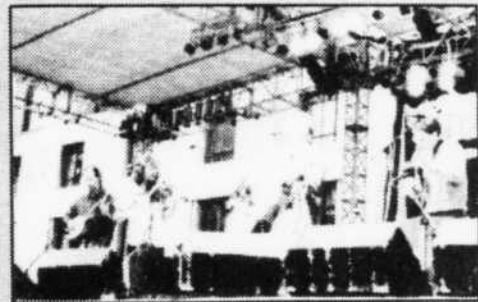


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Journalism Dept. names new chair

A new chairman has been appointed in the Journalism Department effective Aug. 1.

Dr. Richard Campbell will be replacing Dr. Jan Quales, who has been promoted to an Associate Dean.

Dr. Campbell previously worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan and has been a media critic and writer since 1994.

Campbell received his Bachelor degree in English from Marquette University, his Masters in Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin and his Ph.D. in Radio/TV/Film from Northwestern University.

Mass grave of 20 bodies found in Croatia

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — U.N. war crimes investigators have recovered 20 bodies from a mass grave in a Serb-held sliver of eastern Croatia, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday.

Investigators expect to unearth as many as 60 bodies from the grave in Lovas, a small town on the border between Croatia and Serbia, said Philip Arnold, a U.N. spokesman in the northern town of Vukovar.

They have been digging for two days, and have uncovered 20 bodies, Arnold said.

The victims are believed to be Croat civilians summarily executed in 1991 during a rebellion by minority Serbs against Croatia's declaration of independence. More than 10,000 people were killed in the six-month war, and one-third of Croatian territory was seized by the Serbs.

The U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, has indicted three Yugoslav army officers, Col. Veselin Sljivcanin, Capt. Miroslav Radic and Gen. Mile Mrksic, for the slaughter of more than 200 people whose corpses have been exhumed from a grave in nearby Ovcara.

All three remain on trial, and also are believed to be linked to the Lovas grave.

Singer Jeff Buckley presumed drowned in the Mississippi River

MEMPHIS, TN (CNN) — Modern rock singer Jeff Buckley, 30, is presumed drowned in the Mississippi River after disappearing last Tuesday afternoon.

Police searched the river all day Friday until the search was halted due to bad weather.

Buckley and a friend were swimming on the east bank of the river when he disappeared. According to the friend, he disappeared into the water with all of his clothes while listening to music.

Buckley was in Memphis recording his second album, following up to his debut album "Grace."

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New Solarraider unveiled Tuesday

Solar-powered car to compete in Sunrayce 97 in two weeks

by Susan McMahan
news editor

Tennessee's only entry in Sunrayce 97, a solar-car race to be held later this month, was unveiled yesterday morning at MTSU's recreation center.

MTSU's Solarraider will compete in the biennial Sunrayce from Indianapolis to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Sunrayce 97 will be held from June 19-28, 1997 and covers a distance of over 1200 miles.

The race is sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy and General Motors.

According to Matthew Petre, a computer science major at MTSU from Fulton, Mississippi, the car was entirely student built except for the motor, batteries and the solar panels.

The Solarraider weighs about 900 pounds and is 19 feet long and is over six feet wide.

Petre joined the team three months ago and worked on the car's electronics, helping to install the meters that measure the car's power.

The 60 teams competing in Sunrayce 97 began working last year to prepare for the race.

The number of teams will be reduced to 40 after the preliminary qualifications.

A 17 member team from MTSU will be competing against schools like Yale, Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Faculty and administration from MTSU and Solarraider sponsors were able to view the car firsthand before it travels to Indianapolis, Indiana next week for preliminary qualifications.

Members of the Solarraider team and faculty advisors Dr. Basavapatna Sridhara and Dr. Sahn Sbenaty were at the sun deck of the recreation center to answer questions about the car.

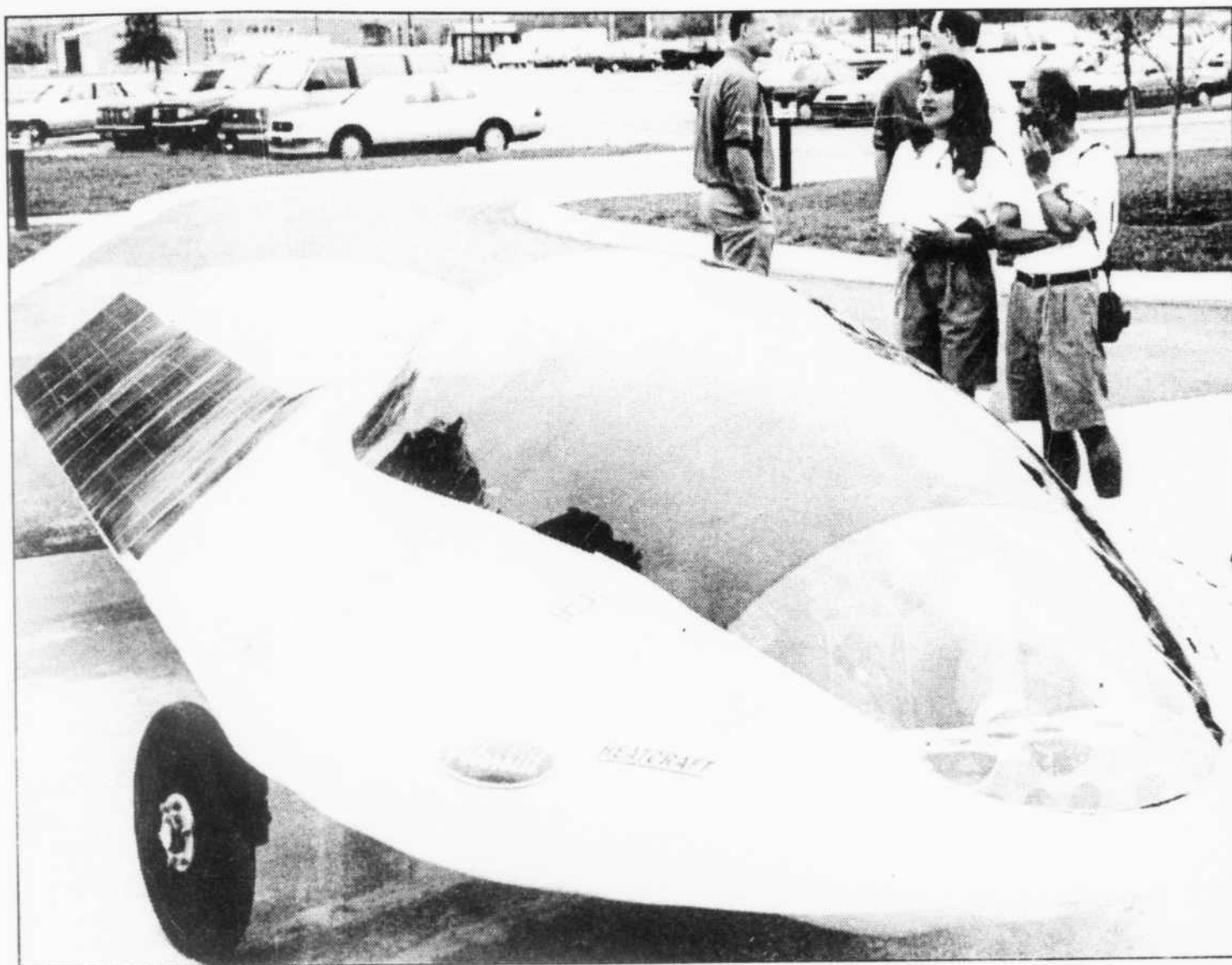


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Onlookers observe as the new Solarraider is unveiled outside of the Recreation Center on Tuesday.

"We took a venture no other school in Tennessee took at this time," said Earl Keese, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences at MTSU.

Keese said that Solarraider "gets our students involved in a real life project."

At the unveiling, the Solarraider team presented shirts to Earl Thomas, vice president for executive affairs, and Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president of academic affairs to thank them for their support.

"We want to take the time to commend our students," said Thomas. "I know that we're successful today."

The race will measure the speed,

engineering and design of the cars.

Although the teams will be rewarded for the fastest times, "The race is more about endurance than speed," said Petre.

