



Clarksville struggles after tornado strikes downtown

Karin Miller
Associated Press

CLARKSVILLE - As director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, James Lee Witt sees the worst disasters imaginable. Even he was taken aback by the destructive force of the tornado that hit historic downtown Clarksville early Friday morning.

"Wow!" he said Saturday as he was driven past the Madison Street United Methodist Church, an 1882 building whose sanctuary was destroyed and massive twin spires were ripped nearly in half.

Witt flew over the area by helicopter, toured by bus and walked through some of the worst wreckage. Among the buildings damaged or destroyed were the county courthouse and newly renovated justice station.

"It's just like someone dropped a bomb on it. That's just what it looks like," he said. "I've seen hurricanes, I've seen floods and I've seen tornadoes and the devastation here is very serious. It's going to take a long time to build this back."

He announced President Clinton declared Montgomery County a federal disaster area. That means federal aid for infrastructure repairs will be made available, as well as low-cost loans.

A FEMA team will join state historic preservation workers Monday to determine what help can be provided in salvaging historic buildings.

Preliminary damage estimates are that 350 to 400 buildings were "damaged in some shape or form," said David Riggins of the Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency.

The twister cut about a five-mile swath through the city of 89,000. It touched down near the Cumberland River early Friday and ripped apart a five-block area downtown, then tore through the center of Austin Peay State University and skipped its way into a residential neighborhood.

Incredibly, only five minor injuries were reported. About 50 miles southwest of Clarksville, a Benton County woman was killed by the storm.



Clarksville resident Joe Geiger surveys the damage in his home, located one block away from the county courthouse.

It was the second tornado to hit a large Tennessee city in less than a week. Last Sunday, Jackson was heavily damaged by a twister that was part of a storm system that swept through West and Middle Tennessee, killing nine people and damaging more than 1,900 homes and businesses. Areas of Clarksville also received damage during the storm.

In Clarksville on Saturday,

workers cleared away debris to make streets passable. Downtown residents and business owners were allowed to see their properties for the first time since the twister hit.

Mayor Johnny Piper spoke to groups of them before they were allowed in for one hour to get as many belongings as they could. He briefed them about cleanup efforts and asked for patience as the city

tries to recover.

"We will get through this working together," he said.

No private vehicles were allowed on downtown streets, so property owners had to use carts, boxes or their arms to move their possessions. Those who found orange stickers on their buildings could only look, since the state fire marshal's office had declared them unsafe.

"The structures are gone and we can't replace the memories. Downtown was rich with history. Now it's one of bygones," said Jodie Yarbrough, a nursing student at Austin Peay, which canceled classes until buildings are safer.

Joyce Norfleet, the Montgomery County register of deeds, nervously approached her second-floor office on Franklin Street, key in hand. She feared she would find devastation, but instead found the office nearly intact, except for insulation littering the floor.

"That's a huge sigh of relief. I'm OK, I'm OK. I can't believe I'm OK," she said.

Stacy Turner wasn't so fortunate. Her law office was heavily damaged.

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The Lurton House, now a law firm owned by Greg Patton and Austin Peay VII, was severely damaged by Friday's tornado. The home once belonged to a 1910-1914 Supreme Court Justice named Horace Lurton.

Austin Peay classes to resume Thursday despite damage

Susan McMahan
Staff Reporter

Austin Peay students can expect to be back in the classroom by the end of this week, despite the heavy damage the campus suffered in the tornado that tore through downtown Clarksville Friday.

Richard Gildrie, an APSU professor of history, said the faculty and staff were told that classes would open again on Thursday. The announcement was made to the faculty and staff by President Sal Rinella in a meeting Sunday afternoon.

The school is calling the rebuilding project "Operation Restoration," and even had T-shirts printed for the faculty and staff to commemorate the tornado, which did damage to many of the buildings on campus. They also set up an "Operation Restoration" hotline and counseling will begin Wednesday on campus.

Gildrie said he is not sure that the university will be ready before opening day.

"I don't understand why it's so important that it's done by Thursday," he said. "I'd rather it was done right."

Faculty will be allowed to enter their offices on Wednesday, the same day that students and faculty will have meetings to discuss the road to rebuilding.

Students are expected to move into their dorms Tuesday, with the exception of those students who live in Harvill Hall. The university has made other arrangements for students in this dorm.

Arrangements also will have to be made for students with classes in Clement and Harned Halls. All other classes will meet in their old location. Students should get a revised class schedule before classes start again.

