvin.

The Heritage Award is given yearly by the directors of the festival to individuals dedicated to the preservation and advancement of old-time music and dance, according to Bryant. Other Award winners of note include John Hartford, Bill Monroe, and Grandpa Jones.

Louvin has lasted through the stormy weather of popular country music, and as a reward for maintaining his "roots" he will also serve as the Grand Marshal of the motorless parade.

The motorless parade pays tribute to Uncle Dave Macon's mule transportation company, that was put out of business by the gas powered engine.

Beginning at Central Middle School and advancing down East Main Street, the parade of carriages, wagon, mounted riders, and junior mounted riders will kick off at 10am Saturday—applicants must prove proof of Coggins Disease vaccination before entering the parade.

Also featured on the 13th will be the Dixie Dewdrop Classic bicycle

race. The race began in 1982 and is sanctioned by the United States Cycling Federation. The race was named so because "The Dixie Dewdrop" was Uncle Dave's nickname. There are 8 categories ranging from novice to expert starting on College Street in front of Marina's restaurant.

Cannonsburgh Village is located on Front Street, just behind Shoney's on Broad Street. The 3 day event is expected to draw more than 40,000.

In 1986 Uncle Dave Macon Days was named the Home of Three National Championships by the United States House of Representatives.

The championships are old-time banjo, old-time clogging, and old-time buckdancing.

Uncle Dave Macon Days is one of the very few old-time music competitions in the country. He was the first individual featured performer on the Grand Ole Opry, and his remains reside on Old Woodbury Highway around 5 miles southeast of Murfreesboro.



photo provided

Charlie Louvin, the 1997 Heritage Award Winner, will host the 20th annual Uncle Dave Macon Days at the Cannonsburgh. Louvin presents a look back to traditional music in the southern context. The event is free and open to the public.

THE FRESH PRINCE OF THE FOURTH OF JULY

by Ian Spelling
College Press Service

"I was at the Virgin Megastore in Manhattan and this girl walked up to me and pulled her shirt up," he says. "She just had her breasts out and said, 'Could you please sign this?' I was like, 'Sure, just get me a really big marker!'"

Smith just might need to keep a boxful of markers for autograph seekers on hand if, as expected, "Men in Black" hurtles the former Fresh Prince of Bel-Air's star racing even deeper into the stratosphere. The picture, helmed by Barry (The Addams Family) Sonnenfeld, represents Smith's second straight summer sci-fi/action/comedy extravaganza, following "Independence Day."

"July 4, that's my weekend. I own that. I run that. The studios have to come to me," Smith jokes. "No, really, I hate opening weekends. I try not to pay attention to the box office. I just try to do the work, enjoy it if it's

good and I'm happy with my work in it. I try to let that be enough. It

doesn't have to earn \$100 million in 17 minutes. That's too much pressure. It's really out of your control anyway."

"Men in Black" focuses on J (Smith) and K (Tommy Lee Jones), members of a covert government organization called —what else?—Men in Black. Agents sport black suits, ties and sunglasses and have forever abandoned their identities in order to monitor the movements of the many aliens who call Manhattan home. And when one very alienated alien race threatens to destroy Earth, the upbeat newcomer J and flinty veteran K come to the rescue in action-packed, laugh-filled fashion.

Once Smith signed on for "Men in Black" one of the first things he had to consider was how to differentiate J from Capt. Steve Hiller, the entertainingly cocky hero of "ID4."

"There are subtle differences. I was a Marine in 'Independence Day.' You

change everything about yourself to do that. The shoulders are back, you're standing up straight," he says. "The whole posture, the walk, the attitude and everything is completely different."

"With the 'Men in Black' character, how he sits in a chair and everything, his attitude, it's a New York cop kind of thing. I had to adjust to that," adds Smith.

Smith says there are similarities between the characters J and Hiller, including their shared "sense of fun," says Smith.

"Both characters just love life," he says. "They're saving the world, you know? So, there are similarities between the characters, but the films are drastically different."

Rather than Jeff Goldblum as his sidekick, Smith shares most of his "MIB" scenes with Jones. As most moviegoers know, Jones has less than a sterling reputation with directors and co-stars, as well as the media. Smith insists he's not kidding when he says that he and Jones had a blast.

"It's really weird, but we had a

ball on the set of this movie," Smith says. "Tommy Lee is silly. He was making jokes and all that. I swear!"

As for dealing with the special effects, Smith jokes that with ID4 and MIB under his belt he's now an expert at green screens and the like.