Awards will be given to the overall winning team and to daily winners.

Petre said the drivers will have to figure out how the car is most efficient to plan ahead for bad weather.

In addition to planning ahead, Petre said the team will be doing "a little praying" for good weather.

However, Petre said, "If it's raining, it's going to be raining for everyone."

During the race, the cars will have

to follow the posted speed limit of 55 mph.

"You can get a ticket if you go over 55 (mph)," said Paulina Soria, a team member originally from Quito, Ecuador.

Solarraider will be driven by a team of five or six drivers, but the entire team will be traveling to Indianapolis.

In addition to Petre and Soria, other members of the Solarraider team are Eli Bowe, Jeff Jorge, Kevin Redington, Ronald Hall, Richard Pham, Bryan Smythia, Gene Dominy, Sean Luckett, Bryan Meadows, Christin Ford, Shea Curry, Tiffany

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Traffic court undergoes new policies, procedures

by Cynthia Ryan
staff writer

The Student Government Association recently began implementing new policies and procedures in Traffic Court for the 1997-98 school year.

Problems which have arisen in traffic court on numerous occasions are now being remedied, according to SGA Senator and public relations director Jeff Beaumont.

Frequent complaints regarding the time of traffic court have lead to a rescheduling for court dates.

MTSU theater major dies in sleep

by Cynthia Ryan
staff writer

Scott Pejaver, 21, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep May 26. Pejaver was a junior theatre major from Memphis.

Pejaver recently joined 26 fellow actors in MTSU's production of "Macbeth." He was also one of seven theatre students to participate in the student-directed one-acts April 30 and May 1, directing a short play called "No Exit."

An active member of the debate team, Scott Pejaver recently completed a term as president and was re-elected for a second term.

Pejaver was a recipient of many debate awards, which included; national champion for Phi Kappa Delta forensic fraternity in 1994, 1st place at a bi-regional PKD in 1995, and a scholarship from PKD in 1997.

Beginning with his first semester at MTSU, Pejaver was involved in productions at Channel 8. He was widely recognized for "Show",

During the summer semester, traffic court will meet one court date per week; Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. The fall schedule consists of two meetings each week. Also, to better serve both day and night students, one court date will be at 3:00 p.m. and one at 5:00 p.m. Exact meeting days and times will be announced at a later date.

Another problem is the amount of paperwork required to

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an extensive talk show format which he co-hosted with Will Meckstroth during school days that were canceled due to snow.

Pejaver was also known as Miles Longer, co-host of "The Miles Longer and Naked Dave Show" on WMTS 88.3 FM. An impromptu tribute for Scott was aired Tuesday night including reruns of the show.

Also on this tribute were calls from listeners commemorating Miles Longer and expressing their sadness at his passing. Memorial tributes are being planned for fall on both WMTS and Channel 8.

The Scott Pejaver Memorial Debate Scholarship Fund is being formed in the Speech and Theatre department. The scholarship will be designated for a debater. For more information or to make a contribution, contact Mary McKee at 898-2640 or Russell Church at 898-5607.

McVeigh sentencing phase begins today

Associated Press

DENVER — Determined to keep Timothy McVeigh's sentencing hearing from becoming "some kind of lynching," the judge Tuesday barred prosecutors from presenting victims' wedding photos, a poem by a victim's father and testimony on funeral arrangements.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch also said he won't allow McVeigh's lawyers to turn the hearing into a trial of the government's handling of the siege at Waco. The hearing on whether McVeigh should get the death penalty for the Oklahoma City bombing begins Wednesday.

Matsch prohibited testimony from any bombing survivors and victims' relatives who were prejudiced by testimony from the trial. These witnesses will be questioned before they may testify in front of the jurors who will decide if McVeigh should live or die.

"We have to guard this hearing to ensure that the ultimate result and the jury's decision are truly a moral response to appropriate information rather than an emotional response," he said.

The jurors who convicted McVeigh of murder and conspiracy on Monday will decide whether he should die by injection for the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people.

McVeigh appeared relaxed as he walked into the courtroom one day after the jury found him guilty in the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil. He smiled often and laughed as he

whispered to attorney Robert Nigh.

Despite Matsch's rulings, the judge will allow plenty of potentially wrenching testimony, including that of a 10-year-old boy whose mother died and a rescuer who held a hand buried in the rubble, only to feel the pulse stop.

Matsch will also allow photos of maimed survivors, pictures of victims being wheeled into hospitals and testimony from the coroner about the various causes of death, including that of a man who died slowly, as evidenced by the gravel in his lungs.

"We can't sanitize this scene," Matsch said.

Matsch struggled with balancing what he called the sometimes conflicting requirements for a penalty hearing, a procedure that is only vaguely outlined in the law. His chief concern was to prevent inflaming jurors' passions.

"The penalty phase hearing here cannot be turned into some type of a lynching," he said.

Such a hearing is a relatively new phenomenon in the federal courts — and a first for Matsch. The federal death penalty statute that applies to McVeigh has only been in effect since 1994, and nobody has been executed under it.

In the penalty phase, the jury is presented with aggravating and mitigating factors on the question of execution. If it decides on the death penalty, the judge cannot overrule that. The jury can also impose a life sentence.

If the jury cannot unanimously agree on a penalty, the judge can

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photo by Steve Purinton

Driver Bryan Meadows of Parsons, TN, makes last minute preparations before Sunrayce 97 later this month.

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Curry and William Dudley. This is actually the second time MTSU has entered Sunrayce.

In 1995, MTSU entered the first Solarraider, which weighed about 1300 pounds, in the race.

The 1995 Solarraider was disqualified because of a broken axle.

According to Keese, the 1997 Solarraider team was given a seeded position in the qualifications because they had already built a functional car in the 1995 race.

"Two years ago, we set a goal," said Keese. "This year we're going to complete the race."

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to process traffic court cases. Currently there are several separate forms to be filled out for each appeal. The SGA is in the process of streamlining these into one brochure, which will contain a seven day waiver request form, a waiver of right to appear and the appeals application. These forms, once completed by the student, will be entered into the computer "so we have accurate and up to the minute records" of each case, according to Beaumont.

To further assist the court, ticket writers may now be subpoenaed if deemed necessary. In cases where the public defense cannot clearly see the reason for the ticket, a

representative of the parking authority may be required.

Beaumont, who will be filling the position of SGA Attorney General in the fall, said that the court will be conducted by the same students each day in an effort to keep a consistent and student-oriented court for the student body.

According to Beaumont, the traffic court's appeals process will be used not only to help students void unwarranted tickets, but will allow SGA see the ongoing problems with campus parking and put forth the effort to resolve them. "Our goal is to have an effective, efficient, fair and professional court to serve the university and the student body," said Beaumont.

Dishwasher charged in slayings

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A police charged an unemployed dishwasher Tuesday with two counts of murder in a spree that left five restaurant workers dead in suburban Nashville.

Paul Dennis Reid, 39, was on parole after serving seven years of a 20-year aggravated armed robbery sentence in Texas when he moved to Nashville nine months ago, Metro Nashville Police Chief Emmitt Turner said.

Reid was charged with only two counts of murder — one each in fast-food restaurant murders Feb. 16 at a Captain D's and March 23 at a McDonald's.

With Reid safely behind bars, charges for the three other murders at the restaurants will be presented to the Davidson County grand jury, Turner said.

"There's some really evil people out there, and we hope we've brought one of them inside," Mayor Phil Bredesen said during a news conference.

Authorities were alerted to Reid, formerly of Richland Hills, Texas, after he attempted to kidnap his former manager, Mitch Roberts, Sunday night at his home in nearby Cheatham County, Turner said.

Roberts pushed off his porch, slammed the door and Reid left. Roberts contacted authorities, and deputies

convinced Reid to return to Ashland City, about 20 miles west of Nashville, to "clear this up," Turner said. He was later charged with attempted kidnapping.

Turner said Reid, who worked at a Shoney's restaurant in Donelson, was fired one day before Captain D's manager Steve Hampton, 25, and co-worker Sarah Jackson, 16, were found shot to death execution style. Their bodies were Feb. 16 just before the restaurant, also in Donelson, opened for a Sunday lunch crowd. Police believe robbery was the motive.

