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## University buying up surrounding property

### Two churches sought in acquisition

R. Colin Fly  
News Editor

MTSU is negotiating with three organizations – two of which are churches – to purchase property bordering the university in an effort to expand in accordance with the campus's master plan.

The master plan map, drafted by Campus Planning, is a project to show the future of the buildings and property lines of the university.

The campus plans to buy all of the land from the corner of

Tennessee Boulevard and Greenland Drive to Bell Street as well as all of the land between Tennessee Boulevard and East Street.

On the southern end of the campus, the university plans to extend the campus from Tennessee Boulevard to Rutherford Boulevard along both sides of East Main Street.

Acquisition of different properties is quite simple, Mike Gower, associate vice president in the business office, explained.

"Owners approach us and want to know what the proce-

dures are [to sell land to the university]," Gower said. "If they want to sell to us, and they make that clear to us, then we will go to the building commission and seek approval, just like we're doing for St. Mark's Church. We have to get permission of the state to purchase the property first."

St. Mark's United Methodist Church is located at 1403 E. Main St. Officials from both St. Mark's and the university have confirmed that there is a verbal understanding – pending approval from the state – that the university will purchase the two-acre plot of land.

"I think it is in the universi-

ty's master plan to acquire the church, and that suits us just fine," Rev. David Huffman of St. Mark's said.

St. Mark's approached the university about selling the property in late summer or early fall of last year, Gower said. Gower expects that the building commission will decide by the end of July whether to approve the sale.

St. Mark's has been on the current property since 1948. Their new building, tentatively set to be finished in the fall of 2001, will be located at N. Rutherford Boulevard and Old Lascassas Road.

Belle Aire Baptist Church is

currently in a different stage of negotiation than St. Mark's. The university already has approval from the state building commission to purchase the land located at 820 Fairview St.

"We have approval to purchase Belle Aire Baptist and we are in the process of going through procedures that will close out the purchase," Gower said. "That will take place sometime in mid or late July."

The money to purchase property comes from a university reserve fund. Gower explained that the majority of funds come from these reserves, but occa-

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## Two students charged with arson near Beasley Hall

Angela White  
Editor in chief

Two students have been arrested and charged with arson for a trash receptacle fire that occurred April 26.

Andrew Sullivan of 1763 Stillwater Circle, Brentwood, 19, was arrested May 10 by Public Safety and then transferred to Rutherford County Adult Retention Center, according to an MTSU police report.

Bond was set for \$10,000, and Sullivan is currently out of jail.

On May 24, Public Safety also arrested Scottie Acuff of 853 Valleyview Drive, Sparta, 23, for the same crime.

According to Larry Nixon, an MTSU public safety officer, Acuff had outstanding warrants at the time of the arrest, including vandalism and arson.

Acuff's bond was set at \$12,000, and he made bond as well.

The trial date for both Sullivan and Acuff is June 29 at the Rutherford County General Sessions Court.

According to a police incident report, Officer Nixon was dispatched to the fire, located in a trash receptacle between Beasley Hall and the Wiser-Patten Science Building around 1:15 a.m. April 26.

The dumpster was in full blaze when Nixon arrived.

He pushed a university truck away from the fire into a lot behind the science building. The Murfreesboro Fire Department arrived on the scene and put the fire out.

A witness claimed to have seen a white male with blond hair wearing kaki shorts and a white T-shirt at the scene when the fire started.

The police also questioned Sullivan at the scene. Both Sullivan and Acuff were residents of Beasley Hall at the time.

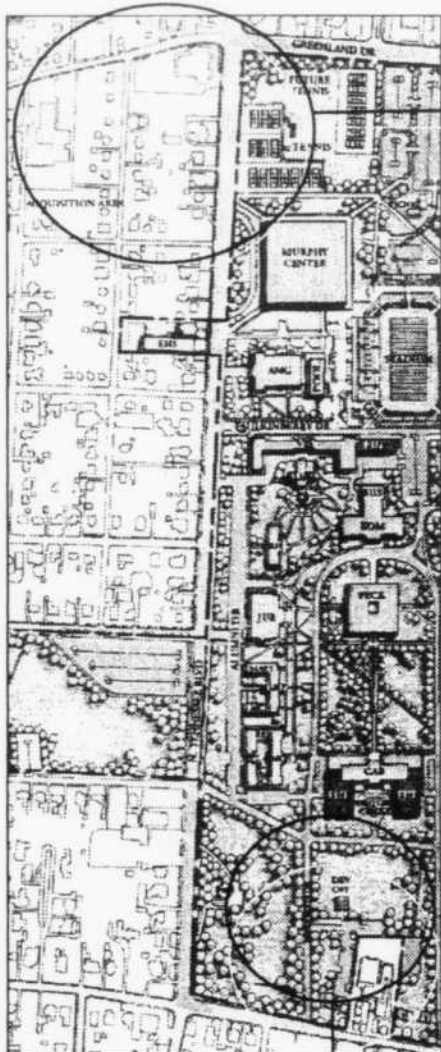
The MTSU Crime Stoppers released a report about the fire and offered a reward for information leading up to an arrest. According to Crime Stoppers, tips eventually led to both arrests.

According to Encyclopaedia Britannica, arson is "a crime commonly defined by statute as the malicious and voluntary burning of the property of another without his consent."

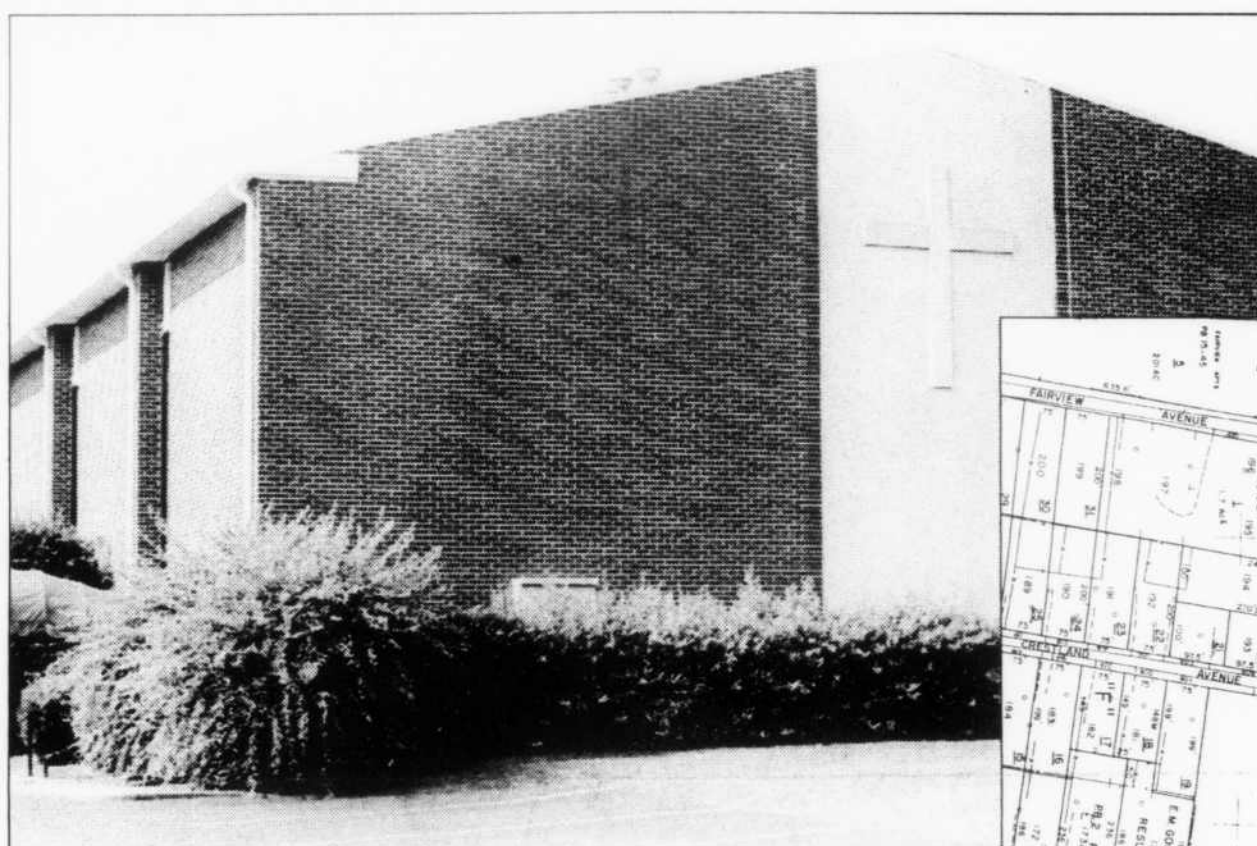
Arson is a felony, meaning that the penalty is imprisonment of one year or longer. According to Nixon, the sentences of Sullivan and Acuff, if convicted, will be up to the district attorney.

