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Regents grant faculty promotions

LAURA HARDISON
News Writer

Sixty MTSU faculty members are starting off the fall semester with good news from the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Twenty-eight of them have been approved for promotions and 32 have received tenure, said President James E. Walker.

Promoted to the rank of professor are Angela Hague, English; Marie De Los Reyes, biology; Richard LaLance, HPER; Glenn A. Himebaugh, journalism; Samuel C. Ricketts, agriculture; David L. Rowe, history; and Bella Higdon, elementary and special education.

Higdon, who also received tenure, is very pleased with the promotion and wants to thank those who played a role in her promotion.

"I'd like to thank the department for being so supportive and also my peers



ANGELA HAGUE

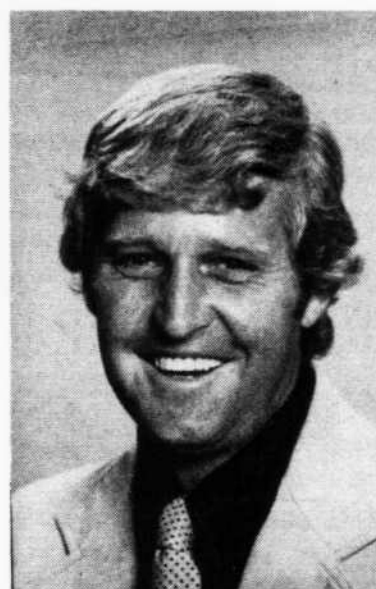
across the campus who encouraged me," Higdon said.

Those who achieved the rank of associate professor include David P. Badger, journalism; Sarah F. Barlow and John Zamora, biology; Michael W. Beck and Donald A. Campbell, mathematics; Mary Ellen Fromuth, psychology; Beth C. Emery, human sciences;



MARIE DE LOS REYES

Kenneth A. Scherzer and Andrew Gulliford, history; David Loucky, music; Linda G. McGrew, business education, marketing education, and office management; Kenneth R. Tillery, management and marketing; Jane L. Williams, youth education and school personnel services; Sung Kun Yoo, computer science; and



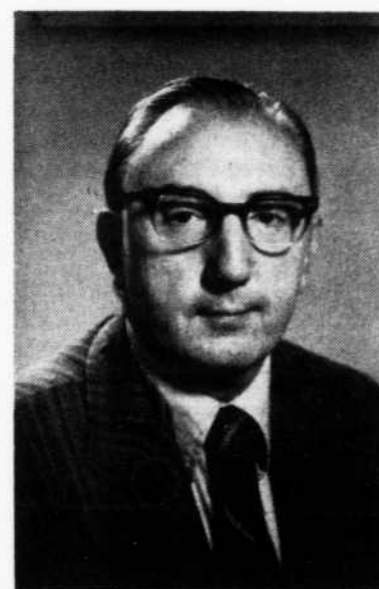
RICHARD LALANCE

Michael A. Principe, philosophy.

Principe, who was also approved for tenure, says the promotion is a type of reaffirmation.

"I have a sense that I'm a part of the university and it's a part of me," Principe said.

New assistant professors are Jane S. Brissie, psychology; Lawrence L. Hensel, music;



GLENN A. HIMEBAUGH

Kevin L. Shirley, mathematics; Judith Van Hein, psychology; Melanie R. Thomas, library; and Shelia M. Whitehead, developmental studies.

Faculty recommended for tenure and the departments in which they serve include Michael W. Beck, Lora L. Brewer, Donald A. Campbell,

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Rec Center looms in the future

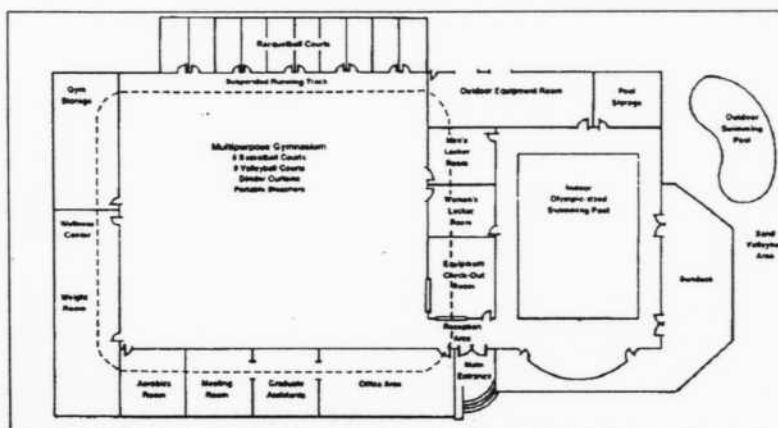
CATHY CLISSOLD
News Writer

Construction will not begin as planned for the new Student Recreation Center because of delays in state approval, said Director of Campus Recreation Glen Handley.

An architect was to be named this summer, but this has to wait until consent from the state has been received. Handley said that he hopes an architect will be named by the fall.

The Campus Planning Office has submitted the necessary requirements to the Tennessee Board of Regents, explained Director of Maintenance Bill Smotherman. The next step is to wait to hear from the state.

Campus Planning was responsible for organizing the function and definition of the building on campus, the estimated cost and space utilization, and many other requirements in the presentation to the state.



REC-ING IT UP: The new Student Recreation Center as it was proposed in 1989.

Unless there are further delays, construction will begin next summer, said Handley. Construction will take approximately two years. The university wants the Center to be operating by the spring of 1995.

The Rec Center will be located east of family housing and the communications building. It is part of Phase I of the university's Master Plan.

The Rec Center will be a \$12

million facility of approximately 100,000 square feet. The Center will contain a weight room and a wellness center, an aerobics room, six basketball courts, eight volleyball courts, an Olympic-size indoor pool, an outdoor pool with a sun deck, sand volleyball courts, and equipment check-out.

Handley said that it is hoped this will help reduce the number of students going home on the

See CENTER, Second Front

University to upgrade computer mainframe

DAVID SMITH
News Writer

MTSU is losing faculty and is in danger of losing students because of an insufficient academic computer system, Faculty Senate members said at a recent meeting.

The meeting was held, in part, to discuss the options available to the university on updating or replacing the antiquated system. Suggestions include an upgrade of the current system at an estimated price of \$450,000 or a replacement of the current Honeywell system at a price estimated over \$1 million.

The 8-year-old Honeywell system now in place is expected to be unusable by November of 1995. However, the Tennessee Board of Regents has an

approximated time frame for soliciting bids for a new system at two to five years. With this time frame, some MTSU students and faculty could be left without academic computing.

Members of the Academic Mainframe Computing Committee say they do not expect the bid process to take that long. Committee member Lucinda Lea said that the bidding will take less than two years.

"The bid process is one of those things that can go quickly or it can take much longer. We are trying to move it as quickly as we can," Lea said. "Certainly I think it can take up to two years, but it probably won't take that long."

The committee is currently

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News Briefs

Survey says government should do more for environment

(CPS) Most Americans think the government should be doing more to clean up the environment, with a large percent believing that "we are killing ourselves" with diseases related to environmental problems, according to a *Parade* Magazine survey.

The survey, published in the June 14 issue of *Parade*, reflected the attitudes among 2,538 people

between the ages of 18 and 65. The margin of error was plus or minus 2 percent.

Eighty-nine percent of the respondents said they are involved in recycling, and 80 percent believe that recycling should be mandatory.

The majority of those surveyed said they conserve electricity (78 percent), cut down

on waste (69 percent), buy environmentally-safe products (65 percent) and conserve water (63 percent).

