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In the news

TWA crash report is in; investigation to end

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Transportation Safety Board has reportedly documented in meticulous detail the last moments of TWA Flight 800, tracing the disintegration of metal to a point deep within the center fuel tank.

The 150-page draft report, described in Sunday's Newsday, will not be made public until the NTSB holds public hearings in the fall on the cause of the explosion.

Newsday said the report confirms previous conclusions that the explosion that destroyed the plane on July 17, killing 230 people, originated in the fuel tank.

The report has given law-enforcement investigators enough evidence of a mechanical cause that they may soon pull out of the crash investigation, the newspaper said.

Tensions continue to mount in Congo

BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo (AP) — Some fled down the Congo River on barges, lying low to avoid bullets flying overhead. Others rushed through streets during lulls in gunfire. One elderly woman, too frail to walk, was pushed in a wheelbarrow.

Foreigners and local residents sought any way possible to escape the fierce battle between government troops and a private militia Tuesday, the sixth day of fighting in the capital of this Central African country.

Witnesses described gruesome scenes: dead bodies strewn across streets littered with spent shells and shattered glass; three victims sprawled out of a bullet-riddled limousine near the luxury Meridien Hotel.

As night fell, fighting escalated and the warring sides remained deadlocked on terms of negotiation.

UC Irvine receives hate mail for Simpson talks

LOS ANGELES—Three weeks after O.J. Simpson secretly spoke at the University of California at Irvine, school officials are still fielding hate mail and angry calls about the football great's cloaked visit.

The Los Angeles Times reports Simpson was asked to speak to a class of students taught by criminology professor William Thompson—a DNA expert and member of Simpson's criminal defense team—on racial bias in the justice system.

Thompson said he asked the former football hero to speak in his 10-week course entitled, "Seminar on the O.J. Simpson Case," and Simpson's only condition was that the appearance be kept a secret. The plan worked until several students spotted Simpson walking through campus and speaking inside the classroom.

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Greek Row to land on campus

by Cynthia Ryan
staff writer

After almost 30 years of talking and planning, "Greek Row" on campus will be reality.

Ten acres of university-owned property has been set aside for this project.

"The site will be located on Rutherford Boulevard behind the Rec Center," said Vic Felts, director of Greek Life.

"Nine lots have been designated for fraternity houses, and seven organizations have already made commitments," said David Hays, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

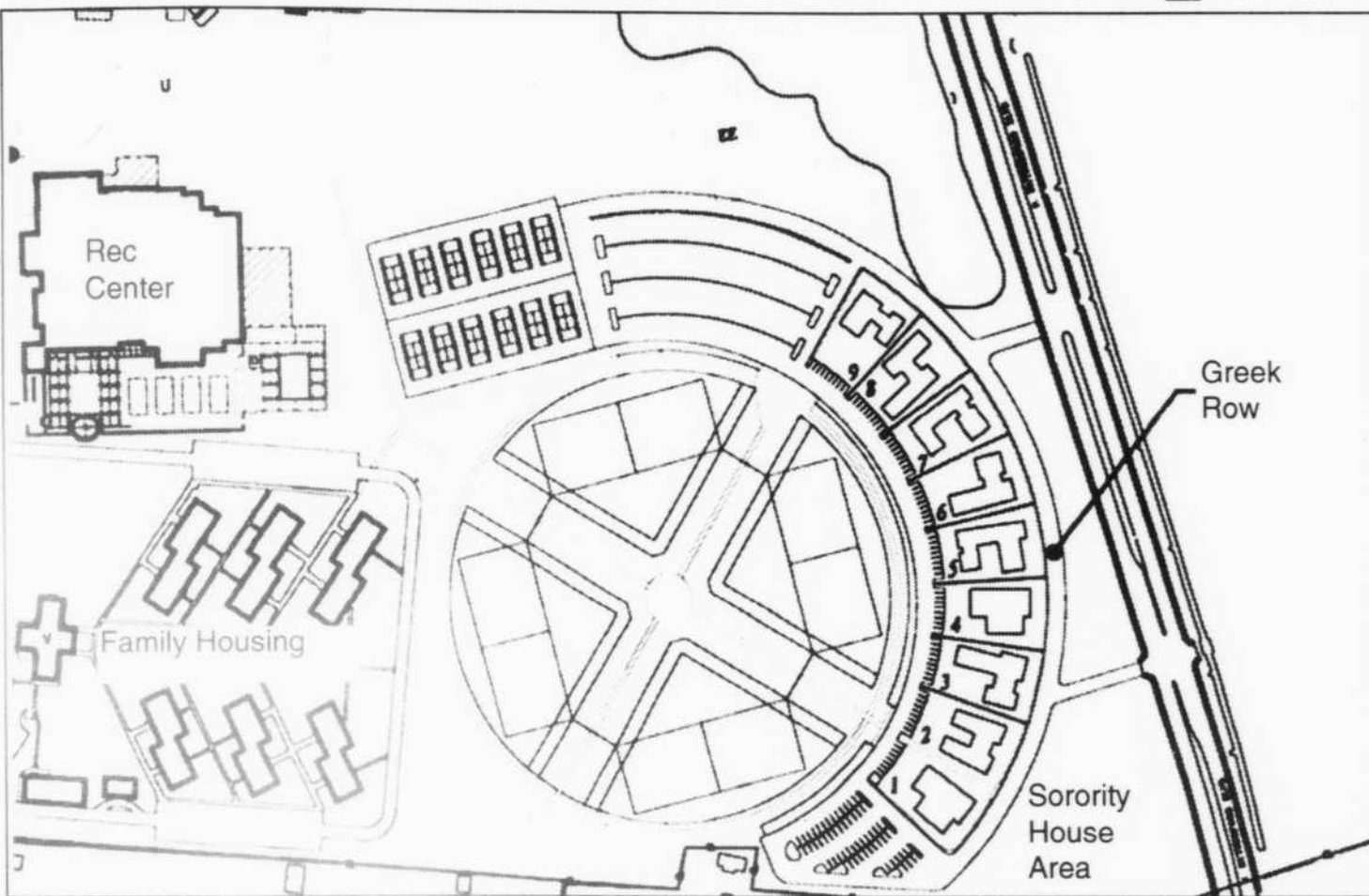
"Each group must commit to sign an agreement and deposit \$10,000 with the university," by May 6, Hays said.

Once the deposits were paid, the groups drew numbers out of a hat to determine who would have first site selection. Sigma Alpha Epsilon won the drawing.

"We are in the process of getting a package together to take to the bond authority," Felts said.

Each fraternity designs its own house and prepares a review by university officials by November of this year. The completion goal is June. Once the houses are completed and occupied, they will be leased by the university and leased to the fraternities on a 30-year lease plan.

Participating Greek organizations will follow the same rules as in all campus housing



said it is hoped Greek Row will increase visibility and memberships, as well as student involvement.

Once Phase I has been completed, the work on sorority housing will begin. Hays said it "will be structured more like a townhouse. We expect we'll have six sororities that will participate — so we'll have a total of 14 or 15 groups along Greek Row."

Having the Greeks on campus is "part of Dr. Walker's vision of bringing our campus together. Right now there is no collective sense

of community," said Hays.

"Greek members tend to be more involved in campus life," Hays continued. "I can't help but think that bringing that kind of energy onto the campus will be contagious. It will create more activity on campus."

According to Hays, research indicates that students who live on campus tend to stay in school and graduate.

"We think our student population at MTSU can probably support a larger Greek population,"

he added. "It's a matter of creating focus and identity."

"We don't want it to be Frat Row, we want it to be Greek Row," said Felts. While only the fraternities are involved at this time, the sororities plan to join Greek Row when Phase II of this project starts in 1999.

Phase I consists of seven fraternities; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Alpha Gamma Rho, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, and Beta Theta Pi.

Summer enrollment at an all time high

by Susan McMahon
news editor

More MTSU students than ever before have enrolled in summer classes.

As of Monday, 7,614 students enrolled in summer sessions, a record for Dr. Cliff Gillespie, director of admissions and records.

On Monday, 7,532 students enrolled in summer class, a growth of 82 people or 1.99 percent, Gillespie said that two years ago the enrollment was 7,161.

"The number of students enrolled in summer classes is still going up, but the growth is not as high," said Gillespie.

He said one reason the growth is slow is because the market is good.

When the job market is good, Gillespie said fewer people take summer classes when they are earning more money at work.

According to Gillespie, each term grows in accordance with the previous semester.

Usually 92 percent of the people enrolled in fall classes also take spring classes, he said.

Forty-five percent of the people who take fall classes enroll in spring classes.

Fall enrollment is expected to increase by about 375 students this semester.

MTSU is offering more summer classes than in previous years.

According to Rosemary Owens, dean of continuing studies, about 50 more classes and sections of classes

are being offered this summer.

