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MTSU co-hosts block party



Susan Sweetman / staff

From left to right: Tom Hutcherson, Dr. Rich Barnet, Beverly Keel, Doug Mitchell

By Pam Courtney / staff

MTSU faculty, staff, and students participated in an updated version of an old-fashioned block party held on Music Square July 25. Unlike parties found in local cul-de-sacs, this block party had all the style of one set at the Cote D'Azur.

MTSU was one of the sponsors honoring the top twenty-five music moguls in the industry. According to Tom Bainbridge, vice president of Business Nashville, the idea of a block party was to allow everyone to get together on neutral turf.

Business Nashville magazine surveyed more than 150 music executives, attorneys, managers, booking agents, and publicists to come up with its top 25 list.

Every vote was tabulated and the rankings were determined by the number of total votes received. In addition, the strengths and weaknesses of each nominee were asked for.

Assistant professor Beverly Keel

said, "To my knowledge this is the first time any publication has ranked the music people according to power."

"Music Row has been separated from Nashville business and it is time to recognize the music industry and bring it to the attention of the public," said Patrick Rains, editor of Business Nashville. Special guest Governor Don Sundquist said the industry contributes \$2.5 billion dollars to the Nashville economy and that he appreciated what the industry does for the state and the community.

RIM students donned MTSU T-shirts and volunteered their time at this event. Jonathan Hill, Traci McMillin, and Kimber Ghent prepared name tags for the guests while David Kring, Scott Pennington, Trent Straub, and Jennifer Hudson skillfully handled the award presentations.

Names and faces in the music industry became a reality for many of the MTSU students. It is not often that students have the opportunity to

meet the powerful in their chosen field of study. It was definitely a hands-on experience.

BMI, ASCAP, SESAC and Business Nashville were responsible for the entertainment. Seven unsigned artists, looking for their big break in Nashville, had the opportunity to wow the guests and perform for the powerful. "If the atmosphere is right and the crowd is right we will do it next year," said Bainbridge. The search for new acts will begin next May.

"I'm extremely pleased to see MTSU graduates here that are doing well in the recording industry," said Rich Barnet, chair of the Recording Industry program.

"Some of these graduates are already leaders in the music industry."

Tim DuBois, president of Arista Nashville, was voted the most powerful music executive by the executives surveyed.

MTSU Riders participate in Olympic ceremony

By Sarah Way / staff

Cindy Womack, executive aide to the president, and Kevan Saunders, supervisor in the farm laboratory, took part in the opening ceremony of the Olympic Canoe/Kayak-Slalom Competition on Wednesday, July 24.

They joined twenty-nine other Walking Horse enthusiasts in carrying the flags of the thirty-one nations involved in the white water competition. The Tennessee Walking Horse Association was contacted by the Olympic Committee and asked to participate.

Womack rode Julie's Anasazi, which she has been showing for the past year. Saunders rode Summer

Jewell, who was bred, born and raised at MTSU.

The parade of flags and athletes was held at Sugarloaf Mountain Park near Cleveland, TN. The Tennessee State Park Mounted Color Guard lead the parade, riding Tennessee Walking Horses.

According to Saunders, they "spent a lot of time planning and preparing for the parade, and arrived around 3:30, on a hot day, the parade itself, which only lasted a few minutes, started around 7:20 but it was still very exciting."

Saunders also said that there was over 5,000 people there to watch the parade. They all seemed to enjoy seeing the Walking horses.

Munn's mother testifies in Circuit Court

Staff Reports

Rita Munn, mother of former MTSU student Rudy Munn, testified in Circuit Court last Tuesday that her son shot fellow MTSU student Andrew Poklemba in self-defense.

Munn is charged with first degree murder in the death of Poklemba, his former roommate. Poklemba was found shot to death in the parking lot of the Day's Inn hotel on Church St. last December.

Poklemba's identification had been removed, and police had no idea who he was. They finally resorted to broadcasting drawings of his face on local television to identify him.

Munn, 19, of Manchester, was arrested and charged with Poklemba's murder. In the hearing Tuesday, his mother testified that her son shot Poklemba in self defense.

"I'm going to kill you" Munn said, quoting her son quoting Poklemba.

Police have a videotape of Munn confessing to his mother on Dec. 2. According to testimony in the hearing, police left Munn and his mother alone in a room with a videotape machine recording the conversation.

Police say that the videotape shows Munn confessing to the killing

to his mother because he owed Poklemba money. Rita Munn said in court that she did not know the videotape was running during that conversation.

She testified that Poklemba brandished a knife at her son and threatened to kill him. Munn then shot Poklemba in self-defense, she said.

The tape was obtained when Rita Munn asked Detective Chris Guthrie if her son had actually killed Poklemba; Officer Eddie Peel testified that Peel told her to ask her son, and then left the two of them alone in the interview room but left the videotape running.

Defense attorney J. Stanley Rogers sought to have the videotape evidence dismissed; arguments will be heard on Aug. 29.

Rogers asked to have Munn testify for himself in a limited manner, but Circuit Court Judge James Clayton ruled that if he testified at all he would be subject to cross examination on all other relevant matters.

Rogers decided not to call Munn to the stand.

Munn remains free on bond until the next hearing.

MTSU hosts high school band camp

By Gregg Mayer / staff

The music of marching bands is filling the air around the MTSU campus this week.

High school bands from Kentucky and Indiana are living on campus this week, taking advantage of the music

facilities and talented staff the music program at MTSU offers.

"They come here because we provide counselors to do section rehearsals and to supervise the students at night," said Linda

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Historic Preservation Scholarship created

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Society, Colonial Dames XVII Century has established the Dorothy Williams Potter Exchange Scholarship Fund for American Historic Preservation at the Middle Tennessee State University Center for Historic Preservation.

The first scholarship recipient is Jeri Hasselbring of Franklin, Tenn., who is pursuing a master's degree in historic preservation at MTSU.

"The Colonial Dames is one of the longest-standing organizations in the state of Tennessee interested in heritage and what it does for Tennessee," Jim Huhta, director of the Center for Historic Preservation, said "To honor one of its leaders, they decided to establish this scholarship fund to begin a very tangible way of investing in young people interested in working in Tennessee on heritage issues."

The Tennessee Society, Colonial Dames XVII Century has a state-wide membership of about 440 people.

"We raised \$10,500 and an anonymous donor offered to match what we raised."

