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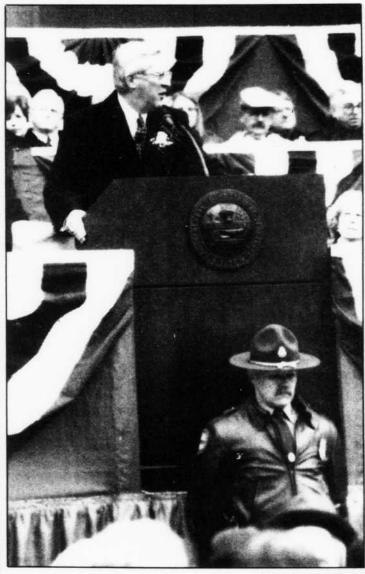
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The New Governor



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

New Tennessee Govewrnor Don Sundquist gives his inauguration speech on the steps of Legislative Plaza in Nashville Saturday morning. He became the 47th governor in the state's history. See photos and accompanying story, page 8.

Public Safety looking

MARK BLEVINS

Asst. News Editor

The Department of Public Safety and Security will be assessed for accreditation from the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) this week after two years of preparation, according to director John Drugmand.

The department could become the eighth accredited college public safety



department in the nation, the third in the South and the first in Tennessee. There are presently only nine accredited

WAGONER a enforcement agencies in all of Tennessee, according to Drugmand. CALEA is the

only law enforcement See **Security**, page 5

High prices at bookstore raise questions with SGA

Investigation launched from student complaints

MARK BLEVINS

Asst. News Editor

The Student Government began to Association investigate book prices at



Phillip's Bookstore last week at the request of a MTSU student, according to G President D r e w Bergman.

Andy Leffler, a senior recording industry major, founded the group Students for the Reform of Textbook Policy last week for the purpose of lowering the prices of textbooks. Leffler said the SGA acts as a liaison between the group and the administration.

"[Expensive textbooks] goes against the basic idea of public education," Leffler said Saturday.

He said that the problem might not be able to be changed at the bookstore level but that it has to be changed somewhere.

"If we all get on the same wagon, no one can stop us," Leffler added.

"We're trying to get the ball rolling to see if we can lower [book] prices," Bergman said Friday. Bergman said that the SGA hopes to meet with bookstore Earl director sometime this week.

In an interview Friday,

Harris pointed to a survey conducted by Phillip's in Nov. as proof that bookstore prices are comparatively low.

The four-question survey lists how 20 regional school bookstores price their books and shows that Phillip's marks textbooks up 23 percent from its cost. This was the lowest gross margin on the list along with the bookstore at Austin Peay. The highest gross margin percentage was 27 percent at Volunteer State Community College. Other schools on the list include TSU, Vanderbilt, Walter State Community College, Auburn University, Western Kentucky University and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

The bookstore showed an

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Quake leaves Japan in rubble, students respond to tragedy

KRIS WETZEL

News Editor

Jan. 18, earthquake measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale devastated western Japan, leveling homes, businesses and transportation systems in Kobe, Kyoto and Osaka.

Death tolls began at 2,000 on Wednesday but quickly rose to more than 4,900 by Saturday. The 310,000 people left homeless have crowded into make-shift shelters located in school gyms, town halls and parks. Tracking dogs are being used to locate the 427 people still reported missing.

Survivors are using available buildings to store the corpses, 40 percent of which remain unidentified. More than 50,614 buildings were destroyed or crucially damaged.

Lasting only 20 seconds,

city of Kobe the hardest hit. Located 280 miles from Tokyo, the city remains consumed by fires. The shopping and business district of Sannomira suffered highest the

"I'm sure the Japanese are very scared. Earthquakes can happen anywhere in Japan."

-Yoshi Suzuki Graduate Teaching Asst.

percentage of the damage, along with collapsed roadways and fragmented railroad tracks.

"In Japan, almost all the buildings are thought to be

the earthquake left the port prepared for earthquakes," said Yoshi Suzuki, a native of Shizuoka located in central Japan and graduate teaching assistant in MTSU's foreign language department. "They are very strong. If they are safe, they will absorb the energy of the

> "I'm sure the Japanese very scared. Earthquakes can happen anywhere in Japan, and now they do not know if the buildings are always safe," Suzuki added. "For more than four years, we heard there would be a major earthquake in Tokyo. Western Japan doesn't get many quakes so it came as a surprise."

"Ihave some friends in Kobe ,and I tried to call to find out how they are, "Suzuki said. "The lines were down ,and I could not

See Quake, page 6

MTSU NEWS

Channel 8 improving programming for a larger audience

TRIPP BALLARD Staff Writer

MTSU's television station, Channel 8, is improving its programming and its image among students in an effort to attract a larger and more consistent viewing audience.

Channel 8 is a non-profit television station that serves both MTSU students and the Murfreesboro community. Located on the first floor of the Ned McWherter Learning Resource Center, the station is fully operated and managed by students.

In the past there has been confusion about who can take part in Channel 8's operations.

"All students from any discipline are encouraged and welcome to take part at Channel 8," said Michael Johnson, Radio/TV professor and Channel 8 faculty adviser. "Of course, there is a filtering process to ensure quality programming."

Channel 8 currently is on air weeknights from 6-10 p.m., with a variety of programming including news, a sports talk show (Protalk), a soap opera (Crystal Shores), and a country music show. There are new shows in progress, including a second soap and a children's show.

"We are trying to get a variety of programming for the students but also for the residents of Murfreesboro," Johnson said. "I feel that we will soon have consistent programming so people will know exactly what time the show they want to watch comes on."

The news show has been the station's most successful show in the past, and the news production team is currently working on new ideas to get students more involved.

"In the past we have centered most of our stories on national news," said Assistant News Director Whitney Rushlow, "but this year we plan to start doing local reporting packages that will get students on campus even more involved."

Another new aspect that Channel 8 is experimenting with is the use of national syndications to freshen the programming. One of the syndications to be used in programming is a college alternative rock show. The Channel 8 team is using variety of programming to create a lineup that will attract all different kinds of viewers.

Channel 8 has expanded every year since its inception and expects to continue its growth in the future by combining quality new shows with mainstays like the news and country music video shows.

"I am very excited with the direction of Channel 8," Johnson said. "We have a great team and everyone has been very positive. We expect Channel 8 to get better every week and we hope that students will take part in the future of [the station]."

"Our new motto this semester is quality, not quantity," Rushlow said, "and we hope that everyone can see the results of our hard work."

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Campus Capsule

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to find out how you can
get a step ahead of the
competition with AKPsi.

Wednesday,
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Simulations, an
intercultural workshop
by Dr. Ronald D. Eckard
of W. Kentucky U. is
being held from 9 a.m.
to 3 p.m. at Dining Room
C of the JUB.

Thursday,
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Award Luncheon,
honoring Dr. Esther
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11:30 a.m. at Hazlewood
Dining Room. Tickets
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reserved with the
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Office. Please reserve
by Jan. 24.

Upcoming & Ongoing MTSU's Placement and Student Employment Center will host its Summer Jobs Fair on Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. in the MTSU KUC-Rooms 322 & 324. Over 35 different companies will be available to discuss employment opportunities with students. All MTSU students and alumni are welcome to attend.

The Gamma Iota
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Fraternity is
hosting its Quiz
Bowl. All MTSU clubs
and organizations are
invited. It takes place
Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in Room
324 of the KUC. Entry
fee is \$15 and 1st place
wins \$80, 2nd-\$40, 3rd\$20. Call Dr. Hollman
(898-2673) or Tom
Stratton (895-5007) to
enter.

WNAR Student Radio meeting on Tue. Jan. 24 at Mass Comm 104.

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Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society will meet on Wed., Jan. 25, at 6 p.m., at the home of Rodney McCash. We will discuss a selection of short stories by Mark Twain. Returning and new members, as well as interested faculty members, encouraged to attend. Please call Candace Moonshower at 646-4527 for directions, story titles, and further info. about Sigma Tau

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be \$2 for children and \$4 for adults. For more information contact Meg Garrett at (615) 728-2968.

The Honors Student Association Movie Nightis being held every Friday night in room 108 of Peck Hall. The first movie begins at 5 p.m. and the second one begins at 7 p.m. Movies to be shown will posted on the bulletin board in the Honors Lounge from Wed. until Fri. night. All HSA members are welcome and may bring one guest.

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MTSU NEWS

Arraignment for Young postponed

KRIS WETZEL

News Editor

The arraignment of James Clayton Young, charged with the first degree murder of MTSU student Joseph V. Ladd, was postponed Thursday until Feb. 2, by an agreement worked out between prosecutors and defense attorneys.

Police arrested Young, a senior aerospace major at MTSU, around midnight Jan. 11 after they found incriminating items in his apartment and received a full confession from Young around 3 a.m.

Ladd died from strangulation on his T-shirt after Young allegedly bound Ladd's hands and feet with handcuffs.

"He maliciously killed his victim," said Detective Lt Jim Gage, who headed the investigation.

