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Trying out new equipment . . . Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Chemistry professor James C. Howard (standing) and graduate student Eric Boswell test the new, \$160,000 "magnetic resonance spectrometer." The device breaks down molecules to enable better study of their structure.

## Lawsuit filed about prez search; meetings may be opened to public

By DOUG STULTS  
News Editor

The MTSU presidential search committee may have to open their sessions to the public if the Murfreesboro *Daily News Journal* wins a lawsuit they filed against the State Board of Regents last week.

Announced last Thursday, the suit challenges the state's right to conduct closed meetings regarding the selection of public employees.

"MTSU is a public institution financed with public funds," *News Journal* Editor Mike Pirtle said yesterday. "The position of president is obviously a very important one, and we think people have a right to know how this person is chosen."

President Ingram is retiring from the post effective Jan. 1, 1990.

Committee members contacted yesterday indicated that open meetings might inhibit honest exchange among the committee.

"We're discussing some of the people we know and some of the people we work with," said Doug Holder, student member and ASB president.

Faculty member Sondra Wilcox agreed with Holder, citing the possibility of recrimination if a candidate discussed negatively at a public meeting eventually became the school president.

"Closed meetings give people freedom of expression and

make them less reticent to comment," Wilcox said.

"We don't have anything to hide. All of the applications are public record," she explained.

Officials at the State Board of Regents would not comment on the matter except to repeat an official statement from state attorney Mary Walker. According to her, the suit has been forwarded to the Attorney General.

"Any further comment will have to come from the office of the Attorney General," Walker said.

The state has 30 days to respond to the suit, making it unlikely that the *News Journal's* legal actions will open the next scheduled meeting on Aug. 3.

The *News Journal* decided to file suit because they felt the search committee's status was "in a gray area of the law," Pirtle said.

"We feel that the committee is serving as an ex-officio part of the board, as an extension of the board," a condition which makes the committee liable to public scrutiny, he said.

"We aren't being paid to do this," Wilcox said. "We were asked to serve by (SBR Chancellor Tom) Garland and agreed to do so. I think the members and anybody that wanted to serve would want some privacy for their decisions."

In addition to a possible communication hindrance, committee members indicated that open meetings might obstruct the proceedings by causing unnecessary interference.

"They would be a big distraction," Holder said. "I'm 22 and I've never been involved in anything this important."

"(The *News Journal*) seems to think the presidential selection is like a New England town holding a town meeting to pick a principal for the high school, but that's not the case," Holder said.

According to Pirtle, Chancellor Garland said that the selection process being used to replace President Ingram is the same one used in the last 11 university presidential picks statewide.

## Demonstrations return in China

BEIJING (AP) — Hundreds of students upset by the government crackdown gathered this week to bang pots and sing mocking songs, participants said, in what appeared to be the first demonstration since the June 3-4 killings.

At least 300 Beijing University students massed outside their dormitories Sunday night to sing sarcastic renditions of patriotic songs and mourn those who died in the crackdown, said participating students who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The students also said they were protesting that work units, especially in government offices, have rejected some graduating seniors assigned to work for them after expressing doubts about the students' ideological purity.

After about an hour, the students marched to the campus area where students had put up thousands of political posters during the spring democracy movement, said the participants.

They said they sang and beat pots and pans in memory of classmates killed when government troops opened fire on protesters and their supporters.

Officials have said nearly 200-300 people died, but Chinese witnesses and Western intelligence sources said the death toll may have been as high as 3,000.

Students at Beijing University, which has a long history of student activism, were at the hub of the six-week movement.

One student said some young teachers joined Sunday's protest and lighted firecrackers before the head of the school's Communist Party office ordered them all to go home.

The student said school officials are investigating those who participated in the two-hour event, but no one had been punished yet.

He said seniors, the only ones left on campus, feel oppressed by the monthlong ideological study classes they have been forced to attend in order to graduate.

"No one dares to say what he really thinks. We all have to tell lies," he said.

The student said his classmates on Sunday night sarcastically sang patriotic songs like "Without the Communist Party, There Would Be No New China" and repeatedly shouted, "Long live the Communist Party!"

No one seemed to know exactly how many students have been rejected by work units, but a student said all but one of those assigned to the State Security Bureau have been rejected.

Job assignments were made in the spring before the crackdown. Most college graduates are assigned jobs by the government.

One government employee, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he was told to investigate a Beijing University student assigned to his work unit to see if he had been active in the student movement.

## Exxon to cease Alaskan cleanup

WASHINGTON (AP) — Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner on Tuesday defended Exxon's plans to stop cleanup of the Alaskan oil spill Sept. 15, saying the company is living up to its obligations.

The secretary, who oversees the Coast Guard and was put in charge of the cleanup by President Bush, also said it doesn't trouble him that Exxon's obligation does not end in September, and Alaska's governor said he expects Exxon to fulfill a promise to "stay until the job was done."

Lujan spokesman Steve Goldstein said, "The secretary has stated all along that Exxon is fully liable and responsible for that accident and they have an obligation to ensure full mitigation of damages and to restore Prince William Sound back to its original splendor."

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Skinner said that based on his own visits to the cleanup site, he believes the people of Alaska are satisfied with Exxon's performance.

"Exxon basically has done everything they told the government and me they would do," Skinner said.

Skinner said unfavorable weather after Sept. 15 could make cleanup efforts hazardous.

"I think Exxon's concerns are safety-related," he said at an informal news conference. "The date doesn't surprise me."

Skinner had been critical of the oil company's early efforts after its Exxon Valdez tanker hit a reef March 24 and caused the largest oil spill in U.S. history. About 11 million gallons of Alaskan crude oil escaped into Prince William Sound.