Seventy-nine percent of Americans do not think George Bush could be called an "environmental President," and 60 percent said the environment is a key issue in deciding who they will vote for in November.

Students give editor much-needed vacation

(CPS) Mark Portell, editor and publisher of a small weekly newspaper, hadn't gone on vacation in 12 years, so a team from Kansas State University put out the publication in his absence.

Two graduate students, Lance Speere and Jeanette

DeDiemar-Krueger, with Professor Harry Marsh, were the core members of the "media temp" team that oversaw production of the June 11 edition of the *Wamego Times* while Portell was on vacation in Canada for a week and a half.

John Neibergall, head of the Huck Boyd National Center for Community Media at Kansas State, said the pilot program was designed to help small-town media continue operating in emergencies or to provide vacation relief.

Campus Capsule

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Today

Teen Counselors, Continuing Studies, Mass Communications Building.

Stars of Tomorrow Basketball Camp II, July 22 and 23, Murphy Center and Auxiliary Gym.

Thursday, July 23

Summer Kayak Roll Clinic sponsored by Campus Recreation, MTSU pool, for more info. call Ext. 2104.

Elderhostel, Continuing Studies, July 22, 23, 24, and 25, Stark Agriculture Building Room 125.

Monday, July 27

Blood Drive, sponsored by Association of Secretary and Clerical Employees, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., outside of Keathley University Center.

Tennessee Educational Association Conference, July 22 and 23, James Union Building, Keathley University Center, Mass Comm. and Tucker Theater.

On-Going

Blue Raider Baseball Camp, July 22, 23, and 24, Smith Field.

Serendipity II, Continuing Studies, July 22, 23, and 24, Art Barn Annex, Stark Agriculture Center Room 206, Dance Studio B.

Campus Crimes

Two male students from the Governor's School reported on July 8 that they were harassed by a male driving by them.

Dawn Darden reported on July 9 that her radar detector had been stolen from her vehicle while it was parked by Kirksey Old Main.

Michelle Smith reported on July 10 that the rear window of her vehicle had been broken while it was parked in the Schardt Hall lot.

Joey Williams reported on July 10 that his bicycle had been stolen from the breezeway of Abernathy Hall.

Lee Gass reported on July 10 that he kicked a football over the fence at the football field. Someone in a white Geo took the ball and drove away.

Campus Crimes is a public service of Sidelines. Crimes printed are from actual reports released by MTSU's department of Public Safety and Security

Corrections & Clarifications

Correction:

In last week's issue I left a writer's name off his story. To make matters worse, my name found its way there. I apologize to Leslie Doss, author of the alternative story, and in a vain attempt to make amends I am reprinting the story in this week's paper.

— Sam Gannon, Entertainment Editor

Sidelines is always eager to correct a mistake or clarify a vague issue in a story. If you think a clarification or correction should be made please contact Fern Greenbank, editor-in-chief at 898-2337.



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News-Feature

RIM students come from far and near

DON FELTS
Special to Sidelines

Recording Industry Management majors from the farthest reaches of the country come to study what MTSU has to offer in the teachings of studio engineering. Inevitably, students with different backgrounds, lifestyles and attitudes have become a part of this community while they are studying their profession. Some RIM students from other regions have found the Southern way of life very different.

"I just could not believe how laid back everybody is around here," said Christie Stearns, a freshman from Albany, New York. "Everybody here is so friendly and nice that it has made my short time here a lot better."

Another RIM student feels differently about Tennessee.

"I feel like a foreigner around here," said a sophomore from

California. "This place has no excitement. It is so boring it drives me crazy sometimes, but I remind myself why I am here and what I want to accomplish and that keeps me going."

Some students have traveled 3,000 miles or more to reach MTSU. Obviously these students had to consider both the positive and negative aspects of the move before deciding to attend MTSU.

"To me it was to be a broadening experience because I had never been this far south before," said a junior from Chicago, Illinois. "I thought about it for a while, and then [I decided] this is what I want to do and I will do it."

Students often give their opinions on what they think is an "excellent program."

"I think the program is fantastic," said Angela Williams. "The facilities they have here are great. I'm sorry that I'm graduating and won't get to use them more. A lot of facilities are not even

complete yet, such as the recording studio and part of the new building. That's the only thing I regret. The instructors here are all very helpful, except maybe a couple, but overall they know what they are talking about and have taught me a lot."

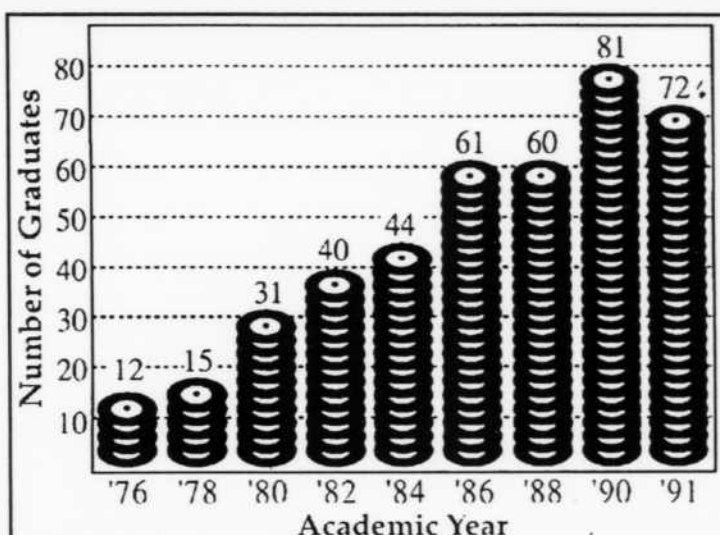
A main attraction luring students to Tennessee is the "glamour factor"—how glamorous the field seems. MTSU's RIM program has a national reputation and recruiters make it look very exciting.

"It seems like you'll be a star if you're in this field," said John Whittemore. "I went into this thing without fully realizing all the technical things I would have to learn."

Many students found out about the program through high school guidance counselors and music magazines.

"I went into my high school guidance counselor's office one day, and expressed my interest in studio engineering," said Tom Appleton. "She gave me the name and addresses of a few schools that offered this type of study. After reading about them all, I found out about MTSU's RIM program and I

RIM graduates through the years



Brian Rogers/Artist

had to [come here.]"

The goals these students have set seem to all be focused on one aspect of the program—they just want a chance working after graduation to prove that they can do the job.

"I would feel like I have wasted these years of my life if I can't find a job after graduation," said Tom Appleton. "I have been away from my family for so long, I would hate to think that it has all been wasted."

Baby Jeremie waits for donor

FERN GREENBANK
Editor-in-Chief

Baby Jeremie Layton Moore, born June 14 with a heart defect, is still waiting for a donor heart although the community and his family aren't waiting around—they're busy raising money.

Baby Jeremie's parents, MTSU students Valarie and Donnie Moore, remain at the Ronald McDonald House in Nashville as their newborn awaits a heart donor. While the baby's parents are busy nurturing their son, the Moore family has rallied the community together to raise approximately \$8000 for anticipated medical expenses after Jeremie's proposed surgery.

"Jeremie is strong and a good candidate for a heart," said Jessica Cooley, the baby's paternal aunt. "He's over an infection that took him off the donor list for a short period of time and now he's back on the waiting list."

Cooley says the baby has received a lot of support from concerned Tennesseans. Letters have come in from Congressmen Gordon and Womack. University of Alabama football coach Gene Stallings sent his regards because the baby's father is an Alabama fan.