Ladd was last seen leaving work at Ezra' Restaurant in the Garden Plaza Hotel with Young and another co-worker around 11:30 p.m. on Jan. 3 and reportedly went back to

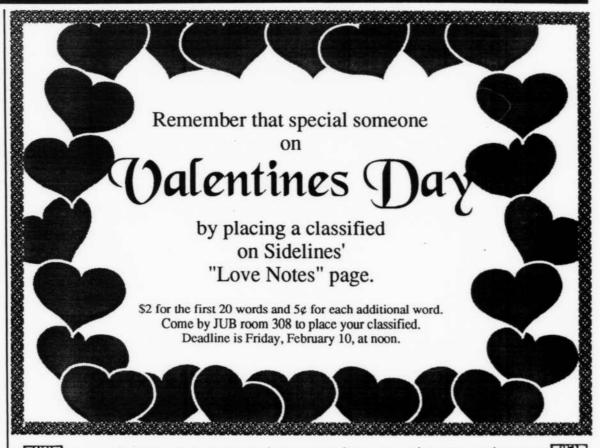
Young's apartment to drink beer.

Dr. Charles Harlan, the state medical examiner, determined that Ladd died in Young's apartment in the early morning of Jan. 4. The autopsy also indicated that Ladd had struggled against being bound and a small cut on the head indicates that he may been knocked unconscious.

The body remained in the apartment until Young disposed of it in a ravine 12 ft. off Spanntown Road in Almaville after he got off work the next day. The body was discovered on Jan. 9 by employees working on a gas main.

Ladd was first reported missing on Jan. 7 by his mother, Irene Ladd of Virginia Beach, Va., after she received concerned phone calls from the victim's roommates and a female friend reporting they had not had any contact with Ladd for several days.

Young is currently being held on \$50,000 bond at the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center. ■





Parking hires more night patrol officers

More employees hired to ticket until 10 p.m.: Hunter

MARK BLEVINS

Asst. News Editor

The Department of Parking and Transportation is in the process of hiring more employees to increase enforcement of parking regulations at night, according to director Gary Hunter

Hunter said the new employees will be writing tickets for illegal parkers up until 10 p.m. partly because some night students were not buying parking passes but were parking on campus.

"Why should the students who come in the day pay for people to park at night," Hunter said.

Hunter said that student patrol officers have had to spend less time enforcing parking regulations as requests for nighttime escorts have increased. Hunter said this is why the new employees are necessary. He added that writing tickets at night is not a new policy.

"We still want to maintain our handicapped spaces at night. We still want our traffic to flow smoothly at night."

Hunter stressed that the department is financially self-sufficient and by spreading the cost of parking to all students, the price of parking passes can stay as low as possible.

"I'm not after the revenue from the tickets, I'm after compliance with the regulations [so MTSU can have better, safer parking]," Hunter said.

Revenue from parking tickets was \$356,000 for the last fiscal year (July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994) and ticket revenue this year is on the same pace, according to Hunter.

"We're not out to get anyone. We want everyone to park correctly," Hunter

Tickets for color-code violations can be given out between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Hunter said. After 6:30 p.m. cars can be ticketed for not having a permit, illegal handicapped parking, parking next to a yellow curb and other non-color-code violations.



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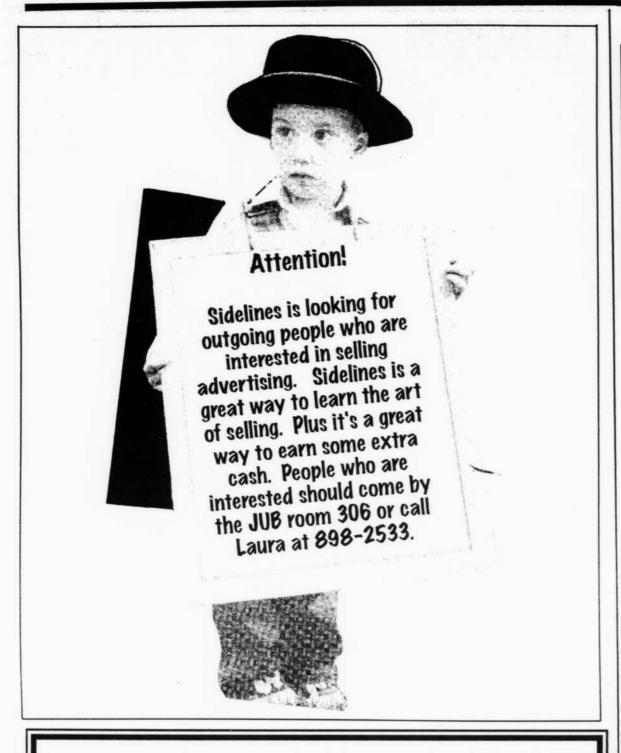
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MTSU NEWS



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Keepin' that jazz flowin'

Disc jockey David Karnes plays the latest jazz music at the MTSU radio station last Saturday.

WMOT wants calm downsize of funds

Station looking for support from Congressmen to keep CPB funds

MARK BLEVINS

Assistant News Editor

If the new Congress decides to privatize the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), it

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should be d o n e rationally, says WMOT Director John High.

"We should participate in the scale down of the f e d e r a l

government here in public broadcasting but there needs to be a calm, rational phase down," High said in an interview Friday.

High expects Rep. Bart Gordon to be pulling for WMOT and said that contacts are trying to be established with the offices of Sens. Bill Frist and Fred Thompson.

"We hope that people will drop a note to the congressional delegation," High said.

The discontinuation of national programming such as "All Things Considered" and "Bluesstage" would be the first difference listeners might notice if the CPB funding is immediately eliminated, High said.

"WMOT would not disappear from the radio scene if CPB funding was eliminated, but some of our signature programming would be affected if not lost," High said.

CPB receives \$285 million annually from the federal government which represents 14 percent of its total income, according to Associated Press reports. CPB distributes this money "to more than 1,000 stations and groups, including the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR)."

High said that WMOT, a subscriber to NPR, receives about \$100,000 a year from CPB. Federal funds at WMOT break down into \$30,000 for salaries, \$40,000 for operating funds and \$27,000 for national programming.

WMOT received \$340,996 from MTSU, \$22,376 from private donations, \$11,334 from corporation underwriting plus the federal CPB funds for the university's 93-94 fiscal year. High said that money from MTSU comes from state funding and not from student activity fees.

WMOT is trying to obtain a new transmitting tower which would increase its signal and possibly listener support, but the station is depending partly on federal funds for the project, High said.

The present signal covers 30 percent of WMOT's potential audience, according to High. He said the new tower would send WMOT over all of metropolitan Nashville and much of Middle Tennessee and that a larger audience might bring in more listener dollars.

WMOT pays \$42,000 a year for NPR's news package which includes "Morning Edition," "All Things Considered" and the hourly news updates, High said. About \$92,000 will be spent on NPR programs for the 94-95 fiscal year.

WMOT's first broadcast was on April 9, 1969 with the intent of providing a public service from MTSU, according to High. ■

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

New York college testing new wireless security system

Security Escort gives students transmitters for protection

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Students walking home late at night at a New York-state college now carry pocketsized escorts for protection.

Nazareth College in Rochester is testing a wireless transmitter that lets students alert campus security of problems with a touch of a button.

The transmitter, called Security Escort, was developed by Emergency Communications, also based in Rochester.

Security Escort is a buy the wireless transmitter about the size of a car alarm control that students can carry in their backpacks, pockets, purses or hands. If the student finds herself in a says.

potentially dangerous situation, she presses two buttons on the device, which signal the campus security system.

Because of numerous receivers located throughout the campus, security personnel can locate and identify the student within seconds and dispatch help.

And to help scare off attackers before help arrives, a siren and flashing light will be set off at the nearest receiver. "The situation will automatically draw attention to itself because of the alarm," says Art Brent, president of Emergency Communications. "In the meantime, help will be on the way."

Brent says schools can buy the system and offer the hand-held devices as part of their campus security program. Students may also rent the devices from participating schools, he

PRICES

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excess of \$256,133 in revenues over expenditures for the 93-94 fiscal year, according to its financial report at the business office. As an auxiliary branch of the university, the bookstore is financially self-sufficient. It pays rent, utilities and is responsible for any renovations. The business office does the accounting for the bookstore.

Much of the excess of revenue is represented in the bookstore's inventory, said Robert Adams, assistant vice-president in the business office.

Harris said that the bookstore is expected to make a profit because there is no fund to cover any losses.

Students campus-wide are aware of the price of books.

"I think they are kind of pricey but I guess it would be worse if we couldn't get some of the money back at the end of the semester," Wendy Mixon, a junior elementary education major said.

John Garland, a senior finance major, sees the situation a little differently.

"Actually, I don't really mind the prices, but I don't like the money the bookstore gives when they buy books back."

Book buyers may be disheartened to know that the price of paper may be going up causing book prices to go up as well.

"We just heard yesterday from where we buy our paper that the cost of paper is going up 35 percent," Harris said. Harris said this will inevitably affect the price that publishers charge bookstores for books.

SECURITY

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accreditation agency in the nation.

"What accreditation provides for is standardization nationally and internationally. That's why it was attractive to us," Drugmand said.

"It's the only vehicle that I know of, currently," Drugmand said, "that will allow law enforcement to become a profession."

Drugmand said that the department is often viewed as a non-professional group of security guards. He said that by gaining accreditation, the department would be seen more as a department of

professionals.

To become accredited, the department must meet 301 standards which include vehicle, communication, structural and procedural requirements among others. Drugmand said that the department will know for March sure in accreditation was granted ,but they may have a good idea by the end of the week after the assessment team is finished.

The cost for the initial accreditation is \$8,500 which among other expenses pays for the assessment team's travel expenses and lodging in Murfreesboro, according to assistant director and Accreditation Manager John Wagoner.

Drugmand said that employees from the Facilities/Services Department have assisted greatly to get some aspects of the department up to par.

"No way in the world could we have done this without the support of everyone at facilities/services. I can't stress this enough."