The damage in Harned Hall, which includes the roof and much of the third floor, concerns Gildrie because his office is located on the third floor of the building. In his office he has stored 25 years of research notes, shelves of books and a computer.

He and his wife entered the building and his office this weekend and stayed until they were told to move by a person from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

He said the condition of his office didn't appear to be too bad, although a window was broken and the roof is falling in. His books appeared okay, and the computer screen was not broken.

He won't find out for sure the condition of his office possessions until later in the week. University officials plan to box the contents of every professor's office and let them sift through them later.

The offices will be relocated to the APSU Armory, the only place available to hold them all. This move has Gildrie concerned.

"I think they underestimated some of the work," he said. "I don't think they realize how difficult it will be to move faculty offices."

It is possible the buildings that are too damaged to use now, which also includes the Archwood building, will take

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Housing looking to hire six resident assistants

Chris Crockett
Staff Reporter

Several dormitories on campus have found themselves to be short on resident assistants this semester.

While turn over from semester to semester is quite common, this semester housing found itself to be short six positions for resident assistants. The buildings that are lacking in RA's are the Monahan, Reynolds and Schardt complex, Cummings, Smith, Gracy and Judd.

According to Area II Housing and Residential Life Coordinator Don Fox, applicants are being reviewed and a decision will soon be made regarding filling these positions.

Those who are interested in becoming a Resident Assistant are encouraged to apply at Keathley University Center

room 303. Applicants must have at least 30 credit hours and a 2.5 grade point average. Applicants are also expected to enroll in Psychology 409: a class that stresses leadership and problem solving skills. Students who apply for RA positions this semester will not be expected to enroll in this class until next semester.

While the positions for this semester are close to being filled, those who are still interested in becoming resident assistants are encouraged to apply for next semester. Being a Resident Assistant involves developing positive relationships with residents, being available to residents to discuss various problems and planning various activities for residents.

Benefits for becoming an RA include becoming involved in housing life, helping benefit the housing community and receiving a single room and a monthly salary.■

Greeks maintain higher grades than average

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

Aside from participating in the social and philanthropic activities on campus, the Greek system upholds scholarship as an important aspect of its role at the university.

For the Fall 1998 term, the overall grade point average for fraternities and sororities came to a 2.702 compared to the 2.689 GPA of non-Greeks, according to Victor Felts, director of Greek Life.

"Greeks tend to make higher grades overall than non-Greeks," he said.

Because the Greek system offers several opportunities - such as providing various awards and scholarships each year - for its members to achieve scholastic success, those

students are encouraged to maintain grades which exceed beyond the average.

Additionally, Greek students are required to acquire certain GPAs in order to keep their memberships.

Both the Panhellenic Council and Inter-Fraternity Council require a 2.3 GPA while the United Greek Council sets the grade point average standard at a 2.5. However, the overall sorority average was a 2.903 while the fraternity average came to a 2.463, thus exceeding the minimum scholastic requirements.

Felts emphasized the contributions of the G-team, which provides tutoring to Greek students from other Greek students who excel in certain subjects.

This new program, which was established during the fall semester, allows members of Greek organiza-

tions to improve their grades while maintaining the spirit of support from the Greek system.

"Besides keeping my grades up for myself, the sorority's grade requirement gave me a purpose for getting a good GPA," said Alpha Delta Pi member Diana Safford, a sophomore Public Relations major.

Kyle Weatherly, a sophomore member of Beta Theta Pi who is majoring in Business Administration, felt that "as a pledge, we were required to spend a certain amount of library hours every week in addition to making at least a 2.5 GPA. The fraternity encouraged me to go beyond just making my grades."

The desire for members to achieve above average scholastic standards continues to allow the Greek system to find success in the classroom.■

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LOOKING AHEAD

JAN. 25
Raider Assistance Project will have its first meeting of the year at 4:30 p.m. in the KUC room 324. All are welcome to attend.

JAN. 27
Placement and Student Employment Center will be sponsoring a summer jobs and internships fair at KUC room 322 and 324. The event will be between 1 and 4 p.m. Contact Janice Bowling at 898-2500 for more information.

June Anderson Women's Center will host a Math Anxiety workshop in the JUB dining room at 3:00 p.m. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-2193 for more information.

Middle TN Students of Objectivism will host a lecture "Capitalism and the Environment: The Virtue of Exploitation," on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in KUC room 314. Anyone that might be interested can contact Luc Travers at 895-2312.