She said that most of the added classes are sections of general studies requirement courses in subjects like English and history.

Owens added that most of the general studies sessions of classes are full.

A larger number of evening, telecourse, off campus and correspondence courses have been added to the summer curriculum this year.

Owens said they are very popular classes with non-traditional students because they are better able to meet family demands and work full-time jobs.

"We've worked hard to increase the number of evening classes," said Owens.

The off campus courses are held at Columbia State, Nissan, Arnold Air Force Base, Bridgestone, Saturn and Motlow state.

Telecourses are classes on pre-recorded video. Students in these classes can check them out from the Learning Resources Center and MTSU Channel 8.

Telecourses are offered in sections of English 211, Human Sciences 124, HPER 310 and Political Science 150.

Owens said that correspondence courses are currently offered only in a print-based form.

Owens said that she hopes to further increase the number of non-traditional courses before next summer and add online classes.

Sorority banned

1 year for hazing

by Celeste Castillo
staff writer

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has been banned from campus for a minimum of one year following a verdict of responsible on charges of hazing.

The MTSU AKA chapter founded in 1973 had ten current members in the spring term when the hazing incidents occurred. The sorority was cited for eleven violations by MTSU and Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc.

Hazing can be defined as making an initiate do unusual, humiliating or painful things, but they may not necessarily be physical.

Hazing and inappropriate behavior becomes a common ritual in many sororities and fraternities and the "cycle has to stop because those who continue, need to be held accountable for their part in such," according to Rodney Bennett, Associate Dean of Student Life.

"Anytime there are allegations of hazing, the University conducts a thorough investigation and notifies the national headquarters. We almost always suspend the responsible chapters," said Director of Greek Life Vic Felts.

In a letter to the regional director of AKA, Dean Bennett stated, "MTSU Please see HAZING, page 2

Just horsin' around...



Gould, from Rhea County, bathes her horse, Bo, at a 4-H Horseman camp which is on through today. Gould, 16, is the president of the Rhea County 4-H club. She said that is for "Head, Heart, Hands, Health, but I think it should be Horse, Horse, Horse, Horse"

photo by Steve Purinton/staff

Overnight parking can be costly

by Susan McMahan
news editor

Students who park in the church parking lot on Tennessee Boulevard need to find a new place to park at night.

The Church of Christ that used to own the building recently relocated and the building was taken over by Middle Tennessee Baptist Church.

According to Bart Walker, the assistant pastor and youth minister at MTBC, the church is enforcing parking rules posted before they bought the building.

Walker said the Church of Christ had signs posted that forbid parking in the lot from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. every night, but had failed to enforce their rule.

When the new church moved in, they replaced the old signs with new ones also stating the no parking hours and began towing vehicles that were not moved before 6 p.m.

The reason for the rule is to allow plenty of parking for church members for Thursday night services and other special night functions, such as revivals, Walker said.

There are 284 parking spaces in the lot, according to a count by Walker.

He said four were handicapped spaces and about 30 red spaces were marked for church employees and members to use during the day, leaving about 250 spaces for students to use during the day.

The previous church also had daytime church parking.



The new Middle Tennessee Baptist Church on Tennessee Blvd. is enforcing strict parking rules.

but they painted the spaces yellow.

Walker said the number of church spaces were left the same.

"We just changed the color from yellow to red," said Walker.

Barrett's Wrecker Service owner Mike Barrett, who signed a contract with the church for the towing of cars, said that the previous owner of the building had also towed vehicles away from the lot.

He said the only difference between the two churches' policies was that the previous owners had used several wrecker companies to tow vehicles and the new owner used only one to make it easier to retrieve a vehicle.

"Really, (the new owners) have been pretty lenient," said Barrett. "All they're asking is that students cooperate."

Barrett said students are charged \$65 to have their car towed to his garage, which is the same amount charged to tow from local apartment complexes.

Barrett and Walker both said that the church makes no money off the cars that are towed.

"We do not receive any money," said Walker. "We're not doing this for funds."

Barrett said he is not worried about students who are upset because their car was towed.

"Anybody that gets towed gets upset," he said. "Later,

they realize that they had parked their car wrong."

MTBC is liable for the cars left on their lot if something happens to them and the church is not required to allow them to park, Walker said.

"If you own the land, you have the right (to forbid people from parking)," said Barrett. "[The church] makes revenue off MTSU."

Barrett added that students who park at night should purchase a campus parking pass.

Walker also said he did not feel that students had a reason to complain.

"As far as we're concerned, we're being extremely fair," Walker said. "(Students) have options but to abide."

On Campus

FRIDAY, July 4
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 8:55 p.m. In case of rain, the Symphony will perform inside Murphy Center. Call 898-2919 or 898-5322 for more information.

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MONDAY, July 21
The ACT-COMP exam will be given in the Tennessee Room at 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.

Search has begun for a new assistant dean of judicial affairs

by Susan McMahan
news editor

Open forums have begun for the candidates for the position of assistant dean for judicial affairs and mediation services.

According to Tom Burke, dean of student life, the position became available when Rodney Bennett, who previously held the position, was promoted to the office vacated by Holly Lentz-Karstens, former associate dean of student life.

Burke said about 100 people applied for the dean position.

Six candidates, including two from MTSU, are being interviewed for the position.

Six open forums are being held over this week and next week for the applicants to present a formal presentation and answer questions from the university community.

Burke said the open forums give MTSU "a really good opportunity to see the candidate's philosophy."

Candidates will also be interviewed by Burke, Bennett, Duane Stucky, vice-president of finance and administration, Robert LaLance, vice president for student affairs, and John Hays, assistant vice president of student affairs.

Initially, interviews were going to be conducted in March, but were delayed by the budget cuts, said Burke.

According to Burke, they are looking for a candidate with experience in a candidate with and preferably some experience in judicial affairs.

Burke said he hopes the decision will take "hopefully no more than a few days."

He also said he hopes to make a candidate an offer by the end of next week.

The open forums began Monday in dining room C of the James Union Building.

The first candidate was Stanley Chen, a resident director at Tulane University in New Orleans.

In a presentation at the first open forum, Chen stated why he chose to apply at MTSU.

"Although (MTSU) is

becoming a large state institution, it's still very personal," said Chen.

Chen also said that if he got the job he would be involved in campus activities.

"With this job, you really have to be a member of the campus community," he said.

The second open forum was held this morning in dining room C of the JUB.

The candidate was Kathy Locke, area coordinator for residence life at MTSU.

"(The job at) MTSU is a step up from my previous position," she said. "They are very similar, but the dean's job is on a larger basis."

Locke, who majored in educational leadership in college, said the position would be a "great step forward" for her career.

On Friday, Dr. Gene Fitch will be interviewed in the Hazelwood dining room of the JUB at 10 a.m.

Fitch is the assistant dean for judicial affairs and the assistant director of campus activities at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark.

Dr. Tom Clark will be the candidate featured at an open forum on Tuesday, June 17, at 10 a.m. in the Hazelwood dining room.

Clark is a hearing officer at Eastern Connecticut State University in New London, Conn.

The next open forum will be held at 10 a.m. on June 18 at the second floor conference room in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building.

The candidate will be Tommy Wright, coordinator of maintenance for university housing and residence life at MTSU.

The last candidate is Tiphnee Jones, the assistant director of the student judicial office at Illinois State University in Normal, Ill.

Her open forum will be held June 19 in the second floor conference room of the CKNB at 10 a.m.

The department of student life has invited the campus community to attend the open forums for each of the candidates for the position.

Third annual Relay for Life inspires participation

by Cynthia Ryan
staff writer

The MTSU faculty and staff will be participating in the Cancer Relay for Life on June 13.

This will mark the event's third year in Rutherford County, and the second year of MTSU's participation.

The relay will be held at the Old Fort-Park Horse Arena. Activities will begin at 7:00 p.m.

"The cancer survivors do the first lap at 7:00. That's a really emotional moment," said Crickett Pimentel, one of the

team captains for MTSU.

According to team member Leann Cordell, there are eleven members on the Scheduling Center team this year.

"We'll all take turns walking for about 30 minutes at a time," said Cordell. "Other team members will be running our campsite while we walk."

"They have a lot of games and activities. There's going to be entertainment too," said Pimentel. They expect a wide range of music from the live entertainment.

"We'll also have a local celebrity. Last year it was Lelan Statom," said Pimentel.

Rutherford County as a whole is trying to reach a goal of \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society.

"The event will be open to the general public until 11:30 p.m.," said Pimentel.

"After they (the public) leave, we'll have a midnight buffet and overnight activities for all the team participants," said Cordell.

"Team members who can stay all night will continue the walking rotation, too," said Pimentel.

A luminary service will be held at 9:00 p.m. in memory and honor of victims and

survivors. Luminaries are purchased for a minimum dollar donation.

"The luminary is really special. Last year they spelled out Faith, Love and turned out all lights. It was beautiful," said Pimentel.