"The special FX work is so tedious. It's difficult to get a performance because it's so technical. You've got to have your head a certain way. Then your arm has to be up a certain way when you're talking to an alien," he says, contorting his head and body into something of a pretzel. "It's like 'Argh!' Then, you can really only do one line at a time. You've got to pay so much attention to being in the right place and saying your lines at the right tempo and at the right time that you can't concentrate on being in it, in being normal. It's so terribly difficult not to lose spontaneity."

Smith says the quick-paced performances required for TV have helped his acting on the big screen. "I've been lucky. I think my television training

helps. Coming from TV, you've got five days, period. What you have on Friday is what's going on the air," he explains. "You get in the habit of doing things really quickly, of creating quickly. You get into that tempo. When you get into a movie, especially a special FX movie, the tempo is so much slower, but your mind is still going a million miles a minute. You end up pitching it more, getting more things done, and it becomes so much easier to find that great line or that delivery."

With "MIB" about to hit theaters, Smith admits, life is pretty good. He's an international superstar earning about \$12 million per picture. He and his girlfriend, actress Jada Pinkett, live in California's ritzy Hollywood Hills. Smith and Jeff Townes, his music partner in the group DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince, are busy recording a new album. Smith has his choice of any number of upcoming films in which to star, including "Bad Boys" and a big screen version of the Robert Conrad series, "The

Wild, Wild West.

Smith is relishing every minute of his fame and trying not to let it get to his head.

"Jada is reality," he says. "She's uncomfortable with Hollywood, the press and the attention. She keeps me in a grounded place, where life is the most important thing. A big movie is fun, and you can enjoy that and Hollywood premieres, but your life and family are what's important." After several movie smashes, a hit TV show and best-selling records, after busting through race barriers, and after making not only the supposedly impossible move from music to TV, but then the transition from TV to movies—all by age of 29—there's just one question to ask. What can Smith do for an encore?

"I want to do everything," he responds. "I think I want to be the first black president. Give me about 10 years. In about 10 years, I'll run for president. If I could squeeze in an NBA championship, too, that would be great."

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by Chad Gillis
features editor

For the second year in a row, MTSU will host "Celebration Under the Stars." Only this year it will be located on the grassy area between the John Bragg Mass Communication building and the Recreation Center.

"Middle Tennessee State University is indeed pleased to again host this year's "Celebration Under the Stars," said James E. Walker, MTSU president. "It will be an activity marked by fun and festivity, as well as an occasion in which we can reflect upon our accomplishments and look ahead to even greater challenges and opportunities."

Looking ahead to future opportunities is just what MTSU has in store for the public, with the construction sites of the new library and the Business and Aerospace in view of the event.

The formal program is scheduled for 7:25pm, with emcee Rep. John Hood's welcome and introduction of dignitaries.

The Middle Tennessee Symphony will begin at 8pm under command of Dr. Laurence Harvin, MTSU professor of music. The symphony is comprised of community members, MTSU students and performers from the Nashville Symphony, and will supply patriotic music with the 65 member piece.

The symphony has invited the Nashville Pipes and Drums to perform as well.

"We think this year's festivities will be even bigger and better," said MTSU's Stephanie Brackman, "Celebration Under the Stars" committee chairperson. "We want everyone to come, bring their friends and

families, have fun, and enjoy a safe holiday celebration."

Activities will include bubbles, pin wheel making, ring toss, button making, hoola hoops and much, much more. Concessions will also be available via the Blue Raider Athletic Association, consisting of frozen chocolate-covered bananas, peanuts, Sno Cones, hotdogs and popcorn.

The public is invited to bring their picnic baskets, blankets, and lawn chairs, but no cooking grills, alcohol beverages, or individual fireworks will be permitted.

This huge community celebration, previously held at Old Fort Park, was moved last year to MTSU in order to accommodate the ever-increasing crowd.

"We've been thinking about an umbrella theme for this great community celebration," said Brackman, "and because it made possible through the efforts of so many people and groups, I think it's fitting that the theme be one of partnership. This is truly an event brought about by a tremendous cooperative effort on the part of the city, the county, MTSU, local business, along with other group support."

With the football stadium under expansion, the site for the games and entertainment has been moved to the intramural field.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early. Disabled parking spaces will be located in the adjacent parking lot for the grassy area that will host the Symphony.

The Daily News Journal will be publishing an insert that will include a map of campus, parking areas, and locations for activities.

Fire works will begin at 9pm

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Baseball player transfers from Clemson

by Doug Malan
staff writer

Blue Raider baseball recently dipped into the talent pool of the Atlantic Coast Conference, claiming right-handed pitcher Jeff Parsons, a transfer from national-power Clemson.

Parsons, a former Hendersonville High School standout, becomes the fifth pitcher signed by the Blue Raiders since April. Middle Tennessee, which returns all but three pitchers from its current staff, finished 31-24 this year and tied for the OVC regular-season title.

