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R.I.M. graduate awarded fellowship in United Kingdom

By Pam Courtney / special to Sidelines

Geno Meldrum, graduating senior from Middle Tennessee State University, was awarded the American Airlines International Recording Industry Fellowship. The thirty-five year old father of four will leave for the United Kingdom July 15 and will return August 11.

The announcement was made at a recent National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) international seminar in Nashville.

Meldrum was selected over a wide field of students for this newly created venture by adjunct professor Deborah Wagon. Wagon, who has taught the International Recording class at MTSU, wanted to create a hands-on international recording industry experience for students, who could then bring this experience back to the United States.

American Airlines contributed the airfare for Meldrum. The Bob Jennings Scholarship Endowment provided funding for the fellowship through the efforts of Bob Beckham, president of HoriPro Entertainment,

and his staff.

Dr. Richard Barnett, chair of the recording industry department at MTSU, said that students must meet rigorous requirements before becoming eligible for internships. "It's a transition from the academic world to the real world" he said.

Meldrum, who moved to the Middle Tennessee area six years ago as a songwriter, returned to school to become better acquainted with the music industry. During his college career he has consistently held several jobs at one time in order to make ends meet.

Meldrum said "I was absolutely ecstatic upon learning I had been selected." While their dad is away, the Meldrum children, Rebecca, 15, Jared, 11, Amanda, 9, and John Tyler, 8, will be visiting relatives in Michigan and Idaho. Meldrum's wife, Alice, has been awarded a scholarship to Yale for the summer.

While final plans have not been completed, Meldrum hopes to have the opportunity to work for a record label and also for Country Music Television (CMT) in London. ●

Former Credit Bureau funds scholarships



Ken Robinson

When members of the Murfreesboro Credit Bureau decided to end the organization last year, they donated \$95,000 in left-over funds to the MTSU Foundation to be used for scholarships. The funds will continue to generate scholarship assistance for years to come. This year's recipients, flanking Dr. James Garner, former MTSU Foundation president, are, left, Christina Smotherman, daughter of Larry and Betty Carol Smotherman of Murfreesboro, and right, Nancy Ashby, daughter of Billy and Joyce Ashby of La Vergne. Each recipient will receive \$1,500 for the 1996-97 school year.

CD makers accused of price fixing

Associated Press

The nation's six largest makers of compact discs have been accused of conspiring to keep CD prices artificially high in a lawsuit that could result in payments to millions of buyers.

A law firm representing two CD buyers filed the lawsuit Monday and won immediate class-action status, which means other CD consumers can join. The suit does not specify how much it is seeking but limits each individual claim to \$5,000.

The suit alleges the companies propped up retail CD prices, even though refinements in manufacturing and other improvements have cut the cost of making a CD from \$3 in 1983 to less than \$1 now.

"The six defendants have employed a variety of collusive schemes to maintain and increase profit margins on their sales of CDs," the lawsuit said. It was filed on behalf of anyone who bought CDs from any of the six companies after June 26, 1992.

The companies are EMI Music Distribution, a subsidiary of Britain's Thorn-EMI; Sony Music Entertainment, a subsidiary of Sony Corp. of Japan; Warner Elektra Atlantic Corp., a unit of Time Warner Inc.; UNI Distribution Corp., a unit of MCA Music Entertainment Group.

Also listed are Bertelsmann Music Group, a unit of Germany's Bertelsmann Inc.; and Polygram Group Distributors, a subsidiary of Philips Electronics N.V. of the Netherlands.

"We believe the suit is wholly without merit, and beyond that we do not comment on matters involving litigation," said Dennis Petroskey, a spokesman for Bertelsmann.

A spokeswoman for Sony and a spokesman for Time Warner said their

companies had not seen the lawsuit so they could not immediately comment. The other companies did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The lawsuit was filed by Knoxville attorney Gordon Ball in nearby Blount County Circuit Court on behalf of CD buyers Chris Robinson and George Silvev. It has been certified as a class action in 14 states and the District of Columbia.

The six manufacturers named in the suit are powerful, controlling more than 85 percent of the \$9.4 billion-a-year U.S. compact disc industry, the lawsuit said.

Although consumers don't buy CDs directly from the manufacturers, the suit argues the manufacturers strong-armed retailers into keeping prices high. The mechanism for that, according to the lawsuit, is a "minimum-advertised-price," or MAP, policy.

The MAP prices of the six defendants were virtually identical, ranging from \$11.81 to \$11.88 for a CD with a retail price of \$16.98, the suit said. It contends the manufacturers kept retailers in line by suspending some advertising assistance or severing relationship with them if the retailers sold below certain minimum prices.

Their practices limited competition, the lawsuit said, having an impact on customers "who are deprived of the benefit of vigorous price competition among retail stores."

The lawsuit was certified as a class action in states that have laws protecting so-called indirect purchasers, consumers as opposed to retailers or other direct buyers. The companies, however, can ask the judge to decertify the lawsuit's class-action status. ●

Custodial services expands schedule

By Gregg Mayer & Mark T. Gibson / staff

With the implementation of a new "total coverage" schedule for custodial workers and supervisors, MTSU's goal is to make the campus cleaner than it ever has been before, said Warren Jackson, manager of Custodial Services.

"Our customers - we call the students and the faculty our customers - deserve the best quality service possible," said Jackson. The department has instituted an around-the-clock schedule for cleanup.

Prior to May 26th, supervisors arrived at different times than custodial workers, said Jackson, which led to large blocks of time in which workers were unsupervised.

"Some of the guys knew that they only had to work if they wanted to; so a lot of work didn't get done. I realized that this wasn't going to work, so I came up with a new schedule."

The improved schedule still had some bugs, he said, and eventually led to the decision to go to a full 24 hour cleaning schedule. "With the number of students on campus, and the number of new buildings coming up, it was obvious some changes had to be made."

"With all the change on campus, the custodial department was sitting still," he said.

Another emphasis is being made by supervisors, Jackson said. "They're making a real effort to get to know the secretaries; they're leaving their cards with them."

"Most of the time it's the secretaries who arrange to get problems taken care of, so we want to make sure they know who we are."

The new custodial schedule has 24-hour supervision, and is divided

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Manager of
Custodial Services

situation and improve it.

"He asked the appropriate staff to develop plans and ways that we can better serve the people we're here to serve."

"We haven't totally revamped the work schedules; most of the changes were brought about by staggering the work schedule; someone who was working days is now working nights, and so on. There is no additional cost to the University," he said.