Less than six miles away on March 23, police received a 911 call at 12:01 a.m. from the McDonald's restaurant in Hermitage, but the phone went dead.

Police traced the call and went to the restaurant where they found the bodies of Ronald Sowell, 27; Robert Allen Swartz, 23; and Andrew Brown, 17.

A fourth worker, Jose Alfredo Ramirez Gonzalez, 30, survived after playing dead after the killer ran out of bullets. He survived his stab wounds and later gave police a description of the assailant.

Police circulated a composite drawing of a man described as tall. Reid is a 6-foot-3-inch man.

Investigators conducted

extensive background checks on more than 400 current and former Shoney's employees after a night manager in Nashville was stabbed to death in January and the other suburban restaurants were hit.

Reid's check came up blank because he had given differing dates of birth, Turner said. He was later identified by Gonzalez in a photo lineup, Turner said.

"(Reid) seems to be, on the surface, a well-educated person. There's nothing unusual about him. He could be next door to you and you wouldn't suspect him of this," detective Bobby Moore said.

"I have no idea of what makes this kind of person tick, but I doubt if he does."

Eight workers have been killed in Tennessee this year while working at fast-food restaurants.

Two Baskin-Robbins workers were kidnapped April 13 while working the night shift at a Clarksville store. The bodies of Michelle Mace, 16, and Angela Holmes, 21 were found the next day about three miles away at Dunbar Cave State Natural Area with their throats were slashed. A reported \$600 was taken from the cash register and safe.

Turner said Reid has not been connected to the murder at the Shoney's restaurant or the Clarksville slayings.

Grad student admits to killing 3 professors

SAN DIEGO (CPS)—A graduate student accused of shooting three university professors pleaded guilty to three murder charges May 27 after the widows of the slain men asked prosecutors not to pursue the death penalty.

Frederick Davidson, who faces three consecutive life terms without possibility of parole, is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 1 in Superior Court. Davidson, 36, admitted killing Constantinos Lyrantzis, Chen Liang and D. Presto Lowrey III, who were part of his master's thesis at San Diego State University last August.

Police said he walked into the university's engineering department as the three

awaited Davidson's presentation and opened fire with a 9-mm pistol, firing 23 shots at the professors sat trapped behind their table.

Police said Davidson had plotted to kill the three and admitted hiding a gun in the classroom as part of the plan.

The widows of the slain professors met two weeks ago with San Diego District Attorney Paul Pfingst and prosecutors in the case, who had pressed for the death penalty.

"The families felt because the way the process works at a possible lengthy series of appeals by the defendant, that would just drag the process at beyond what they would endure," said Gayle Falkenthal,

a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office.

Lowrey's daughter, 8-year-old Nini Marie, was killed by an automobile in March as she crossed the street near her home, and Falkenthal said that may have been a catalyst for the widows' decision.

While prosecutor Rick Clabby said the case "met all the criteria for the death penalty," Davidson's lawyers had argued that he was mentally ill and should not be executed.

As all three widows sat in the courtroom holding hands, Judge William Mudd asked Davidson if he understood each of the charges. He responded affirmatively in low tones and with little expression.

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Daughter of Malcolm X visits hospitalized mother after fire

YONKERS, N.Y. (AP)— Qubilah Shabazz is back in New York City, where 32 years ago she watched gunmen kill her father, civil rights leader Malcolm X.

She came back to visit her mother, critically burned in a fire, and help her young son, who is accused of setting the blaze.

Ms. Shabazz arrived from Texas late Monday. She had no comment, but family lawyer Percy Sutton spoke to reporters at LaGuardia Airport.

She is "a daughter who has once again seen a tragedy," Sutton said. "This is a little lady who was present when her father was slaughtered ... and the same lady whose son is being charged" in the fire at Betty Shabazz's apartment here.

Twelve-year-old Malcolm Shabazz, who bears the name his grandfather took when he returned from Mecca, was charged with juvenile delinquency. A court hearing was scheduled today.

The boy was arrested after a gasoline fire early Sunday left his 63-year-old grandmother with third-degree

burns over 80 percent of her body.

She was in critical condition today at Jacobi Medical Center in the Bronx.

"The injuries are catastrophic ... She is in a life-threatening situation and will be for a long period of time," said Dr. Bruce Greenstein, head of the burn unit at Jacobi.

Dozens of dignitaries have visited her, including poet Maya Angelou, the Rev. Al Sharpton, Coretta Scott King and sports promoter Don King.

"It pains us deeply to see what happened," said Mrs. King, the widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. "She is a great fighter, a great fighter."

Malcolm had lived with various relatives, including his grandmother, before joining his mother six months ago in San Antonio. The relationship was rocky and the boy eventually was sent to New York.

Sutton described Malcolm as "a sad little boy" and said he had apologized, but declined to say whether he had confessed to setting the fire.

"He's a child — just a child who's been through a lot

of trauma in his life," Sutton said.

"He loves his grandmother very much and he expressed that love for her ... He said how sorry he is."

After the fire at his grandmother's apartment just north of New York City, Malcolm was found in nearby Mount Vernon. Police said his clothes smelled of gasoline.

Malcolm's troubles echo those of his mother.

When she was four, she woke up to the sound of a Molotov cocktail hitting her family's house. Standing outside in pajamas, she watched her home burn. A week later, on Feb. 21, 1965, she saw her father shot to death as he spoke at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem.

Three men with ties to the Nation of Islam were convicted in the assassination.

Educated at the U.N. International School in Manhattan, Ms. Shabazz spent two semesters at Princeton University and studied at the Sorbonne in Paris. Since then, she has struggled with alcoholism, unemployment, legal troubles, depression and single motherhood.



photo by George Walker

Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X, speaks at MTSU in April 1993. Shabazz remains in critical condition after suffering third degree burns Sunday in her New York apartment.

Army takes steps to stop harassment

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The Army is considering giving psychological exams to potential drill instructors and bolstering anti-sex harassment training to weed out any who might prey on vulnerable recruits, military officials said Tuesday.

The suggestions are expected to be contained in a report slated to go to Army Secretary Togo West, perhaps as early as next week. Last

November, West ordered a high-level panel to review the service's sexual misconduct problems and come up with recommendations.

The secretary took action after the sexual assault and harassment scandal was made public at the Army's ordnance school in Aberdeen, Md.

Complaints of rape and other misconduct involved primarily noncommissioned officers and young female trainees under their charge.

The panel's report is expected to fault the service for failing to do an adequate job of screening instructors, particularly those who have nearly total control over young recruits.

Besides the psychological screening, officials also want to lengthen the time frame for background checks from three to five years for potential drill instructors, said a senior military officer familiar with the proposals.

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impose a sentence of up to life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors plan to call up to 45 witnesses over three days to describe how the bombing physically and emotionally devastated their lives. The defense is expected to call McVeigh's relatives to plead for mercy, and other witnesses to describe the events and writings that shaped McVeigh's anti-government views.

McVeigh won't be required to testify. Matsch ruled that the defense may call other witnesses to show what could have led to his anger, including the deadly sieges at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

He warned: "I do not intend to have a trial of what happened at Waco, and I don't intend to have a trial of what happened at Ruby Ridge."

Noting that one juror had

wondered aloud in jury selection how somebody who looked as innocent as McVeigh could have bombed a building, the judge said, "The defendant is entitled to put on an explanation."

Most of the prosecution's case will be delivered through so-called impact witnesses: bombing survivors and relatives of the dead. A law passed by Congress in the midst of the case allowed them to attend the trial even though they would be testifying at the sentencing hearing.

Matsch said he believes that the law, passed specifically to reverse his decision to ban impact witnesses from the courtroom, still allows him to restrict any witness he determines was prejudiced by hearing testimony during the guilt phase of the trial.

He said he will allow the defense to question those witnesses extensively.

Defense attorney Richard

Burr objected to many of the prosecution witnesses, saying their testimony often amounted to "the equivalent of eulogies" and "memorializing." He said he was also concerned about "very detailed and graphic testimony about the injuries that caused death."

Prosecutor Sean Connelly insisted that prosecutors pared down their presentation to include only "objective statements" and "facts."