According to the Clemson Sports

Information Department, the sophomore's fastball has been clocked over 90 MPH. Parsons pitched in 20 games and earned two wins and two saves in 37.1 innings.

He recorded 44 strikeouts and got the win in Clemson's victory over Nevada in the NCAA Regionals.

"I think he's definitely someone who can come in and help us immediately on the mound," head coach Steve Peterson said. "He had a few starts and was used mostly in relief, but this is a guy Clemson thought would be one of their better pitchers next season."

Peterson added that Parsons' athleticism brings versatility to the squad and may allow him to see time in the outfield, although Peterson

stressed that the speedy transfer is primarily considered a pitcher.

"With us losing three outfielders due to graduation, he's going to have a great opportunity to swing the bat and play some in the outfield when he's not pitching," the skipper said. "With the limited number of scholarships available for baseball today, you need guys who can do two things."

Parsons signed with Clemson during November of his senior year at Hendersonville and Middle Tennessee never actively pursued the right-hander. Because he was released from his scholarship at Clemson, he becomes eligible immediately.

In the last three months, the Blue Raiders have added junior college

transfers Cam Newitt (RHP) and Aaron Kneass (RHP) along with Vince Burnett (RHP) and Kris Lammers (LHP) from the high school ranks.

Combined with Parsons, the quintet joins a pitching staff that finished with the OVC's second-lowest earned run average at 5.28. Those numbers were posted during an offensive binge in the OVC where five of the nine teams batted over .300 and scored more than six runs per contest.

"Next year's staff has potential, but we still have guys who have to get the label of potential off and turn in performances," Peterson said. "Mostly all of our pitchers are playing in college leagues this summer and that will give them a lot of experience."

"I look for our recruiting class to help us immediately. I think fans will see this class pitching quite a bit going into the 1998 season."

Freshman All-American Brad Howard currently stands as the ace after going 7-2 with a 3.80 ERA and a no-hitter against offensive juggernaut Tennessee Tech.

Jamie Hill also returns after completing his sophomore campaign with a 3.99 ERA and a 5-1 mark.

Next season, Middle Tennessee will rely on pitchers who accounted for 26 of the 31 wins and started all but seven games. The bullpen also remains intact with relievers Ke Bedwell and Chad Kirby earning five of the six saves.

ITA announces All-American honors

by Ramona Stubbfield
staff writer

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association has announced the women and men who have met its criteria for ITA All-American honors for the 1996-1997 season. To achieve All American status at the Division I level, a player must meet at least one of six criteria according to ITA standards.

In the singles division, the player must be seeded in the NCAA singles tournament, or advance to the round of sixteen (third round) at the NCAA singles tournament or finish among the top twenty players in the 1996-1997 Rolex Collegiate Singles Rankings.

In the doubles division, the player must be seeded in the NCAA doubles tournament, or Advance to quarter finals (third round) at the NCAA doubles tournament or finish among the top ten teams in the final 1996-1997 Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings.

Only three people out of the ninety-seven named met all six of the criteria for the All American honor—Mississippi's Agnes Muzamel, Stanford's Julie Scott, and Southern California's George Bastl.

Three individuals from Tennessee also won the All American honor this

year. Blue Raider Fred Niemeier received an award in the singles category. Niemeier met all three criteria in the singles section. In women's, Maggie Lepsi and Manisha Malhorta received the All American honor. Lepsi in doubles and Malhorta in singles.

Only four other players came close to meeting all six criteria for the award: all of them placing in both the doubles and singles categories. Bob Bryan from Stanford, Dawn Butth of Florida, Liliha Osterloh of Stanford and Katie Schluker also of Stanford all met five of the six criteria for the award.

Winning the Wilson/ITA Coach of the Year Award this year were Arizona State's Shelia McInerney and Boise State's George Patton. This award is annually given to each of the ITA's divisions. Both McInerney and Patton led their teams to number seven rankings in the Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings. They will be honored by Wilson Sporting Goods and the ITA during the Rolex Welcoming Banquet along with the coaches from the men's and women's programs in the other divisions (I, II, III, NAIA, Junior/Community Colleges and California Community Colleges).

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association is the governing body of collegiate tennis. ITA promotes both



Anthony DeLuise won three All American honors and five OVC Players of the Year.

athletic and academic excellence within the collegiate tennis community. They administer the ITA Collegiate Grand Slam Championships, the ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit, and the Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings for both women's and men's division. They have a comprehensive awards program which honors achievements in academics, leadership and sportsmanship for not only players, but coaches also.