JAN. 28
Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity will sponsor an "Outstanding Professor in the College of Business" election. A voting booth will be set up in the first floor south lobby of the BAS Building. Voting will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. People may contact Dr. Hollman at 898-2673 or Grant Lichtenwalter 890-1493.

FEB. 1
Golden Key National Honor Society will have a meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the KUC 312. Those interested may contact Chere Vines at 898-3156. Those interested in applying for membership to the club must submit applications by Feb. 1.

Those interested in applications may contact Dean Burke at 898-2750.

Pi Sigma Epsilon will host a new member recruitment meeting at 4:30 p.m. in BAS S126. The Management and Marketing Fraternity is open to all majors. Those interested may contact Dr. Katie Kemp at 898-2346 or Dr. Scott Inks at 898-2436.

Gamma Beta Phi will have a meeting on Feb. 1, 2 at 5 p.m. in KUC 322. Those interested need to contact Chere Vines at 898-3156.

ON GOING
The Fellowship House will host dinner and Bible study every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. located at the Fellowship House on 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. Contact Andrew Lee 893-1787 or Chris Nowlin at 867-7370.

Presbyterian Student Fellowship will have Cell Groups and fellowship every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. They will host Prime-time, fellowship and dinner every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Contact Rich Zeigler at 893-1787 or Andrew Lee at 867-7370 for more information or directions.

Raider Victory Fellowship will have weekly meetings and Bible sessions on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew Hall room 719. They will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Cummings Hall lobby and at 8 p.m. at Felder Hall room 208. Contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

Dragon's Guard School of Sword Fighting and Reenactment teaches swordfighting techniques and swordplay. The school meets for practice at

7 p.m. at Middle Tennessee Christian School Gymnasium on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information contact Hunter Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shacowh@bellsouth.net.

MTSU Fencing Club will have practices every Monday at 8:30 p.m. till 10:30 p.m. in the Aerobics Room located in the Rec Center. The practices are geared to students of all skill levels. Contact Michael "Hunter" Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

The Kingwood Heights Church of Christ College Class will host monthly devotions every second Thursday at 6:30. Kingwood Heights Church is located at 115 East MTCS Road. Contact Chuck Mullins at 898-1086 or Alan Welken at 890-0940 for more information.

The Student Pagan Organization will have meetings Monday at 8 p.m. The meetings will take place on the 2nd floor of the KUC in the lounge area. For more information contact John Bryan at 898-3734.

The MTSU women's rugby team will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. The practices will be held at the Rec Center or the intramural fields if the weather is permitting. Contact Shannon Bustillos at 867-3592 or e-mail at sib2a@mtsu.edu.

Raider Victory Fellowship will hold Sunday services at 10 a.m. in the Murphy Center. Contact Ricky Walters at 907-4079 for more information.

Lambda Organization meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room 319 of the Business Aerospace building. For more information e-mail www.edu/~lambda.



NATIONAL NEWS

Welfare rolls still falling, but more slowly in some states

WASHINGTON (AP) - The number of people on welfare has fallen to its lowest level in 30 years, President Clinton will announce Monday.

But the new figures also show the dramatic declines of recent years are beginning to slow in certain states.

The president will also offer a package of programs aimed at helping more people get to jobs and encouraging businesses to continue hiring them.

Nationally, just under 8 million people remained on welfare at the end of September, down 44 percent from 14.3 million in 1994.

But state officials and academics alike have long cautioned that, at some point, nearly all the people who can move off welfare with relative ease will have left.

That will leave those with deeper problems like substance abuse, domestic violence and very little education. ■

Report: DiMaggio in grave condition

NEW YORK (AP) - Joe DiMaggio was in grave condition at his home, bedridden and using a ventilator, the Daily News reported Sunday.

The 84-year-old baseball great was released from the hospital Jan. 18 because there was nothing else the hospital could do for him, the newspaper said, quoting an unidentified source.

DiMaggio spent 99 days in intensive care at Memorial Regional Hospital in Hollywood, Fla., after contracting lung cancer. He is too weak to undergo chemotherapy.

When DiMaggio left the hospital, he reportedly walked out on his own.

The Daily News, citing sources, said he was taken home on a stretcher and is receiving round-the-clock nursing care there.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said at the time of DiMaggio's release he was looking forward to having DiMaggio throw out the first ball on opening day April 9 at Yankee Stadium.

DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak in 1941 is still considered one of the greatest feats in all sports. DiMaggio entered the hospital Oct. 12 and had surgery two days later to remove a cancerous lung tumor.

He then was stricken with pneumonia in his left lung and had fluid drained from his lung several times. He slipped into a coma last month and was given last rites.

He was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1955, four years after his retirement, and in 1969 was chosen as the greatest living baseball player. ■



WORLD NEWS

Indian police step up security for slain missionary's funeral

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - The charred bodies of a missionary and his two sons were laid out in wooden coffins Sunday amid a wave of outrage at their killings, the first deaths in a string of attacks on Christians in India.

Police arrested 49 Hindu radicals suspected of burning to death Australian Graham Stewart Staines, 58, and his sons Philip, 10, and Timothy, 8, Saturday as they slept in their jeep.

Security was increased in Christian areas Sunday as hundreds prepared to attend the funeral Sunday for Staines and his sons in Baripada, 620 miles southeast of New Delhi.

"People are filled with sorrow. He was loved and liked by all, not just Christians," Ghosh said.

A mob of 40 people, some armed with bows and arrows, attacked Staines' jeep as he and his sons slept outside a village northeast of Baripada, where they had attended a Bible study program.

The attack's then doused the vehicle with gasoline and set it ablaze, beating up any bystanders who tried to rescue the family, police said.

The killings were in an area that had not experienced the Hindu-Christian violence recently plaguing another region of India.

"We want a private ceremony, but there are hundreds and hundreds of people who are pouring in here from the town and from outside," said Subhankar Ghosh, a friend who was with Staines when the attack took place. ■

Pope celebrates Mass before 1 million faithful at Mexico City racetrack

MEXICO CITY (AP) - A million faithful packed a dusty Mexico City racetrack Sunday to hear a call to arms from Pope John Paul II - a summons to take to the streets and confront the challenge of Protestant evangelism.

The papal Mass was a powerful display of the aging pontiff's spell over this predominantly Roman Catholic nation. "Mexico, always faithful!" chanted the crowd, intent on showing the pope that their affection hasn't diminished since his first trip here in 1979.

Organizers estimated the crowd at 1 million, and thousands more listened from outside the packed racetrack grounds. Parishioners perched on sagging tree branches, stood on friends' shoulders or clambered onto loudspeaker stands to view the spectacle. ■

To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487. Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.



Staff photo by Susan McMahon

Street Department workers labored Saturday to remove trees and beams from a local building and from a van parked in downtown Clarksville.

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"From the front it really doesn't look that bad, but when you get in it's all torn up," she said.

One law firm that did suffer noticeable damage from the outside was the South Second Street law office of Greg Patton and Austin Peay VII.

What makes their office so special is that it once was home to Horace H. Lurton, the only Supreme Court Justice from Clarksville.

The building, was the center of a controversy last year when the Clarksville Criminal Justice Complex considered expanding, which meant the Lurton home would have been destroyed along with other homes in the

neighborhood. Several of the homes that would have been lost if the Complex was expanded were declared total losses after the tornado.

"It's kind of ironic," said Peay. "Six months ago we were fighting to save the building. Now, just a little bit later, it's nothing but rubbish."

The attorneys were able to save their open files, but the completed case files were destroyed and their library is nowhere to be found.

"It could be in Hopkinsville," he said. "I don't know where it is."

A few workers were allowed to remove records from the 121-year-old county courthouse, which engineer Ben Shepard declared salvageable. Though he added, "There's a real question about the worth of that."

Montgomery County Executive Doug Weiland was working to figure out a way to keep county government running while repairs are made to its buildings. Department heads planned to meet Sunday morning. Judges and attorneys will be meeting Monday to decide how to proceed with the court docket.

Damaged churches held services at a local high school and other sites on Sunday.

Officer Jim Knoll was part of a large police presence downtown aimed at keeping out looters and gawkers. He said he has been heartened by the city's response to the disaster.

"People are jumping out of the woodwork to help you. This is the time the good side of human nature comes out," Knoll said. ■

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up to four months to repair. The damage that needs to be repaired include water damage, drying of computers, glass replacement and roof repairs.

APSU officials have asked faculty and staff to take part in the clean-up effort, which Gildrie plans to do.

Other clean-up help is being provided by a

construction crew who was already on campus to build the new science building. Gildrie said he was impressed by the crews because they were doing this work on their own time.

Damage estimates have yet to be released by TEMA, but Gildrie said the cost to repair the "extremely severe" damage would probably be very high.