The donations are allocated to various areas of assistance. Forty percent goes to research, 24 percent to Patient and Family Services, 14 percent to fundraising, and 3 percent to Management.



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Gene Wrenne, a senior management major, enjoys the peace and quiet while studying alone in the KUC Grill yesterday. Wrenne said the Grill is a "lot different place than it is in the fall. There are no card games going on."

Parking problems concern SGA

by Cynthia Ryan
staff writer

Numerous parking problems on campus have come to the attention of the Student Government Association.

Many steps are being taken to find the sources of these problems and have them resolved.

"As far as changes are concerned, one of the main issues is communications with the Parking Authority," says Jeff Beaumont. Beaumont, public relations director for SGA, has begun a correspondence with Parking Authority Manager, Charlotte Hunt.

He hopes this will allow for more communication with the parking authority.

Beaumont also hopes to include students in this communication.

Feedback from the students is important in finding the problems.

SGA accepts student complaints, but hopes to find students who are willing to put these complaints in writing.

"To complain is one thing, but to be an active part of a change is another," Beaumont said.

According to Beaumont, the problems are compiled and presented to the proper authorities only if they are written complaints.

SGA members have personally tested parking meters on campus after complaints that they are inaccurate.

These complaints have been found valid and parking authority has been informed.

Parking authority replied that they "are aware of the meter problems and intend to replace them with electronic meters in the near future."

SGA recommends frequent maintenance checks on the meters to assure that they are in proper working order.

The parking lot between the back of Corlew and the Learning Resource Center has also become an issue.

The curbs in this area were not painted at all, and there were no signs up to specify the type of parking allowed in the area.

Students, however, were receiving tickets for parking in a faculty space.

SGA voiced this concern to various occasions.

During the third week in May, the lot was labeled with a faculty parking sign.

Another concern is the marking of disabled spaces on campus.

According to Beaumont, the disabled spaces on campus do not meet state guidelines.

As a result of this, it has been recommended that Student Traffic Court void the first ticket received for this violation.

The disabled markings are currently under investigation to guarantee that MTSU is in accordance with the law.

"Therefore, I found it necessary to talk with the Campus Police Department and ask them to write state citations for disabled parking violations," said Hunt.

"This means that people receiving these citations will not appeal to MTSU Student Traffic Court," she added. "They will have to appear before Judge Buckner, General Sessions State Court."

One problem brought up by SGA is the university vehicles parking in tow zones between Smith Hall and the Cope Administration building.

The main concern of SGA was the crosswalk emerging between two of these vans.

"Pedestrians at that crosswalk cannot see vehicles coming and the drivers cannot see pedestrians," said Beaumont.

When asked about this problem, Hunt stated, "We may do away with that crosswalk because of the other crosswalk at the stop sign."

As for the fact that the curbs are painted yellow and marked "tow zone," Hunt said "Those spaces are reserved for university vehicle parking."

"In the future we are hoping not to have to paint curbs anymore and just use signage," Hunt continued.

"Obviously students are complaining about parking higher than this campus, because Bart Gordon has called this office asking about our parking problems on campus," said Beaumont.

According to Beaumont, the parking problems have become increasingly worse.

He said he hopes to help make a difference in this area.

"I'm an advocate for students. I see that students are being done wrong and I'm here to fix that," Beaumont said.

Foundation awards seven scholarships

by April Jacobs
staff writer

Recently, the June S. Anderson Foundation presented scholarship awards to seven women at MTSU.

These women are considered non-traditional and are pursuing male-dominated careers.

New recipients are Rica Sirbaugh French, a junior majoring in Physics, who wants to pursue a career in astronomy, received \$1,332; Sarah Gordon, a junior majoring in Computer Science, who wants to work in software development and become a published author, received \$1,664; Kathleen Ann Kelly, an senior majoring in Political Science with a pre-law emphasis, who wants to conduct cultural anthropological research, received \$2,080; Melanie McDaniel, a junior majoring in Chemistry with a concentration in physical therapy, who hopes to become a chemist, received \$764; and Mary Ellen Unsel, a freshman majoring in Business Management, who wants to become an entrepreneur, also received \$764.

Repeat recipients are Jeanie Jernigan, a senior majoring in Criminal Justice Administration, who hopes to work in the juvenile justice system, received \$832; and Renee Meisel, a junior majoring in History, who wants to



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Recipients of the June S. Anderson foundation scholarships are (l to r) Rica French, Mary Unsel, Kathleen Kelly, Jeanie Jernigan, Melanie McDaniel, Sarah Gordon, and Renee Meisel.

pursue a career in Islamic history and archaeology, received \$1,664.

Board members gathered for the 13th annual luncheon honoring the June S. Anderson Scholarship program.

"Today seven women will receive scholarships totaling \$10,000 to apply toward the fall, spring and summer sessions of the next academic year," announced Dr. Ayne Cantrell, English professor and president of the Foundation board. "Since 1983, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$121,000. These scholarships are for special people - women who are non-traditional students, a little older than the average student perhaps.

These women are often mothers who are responsible for children as well as themselves.

These scholarships are the legacy of June Anderson, who was a chemistry teacher at MTSU for many years.

Anderson, who donated her life's savings to MTSU, died of a respiratory disease in 1984.

"June always cared about where we were as women in society," commented board member Margaret Behm.

"She had spunk, she was smart, and she knew how to get things accomplished. She was a citizen who decided she was really going to change the world - she saw great value in education. It was one of the great experiences of my life to

know her," Behm said.

Established in 1977, the June S. Anderson Women's Center is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Dr. Candace Rosovsky told the group that in the coming months there will be a special celebration on campus in Anderson's honor, and already efforts are being made to collect personal stories about her.

The deadline for scholarship applicants is April 1st.

Applications are located in the James Union Building, room 208.

For more information, contact the June S. Anderson Women's Center at 898-2193.

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OPINIONS

Let's not make McVeigh a Martyr

by Donald Kaul
Tribune Media Services

Our newspapers and popular journals have been festooned with messages of self-congratulation ever since that Denver jury brought in a guilty verdict against Timothy McVeigh, the Oklahoma City bomber.

The verdict rescued the jury system from the disrepute in which the initial O.J. Simpson and Rodney King trials had left it, they said. A killer can be convicted after all; that's the story line.

What, you were expecting maybe an acquittal?

Let's face it, folks, there was no way in hell McVeigh was going to beat this rap. He was accused, after all, of killing 168 citizens who reminded us of ourselves, and there was all manner of circumstantial evidence linking him to the crime. He was in all the wrong places at all the right times, and he uttered not a word in his own defense. His own sister testified against him—and she liked him. Perry Mason couldn't have gotten him off.

So let's not pat ourselves on the back too much. Mass murderers have always had a hard time beating our legal system, and McVeigh proved no exception. Among the advantages the McVeigh trial had over the first King and Simpson trials was a strong, no-nonsense judge and a competent prosecutor, both of whom moved things along without confusing the jury. Some would say it also had the advantage of not being televised, but I'm not so sure that was all to the good.

Generally speaking, I am for maximum public exposure of public events, of which a trial is one. The Simpson trial turned into such a debacle not merely because it was televised but because the lawyers and the judge were such egregious hams.

I suspect that the McVeigh trial, under the iron hand of U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch, would not have been much different televised than it was untelevised. In any case, a trial like Simpson's — charged with celebrity, sex and race, against a backdrop of Southern California dolce vita — is not one from which to draw great conclusions about the American judicial system.

The McVeigh case would have been

a better test of the fairness of letting television cameras report a trial of national interest, and I'm sorry it didn't happen. More interesting is the question of what they're going to do with McVeigh now.

There is a great temptation, even for those of us opposed to capital punishment, to say "Kill him." The man is a creep. He killed scores of innocent people and shows no remorse. He doesn't deserve to live. Of course.

On the other hand, there are those who say that killing is too good for him, too quick. He should be allowed to spend the rest of his life rotting in jail, contemplating his sin. That's not a bad argument, but I guess I go a third way.

It is precisely the magnitude of McVeigh's crime that renders killing him for it futile. If a man kills someone and you kill him back, there's a certain rough, vindictive justice in it. But if a man kills 168 people, you can't even the score by killing him too. He is beyond retributive justice.

Alive, he remains a kind of warning against a madness that seems to be growing in our society, the conviction that government is the mortal enemy and must be opposed, with arms if necessary; an anti-militia poster boy, if you will. Dead he becomes a martyr to that cause.

About that madness; it has been said that McVeigh was inspired of his deranged act by a series of government outrages, mainly the 1992 government raid on a white supremacist's cabin at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and the federal raid on the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas in 1993, in which more than 80 cult members died.

Perhaps, but they were as much excuse as cause. McVeigh and all like him — militia yokels, Internet commandos, storm trooper wannabees — tend to be deranged cuckoos whose murderous instincts are at the whim of a change in barometric pressure.

