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'A POLITICAL EARTHQUAKE'

*Frist, Thompson, Sundquist lead GOP charge;
Democrats lose 40-year control of Congress*



Thompson routs Cooper to take Gore's vacant seat

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Fred Thompson, the lawyer-actor who turned on the folksy charm to win Al Gore's old Senate seat, says his first priority will be reforming how Congress runs itself.

"People feel alienated from their government," he said after beating Democratic Rep. Jim Cooper Tuesday night. "People feel alienated from the people practicing government. People feel alienated from the people's branch of government, and they're demanding changes."

"And if the professional politicians don't understand that, they're soon going to understand that."

Thompson, in his first bid for public office, beat the six-term congressman convincingly, 61 percent to 39 percent. Vote totals were 878,456 to 559,358.

Thompson said during a talk show today that he'll be sworn in in a few weeks and plans to get to work.

"We've got a transition to make," he said. "I plan to meet with the staff this morning (Wednesday) and talk about things."

The Republican said people are looking for basic changes and he plans to give them that in the two years he will have in office. He said he's heard of the people speaking, but "they didn't just speak last night ... they yelled at the top of their voices."

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TO THE VICTOR GOES THE SPOILS: Dr. Bill Frist celebrates his upset win over Sen. Jim Sasser Tuesday night at Loews Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel in Nashville.

Frist ends Sasser's 18-year term

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Dissatisfaction with Democrats in general and Sen. Jim Sasser in particular translated into a stunning victory for Republican Bill Frist, a transplant surgeon making his first political race.

"It's a political earthquake in Tennessee in 1994," a beaming Frist told supporters in his acceptance speech after Tuesday's victory over Sasser, the Democratic incumbent.

"From day one, this campaign was a venture of faith, the belief that one person in America today can make a

difference."

With 100 percent of the state's precincts reporting, Frist had 57 percent of the vote compared to 42 percent for Sasser. The vote tally was 829,043 to 616,151.

Independent John Jay Hooker of Nashville polled 13,271 for 1 percent.

Sasser, 58, a leading contender for Senate majority leader, early on was considered a shoo-in for re-election to his fourth term. But he watched for months as his lead in the polls

PLEASE SEE **FRIST**, PAGE 3



Sundquist victory completes GOP's Tennessee sweep

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gov.-elect Don Sundquist said today that he and wife Martha will take the next four or five days off to get rested from the contentious campaign he won last night.

Then he'll be ready to get to work on the transition from congressman to governor.

He said he didn't know where they'd go but if he did he probably wouldn't tell anyone.

"If I look tired, it's probably because I am," Sundquist said with a smile as he met with a roomful of reporters at Legislative Plaza.

Sundquist said Vice President Al Gore called him last night and congratulated him on the victory. Sundquist said he told Gore — a longtime friend and colleague in Congress — that he knew it had been a tough night and he appreciated the call.

Sundquist planned to meet with outgoing Governor Ned McWherter this afternoon at the governor's residence.

Although the voters said change was the issue that mattered most to them in the election, Sundquist said he thought that was more of a national feeling and that Tennesseans are satisfied with the state's direction.

He said his first priority will be to

PLEASE SEE **SUNDQUIST**, PAGE 2



CHARLES HOGUE/Photo Editor

HEAD 'EM UP, MOVE 'EM OUT: Children at the MTSU day care center line up to go out and play during their break last Wednesday.

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present a tough-on-crime package to the Legislature after his inauguration in January.

Sundquist said Nashville businessman Walter Knestrick will chair his transition team. Knestrick was the campaign's finance chairman.

Nashvillian Tom Ingram will be director of the transition team.

Sundquist, who defeated Democrat Phil Bredesen by more than 141,000 votes, vowed Tuesday night to have an administration that embraces all Tennesseans.

"I will be that kind of governor," Sundquist said during his victory speech. "I will keep my commitments and I will do what's right for Tennessee."

And, he added, "the porch light's always going to be on for you."

Sundquist won counties throughout the state, even in traditionally Democratic territory, and he thanked God for helping him.

"I lift up my eyes to the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord; the maker of heaven and earth," Sundquist said, quoting Psalms 121 during his victory speech.

With 100 percent of the precincts reporting, Sundquist had 801,765 votes to Bredesen's 659,824 votes.

Sundquist's strength showed up early in an exit poll of voters, who said that despite the state's burgeoning economy and low

unemployment, change was the issue that mattered most.

But during his victory speech, Sundquist didn't specify what he'll change in Tennessee, instead thanking McWherter for his leadership the past eight years.

The GOP win was one more in a night of Republican victories.

"He was in the right party, in the right place, at the right time," Bredesen told reporters after his concession speech.

The poll was conducted by Voter News Service for The Associated Press and four television networks.

The race was the most expensive and perhaps the most vicious governor's contest in the state's history, with the two men spending more than \$15 million and mostly on negative advertising.

Sundquist, 58, has never lost an election.

He is the son of a welder who became the first member of his family to go to college. He helped start and manage the printing company GS America Inc., which prints Gibson greeting cards.

He also put together investors to establish a bank in Germantown, Tenn., and later joined with others in opening a Memphis-style barbecue restaurant in Arlington, Va.

Sundquist is the first born outside the traditional South since William Carroll, who was born in Pennsylvania and was governor from 1821 to 1827. □



CAMPUS CAPSULE

Today

An International Student Coffee Hour will be hosted by the International Programs and Services Office Thursday, Nov. 10 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Hazelwood Dining Room in the JUB.

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. in room 310 of the JUB. This will be a business meeting. Semester-ending agenda will be discussed. Attendance is mandatory. Contact Jenny Crouch at 2815 for more information.

The MTSU Astronomical Society will meet at 5 p.m. in room 213 of the Wiser-Patton Science building. For more information call Jay White at 5946.

Monday

The Ad Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. For location and more information, contact Jeanette Gipson at 4867.

Upcoming & Ongoing

"Raiders For Christ" meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Christian Student Center. For more information contact the Center at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer at 3216.