Matsch didn't always agree, rejecting prosecutors' plans to illustrate some of the victims' testimony with wedding photos and offer testimony on funeral arrangements.

Matsch also banned a one-page poem from a father of a victim, a video of office employees who would later be killed, and a photograph of a relative releasing a dove in memory of a victim whose body was not recovered immediately.



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"Scott was a very loyal friend." That seems to be repeated across campus by the many people who were affected by the passing of Scott Pejaver. As college students we deal with term papers, graduations, marriages, children, etc. We generally are not prepared to deal with the death of a peer.

Those who knew Scott and grieved in his passing agree that they all view life differently now. Many of his friends have said that you often don't realize how much someone means to you until they are no longer there. This has caused a lot of people to realize how much their other friends mean to them as well.

As a whole, everyone affected by Scott seems to be viewing things in the same light. Scott is sitting "up there" right now watching everything we do and making his trademark sarcastic remarks. We know that Scott is still with us, the things we learned from him will be in our hearts forever.

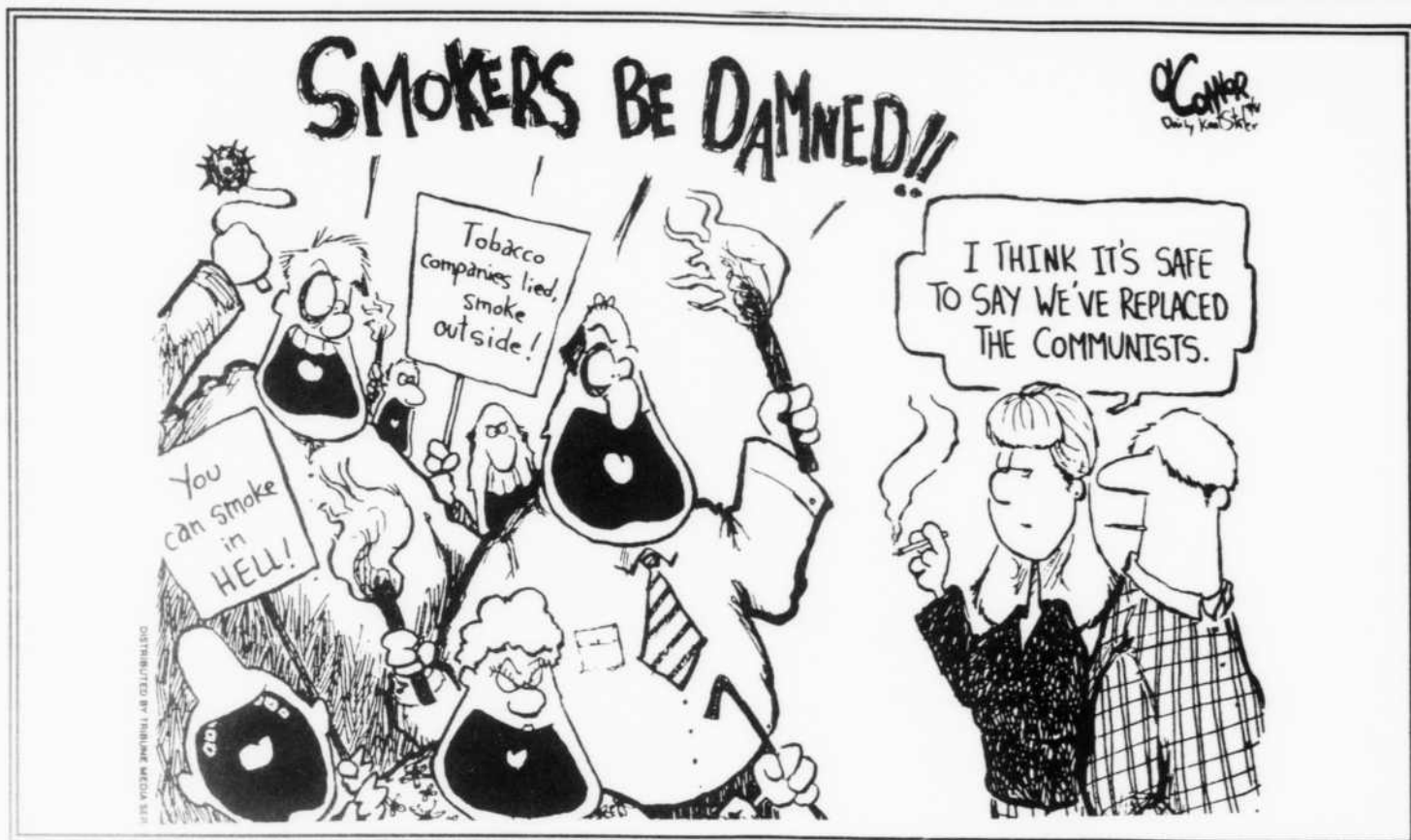
Scott always had a way of bringing people together. This whole tragedy has brought a variety of people together that would not have been together under other circumstances.

Scott has touched many hearts in a very special way. He will always be fondly remembered and deeply loved.

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Sincerely,
Ryan Werner, editor



Anti quota crusades bear useful fruit

By Clarence Page
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WASHINGTON - Critics call Texas' new state university admissions law a sneaky backdoor way to get around last year's federal court ban on admissions based on race.

Of course, they're right. That's the beauty of it. In fact, other states may have a lot to learn from it.

They might learn that the national backlash against affirmative action does not have to lead to the resegregation of colleges and universities. Instead, it could lead to programs that do a better job of helping students of all races who need help the most.

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld a lower court's determination that colleges in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi — and probably more to come — can no longer use race as a factor in deciding admissions.

Many reformers, liberal and conservative alike, presumed at the time that minority enrollments still could be maintained by switching to using need, instead of race, as admission criteria.

But it won't be that simple. This year a panel of sociologists advising Texas' education commissioner predicted substituting income or other socioeconomic factors would just about cut current black and Latino enrollment in half.

The problem is that, yes, there are a lot of poor, struggling white and Asian people, too. In fact, numerically there are quite a few more poor white people than poor black people in America, although you'd never guess it from watching most television newscasts.

So, unable to use race as a factor in admissions, Texas, at the urging of black state legislators, plans something else. It will, in effect, use local geography as a factor instead.

Signed on May 20 by Gov. George W. Bush, the new law requires state universities to admit all applicants who graduated at the top 10 percent of their Texas high school class. Once those spots are filled, universities can use other race-neutral factors such as academic records, socioeconomic status, linguistic abilities and family background to determine other student admissions.

The beauty in the new law is the way it takes one of this country's worst social tragedies, its racially segregated neighborhoods, and

uses it to create a college applicant pool that reflects the state's racial, ethnic and economic diversity.

Since most public school students in Texas — and just about every other state — go to school mostly with others of their same race (recent Harvard studies show public schools are more racially segregated than they have been since 1967), the new policy is expected to expand opportunities for minority students.

That's fair. Substituting geography for race is no less fair than, say, basing public school funding on local property taxes, a system that funnels the least resources to those who need help the most.

The losers are those who push standardized tests like the Scholastic

Aptitude Test and American College Test as the central, if not sole, criteria to determine college admissions. Good riddance, say those who accuse such tests of cultural bias.

Maybe they are. But I think that charges misses a larger the point. If the tests are culturally biased, they are biased in favor of standards that colleges and the rest of mainstream society have set for success. The problem is not the test. The problem is how poorly too many otherwise bright and talented youngsters are prepared to take the tests.

For many, that problem is one of social and geographic isolation. In theory, at least, Texas' new admissions policy should reduce the isolation by rewarding top performers regardless of school or neighborhood. Suddenly the ghetto student is valued as much as the affluent suburban student. Middle-class parents might even fight to get their kids into ghetto schools, instead of struggling to get them out.

But, for that to happen, schools need more than a simple shift from racial preferences to geographic preferences in state university admissions. They also need to produce black and Latino graduates whose basic cognitive skills are ready to compete at the mainstream college level.

To meet that challenge, another affirmative action battleground, the University of California, is proposing a multimillion-dollar effort to mentor students in some of the state's poorest school districts. Even Ward Connerly, the black conservative University of California regent who led last year's successful Proposition 209 ballot campaign to outlaw racial preferences, favors such outreach efforts.