**Isabelle Ross
scholarship
chairman**

"It is a national society which stresses scholarship, education, preserving historic sites, with a focus on what we can do as far as preserving the past and enhancing the future through our projects," Isabelle Ross, scholarship chairman, said. "We raised \$10,500 and an anonymous donor offered to match what we raised, so we're thrilled."

Ross said the reason they chose

MTSU was because of the unique programs offered by the university.

"MTSU is the only university in the United States which, at the present time, offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees in historic preservation," she said. "We investigated different schools, but we wanted a scholarship that would benefit Tennessee."

The criteria for the scholarship includes residence in Tennessee, an economic need, and a desire to pursue and enhance education in historic preservation.

Persons interested in supporting the scholarship fund should contact Mrs. Isabelle Ross, DWP Exchange Scholarship Chairman, at 12 Compton Trace, Nashville, TN 37215-6116.

The Center for Historic Preservation, founded in 1984 as the first Center of Excellence at MTSU is one of the foremost national research centers in the historic preservation field. The center is also actively involved in communities across Tennessee.

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Brian G. Miller / staff

Andy Brown directs a group of flutists and clarinetists at band camp in front of Saunders Fine Arts Building.

'DAVE' TAKES ON 'GEOFFREY'

By Dave Barry/
Syndicated Columnist

I want to stress that I'm not bitter about what the Philip Morris Corp. is trying to do with the name "Dave." In case you didn't know, Philip Morris is test-marketing a new brand of cigarettes called "Dave's." Over the past year I've seen big billboard advertisements for "Dave's" cigarettes in Seattle and Denver.

These are folksy ads; one of them features a tractor. The message is that "Dave's" is a folksy brand of cigarette, produced by a down-to-earth, tractor-driving guy named "Dave" for ordinary people who work hard and make an honest living, at least until they start coughing up big folksy chunks of trachea.

Of course there is no actual "Dave." The people at Philip Morris are just calling the new brand "Dave's" because they think the name "Dave" sounds trustworthy and non-corporate. This is pretty funny when you consider that Philip Morris is the world's largest tobacco company and has enough marketing experts and advertising consultants and lawyers and lobbyists to sink an aircraft carrier, not that I'm suggesting anything.

According to an article in Advertising Age, Philip Morris made up a whole story—described by a Philip Morris spokesman as "a tale of fictional imagery"—about how the "Dave's" brand of cigarettes got started. Here's the story, as quoted by Advertising Age from Philip Morris promotional materials:

"Down in Concord, N.C., there's a guy named Dave. He lives in the heart of tobacco farmland. Dave enjoys lots of land, plenty of freedom and his yellow '57 pickup truck. Dave was fed up with cheap, fast-burning smokes. Instead of just getting mad, he did something about it...Dave's tobacco company was born."

Is that a heart warming and inspirational tale of fictional imagery, or what?

A guy, a regular guy; a guy exactly like you, except that he doesn't exist, gets FED UP with the "status quo." So instead of just sitting around and complaining, he gets up off his imaginary butt and—in the great "candor" tradition of Americans such as John Wayne, who courageously pretended to be many brave heroes before he died with just the one remaining lung—"Dave" decides to make his own brand of cigarettes.

Philip Morris does not provide details regarding how, exactly, "Dave" raised the money to build his cigarette factory. Maybe "Dave" robbed a nursing home; maybe "Dave" borrowed the money from other members of his neo-Nazi group; maybe "Dave" sold his huge collection of child pornography.

You could make up any story you

wanted about what "Dave" did, because "Dave" is not real!

That's the kind of fun you and Philip Morris can have with tales of fictional imagery.

On the other hand, you must be very, very careful when you talk about real people. An example of a real person would be Geoffrey C. Bible, who is the chief executive officer of Philip Morris. Because Geoffrey C. Bible is real, you should not use the name "Geoffrey C. Bible" in a derogatory way.

You should not, for example, say, "Damn it! The dog made Geoffrey C. Bible on the carpet again!" Nor should you permit your youngsters to use expressions such as, "Tommy stuck his finger way up into his nose and pulled out a big old Geoffrey C. Bible!" Nor should you say that a person caught engaging in an unnatural act of romance with a sheep was "doing the Geoffrey C. Bible." That would be wrong.

It would also be wrong to make up a tale of fictional imagery about Geoffrey C. Bible, such as: "Down in the heart of Philip Morris corporate headquarters there's a guy named Geoffrey C. Bible. Geoffrey C. Bible enjoys plenty of employees and a corporate jet. Geoffrey C. Bible was fed up with so-called 'scientists' saying that cigarettes kill more people every year than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide and O.J. Simpson. Instead of just getting mad, Geoffrey C. Bible did something about it. He deposited his enormous paycheck."

So does everybody understand the ethical point here? You may NOT take liberties with the name "Geoffrey C. Bible." You may, however, take the name "Dave" and do pretty much whatever you want to it.

As I say, I'm not at all bitter that Philip Morris has decided to appropriate my name, and my father's name, and the name that a lot of regular guys who really exist have used over the years, a name that has apparently earned some measure of trust, which is why Philip Morris wants to attach its new cigarette brand to this name, the way a leech attaches itself to your leg.

Who knows? If this strategy works out, maybe it'll inspire a whole bunch of new cigarette brands with trustworthy names. I bet that even as you read this, some marketing people, somewhere, are battling around the concept of "Jesus" cigarettes.

They need to keep coming up with ideas. They're in a tough business: The people who use their products—and I am NOT implying that there's a connection—keep dying of lung cancer. It's an unfortunate situation, and I for one am getting fed up. But instead of getting mad, I'm going to do something about it.

I'm going to start calling lung cancer "Geoffrey's disease."

Why is this happening now?

In Our View

Over the last three weeks, criminal acts of terrorism have grabbed the attention of every person who has access to a radio, television or newspaper.

At first, it was the unexplainable explosion of TWA flight 800 which touched home not only here in the United States but across the ocean in France.

Then it was the pipe bomb explosion in the Olympic Park in Atlanta that put fear into the hearts of humans from every nation, that had loved ones attending or competing in the centennial Olympic Games. Not since 1972 in Munich, when eleven Israeli athletes were murdered, has terrorism been present at the Olympic Games.

The games are intended to promote peace among all nations, and unite individuals together with one common bond, athletics among the best of the best. It is a shame that not everyone could realize that and enjoy its significance.