Actually, it should lead to an overall reduction in costs, said Jackson. Although some new workers will have to be hired, "total coverage keeps us from having to call workers back into work [after hours], and cuts down on overtime" he said.

Another facet of the improving service, said Thomas, is to improve the pay situation. Although custodial workers will share with all state employees the upcoming 3% pay hike, turnover is still a large problem with custodial staff due to the low pay, and is a problem that will be addressed.

The improvements on campus haven't gone unnoticed by at least one member of the administration. "The KUC is the cleanest I have ever seen it," said Dr. Robert Lalance, vice president of Student Affairs.

The custodial staff is not responsible for dorm maintenance, Jackson said. That cleanup falls under the Housing department, so the new schedule will have no effect on the living conditions of students on campus. It will, however, improve the overall look of the school.

"When parents come on campus, one of the important factors in their decision to send their kids here is how the school looks. They may think 'That's a nice school, but its dirty', and they'll send their kids somewhere else." ●

ID Office has moved

The MTSU ID Office has found a permanent location on the track level of Murphy Center, in the Northwest corner.

ID's are made at the ID Office from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. weekdays. Students can also have their ID's made in room 101D of Peck Hall from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday. On Saturdays, students can have their ID's made at the Peck Hall location from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

All students are required to have a Student ID; they are used to check out library books, use the Student Recreation Center, go to ball games, and other campus related activities.

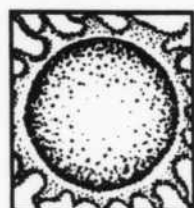
The ID Office was formerly located in room 319 of the Keathley University Center.

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WEATHER

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Sunny
High: 83
Low: 62



THUR
Sunny
High: 85
Low: 65



FRI
Partly
Cloudy
High: 87
Low: 69



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In Our View

Nothing Like an Uncooperative Business Office

There is an old saying that money can't buy happiness, evidently it can't buy cooperation either.

Being a student, one of the most common occurrences that has to be dealt with is giving the university money for various items. These items range from activity fees, to tuition, to fines for different violations.

Wha's hard to understand is, how much trouble it can be to do anything with the business office on your back. Every time, something has to be paid for or payed off, you must travel to the Cope Administration building and deal with the employees behind the glass window.

Sometimes the employees can be real polite and as helpful as possible but at other times they become tyrants and appear to have no desire to help you. They make it seem like the biggest concern is not the convenience of the student but how fast they can receive their cash.

Depending on what you are paying for depends on how cooperative they can be. Let's say that you are paying for your tuition; they will be as nice and helpful as can be and let you know how glad they are that you will be attending this great establishment. However, if you happen to be paying parking, fines or other fees they come across as not really caring about you, since you are already intertwined into the web of the university.

This system makes no sense to me. For instance, if there is a schedule change to be made and money is owed why must it be paid at that very moment? Is the ten or twenty dollars that is owed for parking tickets going to bankrupt the university? I don't think so!

The university needs to come up with a system that would allow all fines to be paid at one time. This would make it easier on the student body and probably easier on the business office itself.

For example at the University of Mississippi there was one bill that had to be payed at one time. If you had received parking tickets (which could run as high as \$25 a piece), had fines in the library, or had further activity fees to be paid, it would all come as one bill every two months. This system not only was convenient for those students that owed money but was also very systematic for the Bursar's office and made collecting money for them much easier.

There is no reason to have to travel down the one way street to the Cope Administration building and pay a ten or twenty dollar fine in order to conduct business elsewhere on campus.

The main goal of the business office should be to make things as easy and efficient as possible for both themselves and the students.

If I am not mistaken, the tuition that we pay as students fund a part of the salaries of university employees. So in essence the employees of the university are here for us. Let me ask you, would you be rude and uncooperative with people that support your job? I should hope not.

I do not mean to come across and bash the business office, it is just that dealing with them adds one more unnecessary step to the processes that are already complicated enough.

It would be nice if they could act more personable to students and not like systematic machines just interested in taking your money and not willing to work with you.

Money is not the only thing that makes the world go round. It takes people willing to give a little and help their fellow man or woman to get things done. If everybody could realize that, things would run alot smoother here for everyone. Either that or the business office should come up with a more universal system for collecting cash.

Classes on July 5th: misprint or just odd

It is the fourth of July. I am sitting on a 48 foot Hatteras and have just finished my umpteenth beer and feel pretty good. The past two days have been a vacation away from school, work and the rest of the world. There is no T.V. and no telephone to speak of and no contact with the rest of civilization on shore. It is then that I realize that tomorrow is scheduled to be the beginning of session IV.

We (myself and few other MTSU students) sit there and ponder the reasons why someone scheduled classes on the fifth day of July just after a major holiday. No matter how we tried to justify the reason for classes being on the fifth it still did not make sense. If classes are held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday why would the first day actually be on a Friday? You would think the administration would know that the majority of the student body is away for the holiday.

For those students that were not away and are dedicated to the schedule of higher learning, this misprint or odd occurrence created many inconveniences.

Some of the students that I have talked to expressed their disbelief in the system. Out of seven individuals that I spoke with, not one of the professors showed up for the scheduled class. Did the university notify them and did the student body? How rude!

If the date indicated was a typo, that is understandable, however a correction should have been made in the beginning of the summer in consideration of the students. If classes were actually scheduled for July fifth than that was plain stupidity. Whatever the case may be, it showed a major breakdown in the communication between the administration and the student body



Letters to the Editor

No Consideration Given

To the Editor:

When I read that classes started on July 5, I thought it was a mistake so I talked to some people in admissions to find out what was going on. The ladies there did not actually know. They suggested that I go to class anyway just to make sure. Well I did and would you believe no teacher showed up? I had a 7:30 class with no teacher and one fellow student. My next class at 10:00, guess what? No teacher and three fellow students were present. This is a serious lack of COMMUNICATION of the entire staff of MTSU! The class schedules were put into students mail boxes in March or April. If someone with enough brains could have figured this out back

in the spring that July 5 is on a Friday and session 4 meets M-Thursday, it would have showed a little concern for students!

While the administration is focusing on competing in division 1-A, the very basics of human development is being left out and that word is COMMUNICATION! President Walker, show some leadership and get your staff's act together! Oh, by the way, a news flash: ALL STAFF MEET AT DR. WALKER'S RESIDENCE NEXT SATURDAY MORNING (EARLY).