The Japan Center of Tennessee in cooperation with the Scarritt Bennett Center will sponsor an Origami Exhibit on the 2nd floor of the Laskey Library at the Scarritt Bennett Center at Vanderbilt. The exhibit will run through November 1994. The public is welcome Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Baptist Student Union holds Bible studies or fellowship every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at noon "Noonday" is held. All you can eat for \$2. The Baptist Student Union is located at the intersection of Faulkenberry and Tennessee Boulevard.

The MTSU chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 5 p.m. in Wiser Patton Science Hall room 201. Contact Leonard Walther at 895-3212 for more information.

A Christian gathering for singing and sharing is held every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the KUC Courtyard.

Church of God in Christ (COGIC ROC) Campus Ministries meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. For more information contact Kevin Johnson at 895-5968.

ATTENTION! Students, Faculty, and Staff: Your efforts are needed in the MTSU recycling program. The price of recycled materials is down, so we need every piece of white paper, computer paper, and every aluminum can possible. All proceeds fund academic scholarships. Call 2847 for pick-up.

MTSU Student Ambassador applications are now being accepted for membership. The Student Ambassadors is a service organization that serves as hosts and hostesses for university activities. Applications may be picked up in the Public Relations office, Cope 205. Students must have been on campus for at least one semester and have a minimum GPA of 2.5. Deadline for applications is Nov. 14 and interviews will be Nov. 21. Call Gayle Robinson at 898-2919 for further information.

International Student's Association meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

The work of photographer Lewis Koch will be on display in the LRC October 16- November 17.

The Student Coalition for Animal Rights meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Contact Kellie at 898-0457.

Speech testing or speech therapy services are available to MTSU students. Students should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appointment.

The MTSU Symphony invites interested students to rehearsals Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Contact the Symphony office at 898-2484 or go to room 264, Wright Music Building.

The June Anderson Women's Center has support groups for women meeting throughout the semester. All groups are free to students. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 to sign up. Space is limited.

A Christian gathering for singing and sharing will be held every Wednesday in the KUC Courtyard at 9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MTSU Lambda Association is a local support group for bisexual, gay, and lesbian students, faculty, and community members. Meetings every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm. room 149. Call hotline at 780-2293.

Phillips Book Store will be giving away a \$50 gift certificate at every home football game. You must be at the game to win.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in KUC room 315. Everyone welcome. Contact Greg Logan at 3081.

DEADLINES FOR CAMPUS CAPSULE SUBMISSIONS:

MONDAY EDITION:
5 P.M. FRIDAY
THURSDAY EDITION:
5 P.M. TUESDAY

All submissions must be brought by or sent to the *Sidelines* office in writing. Phone in submissions will not be accepted. *Sidelines* reserves the right not to publish any listing for any reason. *Sidelines* is not responsible for inaccurate information.

APOLOGY:

In Monday's issue, a PSA was inserted which referred to the *Midlander*. It was obviously a joke, but it was not taken kindly by Allison Goodman, *Midlander* Editor, and her reaction was understandable.

Sidelines wishes to extend sincerest apologies to Allison and the *Midlander* staff for any offense they may have taken. Also, Andrew Mays, graphic designer of *Midlander*, requested that we make it clear who designed that PSA. That is not possible.

In the course of laying out our pages, it often happens that we need to fill extra space with PSA's. That occurred Monday when someone failed to bring us a half-page ad for *Midlander*.

As we searched for something to run, the PSA in question was pulled from the production room wall. It had been there for several years, and no one remembers who designed it.

However, I take full responsibility as editor in chief for its appearance in the paper. I was aware of its use and allowed it to run.

No one on the *Midlander* staff authorized the ad or had anything to do with it at all. The full responsibility for its appearance lies with *Sidelines* and myself as editor.

Todd Meyers

FRIST (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

evaporated under a tide of voter discontent and an onslaught of President Clinton-bashing.

Frist thanked Sasser for his three terms in the Senate but told supporters, as he did throughout the campaign, "18 years was long enough."

Later, Frist told reporters he does not see a potential conflict of interest between his \$13 million worth of Columbia-HCA HealthCare stock and Senate debates over health care reform.

"That was a straw man put forward by the Democratic Party to make an issue about it. I will have my assets put in a blind trust and in no area will there be a conflict of interest," he said.

In his concession speech, Sasser hinted that his political career is not over.

"Let me just tell you this. I don't intend to go gentle into the good night. As long as there's battles left to fight for economic progress, for fairness you're going to have Jim Sasser around to help fight them," he said.

"For 18 marvelous years I've had the privilege of representing the people of the state of Tennessee ... I'm proud of what I've achieved, and I believe Tennessee is a better place for our accomplishments in the U.S. Senate."

The poll of voters as they left precincts across the state was conducted by Voter News Service for The Associated Press and four television networks.

About half of the 725 voters surveyed said Sasser agreed too much with Clinton.

Less than a fourth of the voters said Sasser's 18 years of experience in Washington was important to them. And even among those who said it did matter, only a little more than two-thirds voted for Sasser.

Sasser, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, received overwhelming support among those who said a candidate's experience was important — but only about 10 percent did, according to exit poll interviews.

Sasser had a slight edge among

voters who picked health care as an important issue, while Frist scored with voters who emphasized taxes and Clinton's performance.

Frist led Sasser by nearly a 2-to-1 margin among men — 65-35 percent, according to the exit polls. Women supported Frist by a 59-41 margin.

The negative and costly campaign reached new lows last weekend. Democrats tried to paint the Frist campaign as racist based on the remark of a young Frist supporter, while Republicans sent reporters copies of a tape of Sasser trying to raise money from a friend from Federal Express.

Spending in the campaign put both men among the top 30 Senate candidates nationwide.

Frist, 42, was 13th, having raised \$4.98 million by Oct. 19, the last report due the Federal Election Commission. He has loaned his campaign a total of \$3.24 million, including a \$500,000 infusion last week.

Sasser was 19th in an AP study of money raisers, having taken in \$4.04 million by the time of the study.

Sasser also received more money from political action committees than any other Tennessee candidate, tying him for 12th in the nation with \$1.56 million.

PACs gave Frist about \$200,000.

Frist made his first forays into public life on behalf of organ donor cards. He urged doctors to ask families of fatal accident victims about organ donation.

Sasser was chairman of the state Democratic Party when he decided to make his first bid for public office.