"It didn't look good to me," he said. "There's no way there couldn't be a lot of damage." ■

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Professor awarded for innovative excellence

David Copeland
Staff Reporter

Deborah Clark of the Biology Department has been awarded this year's Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology.

She was chosen by the Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable from a group of eight MTSU professors who were nominated for the award. As the winner, Clark will venture to Jacksonville, Fla. in April to attend the National Conference on Teaching and Learning.

There, she will present a paper along with the other teachers across the country who have won the award at their respective schools.

The nominees were judged on several criteria. The nominee had to show that they used technology in an innovative and creative way, and by doing this enhanced the students' learning.

They were also judged on the number and variety of individuals reached through the instructional technology projects.

Constance Schmidt, Chairperson of the Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable, adds that using technology in the classroom was not enough to receive the award.

She said, "We're not only looking for someone who simply uses technology in their teaching, but someone who makes it a part of their teaching in an innovative way." Dr. Clark has certainly done that.

By using the World Wide Web, Clark has created a "classroom without walls" for her students. The

students use web sites as a means of gathering data, and they evaluate that data using the "Virtual Fly Lab."

In addition to this, her "Advancements in Biology" class delivered three distance learning presentations to high school students in six Tennessee counties. Clark also designed and still maintains the Biology Department's home page.

Dr. Clark, now in her fourth year at MTSU, says the paper she will present at the conference will probably be about the way she incorporates the internet into her classroom.

"It will be about using technology as a means of assessing public opinions about controversial genetic topics," Clark said.

She says her classes do this by visiting web sites that concern controversial genetic topics such as the debate of whether or not parents have the right to genetically alter their unborn child.

Schmidt expects that Clark will be an excellent representative of MTSU at the conference. In addition to offering others her knowledge of the web, Clark will also be able to listen to the other inventive ways people have used technology to aid learning.

She sees the conference as a "chance to share ideas" with other professors and Clark says she looks forward to being able to talk to other people who are doing interesting things in their classes.

According to Clark, using the web is a great way to acquire new ways of thinking about things. She says, "(The Internet) expands your horizons—it exposes you to ideas you wouldn't be exposed to otherwise."

Professor Clark builds a classroom without walls

John Garner
Staff Reporter

The science of genetics has "escaped the laboratory and entered mainstream society," according to MTSU Assistant Professor of Biology Deborah C. Clark.

"People have strong feelings about the work being done in genetics," Clark said. "The O. J. Simpson trial and news about multiple births are just two examples of stories that have raised public awareness."

In response, Clark has pioneered an interactive technique which she calls a "classroom without walls."

Clark makes use of the World Wide Web in her Social Issues and Genetic Technology class. Students are introduced to real-world issues and attitudes evolving from media attention focused on genetic experimentation.

"It's easy to get bogged down in the details of an education without thinking about its application," Clark said. "Hard work and study will earn a degree. Part of the process is discovering how to put that knowledge to work in the community."

Clark would like to see her students consider bioethical consequences, ask themselves: What have I learned? How can I put it to use?

One undergraduate believed he had firm answers to these questions. Enrolling in this course changed his mind.

"He saw new perspectives that he hadn't considered," Clark

said. "Other people's thoughts forced him to look more deeply, closely, at his own convictions."

In their first assignment, students are exposed to the value of the internet as a research tool. Each is guided to play the role of a everyday person who needs to find data on science topics. This helps them to gain an understanding of the ways average Americans get information about scientific advances from the internet.

They are then asked to critically evaluate the accuracy and reliability of the information found on the web.

This is followed by an assignment to read and respond to an essay titled "Choose Better Human Genes." Clark's students exchange opinions and comments with each other and with outside visitors to the selected web sites.

Horizons expand from involved discussion with housewives and historians, business people and other college students.

Global considerations of controversial topics emerge, and the walls that isolate academia from society come tumbling down.

The final assignment uses a analysis of popular understanding of biotechnology to decide which genetic manipulations, if any, are acceptable to the general public. This information adds a new dimension to the students' research and evaluations.

Clark considers her own position to be "middle of the road. The new [genetic] technology is exciting, but

potentially dangerous. We can get caught up in the benefits and lose sight of what's happened in the past."

Clark's integration of genetics and technology-based education resulted in her recruitment by McGraw-Hill Publishers for a unique project. At their request, she has developed the scientific content for a web site that corresponds to one of the leading genetic textbooks, "Principles of Genetics" by R. Tamarin.