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with emphasis in Liberal Arts

Honesty and Trust a Pleasant Feeling

It is a wonderful thing to be trusted. At one point or another in your lifetime you have probably lost the trust of someone, for a stupid reason. For me it was my parents, when I was in my early years, for the longest time they didn't trust me when I said " I will stay out of trouble this time.."

Now that we have moved past that point and are on our way to getting on with our careers, trust is something that we take for granted.

Trust and honesty go hand in hand. You can not expect to be trusted if you are not honest with the other individual. Everyday we learn something new about other people and the way they perceive and trust certain people.

I had a lesson in trust today from a professor here on campus. I was trying to show him that there was no way I had missed so many days in his class last semester that it merited a 'D'. The fact that I had received a 'D' not only lowered my GPA but it also required me to take the class over.

We had a civilized conversation as to why I believed that I did not deserve a 'D' and how it was my responsibility to ensure that I was counted present by signing the roll.

In turn he gave me the chance to make it up by writing a small paper to redeem myself and have my grade adjusted.

I will not mention his name, because I doubt he wants every student banging down his door.

I was impressed by the manor in which he handled the situation. The fact that he was more concerned on being fair than he was on making himself look like the almighty and save his way or no way made me feel good.

It was nice to have a professor take my word for what it is and not question my honesty and character as a student. Some professors would not even think of giving a student a second chance and believe that they are the final say in all matters.

It just goes to show that not all professors are bull headed and it does pay to question them, if you think that you have been wronged. It also goes to show that honesty goes along way.

Opinion

From the Student Perspective

When I registered for SPSE-0322 class I did not expect anything extraordinary. I wanted to learn about using technology in teaching and to earn my three credits. I expected usual, customary lecture-exams classroom routine, this is why the perspective of spending four hours a day in this summer intersession class did not seem to me very appealing.

However, from the very first meeting with assistant professor Sandra Smith I understood that something more exciting than usual lecture routine is waiting for me in this class. My first impression was right; I completely forgot my worries about spending four hours in the class every day because those four hours were hours of wonderful time.

What was so special about this class? It was a combination of the teacher's talent, pleasant personality and constructivist methodology used by Mrs. Smith to teach the subject matter. Since I conduct my doctoral research in the field of science and education in psychology, I have read a plethora of literature which describes the constructivist approach to teaching and learning. Sandra Smith gave a talented real life illustration of this constructivist theoretical paradigm.

For people whose field is not education: constructivism is a psychological and philosophical perspective contending that individuals learn or construct much of what they learn and understand. Constructivism contrasts with behavioral views of learning that stress the influence of environment on the person.

From constructivist perspective, the teacher does not teach in the traditional sense of standing in front of a room of students and delivering instruction. Rather, they use materials with which learners become actively involved through manipulation or social interaction.

From the very beginning the "ice" which often accompanies the gathering of a group of people who do not know each other was broken by the perfect communication skills of the teacher. The large group of strangers soon became a group of friendly, laughing and willing to help each other peers.

Instead of a textbook, Mrs. Smith gave well-organized handouts which were state-of-the-art materials. Instead of delivering lectures, the teacher involved students in discussion, problem solving, elements of research, and project design.

I noticed that the teacher never judged anyone with the retort: "you are wrong" during discussion, rather she showed that students' opinions are valuable, and even if correction was necessary, it was made in a very diplomatic and respectful way. This is why nobody feared to be wrong during discussions, and the atmosphere of the lessons nurtured students' desire to express themselves, encouraged creative thinking and a motivation to learn.

Every day activities were organized in such a way that there was absolutely no time to be bored. On the contrary, completing an activity brought a pleasant feeling of achievement. I was waiting for what would be next. The knowledge was not given to me; I was building it by myself. By the end of this course, I was really surprised by how much I learned in such a short period of time. I made an "A" because I was interested and motivated. I learned about the technology of teaching, and also I learned that the process of learning itself can be joyful, exciting, but very productive.

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College radio is on its feet and kicking in Murfreesboro

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

From the radio-free 1980s came college radio, and from college radio came the popularity of bands like Love and Rockets, the Replacements, and REM. The radio rebellion of college rock was on and MTSU was out in the cold.

Until the fall of 1995 the closest thing we had to our own radio station was WNAS which music director Amie Leeking says stood for We Need A Station. WNAS was the music behind the bulletin slides broadcast over cable Channel 8. As one could imagine, it wasn't very hip to be a radio station played like Big Brother-Rock over a cable TV channel so few people tuned in.

Now money has been allocated and students have risen up to make good use of the funds. WMTS currently broadcasts 250 watts, reaching as far away from campus as Hickory Hollow Mall.

The walls of the station are plastered with posters and fliers of bands from every imaginable genre of modern music. The three room studio located in the LRC seems dark like an ancient archive beneath a forgotten courthouse. Hidden within this archive are not sterile records of births, deaths and marriages, but rather vigorous, expressive recordings that lay dormant behind plastic cases. Stepping past the walls of music one might become enchanted by the names listed on the CD and vinyl cases. The Cars, George Clinton and the P-Funk All Stars, the Grateful Dead, and too many more to mention, make up the musical selections available to WMTS DJs.

The rules for DJ's seem simple, don't say or play anything that would embrace your mother, treat the equipment with respect, and read and follow any posted notices. A notice currently posted consists of the following:

Attention DJs! It's illegal on

college radio to: 1) Announce prices of shows over the air. 2) Make a direct call to action. This means telling the listeners to do something such as, "go see Superdrag at Lucy's tonight!" To get around that say, "you might want to ..." 3.) Say "Beer!" You can be creative to get around it.

It's illegal to say beer over the air? Since when?

Jerome Withers, a senior RIM major, bravely sorts through the massive selection of music each week to stock up with appropriate selections for his afternoon show. Withers says he came to work at the station when it first opened, and as strange as the no-beer-on-college-radio-rule might seem, that's always been the rule.

If you're bummed out about that rule and feel that there's no way the personality of the university can accurately be portrayed with such stifling bonds to free speech, relax (and you might consider checking into a 12 step program).

Lots of different kinds of folks work at 88.3. Leeking says that of the 20 summer staff members at WMTS only a handful are broadcast majors. In fact, she says not all staffers are even Mass Comm. majors. Varied interests, both academic and musical, make WMTS the active representative of the varied personalities that make up our student body.