I wouldn't defend government actions in either Ruby Ridge or Waco; both were criminally stupid foul-ups. But to use them to justify mass murder? That's sick.

And so, in its way, is using the Oklahoma City deaths to justify the killing of even so monstrous a villain as McVeigh.



Is sanity a gender thing?

I believe that, in general, women are more sane than men.

For example: If you see people who have paid good money to stand in an outdoor stadium on a freezing December day wearing nothing on the upper halves of their bodies except paint, those people will be male.

Without males, there would be no such sport as professional lawn mower racing.

Also, there would be a 100 percent decline in the annual number of deaths related to efforts to shoot beer cans off heads.

There would be no such words as "wedgie" and "noogie."

Also, if women were in charge of all the world's nations there would be - I sincerely believe this - virtually no military conflicts, and when there WAS a military conflict, everybody involved would feel just awful and there would soon be a high-level exchange of thoughtful notes written on greeting cards with flowers on the front, followed by a Peace Luncheon (which would be salads, with the dressing on the side).

So I sincerely believe that women are wiser than men, with the exception of one key area, and that area is: clothing sizes. In this particular area, women are insane.

When a man shops for clothes, his primary objective - follows me closely here - is to purchase clothes that fit on his particular body. A man will try on a pair of pants, and if those pants are too small, he'll try on a larger pair, and when he finds a pair that fits, he buys them. Most men wear jeans with the size printed right on the back label, so that if you're



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standing behind a man in a supermarket line, you can read his waist and inseam size. A man could have, say, a 52-inch waist and a 30-inch inseam, and his label will proudly display this information, which is basically the same thing as having a sign that says: "Howdy! My butt is the size of a Federal Express truck!"

The situation is very different with women. When a woman shops for clothes, her primary objective is NOT to find clothes that fit her particular body. She would LIKE for that to be the case, but her PRIMARY objective is to purchase clothes that are the size she wore when she was 19 years old. This will be some arbitrary number such as "8" or "10." Don't ask me "8" or "10" of WHAT; that question has baffled scientists for centuries. All I know is that if a woman was a size 8 and age 19, she wants to be a size 8 now, and if a size 8 outfit does not fit her, she will not move on to a larger size: She can't! Her size is 8, dammit! So she will keep trying on size 8 items, and unless they start fitting her, she will become extremely unhappy. She may take this unhappiness out on her husband, who is waiting patiently in the mall, perhaps browsing in the Sharper Image store, trying to think of how he

could justify purchasing a pair of night-vision binoculars.

"Hi!" he'll say, when his wife finds she's fat, and if he answers "yes," she'll be angry because HE'S OBVIOUSLY LYING BECAUSE NONE OF THE SIZE 8'S FIT HER. There is no escape for the husband. I think a lot of unexplained disappearances occur because guys in malls see their wives unsuccessfully trying on outfits, and they realize their lives will be easier if, before their wives come out and demand to know whether they're fat, the guys just run off and join a UFO cult.

This is a very bad situation for the man, because if he answers "yes," she'll be angry because he's saying she's fat, and if he answers "no," she'll be angry because HE'S OBVIOUSLY LYING BECAUSE NONE OF THE SIZE 8'S FIT HER. There is no escape for the husband. I think a lot of unexplained disappearances occur because guys in malls see their wives unsuccessfully trying on outfits, and they realize their lives will be easier if, before their wives come out and demand to know whether they're fat, the guys just run off and join a UFO cult.

The other day my wife, Michelle, was in a terrific mood, and you know why? Because she had successfully put on a size 6 outfit. She said this made her feel wonderful. She said, and this is a direct quote: "I wouldn't care if these pants were this big (here she held her arms far apart) as long as they have a '6' on them."

Here's how you could get rich: Start a women's clothing store called "SIZE 2," in which all garments, including those that were originally intended to be restaurant awnings, had labels with the words "SIZE 2." I bet you'd sell clothes like crazy. You'd probably get rich, and you could retire, maybe take up some philanthropic activity to benefit humanity. I'm thinking here of professional lawn mower racing.

When did a "checkered past" become a "sexual history?"

When did a "checkered past" become a "sexual history?"

by Colin McEnroe
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HARTFORD, Conn.—Recently, I've heard so much about people's sexual histories that I've begun trying to figure out when this will become a required course in high school or college. As in, "Hey, Bobby Who you got for sexual history?"

There may even be a whole sexual history department on some campuses and sundry endowed chairs. As in, "So and so is Montel Williams professor of sexual history."

There will be books, such as "Sexual History for Dummies" and "Don't Know Much About Sexual History," for people who failed to pay attention the first time around.

Maybe Stephen Hawking will publish "A Brief Sexual History of Time" and Oliver Sacks will write "The Man Who Forgot His Own Sexual History."

PEOPLE DIDN'T USE to have

sexual histories. They had pasts, and if there was any sexual history in a person's past, it became a checkered past, which in itself was a strange idea. What, a striped past is better?

Nobody ever had a checkered present or future to speak of. And checkered pasts were usually ascribed to women, even when the checks were really in the male.

Checkered pasts seem to have followed that checkered cab into oblivion. They have given way to sexual histories. The term has a slightly more crisp and clinical sound. As in, "I'm going to take a sexual history now."

For example, President Clinton's lawyer Bob Bennett said he would bring up Paula Jones' sexual history if her lawyer brought up Bill Clinton's sexual history. Bennett has subsequently said that no matter how much sexual history Jones brings up about Clinton, he won't bring up her sexual history. So the whole thing is

history.

THERE WILL BE separate courses taught in American presidential sexual history and American military sexual history, which is currently a more dense and thorny topic than the Punic Wars, especially after the last few weeks, which really made sexual history.

Can you imagine a final exam on which you were responsible for the sexual histories of 1st Lt. Kelly Flinn, Maj. Gen. John E. Longhouser and Gen. Joseph W. Ralston? Then, perhaps, you can feel compassion for William Cohen, who actually is.

Inevitably, there will be a call for a Museum of Sexual History, although it is difficult to imagine what would be in it. Dioramas? Distinguishing characteristics? Interactive exhibits? The gift shop should be a doozy.

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A Christian view on capital punishment

To the editor:

I have heard much talk in the last few days about McVeigh receiving the death penalty, and a year or so ago I would have wanted to see him "fry" like most everybody else. However, I'm not sure that I could make that decision now.

What should be the Christian point of view? He was found guilty and few people disagree with the

verdict. Jesus once asked to judge a capital case (John 8:5), but Jesus would not judge anyone while on Earth (Vs 15.) Instead, he told the woman "Go and sin no more" (Vs 11.) He is our example, and we are to walk as he walked. St. John says, "He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now...and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whether he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes...whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him" (1John 2:9, 11; 3:15.)

"The Lord is...not willing that any

should parish, but that he should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9.) If we believe and condone capital punishment, we are cutting that person off from the repentance that God desires for that person. "They that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth" (Isaiah 38:18.) If he sits in a prison cell and "rots" for the rest of his life, he has all that time to repent and sin no more.

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Correction

We ran a story in the June 4 edition on the Solarraider. In that story, Ronald Hill's name was printed as Ronald Hall. We apologize for the mistake.

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LOCAL ARTIST FEATURED AT CENTER FOR ARTS

by Cynthia Ryan
staff writer

Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts is featuring the works of artist Erin Johnson through June 28. Johnson's work focuses on the human figure.

Johnson is a multimedia artist who sculpts from found objects, both industrial and household. Her most popular work seems to be the sculptures created using an antique ironing board as the foundation.

"I began doing these sculptures about seven years ago," said Johnson. "I just got it (the idea) one day. It seemed like the thing to do, so I did it."

There are a total of eleven ironing board sculptures featured, along with a dozen paintings and various other works.

According to Johnson this is "the first time this many of the ironing boards have been featured in one show."

"The wooden board assumes human form into which various industrial and household objects are integrated to forge distinct personalities," said Johnson. "Some are serious, some are whimsical."

"Erin's really well known in the area so the response has been very positive. We had about 70 people just at the reception," said Brad Evans, acting interim director for the Center for the Arts.

"She's already sold three pieces in the first week. A lot of people who know her work have already come to see the show," said Evans.

Johnson graduated from Rhodes College and is listed in *Who's Who in American Art*. She has had previous exhibits at Tennessee's Hunter Museum, New York's Jacob Javitz Show and the National Association of Women Artists traveling printmaking exhibition.

Johnson is a local artist who is "not only a really talented artist but she's just a very dear, genuine person as well," said Evans.

The Gallery at the Center for the Arts is open business hours, Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information on Johnson's exhibit contact the Center for the Arts at 904-ARTS(2787).



photo by Steve Purinton

Above: Local artist Erin Johnson talks to fans at last Sunday's reception. Johnson's art work will be the featured exhibit in the Gallery at the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts from June 3-28.



photo provided

Stella, who recently released a promo CD on the Beggars Banquet label.