An army of 11,000 people, 1,000 vessels and more than 70 aircraft has been mopping up along miles of shorelines stained by the oil. Skinner estimated Exxon's expenses at between \$5 million and \$10 million a day.

The oil giant on Monday indicated the cost of cleaning up the spill would total about \$1.25 billion and was a major factor behind a plunge in its second quarter earnings.

State officials reacted angrily to Exxon's plan to pull out cleanup forces by mid-September, saying crews should stay until the area is clean.

## Dissection dispute won by Jersey girl

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A high school biology student who refused to dissect worms, frogs, or a fetal pig won her legal battle Tuesday when school officials agreed to honor her religious beliefs and recalculate her failing grades.

The settlement came hours before an administrative law judge was to begin a trial on Maggie McCool's lawsuit.

"I learned that it's worth it, in the end, to act on your convictions," said the soft-spoken teen-ager, surrounded by television cameras.

Miss McCool, 16, charged that the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Board of Education violated her freedom of religion. She received failing grades for refusing to participate in dissection in her 10th grade biology class last year.

Board attorney Michael Jordan said the district decided to settle because Miss McCool probably would have proved in a trial that her refusal to cut up dead animals stemmed from sincere religious beliefs. The district also agreed to pay \$12,500 in legal fees, which will go to the American Civil Liberties Union.

A federal judge dismissed a similar lawsuit one year ago in California when high school officials agreed to let the student, a vegetarian, use photographs of a frog that was killed by natural causes.

Jordan said it was not clear early in the New Jersey case, when Miss McCool first enrolled in biology and informed her adviser that she would not dissect animals, that her objections were grounded in religious convictions.

"When the matter was first addressed, the nature of Miss McCool's beliefs was not told to us. We thought we were dealing with a curriculum dispute," said Jordan.

But a lawyer for the girl said the teen-ager had stressed from the beginning that her spiritual doctrine bars her from harming animals or cutting them up.

"They should have known, absolutely. If they had asked Maggie the question, she would have answered it — that it was a religious belief," said E. Elizabeth Sweetser who represented McCool.

## Campus Briefs

### Students win scholarships

From Staff Reports

Three MTSU students are the recipients of 1989 Industrial Studies Enrichment Fund Scholarships worth \$500 each and renewable annually until graduation.

William Hazelwood, Jeremy Hickey and Carl Shackleford were selected for the awards after submitting applications to a selection committee. The scholarships will be renewed as long as the students stay in school, retain their major and maintain their grade point averages.

Hazelwood, a sophomore Industrial Studies, Electro/Mechanical major, is a native of Lawrenceburg.

Hickey is a native of Sparta majoring in Industrial Studies, Computer Technology.

Shackleford is a senior Industrial Studies, Computer Technology major from Cookeville.

The scholarships were established in 1980 by Mrs. O.L. Freeman. Her late husband was chairman of the industrial arts department.

### Registration August 22-24

Fall 1989 registration will be held in Murphy Center at the following dates and times:

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 5-7 p.m. — Evening and Saturday students only

Wednesday, Aug. 23, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. — Students with early permits, all new students (first time and transfers) and 20 percent of the returning students

Thursday, Aug. 24, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. — 80 percent of the returning students

### Publications advisor named

Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance announced last week that Jenny Tenpenny Crouch has been named as the new Student Publications Coordinator. Crouch replaces Jackie Solomon, the previous coordinator.

Crouch, who had prior job experience at the *Rutherford Courier* and the *Daily News Journal*, was nominated ahead of *Nashville Banner* reporter Gina Fann and *News Journal* staff writer Dan Goodwin.

A July 6 memo from Chris Haseleu, who chaired the search committee, indicated that Crouch's "broad range of experience" made her the top candidate.

Crouch will begin her duties Aug. 1 and will oversee the operations of *Midlander*, *Collage* and the MTSU newspaper *Sidelines*.

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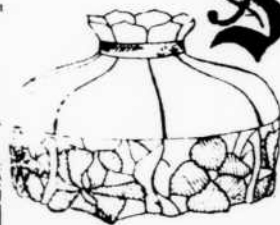
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# Opinion

## GOP and individualism don't mix

By M.A. BROWN  
Co-Opinion Page Editor

Until very recently, I never realized that the Republican Party and individualism were like oil and water.

They don't mix. Recently, I decided to do something a little off the wall — I got my left ear pierced.

I thought nothing of it. After all, a lot of men wear earrings these days, and I considered it no big deal.

However, I soon learned that I was a Republican, therefore, I was not supposed to do such abnormal things.

Soon, all my conservative friends were giving me horrified looks, and exclaiming things such as "Oh my God! Brown has an earring."

Then came the kicker. I ran into an old friend of mine. The first words out

of his mouth after seeing my new accessory were "I guess you're a liberal faggot now."

I was a little puzzled. What in the world did an earring have to do with political beliefs and sexuality?

Just because I had an earring did that mean I suddenly espoused Marx and wanted to do backroom videos with Rob Lowe. Not to my knowledge it didn't. I still felt like the same guy.

When I queried my friend on these points, the only answer he could come up with was, "Well, a 'Good Republican' wouldn't wear an earring."

The cat was out of the bag. "Good Republicans" were to immediately have a frontal lobotomy upon joining the party. Personality was a no-no as far as the GOP was concerned.

"Good Republicans" joined "The College Republicans," "The Young Republicans," "The Conservatives from Hell Who Would Never Do Anything Ronald Reagan (or at least Jerry Falwell) Didn't Condone."

"Good Republicans" only read "The Wall Street Journal," "The National Review" or anything written by a fellow conservative.

"Good Republicans" wore dark blue suits suitable for any major fund raiser, never gave to the poor, supported all new weapons systems (and the NRA) and hated anything or anyone slightly left of Mussolini.