Currently the station is operating sporadically. In keeping with the spirit of summer, many of the normally dedicated staff have gone home to work or play. But good news, Leeking says the station hopes to be on 24 hours a day by the fall.

If you need distraction from summer school homework and all your friends have gone home for the season, tune in 88.3. If you think college radio could be your box of records, dial up 898-2636 and they can explain what it takes to become a DJ so you too can help broadcast the personality of MTSU. ●



Julee Shelton / staff

This is where it all happens. WMTS DJs can't say beer but they can brighten up our college atmosphere with the heartfelt tunes that reflect the personality of the MTSU student body.

Atlanta offers Olympic hospitality

By Associated Press

Just 10 miles from a suburban county that lost an Olympic competition rather than rescind its resolution denouncing homosexuality, the Olympic City is welcoming gay and lesbian visitors with open arms.

With dozens of gay bars, nightclubs and restaurants, a large gay bookstore and dozens of shops sprinkled amid well-heeled old homes and high-rise apartments, Midtown Atlanta is home to the largest gay population in the Deep South.

"Atlanta is a popular destination for gays and lesbians," said Billy Kolber-Stuart, editor of the New York-based Out & About travel newsletter, which has about 8,500 gay and lesbian subscribers. "It's certainly the most popular in the South because it's the most welcoming city for gays and lesbians in the South."

And it's the first Olympic city to host a hospitality suite devoted to homosexuals and gay issues. The Gay and Lesbian Visitor's Center, a project conceived by Mayor Bill Campbell's advisers on gay and lesbian issues, is

a place for gay visitors to get information, view exhibits on gay issues, meet people at the coffee bar or watch the games on television.

"A lot of gay tourists will be coming to the Olympics because of their disposable income," said Phil McDonald, special assistant to the mayor. "I believe we are the first host city that has such a visitor's center."

Atlanta has long been a magnet for people who've felt out of place in their Bible Belt hometowns. Early on, the city's gay bookstore had a mailing list that stretched across the Southeast, said Jackie Boles, a sociology professor at Georgia State University.

Researchers estimate that four percent of American men are gay, Boles said. About twice as many men in Atlanta are gay, and most live in Midtown, she said.

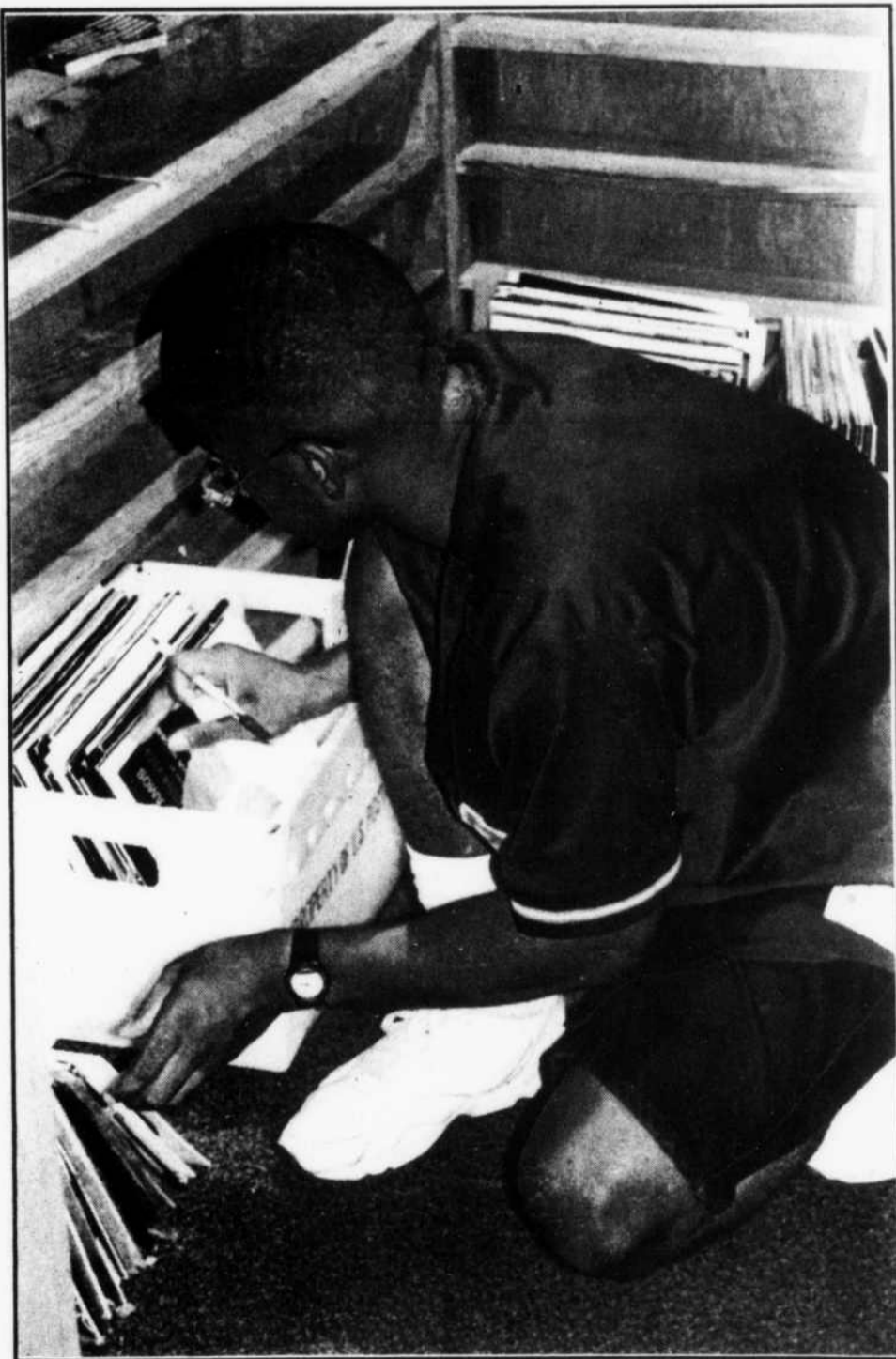
"We have been called the Southern San Francisco and we've been called the gay Mecca of the South," said Paul Goldberg of Candler Creative, and events planning firm that is organizing the visitor's center.