Both Acuff and Sullivan were called for comment but not reached. ■

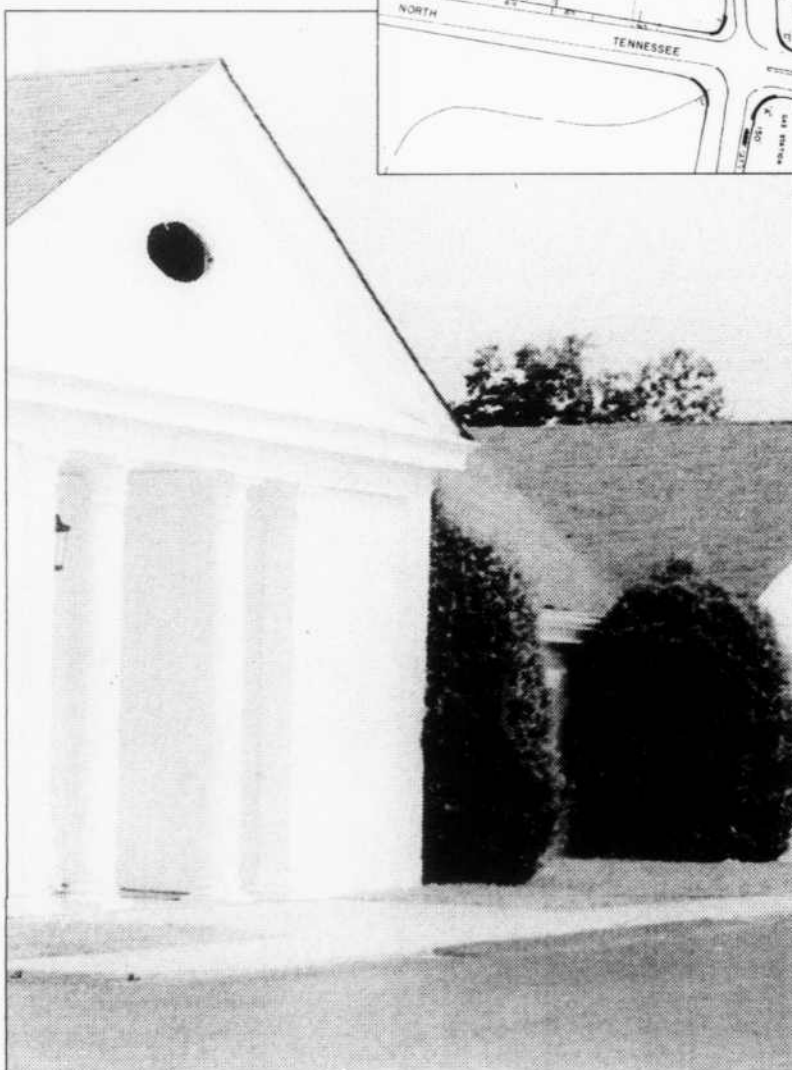
## Breaking new ground



St. Mark's Methodist



Belle Aire Baptist



Woodfin Memorial Chapel

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## Professor goes to Washington D.C. to talk trash

### Doyle wins nations highest honor for volunteer service

Staff Reports

Patrick Doyle, a history professor, was honored with the President's Service Award in Washington D.C. Tuesday for his accomplishments leading MTSU's recycling program.

"It's just been an amazing program," Doyle said. "I think the public support and demand

have caused it to grow."

Doyle was only one of 20 to receive this award out more than 3,000 nominations that were submitted for this year's competition.

Sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National Service, the awards are the most prestigious national recognition given for volunteer community

service directed at solving the country's critical social problems. Created in 1982, the awards also provide the opportunity to focus public attention on the important efforts made by the nation's volunteers.

For more than 20 years Doyle and his Biology Club volunteers have collected newspapers for recycling. In 1987 they added aluminum cans. The bottom

line shows nearly \$350,000 raised for scholarships at MTSU. More than 300 scholarships have been awarded as a result of the proceeds.

Since 1972 his efforts have resulted in the collection and recycling of 10.2 million pounds of newspaper, 1.3 millions pounds of office paper, 202,000 pounds of aluminum cans, 300,000 pounds of mixed paper and 100,000 pounds of corrugated cardboard.

Doyle points out that, in addition to the funds raised for scholarships, recycling at MTSU has saved nearly 100,000 trees. It has also saved thousands of cubic feet of space in landfill. Processing recycled aluminum also uses fewer natural resources than processing aluminum ore. It uses much less electricity and water, and as a result, doesn't create as much pollution.

He has received several other

awards for his efforts, among them the 1998 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tennessee Department of Environmental and Conservation.

"It deserves to be a community award," Doyle said of this most recent award. "There are

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## BikeRayce team takes top honors

The MTSU Solar BikeRayce Team is No. 1 in the nation. The team returned to Heartland Park, Topeka, Kan., with an improved vehicle, Rayce Array, to take First Place trophy in the adult S-class at the Formula Sun Solar BikeRayce USA. The team also received the Best Team Spirit trophy in recognition for helping another team to participate in the Rayce.

The S-Class vehicles are specialized solar electric vehicles with three or more wheels that utilize only solar and battery power for locomotion.

Student members under the direction of team leader Chris Buchanan included Craig Bond, James Finney, Anthony Dodson, Arnold Fuller, Curt Mitchner and Slater Smith.