A public information session is scheduled to be held Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Multi-media Room of the LRC where members of the community are invited to offer comments to the department. Comments will also be fielded by telephone at 898-5493 on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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NEWS

QUAKE

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get through."

Causing more than 500 aftershocks, the epicenter was located 12 1/2 miles under Awaji in the Island Sea. The Central Meteorological Agency explained that the enormous power of the quake is due to the shallowness of the epicenter.

Yoshiaki Kawata of Kyoto University's Disaster Research Institute told the Nashville Banner, "If the earthquake had occurred a couple of hours later, it would have been a massive, chaotic disaster."

The earthquake occurred at 5:46 a.m. when the majority of citizens were still at home, away from the dangers of the roadways and railways.

Kobe remains disengaged from the rest of Japan. The Hanskin Expressway, the major roadway from Kobe to Osaka, was broken in five places while other roads reportedly are damaged in 20 other sites. earthquake also uprooted the tracks of the "bullet" train in 36 different places, and the formidable port in Kobe, responsible for 12 percent of Japan's exports, is open only for emergency situations. The earthquake has also weakened Japan's faith in quake-resistant architecture. After the quakes in San Francisco and Los Angeles, the Japanese were assured that their technology was advanced enough withstand an earthquake registering 8.2 on the Richter scale. The building codes were last revised in 1970.

The destruction of many modern buildings and highways have summoned questions regarding the future of city planning and architecture. Many homes were equipped with a device that automatically shut off their supply of natural gas in the event of an earthquake. The extensive fires in Kobe that died out only after they had consumed everything in their path have been blamed on a failure in the system.

Osaka, Japan's second largest city, also experienced extensive damage. The quake disrupted their stock market, causing stock companies to have to pay an estimated \$10-20 billion in damages. The ancient city of Kyoto, located 50 miles north of Kobe, has reported that priceless statues and temple buildings have suffered significant damage.

Japan's earthquake resembles the recent quake in Los Angeles with its moderate size causing widespread damage over a heavily populated area.

Western Japan has experienced little earthquake activity in 300 years, the majority of activity concentrated in western Japan around Tokyo. The country has been rocked by many strong quakes since the Dec. 28 earthquake that carried a 7.5 magnitude.

Earthquakes measuring over 7.0 are considered major quakes, causing considerable damage to buildings and fissures in the earth. The recent destruction in western Japan ranks second to the damage caused by the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923, in which 140,000 people died

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in the Tokyo area.

As on Sunday, 40,000 homes were still without electricity, and extensive damages to the pipelines keep 849,500 without gas and 840,000 without water. People continue to crowd into shelters, seeking food and protection from the cold, rainy weather. The populated shelters have raised concerns about an outbreak of a flu epidemic.

Recent predictions of heavy rains have raised concern for the possibility of landslides that could ravage the city in its weakened state. Although the rains held off on Sunday, there is still fear surrounding future weather patterns.

Kobe suffered an aftershock with a magnitude of 4.3 on Sunday, causing some already weakened buildings to collapse. Another quake, measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale, hit the northern island of Hokkaido on Saturday.

"I think the scary thing about earthquakes is that there never seems to be any warning," said Mark Samford, a junior aerospace major. "With that much destruction, you would hope that you would have some notice. It makes you fear nature."

"My parents live in Nashville, and their neighbors are from Japan. Although they are not from the area that was struck, they share that sense of fear," Samford added. "My mom said they cried from the shock and the tragedy in Kobe."



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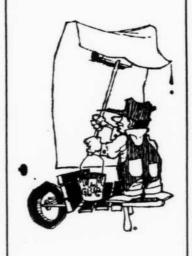
The discussion, which will include questions from the audience, will be moderated by Jones chairholder Joe Rogers, Nashville businessman and former U.S. ambassador to France.

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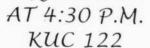
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TENNESSEE POLITICS

Sundquist takes the oath



Mr. Governor

Gov. Don Sundquist takes the oath of office on the steps of Legislative Plaza Saturday morning (above). Spectators along with various forms of media braved the wind chill of 11 degrees to film the ceremony (below). Members of Tennessee State University's Upward Bound program huddle together to stay warm (right).



Photos by CHARLES HOGUE



47th Governor pledges balanced budget with no new taxes

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Republican Don Sundquist sounded a unity theme Saturday as he was sworn in Tennessee's

"My mission will be to break down the barriers that separate Tennesseans from one another and to raise the standard of living for all of our people. We will not allow our progress to be impeded by divisions of race, religion, geography, political partisanship or anything

else," Sundquist said.
"We are Tennesseans coming together. We are a pioneering people ready to explore the future together and build a better world for ourselves and our people."

Sundquist, 58, outlined the administration's goals including:

Safer streets.

- An improved TennCare health care program for the needy and uninsured.

Low taxes.

New industry.

- Better opportunity for children in kindergarten through third grade.

Sundquist and his Cabinet wore yellow roses in honor of women's suffrage when he took the oath of office.

The roses commemorate the 75th anniversary of women securing the right to vote, which Tennessee helped achieve by casting the deciding vote to ratify the 19th Amendment.

Sundquist, a Republican, takes over from Democrat Ned McWherter, who served as governor for eight years. Both men are from West Tennessee, Sundquist from Germantown and McWherter from Dresden.

Sundquist was sworn in by Lt. Gov. John Wilder instead of the Supreme Court's chief justice.

"I asked my old friend Governor Wilder, to swear me in, and he agreed. He's been a friend of mine forever. He was a constituent of mine and I called on him to do it," Sundquist said.

Wilder, a Democrat, has been Senate speaker and lieutenant governor for 24 years. His home is in Somerville, which lies in the 7th District that Sundquist represented in Congress from 1982 to 1994.

A two-hour inaugural parade followed swearing-in.

"One of the things I want to focus on is the talent we have in Tennessee, the music, the arts, film and entertainment," Sundquist

Sundquist is expected to make some changes as soon as he arrives at work on Monday. He said he will issue a series of executive orders, but would not say what they concerned.

"You'll see some decisions made on Monday," he said.

McWherter has warned that Sundquist will be faced immediately with more than \$100 million in new spending on education for his first two

"I anticipate a balanced budget with no new taxes. Money is going to be very, very tight both for this year and next year as we Sundquist said.

McWherter is leaving behind a proposed budget for 1995-96. Sundquist may use all or part of that document when he submits his spending plan to the Legislature in March.

McWherter's current budget included about \$500,000 that can be spent on improvements to the Executive Residence, which was built in 1929. Sundquist said he has spotted \$350,000 to \$400,000 in structural damage, including patching a leaky roof. ■

THE NATION & WORLD

Explosion on carrier kills one, injures two

BREMERTON, Wash.

(AP) — Air pressure blew a
100-pound steel cap off the
machinery that helps jets
land on the USS Nimitz,
killing one sailor and
injuring two others.

The sailors were removing the cap late Friday from a piston cylinder that helps maintain tension on the cables that snag jets as they land, said Dave Youngquist, a spokesman for the nuclearpowered aircraft carrier.

Investigators had not determined Saturday whether the accident was caused by human error or equipment failure. The pressure should have been released before the cap was loosened, said Lt. Robert Durand, another Nimitz spokesman.

"That's what investigators will be looking at, to see if those procedures were followed or if perhaps they had erroneous readings," Durand said.

The accident occurred during routine maintenance in a machinery compartment below the flight deck. It did not cause an explosion or

BREMERTON, Wash. fire, and did not involve the P) — Air pressure blew a ship's nuclear reactor.

Landing systems like those on the Nimitz are common throughout the U.S. fleet. Jets snag the cables with hooks beneath their tails while landing on the deck.

The Navy identified the dead sailor as Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel J. Avilla, 28, of Bremerton. Another sailor was treated for two broken ribs and the third was treated for bruises.

It was the second accident aboard the Nimitz in six months. A shipyard worker was killed in a crane accident in August.

The dry-docked Nimitz is nearing the end of an overhaul that began at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton in August 1993. The 1,040-foot vessel, commissioned in 1975, carries a crew of 5,680 and up to 85 planes.

The carrier is scheduled to be redeployed in November, most likely in the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean. ■

Five beheaded for kidnapping and murder of Saudi billionaire's child

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Three Filipinos who killed a Saudi billionaire's child and two of his Indonesian servants were beheaded Friday in an unusually swift carriage of justice by the kingdom's Islamic courts.

A fourth Filipino in the bungled kidnapping was killed by police when they rescued Saleh al-Rajhi's wife and other child.

The bodies of two of those beheaded were strung up on poles and left on display outside the mosque in the capital Riyadh where the beheadings occurred, according to the Interior Ministry announcement.

Cases passing through Saudi Arabia's Islamic courts often take years to resolve. However, this case, which provoked national outrage, sped through the courts in less than three months.

The Filipinos reportedly sought \$10 million ransom when they stormed the Rajhi mansion Oct. 22. After they killed one child, reportedly two years old at the time, police stormed the house.

Georgia pilot found dead in plane crash

SPRING CITY, Tenn.
(AP) — The wreckage of a plane missing for more than a week has been found in Rhea County and the pilot, a Duluth, Ga., man is dead, authorities said Sunday.

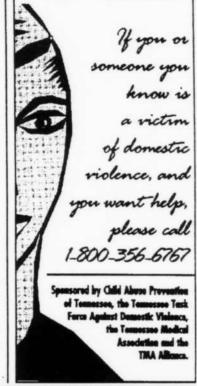
Donnie Rader, public affairs officer with the Rhea County squadron of the Civil Air Patrol, said the plane was found Saturday on Shut-In Gap Mountain, just southwest of Spring City. He said searchers followed up a tip from the son of a Civil Air Patrol Pilot.