Its content is different from similar sites, in that it offers sections which focus on problem-solving rather than information-gathering.

Those interested can view the site at: www.mhhe.com/biosci/cellmicro/tamarin.

Clark is currently at work developing web site content for "Human Genetics" 3rd edition, by R. Lewis.

Her work was recently recognized by the presentation of the 1999 Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology.

"I'm really honored," Clark said. "I enjoy what I do. To me, it's not work. It's fun."

As part of her award, Clark will go to Jacksonville, Fla. in April to attend a conference on "Technology in the Classroom."

"This is an opportunity to learn how other instructors use technology as a tool. Exposure to more ideas, other ideas, will give me better input on what to do in my classes."

But she concludes, "Award or no award, I'd continue doing the same work. We are living in the age of genetics. The possibilities are endless!"

Appalachian myths topic of first Honors Lecture

Mike Barton
Staff Reporter

Appalachia, the region of the country surrounding the Appalachian Mountains, has for centuries been rich in mythology and superstition, according to Dr. Charles McGhee, a professor of biology at MTSU.

McGhee will discuss the many different myths that have circulated in the culture of Appalachia today in a lecture titled "Appalachia: Mountains, Myths, and Maybe," part of this semester's Honors Lecture Series.

There are an assortment of legends that McGhee will speak about, ranging from witches, ghosts, and "haunts," to stories about weather prophecies, the changing of the seasons, and the superstition behind good and bad luck.

"This mythology derives from attempts to explain the unknown," McGhee said. "That is what I'm going to deal with primarily."

McGhee said that the mythology of Appalachia began with the Cherokee Indians, who populated the area before the Europeans began to settle there.

"The Indians lived [in Appalachia] long before the Europeans settled there and had their own legends and stories, and when the Europeans settled in the region, they brought their own legends. Of course, what we have now in that region is a mixture of both the Cherokee and the European myths," McGhee said.

McGhee's interest in the mythology of Appalachia grew from his love of this area in which he was raised.

"I grew up in an area of Appalachia just outside of Chattanooga," McGhee said. "I've always had an interest in the mountains, the people, and particularly the stories and tales."

Though McGhee has spent years studying the mythology of this region, many of the stories he will relate in his lecture are those passed down from his

grandmother, who also had a keen interest in the area's legends.

McGhee's grandmother was also well versed in the mythology of Appalachia and, as McGhee said, had an even closer relationship to this mythology because she came from a time when many of the inhabitants of this region believed in these tales.

The power of the mythology of this region, though, hasn't completely fizzled with the passage of time, McGhee said. "I think some of these people still believe in these myths."

This lecture will be McGhee's second participation in the Honors Lecture Series. A few years ago McGhee lectured on the conflict between evolution and creationism in a series entitled "Ideas in Conflict."

McGhee will speak today at 3:30 p.m. in Peck Hall 109A. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Alternative Spring Break offered

Chris Crockett
Staff Reporter

Students who are interested in making a meaningful contribution instead of participating in the typical spring break rituals may wish to consider the Alternative Spring Break Program this year.

The Office of Student Organizations and Community Service is making plans for a spring break trip to Franklin, North Carolina to volunteer for the Macon Program for Promise.

Students attending the trip will

have to opportunity to volunteer to work with Head Start programs for preschoolers, visit and help the elderly, and contribute to community service projects involving indoor and outdoor construction.

There are currently nine spots available for the trip. Students who are interested may call the Office of Student Organization and Community Service at 904-8418 or go to KUC room 306 to receive an application.

Any student interested in contributing to a worthy cause, are willing to participate and can work

well with others are encouraged to apply.

All applications must be received by Jan. 27.

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Clinton returns home to inspect tornado damage

Sonya Ross
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Acting like the governor he used to be, President Clinton went home to Arkansas on Sunday to inspect the damage a barrage of tornadoes wreaked on houses and trees in his old stomping grounds.

"This is a tragedy we all take personally," he said.

The president walked streets of Quapaw Quarters that he jogged when he lived 12 years in the Governor's Mansion nearby.

This time, rather than well-manicured yards and well-kept houses, his eyes fell on smashed rooftops draped in blue tarpaulin, houses that seemed folded in half, an uprooted tree lounging across a crushed Volvo.

"For all the tornadoes Arkansas has, and the ones that have hit around Little Rock, we never had one just basically come down Main Street," Clinton said. "We had all these wonderful old trees. It's difficult to see."