But, they never — I mean never — showed any form of individuality ever. If you broke rank, even slightly, you were (gasp) a "Bad Republican."

Well, sorry fellas, I don't

operate that way, and if the Republican Party had any sense, it wouldn't either.

To me, the true meaning

of conservatism is summed up best by a few lines from an old Animals song:

*It's my life, and I'll do*

*what I want.*

*It's my life, and I'll think what I want.*



## Letters to the Editor

Americans ignore liberties  
Dear Editor:

We, as a nation, are outraged at the lack of justice, summary executions, and blatant hostility to opposing viewpoints evidenced recently by the People's Republic of China.

As freedom loving Americans, we should be.

Unfortunately, we do not seem to take the same tone when our own government does similar things to us.

We refuse to recognize that our rights and freedoms are being eroded.

The basic premise of our justice system has always been that any person accused of a crime is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

That is not always the case anymore. Our government has given itself the right to pre-judge and pre-penalize those accused of crimes.

It is now legal for the government to seize your personal belongings and property including cars, real estate, and cash if you are suspected of dealing drugs.

People accused of dealing drugs may not use the money they have to hire an attorney of their choice. The government will provide a free one for them. One who works for the government.

What happened to the

right to choose your counsel or to the best possible defense?

I have no sympathy for those who deal drugs, and if everything were confiscated AFTER they have been found guilty I would have no objection.

But the government has expressly stated that too many defendants have good lawyers and they want to deny them the use of those good lawyers. Lawyers have been threatened with confiscation of fees paid for services rendered if their clients are found guilty.

It is, however, not just drug dealers who suffer. Neither John Tower nor Jim Wright were found guilty of any wrong-doing.

Both were condemned not for what they did, but for how it appeared. Mr. Tower for working, legally,

with defense contractors, and Mr. Wright for having sold books, also legally.

Recently, the Supreme Court has been condemned for allowing the burning of the American flag as a First Amendment right. The action harmed no one.

Yes, feelings were hurt, but so were many people's feelings hurt when Dr. Martin Luther King refused to be treated as a second class citizen.

His actions infuriated the majority of Americans at that time, but he was allowed, by the First Amendment, to act in a manner that was outrageous and insulting to otherwise well meaning people.

Few today would argue that what he did was wrong. His actions were no less upsetting and outrageous to the people of the South

then as burning the flag is today.

The First Amendment is there to protect the one with the unpopular view, not the person with whom everybody agrees. It is still, and should be, protected.

William Shirer watched Hitler's rise to power in Nazi Germany and wrote a book about it — *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*. He once stated that the United States would be the first free country to vote, voluntarily, for a fascist government.

Unfortunately, his prediction, as evidenced above, is coming true.

Three men went out in a boat, none of whom could swim. One of the men began drilling a hole under

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# Letters to the Editor

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his seat in the middle of the lake. When the others objected, he told them the hole was under his seat, had nothing to do with them, and they should mind their own business.

Like the three men, we are all in this boat together.

We must write our elected officials and let them know that we will not stand for any further erosion of our rights.

If they feel that an orderly society is more important than a few rights, then remove them from office.

We cannot afford to sit back and watch any longer.

Richard E. Pearl, Sr.  
Box 4621

Abortion a female issue  
To The Editor:

Isn't it just like a man to say that if one took a more

responsible attitude to sex and birth control, abortion would not be an issue.

This attitude of Mr. Brown's and a number of people out there is a major part of the problem.

Accidents never happen if one practices birth control. Sex is not a risk free act — not for women anyway. The double standard is alive and well in this country.

The real issues here are not responsible birth control — they are a lack of effective methods of birth control and the pro-life brigade out there trying to force their moral beliefs on the rest of the country.

There are no 100 percent effective methods of birth control other than abstinence. The pill doesn't always work. The IUD is not a viable option for those women who have never had

children, and it has been known to cause serious problems in some women.

The diaphragm doesn't work for a lot of people. Condoms have been known to break. The cervical sponge is not as effective as the advertising would have one believe.

The hormonal implants expected to be available soon in this country can cause ectopic pregnancies. And the time honored rhythm method works for those who want to get pregnant and those who truly have very regular menstrual cycles.

Of course there is the Abortion pill, as it is sometimes known, but the pro-life groups will not allow its distribution in this country. (It is a simple answer to all the problems with other methods, but the pro-lifers still view it as murder.)

One would think in the latter part of the twentieth century there would be a truly effective method of birth control.

For women to be truly equal with men, WOMEN MUST BE FREE OF UNWANTED PREGNANCIES.

The issue in this latest battle over abortion, as always, is reproductive freedom. A woman has to be allowed the right to decide when to have a baby, or this country is pushing women's rights back to the times right before and after the Civil War when WHITE MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASS MEN decided that WHITE MIDDLE AND UPPER CLASS WOMEN were committing genocide by ending too many pregnancies before they came to term.

Some of the pro-life zealots would like to take all reproductive rights away from women.

These people would ban certain methods of birth control such as the mini-pill

and the IUD because these methods cause abortion.

Every life is sacred to the pro-lifers. They even claim that women's lives are sacred, but that is just not true if women are forced to go through unwanted pregnancies.

It's nice to see that Brown has an opinion on the issue, but we think he missed the whole point.

Women's rights are in jeopardy. This issue could determine women's reproductive freedoms in most states of the Union.

It is already happening as states are seeing just how far they can turn the clock back with the court's ruling on the Missouri case.

It is only a matter of time before Tennessee gets into the act. And let's understand here for those of you who didn't know, if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, the Tennessee legislature will be quick to pass anti-abortion legislation if pro-choice people don't start letting their representatives know that women can never go

back to the days before *Roe*.