Before the unexplainable explosion of flight 800 and the explosion in Atlanta there were other signs of terrorism filling the media. Arabia was an explosion in Saudia. There was a terrorist in Saudia. There was a bomb at the federal building in Oklahoma City that killed many American workers, and a multi-year spree by the unibomber that was

making their threat of terrorism.

What has happened to society? Not since the late seventies and early eighties has there been so much terrorist activity, especially directed at the United States.

I don't understand what is going on. Why are these cowardly acts of terrorism occurring? How can some people have no respect for human life, and use it as a pawn or leverage tool for making their cause known?

Terrorism is worse than the plague, it is caused not by a disease but by another sickness called hate.

Not only has hate caused bombings and senseless deaths, but it has also caused numerous church burnings and racial crimes across our country.

I don't know what might motivate an individual into burning a church but whatever it is, has ensured that persons one way ticket to hell when he dies.

Terrorism was thought to be under control in the eighties and racial hate was supposed to dissipate in the sixties, but that is not the case.

We claim to no longer live in a society that is driven by racial hate, or a society that is tormented by terrorist acts. However every time you look at a paper or turn on a radio or a television we are reminded that all of these feelings still exist in the world.

No one can explain why this is happening, because no one is sure why these deranged people do what they do. Some claim to do it because they are mentally ill, while other groups claim it is a religious act.

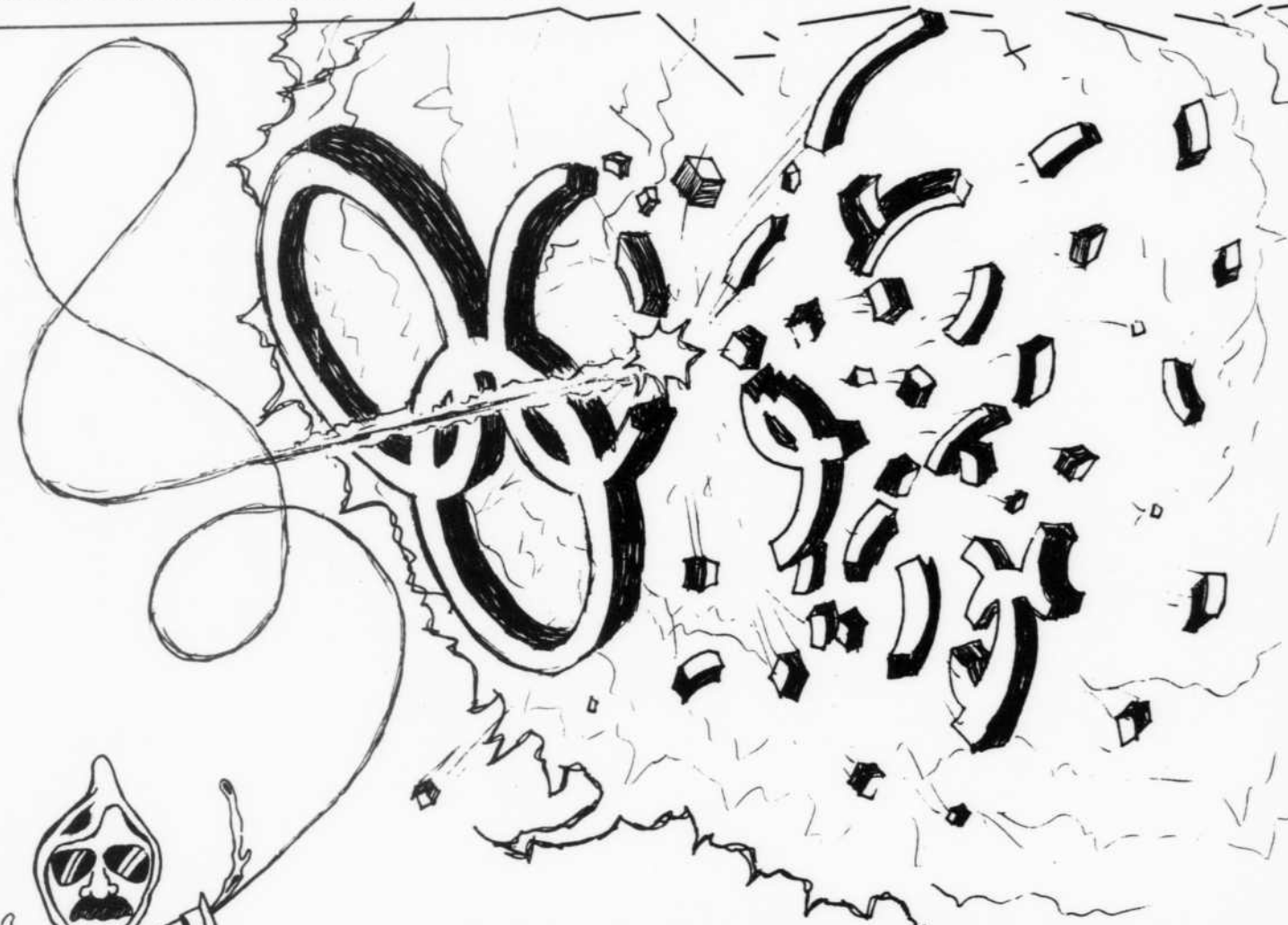
Either claim is a poor excuse for the crimes.

No matter how mentally sick you may be, it sure does not give you a reason for killing innocent people. The claims that religion has caused these coward's to do what they have done is even a poorer excuse for the crimes that are happening.

I can not think of any god that would request the mass slaughter of human life created in his image, to satisfy a religious need.

There is nothing we can do to remedy the past and change the way that some people have acted. What we can do however, is have faith in the law that these criminals will soon be brought to justice, and keep the families and friends of the victims in our thoughts and prayers.

We can wake up everyday and hope that someday, somehow these acts of terrorism will cease. We can try and spread the good word that life is for living and not for taking. All of these thoughts and wishes may not seem significant at times, but if everybody thought them and practiced humanity maybe one day this will all become a history lesson of the past.



Letters to the Editor

Give a hand in shaping a political party

Dear Editor:

The Republican Party has launched an unprecedented effort to invite Americans across the country to participate in the development of the 1996 Republican Platform. This effort would not be complete without support from young Americans. As Chairman of the 1996 Platform Committee and Chairman of the RNC, we are writing to you to encourage young people to submit their ideas to help shape the Republican Party platform for the next four years.

The Republican vision for our country is a vision based on America's values, not Washington values. We want to continue to work with young Americans to ensure their input in the national policy debate and to ensure that their wisdom and common sense are heard. It is our hope that anyone who believes in the fundamental principles of the Republican Party—lower taxes, less government power, greater individual freedom and more personal responsibility—will share their ideas with us.