He upset one-term Republican Sen. Bill Brock in 1976, in a campaign that made Brock's personal wealth an issue. Brock released his tax returns, showing he had paid about \$2,026 in taxes on a gross income of \$51,670 in 1975. Organized labor flooded the state with "I paid more taxes than Bill Brock" buttons and bumper stickers. □

THOMPSON (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Thompson, who said he plans to run for re-election in 1996, won in each of the state's four largest counties and in all but 13 counties, returning former Sen. Howard Baker's seat to the GOP.

Thompson's suggestions on the campaign trail included pay cuts for congressmen, changing Congress to a part-time job and allowing lawmakers to hold jobs at home, and term limits.

"These campaigns go on too long, they cost too much and they get too mean," said Thompson, who spent more than \$3 million.

A lawyer who first gained national attention as a Senate aide during the Watergate hearings, Thompson has gained fame in recent years from his acting. He has appeared in 18 films, including "The Hunt for Red October" and "Die Hard 2."

He trailed Cooper in polls following the August primary, then switched his campaign strategy.

He ditched his suit and fax

machine for a Chevrolet pickup truck, work shirt and cowboy boots. Portraying himself as a candidate for change despite his work as a Washington lobbyist, Thompson hammered at Cooper's 12 years in Congress.

The tactics worked. Thompson was the choice of almost all voters polled who said they were looking for change with their vote.

"He ran a highly effective campaign, and I certainly respect the decision of Tennessee voters," said Cooper, who said he probably won't run again in 1996.

The seat was held by Howard Baker from 1966-1984, and Thompson took time to thank his mentor for taking him to Washington for the Watergate hearings.

"I got to see what a public servant ought to be close up," Thompson said. "And whatever success I have and whatever success we've had this year is due in large measure to the work of Howard Baker." □

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November 10, 1994

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35. Corlew Hall
36. Felder Hall
37. Wood Hall
49. Wright Music Bldg.
73. Mass Communication Bldg.
82. Nursing Bldg.

1st St.

B Street in front of Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building will be cleared of cars
on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 14-16 in preparation for asphalt repairs. The street
will be blocked all day Nov. 14-16. Faulkinberry Street will not be blocked at the
intersection with B Street. Traffic can pass from Faulkinberry north onto B Street
via a gravel detour.

Bill Smotherman, director of physical plant, says the Utility and Infrastruc-
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•Have a 2.0 cumulative GPA at
the time of application.



•Have worked on staff at least
one semester. Comparable
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•Provide three letters of recom-
mendation, a current transcript
and no more than five samples
of their work professionally
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•Deadline for applications is
4:30 p.m. Dec 5.

Applications may be picked up
from the Student Publications
office, James Union Building 308,
8a.m. - 4:30p.m., M-F.



**TAKE CARE OF
OUR FRIENDS.**

Hospice of Murfreesboro lends helping hand to the community

KRYS SPAIN

Staff Writer

Hospice of Murfreesboro is a not-for-profit organization that provides support and care to people with limited life expectancies and their families.

Hospice is a service of Middle Tennessee Medical Center and a member of United Way of Rutherford County.

Their program includes professional nurses, social workers, chaplains, volunteers, specialized professionals, and nurses aides. Hospice provides a variety of services to the terminally ill and their families. Care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Hospice also provides support groups specializing in support for grief over losing a loved one. They provide Grief Groups that are free and open to anyone suffering the loss of a loved one.

Another specialized group is Camp Forget-Me-Not. It deals primarily with helping children get through a loved one's death. The children that are dealt with in this group are usually for grades Kindergarten through sixth grade.

Hospice of Murfreesboro provides care throughout Rutherford County. The number of patients they care for, varies from 12 to 35 persons at a time. The ages of the patients usually range at 12 years and up.

The services provided by Hospice vary depending on the needs of the patient. Primarily, they provide medical care, emotional and psychological care, spiritual care, family support, and bereavement counseling.

Hospice cares for cancer patients, heart disease patients, lung disease patients, and AIDS patients. Cancer patients are the majority under care in Murfreesboro. The AIDS population is rapidly growing in Murfreesboro, too. Hospice will care for any diagnosis in the terminal stage.

Patients are usually people that prefer to have home care. With the help of family members and Hospice, most patients can stay at home. Inpatient care is provided when

necessary.

Hospice is insured by the Medicare Hospice Benefit that was enacted in 1982, if the program is Hospice certified. They have an optional benefit under medicaid and many private companies. Most Hospice programs rely heavily on grants, donations, and memorials to cover the needs.

John Harris, Director of Disabled Student Services, said "I think that MTSU students could probably serve in some capacity, they may want to serve as volunteer so that a family member can go out."

Hospice of Murfreesboro is in need of volunteers in the areas of patient support, stay with patients while a family member goes out, to provide family support, prepare and deliver food, help with transportation, and office support.

"Hospice has various programs that students can get involved in. I think also it is nice for MTSU students to be aware that a program like this exists in our community," said Harris.

They currently have 80 volunteers and 15 paid staff. There are 11 part-time staff and 4 full-time staff. Only a small number of the volunteers are MTSU students.

The daytime is when the most help is needed. For office support, daytime availability is necessary. Hospice is very

flexible with schedules, especially for college students.

"Students can gain the benefit of helping somebody as well as experience," said Sandra Connell Jones, M. A., Director at Hospice and Psychology Instructor at MTSU. "It is an opportunity to learn something at the same time that you are serving others."

Anyone interested in volunteering will need to contact Ellen Himebaugh to set up an interview. Following the interview, there is a 15 hour training session.

For more information about it, or to Volunteer, call 896-HOME. Hospice of Murfreesboro is located at 417 N. Highland Avenue in Murfreesboro. Their number is 896-4663. □



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Mall Raider Express Service continues despite \$1,400 loss

KRYS SPAIN
Staff Writer

Even though the Department of Parking and Transportation lost \$1,400 on the new Raider Xpress mall service offered in October, they will continue to provide the Friday and Saturday mall runs for the remainder of the semester, according to Parking and Transportation manager Gary Hunter.

The cost of the service for the one month was more than \$1,500. However, the sale of tickets only brought in \$165.

"This service operated at a loss when trying to get the system started for the month," Hunter said. "I hope students will like it and take advantage of it. But for the month of October, it hasn't paid for itself."