So do I. So should you.

Levitating frog could have real-world applications

Get ready to dance naked in the streets, because scientists have finally done something that humanity has long dreamed about, but most of us thought would never happen within our lifetimes.

That's right. They have levitated the frog.

I swear I am not making this up. According to an Associated Press article sent in by a number of alert readers, British and Dutch scientists "have succeeded in floating a frog in the air." They did this by using magnetism, which, as you recall from physics class, is a powerful force that causes certain items to be attracted to refrigerators. Magnetism is one of the Six Fundamental Forces of the Universe, with the other five being Gravity, Duct Tape, Whining, Remote Control and The Force that Pulls Dogs Toward the Groins of Strangers.

The AP article states that the scientists levitated the frog by subjecting it to "a magnetic field a million times stronger than that of the Earth." According to scientists, the frog "showed no signs of distress after floating in the air inside a magnetic cylinder."

I am not a trained scientist, but my reaction to that last statement is - and I quote - "Duh." I mean, of course the frog "showed no signs of distress." It's a frog. Frogs are not known for their ability to show emotions.

No, we don't really know what the frog was feeling; this is why we should be skeptical about the scientists' claim, as reported in the



Dave Barry
Syndicated Columnist

AP story, that "there is no reason why this same magnetic technique could not be used on "larger creatures, even humans."

1. GETTING CHILDREN OUT OF BED ON SCHOOL MORNINGS. Scientists calculate that the attraction between a child and his or her bed on a school morning can be up to 75 times as strong as mere gravity. Most parents try to overcome this attraction by pounding on the door and shouting ineffective threats, the most popular one being: "YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!" The problem with this threat is that it's based on the idiotic premise that the child wants to be in school and be forced to sit on a hard chair and figure out how many times 7 goes into 56; naturally, the child prefers the bed.

Think, parents, how much easier it would be if, at 6:30 a.m. on a school morning, you could simply press a button, thereby activating gigantic magnets under your child's bed that would cause the child to float upward, along with any frogs that happened to be in bed with the child.

2. COPING WITH PEOPLE WHO "SAVE" SEATS. I don't know about you, but it makes me nuts when I

enter a self-service restaurant, airport gate area, movie theater, etc., and there are people "saving" seats - sometimes lots of seats - for people who are not there, and who sometimes do not ever actually show up, which does not stop the savers from vigilantly guarding their seats, often by placing items such as shopping bags on them. My feeling is, if an actual person was physically there and had to go to the bathroom or something, fine, you can "save" that person's seat until he or she returns; but if you're "saving" a seat for a hypothetical person who is not there, the seat should go to real people who ARE there.

3. IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL CARE. I recently had my annual physical examination, which I go once every seven years, and when the nurse weighed me, I was shocked to discover how much stronger the Earth's gravitational pull has become since 1990. There should be magnets - very powerful magnets - under doctors' scales to compensate for the gravitational increase, much the way economists adjust dollar amounts for inflation.

I'm sure I could come up with other practical uses for magnetic human levitation, but I have to go. It's been an hour since lunch, and, as a resident of the Earth's magnetic field, I find myself powerfully attracted to the refrigerator.

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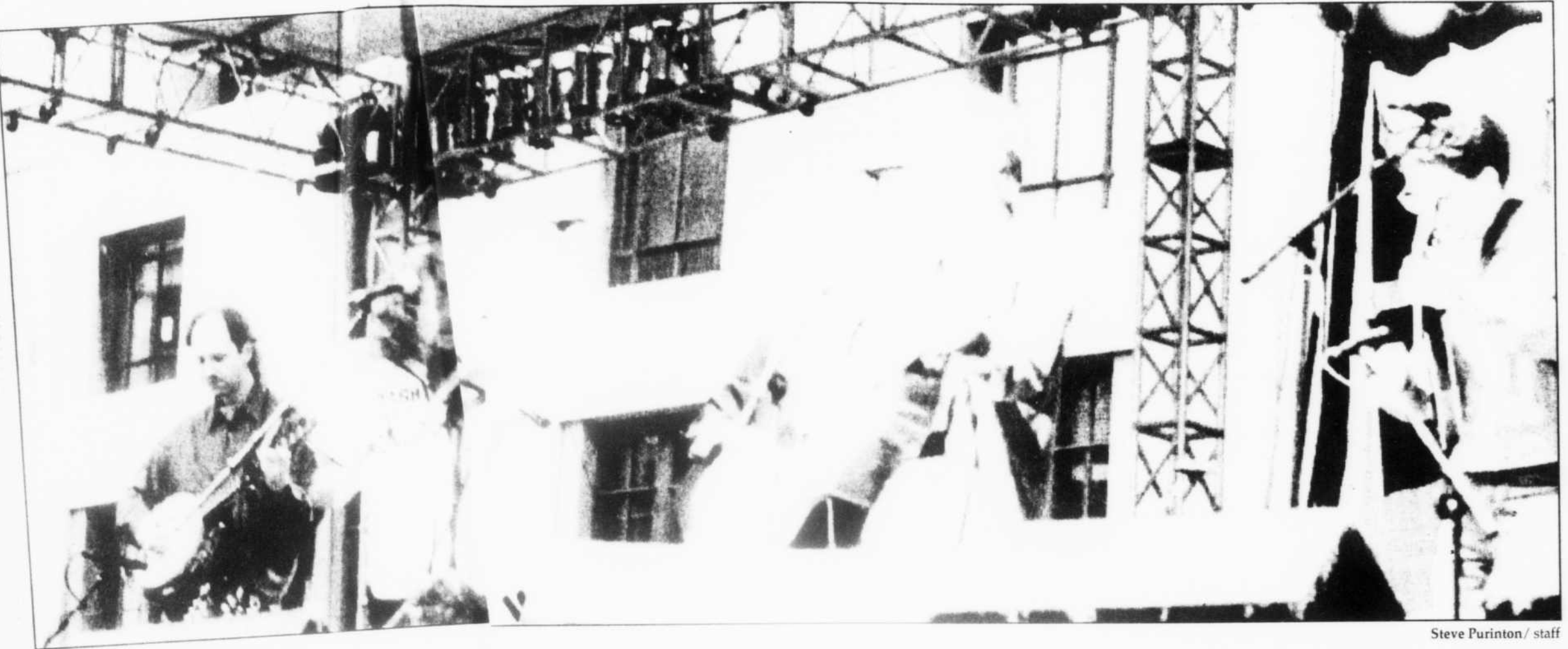
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SUMMER LIGHTS '97



Steve Purinton/ staff

Former members of The NaSh RaMblers (one time back-up to Emmy Lou Harris), including Sam Bush on violin and Bob Woodruff on vocals and acoustic guitar, re-unite for the first time since October of 1996.

SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

BY CHAD GILLIS/STAFF

Fueled by 1992 pounds of hot dogs, over 6000 cones of cotton candy and nearly four miles of audio cable, the 16th annual Summer Lights managed to shine in the thickest of rain.