In fact, we will fight as never before to avoid going back to the days of back alley abortions.

Lee Caldwell  
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Box 1045

Tech housing inadequate  
Dear Editor:

This is in response to James R. McCowan's letter in the June 28th issue.

Because I recently considered transferring to Tennessee Tech, I feel that I can objectively respond to your letter regarding this universities housing facilities.

I have lived in two dorms during my two years at MTSU. Both have recently been remodelled.

Upon visiting the dorms at Tech, I found them to be typical of most dormitories. Certainly, I would only consider them to be equal if not below MTSU standards.

Futhermore, I would have to question exactly what you mean by the term "remodelling" since the female dorms did not appear to have been remodelled in quite some time.

The main reason I can not transfer to Tech is simply because of the physical barriers presented to me as a handicapped student, such as the state highway separating the female dormitories from the rest of the campus, a lack of handrails and curbcuts, as well as the absence of a central office to assist handicapped students.

Tennessee Tech needs to allot some funds toward making their campus accessible to handicapped students.

The main problem you are having is with Maintenance and not directly with the Housing Office. You must keep in mind the large number of buildings on this campus and take heed to the lesson taught to students here.

That lesson, Mr. McCowan, is patience.

Teri Pigg  
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# Lifestyles

## Olivier created an enduring tradition

By JOHNATHAN M. LAMPLEY  
Staff Writer

He was the greatest Shakespearian actor of his time. In the minds of most acting critics, he was the greatest actor of the 20th century. He was Laurence Olivier, who died Tuesday, July 11 in England at the age of 82.

To his world-wide audience, Olivier represented the epitome of thespic greatness. Adept at every sort of role from classical drama to high comedy, he ruled the English-speaking theatrical world for over 50 years. Knighted in 1947 and raised to the House of Lords in 1972, Olivier nevertheless remained at heart a performer, and was very humble about his many great successes.

Olivier was the son of a preacher and his first childhood inclination toward acting was dressing up to emulate his father. He appeared in many stage productions and, beginning in 1930, a number of minor films. In the late 1930s, he came to America and found international fame as Heathcliff in *Wuthering Heights* (1939). He also found a wife, the person of Vivien Leigh whose own career was soaring after her success in *Gone With the Wind*. They were married the following year.

The Olivier/Leigh union was one of the most famous and tempestuous relationships in show business for 20

years. Olivier ultimately had a far greater love for the stage than for Leigh, who suffered from many emotional and physical problems including depression, tuberculosis and nymphomania.

And yet, the spark that drew them together in real life, seemed to ignite when they combined their acting talents. The couple gave some of their best performances in three films and various stage tours.

By the outbreak of WWII, Olivier was generally recognized as a gifted Shakespearian actor, one of the most proficient at popularizing the Bard's work with general audiences. His success helped improve Leigh's career by giving her the opportunity to do classical drama on the stage.

In 1952, Olivier directed her in the first London performance of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, which led to Leigh landing the part in the feature film version. Starring opposite Marlon Brando, Leigh was an Academy Award for her performance as Blanche DuBois.

Olivier directed and starred in several now classic film adaptations of Shakespeare's plays. His films of *Henry V* (1944), *Hamlet* (1948) and *Richard III* (1956) are considered the best films ever adapted from Shakespeare's works. *Henry V*, which co-starred Robert Newton, won a special Oscar and *Hamlet* won both best picture and best actor

for Olivier. Other notable actors cast in *Hamlet* include Jean Simmons, Stanley Holloway and Peter Cushing.

But Olivier's talents were not restricted to Shakespearian roles only. He also starred in *That Hamilton Woman* (1942) with Vivien Leigh, *Rebecca* directed by Alfred Hitchcock (1940), *Spartacus* with Kirk Douglas and *The Entertainer* (1960). In later years, however, the quality of his films declined as he seemed to be making films for profit only — something he publicly admitted on several occasions.

Critics generally agree that his talent was squandered in unimaginative stereotypical caricatures such as *Dracula* (1979), *The Jazz Singer* (1980) and *Inchon* (1984) where Olivier was critically miscast as McArthur.

However, even in the less acclaimed of his works, Olivier tried to rise above the material and invest diligent, hard work into each character much like that which immortalized his Shakespearian works.

Although ill health in recent years had forced Olivier to cut his workload, he never stopped trying to do his best. The grand stage productions gave way to cameo appearances and small television roles.

This never-ending drive to give his best performance, despite all odds, serves as an example for young actors and actresses to follow as they achieve success in their field.

## Ghostbusters 2 slimes returning viewers

By MARLA  
CARTWRIGHT  
Editor

If there's something strange/  
In your neighborhood/  
Who ya gonna call?  
GHOSTBUSTERS!  
— Ray Parker, Jr.

Well, kids, save your little quarters and forget calling the Ghostbusters.

Even if there is some glowing creepie floating around your apartment, just wait it out. The slimy thing is probably just passing through on its way to New York — apparently the mecca of all ghosts with any respectable power.

Ah, yes, this is the infamous summer of prolific sequels. But instead of moaning and groaning, use it to your advantage. Learn who you can trust with your hard-earned money to give you a good time the second time around.

Take it from me, Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Sigourney Weaver may seem like your buddies in the previews, but they're out to make a buck this go-around.

The overall feel of *Ghostbusters II* is that these guys decided to get together again and have a lot of fun. In fact, director Ivan Reitman says in an interview in *Premiere* magazine that he was originally against making a sequel. But "it was so much fun to make it in the first place and it was so remarkably successful, that . . . it seemed as if it would be all right as long as everyone else was going to do it," Reitman says.