The buses transport students to and from Jackson Heights Plaza, Stones River Mall, Outlets Limited Mall, and Mercury Plaza, departing at 5 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. Saturdays, making an hourly stop at each site, with the final run at 9:30 p.m. The cost of the service is \$5 per person for one month of unlimited trips. Children ride at no charge.

The service was originally scheduled to run through the month of October. Less than

40 tickets were sold and 180 passengers were tabulated. It has not yet been determined if the service will be continued during the Spring semester.

Hunter said they have been encountering problems with students passing tickets for the service between each other.

"There were 33 tickets sold, so when we see numbers like 41, 47, and 38 people on a weekend, either we have some people passing tickets back to other people or just taking more than one trip," Hunter said.

"Whenever they start passing the tickets back to other individuals, they are really defeating themselves," Hunter added.

To prevent this problem, students will be required to have their social security number on the ticket and show their MTSU ID upon entering the bus.

The Department of Parking and Transportation is currently paying for the service through fees collected from ticket sales and collection of fees, tickets and parking meter money.

Parking and Transportation has recently decided to add another stop at Kroger on South Tennessee

Boulevard to the route.

"I really like the mall service," said Jere Farmer, a freshman nutrition major. "It is very convenient, and I am particularly appreciative of the new stop at Kroger."

"Now that the shuttle will be going to more grocery stores, I'll get better use of the service," said Carrie Coberley, a freshman early childhood education major.

University Housing is working on getting advertising about the service to campus residents.

Housing may also give away prizes during their television show on channel 39 at 3 p.m. Thursdays to promote the service.

Lavina Ganglani, programmer for University Housing, said, "We are trying to give away tickets, shuttle bus cards, and we are trying to get the prizes together as well."

"We have tried to do a lot of advertising for this, but it seems like most people have plans on the weekends and tend to go home," Ganglani added. "This is pretty much a 'suitcase' college. A lot of people go home on the weekend. It is hard to keep students on campus during the weekend." □

TOP TEN REASONS TO RIDE THE MALL RAIDER EXPRESS

LAVINA GANGLANI

Special to *Sidelines*

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University News

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Scholarships based on race ruled unconstitutional

COLLEGE PARK, MD-CPS-The University of Maryland's scholarships for African-American students are unconstitutional because the scholarship program does not remedy discrimination, a federal appeals panel ruled last week.

University officials argued that keeping the Benjamin Benneker Scholarship available to only black students was essential to the school's reputation with and enrollment of African-American students.

The court disagreed.

The ruling stems from a 1990 lawsuit filed by Daniel Podberesky, who sued the school after he said he was denied the Benneker scholarship because of his race. Podberesky, who is Hispanic, said he had better grades and test scores than all other applicants except for two.

The federal appeals panel overturned a lower court's ruling in favor of the university and ordered that the school reconsider Podberesky for the Benneker scholarship. Although Podberesky has since graduated and now attends the university's medical school, he is seeking money to reimburse himself for college costs after he was denied the scholarship.

University spokesman Roland King said the school will appeal the ruling to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Kendall grads get checks in the mail, with a catch

EVANSTON, IL-CPS-More than 100 Kendall College graduates recently received an unexpected windfall in the mail—a \$50 check from their alma mater. And while the money could have easily been spent on whatever the Kendall grads desired, they soon found out that the checks came with a catch: They were supposed to be sent back.

The 107 check-recipients were members of the classes of 1944 and 1969, who are celebrating their 25th and 50th reunions this year, respectively. Kendall officials are trying to prime the pump for donations to the school by sending out checks with the hope that members of those classes would send the Kendall checks back along with a check of their own.

"We are hoping that our graduates see the check as an incentive," says Greg Lacy, Kendall's vice president. "It seems like an original way to try and raise funds."

So far, the results have been mixed, says Lacy. "The class of '44 has responded really well. They've sent back more money than we sent out," he says. "The class of '69, though, is still lagging behind."

But Levy admits that the college has nothing to lose if an alumnus can't decide whether or not to cash in on his alma mater. If the Kendall graduates don't cash their checks within 60 days, the money does back to the college. "If they ignore it," says Levy, "the money will come back to us anyway."

Columbia editor pulls false fire alarm in dormitory

NEW YORK-CPS-The editor-in-chief of Columbia University's daily student newspaper resigned last month after allegedly pulling a fire alarm to stage a photo of a fire truck in action.

Two other members of the *Daily Spectator's* staff also resigned over the incident, and the newspaper ran an editorial last week explaining the situation.

The editorial blamed editor-in-chief Ruth Halikman for the alarm and said the newspaper "sadly

accepts her resignation." She declined to comment.

The newspaper had planned a story and a photograph of the fire engine for the front page of the Oct. 17 edition.

Spectator associate photographer Rich Altman said he waited for 45 minutes outside the station to take a picture of the engine, but no vehicle emerged.

Altman said he went back to the *Spectator* offices to get film, and when he left to return to the station, Halikman also left the offices.

About 15 minutes later, the engine left the station on an alarm, and Altman got the photo.

Halikman's exact reason for resigning is unclear.

Last Monday, the nine-person managing board of the *Spectator* met to discuss the incident. No executives will discuss what happened at the meeting.

But Marco Roth, Halikman's boyfriend and former associate arts and entertainment editor, said Halikman resigned on Tuesday because of a letter expressing a no-confidence vote from the managing board.

Altman was asked to resign from his position on Wednesday, even though he insists he had no knowledge of Halikman's actions.



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REVOLUTION!

After nearly half a century of Democrat rule, Republicans finally take control of Congress

JOHN KING

AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — In one historic day, voters transformed the face of American politics, making Republicans the majority party in Congress for the first time in more than a generation and leaving the Democratic coalition in shambles.

The remarkable Republican rout was powered by middle-class anxiety over the size, cost and reach of government — and extended well beyond the headline-grabbing gains in the House, Senate and governorships and deep into state and local politics.