Rader said the man remembered seeing a plane flying low Jan. 12 over the Tennessee River near Spring City.

Ground searchers found the body of the pilot, 47-yearold Ping Tung Pao, still strapped within the plane.

The Piper-Warrior 28 took off from DeKalb-Peachtree Airport in Chamblee, Ga., on flight to Lafayette, Tenn. and was last seen in the vicinity of Carters Lake, near Chatsworth, Ga.

Rader said the pilot apparently encountered fog and in flying low to stay under it, didn't pull up enough and crashed into Shut-In Gap Mountain.



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he Grand Canyon: A giant scar cut into the landscape of northern Arizona by a millennium of patient sawing by the Colorado River. The great North

American abyss.

I stood on the edge of this crack in the earth and looked in awe into the distance, trying to see the North Rim but not able to distinguish one red cliff from another. Several tourists stood nearby, wearing gaudy Hawaiian-print shirts and lugging giant video cameras.

"Don't get too close, Ed," I heard someone say. Looking to my left I saw a woman who must have been Ed's wife, cautioning the man named Ed-who was getting close to the thousand-foot cliff that marked the beginning of canyon country-not to slide into the hole. Ed was one of the men in Hawaiian garb, his black socks springing forth from low-topped canvas sneakers and extending almost to his knees.

They come from all over to see this hole, navigating gargantuan land-yachts cross-country from Toledo or Raleigh or Des Moines. The where doesn't really matter; what matters is that they get here and park as close to the rim as possible, walking the few feet required for a good view and then leaving, guiding the land-yachts to other ports-Las Vegas, perhaps, or Hoover Dam for

another view. I stood there on the rim of the biggest hole in North America and hoped that I could somehow escape the stop-for-a-view crowds, and get to know the Grand Canyon on its own terms. I wanted to know what it would have been like to stumble upon this place three hundred years ago, how those first white men must have felt. To me the sight was stunning, more incredible than anything I had ever seen and I knew the canyon was here, had seen pictures and heard stories; those hardy men so long ago must have thought they were seeing Heaven, or maybe Hell.

The next morning I was standing in line at a ranger station at 7:00, hoping for one of the few backcountry permits given each day to people who show up without reservations. An extended stay was out of the question. but there was a possibility that I might get official permission to camp overnight somewhere in the canvon's depths. I had a route in mind—Grandview

dventures anyon Country: Part

BRENT ANDREWS - Features Editor



BRENT ANDREWS

A birdseye view of that great scar in northern Arizona that we all call the Grand Canyon. A home to lizards, ancient copper mines and pesky park rangers, it might also be the gateway to hell, or heaven.

Point on the South Rim to Horseshoe Mesa about half way to the Colorado River, a distance of about three miles, straight down-and I presented it to the rangers, hoping for the best. Five dollars and countless warnings to "carry plenty of water" later, my friend and I had our permit.

One

We spent a sleepless night in the Kaibab National Forest anticipating the hike, and shortly after dawn the next morning I had finished washing the dishes from our breakfast of Ramen Noodles and we were ready to set out. Our backpacks were packed with food for two days, some extra layers of clothing, rope

(just in case one of us fell off a cliff), clean underwear, tents, sleeping bags, camp pads (just in case we had to sleep on a rock), and enough water to kill a couple of thirsty horses. We had been told that a basic rule was that packers in canyon country pack one gallon of water per-person per-day, so **JANUARY 23, 1995**

we figured we were going to be doing a lot of drinking and we were cooking with water too, so we packed about three gallons each. With our packs buckled and everything adjusted properly, we set out from a parking lot at Grandview Point with lofty spirits and high hopes.

The hike into the canyon was all downhill—a blessing at first, but later, when switchbacks zig-zagged back and forth like some crazy maze, our packs beginning to feel like they weighed a hundred pounds each, not so much of a blessing. After about a mile we were both ready for a break. We stopped and opened our lunch, two cans of Beanie Weenies each and a couple of slices of Wonderbread, topped off with lots of water. Looking out into the canyon, I thought it was the best lunch I'd ever had. We ate and then rested

for a while, watching huge black ravens soar on the air currents moving like ocean waves across the canyon, lifting from a tree nearby all the way to the rim without moving their wings, effortlessly floating in space. We had stopped passing dayhikers farther up the trail, and we were at last alone in these incredible surroundings, able to stare in undisturbed reverence at the red-rock formations all around us. We were beginning to see wildlife, too: Long lizards skirted through the thick dust in front of us as we picked up and moved on, leaving strange patterns of tail-scratchings and footprints; here and there a rodent would scamper across the trail-mouse or prairie dog or unidentified brown thing-and snakes hid in the cool shade of rock ledges and

watched us pass. About halfway into the hike we passed an old copper mine in the side of a cliff, discarded rusty mining tools scattered around the entrance, relics from a forgotten day when gold miners packed mules and blazed trails into these wild, lonely canyons looking for paydirt. When they found no gold, only a much less profitable metal-copperthey packed up and moved on, leaving their burdensome tools to rest where the were. These tools were trash to those men, but to us and to countless other hikers on this trail they were relics of a much-glamorized past, a day when bison still roamed the prairies, before the land was criss-crossed with interstate

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Legends of the Fall provides love story, Brad Pitt

MELODY BOYD

Feature Writer

Passion and betrayal intertwine together to make Legends of the Fall a moving and powerful story.

Set in the distant mountains of Montana, this film focuses on the relationship between three brothers and their father, and how their loyalty to each other is threatened by the beautiful woman they all come to love.

The brothers differ in various ways. Samuel (Henry Thomas) is consumed with ideological values, and his decision to fight in the war leads him to tragedy.

Alfred (Aiden Quinn) becomes a businessman who eventually involves himself in the government.

Tristan (Brad Pitt) is the moving force among all the characters, and leads a different life. His ferocity with both love and rage drives him to act on impulse and his untamed spirit thirsts for aggression and freedom. In his wild escapades, it is said that he "often goes searching for his death."

When Susannah (Julia Ormond) enters their lives, conflict erupts due to her love for Tristan, which provokes jealousy and resentment from Alfred, who desires her for his own.
When their father (Anthony Hopkins) sides with Tristan, they are locked in a bitter struggle and family bonds are broken.

What makes Legends particularly symbolic is the use of Native American tradition. Tristan learns

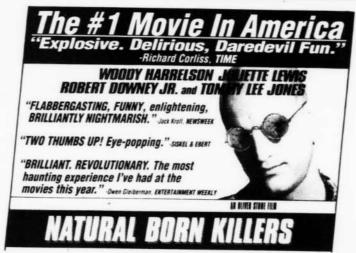
many things from One Stab, and Indian full of wisdom and legend. These influences make Tristan a spiritual character. He removes Samuel's heart after his death in a way of "releasing his spirit" while he brutally scalps the men who killed him. The anguish over his brother's death stirs Tristan's inner being, releasing a seemingly inextinguishable wrath. In his unpredictable nature, he gains love from everyone he encounters, but he also destroys them. As One Stab says," He was the rock they broke themselves against."

Brad Pitt delivers an outstanding performance in his role as Tristan. He is very close to his character, and as the viewer you feel the pain of the people that he affects, yet you admire his fury and passion. These two qualities are inseparable in Tristan, and are what makes him very much alive. Therefore, his "search for death" is an irony because it does not lead to death.

The film examines how ties are severed between this family and emphasizes life's unexpected occurrences. Unfortunately, not many things end the way you will wish them to, which makes this epic brooding and romantic.

Though heart wrenching events do take place in this saga, there are uplifting moments. Stunning visuals outline the majestic beauty of the mountains, depicting the fragility of life, yet love perseveres through these characters, making this story tearful but nevertheless triumphant.

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A 'grass roots' businessman

The wizard of Lytle Street looms above Enchanted Planet

ROBIN DIXON Managing Editor

A white cloud of smoke rises in the back, as a strange mixture of incense and cigarettes form an invisible hand of odor. It stretches the lungs for several seconds and forces deep inhalation.

Whether you like it or not. A speaker, halfway hidden in the corner, vibrates from the sound of electric guitars and drums, while three people in the rear stare hauntingly at a wooden staff. Beside the wall are a multicolored variety of incense sticks, ranging from red-pink "cherry," to pale-green "sex." A line of backpacks hang next to a table of ornaments and candles, with tags dangling from each one insuring that they are made from the plant cannabis sativa.

This, as the window

states, is Enchanted Planet.

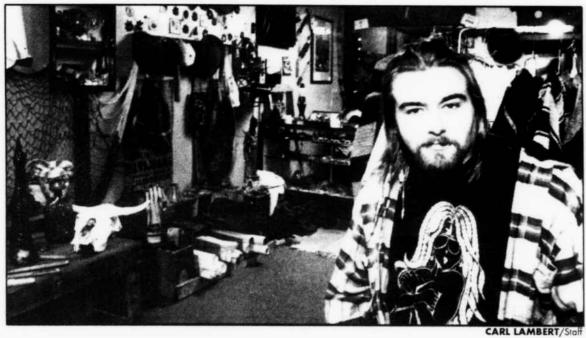
In the rear of the store, a man with stringy, brown hair drills tiny holes into the staff, while a woman sits and observes. After each twist he examines his work, blows gently and resumes. He turns slightly and nods as a customer walks through the door. Browsing through scented oils and Native-American jewelry, the customer makes his way towards the back and leafs through the latest issue of High Times. Looking up every so often, he curiously watches the man drilling on the staff. Placing the magazine back on the rack, he reaches for one of the brochures below. It's an editorial about the government's "so-called" war on drugs.