Money, of course, figures into this little venture, too. Reitman, Murray, Aykroyd and Weaver gave up their upfront fees for a percentage of the gross profit. Projections have put their combined profits way above the studio's expected return.

Feel a bit leery about seeing this flick? How about this? The once-famous Ghostbusters are now reduced to entertaining at kids' parties because they've gone out of business. The long-dead evil magician, whose spirit resides in a massive painting, plans on taking over the world on New Year's Eve.

Maybe they should reteam and kick this pink slime, the materialization of the evil guy's intentions, where it hurts.

Yeah, right. If you ask me, the ghostie in the ads is holding up the wrong fingers.



Wayne Cartwright • Staff  
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The 70 members of Indiana's Mt. Vernon high school band had to take drastic measures to beat the heat Tuesday as they wrapped up their 12 hours of rehearsal beside Cummings Hall.

## Lethal II surprises; surpasses first movie

By MARLA  
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Editor

*Lethal Weapon II* distinguishes itself among the many sequels this summer by doing something unexpected: it continues the original plot along a believable storyline.

Gasp! What a concept, dude. Like maybe the reason people paid bucks to see the first one was 'cuz of the really cool cops who, like, really connected with each other while shooting up bad guys.

It seems that director Richard Donner learned his lesson with the tepid reception of *Scrooged* despite big-name Bill Murray's starring role. While the re-vamped Christmas carol hurried viewers along a hodge-podge of plot conventions, *Lethal Weapon II* took the time to further sculpt the characters created in the original.

Roger Murtaugh, the slightly bumbling but sweet family man, returns showing off his new pride and joy — an addition to his house. He is confusedly proud of his daughter, an aspiring actress, who stars in an embarrassing television commercial.

Meanwhile Martin Riggs has lost some of his suicidal tendencies, finally coming to terms with the reality of his wife's death but not the guilt he feels over it. It's apparent that Riggs' wild risk-taking is really a veneer to cover up his depression.

Not only have the characters evolved separately, but they have evolved together, one influencing the other. Murtaugh's calming, almost paternal influence has soothed Riggs' irrational behavior as he becomes closer to the older policeman's family. Riggs provides a buffer between daughter and father while Murtaugh's family provides Riggs with some much-needed stability and security.

Wait a minute! This is a cop movie, right? What do these guys do all day — cry on each other's shoulders in the squad car?

Hardly. Their relationship is truly believable. Like real men, they are a little embarrassed about displaying any emotion and cover it up with fake gruffness.

Oh, yeah. And there's plenty of action, South African villains, a new love interest for Riggs, and truly the most stupendous stunt (with good editing to make it believable) that I've seen in a good while.



# Sports

## I knew this had to be THE year, huh?

I have been a Cincinnati Reds fan since the World Series years in 1975 and 76. I have suffered through everything from defeat in the 1979 Championship Series to humiliation in 1981, when the Reds were jilted from the playoffs although they had the best record in baseball.

I even remained loyal during the 1983 season when the Big Red Machine had one of the worst records in baseball.

Over the past four seasons, the Reds have finished second to three different teams.

I really thought this was going to be the season.

At the beginning of spring training, Cincinnati was picked by many to win the National League's Western Division due to their excess of young talent.

The Reds started off in that direction, leading the division by two games in early June.

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Since that time, however, The Big Red Machine has done nothing, except go downhill — due mostly to injuries.

Only one member of the starting lineup this season, Todd Benzinger, has not gone down due to injuries.

Star player Eric Davis has had hamstring problems all season — missing over 20 games — while last year's Rookie of the Year Chris Sabo has been out of the lineup for over a month.



### FIRST PITCH By CECIL JOYCE

If that wasn't bad enough, Barry Larkin, the National League's second leading hitter, should be out for another two weeks for an injury suffered during the All-Star festivities.

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You can start calling this team the Nashville Sounds (why not? Thirteen players from Nashville have been called up during the season).

Last year's Cy Young award runner-up Danny Jackson has also spent time on the disabled list, but that's the good news. The bad news is when he is on the mound — giving up 5.7 runs per game.

Jose Rijo, however, has pitched outstanding baseball and has filled Jackson's void very well.

But, he is currently on the disabled list.

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The Reds were confident enough that rookie Lenny Harris and veteran Ron Oester could fill their void at second base that they sold potential superstar Jeff Treadway to Atlanta for \$50,000. Harris has since been traded, and Oester (SURPRISE!) has been on the disabled list most of the season.

Cincinnati couldn't even make it to the Hall of Fame game versus Boston Monday because of plane problems. It was probably better that way — they wouldn't want to sustain any more injuries during the scrimmage.

All of these problems have currently led to a fifth place standing, 13.5 games back from front-running San Francisco, and it doesn't appear that things are going to get any better.