An anonymous businessman from Rutherford County has paid for the baby's parents to remain at the McDonald House during this crucial period. After the baby's surgery, the parents will move on to Med-Center Inn to care for their infant. Cooley says the baby cannot be exposed to a lot of airborne germs at first, so the parents must remain in Nashville.

Cooley also says that the MTSU Housing Department has been gracious in working with the young couple. The department is going to try to work with them in order to provide an apartment when the couple returns to school.

Plans for the fall semester are uncertain, but Cooley says the couple may have to sit out a semester. Although the average waiting period for a donor heart is estimated between two and five weeks, doctor's have been able to sustain infants like Jeremie for up to eight months while waiting for

an available heart, said Cooley.

Cooley says that while the young parents may have to sit out a semester at MTSU, they are determined to finish school and care for Jeremie. The entire family is hopeful and thankful for the community support.

"Most of the donations have come from the school," said Cooley. "You don't know how much we appreciate it."

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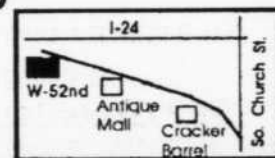
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Editor's Corner

Resigning but still believing...

My best friend called from Washington D.C. two weeks ago to tell me Albert Gore Jr. would accept Bill Clinton's offer to run on the Democratic ticket. I knew she wasn't kidding—she knows how much I believe in Al Gore and it wouldn't have been a funny gag.

As you've undoubtedly heard by now, Gore did accept Clinton's offer the next day. I have his acceptance speech taped for posterity's sake. That tape is going to be historic footage in the not-too-distant future.

Two years ago I had the good fortune to serve as an intern in Sen. Gore's Nashville office. I went into that internship a full-fledged cynic and came out of it with renewed faith in the political system.

Opportunities must be taken when presented. I doubt there will be another opportunity in my lifetime like the one before me now. I have volunteered to return to Gore's Nashville senate office during the campaign and, although my contribution may be small and unnoticed to many, I truly believe small things done in a great way are the equivalent to great things.

I have tried to bring that attitude to *Sidelines*. Because the structure governing the newspaper severely limits quality, I realized the changes would have to be bold at times yet subtle at others in order to motivate the staff and the students to take pride in their newspaper again.

My faith in Al Gore's ability to catapult the Democrats to the White House in November has enabled me to make the decision to resign from my post as *Sidelines* editor for the fall semester in order to be a part of the political process.

I haven't had faith in many things in my life, but when I do believe in something strongly I don't give up. I believe in this newspaper and I'm not giving up on it. My faith in the paper, however, will have to be in the form of encouragement from the 'sidelines' and not in the form of editor.

Leaving so soon after changing the *Sidelines* style does

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Fern Greenbank
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Dear Editor:

I have just received copies of your new student edition of *The Sidelines* of July 1, 1992.

Let me congratulate you on the format style, and particularly the in-depth news articles which were included in this issue.

As one who edited *The Sidelines* during my junior and senior years in 1939 and 1940, I am certainly appreciative of the time and effort you have exhibited to create a better *Sidelines*.

It is my sincere belief that *The Sidelines* needs to be a part of the program at MTSU, and a part of the opinion-making process.

I deeply appreciate what you have done to begin this quarter and this session.

With warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John T. Bragg
 John T. Bragg
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Editor's Corner:
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feel like leaving a child, but I think it can stand alone now under the guidance of the staff that has helped nurture it through this summer of change.

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We're forced to work here within a system that is counterproductive and I'm not sure the administration will ever listen to the students' suggestions to change that system. For now, we have to accept it and do the best we can.

It will probably be later in the fall semester before we get enough feedback to know whether or not the style changes and the attitude changes have been successful. So far, the comments have been mostly positive and have provided a great deal of motivation.

Serving as editor of the *Sidelines* this summer has been an eye-opening experience. I'm not even sure I can divulge much of what has opened my eyes. You see and hear more in this office than you care to sometimes. Often it's a difficult job to judge which sources are reliable and

which stories affect the students the most.

The most difficult job as editor has been trying to keep the news balanced—upbeat yet not fluffy, serious yet not negative. Believe me, most of the information we receive is bad news. Even though we know there are incredible talents and programs on this campus, we are so bogged down with the negative and so short staffed that we can't bring you many inspirational stories.

We often aren't able to report the news accurately because the administration and faculty on this campus seem to be paralyzed with fear. I'm not talking about trying to steal top-secret information from the Pentagon. I'm talking about an institution of public education. When we try to discuss decisions affecting the students with administrators and faculty, we usually have to pry even the most harmless detail from their tightly-pursed lips.

When a person does not want to tell you something, it's natural to assume he is hiding something, isn't it? I don't know whether or not President Walker's style of administrating has caused the paranoia, but I feel certain it hasn't helped. I understand that this used to be a campus with a family atmosphere; it was once a place where faculty and students felt connected and the administration's priority was what went on in the classroom, not in the boardroom.

I wasn't here, so I don't know if these are just romanticized memories from alumni. However, I can tell you that from my vantage point, it isn't a "family" campus anymore. There are still students and faculty and administrators who do their best to create an

atmosphere of culture and knowledge, but they are the exception and not the norm.

My greatest hope is that, if I have instilled nothing else in the staff at *Sidelines*, this newspaper will remain committed to seeking out those students, faculty and administrators who make small corners of this campus come alive. Please remember, however, that the staff at *Sidelines* is made up of students who suffer from disillusionment with the system, too. They must struggle daily to shrug off the negative reports and go looking for the positive examples.

This summer, the staff has made great strides toward its goal and I salute all the new writers who join the staff. They have been conscientious and committed and I believe the content of the newspaper reflects their hard work.

At the time of this writing, the new leadership team for the *Sidelines* has not been determined. I believe the remaining staff is as committed to the "new *Sidelines*" as I have been, and I have complete trust in their ability to nurture the paper in my absence.

Despite all the negativity surrounding life today, this experience has renewed my faith in people just as Al Gore renewed my faith in the political process. I've met some outstanding students and inspiring faculty. I've discovered programs that I didn't even know existed. For every negative experience I've had here, there have been two positive ones to take its place.

I consider myself fortunate to have been a part of MTSU's history and to now play a part in American history...even if only in a small way.

— Fern Greenbank
Editor

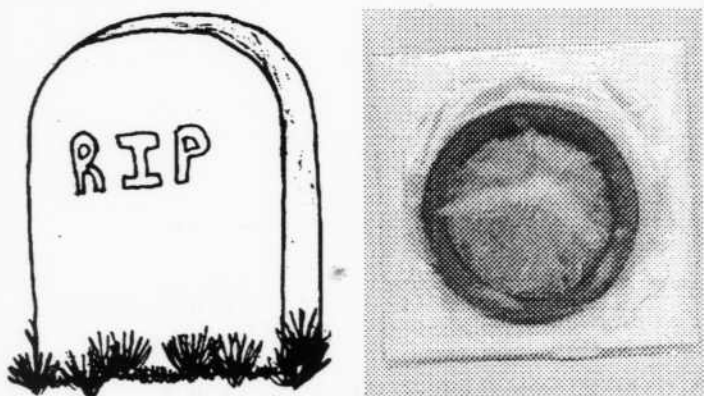
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LEAPIN' LIZARDS! Many people find that reptiles, such as this monitor lizard, are interesting alternatives to the average pet.

JAMES R. McCULLOCH
Special to *Sidelines*

Reptiles are once again ruling the world—the pet world, that is. Well, maybe not yet, but these cold-blooded creatures are definitely increasing in popularity.