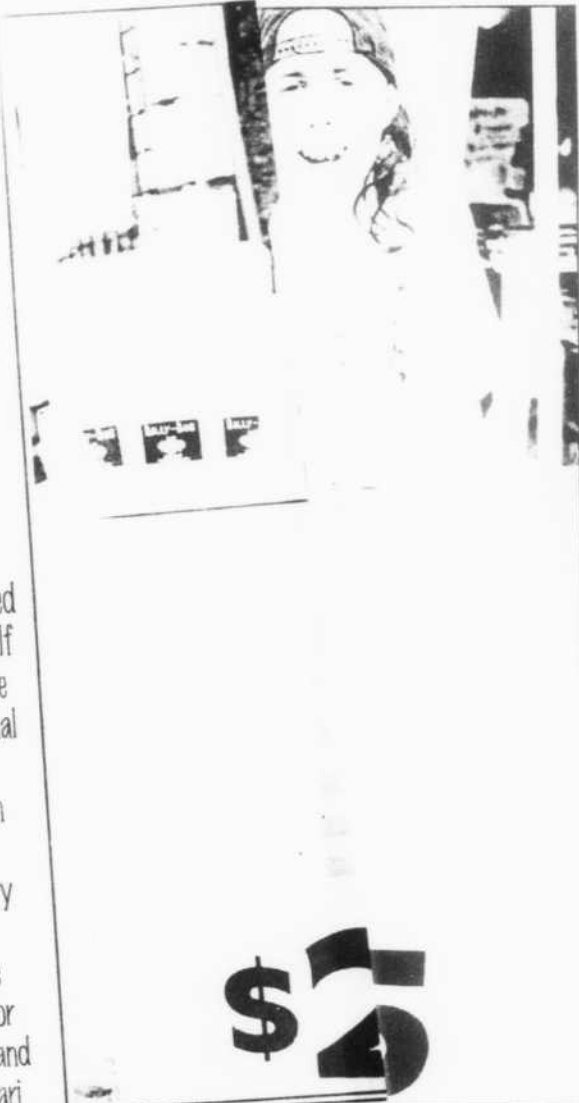
Downtown Nashville was enclosed this weekend by more than six and a half blocks of various street performers, dance exhibitions and local, regional and national bands.

This year's festival featured an expanded musical roster ranging from jazz and rock and roll to black country and Latin.

"I hope these special segments will draw attention to and give a flavor of other types of music being played and enjoyed throughout the area," said Kari Estrin, entertainment coordinator for Summer Lights.

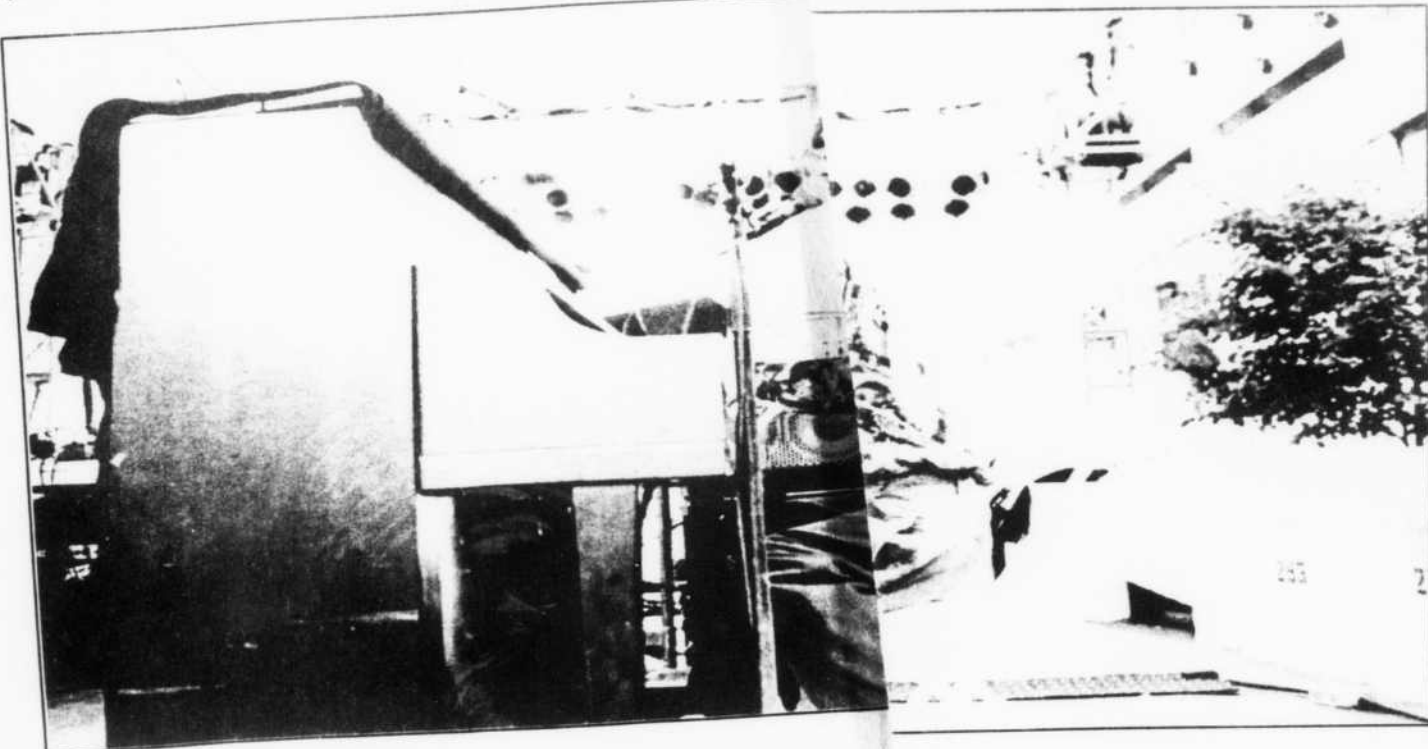
Three tent areas were added to this year's festival: Miller Lite Alligator Alley, with Cajun and zydeco music; Jack Daniel's Capitol Hill Club, featuring big band and swing; and Captain Morgan's Parrot Bay Plaza, offering roots music.

Estrin stated, "We thought it would be fun to group some of these styles together to highlight specific musical genres and trends."



Matt Woodard/ staff

Bottom-left: Seth Timbs plays to a crowd on the Thunder94 stage Sunday. Timbs is the piano player and vocalist for the local band Fluid Ounces, who released their debut album on Spongebath Records yesterday. Middle-left: Local youths take turn showing their talents on Deaderick Street. Top-left: Billy Bob Teeth, and at what a bargain. Vendors make a living on the downtown streets of Nashville. Top-right: Keeping beat with a bucket. A group of kids provide rhythm to accompany the various street performers. Bottom-right: Who is entertained and who is entertaining?



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Women athletes claim Title IX funds not equally distributed

WASHINGTON—Declaring that many colleges still shortchange female athletes, a national women's group have charged that 25 schools illegally stint on scholarship dollars for women on varsity sports teams.

In complaints filed Monday with the Department of Education, the National Women's Law Center cited colleges and universities, including Vanderbilt, Bowling Green and Duke, as subsidizing women athletes at lower rates than their male counterparts.

"Young women need scholarship aid just as young men do to further their higher education," said Marcia Greenberger, co-president of the women's legal group. "Too few people understand that too many colleges and universities have been cheating their female athletes out of the scholarship money they need and deserve."

At issue is what is commonly referred to as Title IX, passed 25 years ago and best known for a requirement that colleges strive to provide similar athletic opportunities for men and women.

The Women's Law Center says many schools are not dividing their scholarship money evenly between the sexes. The worst offender of those it surveyed, the group claims, is Vanderbilt University in Nashville. While 41 percent of Vanderbilt's athletes are women, only 31 percent of its sports scholarship dollars go to them. That means the average female

athlete gets \$6,765 less than her male counterpart, the group said.

But Vanderbilt Vice Chancellor Michael Schoenfeld took issue with those figures, insisting that the true disparity is closer to \$3,300 per athlete. Besides, Schoenfeld asserted, the school is making progress, and will have essentially achieved equality in its scholarships by the end of next year.

"Vanderbilt's commitment to the spirit and letter of Title IX is very solid," Schoenfeld insisted.

The data used by the women's group only recently became available under new disclosure requirements. Its complaints could lead to a loss of federal funding for the targeted schools.

But such losses are rare. In most instances, colleges are prodded to make changes. While the Women's Law Center insists all the schools cited are serious violators, Greenberger said they are not necessarily the 25 worst in the country. A comprehensive national survey would take far more work, she conceded.

Indeed, neither the women's group nor the Education Department could say just how widespread such alleged shortchanging of women athletes is.

Said Greenberger, "It's a substantial number, but by no means all schools."