Still, Clinton was upbeat as he spoke to residents who took time from their attempts to patch splintered houses and crept through rubble to greet him.

He chatted amicably with a group outside a house where an American flag had been strapped with duct tape onto a fallen tree's leafless branch.

Later, Clinton headed to Beebe, Ark., which bore the brunt of devastating tornadoes that swept the state Thursday night, killed seven people and injured 55. Officials have not determined how many there were, but reports of sightings came from 38 locations.

Sunday, it seemed that here, far from Washington's impeachment furor, Clinton drew as much emotionality from the storm victims as he gave.

He clasped old friends in long hugs and placed his hand sympathetically on the shoulder of a man who stopped clearing debris from his yard to shake the president's hand.

In a neighborhood not far from the mansion, Dominique Simmons called to the president to "hang in there."

"I will," the president called back.

"It's good for him, and it's good for them," said Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater, also an Arkansan. "You know who your friends are when you're standing with them in difficult times, and they're standing with you in difficult times."

Susie May, a 25-year resident of Quapaw Quarters who once was part of a baby-sitting circle with Clinton's wife and daughter, talked at length with the president about his problem back in Washington.

"It looks like we'll have to rebuild totally now."

- Rodney Slater

"We were talking about the recent political difficulties. We're optimistic the truth will prevail," May said. She admitted she did most of the talking about prevailing. "I said it, and he was listening to me."

The president then went to the all-black Fairground community, where dozens of homes were reduced to piles of wood.

Clinton lingered outside a two-story house that was missing its roof and front but had a dresser sitting alone between two walls pushed askew.

A short distance away, the home of Little Rock Nine teacher Daisy Bates lay in ruins.

The house is where the nine black students who integrated Clinton's Central High School in 1957 gathered each day to go to class.

It has been declared a national historic site.

"It was almost totaled," Slater said. "Nearly all of the memorabilia was destroyed, if not all of it. It looks like we'll have to rebuild totally now."

Clinton did not stop by Mrs. Bates' home but was aware that it was destroyed in the storm, Slater said.

Mrs. Bates is in a Little Rock nursing home and was not in the house at the time of the storm.

Clinton said the entire state has been declared a disaster area, and he announced federal assistance for five counties.

"This is a tragedy we all take personally," he told a small crowd gathered in the parking lot of Harvest Foods, a grocery store where Clinton once shopped. It now is a twisted pile of metal beams, bricks and cement mixed with store shelves.

One contained neat rows of soft drink bottles. Pharmacist Robert Howard, 66,

was killed inside the store.

"We grieve for the loss of life," Clinton said. "We think of the fine pharmacist here who lost his life."

But he said: "This is a day the sun is out. I ask you to redouble your resolve and help your neighbors."

Clinton walked the few short blocks to the store from the Governor's Mansion, where several trees lay in pieces in the backyard, already sawn to be hauled away. One of the trees contained what was left of the treehouse where Chelsea Clinton played as a child.

The Governor's Mansion was intact, Clinton said, but "it's had a little radical surgery in the back yard," he said.

The president left Washington early, during a steady rain. He arrived to a sunny day and went straight to Immanuel Baptist Church for the first services of the day.

The church's pastor, the Rev. Rex M. Horne Jr., said Clinton called Saturday to say he'd be there for services. "He said, 'I might like this 9 o'clock service, but it's tough on a guy commuting from Washington.'" He arrived at 8:45 a.m.

In the service, Horne urged the congregation to pray for Clinton. "We know those matters deep on his heart and mind," Horne said. ■

Trial resumes with key votes on dismissal, witnesses

Jim Abrams
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With House prosecutors intent on bringing Monica Lewinsky to the well of the Senate, senators faced crucial votes that abruptly could end the trial or prolong it indefinitely.

Senators sitting in judgment of President Clinton agreed Sunday that the 67 votes needed to remove him from office are not there. They also said they are seeking a way for graceful exit from the yearlong scandal.

A vote this week to allow witnesses, if it fails, could set the stage for a final vote on conviction or acquittal.

"Let's close this thing out. Let's vote on it up or down," said Sen. Richard Shelby, a conservative Republican from Alabama.

But House prosecutors pressed

ahead Sunday with preparations to subpoena witnesses, holding an informal interview with Ms. Lewinsky that the former White House intern did not want and Senate Democrats denounced as an act of desperation.