"This your first time in here?" he asks, while balancing the staff.

"Yeah."

"Well, feel free to look around," he says. "You know we're getting a voyager machine pretty soon."

The customer gives him an odd expression and slowly



Shaun Berbert, co-owner of Enchanted Planet, standing admist a world of alternative paraphernalia The Lytle Street-based store has been open for nearly six months.

makes his way around the store. Minutes later, he walks back to the owner and inquires about the voyager machine.

"Its one of those things you put on your head. It has digital lights and sound," he explains. "It's supposed to be very relaxing." In-between Digital Planet and The Frame & Doll Gallery on Lytle Street, Enchanted Planet is as laid back as the owners. For six months, the painted wizard over the store window has been looming above the traffic and business of Lytle.

"We were looking for a name that was different," says co-owner Shaun
Berbert. "Since most of the
stuff in here is different and
unusual, we needed a really
different name. So one night,
we just came up with it —
Enchanted Planet."

Looking at Berbert's long hair, beard stubble and grunge attire, it's hard to

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imagine that he was a marine five years ago. Yet something in his voice resonates, whenever he talks about Desert Storm.

"There was a lot of fear and a lot of death," he pauses for a moment. "Not so much on our side, but it was scary."

"I mean the first time you duck into a bunker from an incoming scud missile, its scary," Berbert says. "Its amazing how easy it is to the Rockefellers and Gettys came in," he says. "But the exhaust from hemp is carbon dioxide. Safe. It isn't dangerous, like the carbon monoxide exhaust from cars now."

Ships:

"We use nylon ropes on ships now and sometimes they snap backwards. They can really cause a lot of problems," he maintains. "When they used ropes made from hemp, they'd just snap."

"Eventually, I want Enchanted Planet to be a hippie version of Wal-Mart."

-Shawn Berbert co-owner

adapt into a war environment."

After his time in Desert Storm, Berbert returned to his home in Johnson City, where he worked at a development center for the disabled. He later moved to Murfreesboro and worked at the Stones River Center. Soon afterwards he met Jason Burks, his partner in Enchanted Planet.

"Neither one of us liked our jobs," he reveals. "We went to the Pink Floyd concert and went down to Mexico right after. We tayed for awhile and bought hings for the store."

During the six months Enchanted Planet has been pen, Berbert admits that inyone is likely to walk hrough his doors. But the veirdest customer he has lad so far, he says, is imself.

"Most of our customers re college students though," ie adds quickly. "But we do ret people who come from symrna and McMinnville.

"Right now, we're just rying to expand and grow. Eventually, I want Enchanted Planet to be a lippie version of Wal-Mart," le says. "Because you know hat you can find anything in Wal-Mart. Well, we have hings you can't find at Val-Mart."

Even with the dozens of nagazines, books and rochures inside Enchanted lanet, none of them can tell ou more about hemp than berbert. Not only about the lant but its history, no natter what it pertains to ven cars.

"Henry Ford's first car an on hemp seed oil. It was eing used all the time, until George Washington:

"I like Washington. He grew a lot of hemp," Berbert says. "At that point and time, they [founding fathers] grew acres of hemp. If you owned a plantation, you were required to grow hemp."

Legalization of marijuana:

"I have to say that I'm for it. Right now, we have people with cancer and glaucoma and its been proven that it [marijuana] can help people with glaucoma," he insists. "Hemp is seen as EVIL by the propaganda going around. It's not a drug, it's a God-given plant for us to use like any other."

Pausing to catch his breath, he says that he could go on forever about the subject. The Indian music pumping from the corner speaker brings him back on the subject of Enchanted Planet.

"Most of the things in here are made locally," Berbert says. "There's a girl who was raised on a reservation that makes Native-American craft and another woman makes candles for us."

The Indian music dies down as Berbert mentions the voyager machine. Wal-Mart doesn't have one of them.

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The customer walks to the side and examines a fluorescent, velvet poster. Two more people walk in and consciously try not to stare at Berbert, as he finishes with the staff. The brass bell over the doorway jingles into oblivion, as the customer leaves.



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CANYON

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highways and quick marts, when the land was wild like the men who lived on it. Near the mine we were brought roughly into the present by a sign that said, in so many words, that anybody caught pilfering this historic garbage would be strung up by his toes. We didn't want any of the stuff anyway. We were bone tired, stretched to the limit, tired of walking downhill on legs that felt a lot like Jello. All we wanted was a glimpse of Horseshoe Mesa, and a place to lie

A couple of hours and several cigarette breaks later we were there, and searching the deserted mesa for a nice place to set up our tents where rocks wouldn't hound us all night. While we were searching we noticed two tiny dots a thousand yards or so down the trail, dots that got bigger as they approached and eventually became two ruddy, rough looking rangers. We made our way down the trail to where they were and exchanged niceties.

"You boys got a permit for overnight camping?" One of them asked. He was looking at me like I was a terrible nuisance, a mosquito with three stingers instead of one.

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We showed our permit, and answered their question as to whether we had any water by taking out our containers.

"We have about three gallons each,"" I told them. "We wanted to be sure we would have enough."

Both of the men seemed impressed with this bit of news—at least they weren't going to have to treat these greenhorns for dehydration—but one of them was eyeing my pack suspiciously.

"What's the rope for?" He asked. I had about thirty feet of rope strapped onto my pack. I was proud that I had thought of bringing the rope in case of emergency, and his suspicion was starting to piss me off. I was doing the best I could do—how could he expect me to know exactly what I'd need and what I wouldn't need on my first trip into the canyon. We had been traveling first-class so far.

"Just in case of an emergency," I explained. "We might need it if one of us slips and falls off a cliff."

"Well leave the rope at home next time," the ranger said, "and bring more water. If I were you I'd hike out of here right now, with us. It's going to rain cats and dogs tonight."

I didn't care if it was going to rain circus clowns and Texas cattle, I wasn't going to pack out of here for 24 hours. That's how much time my permit gave me, and that's how much time I was going to spent in the canyon. I decided then that if the rangers tried to force me to leave, I would do my best to kill them both. I had official permission to be here, after all.

The suspicious one might have seen something in my eyes then, or maybe he was just tired and ready to get back to Flagstaff and drink some beer. For whatever reason, the two left us alone and went on their way. We watched them go, then set up camp and smoked for a while.

"He said it was going to rain," my friend said. He was having a hard time setting up his tent, so I gave him a hand

"Well, if it rains we'll get wet," I said, looking around at all of the thick, light dirt everywhere. This wouldn't be a comfortable place to be if it rained-we'd probably be up to our knees in mud-soup in thirty minutes-but nothing, nothing was going to make me leave. I didn't know if I'd ever get back here in this lifetime, but I wasn't going to take any chances. As far as I was concerned, this was going to be my last chance to camp in the Grand Canyon.

"I don't particularly want

to get wet," my friend said. "I think I'm going to hike out tonight."

I couldn't believe what I was hearing. The hike into the canyon was grueling enough, but hiking out in the same day? Insane. Besides, it was almost dark. I said as much.

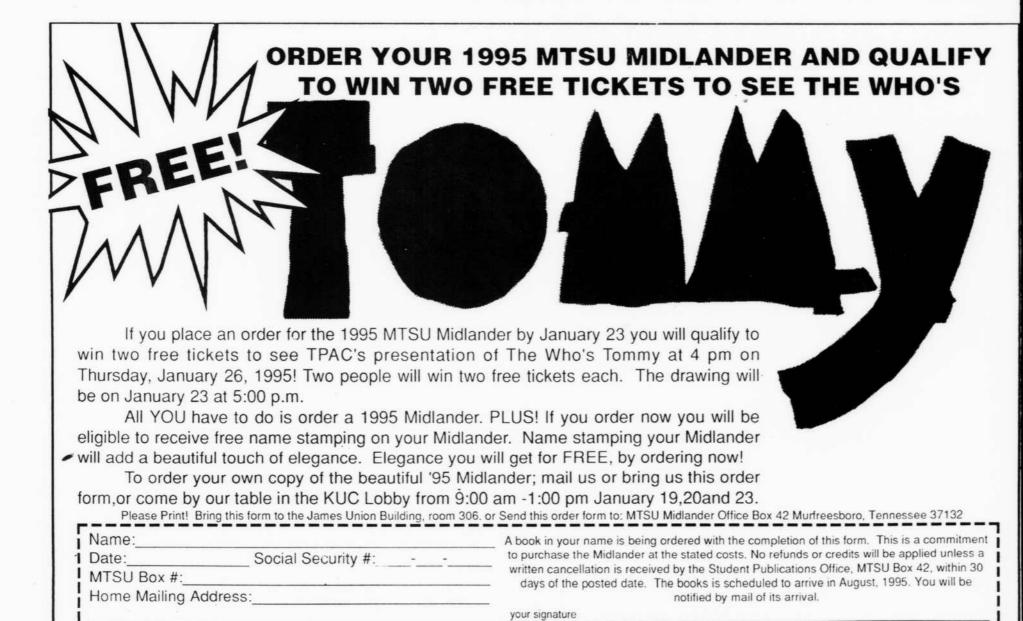
"I don't care," my friend insisted, "I'm getting out of here, even if I have to go by myself. I don't want to get rained on."