The city supports three gay

publication, including a weekly newspaper, Southern Voice, that will be available to athletes in the Olympic Village. While the city is tolerant of gay lifestyle, Cobb County has openly rejected it. Its 1993 anti-gay resolution lost it the Olympic volleyball competition and a spot along the torch relay. The irony is "there is such a large and open gay population in Cobb County," said Melanie Rosen of the non-profit Atlanta Gay Center.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose half-sister is a lesbian, and fellow Cobb County Republican U.S. Rep. Bob Barr are opposed to same-sex marriage, although Gingrich has said the GOP should tolerate homosexuality. Barr is the sponsor of federal bill to make gay marriages illegal. Gingrich has predicted its swift passage.

Georgia lawmakers have clung to the state's sodomy law, which basically outlaws homosexual relations. The state's Supreme Court earlier this year upheld the law as constitutional. ●



Julee Shelton / staff

Jerome Withers makes musical selections out of the stations stash of vinyls. WMTS utilizes both CD and record players in their studio.

Old Blue says, "Pet your dog not your date."

Abstinence is the only sure birth control.

MTSU student's South Pacific summer school

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

MTSU's very own Aaron Pentzer is spending his summer at sea. He is seeing the South Pacific from the S.S. Universe Explorer while broadening his understanding of the world.

Is he cleaning fish, swabbing the deck, and meeting a new love at every port? No, nothing like that at all. He is't signed on for a tour with the Merchant Marines, but rather, with the University of Pittsburgh.

Aaron is one of 190 students from 103 colleges across the country and abroad taking part in a program administered by the Institute for Shipboard Education and academically sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh.

This comparative studies program takes students from colleges and universities across the United States and abroad, around the world each summer, fall and spring. The mission of the summer session is to examine comparative global issues while participating in a donation project that has been established to assist those in need around the world. The project adds an interactive service component to the learning experience which has resulted in relationships with organizations such as the Mombasa SOS Children's village in Kenya, and Mother Teresa's Mission in India.

With Childish Envy

It might seem really cool to be on a ship popping in on exotic ports all

summer, and I'm sure it probably is but he's in summer school just like the rest of us. Aaron is living in 23,500-ton sea fairing vessel - I figure my apartment complex probably weighs about the same. His ship's facilities include classrooms, a library, a theater, a student union, a swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, and even a weightroom - MTSU has all that stuff so he probably feels like he's right at home in summer school just like the rest of us.

I suppose it could be a little more exciting to fulfill the field requirements of visiting places of historical importance or travel independently at ports of call around the world - but we have the Uncle Dave Macon festival right here at home.

With Childish Congratulations

All fun aside, I'm sure Aaron is having a great time and I wish him the best.

This semester the S.S. Universe Explorer has visited Tahiti, New Zealand, and Australia and is currently in route to Fiji, Western Samoa, and Hawaii.

Unfortunately I was unable to contact Aaron ship by phone but I'm sure everything there is fine and our staff will continue to bother the international operators

until we get word.

Anyone interested in finding out a little more about this program can call the Institute for Shipboard Education at 800-854-0195, or check out their web page at <http://www.pitt.edu/~voyage>. ●



photo provided

Aaron Pentzer manages to overcome the hum-drum routine of summer school.

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Russell's Mania by Keith Russell

Washington's a winner at Wimbledon

Hey, did you catch any of that Wimbledon tennis on the tube last week? Me neither.

All right, maybe I happened to see Dick Enberg call a double fault here and there, in between watching one of those thousand "Making of Independence Day" programs that have been invading my cable box lately. No doubt there's worse ways to spend your time (a Pauly Shore movie, anyone?). Besides, I thought, a bit of self-inflicted pain can keep you sharp for those times when life really throws you the kitchen sink. If a monk in Tibet can flog himself with bamboo in order to strengthen his spirit, then surely I could watch a bunch of British high society types get neck sprains from following a yellow ball back and forth.

So you could imagine the surprise when it turned out there actually was something more interesting to watch this year than Wimbledon's fabled grass grow. It was a stroke of luck, mind you, for which we can thank MaliVai Washington, who brought a welcomed dose of fresh air to the stuffy confines of the Championships' center court.

Indeed, in a tournament that will be remembered more for its top seeds being bounced out faster than Bob Dole at a lung cancer research symposium (Steffi Graf was the only big shot still smokin' after the quarterfinals), it was the appearance of new, hungry faces that gave Wimbledon's usual serving of cold porridge a little spice and flavor for fans to sink their teeth into this time around. And Washington was the chef dishing out the most delectable drama.

With a Grand Slam track record as glowing as an English sunset, Washington broke through the London fog to reach the men's singles finals, eventually succumbing to the flying Dutchman serve of Richard Krajicek. In the process, he also became the first African American since Arthur Ashe in 1975 to advance so deep into a Grand Slam event.

To be sure, it was a milestone which, given tennis's forgettable history of minority participation (perhaps only the PGA and NHL could garner more embarrassment on the issue), was by no means a trifling oddity that the Brits could throw out with the royal family's reputations. No, this was definitely history in the making.

But as nice as it was to see Washington blaze trails into Wimbledon's lily white record books, what really brought the color to people's faces was the way in which the diminutive (he makes Spud Webb feel tall) Michigan native burned his opponents' britches. There was a certain

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"They Bled Raider Blue" reflects on MTSU football

By Keith Russell / staff

Ever wonder whatever it was that guy Murphy did to get somebody to name an arena after him? Well, thanks to a new book by a former Blue Raider football player, students no longer need to feel in the dark about that question and a number of others relating to the rich, 80-plus year history of MTSU football.

In fact, author Bobby Newby writes in the foreword of his recently released book titled "They Bled Raider Blue," it was the revelation that most students had no real clue in regard to the accomplishments of one Charles "Bubber" Murphy—perhaps MTSU's greatest contributor to athletics as

both a head football coach and athletic director—that led him to producing the many experiences of the players, coaches, and fans who "bled Raider blue."

Featured in the 200 page book is a year by year examination of MTSU's entire football history, dating as far back as the years leading up to World War I. Compiled after searching countless sources such as old game programs and oral historical accounts, "They Bled Raider Blue" succeeds in bringing back to life those bygone pigskin eras, complete with game scores and season highlights. Did you know, for instance, that in 1919

Middle Tennessee Normal (as the teaching school was known as back then) stormed through its schedule undefeated, outscoring the opposition by an astonishing 193-6? Or that the Blue Raiders once thrashed mighty Florida State 55-17 (granted, FSU had just made the transition from being an all-girls school the year before)? Talk about overpowering the competition.