Professional and amateur enthusiasts alike refer to reptiles and amphibians collectively by the word “herp,” which, translated from Greek, literally means “to creep.”

While these animals do tend to give most people the creeps, a growing number of people are finding reptiles to be fascinating and beautiful creatures.

When seeking a pet alternative, people turn to reptiles for a variety of reasons. In addition to the fact that they are interesting creatures, reptiles are often smaller, quieter, and cleaner than more traditional pets, and they generally fit better into today's more compact apartment lifestyle.

This trend in popularity is supported by an increase in the number of reptiles carried by ‘chain’ pet stores, and by the emergence in the Nashville area of several pet stores specializing in herps.

One such pet store is J.K.'s Pets, in Hickory Hollow, which has had great success in selling herps, even during the current recession.

Employee James Glen, an active herpetoculturist for several years, says reptiles constitute about 40 percent to 50 percent of the store's live animal trade, which is impressive, considering that the store also deals largely in tropical fish and exotic birds.

“Our best sellers are snakes, iguanas and monitors,” says Glen. “Ball pythons are very popular, although we try to discourage inexperienced owners from them, because they don't feed well and often have parasites.”

With the growing popularity

reptiles have gained as pets, there has also come a tendency for some pet stores to act irresponsibly in the sale of these animals.

“I think a lot of pet stores are selling reptiles right now that they shouldn't be selling,” says Glen. “They're just selling them because they're popular pets now.”

Indeed, many pet stores have no qualms over selling animals about which they know little, and about which the people they are selling them to may know even less. Most herpetoculturists agree that many reptiles that are especially difficult to keep, such as chameleons, should not be sold in pet stores at all.

“When we place an order for reptiles,” says Glen, “we try to order animals that we can sell and that will be easy for our customers to take care of.”

By buying an exotic animal about which they know little or nothing, a person may very likely

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Boss Hogg's BBQ: A taste of Texas

STEPHANIE BOWEN
Special to *Sidelines*

It's a long way from Texas, but there's a small corner of it tucked away on Broad Street here in Murfreesboro.

Boss Hogg's is a barbecue restaurant with a unique flavor and atmosphere. This isn't your average, everyday barbecue so Southern taste buds beware!

The barbecue is Texas style and Roy Mullins, better known as Boss, swears by it.

“Most people in this part of the country cook on a pit directly over the fire,” he explains. “I cook my meat in a smoker so that only the heat and smoke go into the chamber where the meat is.”

Boss was invited to join a barbecue cooking team in 1981 while doing construction work in Houston. After entering his first cookoff contest in 1982, he soon became the head cook of his own team and Boss Hogg's Barbecue was born.

With several years experience under his belt, Boss moved to Murfreesboro in 1988 with the dream of opening his

own restaurant. In August of 1991, that dream came true.

“It started as a hobby and has grown into this,” he proudly boasts.

“This” is Boss' restaurant. The walls are adorned with awards and pictures of the many cookoffs he has participated in. The back wall is covered with the Lone Star flag of Texas.

First-time customers Lois and Arthur Davis have high praises for Boss Hogg's Barbecue.

“The food is great and the people are real friendly,” they exclaimed.

Friendliness is Boss' nature. His policy is to talk to everyone who walks in the door. The conversation is one you're guaranteed to enjoy because Boss has a head full of adventures to share—ask him about the time he marinated fajita meat in a toilet bowl at a cookoff in Fort Worth, Texas!

Wild stories aren't the only entertainment you'll find at Boss Hogg's. Any Friday or Saturday night, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.,

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Dane Herndon/Photographer

YEE-HAW! If you like Texas-style barbecue and foot-stompin' good times, Boss Hogg's BBQ is the place for you! Located at 1525 NW Broad St., Boss Hogg's is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The restaurant is wheelchair accessible.

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Alternative Music

Bands struggle in world of Top 40

The major labels look over the surging masses of music buyers. They await the next victim to throw into the arena. The alternative band *Nirvana* struggles not to be tossed into the awaiting maws of the Top 40 scene. It's too late.

Like other alternative bands, *Nirvana* has broken into the Top 40. In fact, mainstream music today flows from alternative music ranging from metal to funk to industrial. Small bands like *Nirvana*, *Soundgarden* and *Teenage Fanclub* are competing successfully with big names like *Hammer* and *Guns 'N Roses*, even obtaining the number one spot.

The catch is that, while bands are hitting the Top 40, most don't seem to want to.

"Alternative music is outside the mainstream, top-selling, top-played music on a national basis," says Kent Bruce, a RIM major at MTSU.

"Alternative is a more creative and fresher brand of music," says Mike Creel, disc jockey at 104.5 the Fox in Nashville.

"It's a unique concept that is the opposite of popular music,"

says Brent Rawlings, bassist for the band *Political Funk*.

Being an alternative band presents a paradox—if you're alternative, you're not Top 40. If you're alternative and you break the Top 40, you're no longer alternative. A lot of alternative bands like *REM* and *Nirvana* have become so popular they're not alternative any more. They are



now Top 40 and, in the alternative music world, this is known as "selling out." This term is becoming a negative label thrown on bands who sign the big-money contracts. In alternative circles "selling out" also means giving up creativity and becoming a slave to the will of the major labels.

Is alternative music taking over the Top 40?

"No, Top 40 is embracing alternative music," Bruce says.

Andy Austin, lead singer and guitarist for *Numbskull*, said he believes the reason behind the surge of alternative into Top 40 is that people are tired of acts like *Milli Vanilli* that aren't genuine.

Another boost in the popularity of alternative music is that it is quickly becoming fashionable.

"A person may listen to alternative because it's the thing to do now," Bruce says. "Some people are [listening to it] just because their friends are, and it seems to be the cool thing to do."

Alternative may be just another fad, but it is gaining momentum. The large corporate labels are merging with small independent labels to cash in on the trend. The unique sound of alternative is crashing headlong into mainstream music.

Alternative music is being thrown to hungry music buyers, but this victim has a whip and a chair.

-- Leslie Doss, Special to Sidelines

Hey Babe debut shows Juliana Hatfield's genius

After three albums with guitar-pop, college-radio wonder group the Blake Babies, Juliana Hatfield has released *Hey Babe*, a solo album that truly shows her songwriting genius. While the Blake Babies were capable of producing catchy songs and memorable lyrics (like "caught with my butt hanging out of my pants"), *Hey Babe* allows Hatfield to be in control, feisty, and as moody as she wants to be.

As well as handling the lyrical and vocal tasks, Hatfield plays guitar and bass on most of the cuts on *Hey Babe*. Joining her are guests and friends, including John Wesley Harding and Firehose's Mike Watt. With all the name dropping aside, it is Hatfield's honest and

distinct vocal style that rises to the top of this wonderfully blended musical stew.

With song titles such as "Everybody Loves Me But You," "I See You," and "Forever Baby," you can expect lyrics about relationships. However, Hatfield's way with words leaves you grinning and tapping your feet. She even pays compliment to the breakout band of 1991 in "Nirvana," and she does so with a chorus that is universally irresistible.

Comfortably perched at number nine on the CMJ college radio charts, Juliana Hatfield's *Hey Babe* deserves all the attention it can get. Go get your hands on it!

-- Gary Miller, Special to Sidelines

Former student proves self in music industry

Ben Houston has proven that commitment and a strong desire to succeed can take you a long way in the music industry. His perseverance in the entertainment world has placed him on the edge of stardom. Houston felt this all along, and he knew he would someday be a star.