I didn't argue. I merely watched as he got smaller and smaller, moving up the trail, then disappeared somewhere around the old mine. I was alone on the mesa, might as well have been the only person on the planet, and I made myself as comfortable as possible and waited for the inevitable rain. When time came for me to go to sleep I curled up in my sleeping-bag inside my small tent for a while, sweltering. I didn't want to get rained on while I was sleeping, but I couldn't stand the heat any longer. I pulled my sleeping bag and camp pad out into the dust, and lay there looking up at the sky. The wind had picked up some since that afternoon, and the sounds it made as it flowed around the canyon reminded me of waves crashing on an ocean shore-loud, crashing against the rock walls and

then silent for a moment, gaining momentum for another assault. I stared into the sky and watched huge, puffy clouds drift by overhead, thunderheads gathering, ominously waiting to drop their load of water all over this dusty, desert setting. I pulled the hood of my sleeping bag close around my head and closed my eyes wondering where Ed was sleeping tonight, if he was as perfectly happy as I was.

The sun woke me up hot and sweaty but dry; the expected rain had never come. I signaled with my middle finger to the smart ass rangers, wherever they were, and looked around me as the light changed the views around me from moment to moment. Dawn in the canyon was as different from sunset as the night had been from the day, and I was surrounded by incredible beauty on every side. In a place like that, alone at dawn, you know there has to be a God. You're more capable then of accepting things more powerful than yourself.

I packed up and began the long, painful walk to the rim, passing the old mine and giving it one last look before I said good-bye forever. I would probably never be back to Horseshoe Mesa, but the memories would last forever.



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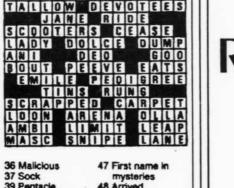
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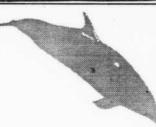
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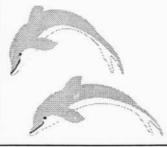
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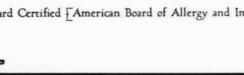
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Lady Raiders 'Pop' into first

MTSU takes share of OVC lead from Lady Colonels

ROB NUNLEY Staff Writer

It may have been bitterly cold outside last Saturday night, but inside Murphy . Center the Lady Raiders were red hot as they handily defeated the first-place Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky, 91-61.

With the win, the Lady Raiders improved to 10-5 overall, and their OVC record went to 5-1, tying them for first place in the OVC with the previously unbeaten Lady Colonels and the Lady Tigers of Tennessee State.

last week's disappointing loss to TSU, Middle Tennessee was definitely looking to get back on the right track against The trademark EKU. offense, centered as always around precision 3-point shooting, would prove to be a key to victory as would rebounding, since the Raiders are undefeated this year in games in which they have out rebounded their opponents.

The Lady Colonels came into Monte Hale Arena with a 5-0 conference record. including an overtime win against TSU last week. With an aggressive defense that so far this season had compiled 174 steals, an offense ranked among the nation's best in 3point field goal percentage, and led by guard Kim Mays, the fourth highest scorer in the nation, the Lady Colonels looked unstoppable.

But stop them is just exactly what the Lady Raiders did.

Middle jumped on top early in the game, thanks mainly to 3-pointers from Jessica Beaty and Sherry Tucker, and never looked back. Mays carried most of the offensive load for EKU. scoring nine of her team's first 11 points.

The Lady Raiders tightened up their defense midway through the first half, which allowing them to go on an 11-0 run to build on a lead which grew as high as 22. Defensive traps began to pay off for the Colonels late in the first, as they closed the gap slightly. But the Lady Raiders went into the locker room at the break ahead 40-

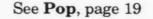
"We're really fortunate," coach Bivens commented. "We got off to a good start, shot the ball well early, and did a pretty good job overall."

The Lady Raider game plan seemed to be working smoothly in the first half. They out rebounded the Lady Colonels 23-15, and connected on six of ten 3pointers while shooting 48 percent from the floor. Jessica Beaty's 11 points, including two 3-pointers, led the Raiders at the half, as did her eight rebounds.

The second half saw more of the same as MTSU continued to dominate. Junior guard Trella Thomas came out of the locker room on fire, gathering eight points in the first five minutes of the half, including a breakaway lay-up after a steal in the EKU backcourt.

The Lady Colonels never threatened to close the lead, and MTSU kept going on all cylinders until freshman forward Alice Jackson buried a 3-pointer at the buzzer, sending fans and teammates into a frenzy and putting the final exclamation point on the victory.

Four Lady Raiders scored in double figures for the game. Trella Thomas's 12 second-half points gave her a





BLAIR MITCHELL/Staff

Tucker helps to shoot down EKU

Sherry Tucker goes up for two of her 18 points as the Lady Raiders blow out the Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky.

Middle munches on EKU's Colonels

Blue Raiders send Eastern to 13th consecutive loss at Murphy

DREW BUTLER

Assistant Sports Editor

Despite MTSU's impressive run at TSU Wednesday night, coupled with Eastern Kentucky's 12-game losing streak, the Blue Raiders had its share of problems putting away the hapless Colonels Saturday night in Murphy Center.

MTSU (8-6, 3-3 OVC) dominated early, but the Colonels (2-14, 0-6 OVC) came back in the final minutes, only to fall four points

"It's amazing that you can't get your kids to understand that the game is always in jeopardy," said head coach David Farrar. "They got back in it because of some silly play on our part, some fouling and not being very alert at the end.

"I'm baffled at our lack of enthusiasm and our lack of depth having an effect on the game. I think those are the two biggest concerns that I have right now."

After a quick Colonel basket to open the game, MTSU took the lead with a 12-2 run and the Blue Raiders never trailed again.

The first half saw MTSU lead by as much as 11 and head in to halftime with an eight point lead (36-28).

Velvious Goodloe led the first half Blue Raider offense by scoring 13 of his 16 total

"They were a little more assertive and made pretty good opportunities of what was presented to them," said Farrar. "Velvious carried us, I don't think there's any question."

MTSU, as a team, shot 57 percent (13-23) from the field and 57 percent from behind the 3-point line in the first half.

"We didn't play as well as we'd like, but it was important for us to win this game," said Tim Gaither, who was held scoreless in the first half.

Defensively, the Blue Raiders shut down the Colonels by allowing only 37 percent field goal shooting (10-27) and 13 percent (1-8) from the 3-point line.

MTSU hoped to lengthen their lead in the second half, but the Colonels refused to submit without a fight.

The Colonels went on a 10-4 run following Paul Washington's two free throws with 3:13 left in the game.

Clinging to a 68-65 lead, Marcus LoVett

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BLAIR MITCHELL/Staff

Man in the Middle

MTSU center David Washington goes up for the score in the Raiders win over OVC rival Eastern Kentucky.

SPORTS

Beaty battles back to boost MTSU

JOE MYERS

Special to Sidelines

Jessica Beaty began to fulfill her dream of playing college basketball when she signed with Middle Tennessee.

Having starred for Cumberland County High School, she entered MTSU with high hopes for her freshman year.

Those hopes were dashed, however when just before the 1993-94 season began, she injured her knee and had to have it "scoped."

"It was frustrating. I went through all the stuff before the games, then it happened. I was really disappointed," said Beaty.

Coach Lewis Bivens was disappointed as well.

"I thought she would compete for a position, but the knee problems changed my expectations," he said.

Beaty missed the first six games of the year, and when she returned, she wasn't the same player who had scored the most points in Cumberland County High School history.

She averaged 5.7 points per game and only shot 30 percent from the floor in 16 games after she returned. She was then shut down for the year after her knee would not respond to treatment and had to undergo surgery again.

Although she only played in 16 games, Beaty had made enough impact to be named to the 1993-94 All-OVC Freshman team.

"I wanted to play and I couldn't play up to my potential -- it was frustrating. Every time I'd get going, it would swell and I didn't want to sit out. But I knew if I did, it would get better," said Beaty.

Bivens knew how much Jessica wanted to play at the end of last year.

"She has an unbelievable amount of heart and loves to play. She goes full throttle every minute," he said.

Her rehabilitation for the injury wasn't the normal type, either.

"All I could do was rest for three months. If I lifted [weights] or ran, it would swell," Beaty said.

After the loss of seven letterwinners, Beaty felt she would need to step up her game this season.

"I felt I needed to prove myself. I knew everybody would be focusing on Sherry [Tucker], and somebody would have to step up," said Beaty.

She has definitely done that. She is averaging 13.9 points per game, along with 6.8 rebounds.

Although she has played only 31 games in her career, she ranks in the MTSU top ten all-time 3-point baskets made and attempted.

She is coming off a 18 point, 14 rebound performance Saturday against Eastern Kentucky and was named OVC Player of the Week earlier this season.

So, after all her success this year, does Beaty think about reinjuring her knee?

"It still swells, but it feels fine. I don't think about it anymore. I thought about it last year when I was playing."

Bivens was uncertain at the beginning of the year, but now he no longer doubts.

"I didn't know how it was going to be. We've been very fortunate. I'm not at all surprised. She's done what I thought she was capable of," said Bivens.

"She gives a complete effort, and when you've got a 4 (power forward) who can shoot, you're in good shape."

This week's game against Tennessee Tech has special meaning for Beaty. It means



File Photo

Jessica Beaty

playing against her friend Leslie Van Winkle.

Beaty has some special feelings about the game and Van Winkle.