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A Blue Raider no more

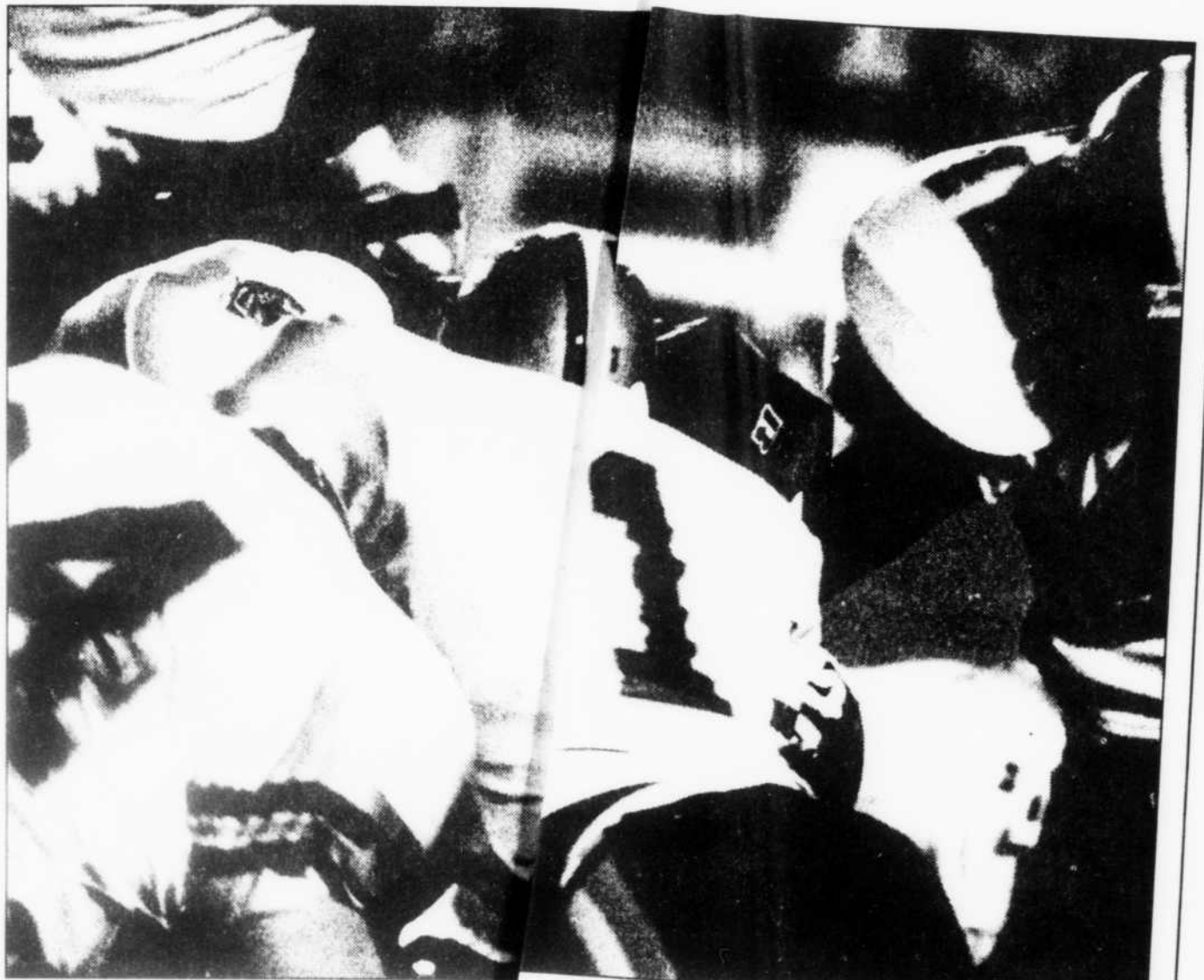


photo by Brian Miller

Sophomore defensive back Gary Barnes (#11), here in action versus Tennessee St. last season, announced his intentions Monday to transfer to the University of Alabama. "I'll miss MTSU," said Barnes, "I met a lot of good people there, and Coach Donnelly taught me as much as I can. But I want to play under the big lights." Barnes is the second former Blue Raider to leave for Alabama in the last two years, the first being defensive back Jeremy Pruitt.

Tigers draft Rice reliever as No. 1 '97 major pick

NEW YORK (AP) — Admitting that their ability to sign the player was a major concern, the Detroit Tigers used the top pick in baseball's amateur draft Tuesday on Rice reliever Matt Anderson.

"It doesn't do any good to select a tremendous talent if he's not going to play professional baseball," Tigers general manager Randy Smith said. "It's unfortunate the draft has come to that, but it has."

Anderson, a 20-year-old right-hander, was 10-2 with eight saves in 30 appearances this season, all in relief. He is the Owls' career leader in wins (31), saves (14) and appearances (82).

"I've always thrown relatively hard for my age at the time," Anderson said. "Every year I've thrown a little harder, my arm's gotten a little stronger."

Kris Benson, the top pick in last year's draft, received a record \$2 million signing bonus from Pittsburgh last year. But the financial structure was broken by four first-round picks who were declared free agents on technicalities and were able to deal with any team.

No. 2 pick Travis Lee got a \$10 million signing bonus from the Arizona Diamondbacks, No. 5 John Patterson got \$6,075,000 from the Diamondbacks, No. 7 Matt White got \$10.2 million from Tampa Bay and No. 12 Bobby Seay got \$3 million from the Devil Rays.

Last week, Japanese pitcher Hideki Irabu got a \$10.8 million, four-year contract from the New York Yankees, the largest deal ever for a player with no professional experience in North American baseball.

"My gut instinct tells me we will be a lot closer to (Benson) than to the free agents and the unusual circumstances of a year ago," Smith said. "We feel comfortable we will be able to get our players signed. I'm sure this player will receive the highest bonus of any drafted player in the history of the game."

If he falls in between Benson and the free agents, Anderson could get a bonus of \$4 million-\$5 million. In his last appearance, he allowed a game-tying, two-run homer against Stanford last Friday in Rice's College World Series opener.

Detroit plans to let him remain a reliever.

"The game is pretty much on my shoulder," Anderson said of his chance for the bullpen.

While Anderson is advised by agent Alan Hendricks, No. 2

pick J.D. Drew is advised by Scott Boras. Some baseball executives speculated that Drew might have been the best available player, but was bypassed by the Tigers, who didn't think they could make a deal with Boras. Philadelphia selected Drew with the No. 2 pick.

"I wish the Phillies nothing but the best. I hope they get him signed," Smith said.

Drew hit .455 for Florida State this season with 31 homers and 100 RBIs in 233 at-bats. The 21-year-old junior is the only Division I player to hit 30 home runs and steal 30 bases in the same season.

"I know they're trying to rebuild," he said of the Phillies. "Hopefully, I'll help them out in the near future."

His brother, high-school right-hander Tim Drew, went to Cleveland on the 28th pick, the first time brothers have been selected in the first round of the draft, which began in 1966.

"It's very exciting for the family," J.D. Drew said. "Maybe everything will work out for the both of us."

Tim Drew was among three first-round picks who already have signed letters-of-intent with Florida State. The others were shortstops Michael Cuddyer (picked No. 9 by Minnesota) and Troy Cameron (picked No. 29 by Atlanta).

Anaheim used the third pick for Troy Glaus, a UCLA infielder who hit .409 with 34 homers and 91 RBIs in 264 at-bats. Glaus, who started for the U.S. Olympic team last year, homered against both Miami and Mississippi State in the College World Series, but the Bruins lost both games.

"We anticipate Troy playing shortstop or third base for our organization," said Bob Fontaine Jr., the Angels scouting director.

San Francisco, picking fourth, drafted Jason Grilli, a right-handed pitcher from Seton Hall who went 6-4 with a 4.65 ERA and 125 strikeouts in 81 1-3 innings.

"I was in my back yard pacing, filled with anxiety, waiting to see what would happen," said Grilli, whose father, Steve, pitched for Detroit and Toronto in the 1970s. "I had a gut feeling that they would pick me, but you never know."

Vernon Wells, an outfielder from Bowie High School in Arlington, Texas, was chosen fifth by Toronto and became the first to sign among the first-round picks, agreeing to a \$1.6 million bonus.

Bulls' future uncertain after Finals

CHICAGO (AP) — The soap opera surrounding the future of the Chicago Bulls took on new plot twists Tuesday.

Michael Jordan was said to want a \$36 million contract renewal. Phil Jackson said he might want to stay in Chicago for one more season and Scottie Pippen was left twisting in the wind.