Houston's interest in the entertainment industry began in 1982 when he was a freshman at MTSU. His interest began with a few Elvis songs at a freshmen talent show and hasn't stopped since. While attending MTSU, Houston was aided greatly by faculty members Don Cusic and Chris Haseleu of the RIM department. There he would sit in on classes and learn as much as possible about the business. This eventually paid off when he was able to record a song entitled "Breeding My Heart" in the RIM studio. Unfortunately, the song went nowhere but it did serve as a start to Ben's future.

From there Ben jumped into his music, recording several more songs, singing at school functions—like his performances

of "The Star Spangled Banner" at sporting events—and performing in bars around Nashville. After only a year at MTSU, Houston left school to pursue his career full time. Accompanied by his band, Houston chased his dream around the Nashville club circuit.

After some time in the Music City, Houston realized he couldn't get the recognition he wanted. The frustration of not being able to succeed in Nashville, his hometown, drove him north to the "Big Apple," New York City.

In New York he lived the life of a starving musician. Sleeping in his car and taking any singing job available, he held on to his dream, hoping to catch that big break. While performing at the famed Apollo Theatre on amateur night, he was spotted by one of Paul Simon's talent scouts. He was asked to audition for a Simon-produced Broadway musical and eventually landed the lead role. In 1989, at the tender age of 24, Houston was starring in a Broadway musical and achieving the recognition he only dreamed about back home.

His next break came when he



BEN HOUSTON

was asked to perform as featured vocalist (live and recording) for the acclaimed Uptown Horns. His work can be heard on the upcoming Horns' release and the 1989 New York Blues Artists' compilation *Third Rail Screaming*. He is featured on the powerful cut "On the Deuce." Other artists he's worked with include The Rolling Stones' Keith Richards, blues great Albert Collins and ex-J. Geils lead man Peter Wolf.

Ben Houston has turned his musical fantasy into a reality. His success is proof that with hard work and a lot of soul, dreams can come true.

-- Don Carr

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★ Writer's Showcase, featuring Lark Watts, Wednesday July 29 at 9:30 p.m., 12th and Porter, No cover.



LARK WATTS

Attention local bands

Sidelines is compiling information for a listing of local bands for our Back to School edition. To have your band included, send or bring by your band's bio information, a black and white photo, and maybe a tape to Sidelines, P.O. Box 42, Murfreesboro, TN, 37132. The Sidelines office is located in room 308 of the James Union Building. Submissions must be received by July 30.

Attention interested writers

Sidelines is in need of students interested in writing entertainment, especially music for rap, reggae, and other forms of R&B-style music.

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Beastie Boys come back to Check Your Head

Mike-D, MCA and Ad-Rock, collectively known as the Beastie Boys, are back after a three year break with a new album and tour. Unlike the rock-n-rap-party-'til-you-puke atmosphere the Beastie Boys created with *Licensed to Ill* and *Paul's Boutique*, their new release, *Check Your Head*, is an album so diverse in lyrical themes and musical styles that it may leave the listener wondering who they are actually listening to.

While *Check Your Head* is still full of the trademark "Beastie" samples and DJ scratches, the majority of this record is live music, supplied by MCA (bass), Ad-Rock (guitar), Mike-D (drums) and a host of

studio musicians. Though many of the songs seem to be worlds apart, they all share some of the same basic qualities—a heavy '70s sound revival and a demo-like rhythmical backbone. Even with the Beastie Boys attempting a new musical direction (by trying them all), whether it be the punk-induced "Time For Living," the reggae-influenced "Lighten Up," the Holiday Inn Lounge-inspired "Live at PJ's," or the psychedelic sounding "Gratitude," they still manage to throw in songs ("Pass the Mic," "So Whatcha Want," and "Professor Booty") that resemble their earlier work.

It seems the only audience that the Beastie Boys set out to



please with *Check Your Head* was themselves. That attitude fills this entire record and will probably be its major appeal to their fans. *Check Your Head* may take a couple of listens to get used to, but once this album sets in you'll realize how ingenious their new approach is.

-- Don Carr

Iron Maiden overcome their Fear of Darkness

Touring in support of their newest release, *Fear Of The Dark*, Iron Maiden has been tearing up the U.S. countryside all summer. After a schedule which sent them coast to coast, Maiden and special guests Testament and Corrosion Of Conformity ended their tour with a performance at the Starwood Amphitheatre.

I, like most people, arrived at the show at 7:30 (starting time according to my ticket) and got to watch C.O.C. take their final bow. I've been to plenty of shows that started late, but *early*? Come on, who's brilliant idea was that, anyway? For those of us who wanted to see C.O.C., we'll get another chance on Aug. 1 when they open up for the Rollins Band at 328 Performance Hall.

The next performance was by Testament, who proceeded to pound the stage from note one. They opened the show with their new single "Electric Crown," from the *Ritual* album. Testament continued their assault with their best-known song, "Practice What You Preach." The band played tight and with a never-ending amount of energy, delivering a performance that riveted the audience. Guitarist Alex Skolnick's solos are devastating. He is undoubtedly one of the best guitarists of this musical genre. Testament culled most of their set from their new album but managed to mix in a handful of crowd favorites like "Trial By Fire," "Souls of Black," and "Disciples of the Watch."

After a short break, the house lights went down and the crowd went crazy. The theater filled with the sound of thunder and rain as the stage remained in an eerie



IRON MAIDEN

darkness. Suddenly the stage lit up in a flood of lights revealing Iron Maiden in all splendor. The band instantly launched into their opening number "Be Quick or Be Dead." Without wasting the momentum, they quickly ripped into a pair of Maiden classics, "Number of the Beast" and "Wrathchild."

After beating the audience into submission with their first three numbers, Maiden seemed to let up and eventually lost the crowd's attention until the later half of the show. The band played too many new and unfamiliar songs in a row to keep the crowd's interest level high. While new songs "Wasted Love" and "From Here to Eternity" got a fair response, it took older numbers like "Run to the Hills" and "Evil

That Men Do" to get the crowd back into the performance.

Once Iron Maiden recaptured the audience, they didn't let go. Pulling out all the stops, Maiden unleashed their best for last. During the set closer of "Iron Maiden," a giant "Eddie" emerged from behind the drum riser and wall of amps. This sent the crowd into a frenzy.

Within a few minutes of the close, Iron Maiden returned to the stage amidst the chants of "Maiden Mai-den" from the enthusiastic crowd. Wasting no time, the band delivered a Tyson punch encore of "Hallowed Be Thy Name," "The Trooper" and "Sanctuary." Even with the few slow portions in their show, Iron Maiden proved they are still one of the premiere live metal acts around today.

-- Don Carr

Sports

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Pickens are thin

Everyone's early season picks aren't on target

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

When the All-star game took place last week, it traditionally represents mid-season to baseball fans.

The long awaited beginning of baseball in late March has quickly changed to a look at the final leg of divisional races.

As some may remember, several members of the past spring's staff opted to go out on a limb, some further than others, and pick winners of the four divisions. Although a week has past since mid-season last week, we've decided to review everyone's pick and see who the leader is thusfar.

Myself, Tony Arnold, and Joyce Adkins are currently the leaders with two correct picks each. Scott Hassler and Tim Burns each had one right while Greg Adkins and Terry Massey failed to get any correct.