"It's a game I look forward to," said Beaty. "It's sort of weird playing against a girl that I've played with since ninth grade, and AAU every summer. I want her to do good, but I want to win." Jessica Beaty has overcome two knee surgeries to become one of the top players on the MTSU Lady Raider basketball team and in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"I think that I've come all the way back from the injury to the level that I was when I came to MTSU," said Beaty.

COLLAGE Submission Guidelines

The staff of *Collage* would like to invite all artists and writers to submit any poems, short plays, sculptures, etchings, short stories, penand inks, or photography (color or black and white) for consideration in the 1995 Spring issue. Below are the guidelines for submission. Please read these carefully. Each potential contributor is limited to three (3) submissions per catagory.

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SPORTS

Florence and Riley shine in track meet

DREW BUTLER

Assistant Sports Editor

Junior Mia Florence and freshman Torrence Riley were among the stars for MTSU at a track meet in Kentucky on Saturday.

Florence and Riley were the only Blue Raiders to win their events at the Kentucky Invitational at the University of Kentucky.

On the women's team, Florence placed first in the triple jump. She also placed fifth in the long jump and

third in the high jump.

Freshman Nekeya Ralls placed third in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump.

In the 400 meters, Nadia Graham placed third and

Melanie Hall finished fourth. Rhonda Hall placed fifth

on the men's team, Riley placed first in the triple jump and finished fifth in the high

Senior Micah Otis placed second in in the long jump and third in the 200 meters.

LaSheal Johnson placed third in the shot put.

MTSU competed against teams from the University of Tennessee, East Tennessee State, Ball State, Eastern Kentucky and University of Kentucky.

The Blue Raiders will host a meet on Saturday at Murphy Center. Teams will include Auburn, Western Kentucky, UT-Chattanooga and Samford.■

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BLAIR MITCHELL/Staf

Forward Velvious Goodloe shoots over two Eastern Kentucky defenders. He scored 16 points for the Raiders, 13 in the first half.



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total of 19 to lead the team. Jessica Beaty and Sherry Tucker each posted 18 points and gathered 14 and 11 rebounds, respectively. Junior guard Heather Prater contributed 17, including five of six from behind the 3-point line. Prater also led the squad in assists with seven. As a team, the Raiders shot 50 percent from the field, and an incredible 57 percent from 3-point range.

"It's just one of those nights where we shot well and they didn't," Bivens said. 'We had some kids shoot well and we had some kids do a pretty good job on the defensive backboards that I was really pleased with."

For the visitors, Kim Mays led all scorers with 27 points. While as a team EKU shot 38 percent, they only connected on one 3pointer out of 13 attempts

"That was a good feeling for us," he said. "It was just a good win for us all the way around."

The Lady Raiders will attempt to stay atop the OVC as they host Morehead State tonight at 5:30.■

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missed both of his free throws with 24 seconds left. MTSU Center David Washington grabbed the rebound off the second miss and scored on the tip-in to put the Blue Raiders up 70-

EKU's Marty Thomas responded with a 3-pointer at the 15 second mark. Tim Gaither's free throws put the Blue Raiders up 72-68 to clinch the game.

"I don't know how you get kids to understand that every team you play is going to have a plan and every team that you can play can beat you," said Farrar. "On

the other hand, there isn't a team on our schedule that we can't beat."

David Washington led MTSU by scoring a gamehigh 17 points with eight rebounds. Gaither finished the game with 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists, while Paul Washington came off the bench to score 11 points and grab six rebounds.

MTSU will play Morehead State tonight at Murphy Center. Tip-off is at

"They're (Morehead) solidly entrenched as the third best team right now," said Farrar. "It will take a very special effort to beat that team."

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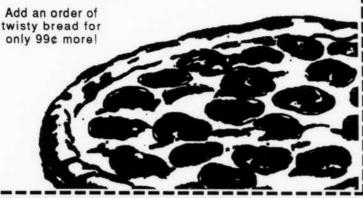
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It's about time

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) last week approved the full \$25.7 million in funding requested for construction of a new library at MTSU.

The new library will replace the antiquated Todd Library on campus.

It's about time.

Todd Library was built to handle a student population of approximately 12,000. The official student population for Fall 1994 was 17,120. The services the library currently offers are insufficient because of a lack of space and funding.

The new funding will solve that problem.

The only problem with this project is that it should have been approved five years ago. It will be the 1997-98 school year before the project is completed, meaning the current freshman class will be the first class able to use the facility. That is a shame for students who feel they must now travel to Vanderbilt to find a library with sufficient content.

At least MTSU students in the future will have a superior facility in which to do research.

Now that this has been approved by THEC, Gov. Sundquist must approve it for the state budget.

Governor, consider this a strong endorsement from *Sidelines* for approval. MTSU students deserve a first-class library. Only you can make that possible.

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America getting back to those old-fashioned homestyle values



Dave Barry Big changes are occurring in Washington, D.C. (motto: "Don't Laugh: You're Paying For It"). The Democrats, who had been in charge of

Congress for thousands of years, have been thrown out into the street; you see hordes of them wandering aimlessly through traffic, freezing, holding crudely lettered signs that say, "WILL INVENT HUGE W A S T E F U L G O V E R N M E N T PROGRAMS FOR FOOD."

Congress is now in the hands of a genetically altered new breed of Republicans led by Newt Gingrich, a man who is motivated by a passionate commitment to political and cultural beliefs that were forged in the crucible of his youth-when America was strong, and people had real values, and the streets were safe, and at school the other kids dunked Newt headfirst into the boys'room commode because he was a dweeby little ball of pudge named "Newt."

Yes, Newt is an angry man, and he is above all angry at the federal government; he hates it, hates it, hates it, hates it. The only thing that keeps him from eliminating the federal government altogether is that then he would have nowhere to work.

Nevertheless he and the other new-breed Republicans

are determined to "downsize" the government in every single area except of course those areas that are located in their personal districts. At the same time, they want to "upsize" spending on national defense, so that Americans will never again have to fear that some foreign bully such as Saddam Hussein will be able to dunk the head of this proud nation in the boys'-room commode of international humiliation.

The Republicans also want to pass a middle-class tax cut, and so do the estimated eight Democrats who were able to retain their congressional seats during the recent elections by hiding in their basements. Even Bill Clinton, who as of this writing is still, technically, the president, has decided that he is once again in favor of a middle-class tax cut. You may recall that he had planned to propose a tax cut right after he got elected, but once he took office he became with preoccupied awesome responsibility of having to completely change his mind every 45 minutes.

But the point is that all parties in Washington now agree that the middle class should get a tax cut, which means there will not be one any time soon. Instead there will be a lengthy and loud debate over who will get CREDIT for a tax cut; ultimately the amount of money spent on press releases alone will be far greater than whatever pathetic amount winds up in the hands of the actual middle class.

Speaking of action, we can also expect the new Congress

to do something about bringing back the kind of decent, old-fashioned values that we used to have in America years ago, when there was no crime, and a new car cost 50 cents, and you weren't constantly being hassled by total strangers trying to get you to change your long-distance telephone company, and nobody had ever heard of "cellulite," and if you asked for water in a restaurant they didn't ask you what KIND of water and then charge you good money for it even though it probably came out of some French person's garden hose, plus if you ordered a hamburger they gave you an actual BOTTLE of ketchup instead of those hideous little packets that you have to open with your teeth and that never squirt in the right direction.

Yes, America was a better place then, and as a nation, we need to spend more time talking about the spiritual values of yore, because "yore' is a fun word to say. Try it: yore yore yore yore. But words alone are not enough. We also need to take action, especially in our schools, where the time has come-no matter WHAT the so-called Supreme Court says-to bring back an activity that has been missing from our public-education system for far too long; an activity that was a regularly scheduled part of the school day when Newt and I were boys; an activity that has been eliminated with disastrous consequences to the moral fiber of our youth. I am

OPINIONS

I'm young, wild and sleepy

school daze



Warren

Every week Sidelines gets two packets from Tribune Media Services, a syndication company, called College Press Service (CPS). This is where we get the

crossword Wakeland puzzle and editorial

cartoons we run in each issue.

We like to run something from these packets with each issue because we think you ought to see a little something about what goes on at other universities.

The most recent one came in last Tuesday, and in it was the article that ran in Thursday's issue about sleep deprivation.

I gotta take a shot at this. "Most research experts agree that young adults need an average of seven to nine hours of sleep a night," according to the article.

Are these people serious? If this is the case, then why are young adults encouraged to go to college? We're going to kill ourselves. I don't know a single student that gets that kind of luxurious shuteye. I'm lucky if I get that

Sometimes,

turn

people

they cannot.

"Somebody

must have

kind of sleep in a week, much

less a night.

The only thing college students get seven to nine hours a night of is drinking.

"Research shows that college students chronically sleep-deprived."

It must have taken a Rhodes Scholar to figure this one out. The whole meaning of college (for the studious ones) is two-fold: get as high a GPA as you can and worry about sleep after you graduate.

This guy from the University of Washington, Bryan Marenstein, says he usually gets to bed between 3 and 4 a.m. and averages six or less hours of sleep per night. I guess living among all those trees makes you want to go hiking and have sex in the woods all morning instead of going to school.

What does the story say we should do to help?

·Go to bed and rise at about the same times every day. Establishing a schedule helps regulate your body's inner clock.

I go to bed about 1 a.m. and get up at 6 a.m. every morning, even Sunday. Seven hours ain't gonna happen until July. Nine will happen when I retire.

• Wear loose-fitting nightclothes. The more comfortable you are, the better you will sleep.