In recent years, Republicans have been listening to Americans at the grassroots and working to reconnect the public with the national policy debate through scores of hearings and conferences held around the country by the National Policy Forum, a non-profit organization devoted to the

development and advancement of Republican ideas. We have heard from thousands of our fellow Americans—families, young people, senior citizens—hard-working individuals who are making things better in their own communities. Our 1996 platform deliberations will build on that experience.

Like other Republican leaders, we have benefited enormously from the policy ideas gleaned from Americans at the grassroots by the National Policy Forum. Now, the Platform Committee is following through, adopting an open door policy for everyone who wants to share with us their vision for a better America. The Republican Platform Committee now encourages young Americans at the grassroots to play an active role in shaping the Republican vision for American as it will be articulated in our 1996 Republican National Platform.

The RNC has set up a Web site on the Internet for submitting ideas to the 1996 Republican Platform. The Internet address is www.rnc.org. Or, you can send your ideas to Dave Gribbin, Executive Director, Republican Platform Committee, 310 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., 20003.

Your comments will be shared with the Platform Committee, which is

composed of delegates to the convention. Each state delegation, plus delegations from the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam and the Virgin Islands, chooses one man and one woman to serve on the committee. The Platform Committee, formally known as the Committee on Resolutions, develops the Party's platform and presents it for the approval of the delegates to the convention. The platform adopted at the 1996 Republican National Convention will serve as the statement of principles and policies that will guide the Republican Party for the next four years.

The 1996 Republican Platform Committee will convene on Monday, August 5, in San Diego, California. The Republican National Convention will be held August 12-15.

We urge all young people to take advantage of this most important and unique opportunity to help shape the platform of the party that represents America's values.

Sincerely,
U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.)
Chairman, 1996 Republican Platform Committee
Haley Barbour
Chairman, Republican National Committee

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The diagnosis on alternative medicine

What's safe, what's healthy and what's right for you?

By Dustin Schrimpscher / staff

Today people seem to be obsessed with their health. Americans are eating lighter, working out more and living smarter.

Understanding what actually is healthy seems more confusing today than ever before. Results of new medical studies appear practically every day, telling us what to eat or do, and how much of it is healthy. So many studies, in fact, that most people aren't sure what information they should follow.

Thousands of Americans turn to alternative medicine to lower stress, increase resistance to disease and, in some cases, for a miracle cure. Unfortunately these non-traditional therapies and remedies can't always deliver the patient's desired result.

The National Institute of Health defined Alternative Medicine in 1996 as an unrelated group of non-orthodox therapeutic practices, often with explanatory systems that do not follow conventional medical explanations.

Other groups have defined alternative medicine as medical interventions not taught in US medical schools or not available in United States hospitals.

Alternative therapies include, but are not limited to:

- folk medicine (home remedies)
- herbal medicine
- diet fads
- homeopathy (treating an illness by administering drugs, in one minute doses, that would normally bring about the symptoms of the illness in a healthy person)
- naturopathy (treatment of disease by assisting the body's natural healing process through the use of food, exercise, heat, cold, etc.)
- massage
- music therapy

How could one determine if an alternative therapy might be conducive to better health? The question is as complex as determining what new medical studies to put the most faith in.

In 1992, a Congressional mandate established the Office of Alternative Medicine (OAM) to facilitate the evaluation of alternative medical treatments for the purpose of determining their effectiveness and to help integrate treatments to mainstream medical practice. The OAM does not serve as a referral agency for various alternative medicine treatments modes or practitioners, but does provide information about specific treatments and their recorded results on the Internet.

Ruby Hillsman of Sunshine Nutrition Center, one of four health food stores in Murfreesboro, offers some advice. In searching for dietary



Brian G. Miller / staff

Reports from the Public Citizens Health Research Group reveal that of all pharmaceuticals approved by the FDA, 80% don't give desired results. It is unknown what results one can expect from alternative medications.

I felt as though my stressful problems were made better after only an hour of child-like play on a studio floor.

supplements or healing herbs, she says people should rely on the reputation of product manufacturers.

"[People should seek out] quality companies that do research and development on their products, and who test products for consistency and mold," Hillsman says.

There are many health food magazines on the market which provide evaluations of dietary supplements. Companies that are consistently good performers are most likely to provide a safe quality product.

Hillsman also suggests asking around to find out what health food stores are known to have a competent staff with customer interest in mind.

Many alternative forms of medicine are common place, and if not absolutely sound in their explanations, at least consistently non-harmful in their practice. Everyone has enjoyed

some relief from folk medicine at one time or another. For example, when a cold is compromising the immune system, nearly everyone rushes for a bowl of chicken soup.

In order to get a feel for alternative medicine I decided to look around for a therapy that might help me manage stress. The one I opted for was yoga. I felt that learning relaxation techniques and stretching exercises could be useful.

Diann Fuller, who has taught Yoga as physical education at MTSU, teaches Yoga on the Square.

The session consisted of sitting quietly in various Yoga poses with my eyes closed. Fuller spoke in quiet, calming tones, telling me to concentrate on relaxing each part of my body, starting with my head and working my way down.

For me, Yoga was great. It was as though the little nagging voice in my head telling me to worry was instead telling me, "There are things you need to take care of but don't get stressed out. Just do them one at a time and everything will get done."

I felt relaxed for the rest of the day. That night I slept comfortably with pleasant dreams. Every experience may not be as successful as mine. Be warned, some experts claim that alternative medicine may not be as much about making patients better as making the patients feel better. Dr. Eric Anderson wrote in the August 1995 Medical Tribune News Service.

"[Even if patients] don't get all better, they feel better if you tell them that all their other doctors were wrong - they don't have depression, all they

have is a yeast allergy."

"I'm not surprised some patients of alternative practitioners feel better. They're being listened to, shown interest, touched - things that should happen in conventional doctors' offices and often don't. Alternative medicine is not quackery until the patients are exploited for profit."

Although Anderson seems cynical as to the validity of alternative medicine on the whole, he brings a good point to light. People need compassion and hope while enduring medical problems. Alternative medicine may be providing the compassion patients may not be getting that from medical professionals.

Preliminary results in a new study conducted by the chair of the School of Nursing at MTSU reveals that patients value good, clear communications and a respectful bedside manner when it comes to making them comfortable during medical procedures.