Some believe draft system should be challenged

by Edward Moran
Knight-Ridder
Tribune News Service

The dreams of hundreds of young basketball players were tossed Wednesday into a pool of hope called the NBA draft.

Like the legions of other young men and women who have been working toward selected careers and are looking for jobs, it is time to learn if there is a paycheck to go with those dreams.

But what makes the young men in line for a job in the NBA different from the new doctors, lawyers, engineers and teachers leaving school is that they have little to say about where they are going to work and what they are going to be paid.

For the NBA, the draft is a way to maintain order and balance. For the players, it's a chance of a lifetime.

But there are those involved in the business, legal and labor side of sports who believe these young players are being taken advantage of by a system that puts them outside the American dream of deciding one's own future, and they would like to see it changed.

"Why should you have a draft in four professions in this country and in no others?" said Joel Bell, an agent who represents basketball players.

"If you had the same thing for lawyers or teachers or anything else, you would not have a free market, which is what this country is based on. There is no moral or legal reason to distinguish a basketball player from a lawyer or a sanitation worker," Bell said.

"I have friends who graduated from law school with me who all say that the draft is necessary to keep the leagues fair. But I can pretty much assure you that coming out of law school, if one of my friends was drafted and told, 'Play for us or nothing,' I think they would be doing some law work."

Bell, like other critics of the draft, believes that drafts are illegal and should be challenged in court, and that they should be substituted by open free agency for entry-level players.

The most recent rumblings are coming out of baseball, from the offices of Irvine, Calif., baseball agent Scott Boras. Boras represents the Phillies' first-round pick (second overall), Florida State outfielder J.D. Drew, and is locked in a tussle over what Drew is worth.

Drew wants a big contract, one reportedly worth \$10 million. But the Phillies are not willing to put down that kind of money for a player they have not yet seen in the major leagues.

At issue, according to Boras, is baseball's ability to keep Drew underpaid and in the minors for up to seven years because of the way its rookie draft is structured.

Boras sees those minor league years as wasted time for Drew, while the Phillies would consider them essential developmental years. There is really no way for either the Phillies or Boras to accurately predict how Drew would hit in the major leagues, how long he would play in the minors, and what he could be worth to a club.

"It's the projection factor of baseball," Phillies scouting director Mike Arbuckle said. "Especially hitters. Very few kids are ready to

compete at the major league level."

But it's an issue with which Boras does not agree, and one that has him pursuing free agency for Drew. He has filed a petition with the commissioner's office asking that Drew be declared a free agent on the grounds that the Phillies did not make him a legitimate offer within 15 days of the June 3 draft, as required by the rules. The Phillies say they met the requirement.

"The Phillies are trying to sign a player for a third of what he is worth and saying you should be happy," said Boras, who is pursuing the same loophole that last year freed four draftees to sell themselves to the highest bidders. "My job as a lawyer is to give my client every option that is available."

Each of the pro major sports drafts has its own history, unique features, rookie pay scale and contract options.

But the line of debate across the NBA, NFL, NHL and Major League Baseball is the ability for a person to negotiate a contract without restriction and the need for the leagues to be balanced.

"I think the (draft system) works and is an absolute necessity for us," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "We think you have to give teams and their fans at the bottom some sense that they are going to have something of an advantage at getting the young players."

"The sports leagues only work if fans believe that the teams at the bottom have a chance to get to the top. Otherwise you won't have competition that is meaningful for anybody."

Said Arbuckle: "The draft is the one vehicle that allows clubs that have finished lower in the standings to sign better players. If we get to the point where that vehicle is taken away, then four or five clubs are going to simply dominate."

Most agents will argue that from a players' standpoint, the only fair system would be some sort of free agency.

Changing the drafts would take long court fights. In every sport except baseball, the draft has become part of a collective bargaining agreement. If there were a court challenge that would stand a chance of becoming case law and impacting the other drafts, it most likely would be in baseball.

The catch is, civil litigation can drag on for years and a court challenge would most likely have to involve a player. So it would take a player willing to tie up critical years of his career in courts.

"Could a rookie challenge this and say he is not part of an anti-trust agreement or a collective bargaining agreement? Yes," agent Steve Kauffman said.

"But no one, in my knowledge, has ever gone into court and challenged the draft. It's expensive to go to court, and more importantly, how long would it take and what would happen to that kid?"

"From an agent's standpoint, and from a business standpoint, you would not want a draft," Kauffman said. "But it would be chaos if any team could go after whatever players they wanted."

Tyson apology may not be enough for boxing officials

by Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Sorry may not be enough for Nevada boxing regulators weighing Mike Tyson's fate.