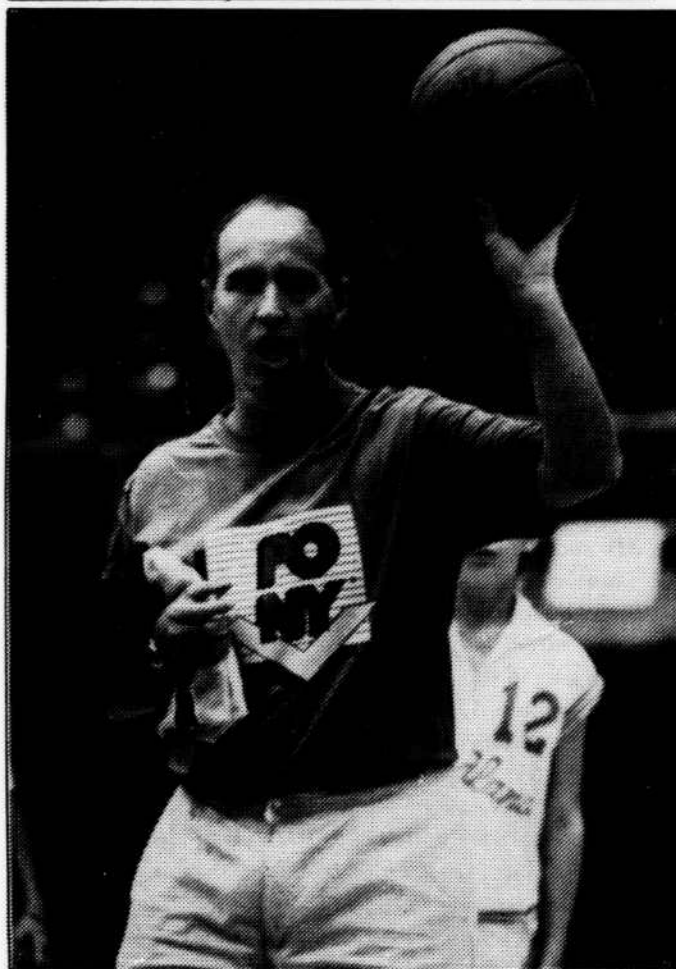
The Reds have lost eight in a row.

And to think, I really thought this was going to be the season.

#### Players of the Week:

In the American League, the honor goes to Toronto's Fred McGriff. McGriff helped move the Blue Jays into second place in the American League's Eastern Division by hitting five homeruns and driving in 12 runs.

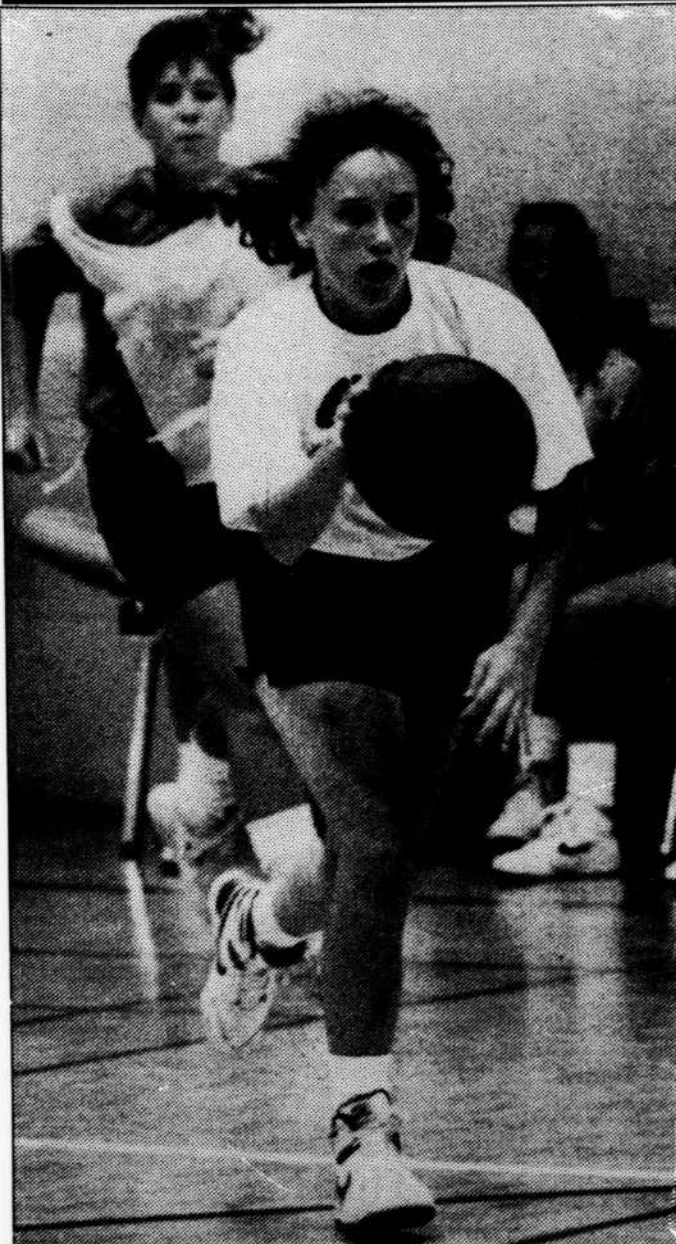
In the National League, San Francisco's Candy Maldonado gets the award. Maldonado hit .480 for the week while hitting two homeruns and driving in seven as a replacement for injured star Kevin Mitchell.



Sandra Rennie•Staff

### The man of 1,000 faces ...

Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens selects players for one on one competition during basketball camp held this week in Murphy Center.



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Bridget Finely of Adamsville runs down court during a practice game held as part of the Lady Raiders Basketball camp.

## Former Blue Raider stars get shot at NBA

—From Staff Reports—

Two former Middle Tennessee State University basketball greats are seeing at least the first step of a dream come true.

Randy Henry and Kerry Hammonds have spent innumerable hours since grade school days imagining themselves playing professional basketball in the National Basketball Association.

At present, those dreams are very much alive — both are in NBA camps this week after having signed professional contracts.

Henry, a 6'-9" sharpshooter who led MTSU's Blue Raiders to a 23-8 record and the Ohio Valley Conference title last year, is in Charlotte, N.C., trying to make the grade with that city's Hornets.

Hammonds, a burly 6'-7" power forward, is in California, performing in the camp of the New Jersey Nets.

"This is a great opportunity for both of them," Blue Raider Head Coach Bruce Stewart, said. "And I think they both have good shots at making their respective teams."

"They have both been well seasoned and they're hard workers and good competitors. They've had their hearts set on getting a chance and now they have

it."

Henry averaged 19.5 points and 7.0 rebounds per game last season and was named to the All-OVC team.