A recent report by the OAM, published July 24 in the American Medical Association, reveals that a number of behavioral and relaxation techniques can relieve insomnia. The results are best when the therapy is combined with conventional medicines such as drugs or surgery.

One problem with integrating alternative medical techniques into the mainstream is that some insurance companies refuse to pay for the treatment. Some doctors, too, continue to oppose alternative therapy.

Reflexologist Pauline Brower of Murfreesboro feels that the medical

Last fall CNN hosted a discussion among three experts who represent a cross-section of opinions on alternative medicine: Dr. James Gordon of the National Institutes of Health Office of Alternative Medicine; Dr. Henry Greenberg, a cardiologist at the New York Academy of Sciences; and Dr. Jack Raso, a nutritionist with the National Council Against Health Fraud.

During the discussion the three expressed a common concern over the lack of FDA controls held over alternative medicine.

Raso said he has written alternative medical theories off, claiming that alternative medicine is "the new opiate of the people."

Gordon disagreed and responded by pointing out that people tended to seek alternative medicine when conventional therapies failed them.

"It's not assuaging them," Gordon said. "For some people, it's a pathway to some kind of health - to confronting illnesses that they really haven't gotten better from."

Greenberg said that "the kind of alternative medicine that bothers me is when unregulated non-traditional practitioners are managing new onset symptoms."

"Anybody can, in their garage, manufacture these agents. No one knows what's in them. We don't know the proper dose - if there even is one."

profession is often out in left field in regard to their reliance on high tech healing which often alienates patients and makes them ill-at-ease.

"Medicine started out of nature, using natural medicines and healing agents," Brower says. "It seems as though we have stayed more true to the concept of healing our bodies through natural means than the mainstream medical community."

We should remember to be careful if considering a non-traditional therapy for our malady. If you have a physician who isn't opposed to alternative medicine, ask his advice.

Alternative medicine seems to work better in conjunction with mainstream healing so any therapy should be an addition to, not a replacement for, a doctor's care. And finally, if someone offers an alternative cure for something you thought to be incurable or promises something that is too good to be true, it probably is. •

The Guru from the Black Lagoon tells all

A prophet of doom and lowly comic shop attendant shares his philosophy of life, comics, college at MTSU, and personal hygiene.

By Jeremy W. Stanley / staff

College life is more than books and teachers. It is meeting strange people, and coming to understand them or at least trying to understand them. Michael Tetter is one of the "strange" people that I've met in my travels.

Tetter is not your typical student at MTSU, nor your typical comic shop clerk.

On the surface, he fits the bill of the working college student, always dressed in a relaxed style, with his books not far from reach.

His eyes are baggy and red from lack of sleep, but he stays perched on his stool in the comic shop with an earnest smile and a "Can I help you," for every customer.

Today, he is wearing a Homer Simpson T-shirt parodying the Guess Jeans commercials.

I make the big mistake of asking, "How has life been treating you?" After that, I was in trouble.

"You can only hear what a great story line is going on in Spiderman so many times before you snap and end up like me, insane," Tetter answers. With his lopsided grin, Tetter's sandy beard bunches to the right side of his face.

"Either it is delirium or I love this job and this life. After all, I have been at it on and off for four years and I get paid little to nothing. I must like it."

Tetter works at the Murfreesboro branch of Collector's World on East Main Street, while periodically trying to finish his college education. He is a fourth year sophomore.

Tetter's life and times at the comic store has given him an interesting

view of the world.

"Here you meet all different kinds of people and I tell you I am no genius, but some of the people collecting comics and even going to school today are of subhuman intelligence. Not everyone is this way, it is just that there are enough of them that it gives me a pessimistic view of society.

"I never will forget two grown men, fresh out of college, fighting in the parking lot out here. They came to blows over which comic character was the fastest, D.C.'s Flash or Marvel's Quicksilver.

"I think society has pretty much gone to hell. When you deal with people by themselves, there is a fifty/fifty chance that they will be all right. Just because people make bad or unethical decisions does not make them bad people and vice versa. But the further you get away and look at the whole picture, our society gets so much nastier. I don't know why this seems to be and I just can't handle things like that, all I can do is just go on."

Tetter's philosophy is not one of

Being different is not a hindrance, it is a plus.

despair, yet it seems to me to be one of protest, as his pending action against Marvel Comics suggests.

"I have this plan in which I get a number of people to piss into jars and send it to Marvel comics with post cards suggesting that their current line is not worth the contents of the

bottles. I think that might get their attention and improve their line of mags," he says, without a hint of a smile.

I ask Tetter where in the world he gets these ideas.

"Well, to be honest I think it could be a form of Tourette's syndrome. Maybe it is a side effect of too much college education. I certainly didn't pick it up from the family."

Is he an absurd physical manifestation of the generation-X stereotype?

Is he mad?

Is he lazy?

Will he eventually become a junior?

Those are all good questions that only time and better study habits can answer for sure, but regardless of what will happen, he's okay.

Tetter takes with him the advice he has given to a number of friends.

"Being different is not a hindrance, it is a plus. The typical person does not have a clue what they are capable of. An atypical person knows they are capable of anything. Be yourself." •

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Russell's Mania by Keith Russell

In Atlanta this past Saturday, I found the Olympic Games to be everything I had hoped they would be.

Unfortunately, they also proved to be everything I had hoped they would not be.

Without a doubt, the Olympics possess all of the magic and international flavor that you would expect from an event that has inspired and awed billions of people all across the world. It is a tapestry of human drama, encompassing peak athleticism, national pride, and an atmosphere of festive cultural exchange on a truly global scale.

Thanks to the tragic events that transpired at Centennial Olympic Park early Saturday morning, however, the excitement that the Olympics can generate in all of us have been tempered by the realization that terror and heartache have once again made a lasting mark on sports' most moving and most anticipated event.

And you could see the conflicting sentiments among people enjoying the Games in Atlanta this past weekend. On the one hand, there was the exuberance that comes with witnessing a once in a lifetime event such as the Olympics. Many of us have grown up watching the Olympics on TV, dreaming of one day having the chance to take part in all of its pageantry. Add that to the fact that it is taking place right outside your own back yard, and it's easy to see why everybody is so worked up.