Unswayed by his apology and plea not to be banned from boxing, the Nevada State Athletic Commission will meet next week to decide how to punish the former heavyweight champion for biting a chunk out of Evander Holyfield's ear.

"Something bad happened in the ring. The apology doesn't change what happened in the ring," said Dr. Elias Ghanem, the commission chairman.

The commission voted Tuesday to suspend Tyson pending the hearing and to go ahead with a formal complaint, which Tyson said he would not contest. His nearly \$30 million paycheck remains in the hands of the commission.

Tyson could face up to a lifetime ban from boxing along with a \$3 million fine when the commission meets, probably July 9.

All five commissioners declined to say what they thought the appropriate penalty for Tyson would be, but they can fine him a maximum of 10 percent of his purse, or \$3 million, or suspend him from boxing for however long they want.

"We can do anything all the way from doing nothing to banning him for life," said Dr. James Nave, a commission member.

The commission had already been set to meet Tuesday to consider suspending Oliver McCall and fining him \$250,000 for quitting in his Feb. 7 WBC heavyweight title fight with Lennox Lewis.

That was postponed, but if the proposed settlement that includes a year's suspension for McCall is any indication, Tyson's penalty could be even longer.

"Quitting is quitting," Ghanem said. "Biting is different than quitting."

"The thing I liked from his apology," he said, "was that he's said he needed some psychological and psychiatric treatment. As a doctor, I think that's significant."

Tyson didn't appear at the commission's emergency hearing, which drew a crowd of several hundred people to Las Vegas City Hall. His trainer, Richie Giachetti, was the only member of Tyson's camp in attendance.

Tuesday's meeting was more procedural than anything, with the commission setting into motion under Nevada law the formal proceeding. Tyson would ordinarily have 30 days to respond, but his attorney, Marty Keach, said the boxer would waive that right.

"It's his desire to move forward in this matter as expeditiously as possible," Keach said.

"We're obviously going to ask for some reason and judgment" he said. "He also wants to fight again. That's what he does for a living. That's what his whole life is based on."

Before voting to go ahead with the formal complaint, commissioners watched a slow-motion replay of the fight, including taped replays that clearly showed Tyson biting Holyfield's right ear with 38 seconds left in the round, then snarling an obscenity at him.

After the fight was stopped for about two minutes, action resumed and Tyson bit the left ear.

"He bit me again," Holyfield could be heard exclaiming on the tape.

Holyfield required 15 stitches to repair the gash in his right ear that caused blood to flow down the side of his face.

"It's not ever going to look like a normal ear," said Holyfield's attorney, Jim Thomas. "He and his wife, Janis, have both kidded about it. It looks somewhere between a Vulcan and a Doberman ear."

Holyfield said Tyson's punishment should be severe enough to deter other fighters.

"If the sentence is too light there's a chance it can happen again," Holyfield told MSNBC. "The commission should do the proper thing that would keep other boxers from doing the same thing."

Holyfield said he would not attend next week's hearing, which is

expected to feature testimony from others involved in the fight and from Tyson himself.

"I'll be in Africa," said Holyfield, who leaves Saturday for a tour of South Africa.

After the commission voted to proceed with disciplinary action, the meeting was opened for public comment and about a dozen people gave their opinions. Some urged leniency for Tyson, while others asked that any fine be donated to youth sports programs in Las Vegas.

"It's terrible what happened in the fight, but I don't want to see the gentleman destroyed," said Vanessa Williams, who identified herself as a youth sports worker.

New Jersey boxing commissioner Larry Hazzard said he didn't think a one-year suspension would be enough because championship fighters frequently take that much time off to prepare for their next fight.

"He would have to get in excess of a year," Hazzard said, adding that a five-year suspension would effectively end the 31-year-old boxer's career.

A bill moved forward in the Nevada state Senate Tuesday that would allow the commission to seize a boxer's entire purse for ring infractions such as biting, with the money going to a fund for abused and neglected children. The measure, which is not retroactive, was prompted by Saturday's incident.

The commission also directed promoter Don King's \$29,824,600 check made out to Tyson be canceled and a second check be written for the same amount to the commission. The check would be put in an interest-bearing account until the hearing.

Rival promoter Bob Arum said he doubted King actually had that much money in his account, and predicted the check would bounce when the commission attempts to put it into the interest-bearing account.

"This will expose the fraud and the way he has been dealing with Mike Tyson," Arum said. "I don't think he ever had any intention of paying Mike Tyson \$30 million."

Career

More students are choosing jobs over graduate school

by Jane Seaberry
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DALLAS—Before college students across the nation graduated this spring, they were confronted with one final quiz: Should they (a) accept one of several job offers providing them with high salaries and benefits, or (b) spend thousands of dollars and two or more years studying for a mind-broadening graduate degree?