A number of anecdotes also dot Newby's account, including a notable tale about former head coach Johnny "Red" Floyd's (whom Floyd Stadium is named after) habit of whittling sticks of cedar as he watched his teams cut their opposition down to size in a similar fashion.

Other sections devote substantial time familiarizing readers with the names and lives of Murphy, Floyd, and a score of other noteworthy Blue Raiders (including a lengthy focus on current head coach Boots Donnelly), and a chapter titled "Running Back U." takes a fond look at the many extraordinary runners that have called Murfreesboro home at one time or another. As an added bonus, Newby has also included a vast array of photographs, marking MTSU's gridiron glory through the years.

"They Bled Raider Blue" is currently on display at Phillips Bookstore in the KUC, and may be purchased for \$15. ●

The best summer recreation



Julee Shelton / staff

Kate Cassidy and Stephanie Gray sit back and enjoy a cold drink and the beautiful weather that has graced Middle Tennessee. The remainder of the week should offer more opportunities for lounging between classes as the weather is predicted to stay unseasonably pleasant.

Basketball camp brings teams together

By Keith Russell / staff

Admittedly, the MTSU Lady Raiders 18th annual "Stars of Tomorrow" team basketball camp didn't have an official theme song this year. But if there had been, you can be sure the Pointer Sisters would have sang it, and the tune would have been "We are fam-i-ly."

Why the legendary Motown disco divas? It's simple really. Only their smash hit of the 70's could capture the atmosphere and attitude that rubs off on those who take part in Head Coach Lewis Bivens' five day series of competition, instruction, and activity.

Granted, it is an extended family at best, comprised of high school girls,

coaches, and parents from all over the South who travel to Murfreesboro to attend one of the three team camps. Yet if you ask those who participated in the most recent session, held this past weekend, you would find many that would tell you that they left with a new sense of camaraderie that might prove just as valuable as any new post move.

"We've become more of a team because of this camp," insists Ashley Worthing, 16, a diminutive guard from Lebanon High School. "I didn't know any of the upperclassmen (on the team) before we came here, but now we all hang out with one another, which didn't happen last year."

Franklin's Page High School Head

Coach Ron Brock, who has brought his team to Murfreesboro for the camp for three years in a row, also recognized the opportunity to build closer ties. "Part of the reason to come to this camp is to get on the road and away from distractions at home and just think about basketball. It lets you bond and come together as a team."

Which is not to say that there isn't plenty of sibling rivalry between the teams that come here. On the contrary, one finds a style of play that is, in a word, intense. Players dive to the floor for loose balls. Defenders pressure the ball like bees around honey. And coaches rant and rave like, well, coaches.

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Baseball: second half predictions

By Keith Russell / staff

This Thursday marks the beginning of the second half of the baseball season, and if the first half has given us any clue, we're in for a roller coaster of a finish come October. Some fearless division forecasts for the stretch run:

AL East: Who would have believed at the beginning of the season that Orioles' leadoff man Brady Anderson would be leading the majors in home runs? Probably the same people who thought Dwight Gooden still had good enough cheese on his fastball to throw a no-hitter. The Yankees have managed to patch together a solid enough rotation following a rash of injuries to their staff aces in order to stage a six game lead over pre-season favorite Baltimore. Whether the Orioles can catch New York will depend upon how well their own pitching, which has been dismal, can turn things around. As for the rest of the division, Detroit appears doomed to finish with a team ERA worthy of a slow-pitch softball team, while sluggers Joe Carter and Mo Vaughn can only hope to keep their sinking ship's floating in Toronto and Boston, respectively. The pick: Yankees by 10 games.

AL West: This appears to be a three-horse race between Texas, Seattle, and California, with Oakland looking to catch someone sleeping from behind for third place. The Rangers first place position is only a surprise in that none of Texas' big guns have had a stellar first half except for Ivan Rodriguez. The Mariners, meanwhile, have been bolstered by recently taking three out of four games from the Rangers in Arlington, but they'll have to continue to gain ground without Ken Griffey or Randy Johnson. Can the M's repeat last year's magical second heroics? Don't bet against them, especially since the Rangers' knack for late season swoons. The pick: Mariners by three games.

AL Central: This has to be the most exciting pennant race of the season, as Cleveland and Chicago appear destined to fight one another tooth and nail deep into September. The Indians haven't looked as sharp compared to last year's squad, thanks in large part to the diminishing

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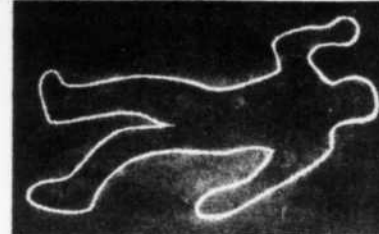
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But as nice as it was to see Washington blaze trails into Wimbledon's lily white record books, what really brought the color to people's faces was the way in which the diminutive (he makes Spud Webb feel tall) Michigan native burned his opponents' britches. There was a certain charm to MaliVai's march from unseeded afterthought to emerging exclamation mark, a certain unencumbered effervescence that rose to the top and had the gall to stay there.

He talked to the crowd. He talked to his racket. He talked to the ball. Yet unlike that other American tennis icon who hawks cameras with that "image is everything" mumbo jumbo, you got the feeling that

Mr. Washington's act was far from phony. This was genuine character on display, a rarity in a sport whose scrapbook contains such legendary whiners as John McEnroe, Ivan Lendl, and Jimmy Connors.

What's more, the guy had gritty determination, perhaps best evidenced in a marathon, five set comeback in the semifinals against a stone faced Todd Martin. Having already surrendered two sets and down 5-1 in a third, Washington dug in and battled back, like a sauced up British hooligan cornered in an Irish pub. Then, after clawing himself back to tie the match, the former University of Michigan Wolverine star promptly dispatched a shell-shocked Martin and packed his bags for a trip to the finals.

True, that final day against Krajicek turned out to be more

of a nightmare journey than a dream vacation. Try as he might, Washington couldn't recapture the magic that had catapulted him past Martin. Still, even in defeat he showed a refreshing awareness of how fleeting moments such as this were for an athlete of any stripe. When a young catering assistant did her best Demi Moore impersonation, streaking across center court wearing only her Martha Stewart serving apron (at last, a Wimbledon Benny Hill could appreciate), Washington could only smile and join the act, lifting his own shirt in jest. He had already bared all of his heart and guts to get to this point, so why not show off a little more anatomy to the crowd?