MORE MADNESS FOR MUSIC CITY

CHARLOTTE BAND FINDS NEW HOME IN NASHVILLE

Chad Gillis
features editor

The 'stereotype' of Nashville as merely a 'country music city' is quickly being denounced.

With venues such as Lucy's Records (whose shows sometimes flow into the downtown streets with acts like Doo Rag) and 328 Performance Hall (featuring Ween and John Spencer to mention a few) challenging the Blue Bird it seems just a matter of time before Nashville is simply 'music city.'

The latest addition to the arsenal seems to be Stella—a band who recently relocated from Charlotte.

With their latest release, *Ascension*, Stella has taken notice like a tsunami in the middle of Tennessee.

Tracks like *Song in D* and *Azure* provide a demonstration of wide musical capabilities, yet the band maintains the consistency of granite.

The guitars intertwine as if one instrument, sharing brief moments of common ground just before exploding into a million musical atoms.

"Charles (Wyrick, lead guitarist) and I, in our guitar philosophy, have always been interested in more dense chord structures. We're guitarists who get bored easily. So we're interested in doing different things," said Perkins.

Bright Morning could actually be separated into three or four songs. If this track was a judge his name would be madness, and the crime would be ingenious exposure.

Ascension has an obvious raw feeling that explains the mostly live recording. The production is violently subtle and is even credible before reading Glenn Rosenstein (Talking Heads) on the credits.

Frontman Curt Perkins provides the lyric and the voice to this explosive four piece band. Perkins gets album credits for production as well.

"It's more of a classic kind of approach, I'd guess you'd say, rather than doing a lot of tricky stuff that would probably turn us more into a 'scientist' rock band," Perkins relays.

"We try to concentrate on getting as much emotional intensity out of a single performance as possible," says Perkins. "That's why the majority of our album was recorded pretty much live. At the end of the day you can have as many tricks as you want, but I think that a good song and a good performance are, hopefully interesting."

Nashville is currently in danger of musical invasion and some are proud of its transition.

Nashville is slowly but steadily loosing that dreadful 'stereotype.'

Acts like Stella immigrating to the area are a breath of fresh air and they provide support for our 'ground troops.'

WHAT GOES & ON &

Tonight Those *Legendary Shack Shakers* bring their hip and groovy Rockabilly sound to Sebastian's

Fools Rush In grace the *Exit/In* with their homegrown, death-defying funky machine

Thursday Celtic night with *Secret Commonwealth* at the 'Boro

Highwater, *Kim's Fable* and *Black Uhuru* do the Dancin' in the District

Saturday Matthew Sweet will be at 328 Performance Hall—\$15 at the door

Centennial Art Center hosts big band night with *Radio Daze Dance Band* at 7:30

Sunday Roland Gresham *Jazz* at the 'Boro, be there early

Davis' Market will be selling the coldest of beverages

Tuesday The Japan Center of Tennessee will host *Introduction to Kabuki, A Japanese Classic*

Performing Art from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Harambee Auditorium—1100 19th Ave.

Nashville

Friday Dorothy Parker will be playing at the 'Boro along with *The Nian Clock Project*

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Saturday *Los Lobos* will be live in concert at 328 Performance Hall to celebrate the

June 21

venue's 7th anniversary

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Title IX bridges the athletic gender gap

by Nikki Bagwell
sports editor

Title Nine is making a mark in the news again.

It hit its 25th anniversary this May. The issue regained public attention just a few weeks ago in a Supreme Court case involving Title Nine and Brown University. The Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal. Through this action the court said that Title Nine is a law and it will be enforced.

As for those who have never heard of Title Nine, it is a landmark piece of legislation, originally known as the Education Amendments of 1972, that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex at educational institutions that receive federal funds. So in other words, Colleges that want to receive federal funding must the required percentage of female athletes.

Athletic Directors around the country participate in the debate over Title Nine. With questions like, "Why is it so important?" and "What will we do to meet the quota? What will happen to the football program?" Title Nine has sparked many debates that still leaves the questions unanswered and legislature is not going to bend the law.

OVC

In the land of OVC, Title Nine is not as big of an issue as it is at some colleges. In a recent NCAA study we see that at Tennessee's 10 major colleges a total of 66.5% of athletes are male compared to a national

average of 63.5%. The 10 major colleges surveyed include MTSU, Vanderbilt, and UT Knoxville.

Doug Dickey, athletic director at UT Knoxville, says it is virtually impossible to gain the 50/50 split on demand. "If you discontinue football, it's no problem to get those numbers in order. But I don't think that's a very popular way to go for many of us," Dickey said to the Tennessean.

Vanderbilt's numbers of participating athletes are more evenly distributed. At Vandy, 46.7% of the undergraduate student body are women; 41.4% of the sports participants are women. "Our numbers are up significantly in woman's participation in the last few years and that's something I think we all are proud of at Vanderbilt," said June Stewart, associate athletic director at Vanderbilt.

Although Vanderbilt has a closer range of numbers, it was recently charged with gender bias by the National Women's Law Center. In the center's review they saw that Vanderbilt awards an average of \$2,603 less to female athletes than to male athletes.

Director of Athletics at Vanderbilt, Todd Turner told The Tennessean that the data they used was out of date. "I don't know why someone didn't call us. We believe that when completed, our plan will be a model of Title IX compliance," said Turner.

MTSU

During the survey period, 77 of the 272 athletic participants at MTSU

were women. According to the three part test prescribed by the Office of Civil Rights in compliance with federally mandated Title Nine laws, MTSU is not in violation. In fact MTSU is striving to bring more women's sports to this university. With the addition of soccer and the upcoming plan to add women's golf in 1999, we are quickly expanding the Women's Athletic Program. "The easy thing to do is make excuses and say the financial pressures are holding us back, but we're not doing that," said Lee Fowler, director of athletics here at MTSU.

Title Nine Rules

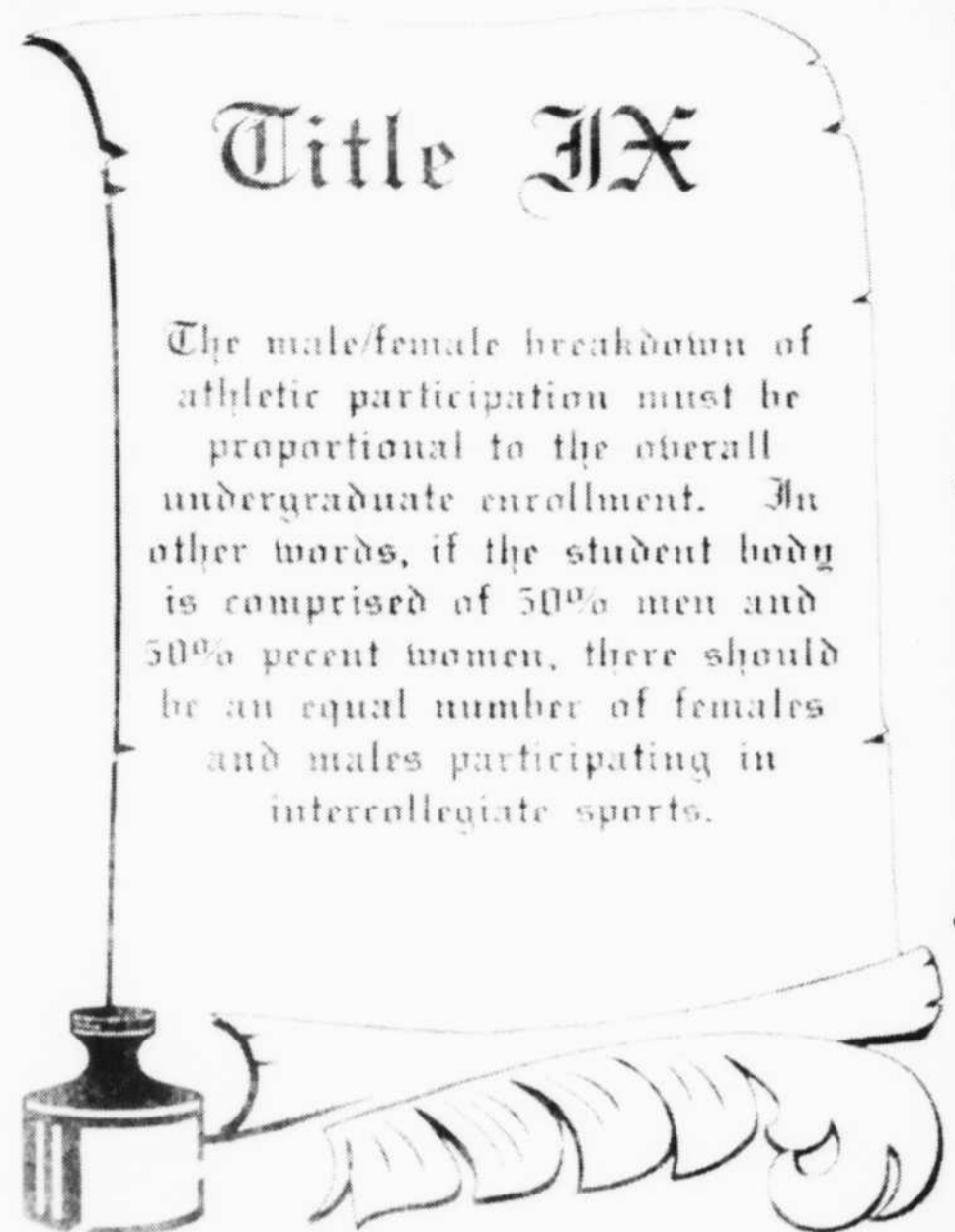
In order to be in compliance with Title Nine, a school must pass just one of the three criteria:

-The male/female breakdown of athletic participation must be proportional to the overall undergraduate enrollment. In other words, if the student body is comprised of 50% men and 50% women, an equal number of females and males participating in intercollegiate sports should be represented.