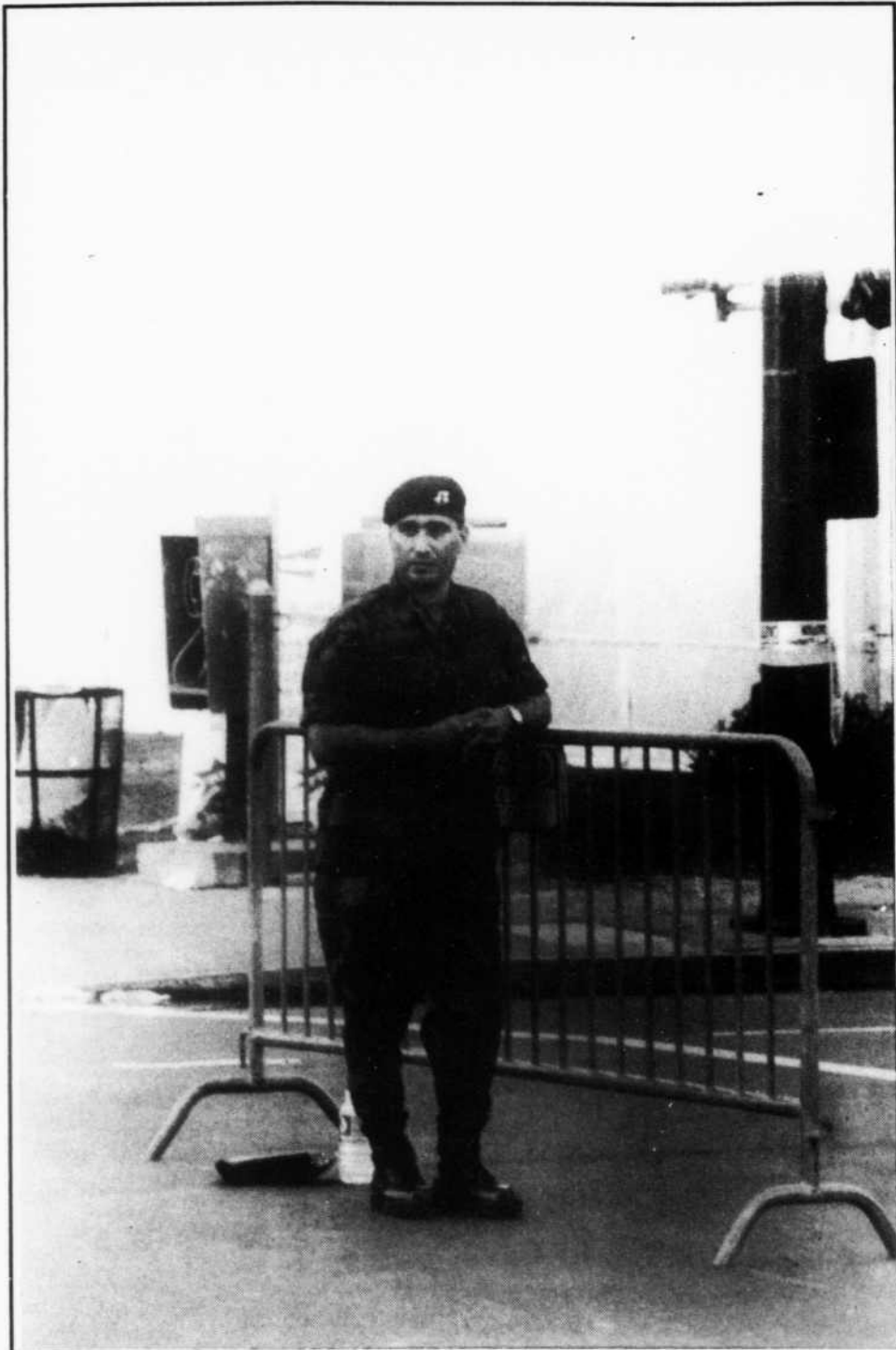
But on the other side of the equation, there was a feeling tugging deep down inside the depths of your gut, telling you that any temporary jubilation that you experienced was insignificant when compared to the permanent loss suffered by the family of the Atlanta woman who died in the bombing.

For many, the battle of emotions made the question of whether it was best to go to the Games that Saturday an extremely difficult decision. Certainly, there were some who, out of reasons of fear or discomfort decided to cancel their plans. But judging by the crowds that continue to pile into downtown Atlanta, however, it appears that the majority of people—myself included—believed that it was best for the Olympics to go on in spite of the tragedy.

The main reason people couldn't resist coming, of course, was the appeal of seeing the greatest athletes in world do what they do best. The group from MTSU that traveled with me to the Georgia Dome to watch Olympic basketball were treated to an entertaining afternoon.

Of the four teams we saw in the double header, without question the most electrifying performance was given by the Brazilian national team. Facing a Chinese team (Italy defeated Japan in the opening contest) that featured a center so huge that even Shaquille O'Neal would have trouble boxing her out, Brazil made use of their lightning

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A National Guard soldier stands watch outside of Centennial Park after a pipe bomb exploded on the premises early in the morning hours.

Olympic security tight

By Keith Russell / staff

"This is your conscience speaking! Please place all backpacks, hand bags, and fanny packs on the table face up and unzipped before walking through the metal detector. Also, as a reminder, once your ticket has been torn you will not be allowed to reenter the facility if you leave for any reason. If you do not have a ticket, get out of line and do not come back until you have one! Thank you. This has been your conscience speaking."

Could these be the resonating words of Orwell's Big Brother reaching out to you? Not quite, but the megaphone enhanced voice of Olympic security employee Douglas Evans reminded everyone who entered the Georgia Dome this past Saturday that the largest collection of peacetime security and law enforcement officers in U.S. history was watching over them.

Given the terrible circumstances of the early morning hours of that Saturday, when a pipe bomb exploded inside Centennial Olympic Park, killing one Atlanta woman, it's understandable that the eyes and ears of officials were perhaps even more attuned to their tasks than before.

The result of which has been a police presence that Olympic visitors—and hopefully potential

criminals—can hardly ignore. Walking down Marietta and Peachtree Streets, it is hard not to walk more than a few seconds at a time before bumping into one of Atlanta's finest.

"I have mixed feelings about it," said Kenny Roshan-Rowan, 23, a Vol State student who traveled to the Games with a group of MTSU students this past weekend. "This is America, and you're supposed to be free to walk around wherever you want and not be bothered by anyone."

"But," he added, "I did feel more safe and secure around" (the law enforcement) was around."

Due to the Olympic Park bombing, members of law enforcement are faced not only with the daunting task of ensuring the safety of enormous downtown Atlanta crowds, but at the same time must respond to a flurry of bomb threats in the wake of Saturday's disaster.