It was the second straight day off in the NBA Finals, which resume Wednesday night with the Bulls leading the Utah Jazz 1-0. With so much downtime and so much speculation about whether the Bulls, who have four of the last six NBA titles, will be broken up, the off-the-court rumblings took center stage.

The Chicago Tribune reported sources close to Jordan saying he will ask for a \$36 million, one-year contract. The Chicago Sun-Times quoted Jackson as saying: "This is the team I want to stay with. Michael wants to come back, Scottie wants to come back and I want to come back and coach them."

Bulls management has refused to rule out a trade of Pippen, who has one year remaining on his contract. That leaves the team's second-best player in the uncomfortable position of wondering whether the next week and-a-half will be his last in Chicago.

"It doesn't bother me at all," Pippen said. "You guys have to realize that I have more respect and more plans for myself than to think that trade would bring me down in any way. I'm one of the best players in the NBA, and it doesn't matter to me (general manager) Jerry Krause or Mr. Reinsdorf or anyone that shop around. I know what my value is in this game."

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Red Wings lead 2; Wings on way to Cup

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers ended from an 0-2 deficit, but two 42 years of waiting, maybe this time they will finally come for the Stanley Cup.

One thing is a little more certain, which will play host to Games after the Red Wings' 4-2 and 4 at Joe Louis Arena on Tuesday night gave them a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 Cup finals.

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Scopin' the soaps

By Toby Goldstein

(This column presents on air summaries for the week of May 26-30, 1997.)

ALL MY CHILDREN: Hayley and Mateo were married. When Pierce returned from Central America with sad news about Amelia, Brooke offered to postpone their wedding. Tad was surprised when Liza sided with Dimitri during an argument about WRCW, unaware that Liza had decided to work for Dimitri. Erica was torn over the prospect of returning Sonya to Edmund and Maria. Mateo was stunned to find a large amount of cash among Tanner's belongings, then had to answer some legal questions concerning Tanner's death.

Coming: A wedding is put on hold.

ANOTHER WORD: Carl authorized emergency surgery to save Rachel's life after she collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. Jake hired Gary to learn the truth about Bobby's past. Lila took matters into her own hands after finding out that Shane is on the row. Gary reported to Jake at he'd seen Lila. Tom took the rap when Nick stole the sign while drunk, but when Nick sobered up, he had no memory of the incident. John's resurfaced when Felicia's li

Coming: Alexanc has designs on Felicia.

AS THE WORLD TNS: Lily and Holden ade passionate love, then end a romantic getaway. rick rescued Molly and later red out her secret. Aftan attempted bribe by Lda, Samantha appealed to For

help. Kirk agreed to offer assistance, but his help came with one condition. David, furious with Lucinda, suddenly had trouble breathing. Barbara kicked out John. Tom demanded that Margo deal with him honestly. Meanwhile, Margo revealed to Hal that she's been lying to Tom.

Coming: Lucinda closes in on David.

BOLD & BEAUTIFUL: Claudia pleaded with Thorne not to waste his time and energy on Taylor, a woman who's involved with another man. Stephanie was thrilled when Taylor revealed that she's decided to spend her future with Ridge. Everyone headed to the courthouse following Hunter's message that he knows who shot Ridge. Lauren tried to cause trouble for Sheila at the hospital by telling a nurse to guard the newborns, since Sheila once stole a baby. Enrique issued a warning to Grant about letting Ridge take the fall.

Coming: The Forresters are concerned about Rick.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Sami completely regained her memory and her old personality after getting an electric shock. Austin jumped

off the pier to save a baby and its aunt who had fallen into the water, realizing they might be Will and Carrie. Franco and Hope arrived in Rome, where he revealed his unconditional love for her. They were unaware that Bo and Billie were also there, as part of the drug sting.

Laura wound up in a perilous medical state after she was accidentally over medicated. Marlana was about to escape from the secret room, but Susan had other ideas.

Coming: Laura's condition is critical.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Following a confrontation with Stefan, Nikolas placed a call to Switzerland to speak to Laura. Brenda and Jax decided to separate after she revealed the truth about what happened in the cave. Monica played prosecutor, judge and jury when she took Dorman hostage and forced him to confess. Kevin arranged to have Victor checked into General Hospital after his father decided to stay in Port Charles. Alan invited A.J. to move back home. Carly panicked when A.J. began to recall what had happened in the bar.

Coming: Better times for Sonny and Brenda.

GUIDING LIGHT: Buzz was thrilled when Harley was the special surprise at his birthday party. Jeffrey looked through the window in time to see Buzz and Jenna share a kiss. A threatening note from Fran unglued Annie, with the result being an injury to Alan. Alan was taken to the hospital, where Reva and Annie waited for him to recover and tell his 1

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: In Nashville, Mel learned the truth from Becky Lee about Drew's scheming past and his legal troubles. Mel tricked Drew

into confirming that Kelly caused the accident. Appealed to by Drew for help, Asa gave him enough cash to make the evidence against Kelly disappear. Todd plotted to plant a bomb on Guy's yacht and pin the blame on Patrick. Andrew lit into Kevin about breaking up his marriage. Chris watched as Jessica kissed Darcy. Cassie was upset when Andrew left River with Tea for a while.

Coming: Kelly unburdens her soul.

SUNSET BEACH: Meg took another look into the secret room, and found herself locked in. Inside, Meg found Maria's journal and began to read it.

Elaine was overwhelmed with emotion when Cole returned to her. Jimmy thought about turning Michael in to the police for killing his father. Gabi told Paula that Ricardo had been with another woman on the night they were supposed to elope. Casey encouraged Rae to visit her parents and try to reconcile with them.

Coming: Gregory continues to pursue Cole.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Jack left Diane's office in a huff when she received flowers from the "client" who took her to London. Ashley witnessed Kurt and Hope share a kiss. When challenged by Ashley about his lack of commitment, Kurt angrily said he's wary of women because of his late wife. Nikki noticed Grace's uneasiness about discussing Cassie's past. The fire inspector ruled out foul play in Sasha's death. Meanwhile, a tabloid reporter Sasha had contacted wondered why he hadn't heard from her lately. Jill encouraged Ryan to consider returning to Nina, but he was unsure.

Coming: Dru continues to mislead Neil.

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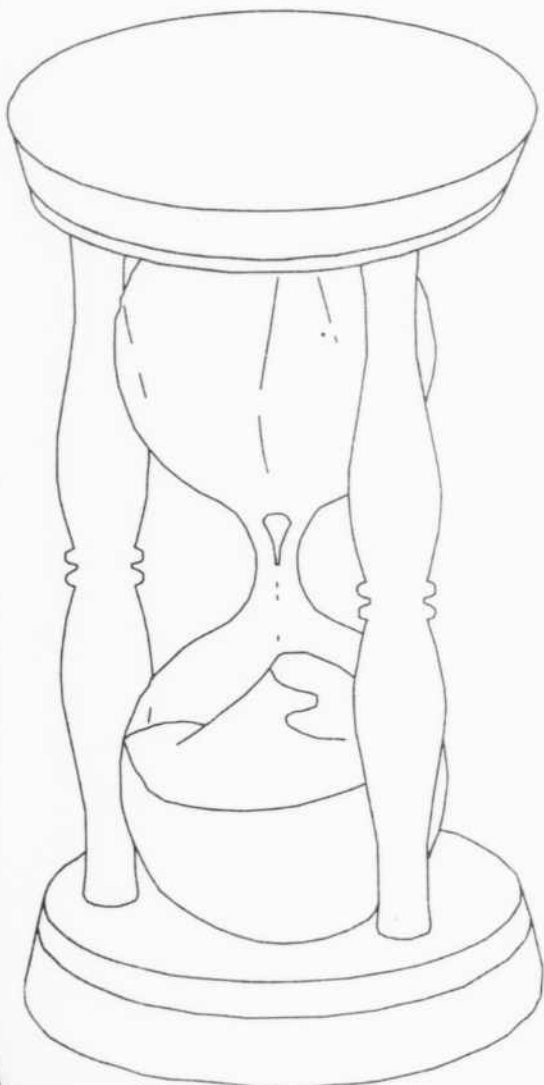
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