This was the second year Buchanan and Smith have participated in the Rayce. Last year's Rayce, the first in which MTSU participated, was cut short when a tire failed after a very successful run in sprint competition. ■



Photo by Jessica Norton | Staff Photographer

The Solar BikeRayce Team shows off their winning S-Class vehicle, the Rayce Array.

## CRATE seeks to educate on diversity

MTSU will host the Multicultural Educational Enrichment Training Institute (MEET), a two-day program to be conducted June 27-28.

MEET is sponsored by the Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service and will place its primary emphasis on Cultural Racial Awareness Training Experience, or CRATE.

The CRATE program seeks to educate, sensitize and orient participants about the importance of planning and understanding cultural diversity.

The institute's instructors will facilitate an interactive learning environment among the diverse audience of government, business, industry, K-12 and higher education personnel.

Dr. Beryl West, professor of Psychology, is the coordinator of the institute.

MEET's early registration period ends June 20. However, late registration continues up until the beginning of the conference. For more information, call Valerie Avent in Continuing Studies at (615) 898-2462. ■

## Fulbright scholar to study in Spain

Alysa Cannon, MTSU's first Fulbright Scholar student, will take her passion for music and her three-and-a-half octave range to Spain in the fall of 2000.

Cannon says she is ready for the challenge the Fulbright experience represents.

"Of all my interests in my life, my fascination with musics, languages and the religions of the world are the greatest," Cannon said.

The Fulbright program was established in 1946. Its goal is to increase mutual understanding between the people

of the United States and other countries through the exchange of people, knowledge and skills.

Outside of the United States, the Fulbright program is conducted in 50 countries by a Binational Commission and in other countries by the U.S. Information Agency's overseas staff.

Fulbright grants are awarded annually for foreign national students, teachers, professors, and professionals to study, teach, lecture and conduct research in and outside of the United States. ■

## Defibrillators shock response time against heart attacks

The Christy-Houston Foundation recently awarded a \$348,000 grant to purchase 87 Automatic External Defibrillators to be used in Rutherford County.

External defibrillators are the latest in life-saving technology for victims suffering from cardiac arrest. The machines deliver an electric shock used to stimulate the heart. Previously, the machines were only available to emergency room personnel.

"Without public intervention, the cardiac survival rate in Middle Tennessee is only 2 1/2 percent," said Jan Berry, regional director for the American Heart Association.

The machines will be placed in various locations throughout the county, including 68 Rutherford County patrol cars, one on each floor of the Adult Detention Center, eight in EMS

Special Teams Unit and two at the Rutherford County YMCA.

The final three will be given to MTSU and one each will be placed at the Murphy Center, Alumni Memorial Gym and Campus Recreation Center.

With the arrival of the machines in the fall, Rutherford County will have one of the most extensive automatic external defibrillator programs in the country, Berry said.

According to the AHA, sudden cardiac arrest strikes 350,000 Americans each year.

Cardiac arrest occurs when electrical signals that control the muscles that pump the heart fall out of rhythm. This causes the heart to quiver, but not pump blood throughout the body. The only way to restore the heart's natural rhythm is to use a defibrillator to deliver an electrical shock within the first five minutes of cardiac arrest. ■

## Early Head Start receives new funding

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently awarded a grant of more than \$674,000 that will allow the Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency to continue its Early Head Start program in Rutherford County.

Head Start, which first began in 1965, has provided services such as child development, education, health, nutrition, social and other activities to low-income children to help prepare them for kindergarten.

Early Head Start was established by Congress in 1994 for expectant mothers and children

up to 3 years old to provide parental education and comprehensive health services.

"Early Head Start is designed to serve infants and toddlers who are generally too young to participate in the regular Head Start program," U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon said.

The Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency oversees the Early Head Start program in an eight-county region that includes Cannon, Rutherford, Wilson, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson, Cheatham and Robertson counties in Middle Tennessee. ■

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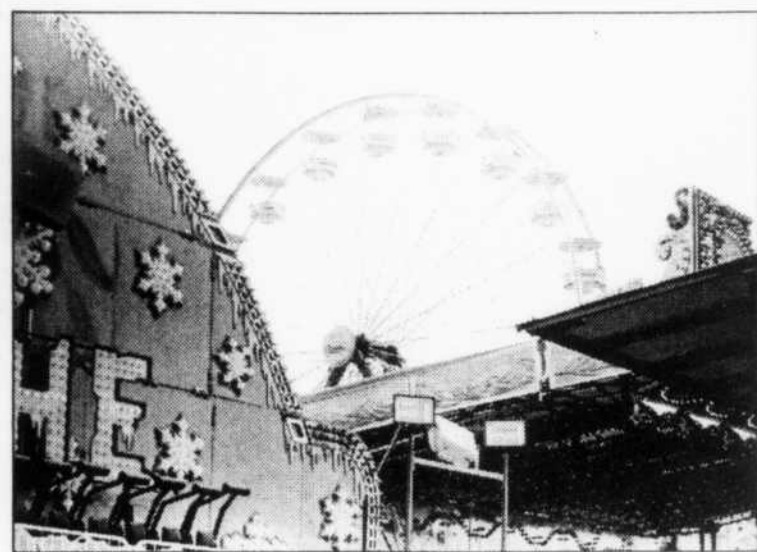
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## Campus arrests for drug, alcohol violations on rise

TMS Campus

CHICAGO (TMS) — College and university campuses nationwide aren't as safe as they used to be, a study conducted by The Chronicle of Higher Education suggests.

Alcohol-related arrests on campus shot up 24.3 percent in 1998, the largest jump in seven years. Meanwhile arrests for arson, assault, hate crimes, sex offenses and weapons violations were also up. Drug offenses rose 11 percent in the same year, from 7,964 to 8,844, as did forcible sex offenses, which were up 11.3 percent, from 1,114 to 1,240. However, reports of burglary, car theft and rob-

bery declined from 1997 to 1998.

The study also found that 20 murders and one manslaughter happened on college campuses nationwide in 1998, compared with 18 murders and two manslaughter cases the previous year.

Researchers attributed the surges in part to tougher law enforcement and better reporting of campus crime information. The survey included only colleges and universities enrolling more than 5,000 students.

The University of Wisconsin at Madison reported 792 liquor law violations in 1998 — more than any of the 481 four-year

institutions surveyed — and Michigan State University ranked second in alcohol violations with 655, and first in weapons violations with 49.

The number of alcohol-related arrests is consistent with the findings of a study released earlier this year by the Harvard School of Public Health, which found that 22.7 percent of college students reported frequent binge drinking in 1999, up from 20.9 percent in 1997 and 19.8 percent in 1993. The survey included 14,000 students at 119 colleges nationwide.

Alcohol often plays a role in other crimes — especially sex offenses, law enforcement officials said. ■

## Land: University taking steps to expand

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sionally larger purchases have to be financed.

Belle Aire's funds will be transferred after the church moves to N. Rutherford Boulevard, about a block from campus.

"We will be holding the funds in escrow until the church actually moves out of the building," Gower said. "Occupation of the building would be sometime around a year from fall."