For more and more students, the answer was easy: Take the money and work.

Graduate school enrollments across the country have dropped since the early 1990s, and education experts blame the economy. Unlike the 1970s and 1980s, when jobs were scarce and graduates took refuge in academia, today's economy is creating at least 2 million jobs a year nationwide, making employment a better option than education for many.

"Students with bachelor's degrees getting very good jobs right out of undergraduate schools," said Peter Syverson, vice president for research at the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington, D.C. "It's hard to attract somebody to graduate school when they can easily make \$39,000 and up."

In some cases, two years of working experience is more profitable than the two-year struggle toward a master's degree.

Enrollment for master's degree programs at Texas universities has steadily declined since 1992, when the post-recession economy started spewing out 100,000 or more jobs a year. After six years of increases, enrollment fell to 54,775 in 1995 from 56,451 in 1992, the last year for which figures are available, said Teri Flack, public information director for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. There is no sign that the trend is abating, she said.

Nationally, the slowdown in graduate school popularity began in 1993, when enrollments increased only 1 percent from 1994 to 1995 after rising at a 2 percent rate since 1983, according to the Council of Graduate Schools.

Enrollment fell in engineering, physical sciences and even social sciences, the council said. The only substantial growth was in the health sciences, which advanced 2 percent, compared with a 6 percent rate of expansion in the 1980s. The council attributed that increase to continuing interest in the health care field and to health care workers upgrading their credentials.

Schools looking for graduate students in engineering and physics are particularly hurt because top candidates can go straight from their ivy-covered sanctuaries to the fluorescent confines of software engineering firms with salaries that nearly double the national average.

When University of Oklahoma student Ryan Highley faced the choice of more school or work, he decided he wanted companies to show him the money. He accepted a job offer and started working before he finished his undergraduate studies.

"I really think it was the money that made me want to get out and work," said Mr. Highley, who graduated with a 3.3 overall grade point average and a 3.7 average for his management information system classes. "I could have taken that opportunity to go into graduate school. I think it was the money. There is so much to be made. The market's good right now."

A year after he took his first job with a computer-related company in Oklahoma,

his wife got a job in Dallas. After relocating to Texas, enrolling in graduate school again became an option. But when Mr. Highley sent out resumes and got three offers for software engineering jobs with salaries starting in the mid-\$30,000s, he decided once more to work.

"I really wanted to get out into the work force, make some money, get some experience," he said. "You had people like Union Pacific out of Omaha & 1/8 Neb. & 3/8, Andersen Consulting, PageNet, CompuCom, Sprint, Southwest Airlines" recruiting at his college.

So many jobs are available now that graduate school can wait, he said.

Other factors besides six years of economic growth are helping make the job market more attractive. New, highly technical products requiring microchip technology are multiplying, and students with related skills are in great demand. Additionally, global frontiers have opened new markets for American products, and many companies are hiring to meet increased demand.

As a consequence, unemployment rates across the country and in Texas are at levels not seen in more than a decade. Some companies, particularly those in high-tech fields, stalk students from the time they attend their first chemistry classes, luring them with internships, cooperative working arrangements and bonuses.

"If you don't recruit right off the college campus, you won't develop the future leaders, managers of your company," said Pat Cockburn, staffing manager for Dallas Semiconductor Corp. "They come with enthusiasm, knowledge that you need. We can train them, and they have a fairly rapid learning curve. They're less expensive than someone with more experience."

Dallas Semiconductor has cooperative work programs with college students and internships to grab recent graduates.

"We go to college campuses and have career fairs, minority organizational meetings, women's organizational meetings," Mr. Cockburn said. "We deal with the specific departments, like the electrical engineering departments, to try to develop a relationship with colleges to get them to come to our organization after college."

To his company, there is little difference between the practical work skills of an applicant with a master's degree and one with a bachelor's degree, Mr. Cockburn said.

"It's just a little more in salary, but essentially the job they're doing is the same," he said.

Someone fresh out of school can start at \$40,000 to \$45,000 a year, he said. "The salaries are going up drastically from even a year ago."

The situation is similar at PageNet, where, for information system employees, two years of working experience is more valuable than two years spent toiling for a master's degree.

"That two years spent at the graduate level is going to command a higher salary, but not as much as two years of work experience," said Scott Baradell, director of corporate communications for PageNet in Plano.

Probably the most valuable master's degree is in business administration, and that may command 5 percent to 10 percent more than a bachelor's degree alone, Mr. Baradell said. But a lot depends on the person and how much the graduate school experience can

help the company.