I took Toronto in the A.L. East and was undoubtedly correct. The Blue Jays have certainly flown high. However, I picked the Boston Red Sox to give them a run for their money which has yet to be seen. I said the Bo Sox would finish two games out at the

season's completion. As of Tuesday, they were 11 1/2 back.

In the A.L. West, I took Oakland hands down. The A's have found staying healthy quite difficult though they still linger just games behind leader Minnesota. By the way, I said the Twins would finish just above .500.

Over in the National League East I was certain the New York Mets would run away with the division. Wrong.

Sports Editorial

They've been nothing but a picture of inconsistency, yet they still lie within striking distance.

In the west I did take Cincinnati who's hanging to first by the skin of their teeth. I expected Atlanta to do well but the Dodgers to be the big test. However, the Dodgers are indeed singing the blues in the cellar.

My assistant sports editor, Scott Hassler, was on the money when he took Toronto; but if he were a betting man, he'd be in the hole

with his other picks.

In the A.L. West, he too went with Oakland. In the N.L. East he predicted New York and on the other coast he grabbed Los Angeles.

Certainly the A's and Mets still have chances but as far as L.A. is concerned, Mr. Hassler doesn't have much of a prayer.

Former 'On the Line' picker, a weekly column in the fall, Greg Adkins did about as well as he did with his football picks last year. He finished last.

He gained our respect when he took the Chicago White Sox and Atlanta Braves in their division, but when he said Detroit and Montreal, we all asked his wife Joyce if he'd been taking any medication.

Maybe he knew something from the inside or maybe it was a lucky pick, but Montreal is certainly raising some eyebrows by being in second place. The Expos have great speed, good pitching and some bats that are talking loud enough to keep Pittsburgh leery.

As for Detroit, well, we told you he might have been on medication.

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Two MTSU students step in ring Sat.

STAFF REPORTS

Middle Tennessee State will be well represented this Saturday when two students step into the ring.

Scott Rooker and Todd Reed will participate in kick-boxing matches at Riverdale High School. Rooker, a former Tennessee State Champion majoring in business administration at MTSU, will be fighting in his last amateur fight.

Last February, he fought the French champion in France, losing a controversial decision. Trained by Bill Taylor's School of Karate, Rooker (9-4) will turn pro following the bout.

Reed, also a business administration major and member of the ROTC, will be vying to keep his record

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Danger lurks when heat's up

Rising temps can cause serious problems

TRENT MILLER
Sports Writer

As the dog days of summer approach, everyone should be alert for heat stress symptoms. With temperatures soaring into the 90s, anyone working or playing outside should take precautions to prevent heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses.

MTSU Safety Officer Terry Logan warns that heat-related illnesses have the potential to be fatal with little warning. However, with proper preventative measures, heat stress and other related illnesses can be easily avoided.

"One of the first signs is a little bit of a headache, maybe even coupled with sweating

Heat Stress Prevention

Heat related illness can be minimized by planning for work / rest cycles and water intake in accordance with the following table:

Heat Index	Water Intake Quarts/Hour	Work / Rest Cycle Minutes
78-81.9	1/2 Minimum	Continuous Work
82-84.9	1/2 Minimum	50/10
85-87.9	1 Minimum	45/15
88-89.9	1 1/2 Minimum	30/30
90+	2+	20/40

profusely. A lot of that can be prevented by simply drinking enough fluids," Logan said. "If you must work or play outside during the intense heat, remember to drink small quantities of water frequently. Do not rely on thirst to remind you to drink water. Also, drink extra water before starting an activity.

"The difficult thing about heat stroke is that different people have different tolerances," Logan said. "Acclimation to the heat, the individual's physical state and other factors all determine a

person's susceptibility to heat stress."

Logan said that 454 heat-related deaths were recorded in 1988. Almost all of these could have been prevented if the proper procedures had been followed.

"The key to dealing with anything in safety is knowledge," Logan said. "Heat stroke is a medical emergency that can be fatal. Even the military recognizes this and regards heat stress as very serious."

Logan reminds everyone to See HEAT, Page Ten

Fans await Magic's return to court in '92 Olympics

MICHAEL C. SHARP
Special to Sidelines

I wasn't born when Kennedy was assassinated. I was in sixth grade when President Reagan was shot. I wasn't a true Beatles fan until many years after John Lennon was killed. The space shuttle Challenger accident was the first human tragedy I was old enough to actually absorb, but it was still very far from hitting

home. Then on Nov. 7, 1991, my entire world changed forever.

I am a huge Los Angeles Laker fan. Anytime a basketball game is on and the Lakers are playing, I'm watching. My favorite player on the team is James Worthy. He and I are both from North Carolina. I followed his career in college and stayed interested when he went pro.

I'd always known who

Earvin "Magic" Johnson was, but I only began watching him after he and Worthy became teammates in Los Angeles. I found myself caught up in his enthusiasm and smile. While everyone was out on the court being deadly serious and trying to win, Magic was out there having fun and leading his team to victory after victory. Worthy was still my favorite player, but Magic was my hero. He still is.

I was taking a nap in my room at school when the phone

rang. It was a friend of mine from North Carolina. He said he was really sorry about Magic. I take a lot of jokes from my friends because I'm such a big Lakers fan, and they know they can easily bother me. He told me he heard on the radio that Magic Johnson had AIDS. I told him to

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Sports Editorial

Tennis tourney has openings

Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a city closed tennis tournament.

The event will take place Aug. 7-10 at Old Fort Park.

Fees are \$10 for singles and \$15 for doubles. Trophy's will be awarded for winners and runner-ups.

All ages are welcomed. Please call Bart Fite at 893-9050 for more information.

Karate:

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perfect. Currently, he holds a 5-0 mark under the training of Bill Taylor's School of Karate.

The main attraction will be a World Welter-Weight bout featuring three-time World Champion Cliff 'Magic' Thomas vs. Murfreesboro's Thomas 'The Undertaker' Chesterfield.

Chesterfield is the No. 2 ranked world contender and expects to be a tough contender in the full-contact karate match.

Also on the ticket is World Welter-Weight Champion Lafayette Lawson who will fight in a six round, non-title bout.

Tickets are still available for the event to be held at Murfreesboro's Riverdale High School. Prices are \$8, \$10 and \$15. Tickets can be purchased at Bill Taylor's School of Karate. Anyone interested can call the school at 893-6003.

Magic:

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get real. He told me he wasn't kidding. I quickly got off the phone and ran to the television and turned on CNN in hopes of finding out it was all a lie. All the television told me was Magic was getting ready for a press conference at the Great Western Forum and he would be announcing his retirement. I was stunned. All I could do was sit motionless and speechless for the next hour and wait to hear the news I didn't want to hear.

This was the year the Lakers could regain their title and win it all again. The Los Angeles franchise won five World Championships in the '80s and last year almost won its sixth. The Lakers eventually lost to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls, but this clearly pointed to the weakness of the team. The Lakers could never find a suitable backup for Magic so he could rest.

Whenever he left the floor, the Lakers seemed to be without direction. They would fall behind or lose their lead and Magic would be forced to come back off the bench and play without taking a real rest. Lakers management solved that problem with the off-season acquisition of Sedale Threatt. He would be the cog that allowed Magic and the Lakers to bring another title to Los Angeles. The Lakers were favored by many sports publications to be playing in the title game in June. No one could have foreseen the news Earvin Johnson would deliver to the world that November afternoon.

CNN televised the podium at the Forum long before Magic and Lakers management make their appearance. Magic finally approached the reporters and

waited for the flashbulbs to stop before he began to speak. He was wearing a sharp-looking navy suit and his trademark smile as he told the world he had the HIV virus.