He can score and rebound inside, but has a fine shooting touch from the 15- to-18 foot range, as well.

Hammonds wound up his Blue Raider career as both the leading scorer and leading rebounder in school history.

He totaled 1,616 points and 955 rebounds over his four-year career, and the 121 games he appeared in is also a school record.

Both Henry and Hammonds were instrumental in Middle Tennessee's first-round, 97-83 win over Florida State in last spring's NCAA Tournament, which was one of the greatest comeback victories in the tourney's annals.

Henry had 26 points and Hammonds had 13 points against the Seminoles, winners of the Metro Conference Tournament championship.

After early practice sessions, both Henry and Hammonds expect to play in summer league competition with other NBA hopefuls and standouts.

That competition is scheduled to be played in Los Angeles, later this summer.

## EKU women placed on probation by NCAA

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The NCAA placed Eastern Kentucky's women's basketball program on a one-year probation yesterday for recruiting violations that included cash payments to players.

The university was able to avoid further penalties because of its cooperation during the investigation, the NCAA said.

The infractions occurred under George Cox, who resigned as coach on March 1, 1988. He compiled a 15-38 record in two seasons, including a 6-20 mark in 1987-88. Cox could not be reached for comment.

The probation will limit the women's program to 15 expense-paid visits during the coming academic year and no more than 10 student-athletes may be awarded financial aid during the 1990-91 academic year.

It also said that Cox must go before the NCAA Committee on Infractions if he seeks athletic-related duties at an NCAA institution in the next five years.

The team is currently coached by Larry Joe Inman, a former Mount Juliet High and Middle Tennessee State University women's coach.



## Division-leading Giants consider move to new stadium in 1992; fans squawk

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The San Francisco Giants are expected to try once more to win voter approval for a downtown stadium rather than move to a suburban site in the South Bay.

The Giants, who have the best home record in the major leagues but want to leave chilly, windblown Candlestick Park after their contract expires in 1992, plan a news conference Wednesday to reveal their choice of competing proposals from San Francisco and Santa Clara.

Owner Bob Lurie and other club officials refused to comment on reports that the Giants have decided in favor of a \$115 million 45,000-seat, open air stadium on the waterfront in the China Basin section of San Francisco.

"I'm not going to speak about this," San Francisco

mayor Art Agnos said early Tuesday.

But the Giants were expected to meet with South Bay officials before the news conference, apparently to reject the proposal for a stadium on a 120-acre site near the Great American amusement park.

"My gut feeling is that (Lurie) is leaning to San Francisco, and I've sort of felt that way for the last month and a half," Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Stone, head of the Santa Clara County Stadium Task Force, said Tuesday. "Our negotiations have been very productive, fruitful meetings, but I felt there was a change a month and a half ago in terms of the viability of the San Francisco proposal."

Executives from Spectator Management Group, the Philadelphia-based developer that would build

the San Francisco ballpark, and the city officials also were invited to the Giants' news conference.

"It's going to be difficult, if San Francisco is putting out a credible proposal, for Bob Lurie to take a better proposal in Santa Clara," Sunnyvale physician Elliot Lepler, another task force member, said. San Francisco, he said, "wins all the ties."

Lurie's expected announcement would clear the way for a November ballot measure in San Francisco. Agnos, who supports the downtown plan, has promised to let the voters have the final say.

"It's great news," Barbara Bagot of the San Francisco

Ballpark Alliance, a grassroots group of fans and stadium backers, said.

"We're ready to roll. We've got our 'Say Hey' pep rally planned for Aug. 2 in Justin Herman Plaza. We're going to register voters who want to keep the team."

If voters reject the Agnos plan, as they did in rejecting Proposition W in 1987, Lurie may try to reopen negotiation with Santa Clara.

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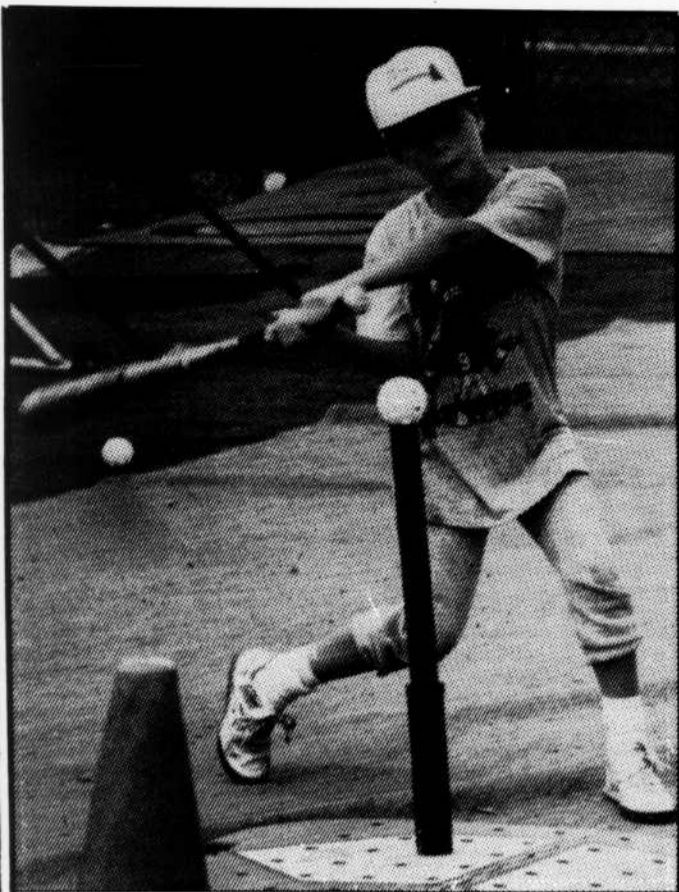
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## Keep your eye on the ball ...