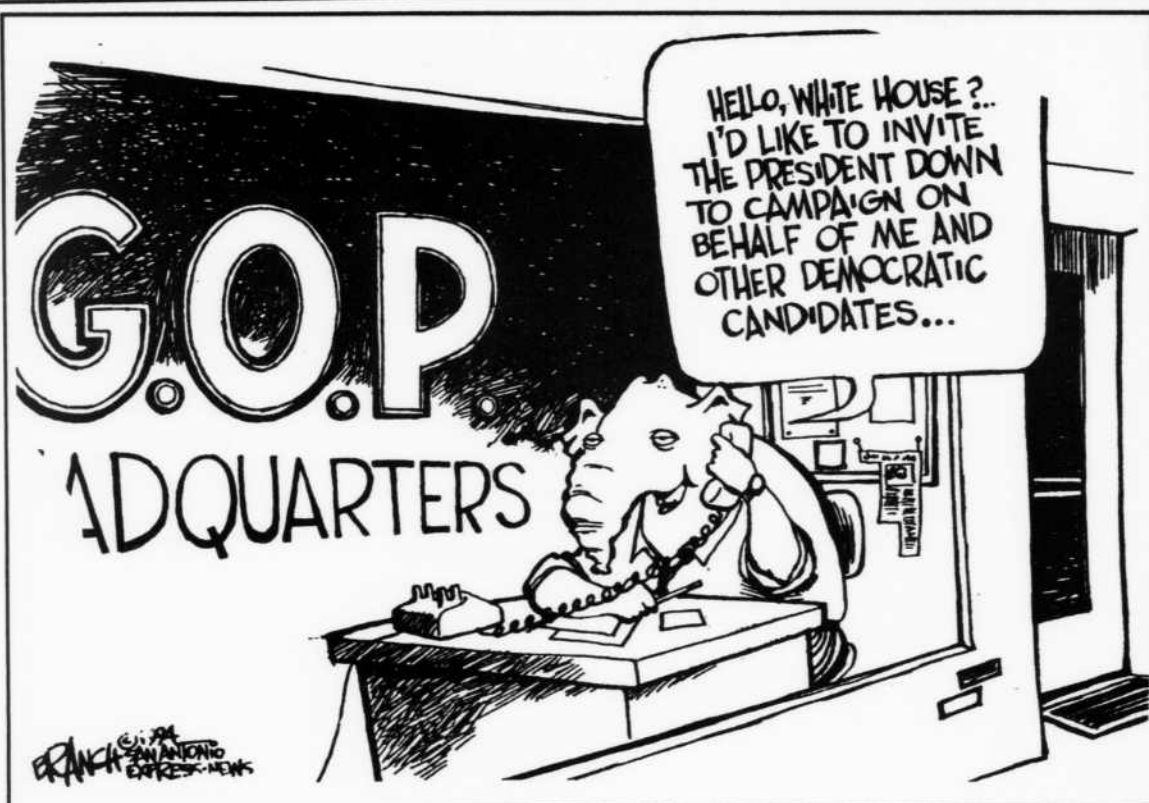
It was a blunt repudiation of President Clinton and Democratic leadership — and of the Democratic Party's midterm campaign strategy. And while more a rejection of Democrats than an embrace of Republicans, there was compelling evidence of the GOP's prospects for realignment in the South and major inroads elsewhere.

"The American people's revolution," was how Georgia Rep. Newt Gingrich — the next House speaker — put it, and at least in the short term it was hard to argue with him.

"The American people just closed

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In Our Opinion

By the Sidelines
Editorial Staff

The stunning scope of a Republican rout

Tuesday night was incredible. Commentators called the election results everything from historic to unprecedented. It was all that and more.

But let's not pretend that Tuesday's vote was a wholehearted endorsement of Republicanism. That was only part of it, and probably a minor one.

The real reason for the vote, and thus the real message, is that America has rejected Bill Clinton and his liberal agenda. The people have seen two years of his act, and they have had enough.

The administration likes to rail against 'gridlock.' Well, Tuesday it

appeared that voters want gridlock, and plenty of it. They rejected Democrats from coast to coast who betrayed their constituencies to vote for the Clinton agenda. Now those Democrats have felt the wrath of middle America.

And as if Tuesday's defeat wasn't bad enough, now the few Democrats left in Congress may not be Democrats by January. Wednesday, Sen. Shelby, D-Ala., announced he is now a Republican. Several more switches are likely, especially the House.

Thanks, Bill! We couldn't have done it without you.

Todd Meyers
Editor in Chief

Clinton promises to pay closer attention to middle Americans

RON FOURNIER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, stunned by a Republican revolution in midterm elections, accepted some blame Wednesday and promised to move toward the center of the political debate. Voters, he said, "sent us a clear message. I got it."

Understating the obvious, a severely chastened president said, "A lot has changed since yesterday." He offered a tortured, often rambling, explanation for his party's whipping and challenged the incoming Republican majority in Congress to help him govern.

"I reach out to them today and I ask them to join me in the center of the public debate where the best ideas for the next generation of American progress must come," Clinton said.

He appeared to still be coming to grips with the GOP takeover of Congress and historic gains in statehouses. At least twice, Clinton ducked opportunities to take swipes at Republicans, saying at one point it was time to "take a little nap, take a little sleep, take a little rest" before analyzing the results.

Asked what the voters told him Tuesday, Clinton said, "I think they were saying two things to me. Or maybe three. They were saying, let me" He paused, stumbling for a moment before quipping: "Or maybe 300."

Clinton accepted some blame for the astonishing GOP gains at least six times during the 30-minute news conference. But he also seemed to suggest that voters are demanding exactly what the administration has already begun to deliver.

"I'm the president. I'm the leader of the efforts that we have made in the last two years, and to whatever extent that we didn't do what the people wanted us to do — or they were not aware of what we had done — I must certainly bear my share of responsibility," Clinton said.

He said the voters demanded change, and they will get it in forms he has already proposed: a smaller bureaucracy by "reinventing government" and political reform by pushing legislation derailed earlier this year.

"What I think they said is they still don't like what they see when they watch us working here," Clinton said. "The government is behind the 8-ball."

As he has before, Clinton complained that part of his problem is that Americans don't know what he has done to improve the economy, reduce the size of government and change the culture in Washington.

He brushed aside a suggestion that the midterm debacle will hurt his chances for re-election. "We've got plenty of time to worry about the next election," he said.