He would have to retire from basketball, but his battle for awareness and a cure had just begun. He stated that his wife and unborn child had tested negative and were in good health and ended with a vow that the media had not seen the last of him. He then smiled and left with his wife and friends.

I was devastated. I didn't know what to say or do. This was Magic Johnson, untouchable to all but an elite group of sports superstars. This was a man who make people feel good. A person who spent his life, money and time giving to charities like the United Negro College Fund so kids could have the chance to go to college. Magic transcended race. He was bigger than black or white.

His bravery in revealing his disease to increase awareness of AIDS only increases the greatness of Earvin Johnson Jr. He could have remained silent, but that's not his style. His style is winning. He wants to beat this disease. He has received hundreds of dollars for AIDS education and research, and more money comes in every day. He speaks regularly at high schools and preaches abstinence to be the best prevention.

Magic played in the NBA All-Star game and showed the world that HIV- and AIDS-infected people are still important members of society and can still be major contributors. His performance in the game was flawless, and he was awarded the MVP trophy. This was not given out of sympathy; it was given because Magic was and played

the best of the best. The whole world was cheering for him.

Magic Johnson has greatly affected my life. He is more a hero to me that he has ever been. He has showed me what bravery is all about. He does not want to die but is grateful for the life he's had. He is ready for whatever lies ahead.

Magic has shown me and the world that this is not a disease that just infects gays and drug users. This is a disease that does not discriminate. I think the cover of *Newsweek* said it best. It shows a black-and-white picture of a bare-chested Magic Johnson looking slightly sad into the camera. Above him hangs the words, "Even Me." Those two words say a lifetime of preaching.

I tried to think what I would do if faced with a similar situation. I really don't know. I'm terrified of AIDS. Everyone I know is. This is not a disease that just affects other people. Anyone who has ever had unprotected sex is at risk. I never realized how strong those words were until Magic explained them. This is not a disease that Mommy and Daddy can make all right.

Three weeks after the Magic's announcement, Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of the rock band Queen, died of AIDS-related pneumonia. He announced his infection to the world the night before. It was his choice to remain silent, but it shows more of Magic's courage. Yes, Earvin I'm listening.

Magic is a true champion. He plans to play in the Olympics, and he will probably shine as he has in everything he's done. He has discussed a comeback to the Lakers, but the world needs him more. I will respect and cheer any decisions he makes. You're suppose to do that for heroes.

Picks:

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Joyce, on the otherhand, has two picks right thusfar.

Toronto and Cincinnati have yet to disappoint but the White Sox and Mets haven't been something to write home about.

Sports writer Tim Burns was the only person to pick Pittsburgh. The Pirates are surviving quite well despite the absence of Bobby Bonilla.

He went with Oakland and that could turn out to be the right choice but his picks of Boston and Los Angeles don't look like winners.

Former Editor Terry Massey joined Greg in the ranks of last with no picks correct. We must advise you though that being editor at *Sidelines* is a stressful situation. These picks were made at the end of the semester, and Mr. Massey had just about pulled out his hair and we we questioning his sanity.

I mean, you would too. Look at this, he took the Chicago Cubs. Even worse, he received fan mail for doing it.

Look, I realize that Cub fans are some of the best, but Chicago was not a good choice. There current place in the standings is proof.

All his other picks were legit. Boston, Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles looked strong yet haven't shown much muscle as the season has progressed.

Miracles could happen and stranger things have happened in the past. Almost every team picked has a chance at making a comeback, notice I said almost every team, but it appears as if the races are shaping up into a two or three team sprint.

Baseball fever is catching on down the final stretch and no one knows the answers although one things for sure.

It's going to be a heck of a finish.

Heat:

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take it easy this summer while working or playing outside in order to avoid the hazards of heat stress and heat-related illness. Taking frequent breaks and drinking plenty of fluids will prevent heat stress for most people.

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Reptiles:

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be setting themselves up for disappointment, as well as financial loss.

Traditionally, big snakes such as pythons and boa constrictors and lizards such as iguanas have made up the most popular group of reptile pets. When sold in pet stores, these animals are generally very young, and Glen says most buyers do not realize the large sizes that their new pets will eventually attain.

"You can tell customers a Burmese python will get to be 12 or 13 feet long," says Glen, "but they can't visualize it in their heads."

In recent years, interest has grown in less exotic, thought equally beautiful North American snakes, such as corn snakes and kingsnakes. These snakes are inexpensive because of the success in captive breeding. Their relatively small size and the ease with which they thrive in captivity makes them ideal snakes for the first-time owner.

One fact about snakes that any prospective owner must face is that they are completely carnivorous, and feed mainly on mice.

Although many snakes will readily eat dead mice, which can be bought cheaply in frozen quantities, some are picky eaters and will only eat live mice. Watching a snake kill and eat a

mouse is a strong experience which is not for everyone. While many uninformed people regard it as unnecessarily cruel, this is not the case. The death of the mouse by cardiac arrest takes mere seconds, and is thought by experts to be relatively painless.

Undoubtedly, the most popular pet lizards are iguanas, probably due to their increasing appearance on television and in the movies. Glen doesn't understand this popularity.

"Iguanas are not one of the easier lizards to take care of. They require a very specific diet. When you think about it," Glen adds, "you hardly ever see an adult iguana."

Recently challenging the iguana's position as most popular lizard is the monitor, a carnivorous lizard which can reach a length of six feet. Monitors, which have also gained recent publicity (most notably in the 1990 movie, *The Freshman*), are renowned for their tameness and personality.

With the increase in inexperienced reptile owners has come a large demand for specialized veterinary care. One person who has sought to fill this professional niche in the Nashville area is Michael Corwin, D.V.M., who practices at Bellshire Animal Clinic. Dr. Corwin also does veterinary work for the Nashville Zoo.

"It's kind of the wave of the future, as people have to spend more time at work," says Dr. Corwin of the increasing popularity of reptiles.

"You can confine the space they live in, and clean up is easier."

Dr. Corwin sees herpetological veterinary care as a fascinating practice that was sorely needed in the Nashville area.

"There were no other veterinarians in town who were practicing herpetological medicine," says Dr. Corwin, adding that some were willing to try it, but usually implemented outdated methods that often did more harm than good.

Dr. Corwin has seen a great variety of herps since beginning his practice in Nashville.

"I see four to five herps a week, on average," Dr. Corwin says. "Everything from the common ball python that won't eat, to more exotic animals, like Solomon Island skinks and basilisks."

Many of us have no doubt captured a box turtle or garter snake at some time during our childhood, and may have brought it home to keep as a pet. While many reptiles sold in pet stores are native to Tennessee, one is ill-advised to keep an animal found in the wild for one good

reason: it is ILLEGAL. As many people who have kept wild turtles or snakes as children will attest, these animals seldom do well in captivity.

Tennessee state laws have been designed to protect our native wildlife population, making it illegal to sell or even possess wild caught animals without special permits.

"It's wrong to keep a native Tennessee species in captivity," says Dr. Corwin.

If you run across a reptile or amphibian, either in the woods or in a residential area, the best action is none at all. The same animals can more likely be purchased in a pet store. Not only will it be legal, but the animal will be better adapted to captivity and the owner can be provided with instructions for its proper care.

So what steps should a prospective reptile owner take before making their first purchase?

"By far, the most important thing is to find a book or find a group of individuals who can impart some general husbandry information, so you can get an idea of what you want to start with," says Dr. Corwin. "Too often, you'll get an individual who'll start out with a very difficult animal, and the animal will end up dying."