When

"nightclothes," I can't go to sleep. Of course to me, clothes just mean I have to spend money I don't have.

 Avoid alcoholic drinks including beer and winebefore bedtime. When alcohol wears off during the night you might wake up.

What if you drink enough so you know you won't wake up? How do they think I get to sleep at night? By just laying there and waiting?

 Avoid using your bedroom for working or watching television. Learn to associate that room with sleep.

I guess all you folks who live in the dorms are SOL. My lavish in-town cubbyhole has three rooms—a kitchen, a bedroom and a living room. My desk is in the bedroom, and when I use my desk I can associate that room with sleep.

all · Avoid caffeinecontaining beverages after lunch, including tea.

I have to buy the tea with the super doses of caffeine just to stay awake before noon-I'm supposed to quit drinking this stuff after lunch? Yeah, that's gonna

The bottom line is this: college students can't average seven to nine hours of sleep a night. They're too busy drinking-uh, I mean, studying-for that fine future that lies ahead of them.

Letters to the Editor

Print majors on diplomas

This concerns some of the unsuspecting student population of MTSU like ourselves. Do you think that a university of such growing proportion in student body that can afford a new athletic center and recently-acquired shuttle service could at least afford to print exactly what your major is on your diploma instead of the general titles of bachelor of science or bachelor of arts?

After all, is this just a two-year technical college or in fact a major

Peran C. York Anthony B. Walker

Bookstore too expensive

To The Editor:

First of all I must say that I've never written a letter to Sidelines before, but I felt compelled to do it now. I must express my concern for an issue that affects everyone on campus—the cost of textbooks.

A few days ago I paid more than \$110 for three books, and only one of them was new. Needless to say, I was disgusted. I talked to some of my fellow students and heard horror stories of people having to pay \$400 and more a semester for books. This is an outrage to say the least!

I wondered if there was any popular support for bookstore price reform, so I made some phone calls to test the waters. Fortunately, I found that SGA President Drew Bergman was already fighting for the

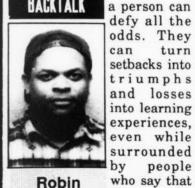
Indeed, there is a small percentage of people-students, faculty and administrators-who are willing to at least endorse their support on any efforts for reform that may be started. But we need more than a small percentage; we need everyone to speak up as loudly as possible.

If you are a concerned student, do something about it. Write a letter to the editor and administrators. Support any student movement that develops. Read Sidelines to stay informed on the situation. If you have any ideas at all concerning this or would like to collaborate in our efforts please feel free to contact Mr. Bergman or myself.

> Andy Leffler 137 Twin Oaks Dr. Nashville

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What about Affirmative Action



Robin Dixon

have succeeded.

those people.

almighty.

given him some money," the

whispers go, or "She ain't that smart." And this person

must endure all the

whispers, innuendoes and

jealousies - even after they

Here is the story of one of

Richard was born in the

years following World War II.

His parents, who already had

seven other children, did

every type of odd job

imaginable just to put food

on the table. When there

weren't any jobs to be found,

they suffered. The only thing

that kept them together was

an unshakable faith in the

years old, there was a winter

storm in his town that broke

all the record books. His

parents told him and his

siblings to stay in the house

When Richard was five

in order to keep warm. Richard and John, his older brother, woke up earlier than everyone else the next day and decided that they were going to make a snowman. Since they only had one winter coat between the two of them, John gave it to his brother and said he would do without.

John died of pneumonia a week later.

During Richard's senior year in high school, a man in a business suit came to one of his classes and said that his school was being closed down. In the weeks that followed, Richard (along with his 200 classmates) moved to the school across town. The principal at his old school became the janitor at the new one and his friends were broken up and separated. His classes mainly consisted of working with metals and wood, because his advisors said that he couldn't be a business man, a doctor, a lawyer...etc.

He volunteered for the army during the middle of the Vietnam War, because he knew it would be his only chance to see the world.

In the years that followed. he married, had children and wandered from one job to the next - like his father before him. Then, one day, Richard took a long look at himself and discovered that his life

was a parallel to his father.

He and his wife then put themselves through college while raising their children. They washed dishes, mopped floors and cooked for their

By the time Richard was 26, he had a bachelor's degree and a ticket out of

Life after college didn't turn out to be different at first. Even with his degree, Richard started at the entry level and worked side-by-side with high school dropouts.

It was the best job he could find.

By the mid-80s he had earned enough money to put his first born child through college. He and his family moved from a one-bedroom house to a three-bedroom and finally to a six-bedroom house. By the time his first born child graduated from college, Richard was a vice president.

Last week, a reporter came to Richard's office to do a story on successful businessmen in the area. After the first few, awkward questions the two settled back and talked for over an hour. At the end of the interview, the reporter remembered his final question.

"Oh yeah, how did Affirmative Action help your career?"

BARRY

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referring, as you have no doubt deduced, to the wearing of athletic supporters.

I have here an article from (really) the Cox News Service, written by Kevin Amorim and sent in by alert reader Tom Wassenich; this article states that supporterwearing has declined sharply among the young men of today. I was alarmed to read this. When I was a youth, we HAD to wear athletic supporters in gym class, and although they uncomfortable, we were ultimately glad they were mandatory, because every now and then you could

sneak up on a victim, grab hold of his elastic strap, pull it back about 700 feet, then let go, and henceforth the victim would be singing in a whole different section of the Glee Club, if you catch my

I say that it's about time we returned to those days of yore yore yore yore. I say that if mandatory athletic supporters were good enough for great Americans such as Newt and myself and the late Abraham Lincoln, then they are good enough for the young people of today, and I hope that you will join me in loudly voicing this opinion to whoever will listen. And speaking of voices, I cannot help but notice that Newt's is fairly high-pitched. ■

Thought For The Day

"Freedom comes at a hell of a price. It is not guaranteed. It is fragile. It must be constantly championed and defended."

> -Allen H. Neuharth Chairman The Freedom Forum (1994)

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Beatles, Cobain sell at N.Y. rock auction

1954 rare Elvis recording a dud

NEW YORK (AP) — Only rock 'n' roll? Not at these prices.

A collection of six rare Beatles albums sold for \$32,000 and a guitar stained with the blood of the late Kurt Cobain brought \$15,000 Saturday at an auction of rock 'n' roll memorabilia.

But one of the biggest items — a 1954 Elvis Presley recording of "I'll Never Stand in Your Way" — failed to sell in day three of the four-day "40 Years of Rock & Roll" auction.

The acetate recording, done at the Memphis Recording Service for \$4, failed to reach the reserve price of \$100,000, said Arlan Ettinger, president of Guernsey's auction house. It was expected to bring up to \$200,000.

Acetates discs were used to transfer music from an electronic signal to pressed vinyl.

Presley's 10th grade Humes High School yearbook was sold, however, for \$5,000. The book includes photos of Elvis as a junior varsity basketball player.

Another item that didn't leave the auction block was the first Fender electric guitar, a prototype built in 1948 by Leo Fender and George Fullerton. It would have fetched a world-record prize for a guitar sold at auction, but the high bid of \$425,000 fell short of the \$475,000 minimum, Ettinger said.

The catalog describes it as "arguably the most historically significant guitar in the world" because it paved the way for today's mass-produced, solid-body electrics.

Cobain had smashed his Stratocaster electric guitar at a 1993 Nirvana concert in Jacksonville, Fla. The instrument, which bears the late singer's blood on a white pickguard, had been given to a fan who was pulled onstage. The guitar was later signed by all three band members.

Cobain committed suicide last year.

About 5,000 items were put on the block at the event, billed as the biggest rock 'n' roll auction ever. ■

Victim of stabbing will wed attacker

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)

— A woman plans to marry
the man accused of
repeatedly stabbing her and
breaking her arms with a
hammer in an attempted
murder.

Crystal Nicole Hutchins, 20, and Brandon Hampson, 23, the son of a sheriff's deputy, applied for a marriage certificate this month. Hampson is charged with attempted second-degree murder in the assault.

Hutchins was repeatedly stabbed with a screwdriver

Oct. 19 in the home the two shared. Her hands and arms were broken with a hammer.

"He tried to stab my heart, but I moved and he got higher up," she told authorities at the time. "I pretended to be dead. I held my breath. He kicked me to see if I would move, but I didn't."

She also told police that Hampson kept saying "die" during the attack. Hutchins said she believed Hampson attacked her because she did not want to live with him any more.

Hampson, who pleaded innocent, is being held in jail.

His father, Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy William Hampson, said both families support the wedding.

"We're all in this as a family," he said Friday.

It was unclear whether Hutchins would testify against her fiance, but prosecutors said the marriage would not affect their case. The wedding date was not immediately known. ■

Life in prison for one piece of pizza

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — A man convicted of stealing a slice of pizza from a group of children faces 25 years to life in prison under the state's "three strikes" law.

Jerry Williams, 27, was convicted Friday of felony petty theft; jurors deadlocked on two robbery counts.

He testified that he took the pepperoni pizza last July after a companion asked the children for it and some of them nodded their heads "yes."

He said he thanked the youngsters. Williams has four previous convictions for various crimes, including two for robbery and attempted robbery, that make him eligible for the 25-year-to-life sentence contained in the "three strikes" law that took effect last year. Sentencing is scheduled for Feb. 22.

"It's a perfect example of why 'three strikes' is wrong," said Ramona Ripston, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

But prosecutor Bill Gravlin said the size of the theft isn't the issue.

"He's a habitual criminal. He's a dangerous man," he said. ■

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