"The American people are sick of the one we just had." □

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SNAPSHOTS OF THE ELECTION



AP

THE WINNER

(Left) New York's Governor-elect George Pataki, who upset three-term incumbent Mario Cuomo, poses with his wife, Libby (woman in middle), Lt. Governor-elect Betsy McCaughey (right) and Attorney General-elect Dennis Vico (left) following a news conference in New York City yesterday.



AP

THE LOSERS

(Above) U.S. Rep. Dan Rostenkowski (D-Ill.) concedes defeat in Chicago Tuesday night to Republican Michael Patrick Flanagan, who entered the race three weeks ago.

(Right) President Clinton, at a press conference in Washington Wednesday, accepts "a share of the responsibility" for the losses that have cost Democrats control of Congress for the first time in 40 years.



AP

REVOLUTION (FROM PAGE 8)

the book on the 1960s view of government," said Paul Goldman, the former Virginia Democratic chairman. "The economy is improving but their incomes keep going down. Crime is out of control. Families are breaking. People are groping for change and want answers, and decided to look to someone else to give them to them."

Republicans had plenty to celebrate Wednesday:

— Republicans gained eight Senate seats and more than 50 in the House. And in making these choices, particularly in seats without incumbents running, voters overwhelmingly sided with conservatives who ran against Clinton and his agenda and for lower taxes, less government and GOP staples like the balanced budget amendment. "I think the votes were primarily a rejection of the Clinton philosophy and personnel," Hyde said.

And it was a rejection of Clinton's strategy.

"You can't do what Clinton did and

tell people you're too stupid to know what I've done for you but vote for me anyway," said Goldman.

— Every Republican governor on the ballot was re-elected, and the GOP captured a dozen new governorships — and with them an enormous opportunity to set policy and build a broader national base.

"They are showing the way for Republicans to govern at the federal level and showing the American people that Republicans deserve the chance to govern at every level," said national GOP Chairman Haley Barbour.

— The nation's middle class, once the bulwark of the Democratic Party, switched allegiances in substantial numbers.

Fifty-four percent of voters in the \$30,000-\$55,000 income bracket picked Republicans — up from 43 percent in the 1990 midterm elections. And exit polls showed the percentage of women voting Republican was 47 percent, up from 40 percent four years ago.

— Two-thirds of Perot voters sided with Republicans. "It will be very difficult

for Clinton to win in 1996 if he can't win these people back," said GOP pollster Frank Luntz.

— Republicans made enormous strides in state legislative and other local races. For years, the party's biggest liability has been a weak bench because Democrats dominated those offices. "We have pulled off one revolution and planted the seeds to sustain it," said Luntz.

A state-by-state look at local GOP gains showed substantial inroads. En route to its best statehouse showing in nearly three decades, Republicans captured the Florida Senate and the North Carolina House, the first Deep South chambers in GOP hands since Reconstruction.

In addition to the governor's office in Alabama, Republicans knocked off the Democratic attorney general and were leading in several other statewide races. And they gained 10 seats in the Legislature. So it was perhaps little wonder that Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby decided to switch parties and join the GOP ranks — and others may follow. □

SUNNY
SIDE UP

SUNNY L. BEASLEY

Assistant Features Editor

Now that Features has its own opinion column, it's my turn to find something that crawls under my skin and express myself and give my solution to the problem. One of the things that has to be on my top 10 things that makes me ill has to be the fact that some people have the habit of blaming everyone but the right person. I have an example. It has to do with the phone system here. It sucks. The School Daze man, Warren Wakeland, wrote a little bit of the incident in one of his columns.

As most of you know, before I moved here I had a bad run in with a stalker. So to avoid the possibility of having him find my number and start harassing me once again, I went to Cope and filled out the required paper work to keep my number out of the student directory and off of the campus computerized directory. When the student directory came out my number was in the stupid thing!

I went home to find some messages from the guy who stalked me on my answering machine. This scared me and also made me furious. And as Warren said I am a bit on the short fuse side. Needless to say I went berserk (to put it in printable words).

I then returned to work after throwing things for about 30 minutes. Warren had been through the same process that I had and, like me, wound up with his number in the directory. He called someone at the top of the chain of command and had his problem rectified. He then encouraged me to do the same.

My trip through the MTSU roller coaster was not as cushy as his was. I wound up being passed through the loops 14 times and a lot of those were the same people that were totally clueless. I am wondering if anybody knows who puts the directory out. Because no one that I spoke to could tell me who was at fault.

So my suggestion is that some how there needs to be a list of the administrators in charge of the separate publications. I know that we have to put our advisors name on the paper, so why can't they at least give us an idea of who is in charge of the directory and how to get in touch with them. It would save a lot of trouble for the students, and transferring for the people that are being called. □

Making
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Old Fashioned way

BRIAN G. MILLER/STAFF

NOT QUITE READY FOR TELEVISION: The cast and crew of the *Michael Burke Show*, during their weekly meeting in the grill.

ROBIN DIXON
Features Editor

In the dark and cold corner of the KUC grill, something very unusual is going on.

"As far as the first show goes, we still need one more skit," says Michael Burke, creator of the *Michael Burke Show*. The other writers look amongst themselves for awhile and a flood of ideas come forth.

"I've been thinking, we can do a sketch where a cat is elected president," explains Keith Davenport. "Ladies and gentleman of the United States, President Clinton was beaten by Socks!"

Burke turns a couple of pages in his folder and pencils in the idea. He looks up again and remembers his own skit.

"I was watching celebrity jeopardy today and it gave me an idea for a skit," he says, while closing his folder. "Can anyone do celebrity impersonations?"

After a few impersonations—some good, some bad and some not worth mentioning—he found his celebrities.

"So how's this: Chris Farley, Vince Gill and Regis and Kathy Lee," Burke says. "Who's gonna be Alex Trebek?"

For over a month now, the writers, actors and actresses of the *Michael*

Burke Show have been having their weekly meetings in the grill. You may have heard them in the back on Tuesday nights, trying to come up with ideas for more skits.

"You remind me of someone," says Davenport, pointing to Burke. "Every time I see you, but I can't think of who!"

"Ron Howard?"

"That's it!" he realizes. "You remind me of Opie."

After this revelation, someone suggests a skit about *The Andy Griffith Show*. The only difference is that the town of Mayberry is transported into the 1960's. Aunt Bee is now a flower child and Gomer...well, he is still Gomer.