The building will be used for academic programs as well as parking services.

Rev. Ron Moore of Belle Aire said that a few churches called

to inquire about the buildings and the property, but from the start, the university expressed the most interest.

Belle Aire has owned the property since 1954.

John Woodfin of Woodfin Memorial Chapel, which burned extensively in February, is selling the property on the corner of Tennessee Boulevard and Greenland Drive. They are currently using very little of the property.

"We are using the garage area and some of the back areas of the property, but we're not going to have a permanent building there," Woodfin said. "Our new location is on New Lascassas, and construction has already

begun there."

However, the old location is at the corner of a major intersection, and Woodfin confirmed that there have been inquiries about the property. He also said that the university and the chapel have been good neighbors over the years, and verified that the university has expressed interest in purchasing the property.

"We would very much like for the university to have the property," Woodfin said.

Woodfin Memorial Chapel has owned the property at the corner of North Tennessee and Greenland since 1949. ■

## Award: Professor receives high honor

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thousands of individuals who have taken the time to take their paper and aluminum cans to MTSU. Hardly anyone has been there to say thank you, and yet

they still do it.

"They're the quiet, unsung heroes."

MTSU President James Walker also expressed his opinion of what Doyle has done for the university with the program.

"He has created more than a recycling program. He has made recycling a part of the MTSU Culture."

The 20 winners received sterling silver medallions at the White House ceremony. ■



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## From the Staff

### Hats off to Doyle

In the corner of our news room behind the main door, there's a cardboard box that originally was used to ship a computer monitor. On the side of the box, handwritten in red permanent ink, are the words "NEWS PRINT ONLY." It's our recycling box. Another similar box is next to our printer for white paper.

Once a week two students equipped with trash cans quietly slip into our quaint office, empty the recycling bins and leave. It's a custom that has become as routine as the daily mail. So much, in fact, that we never think to thank them for their efforts and the hours they spend toiling from building to building, office to office.

Tuesday the White House thanked our recycling program workers for us. They presented Biology professor Patrick Doyle — the leader of MTSU's recycling program — with the President's Service Award for his

dedication to community service. He one of only 20 in the nation to receive this annual award.

But Doyle was humble about it, even though he has spent 20 years with the program, and in doing so has raised enough funding for more than 300 scholarships — approximately \$350,000.

But tuition bills are only a side effect to this program. Through MTSU's program, nearly 100,000 trees have been saved. That's Doyle's real achievement.

Doyle is the first to admit that he shouldn't be the only person recognized because the community and the students in the Biology Club have worked just as hard. We agree that those people are underappreciated, but Dr. Doyle, without you to lead them, where would the program be today?

Take your award and cherish it. It's the least that you should be given. Thanks for all your hard work and that of your staff and the community.

## Mark common sense absent

Chicago Tribune

As the first anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre approaches, it becomes clear that there were not just 15, but 16 casualties in that Colorado shooting rampage last April 20. The last victim: common sense.

What else but the death of common sense could account for a decision like that of the school authorities in Sayreville, N.J., who earlier this month suspended four kindergartners because, aiming their index fingers as if they were guns, they pretended to shoot at other children on a school playground?

Surely these so-called adults have taken leave of their senses. To be sure, Columbine served as a wake-up call to school officials throughout the country, a

warning against taking too lightly what may seem adolescent bluster or idle threats by schoolkids. You have to pay attention; you have to be alert.

That message was underscored by the shooting to death of a first-grader in Michigan several weeks ago by a 6-year-old classmate. You have to pay attention, be alert.

But it is one thing to pay attention, to be alert, to be careful, and another to be plain damn foolish.

For how many generations have children aimed their fingers like guns and pretended to shoot them? Has anyone ever been killed or hurt by such play? Can it possibly be that the Sayreville school officials can't tell the difference between a finger and a pistol barrel? And could they really think of nothing short of a suspension from school to make their point with

the suspended children?

Officials of the conservative Rutherford Institute, who have announced plans to challenge the suspensions in the courts, were dead on right when they said the school district had "gone off the deep end" with this action. This is of a piece with lunatic applications of "zero tolerance" that have flourished in recent years and resulted in some stupendously unfair instances of school discipline.

In their concern to protect children (and, we suspect, to insulate themselves from political attacks and lawsuits) some school officials are turning schools into grim, joyless, unimaginative cells, as far removed from what a school should be as an index finger is from a gun barrel.

Chill out, folks. Lighten up. Get a grip. And for the kids' sake, start using some common sense. ■



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by Rob Evans, Staff Columnist

## Wanted: A job that doesn't require work

So I am finally getting around to write the first of many installments of the "Adventures of Rob." Yes, you have read about some of my adventures in "Modern Dysfunction." Now you can follow the trials and tribulations of my being on the road and sloughing myself up hill and down dale in the (choose one or any combination of two) rain/sleet/snow/hail/wind day after day.

I can see the offers rolling in now from Hollywood wanting to buy my story of a hard-knock life. I mean geezz, I do have it rough.

I get to travel all over the country and see the sites (when I am not suffering too badly) and meet lots of people. My only hope is that I don't run out of money and have to write in asking you all to send some so I can get home.

I am presently trying to fix the no-money-in-my-pocket problem. While I do have employment that has the potential to pay very well, it isn't presently doing so, and when it does, it happens very sporadically. So now I am out and about town searching for a job. For a couple of weeks I thought

I could just sit at home and let the offers roll in. Surely everyone would want me to work for their business. Heck, I even went on a couple of trips, taking in one mountain south of McMinnville, then a week later killing myself by climbing six mountains in Johnson City in three hours.

No I am not worried about finding summer employment. I can just snub my nose at all those over-achievers who lined up their work before the spring semester was even winding down.

Finally I looked into the classifieds to find my dream job of summer: work when I want to, and make bank doing so. Alas, it wasn't there.

There were a couple of jobs that were close. I called about being paid to be an environmental activist. Yeah, I mean laugh and go figure. Make 350 dollars a week for doing something that people would do for free anyway.

But I found out that I would work at a place nearly an hour and a half away from my house. I can't justify fighting for the environment and then getting in my pollution belcher for 3 hours a day and voiding my progress.

I could get paid to surf the Internet. But when I looked into that one it wasn't as lucrative as it was made out to seem.

I could go back to former employers. Lets see, I didn't burn bridges with...um, only one.

Cool, so that means I can get up at 5:30 in the morning five days a week to unload a semi-truck full of every fruit and vegetable God has created. Then I get to put them out on display for all the people "who know" where to shop for the freshest premium fruits and veggies.

I guess some jobs that you have can spoil you. You get to work in a cool, laid-back atmosphere and get paid bank like I did for the last 4 months working for a publications company. You get spoiled; so much so that anything less than what you had is akin to shoveling manure at a horse barn.

Or I could just be tired of the non-gratifying, short on pay and glory, no recognition minimum wage job that I have been working at for the last seven years of my life.

So the money continues to dwindle down and I continue to sit. ■

## Free speech tests limits, but banning it erodes rights

Eugene Volokh  
TMS Campus

LOS ANGELES — Tom English, a Boston bar owner, has — some say — engaged in illegal speech: He put up a supposedly racist African-themed display allegedly mocking Black History month and Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Actually, there's a hot controversy about what the display meant, but for now let's assume the worst — assume English wants to express racist opinions.