Information and education are of utmost importance. Just as important is for the buyer to choose a pet that they will enjoy, and one which they will be able to keep responsibly, even when the animal attains its adult size.

For those interested in meeting with other herp aficionados, the Tennessee Reptile and Amphibian Society meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Cumberland Science Museum, with meetings usually beginning around 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited, and no knowledge of herpetology is required, only a desire to learn.

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you can hear good old foot-stomping country music. Requests from the audience are welcome and everyone is invited to sing along when the band breaks into "Rocky Top."

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The Second Front Page

Middle Tennessee State University

Chinese students wary of offer to return home

COLLEGE PRESS SERVICE

Chinese students in the United States say they are wary of a new incentive program their government has announced in hopes of luring home more than 100,000 students who fled or refused to return home after the 1989 crackdown on dissenters.

"It may look like a better situation, but it is still far away from a democratic environment," said Peter Chen, a native of Beijing and a graduate student who is working on his doctorate at the University of Central Florida.

Chen was one of the major organizers for demonstrations in Florida against the Chinese government during the

Tiananmen Square showdown in 1989.

"I'd like to go home, but I have a fear of going home. I might get into trouble," he said.

He estimated there were 80 to 100 Chinese students at the university, and none of them were enticed back to China by the new policy.

"When you get there, you are trapped," he said. "There's such a power struggle in the government. You never know what's going to happen."

The resolution, according to the state-run *China Daily* newspaper, will offer freedom of career choice and residency to students living in other countries.

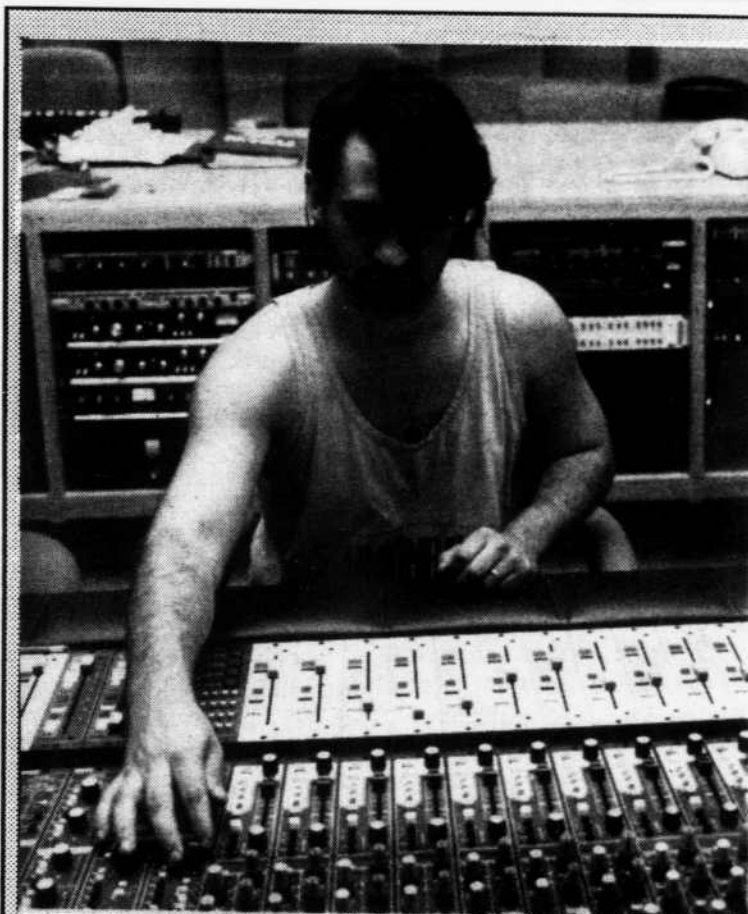
The Associated Press reported that it was unclear whether the government would insist on loyalty to the

Communist party from the students, but observers said it was likely.

Wu Jianmin, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, was asked at a news conference if Chinese student who opposed the "four cardinal principles" of Chinese government would be welcomed back.

"Whatever their past political views, we welcome them back to serve the construction of the motherland," said Wu in the *New York Times* article. Wu emphasized the word "past," the article said.

The principles in question are socialism, the people's democratic dictatorship, leadership of the Communist Party and Marxism, Leninism and Mao Zedong thought.



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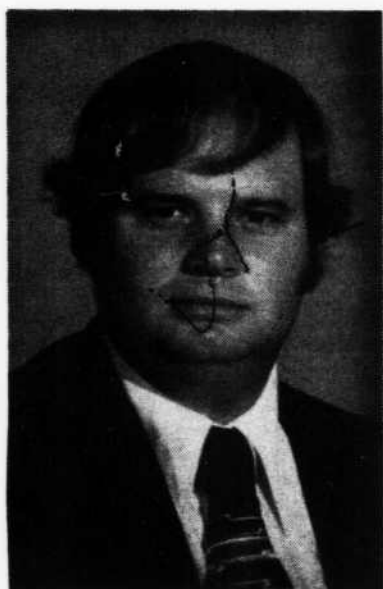
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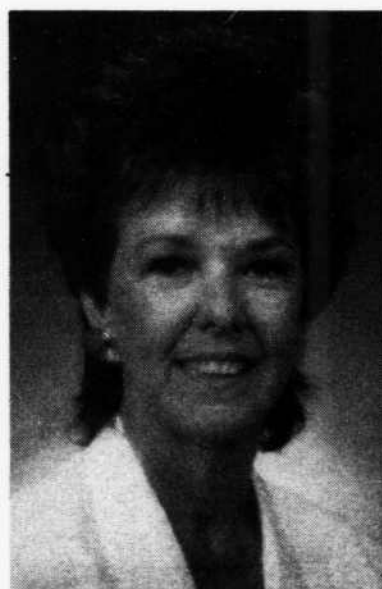
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Jacqueline E. Wyatt, computer information systems; Ronald L. Zawislak, geology/geography; Joachim Zietz, economics; Donald E. Crowder, aerospace; and Constance R. Schmidt, psychology.

Crowder notes that he couldn't have done it alone.

"It's an honor, and I appreciate everyone that helped me receive the tenure."

Schmidt sees it as a positive step towards the future.

"It's wonderful," Schmidt said. "I look forward to continuing my work in the MTSU community."

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writing invitations to companies to bid on the hefty project. At the same time, they are working on a survey to be used in conjunction with the bid to evaluate the system to be used. The TBR is helping to review the proposal and the benchmark.

In the meantime, MTSU will be upgrading the current VAX 8650 system which Lea says has been approved by the Board.

"We are getting an upgrade to the VAX system which will allow the system to operate until a new system is in place," Lea said.

Currently there are funds available for the upgrade and the new system through the Repair and Replacement Budget that must be used or be returned to the state. The committee is also trying to procure a matching grant from the TBR.

The mainframe replacement comes at a time when a survey found that MTSU was last in

academic computing when compared to other TBR four-year schools. The study also found that MTSU was second to last when compared with the two-year schools, surpassing only Volunteer State Community College.

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weekends. Tentative hours are 6 a.m. to midnight.

Tennessee Tech has recently opened a smaller facility and they estimate having 1,500 to 1,600 students in the facility a day.

The Center will be run by students, for students. There will be no athletics or academics in the Rec Center. Students will be needed to work at the Center as lifeguards, instructors, and referees.

MTSU president Wallace Prescott approved the proposal for the Rec Center in 1989. In March of 1991 the referendum was approved by the students.