Here's hoping the success runs more than skin deep. ●

B-BALL CAMP:

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"This is absolutely not all fun and games," insists Lady Raiders assistant coach Stephany Smith, responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the camp. Teams play an average of five games a day (3 varsity, 2 JV), with some games starting as early as 7 a.m. and ending as late as 9 or 10 p.m. A series of mini-clinics, taught by current MTSU players Heather Prater and Kim Francis, are also squeezed in to help players learn fundamentals. So everyone involved keeps more than a little busy. Says Smith: "Every kid pays money to come here (between \$100-150 per player). They're here to learn, to get better as a team."

Also here to learn—albeit in a different sense—is Lady Raiders Head Coach Lewis Bivens, who uses the camp to look at potential recruits that he and his staff might not otherwise see. In fact, notes Bivens as he watches a girl make a move to the basket inside Murphy Center ("Look how quick she does that!"), as many as half of the current MTSU women's team attended the coach's camp at one time or another.

Asked what kind of traits he looks for in a player, Bivens is quick to respond. "Attitude. It's very important. We already

know who the good players are here, so what you want to find out is what kind of person they are. We want to find someone who know will be a positive addition to our program."

But Bivens isn't the only one doing a little scouting. That's because the "Stars of Tomorrow" camp is also an opportunity for players to get their own personal taste of university life. Even if a college basketball career isn't in their future, girls at the camp can see other aspects of college that might interest them in the years ahead. And, since games are played in both Murphy Center and Alumni Memorial Gym as well as the new Rec Center this year, players have a chance to get a feel for MTSU's ever-growing campus.

"It's a biiiiig school," describes an impressed Pookie Dowell, a teammate of Worthing's at Lebanon. "Yeah," chimes in another media savvy teammate, "We'd love to come to school here."

Teams are also given the opportunity to stay in one of the dorms on campus, although the young ladies from Lebanon weren't afforded that experience this time around. The reason? It seems that last year's squad was a bit too mischievous at a summer camp at Tennessee Tech, much to the chagrin of two since departed

Lebanon seniors.

"All right," confesses Dowell with a guilty smile. "We put Icy Hot inside their clothes, and now Coach won't let us stay anywhere this year."

"But we've been good this time."

Wondering how such innocent babes could be capable of pranks as notorious as booby-trapping bras? Well, if this year's camp is any indicator, they would have had to look no further for inspiration than MTSU's own team and coaching staff of jokesters, who pulled off their own imaginative stunt this past Saturday.

It began innocently enough. Having gathered the team campers around for a talk following a team drill competition, Bivens began introducing the Lady Raiders coaching staff. Then, as new assistant coach Leanna Stockdale, who had just joined the staff from Texas, was introduced, an unknown assailant crept up from behind and smothered her with a cream pie, smack in the face.

"Ha ha! We got her!" exclaimed a delighted Bivens, promptly planting a fat kiss on his new coach's pastry-covered cheek. Stockdale, a good-natured victim to the entire affair, could only smile and take it in stride. Welcome to the family. ●

PREDICTIONS:

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returns of veteran starters Orel Hershisser and Dennis Martinez, but they can still lay claim to the league's most fearsome lineup. Meanwhile, Frank Thomas has been putting up some staggering first half slugging numbers and will give the White Sox a great shot at the division crown. The pick: Cleveland by a game, but it's really too close to call.

NL East: The question here is not whether the Braves will win, but by how much. Atlanta has successfully avoided a post-championship hangover, and a second half collapse by the team with far

and away baseball's best pitching staff seems nearly impossible. Give Montreal and manager Felipe Alou credit, though. The Expos will continue to hang tough until August, by which time Montreal's management will undoubtedly feel compelled to trade one of its rising young stars they can't afford to pay. The pick: Braves by 15 games.

NL West: Without question, the senior circuit's best race is to be found west of the Rockies, with all four teams having a clear shot at the division flag. The Padres have been the surprise leader all year, despite the fact that they

rank dead last in home runs. The question still to be answered, however, is whether young hurlers like Joey Hamilton and Trevor Hoffman are seasoned enough to pitch with pennant fever on their minds. Still, if San Diego falters, it's still anyone's guess as to which of the other three clubs can take advantage. Maybe the Dodgers will win it for Tommy. The pick: Dodgers by a nose.

NL Central: Yuck. This entire division has been scraping the bottom of the barrel for wins since opening day. Before the Cardinals and Astros righted their rudders,

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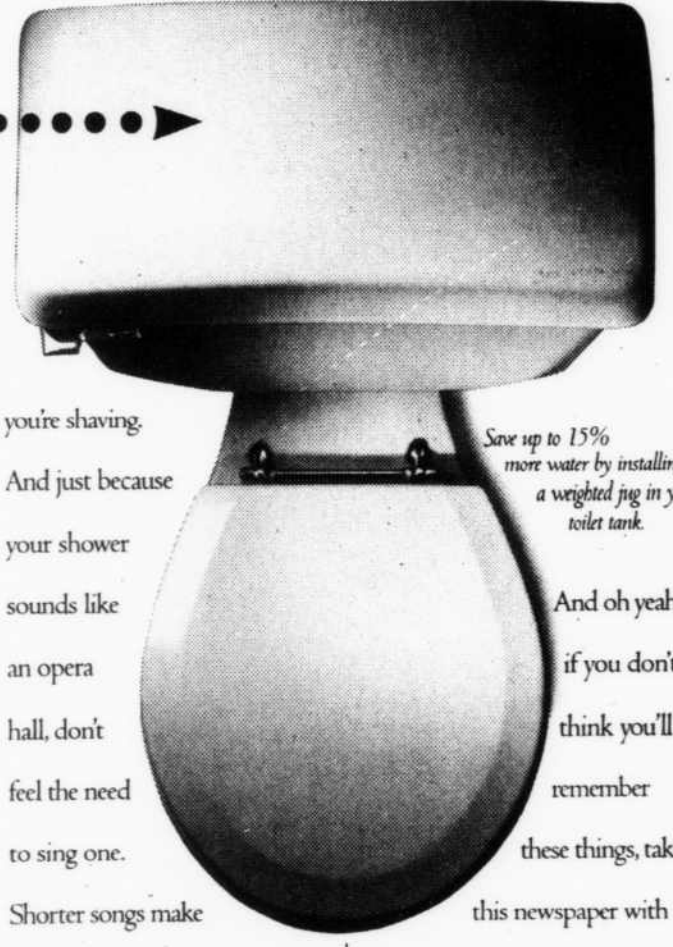
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Book Review: "Lord of the Dead"

By The Summer Sidelines Review Board

Notorious Lord Byron is many things to many people: a poet, a seducer, and an exiled revolutionary. And in Tom Holland's new novel, *LORD OF THE DEAD* (Pocket Books; \$23.00), Byron is a "vardoulacha." Juxtaposing fact with fiction, Byron scholar Holland rewrites the mysterious life of Byron, deifying him as the despot of vampires.