You'd think the First Amendment protects his right to do that. In America, we're free to express all sorts of opinions, good, bad and ugly. Some people may be offended, and quite rightly so. But the government has no business outlawing such expression.

As it happens, though, many government bodies think outlawing offensive speech is indeed their business.

The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, for instance, thinks it's illegal for businesses to say

things that "ridicule or create a racial stereotype and make certain people feel unwelcome" and thus create a "hostile public accommodations environment."

As I write this, the Commission is considering whether English in fact did this, and should therefore be punished.

As with many censorship campaigns, the attempt to outlaw speech that creates a "hostile environment" began from an appealing premise: Employees — it started with employees — should be free of sexual extortion, physical attacks, threats of violence, and face-to-face insults at work. And at first, this didn't even involve censorship, since most such behavior is either not speech or falls within one of the narrow exceptions to First Amendment protection.

But the law was unfortunately not limited to such egregious conduct. Rather, it was formulated as a rule that employers must suppress conduct or speech that's "severe or pervasive" enough to create a "hostile work environment" based on race, religion, sex, national origin, and the like for a "reasonable person."

With broad, vague language like that, it was inevitable that the law would spread to cover more and more speech — and it has.

Thus, the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued one employer for, among other things, tolerating "ebonics jokes" e-mailed around by its employees. The employer, the EEOC argued, had a legal duty to "eradicate" such forbidden speech.

Another employer was found liable for putting Bible verses on its paychecks and Christian-themed articles in its newsletter and thereby creating a "hostile environment" for a non-Christian employee.

A federal court has enjoined one company's employees from making remarks "contrary to your fellow employees' religious beliefs." Another court has enjoined "all offensive speech implicating considerations of race."

Likewise, courts and administrative agencies have held employers liable for tolerating sexually suggestive jokes — even ones that refer equally to men and women.

In 1998, many employment experts in fact cautioned employers that allowing Clinton/Lewinsky jokes could lead to lawsuits. One headline in a prominent business newspaper has put the current state of the law well — "Watch What You Say, or Be Ready to Pay."

From hostile work environment law, the speech restriction campaign spread to "hostile educational environment" law.

The U.S. Department of Education, for instance, has found that a college was legally required to censor sexist criticisms of student activists on its online bulletin board.

It then forced the college to adopt a speech code banning, among other things, speech that "denigrates or shows hostility or aversion" toward various groups, or involves "negative stereotyping."

The First Amendment? Not a problem, the feds said, where the cause of fighting "hostile environments" is involved.

From there it was a short step to outlawing "hostile public accommodations environments." The government

has gotten used to ordering speech codes in private workplaces. It thinks it's fine to order speech codes in universities. Next step: Government-imposed speech codes for bars.

Or country clubs. A few months ago, a Maryland county commissioner concluded that such a club had to create a speech code for its members, and to take down a supposedly sexually offensive print hanging in its clubhouse; that case is now on appeal.

Or Internet service providers. Late last year, a Vermont agency held that a service provider's failure to stop sexually offensive speech could create an illegal "hostile public accommodation environment" for a subscriber — the provider there (a small college) decided to settle rather than appeal. ■

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# FEATURES

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SIDELINES ■ 5

## Web sites tailor services to college students

Angela White  
Editor in chief

In this day and age, college students have all but made the Internet their second home. So it comes as no surprise that there are a multitude of Web sites out there related to that very topic — college.

Whether it's graduate schools, career advice, personals or horoscopes, students can find what they want from a few select college-related sites.

CollegeClub.com is by far one of the largest and most popular college Web sites online. It is continuously growing, and has recently merged with

Versity.com, the infamous college-note-selling Web site which Yale University fought to be removed. Students can register to be a member of College Club, which entitles them to e-mail, instant messenger and chatroom privileges, among others. The site also features financial aid information and a scholarship search.

If you've ever received one of those annoying "Secret Admirer" e-mails, you have College Club to thank. Its "Match U." section of the Web site allows students to create profiles and to search through thousands of others.

And, of course, there's the Secret Admirer option, where one can send an vague, uniform message to a crush, who

ideally in turn goes to the Web site and types in the e-mail address of the person he or she thinks is the admirer. If the e-mail matches, both parties are notified.

College Club also offers a verified online shopping section where members can receive discounts at certain stores.

The site also features another site called [www.collegestore.com](http://www.collegestore.com), where MTSU students can find Phillips Bookstore online. Books can be purchased directly from the site, but the browsing interface isn't user-friendly, so the best way to search is by ISBN number.

Some students may already be famil-

iar with Student Advantage through its discount card, which are commonly given out with credit cards. It also has its own Web site, [www.studentadvantage.com](http://www.studentadvantage.com).

The site features a wide range of articles on topics like academic life, dating and relationships, health, money and career. In addition, it offers polls, message boards and quizzes.

There is also a detailed list of online and local vendors that offers discounts through Student Advantage.

U.S. News offers an educational Web site called [www.usnews.edu](http://www.usnews.edu). Focusing exclusively on academics and career, the site is comprised of the latest U.S. News' graduate school rankings, as well as

detailed information about each university listed, including enrollment statistics, career aspects and customized driving directions.

The site also includes a scholarship search and methods to predict college costs and compare financial aid packages.

In addition, there is a job and internship search. The site also includes a link to the Campbell Interest and Skill Survey, a comprehensive test that evaluates career interests and skills.

There are forums available in each category where students can post their thoughts and questions on a variety of topics like financial aid and finding the perfect job. ■

## Floor? What floor?

'Messiest apartment' winner cleans up with \$10,000 prize



Photo provided

John Anderson, winner of Apartment.com's "Messiest Apartment" contest, seems oblivious to his surroundings.

Claire Zulkey  
Georgetown University

The competition definitely was stiff. Most others would be intimidated by a rival who owned two pet rats or another who held a birthday party for a two-year-old carton of milk. However, through perseverance, John Anderson emerged as the winner. He barely emerged, however.

Anderson, a junior at Ohio Northern University, is the winner of the Messiest College Apartment Contest, sponsored by Apartments.com.

Visitors to the site voted on the pigsty prize, based on photographs and essays submitted by Anderson and the finalists, from University of Maryland and Elgin Community College.

Why on earth would anyone reward

students for messy habits? Apartments.com reasons that since the Web site offers floorplans, photo and video of the apartments it features, "What better way to showcase the country's top college slob than on the most visual apartment site on the Internet?"

It makes sense, in a way, especially since the average college student produces a whopping 640 pounds of solid waste each year, according to a 2000 study by Speedway Disposal & Recycling.

In his essay, Anderson said thoughtfully, "I still haven't figured out what is rotting on my table, but it is growing."

For his efforts, or lack thereof, Anderson received \$10,000 in prize money (which Anderson, not surprisingly, says he will use to find a nicer apartment), and \$2,000 in credit to spend on auctions.com, the sister site of

Apartments.com.