-The school has expanded its women's sports program in recent years.

-The school accommodates the interests and abilities of the sex that is under-represented in its athletic program. For example, a school should fully fund sports that are popular in its region or within its student body.

Source: NCAA News



Rec center challenges summer boredom

by Nikki Bagwell
sports editor

This summer the Rec center is offering a variety of activities to motivate those who are planning a summer exercise routine.

If you like to observe nature and get a little exercise while basking in the outdoor sunshine, the recreation center has an offer for you. Glenn Hanley and staff have planned a summer full of adventurous treks and trips. The Summer Outdoor Pursuits Adventure Program is designed to cater to those who are adventurous at heart. The program includes two backpacking trips and five rafting

trips. A variety of activities have been planned, which allows everyone to choose their own source of enjoyment.

Even if you are not the outdoors type, the rec. center offers many indoor activities for you to choose. It has regular hours throughout the summer and still offers the Reebok Step Aerobics and Total Body Conditioning classes.

Your summer doesn't have to be boring. Get it, get in touch with nature and get down to rec. center!

For more information about The Outdoor Adventure Schedule or the Step Aerobics classes, please call 898-2104.

MTSU Tennis Team Finishes 17th

by Ramona Stubblefield
staff writer

The Blue Raiders have finished the tennis season ranking 17th place in the Rolex Collegiate Tennis Rankings for the 1997 season raising their status for last year's placement of 22nd. Middle Tennessee tied their 1996 school record of 24-5 for the season.

In the singles, Anthony DeLuise lost to UCLA's Kevin Kim 6-3, 7-5. Fred Niemeyer fared better winning over Oklahoma State's Pavel Kudmac 6-3, 6-4 and John Landsberg of Ole Miss 6-3, 7-5 moving him to the quarter finals. He lost to George Bastl of USC 6-1, 7-6, which kept him from the semi-finals.

Niemeyer has a singles record of 134-36 and a doubles record of 120-40, which are the best records in MTSU history. Combined, Niemeyer's record is 261-76 giving

him a 77.4 winning percentage. In 1994 he was also the first Blue Raider to appear in the NCAA Championship with doubles partner Paul Goebel.

Niemeyer ended his MTSU career ranked fourth in the country and named Intercollegiate Tennis Association All American for the third time. Fellow Raiders Anthony DeLuise and David McNamara, both juniors from Australia, ranked 39 and 93 respectively.

In doubles, David McNamara/Julius Robberts, a junior from South Africa, lost in the first round to Bastl/Spencer of USC 7-6, 7-6. DeLuise/Niemeyer also lost in their first round to Arnold/Blake of Harvard 6-4, 7-6.

"We had goals we realized and some left unfulfilled, but with the injuries and such we had to contend with, it was a success." Said head coach Dale Short who is very proud of the 1997 season. "It is definitely a season to build upon."

Bulls and Jazz tied up: Game 5 tomorrow

by Chris Sheridan
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — On the eve of the most important basketball game of the season, the NBA Finals were dragged down Tuesday by the latest plot turns in the continuing saga of "As The Worm Turns."

The Chicago Bulls and Utah Jazz are tied going into Wednesday night's Game 5, but the series has at times resembled a Dennis Rodman soap opera.

Tuesday's happenings had enough angles to push talk about basketball well into the background.

In the latest developments:

— The Anti-Defamation League harshly criticized Rodman for his vulgar and derogatory comments about Mormons.

— Rodman more or less repeated his inflammatory statements prior to practice, then said he wouldn't have made similar comments about Jews.

— The NBA and Bulls management said they planned to speak to Rodman about his inflammatory comments, but no suspension or fine appeared to be imminent.

— Rodman returned late at night from his second straight trip to Las Vegas with his rock star friends.

— Michael Jordan said he had given up on trying to chide Rodman into a better performance.

— One Chicago columnist called upon the Bulls to release Rodman immediately.

Rodman was unrepentant in his daily interview session with the media, especially when asked if he planned to apologize for his comments made last weekend about Mormons when he used an expletive to refer to them. He used another vulgarity to refer to some of them Tuesday.

"That's fair," Rodman said. "If we were in Houston, I'd say (the same) about the Houston people."

"Maybe I don't know some of the Mormon people. The Mormon people don't like me, either, right? That's a given, right? So, what the hell."

Rodman has been making off-color comments about Mormons ever

since the series started. After Game 3, he explained his poor play by saying: "It's difficult to get in sync because of all the (expletive) Mormons out here. And you can quote me on that."

Rodman was suspended by the Bulls earlier this season for cursing on camera during a post-game interview that was broadcast live back to Chicago. He also drew an 11-game ban for kicking a court-side cameraman in the groin during a game at Minnesota.

There is no precedent for a player defaming an entire religious movement, and the league reacted tentatively Tuesday in issuing an official statement.

"If that's what he said, it's indefensible," NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said. "We will be dealing with Dennis after the finals are concluded."

The only official reaction Tuesday from the Mormon Church was a no comment.

Outside the church's high-walled world headquarters temple in downtown Salt Lake City, construction worker Jim Whiteley, wearing a Jazz T-shirt and hardhat, dismissed it as another example of Rodman trying to draw attention to himself.

"His lifestyle is so different from ours that being here has curtailed everything he's used to. Some people will take offense, but we're used to it because we've been persecuted ever since the church was founded in 1830," Whiteley said.

Barbara Bergen of the Anti-Defamation League called on the Bulls or the league to take immediate action against Rodman.

"Any kind of hate speech against any group is indefensible. Frankly, his antics are getting old and a large segment of the community is turned off and disgusted. I would hope that the team and the league recognize that and take action," Bergen said.

Coincidentally, Rodman hasn't scored any points on the basketball court since the series moved to Salt Lake City almost a week ago.

He had no points and three rebounds in 24 minutes of Game 3, then went 0-for-4 from the field with just six rebounds in Game 4.

For the series, he is averaging 2.8 points and 7.0 rebounds and has had his playing time reduced considerably.

"I'm not tanking it," Rodman said. "I have to play more time, more minutes. I played fairly good defense in the second half a couple of days ago but I have to be more offensive minded and put the ball in the hole," he said.

But Bulls coach Phil Jackson doesn't want Rodman to be offensive-minded. During a timeout six minutes into Game 4, Jackson told Rodman to stop shooting.

"Dennis took two poor shots that weren't in the context of our offense. Dennis questioned that immediately," Jackson said.

Rodman then walked off the court and went to the locker room complaining of an upset stomach. Jackson called it a "biological urge," and some, including general manager Jerry Krause, wondered whether Rodman had stormed off in disgust.

"I talked to the doctor about it. He said it was an upset stomach," Krause said.

Nevertheless, Jackson said Rodman would again have the initial defensive assignment on Karl Malone in Game 5.

Jackson also said he had no problem with Rodman making the trip to Las Vegas again Monday night after he had done the same thing Sunday night after Game 4, not returning until mid-morning when the team was required to be present at the Delta Center for interviews.

Rodman didn't stay quite as long Monday night, returning to Salt Lake City aboard a flight that landed around 2:30 a.m.

"His trip to Vegas was daytime. He was in his room and in his bed last night," Jackson said.

Chicago will be trying to avoid its first three-game losing streak with Jordan on the roster since the 1990-91 championship team opened the regular season with three consecutive losses.

It's a tough task for the Jazz, but they also have a fairly little statistic working in their favor: They haven't lost a home game to an Eastern Conference team since November 1995.

Snellgrove is drafted by San Diego

by Nikki Bagwell
sports editor

Blue Raider Shortstop Clay Snellgrove was recruited in the 24th round by the San Diego Padres last week.