"To be perfectly honest with you, I've lost track of how many calls we've gotten, there's been so many," said an obviously fatigued Atlanta police officer of the numerous threats.

The officer, stationed with her squad car and flanked in front of the barricaded entrance to Centennial Olympic Park by National Guards

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Students take Olympic trip

By Keith Russell / staff

MTSU students and friends who took part in one of the Campus Recreation department's six trips to the Olympics joined the rest of the world in trying to carry on the intended spirit of the Games, despite Saturday's bombing at Centennial Olympic Park.

Dozens of MTSU students, staff, and their companions traveled by university van to Olympic events in and around Atlanta, including a trip to see a women's basketball double header at the Georgia Dome that took place only hours after the world learned that someone or some group had planted a suspected pipe bomb near a concert stage inside the Olympic Park, killing one Atlanta woman and injuring more than 100 others.

Two MTSU students that took part in the women's basketball trip were also at the park the night of the bombing, having arrived a day early to take in some of the sights and sounds of the Olympics. What started out as a night of fun and excitement, recalled senior Molly Kidd, suddenly turned into a chaotic scene approximately twenty minutes after 1 a.m., Eastern time.

"We were dancing at this place at the other end of the park, when all of a sudden people began running around saying that a bomb had gone off," remembered Kidd, an elementary education major who, along with fellow MTSU senior Beth Coleman were subsequently swept up into the currents of international news events, as hundreds of journalists scrambled to cover the breaking story.

"There were reporters everywhere!" said Kidd. "They were

all on their cellular phones talking in all of these different languages, trying to find out what was happening."

Contrary to many news reports, which had said that the bomb's blast was loud enough to be heard in buildings all over downtown Atlanta, Kidd and Coleman did not hear the explosion, learning of it only after seeing the enormous crowds evacuating the park. Still, while the bomb's actual bark may not have been as fierce as its terrible bite, the message that it sent to Olympic travelers was loud and clear: there was much more to be concerned about now besides traffic delays and hotel accommodations.

As a result, the MTSU group that left for Atlanta later that morning arrived to find conflicting emotions among the still huge crowds of people coming to watch one of the numerous events that, despite the tragedy, went on without delay. With the entrance to Centennial Olympic Park barricaded off by Atlanta police for further investigation, tourists paused to consider what had happened.

"I think that the bomb definitely dampened some of the mood of the people there," admitted Rec Center staff member Laura Proescher, who helped coordinate the women's basketball trip. "You couldn't help but think about it, but I think we still managed to have fun despite everything."

Kenny Roshan-Rowan, 23, a Nashville resident, also expected a more somber experience, but was pleasantly surprised to find that people were more upbeat than he had hoped. "After the bomb, I figured it would crush people's enthusiasm, but the streets were as crowded as ever. I thought it would be a very eerie,

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"You couldn't help but think about [the bomb], but I think we still managed to have fun despite everything."

Laura Proescher
Rec Center staff member and Olympic attendee



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MTSU trip members Beth Coleman, Alan D'Aquila, Laura Proescher, and Kenny Roshan-Rowan do the "Hockey-Pockey" while waiting in line.



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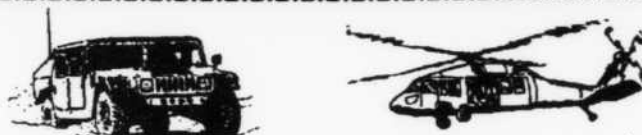
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quick guards and forwards to run their Communist opponents into the ground, winning 98-83. In the process, they delighted the crowd of more than 30,000 with an arsenal of no-look and behind-the-back passes that finished off picture perfect fast break buckets.
As impressive of a showing that the Brazilians made, however, it would have been remiss to describe the crowd as partisan in any fashion. That's because first and foremost, the fans were there to simply cheer for great basketball. It didn't really matter what the color of your uniform was or what particular political doctrine your country espoused. If you made a great play, the fans of the world were there to acknowledge it.
And that, I suppose, embodies the true intent and hopes of the Olympic Games as much as anything else. There seems to be this feeling that, for these 16 summer days at least,

the world can become something more than the sums of its collective national GNP's and foreign policy objectives. It is a hope, naive as it may seem at any other place and time, that the people who populate the world can at some point can settle their differences and find a lasting comfort and ease with neighbors near and far.
And for a while, you almost want to believe in that Olympic dream. In a speech this past Sunday in New Orleans, President Clinton related a story describing how in the Olympic Village this past week, athletes from North and South Korea—two bitter enemies still gripped in a conflict as old as the origins of the Cold War—were seen sitting side by side having lunch and talking with one another. "I've been trying to get those two to talk to one another for three years!" joked the President in feigned bewilderment.
The point of the President's anecdote was to try to show his audience, more or less, the potential olive branch that the Olympics strive to bring about.

There is, the Olympic dream argues, a universal quality to sports that can transcend international borders, showing people the common threads that tie everyone—no matter how conflicting their political, religious, or ethnic inclinations may be—together.
But with terrorism, the first victim is so often a loss of innocence about the world. Twenty-four years ago in Munich, the Olympics found that out for the first time. And now, with the explosion of a crude pipe bomb at Centennial Olympic Park, we have been once again reminded that the hopes embodied in the Olympic spirit don't always mesh with the real world.
But does that mean we should stop cheering the Olympics? I don't think so. I think it just means that there are some answers that can't be solved in a two week period held every four years. Maybe once people figure that out, the Olympics can truly be everything that we had hoped for. *

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The officer, stationed with her squad car and flanked in front the barricaded entrance to Centennial Olympic Park by National Guards troops, also noted the difficulty that officers face in tracking threats due to factors such as having to

maintain radio silence in order to avoid setting off bombs that may be triggered by picking up police radio frequencies.
Other measures used by officials to help deter would-be criminals have included keeping the indoor lights on in all shuttle busses traveling to and from Olympic venues, as well as the random searching of

bags that was set to begin once Centennial Olympic Park was reopened on Tuesday.
Meanwhile, back outside the Georgia Dome, Evans is repeating his Orwellian instructions to another group of ticket holders. "This is your conscience speaking..."
Olympic officials hope everyone is paying attention. *