What does Anderson credit to his award-winning apartment? Numerous, careless houseguests, he claims.

"I am the only one who ever cleans up the place...so I decided to let it go until someone else cleans up, which doesn't happen," he said.

Ironically, Anderson is a biology and environmental studies major, certified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to handle and remove toxic waste (but not his own.)

Now that he is a big winner, does he consider any drawbacks to being such a big slob?

It should come as no surprise that the landlord of the famous abode would not renew his lease. "Nobody seems to like the idea of renting to me," Anderson said. ■

## Tipping 101: The basics

Learn how to compensate for a job well-done, or not

Adam Shiver  
University of Central Florida

ORLANDO, Fla. (TMS) — Whether the last time you dined out was last night or last month, you no-doubt had to calculate what to tip the server and/or bartender who waited on you, right?

You DID leave a tip, didn't you?

Servers across the country — whether in greasy spoons or five-star digs — hate to see anyone who looks remotely like a college student coming.

While some students are great tippers, others haven't a clue.

So, with summer rolling around and your fellow classmates waiting tables or bartending to make money in time to return to school in the fall, consider this a refresher course on the subject.

A tip, as defined by Manny Gonzalez of The Original Tipping Page ([www.tipping.org](http://www.tipping.org)), is "a gift or a sum of money tendered for a service performed or anticipated."

Tips originated in the early coffeehouses of England, where patrons dropped T.I.P.S. in boxes or metal tins "to insure prompt service."

The larger the coin, the more noise it made when dropped — and the faster the service received in return.

Nowadays, tips are generally a way to compliment someone for a job well done.

At the same time, many servers say too many customers fail to understand that tips are also a crucial part of their livelihood.

The food service industry typically doesn't award servers or bartenders the hourly minimum wage.

In fact, on average, wait-staff make only \$2.13 an hour, which

is just enough to pay taxes. Instead, servers use tips to pay their bills — and depend solely on the generosity of their guests.

The big question at the end of almost every meal out typically is "All right, so what should I leave?"

The amount of the tip depends on a few things.

First, it's important to base the decision on the total amount of the bill received.

The current standard is a tip that is the equivalent of at least 15 percent of the check. Consider that a base from which to either work up or down. For below-average service, give less. For any little extras you appreciate — a warm smile, a water glass that was always filled — leave a little more.

Leaving no tip at all should be reserved for only the most egregious examples of rudeness or incompetence.

It is in bad taste to stiff a server who has performed his or her job — even if it was less than superior service.

If you're lucky, you'll end up with a bartender or server who is not only waiting on you, but entertaining you as well.

Numerous servers, and bartenders especially, are known to tell a joke, or do a bar trick for you at a whim.

Though they are few and far in between, there are barkeeps that will do everything from spin and toss bottles, glasses and tins to spitting and swallowing fire.

All of this entertainment is meant to make your visit more enjoyable and is certainly worthy of the highest tips awarded — which typically fall between 25 and 30 percent of the total bill.

Handy info to know — seeing that it may be you who is someday waiting tables or bartending to pay tuition. ■

## 'Geeks' in demand for increasing engineering jobs

Sara Yawn  
UNC-Chapel Hill

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (TMS) — High-minded students of the liberal arts may frown on those studying engineering, viewing them as self-absorbed math geeks who sit in front of computers most of their days.

However, these "geeks" are in high demand. The job market for all engineering fields remains strong and continues to grow.

While those liberal arts students search for jobs that might actually involve their majors, engineering graduates may have to fend off potential employers.

The Bureau for Labor Statistics predicts that the job market for engineering will remain strong through 2006, according to the 1998-1999

Occupational Outlook Handbook. Employment in this field is expected to grow about as fast as the average for all occupations, but the number of degrees granted is not expected to keep pace, placing those with engineering degrees in high demand.

"Competitive pressures and advancing technology will force companies to improve and update product designs more frequently, and to work to optimize their manufacturing processes," the handbook states.

"Employers will rely on engineers to further increase productivity as they increase investment in plant and equipment to expand output of goods and services."

Carol Schroeder, associate director of the career center at North Carolina State University, has experienced this demand firsthand.

"Engineering is in high demand

because a) the economy is strong and b) professionals with high-tech expertise and keen analytical skills are greatly needed," she said.

Mark Lang, a junior at N.C. State who has worked at a co-op, also realizes the strength of the job market.

"The field continues to be so in demand because technology keeps escalating at a rapid pace and always needs more and higher knowledgeable people to manage and keep up with this growing technology," he said.

In 1996, engineers held 1,382,000 jobs with 46 percent of these jobs located in manufacturing jobs.

The government is a major employer of engineers as well.

In 1996, federal, state and local governments employed about 178,000 engineers, mainly in the Departments of Defense, Transportation, Agriculture, Interior and Energy as well as the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Starting salaries for engineers with a bachelor's degree are significantly higher than for those in other fields. According to the National Association of Colleges and Employers, entry-level engineering graduates averaged about \$38,500.

Those with a master's degree earn about \$45,400, and those with a Ph.D. receive about \$59,200.

Engineers generally specialize in one of more than 25 specialties, including chemical, civil, electrical, mechanical and industrial engineering.

However, the skills learned in each area are highly applicable to other fields as well.

"Having an engineering degree can open up many doors to a wide variety of jobs," Lang said.

The Occupational Outlook

Handbook agrees.

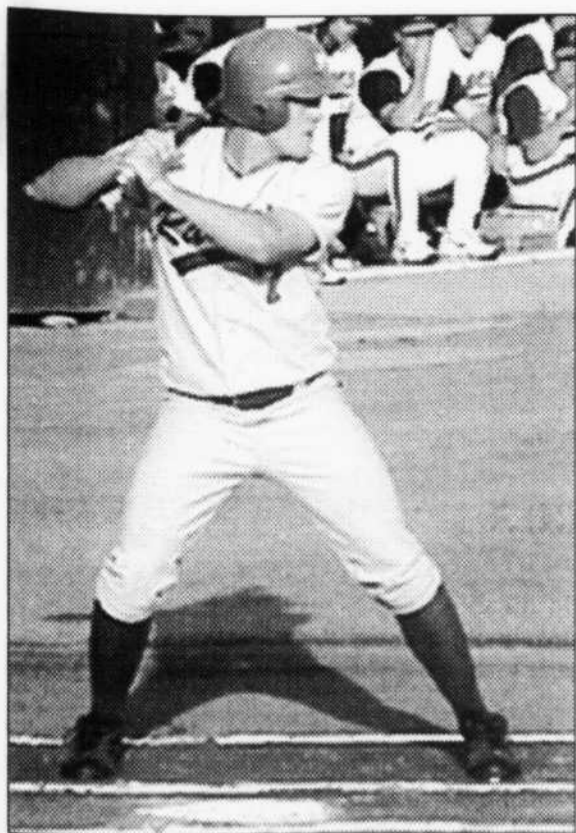
"This flexibility allows employers to meet staffing needs in new technologies and specialties in which engineers are in short supply," the handbook states.

"It also allows engineers to shift fields with better employment prospects, or to ones that match their interests more closely."