The number seven Blue Raider

baseball player has maintained a record breaking career with an OVC record of 224 games, 269 hits, 831 at bats and 63 doubles. Snellgrove finished the year on a 21-game hit streak according to Jim Horten from MTSU sports information. He had 15 multiple-hit games and reached base

safely in 31 straight games dating back to March 29.

In his school season, Snellgrove had 88 hits and 21 doubles, tying with Jay "Hawk" Owens.

Snellgrove will begin by playing in the Pioneer League in Idaho Falls.

Got sports news?

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Scopin' the soaps...

By Toby Goldstein

EDITOR'S NOTE: This week's column presents a summary for a new daytime show "PORT CHARLES." This column presents on air summaries for the week of June 2-6, 1997.)

ALL MY CHILDREN: Erica tried to mentally gear up to return Sonya to her rightful parents. However, Erica's erratic behavior led Edmund and Maria to wonder if she had gone back on pills. Gloria warned Dimitri never to repeat his behavior after he impulsively kissed her. Christina urged Pierce to build a life with Brooke. Doing a bit of matchmaking, Amanda bought flowers for Janet and signed the card in Trevor's name. Kelsey became envious of Scott and Laura's romance. Mateo and Hayley made plans to go on a honeymoon in Jamaica. **Coming:** A warming trend for Janet and Trevor.

ANOTHER WORLD: As Shane's execution drew near, Vicky and Jake searched Ambrose's house for evidence that could clear his name. Felicia was conflicted over the feelings she had for Alexander. Cass called Felicia to report that there's a problem with John's divorce papers. Toni and Nick were at odds over Tomas' involvement with the stolen traffic sign mischief. Paulina decided to do something about her excess weight. Cass refused to take on Grant as a partner in his law practice. **Coming:** Vicky races to save a life.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Emily was stunned to discover that James is still alive, and sought him out as a potential source of help. Mark demanded payment from the Wonder Building people and found out he'd been set up. Molly asked Jack for help, but he rebuffed her. Lucinda reviewed her plan to trap David, then broke into Fairwinds. Camille told Margo that she'd seen the man in the photograph. Amber drugged Kirk. James looked forward to his date with Samantha. **Coming:** Lily and Holden make plans for the future.

BOLD & BEAUTIFUL: Everyone in the courtroom was stunned when Ridge took the stand and confessed to shooting Grant. As Grant offered thanks to Ridge, Ridge urged him to

get psychological help for Rick. Sheila went into premature labor and delivered a baby with medical problems, but the newborn thrived. As Sheila bonded with the child, Maggie peered through the nursery window and felt left out of everything. Taylor refused to believe that Ridge had shot Grant and vowed to wait for him, however long it takes. **Coming:** Thorne offers consolation to Taylor.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Kristen and Marlena looked on in horror as a disgruntled Susan attempted to seduce John. The rivals then listened as John pledged his undying love to a photo of Marlena. Bo and Billie were shocked to realize that King had arranged for them to get married in Rome, and saw no way out of it. Sami and Lucas concocted a plan to intensify the concerns raging in Austin over Carrie's apparent interest in Mike. **Coming:** Hope fades for Laura's recovery.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Tony turned his back on Carly after he learned of her betrayal and shared the news with Bobbie. A distraught Carly appealed to A.J. for solace, as his memory of the fateful night grew stronger. Sonny took Brenda to a special place from his youth. Emily blamed herself when she learned that Dorman had used her diary for information, and her distress put her back in the hospital. Katherine led the way for Nikolais to attempt a reconciliation with his uncle. **Coming:** Carly's in a new kind of trouble.

GUIDING LIGHT: Matt was floored to realize that his online soul mate is really Vanessa. Harley and Frank weren't so quick to dismiss Buzz's bruising at the hands of a hit and run driver as a freak accident, which a menacing Jeffrey confirmed. Annie pulled out all the stops as she testified at Reva's trial, but Ross began to figure out that everything is not as it seems. Hart asked Dinah to take a major step in commitment to their relationship. **Coming:** Annie's turn to weather the blows.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Disguised in Patrick's clothing, Todd planted a bomb on Guy's yacht. The vessel exploded with

Guy on board, seriously injuring him. Todd got edgy when he learned that Guy was regaining consciousness. Although Drew informed Kelly that he's made the evidence against her disappear, Kelly decided to turn herself in, and spilled the truth to Nora and Bo. Clint and Viki fumed after the Sun scooped them with the stories of the car accident and Asa's pending deals. **Coming:** Todd's plan appears to be working.

PORT CHARLES: Scotty saw Lucy and demanded that she hand over Serena. However, Lee informed Scotty that his daughter is waiting to see him. Kevin found out that he's going to be a father. Joe tried to persuade Karen to stay in Port Charles. She in turn offered Joe moral support as he prepared to face the review board. Eve had a bad first day as an intern when she was humiliated in front of her peers by Dr. Ellen Burgess, her boss. **Coming:** A frightening moment for Scotty.

SUNSET BEACH: Rae left Casey and headed for San Francisco with Wei-Lee. A devastated Casey found unexpected company when his mother, Alex, arrived, but she didn't tell her son everything. Ben admitted to Meg that something terrible happened in the locked room. Caitlin and Olivia pressured Gregory into dropping the charges against Cole. However, the Interpol police put him under arrest. **Coming:** Gregory is determined to get his way.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Chris tried to put Phyllis on the spot by bringing up the cash that was found in Sasha's room, and wondering where it came from. Meanwhile, Tim demanded to know when Phyllis will repay the money she borrowed from him. Tricia convinced Ryan that they could continue as friends, but Megan was dubious. Diane called off her engagement to Jack, but later wondered whether Victor might be using her as a pawn against Jack, or if he might be making a move on her. Tony reluctantly agreed to help Grace with watching Cassie until she can afford to hire a baby sitter. **Coming:** Chris steps up the pressure.

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Blockbuster summer in store for movies

By Ian Spelling

CPS -- Listen closely and you can practically hear movie studio executives breathing a deep sigh of relief that "Titanic" won't set sail until December.

The postponement of that megafilms' July release means that the many other would-be summer blockbusters the studios intend to release in June, July and August need not be open opposite one another, with all of them competing for a finite number of moviegoers. It's possible, and perhaps even likely, that Summer 1997 will be remembered as the biggest moviegoing summer ever—at least until next year.

So, what's in store? Let's take a look: **JUNE "Speed 2"**—Keanu Reeves jumped ship, but director Jan DeBont and star Sandra Bullock return for more mayhem in this sequel. The vehicularly challenged Bullock winds up on a cruise ship with beau Jason Patric when psycho Willem Dafoe commandeers it. "Con Air"—Nicolas Cage is the parolee stuck on a plane of big-time baddies, headed up by John Malkovich, who have no intention of going back to prison. Expect ridiculous explosions, a booming soundtrack, ironic quips and lots of action. The film also stars such solid actors as John Cusack, Ving Rhames, Colm Meaney and Mykelti Williamson.

"Batman & Robin"—Listen to this cast:

George Clooney as Mr. Freeze, Arnold Schwarzenegger as The Killer, Uma Thurman as Poison Ivy, Chris O'Donnell as Robin and Alicia Silverstone as Batgirl. It sounds like a winner on paper, though one can't help but wonder if there's enough movie to sufficiently utilize all these A-list actors.

"Face-Off"—John Woo's last film, "Broken Arrow," proved far too Americanized. Now, the man behind the "The Killer" seems to have gotten two of Hollywood's hottest properties, John Travolta and Nic Cage, to use their combined star power to convince a studio to make a real War movie of a movie. Expect endless fights scenes, sleek cinematography and low-mo shots, and the like in this tale of a cop (Travolta) and his son's killer (Cage) who literally exchange faces.

"Hercules"—Disney's animation unit, while certainly not embarrassed by the darker "Pocahontas" and "Hunchback," hopes to return to form with a light-hearted take on the Greek saga of Hercules. Top talent includes Tate Donovan as Herc, Rip Torn as Zeus and James Woods as Hades. And the play opens when?

"My Best Friend's Wedding"—Dermot Mulroney and Julia Roberts, pals who long ago swore to marry each other if they hadn't wed others by 28, are turning 28. The problem: Mulroney plans to get hitched to Cameron Diaz. Can Julia stop Dermot? And if she does, will he marry her?

Campus Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

The sun continues to roll through Gemini this week, generating more questions than answers. You can start new projects Monday but not on Tuesday. Confusion reigns Wednesday and Thursday, so watch where you're going. The moon goes into Libra Friday afternoon, making it a marvelous weekend for parties. You could celebrate Father's Day from Friday through Sunday. He'd probably like that just fine.