"Ooooh, aaaah, ooooh...Andy!" goes Billy Stanton, doing a dead-on-balls impersonation of a very strung-out Floyd the barber.

Last month, Burke placed an advertisement in the classified section *Sidelines*, looking for actors, writers, producers and technicians for a "Carol Burnett type" variety show. What he received was a group of seven people knocking around ideas for skits.

"I really didn't know what to expect from the ad's," Burke admits. "I got about ten responses and of

those, six or seven showed up."

Burke, who transferred to MTSU last semester, was originally a music-business major at Belmont. He had no problems in deciding to change his major to RaTV—something he never conceived before.

"Well, I knew that most people in the music profession wind up as starving artists and I didn't want that," he maintains. "So, I heard about the great program here at MTSU and I'm in my second semester."

With the first episode nearly completed, Burke hopes to have the show aired by Christmas.

"Originally, we were going to air the show on public accesses in Nashville, until I met a girl who works for Channel 8," Burke says. "Hopefully, we'll show them our script and they'll put us in a regular time spot."

The show will be a combination of skits and music, that can best be identified with the *Carol Burnett Show*.

"She (Burnett) was able to sing, dance, act...everything. I think she gets passed over a lot because vocally, she wasn't a Bing Crosby or an Ethel Mermin and because she was compared with Lucille Ball," he reveals. "I want to

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Return of the Jedi's

George Lucas plans for three prequels before the end of the century

BOB THOMAS

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The "Star Wars" will be returning to movie screens, but you may have to wait until the end of the century to see the new editions.

When George Lucas electrified the movie world with "Star Wars" in 1977, he outlined an ambitious plan: to film a triple trilogy about intergalactic intrigue and warfare. With "The Empire Strikes Back" in 1980 and "Return of the Jedi" in 1983, he completed the first of the trilogies. He also created three of the Top 10 film grossers of all time.

Lucas then became enmeshed in other grand projects, notably making the "Indiana Jones" trilogy with Steven Spielberg and perfecting the Lucas technology empire at Skywalker Ranch in Northern California.

Now he confirms that he will continue the "Star Wars" saga, taking the story back to the era before Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Han Solo. As with most Lucas projects, he reveals little, but he did disclose his modus operandi on the three films:

"I'll take a year to write them, a year to prepare them, and a year to shoot them. And I'll shoot them all at once."

Filming three major movies at once would be unprecedented. Spielberg and director Robert Zemeckis continuously shot the second and third versions of "Back to the Future."

In 1973, Alexander and Michael Salkind managed to produce simultaneously "The Three Musketeers" and "The Four Musketeers." Charlton Heston and other actors demanded extra

pay, claiming they believed they were making one film only.

Lucas hasn't directed a film since his early hits "American Graffiti" and "Star Wars." He hinted that he might return to directing for the new "Star Wars."

"I'll decide after I get the films prepared," he said.

Lucas has ventured into other films as executive producer, often with little success. Among them: "Howard the Duck," "Labyrinth," "Willow," "Tucker: The Man and His Dream," "The Land

"I'll take a year to write them, a year to prepare them, and a year to shoot them. And I'll shoot them all at once."

—George Lucas

Director of the Star Wars trilogy

Before Time."

His latest is "Radioland Murders," which opened to mixed reviews and disappointing business. Lucas, who wrote the original story, explained that it stemmed from his early fascination with radio.

"I grew up with radio," said Lucas, born in Modesto, Calif., 50 years ago. "We didn't get a television set until I was 10 years old. So for the first 10 years I was

in front of the radio listening to radio dramas. It played an important part of my life.

"I listened to 'Inner Sanctum,' 'The Whistler,' 'The Lone Ranger' — those were the ones that interested me. I think they influenced me to put more emphasis on the sound track in my movies."

"Radioland Murders" is a slapstick comedy combined with a murder mystery that takes place in a radio station during an all-star broadcast launching a new network.

"This is very much in the mode of 'His Girl Friday' or the Cary Grant screwball comedies," Lucas said. "Also we've thrown in a lot of The Three Stooges. It's a kind of sophisticated comedy like 'The Thin Man' together with the off-the-wall comedy of the Marx Brothers. Plus some nostalgia about bigtime radio." □

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bring her tradition back again with my show."

After a few more ideas are thrown around the table, including an "Irish caller" skit (in which someone with a thick Irish accent shouts, "Hello caller, what do you want!") Burke tries to maintain some semblance or order in the increasing pandemonium.

"Just stick with us man, we're the ones who are going to make it," whispers Stanton, pointing to himself and Matt Green. "I mean just look at those people...look at them! We're the stars."

L a u g h i n g uncontrollably, Burke goes over the finished scripts - trying to figure out who is going to play the different parts. Stopping on one script, he asks who is going to play the dead body. The skit, which involves a dead body lying in the corner of a man's office (while other workers pass by exclaiming, "You have a dead body in your office!"), originally worried Burke.

"I didn't know if we'd be able to handle it tactfully," he explains. "It's probably our best skit."

With the chaos dying down, Stanton looks at Daveport's shirt (which has two raccoons on it) and can't help but comment.

"Hello my name is Keith," mimics Stanton. "I like to touch the furry little animals."

SOUND BITE

"Ooooh, aaaah, ooooh...Andy!"

—Billy Stanton of the *Michael Burke Show* doing an impersonation of Floyd the barber

Everyone laughs, save Keith, who is deep in thought.

"You ever notice that Winnie-the-Pooh didn't have a mate?" asks Keith, out of the blue.

"Well none of 'em did," responds Burke. "I mean there was that on kangaroo with the kid and she was a single mother. They really were some dysfunctional characters when you think about it."

As the different cast members, writers and actors leave, the corner of the grill becomes cold and dark again.

It was the laughter that made it warm.

Anyone interested in joining the cast and crew of the *Michael Burke Show* can reach Michael at 848-6986.