Universities asking young adults to pay them more tuition are sometimes no match for companies that can pay the students — and pay them well. As a consequence, brows are furrowing in the nation's ivory towers as administrators wonder how they can recapture those students lost to the job market.

"When the economy is good, they tend not to go to school," Ms. Flack said. "Just because they can find a job that pays them well, there's no need for the schooling."

Mr. Syverson of the Council of Graduate Schools agreed.

"In the 1980s, when we had the recession and a lot of corporate downsizing, graduate schools were where a lot of graduates went," he said. "Now they don't need that immediate graduate degree. Our hope is that those who are really serious about scholarship will in fact pursue doctoral degrees and not be dissuaded by temporary changes in the job market."

But the job market is the reason many students attend college. If they feel they can get a decent job when they complete their last exam, they will take it, education experts say.

"We were experiencing declining graduate applications over the past three years," said William Paver, assistant dean of graduate studies at the University of Texas at Austin. "In previous years, there were steady increases in the graduate populations — not dramatic, but a healthy 5 percent to 7 percent a year. Then, three years ago, that just reversed."

At Southern Methodist University, the story is the same.

"When the economy gets better, then the students, prospective applicants, take up jobs," said U. Marayan Bhat, dean of research and graduate studies at SMU. "When the economy is not doing that well, they feel they can go to graduate school and improve themselves or wait for the economy to improve."

Teri Miller, a magna cum laude graduate of Louisiana State University, said she had thought about graduate school after college. But she decided that graduate school could wait until she needed the added degree to get ahead at work and gain more respect.

She said she knew other students who hid in graduate school rather than looking for work or developing an interest in a subject.

"I'm afraid of those kinds of people," said Ms. Miller, a test engineer for Dallas Semiconductor. "If I think about it, that's one of the reasons I didn't go straight into grad school. I didn't want anyone to think I wanted to be a career student or I wanted to stay in the comfort of college forever."

As university deans wring their mortar boards, other college experts are confident that students will return after working a while or when the economy turns sour.

"Students who are going to school specifically to improve their job skills

go when times are hard," Ms. Flack said. "When times are better and they can get good-paying jobs, they will do that."

Both Mr. Highley and Ms. Miller say they plan to attend graduate school later in their careers. But for now, any studying they do will be for their jobs.

"I think that students are really going to college in order to decide what they want to do. This is what I want to be; this is what I want to earn my money doing," Mr. Highley said. "Sure, they just want to go out and get a job."

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Congress avoids apology for slavery, fearing reparations

by Scott Shepard
Knight-Ridder/Tribune Media

WASHINGTON — Congress avoided an apology for slavery, and many experts say a major reason is concern that an apology would open the door to discussions of huge monetary reparations for the descendants of slaves.

"That's exactly why they don't want to talk about an apology, because the next step is to talk about reparations," Ron Walters said Monday.

Walters is a political science professor at the University of Maryland and an authority on the reparations movement in the African American community.

The federal government has paid billions of dollars to Native Americans and other groups it has acknowledged wronging.

While President Clinton said Monday in a radio interview that he will consider extending a national apology to black Americans for slavery, he said he disagrees with the idea of paying reparations to the descendants of slaves.

"I suppose that some would think that, but it's been so long and we're so many generations removed, I don't think that," Clinton said.

"What I think we ought to do instead of reparations is to be repairing," he said. "That is why I don't want to abandon affirmative action without an effective alternative when there's still so many people living at least with the aftermath of discrimination."

Although caught off guard by the apology proposal, Clinton said he would think about it because "there's still some unfinished business out there among black and white Americans."

"I think it has to be dealt with," Clinton told the American Urban Radio Network. "I think this would be a helpful debate."

Last month, Clinton

apologized for the nation to the black men who were unwitting experiment subjects in the government's Tuskegee Syphilis Study, and in January he awarded — 50 years late — the Medal of Honor to seven black World War II soldiers for valor in combat.

Since the idea of an apology was broached by Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, GOP leaders on Capitol Hill have dismissed it. House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia called it emotional symbolism, and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said it probably would not happen.

Even Hall avoided any mention of reparations because politically it is "such a flash point," Hall aide Deborah DeYoung said Monday.

Hall's resolution says simply, "That the Congress apologizes to African Americans whose ancestors suffered as slaves under the Constitution and laws of the United States until 1865."

The idea of reparations for slavery has been a flash point at least since 1989, when Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., introduced legislation calling for the creation of a commission to study it. He has reintroduced his bill in every Congress since 1989, and it is one of the priorities of the Congressional Black Caucus.

As long as the federal government has maintained affirmative action programs to remedy past discrimination, many African American leaders have felt that reparations should not be actively pursued.