Aries (March 21-April 19). You could fall in love on Monday. Follow through on that idea Tuesday. Your work takes longer than planned on Wednesday and Thursday, partly because there's more than you expected. Friday morning is hectic, but the afternoon should be fun. You may even get to break free early. That would be good. This is a marvelous weekend to play with your mate.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Buy real estate or something for the house on Monday, not Tuesday. If you can't complete the deal on Monday, wait until Wednesday or Thursday. Romance is good those days, but money is tight. Do something fun and cheap. Catch up on your reading Friday night. Finish paperwork over the weekend. If you can't think of the right words to say how you feel, send flowers.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Study and give speeches on Monday and Tuesday. Don't break new ground; go over a topic you already know. A roommate could give you fits of Wednesday. Domestic unrest continues through Thursday. If you admit the other person's right on Friday, you'll have peace and tranquility clear through the weekend. It'll get easier to do as the week progresses.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Be careful you don't spend too much on Monday, or you'll have a terrible case of buyer's

remorse on Tuesday. The only shopping you should do on Tuesday is returning something that's too expensive. You're brilliant on Wednesday and Thursday, which is good. You'll need the extra brain power for a tough assignment. Stay home over the weekend and entertain the people you love. Fuss over Dad and spoil him rotten.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Take action Monday; you're brilliant then. Hold back on Tuesday. Your efforts will be for naught. Don't loan a friend money on Wednesday or Thursday; it's a bad bet. Besides, you owe it to somebody else. Go shopping Friday morning for educational materials. This weekend will be great for reading, studying and learning from Dad. That's the best gift you can give him — asking for his advice, then actually listening.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Accept a new assignment on Monday and finish an old one on Tuesday. You're strong on Wednesday, but don't sass an older person. That night's great for romance. Be nice Thursday, but stand up for your rights. You'll be too busy Friday morning, but you can go shopping in the afternoon. Do that again on Saturday. Get your dad something nice. Family matters preclude a private get-together on Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A meeting on Monday will go very well. Make major decisions then. Don't make any on Tuesday; they won't be anywhere near as successful. Private matters dominate your schedule from Wednesday through Friday morning. Get all that stuff handled so you can start playing Friday afternoon. You will continue to be immensely popular through Sunday, whether you're a father or not. Envelop your dad in your festive mood.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Comply with an authority figure on Monday to get what you want. Finish doing what's required on Tuesday. Discuss your group's financial needs on Wednesday. Pool resources with

Wednesday. Pool resources with your roommates on Thursday. Play Friday morning and return an important phone call that afternoon. Pay off a financial debt on Saturday and an emotional one on Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A long-distance contact pays off on Monday. Follow through with a promise you made on Tuesday. There will be a test on Wednesday, on the details. Accept constructive criticism as best you can on Thursday. Friday morning's tough, but the parties start in the afternoon. Rage through Saturday and right on into the celebration for Dad on Sunday. It's his big day, but you're the life of the party.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Make a big decision concerning money on Monday. Sell something you no longer need on Tuesday. You'll have a strong urge to travel on Wednesday, but may be stuck at work or school. Money's coming in on Thursday. An older person has a time-consuming but interesting request on Friday. Your hard work on Saturday favorably impresses higher-ups. Your bond with an older person Sunday will bring you wealth.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let a wise partner or an attorney help you decide on Monday. Give back something you borrowed on Tuesday. Make a detailed list of the things you need on Wednesday and go shopping on Thursday. Stay organized Friday morning so you can take off on your trip that evening. Travel with the ones you love, or visit them, all weekend.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Launch a new service project on Monday. Review your plans and put in revisions on Tuesday. Get a person who knows the way to lead you through a maze on Wednesday and Thursday. Sign paperwork to get the money you need on Friday 4.

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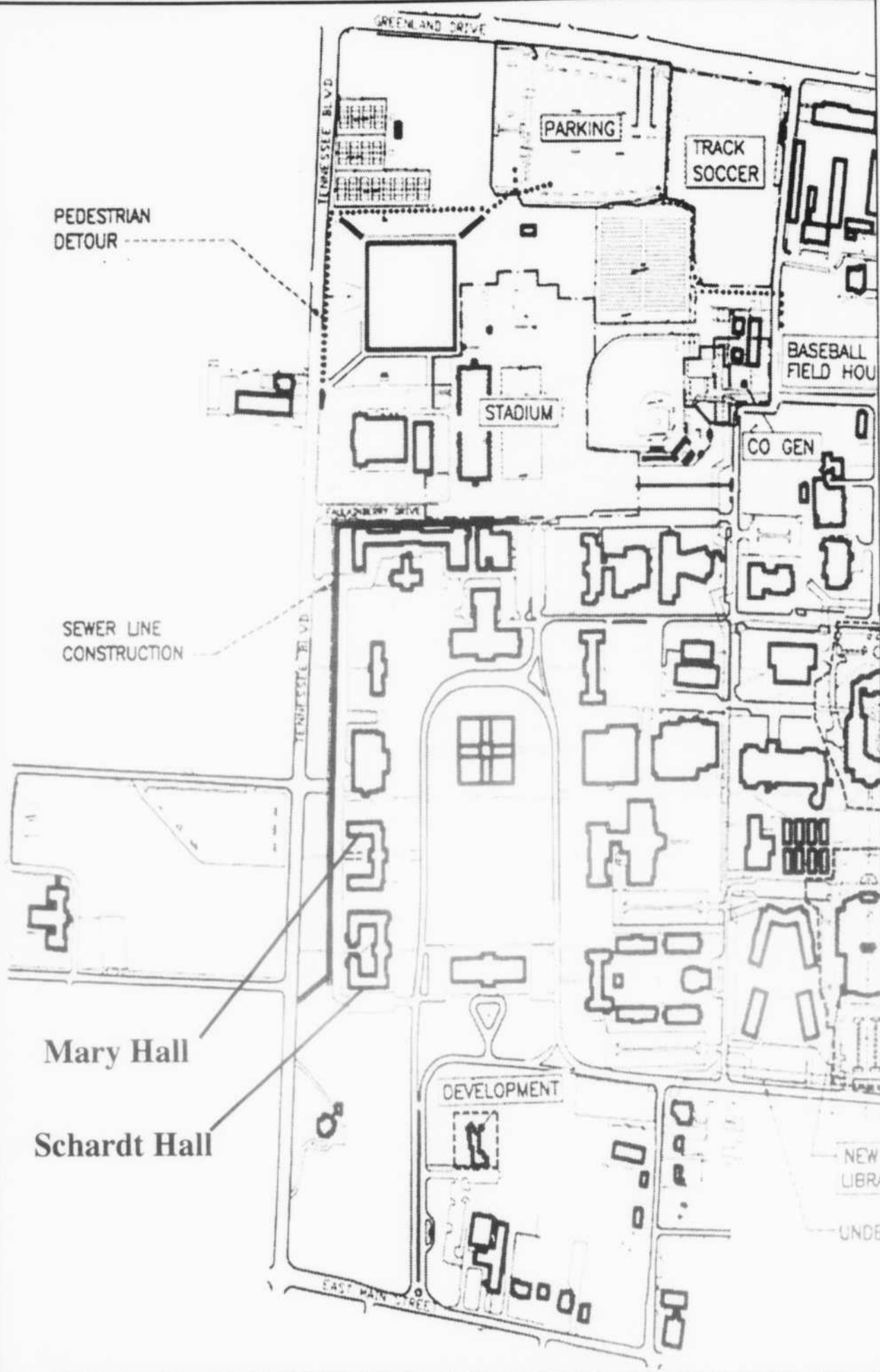
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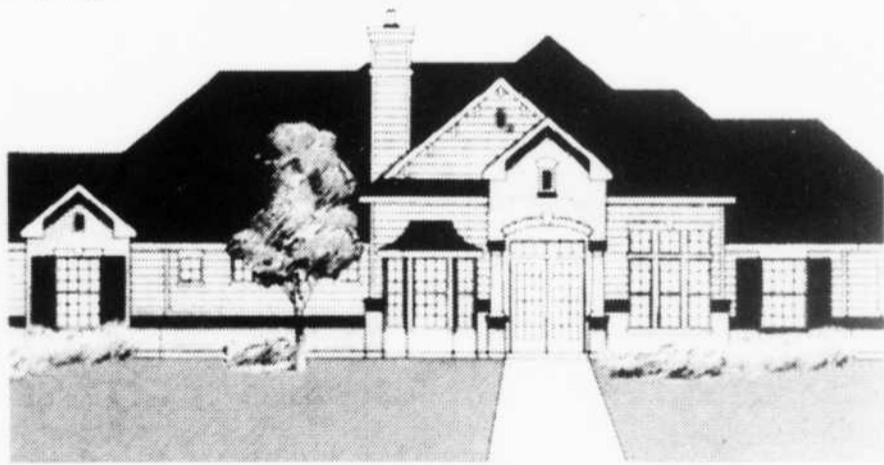
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