They still need someone to play the dead body. □

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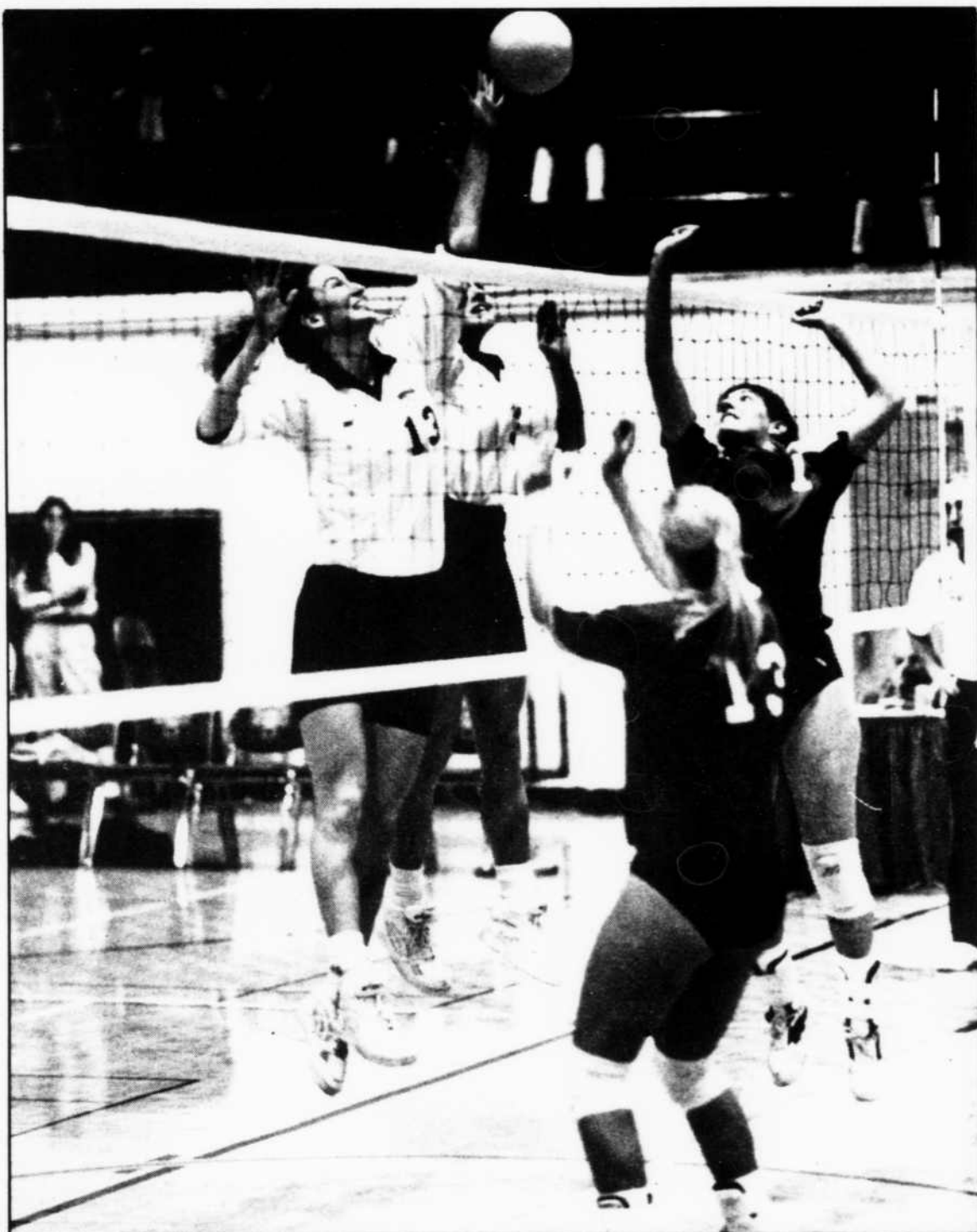
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IN OUR OPINION

FROM THE SPORTS EDITORIAL STAFF...

'Stay in School'—not just an NBA slogan

There's Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Isiah Thomas, Hakeem Olajuwon, and Charles Barkley.

There's also Sam Norton, Ron Webb, Victor Mitchell, Reggie Roberts, and Kenny Drummond.

We all know the first group of names represent some of the greatest NBA players ever, but they also have something in common with the second group of names. All 10 of these men left school early to enter the NBA draft. We don't have to guess who made it.

It has now become fashionable to enter the NBA draft after only two or three years of undergraduate play, and in our opinion, not everyone should do this. The superstars we listed have been playing for years, but the problems the others had trying to make it (and failing) still exist today.

One problem is today's media attention towards college athletes. Michael Jordan was a very rare, gifted athlete. He will never be duplicated. Nothing is more irritating than hearing an commentator say in a college game, "He's going to be the next..." (We think you get the idea). Everyone is original and unique, and we think it's wrong to label young players with names of legends. There's a strong possibility the person won't live up to those expectations. Just ask Harold "Baby Jordan" Minor.

Another problem is what happened to the last five men named at the beginning of this editorial. They didn't get drafted. Recently the NCAA alleviated this problem by allowing undergraduates an option to return to school if things didn't work out in the NBA. This is an excellent idea. Players can still play undergraduate basketball, they can still attend school on scholarship, and it helps in the embarrassment factor.

Granted, sometimes players should join the ranks early. Most people can tell the difference between good talent and a potential star. These "stars" get a lot of media coverage, but they also have their own identity.

There are also economic factors to consider. Let's face it—a lot of players come from poor economic backgrounds. When the money's

that inviting and your family's struggling to put food on the table, what would you do?

In our opinion, the reality is that not everyone will be able to make it in the pros. And for those who will make it, some of them won't develop real talent until their junior or senior year. If the talent is obvious, the choice is yours. If not, maybe it's best to stay in school—you might learn something.

Written by Jessica Clayborn
Assistant Sports Editor

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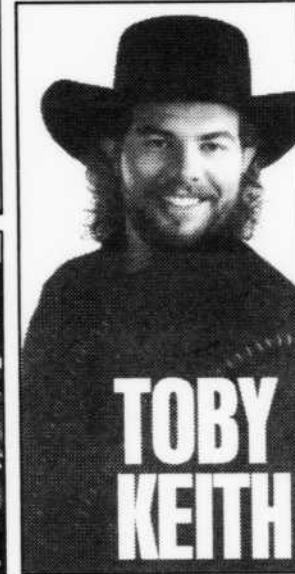
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