With such programs under a sustained political assault, particularly from GOP congressional leaders, raising the issue of reparations is increasingly viewed as a defense tactic.

The debate regarding affirmative action has revived broad interest in reparations, said Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, a coalition of 180

groups. "If people are going to eliminate affirmative action, then going down the pathway of seeking to provide some systematic economic relief — especially for deprived African Americans — is the way to go," said Walters, the political science professor.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson did not mention reparations last weekend after President Clinton's speech on racial reconciliation. In television appearances, however, Jackson has said, "There must be some program of substance beyond just the apology."

Already, Conyers' bill has been endorsed by mainstream groups such as the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"Certainly, reparations are in order," said Harold McDougall, director of the legislative office of the NAACP. He praised Hall's resolution, saying it would formally open "the discussion of this unfulfilled promise."

Opponents of reparations say that slavery ended more than a century ago, and that the federal government has played no part in it since the 13th Amendment to the Constitution outlawed slavery.

But Conyers said, "African Americans are still victims of slavery as surely as those who lived under its confinement."

He said, "Just as white Americans have benefited from education, life experiences and wealth that was handed down to them by their ancestors, so too have African Americans been harmed by the institution of slavery."

"The fruits of their labor were stolen from them. Their African culture, heritage, family, language and religion were denied them. Their self-identity and self-worth were destroyed by repression and hatred," he said.

Diverse social life linked with fewer colds

by Elizabeth Manning
Reuter

CHICAGO — Health researchers report that people who develop a variety of relationships are much less likely to catch colds than people who live more isolated lives.

Team leader Sheldon Cohen, a health psychologist at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, calls the link "a very big one." He says people who interact the least with various family members, friends, co-workers, or other social, religious, or professional groups are four times more likely to succumb to the sniffles.

Cohen, who published his

findings in the current Journal of the American Medical Association, notes that it is diversity, not simply number, of social interactions that makes the difference.

If so, variety may indeed be the spice of life: the psychologists believe diverse relationships foster a sense of self-worth, responsibility, and meaning in life which, in turn, can stimulate the immune system to better ward off a cold.

The study grew out of tests with 276 healthy men and women who volunteered to be exposed to two cold viruses. Researchers examined their habits of exercise, eating, sleep, alcohol consumption, and smoking as well as their

personality profiles and stress-hormone levels.

Cohen's group then asked the volunteers how many of 12 different relationships they participate in within a two-week period.

The result was a statistically straight line. Sixty-two percent of those who reported three or fewer kinds of relationships caught cold in contrast to 43 percent with four or five kinds and only 35 percent with six or more kinds of relationships.

Cohen says a few of the other factors, such as poor sleep or lack of dietary vitamin C, contributed to but could not account for the difference.

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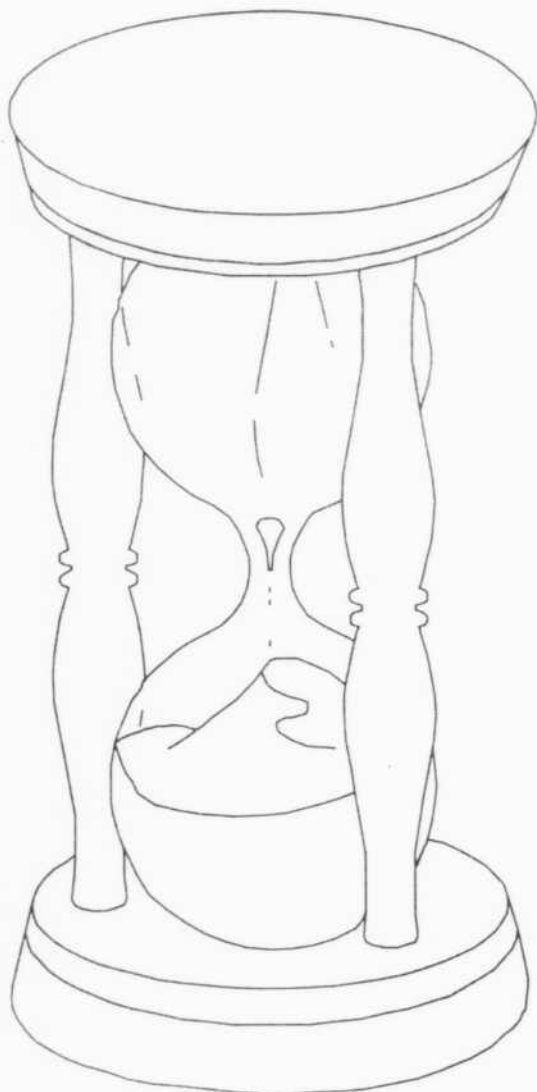
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