Schroeder cited industrial engineering as an example of this flexibility.

"...Given the decline in manufacturing, one might think that industrial engineers would face a limited job market, but students in this discipline are sought for their ability to plan, organize, analyze, deal with systems, and use up-to-date computer skills," she said.

"Employers in a variety of industries, from traditional manufacturing to consulting, hire this major." ■



## Three Blue Raiders drafted

Peck leaves Middle, second highest batting average

### MT Media Relations

Three Middle Tennessee baseball players were taken in the Major League Baseball amateur draft on Tuesday, June 6.

The Colorado Rockies took right fielder Bryan Peck in the 22nd round, the 647th overall pick. Even though Peck spent 2000 on right field for Steve Peterson, the Rockies have him tabbed as a third baseman.

Peck's credentials couldn't be much better. During his senior campaign, he batted .405 with 94 hits, 25 doubles, 17 homers, 81 RBIs, 174 total bases and a slugging percentage of .750. Of those numbers, he set

new, single season records in hits, doubles, RBIs, total bases, and slugging percentage. He went on to set a career mark in slugging percentage as well.

His .405 batting average is the second highest in modern Middle Tennessee history.

Peck also ended his career hitting .373, one point shy of the career mark.

Colorado dipped into the Blue Raider pool again in the 23rd round, taking catcher Josh Pride with the 677th overall pick.

Pride was the OVC Player of the Year in 1999 and followed up with another solid season in 2000. He hit .309 as the everyday catcher and put

up 10 homers and 44 RBIs. He ended his career as the all-time home run king at Middle Tennessee with 44 dingers.

Right-handed pitcher Jason Moates became the third Blue Raider drafted in the 28th round by the Cincinnati Reds as the 843rd overall pick.

Moates, who was tabbed as a player to watch in the draft by Baseball America, went 1-1 this season with a 4.79 ERA. He was limited to 20-2/3 innings of work in only four appearances due to a nagging elbow injury that ultimately resulted in season ending Tommy John surgery.

Moates transferred to Middle Tennessee from Alabama prior to the

2000 season. He was clocked in the mid 90's early in the year before the elbow trouble began.

The 2000 draft marks the fifth straight year that the Blue Raiders have had at least one player selected by a Major League club. Last season, left-handed reliever Aaron Barnett was the lone pick, going in the 22nd round to the Detroit Tigers.

In total, 63 former Blue Raiders have gone on to professional baseball.

Currently, one former Blue Raider is on a big league roster. Reserve infielder Jason Maxwell is playing with the Minnesota Twins after being drafted in 1993 by the Chicago Cubs. ■

## App. State star drowns in Tenn. lake Watauga

Associated Press

BOONE, N.C. (AP) — Rufus Leach, who led Appalachian State's basketball team in scoring last season, drowned while boating with friends in Tennessee, university officials said.

Leach, 22, of Maxton, was attempting Friday to swim about 50 yards from a boat anchored on Lake Watauga to a dock when he suffered a cramp and went under the water, officials said.

Authorities recovered his body Saturday morning.

The Carter County, Tenn., Sheriff's Department is investigating the accident. The lake is located about 25 miles west of here across the North Carolina-Tennessee border.

Leach, a senior, averaged more than 16 points a game, and set the school's single-season record with 100 three-pointers last season.

Appalachian State went to the NCAA tournament last season for the first time since 1979 after winning the Southern Conference tournament.

"Leach was a young man admired by his coaches, teammates and many other students for his hard work and strong desire to succeed in the classroom and on the basketball court," said Mountaineers' coach Buzz Peterson.

Leach, who transferred to Appalachian State from Santa Fe Community College, lettered in football and basketball at Purnell Swett High School. ■

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James Evans | Managing editor

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## Three former greats elected into Blue Raider Hall of Fame

### MT Media Relations

With Middle Tennessee moving to a new conference and stepping up to another level in all its sports, it's only fitting that the newest additions to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame be three people who brought Blue Raider athletics national attention.

Brian Oldfield, Dale Short and Claude "Sleepy" Taylor will enter the Hall of Fame on June 23 at an induction breakfast set for 9:00 a.m. (CDT) in the Alumni Center.

The breakfast is a primary feature of the newly established Blue Raider Legends

Day, slated for June 23 and expected to draw former Middle Tennessee athletes and coaches from all varsity sports back to campus.

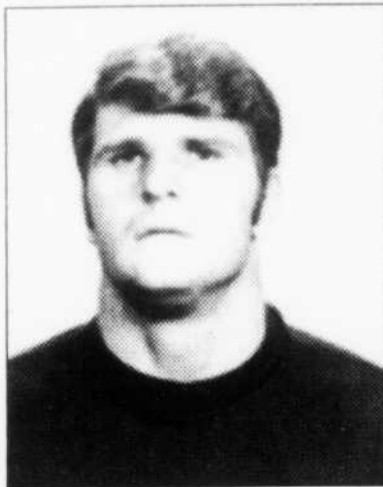
The event is jointly backed by the MT Athletic Department and the Varsity Club.

The day's activities include a buffet breakfast (9:00 a.m.), a golf tournament at Indian Hills (noon) and an all-sports cookout (6:00 p.m. - immediately following tournament) at Indian Hills Golf Course.

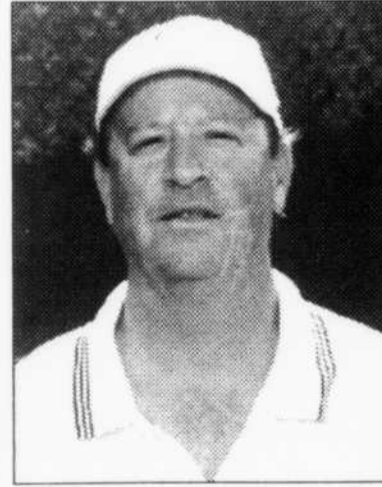
Oldfield, a native of Elgin, Ill., was one of the Middle Tennessee track program's earliest world-class athletes as a nationally recognized shot-putter. In 1966, he set both the Indoor and Outdoor school records that still exist today (indoor 57-7, outdoor 59-2), while earning All-American honors in 1965. After graduation, Oldfield became a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1972 and placed sixth in Munich, Germany. In 1974, Oldfield set the professional world shot put record at 75-0, and in 1975 (September 1) he became the first and only Blue Raider athlete to make the cover of Sports Illustrated.

This past March, Oldfield was named to the Track and Field News Men's All-Century Team as a honorable mention selection. Oldfield's most significant achievement was redefining his sport with the perfection of the "spin technique" used by shot putters today. Oldfield currently resides in Upland, IN, where he coaches track for Taylor University.