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gloomy feeling there, but things were much better than that."
And once the athletes began to play the games, following a mournful moment of silence, it seemed the spirits of people did return to the levels that had been seen prior to the terrorist attack.
Atlanta's streets were filled with tourists from all points on the globe. Canadians stood chatting outside the Georgia Dome, their red maple leaf flags mounted on their khaki, wide-brimmed hats. Two young Swedish women walked proudly down Peachtree Street, their faces painted in the yellow and blue design of their own flag, a yellow cross complementing their carefree grins. And inside the Georgia Dome the group from MTSU

watched as Brazilian, Chinese, Japanese, and Italian supporters happily cheered on their national teams. As Olympic organizers had said that morning, the Games would go on, if only for the reason that to do otherwise would have meant succumbing to the whims of terrorists.
Prior to Saturday's women's basketball trip, the Campus Recreation had also dispatched groups to Olympic volleyball and soccer events, as well as preliminary whitewater competition on Tennessee's Ocoee River. With the threat of terrorism still only a seemingly distant possibility, many of the groups were allowed to get a glimpse of Olympic sights that later groups would find closed, including Centennial Olympic Park.
"There was a lot of commercialism there, and it wasn't quite as international as

I had expected, but it was a lot of fun," said Rec Center employee and HPER graduate student Andy Martin. "Centennial Park was great."
No matter which trip they went on, though, the students and other MTSU trip members found the same long lines, security checkpoints, and downtown streets filled with the sounds of vendors, ticket scalpers, and others who had converged upon Atlanta to celebrate and take advantage of all that the Olympic Games promised to offer.
Undoubtedly, the events of early Saturday morning cast a shadow that, for better or worse, will likely be the most lasting impression for many who came to the Games. Nevertheless, says Rowan, it was an experience that he wouldn't take back. "It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip." *

BAND:

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Mitchell, assistant director of MTSU bands.
Last week, MTSU hosted nearly 100 high school students, she said. This week the camp is almost at capacity, hosting five bands and a total of 499 students.
"Five bands is about as many as we can handle," said Mitchell.
The MTSU camp is popular with high school band directors because it provides a place for the students to get away from all the distractions of home, such as boyfriends and girlfriends, Mitchell said.
The schedules posted on the office door of Sander's Music Hall detail the full day the students lead.
They begin their day with marching fundamentals and learning the field drill. After

lunch, the band students have sectional rehearsals, practicing music for this year's half-time show. After dinner, it's back to the marching field where the music is often put together with the field drill.
"They try to learn the whole show this week," Mitchell said. "Often, they have a camp before coming here."
The members of the MTSU Band Of Blue are a big part in making the high school band camp a success.
"In the daytime, we help the bands out on the field. We also lead many of the sectional rehearsals after lunch," said Debbie Burton, a baritone player in the MTSU Band Of Blue.
All of the attending bands, except one, have asked members of the Band Of Blue to lead some of their sectional rehearsals, said Burton.
"At night, we stay in the dorms with the students. That

takes pressure off the band directors, since we stay with [the high school students] at night," Burton said.
The band camp will be over this Friday afternoon; the students will be packing up and leaving campus. The dorms will then be cleaned for incoming MTSU students.
Bands attending this week are: South Oldham County High School from Crestwood, Ky., director Jim Stuppy; Evansville North High School from Evansville, Ind., directors Steve Shelley and Jane Bernhardt; Pike Central High School from Petersburg, Ind., director Richard Bernhardt; South Ridge High School from Huntingburg, Ind., director Lannie Butler; and Forest Park High School from Ferdinand, Ind., director Janet Robbins.
The MTSU Band Of Blue will begin its own band camp on Aug. 14. *

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The following is the third part of a four piece science-fiction short story by Andrew Mays

The noise of her shower woke him in the morning. He watched her tall, sturdy form move behind the distorted glass of the shower door. Locked behind her eyes in the net, the flesh gets ignored and he forgets her beauty. It was remembered well last night; his fingers pulling through her hair, a mix of wires and synthetic fabric as they kissed.

"Sleep well?" she questioned over the water's hiss.

"Yeah," he said unenthusiastically.

She shut off the water and stepped out of the shower stall. Her skin glistened red from the neon light above the sink. Grabbing a towel, she threw it to him. "Dry me."

His hands massaged her back and breasts as he dried her flesh. She twisted slowly around to face him and wrapped the towel around herself. "What's bothering you?" she asked, kissing him.

"Nothing." He stood behind her as she dried her hair, studying himself in the mirror. His tattoos were mocking him.

"I don't want you to risk any more free surfing."

She continued to blow dry and comb her hair as if she hadn't heard him. The hot air licked at his face with a dry, sticky and stinging tongue.

"I'm serious." Still, she ignored him. "Sibyl?"

She shut off the hair drier and picked up her toothbrush, after drawing a sparkley straight line of red, white, and blue paste she pointed it at him in the mirror. "NO."

"It's too risky. Haven't you seen the news? Almost 2 out of 3 virgin plugs have resulted in deaths within the last month. This isn't the work of any fair and loving God I've heard of. Sibyl, I love you and can't let you risk death at the hands of what I suspect to be..."

"Fushk Oop!" She rinsed and spit hard. "You're gonna go into some of your delusional paranoia about this aren't you?"

"It's a plausible paranoia..." She gave him a go to hell look in the mirror, and she meant it.

"Look, Addison. God works in mysterious ways. If he decides to call final judgement on me in the net, fine! I'd rather die a ghost in the shell then go trapped here like you." She poked his flesh deep, deep enough to bleed.

He blinked twice and looked down at the small trickle of blood on his arm. Turning from her, he got dressed without saying a word. The apartment door slammed hard behind him and punctuated his words "God bless you."

It was a rare data modem and term program configuration. He had seen it in a catalog and got it as a birthday gift for himself. It was slightly embarrassing, him just

years ago the country's best plug now restricted to a 98.8 baud connection and text interface. He sat and watched the text scroll by, remembering what it looked like on the other side.

AJ was cracking into Police files concerning the free surfing deaths. So far as he but knew, the deaths were all similar, a static charge emanating from the victim's neural net; but he felt there had to be another connection.

After running credit checks and cross referencing store receipts, AJ found his connection. All the victims had been using neural nets made by the same manufacturer, Laurien Inc. The very same company that had made his neural net couldn't explain the static charge it generated to destroy itself. A static charge smaller, but otherwise identical to the charges that was killing free surfers.

Sibyl! She also has a retrofitted Laurien neural net, he realized.

She had just started free surfing and didn't hear the phone till the eighth ring, by which time AJ had hung up. She virgin plugged again and almost immediately the static appeared as an angel. It approached her with hands outstretched, beckoning her to itself.

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