Beginning in Greece, on a journey with his traveling companion Hobhouse, Byron falls in love with the slave girl Haidee. Unbeknownst to Byron, Haidee's master (who is also her father), Vakhel Pasha, is a vampire. Byron is turned into a vampire by Pasha, and then Byron, in a moment of immortal ingratitude, attempts to kill Pasha. After Pasha is apparently dead, Byron looks for Haidee, only to find she is disappeared.

Byron enjoys and suffers the life of a lonely vampire, much like Louis in Anne Rice's *INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE* (Knopf; \$24.00). He

indulges in the lust of killing, damns his immortality, and has enough sexual conquests to rival Wilt Chamberlain (Byron's sexual conquests, of course, are fact).

He explores the world and settles, for a time, in Venice. He has a vampire companion, Lovelace (much like Rice's Lestat), who helps Byron in his early nocturnal life. However, straying from vampire legend, Holland allows his vampires to roam about in sunlight; the sun only weakens their vampire powers.

Byron has the infamous friendship with fellow romantic poet Percy "Mad" Shelley. Together, they spend hours discussing literature and the nature of man. Byron faces the difficult choice of whether to make Shelley, his closest confidant, a vampire.

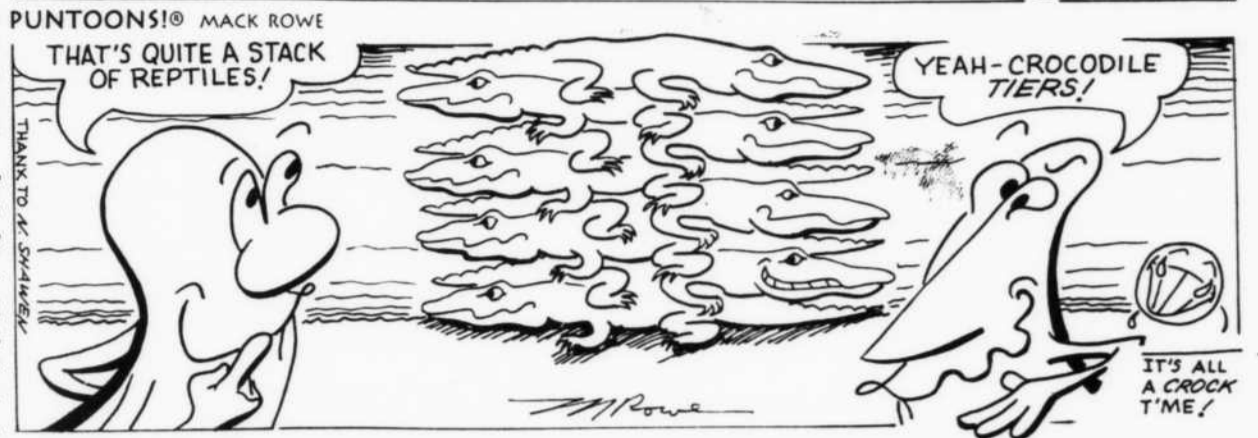
In the end, Pasha is not quite dead; at least he is not dead until Byron eats Pasha's brains. Haidee has been turned into a vampire the next time Byron sees her. She refuses to feed on human blood and eventually withers into an emaciated corpse. Byron tries to save her from total ruin by

making her feed on one of her modern day descendants, Rebecca. But, even after all those years of withering, Haidee still will not let out her teeth.

Holland's *LORD OF THE DEAD* is good for bedtime reading. The characters are not as entertaining as the vampire coterie in Rice's *Vampire Chronicles*, but Holland has an exquisite talent for colorful, sensuous sentences: "There was wild music in my veins singing of darkness and the pleasure of the night," Byron soliloquizes.

Readers will find a lot of Rice's imprint in *LORD OF THE DEAD*: the self-pity of Byron (Louis); the pseudo-resurrection of Pasha (Lestat); the dashing, exuberant Lovelace (Lestat); and the framing interview with Rebecca, in the tombs of St. Jude, "interviewing" Lord Byron. But Holland does capture some unique intensity that is quite entertaining, especially in an episode where Byron is fleeing from Pasha in a page-turning horse chase.

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Deus ex Machina (part 1)

The following is the first of a four piece science-fiction short story.

by Andrew Mays

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"Tried what?" She kept moving upwards, the satellite looming ever closer.

"Free surfing." She was quiet just long enough for him to not believe her answer. "No." She said, almost in a whisper.

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"Drop it will you?" She had made contact with the satellite. "I need to concentrate here." It was a Mirsom Research and Development Orbital. She carefully made her way inside the encrypted satellite's database. He watched as she changed watery blue green static into rich, full-color virtual realities. The databank opened up full and she drank of the images and sounds like wine.

"What are you hiding Sybil? Why won't you tell me about free surf?"

"I don't want you looking over my shoulder in the confession booth." She said. "I did see something. I don't know if it was God but it made me..." He saw the alarm come up in

her field of vision display. "I'm disconnecting you now." She sounded alarmed. "Someone's put a trace on us, it looks like a A61-1 Watchdog."

Then came the darkness. "Damn!" His eyes opened to his own vision.

"No carrier." His term read in small blinking green letters. "Disconnected by local host @ 1823hr."

He unplugged himself from the unit and poured a drink, memories of his own networking days rushing in with the alcohol. In the bathroom he studied the tattoos on his chest in the mirror. Once they were used as guides for connecting life support and monitoring systems while he would spend months at a time inside the matrix. Now they seemed to form sentences of some foreign vulgarities. For him the tattoos told the story of his neural net malfunction; there to remind him that he was stuck inside his flesh wrapped frame of bone and veins every time he looked at his chest.

At his neck above the tattoos hung a crucifix. He had found religion when he lost the ability to network now it seemed that religion had found the network and left him for lost. Second hand religious experiences weren't good enough for him. Ripping the small silver cross from his neck he tossed it behind him. It flew against the far wall and settled down into a tangle of power cords.

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