Brent Hobbs of Nashville keeps his eye on the ball while taking batting practice during the Blue Raider Baseball Camp.

## Seattle's star rookie sidelined by accident

By JIM COUR  
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — Not until batting practice did Ken Griffey Jr. realize the end result of his fall of a wet bathroom floor.

"I just couldn't swing," the Seattle Mariners' center fielder said Monday after being pulled from the lineup in Chicago.

X-rays showed a fracture of the fifth metacarpal, or little finger. Because he's out indefinitely, Griffey's chances for Rookie of the Year could be fractured, too.

Dr. Larry Pedegana, the team doctor, had not yet examined Griffey, but discussed the injury with trainer Rick Griffin, who was with the Mariners in Chicago.

"From the description I received after talking to Rick Griffin, it sounds like a pretty common injury," Pedegana said. Based on

similar injuries, he said Griffey could be sidelined for three to five weeks.

The injury has to be treated delicately because the bone that was fractured is under physical stress when a batter swings, Pedegana said.

When he slipped stepping out of the shower in his Chicago hotel room, Griffey braced himself with his right hand. He shook off what he thought was a bruise and reported to the ballpark for the game against the White Sox.

But when the 19-year-old player took his batting practice swings he knew something was wrong.

Griffey has been a favorite for American League Rookie of the Year. He is batting .287 with 13 home runs and 45 RBIs.

He has made several sensational throws from deep center to catch runners trying to advance on fly balls.

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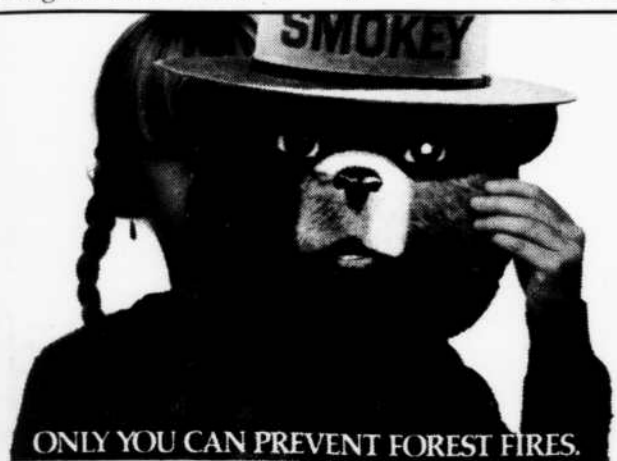
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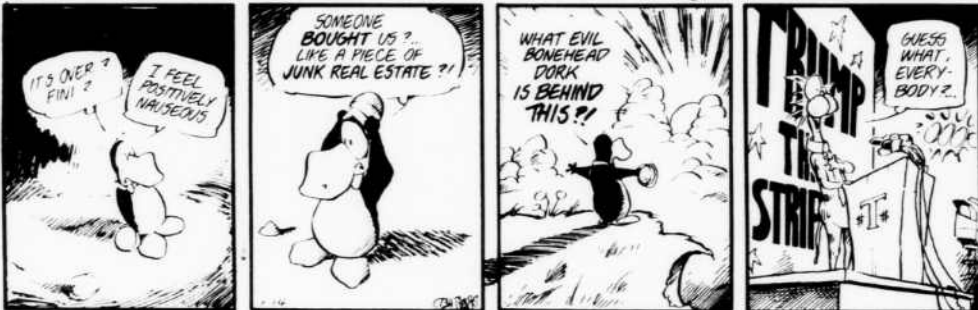
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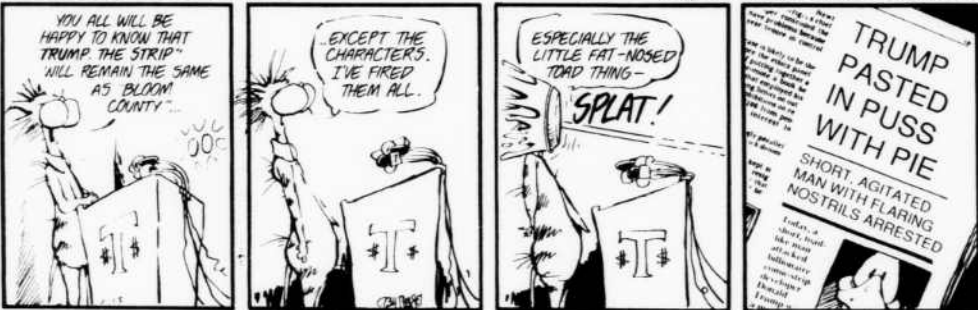
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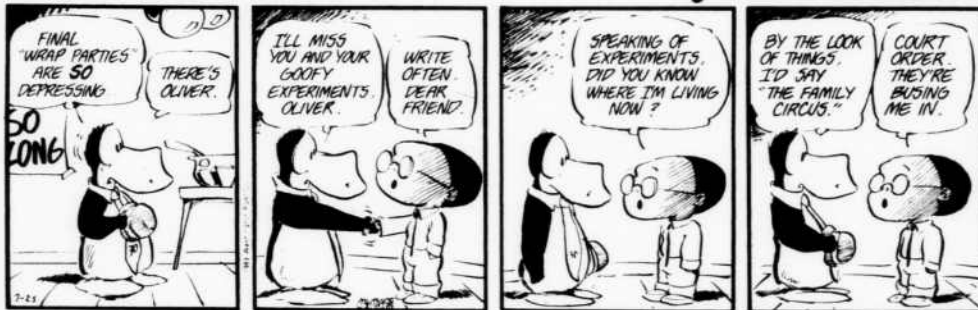
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