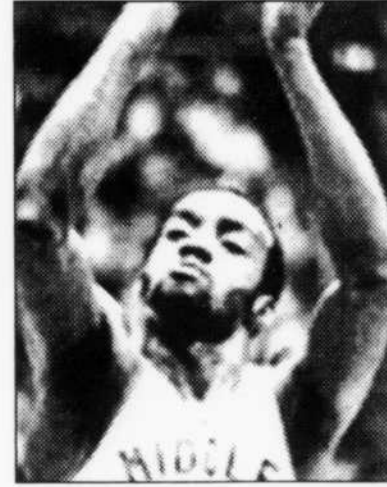
Short, from Miami, FL, played tennis at Middle Tennessee from 1977-80 and was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year as a senior. An All-OVC performer in 1979 and 1980,



Brian Oldfield



Dale Short



Claude Taylor

Short was named to the leagues all-time tennis team in 1988 when the OVC celebrated its 40th anniversary. A nationally ranked player both as a junior and collegian, Short became the head men's tennis coach at Middle Tennessee in 1988. Under his tutelage, the Blue Raiders have captured 10 straight OVC regular season championships, nine of the last 10 OVC tournament titles and taken the team to four NCAA regionals. From 1991-94, Short was also the head coach of the women's team where he guided them to three straight OVC titles and a combined mark of 66-38.

Short, who has a career record of 87-6 in conference play, has an overall record (both men's and women's) of 288-168 (.632). Short, who has tutored five All-Americans, prepped at Oakland High School.

Taylor, a native of Yanceyville, NC, played for the Blue Raider basketball team from 1975-78 and helped lead the program to two OVC tournament championships and two regular season titles during his career under former coach Jimmy Earle. As a senior he was named to the all-OVC team while leading the team in scoring (18.0) and free throw per-

centage (.806). Over his career, Taylor became a member of the 1,000-point club with 1,421 points to rank ninth all-time. Taylor is also seventh all-time in career free throw percentage (.794) and sixth in field goals made (533). The most heralded recruiting prize in school history at the time of his signing, Taylor averaged 14.6 points, 5.6 rebounds and 2.1 assists during his career for the Blue Raiders.

For further information on Legends All-Sports Day and/or the Hall of Fame Breakfast, contact Michael Jordan, special events coordinator, at 615-898-5322. ■

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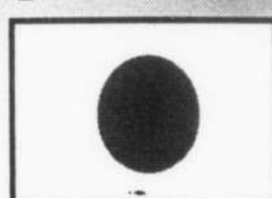
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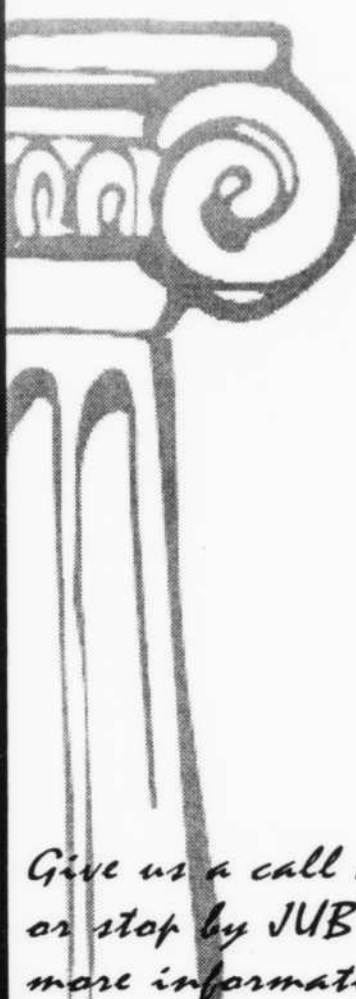
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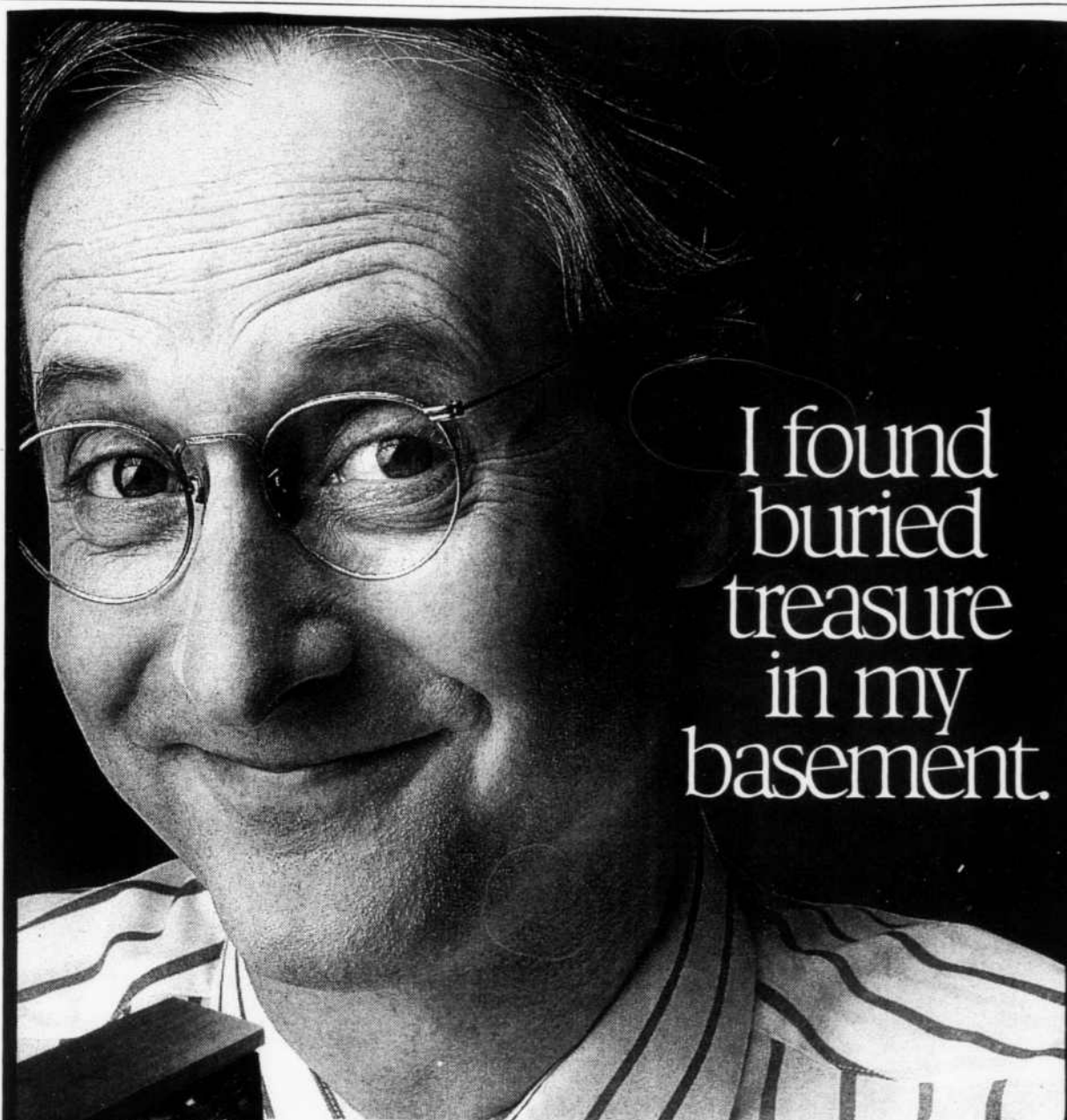
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