The House team focused on issues at the heart of obstruction of justice allegations against Clinton, according to a source familiar with the interview — the job search for Ms. Lewinsky and retrieval of presidential gifts for the former intern.

Three House prosecutors met for nearly two hours with Ms. Lewinsky and her lawyer at the upscale Mayflower Hotel about six blocks from the White House. The meeting took place after Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, citing the immunity agreement she signed with his office, on Saturday obtained a court order requiring her

attendance.

"We found her to be a very personable and impressive young woman, and we found that she might be a very helpful witness to the Senate if she is called," said Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla.

Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, Plato Cacheris, said his client had been "extremely truthful" but said: "She added nothing to the record that is already sitting before the Senate."

She should not be called to testify, Cacheris said, "because all of her testimony is fully and completely disclosed."

The House team was able to question Ms. Lewinsky directly, while lawyers working for Starr watched, said Rep. Asa Hutchinson's spokesman Christopher Battle. A source with knowledge of the interview said Ms. Lewinsky did not become emotional and the entire session was conducted in a professional

manner.

The prosecutors insisted that witnesses were needed to prove their case that Clinton committed perjury and obstructed justice in trying to cover up his affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

They said witnesses could clear up contradictions arising in the first eight days of the trial, such as who initiated the concealment of gifts Clinton gave to Ms. Lewinsky and whether there was a tacit understanding that she would lie in the Paula Jones case to cover up the affair.

But Democrats warned that witnesses could extend the trial for months and several Republicans said they were skeptical of the need for witnesses.

"I don't think at this point I've been convinced we need to hear from witnesses," Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said on NBC. "If we do proceed, we want to make

sure that it doesn't turn out to be 'The Jerry Springer Show.'"

Before moving to the witness issue, the Senate was expected today to take up a motion by Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., to dismiss the case against Clinton.

Byrd, a stickler for maintaining Senate traditions, has been strongly critical of the president's behavior. His decision to come out against removal from office was a blow to Republicans who had hoped he would be the catalyst for a Democratic shift against the president.

The White House lawyers and the House prosecutors have an hour to speak on dismissal. Senators then may call a break in the trial to debate the issue, either in open or closed session.

Then the trial would take up the question of whether to depose witnesses, the first step to live testimony, before voting on

dismissal and witnesses.

House prosecutors also were expected to make public their proposed list of witnesses. It likely would include Clinton's friend Vernon Jordan and his personal secretary Betty Curry and other White House officials as well as Lewinsky.

Former Clinton political adviser Dick Morris also was interviewed by House impeachment investigators Sunday. He said he was asked about his conversations with Clinton as the Lewinsky scandal was breaking a year ago.

Republicans, who hold a 55-45 majority in the House, appeared solidly against dismissal, and some Democrats agreed that it was more appropriate to end the trial with a straight vote on the charges. With acquittal, the next question would be whether to write a censure resolution condemning Clinton for the affair. ■

Graduate class offered in Clifton

Shawn Whitsell
Staff Reporter

By extending its off campus graduate courses, the department of Educational Leadership was able to offer classes as far away as Clifton, TN for the first time last semester.

According to Jim Huffman, Columbia State built a cite in Clifton and wanted MTSU to offer a few graduate courses.

Huffman instructed the first course, Introduction to Curriculum

Planning, which had an enrollment of 17. Huffman said all of the students were teachers getting master's degrees, whom came from four surrounding counties.

The teachers were from several public schools and three of them were from a local prison.

Huffman is in his 25th year at MTSU and has spent a great deal of that time teaching off-campus. He has taught in Pulaski, Lebanon, Franklin, Monteagle, Columbia and Tullahoma.

He said the main reason for these off-campus courses is for the convenience of the students who are unable to commute to MTSU's campus.

Huffman said the class in Clifton provided another convenience by meeting on weekends to accommodate the schedules of students who have full time jobs and families.

The class met Friday night and for eight hours on Saturday. Huffman said he had to spend the night in Clifton on Friday nights because of the long drive.

"The weekend classes are getting popular. It's convenient because it's off-campus and on the weekends," he said.

Huffman said he enjoys these workshop-like classes. He said when planning for these weekend classes, he had to plan further ahead because they squeeze a semester's

worth of classes into three long weekends.

"We try to do these classes more like a workshop. You can't just lecture for all that time. You have to have some active learning," he said.

"Our plan is to offer a whole graduate program, but it'll take about two years," Huffman said.

Huffman said the experience was successful and enjoyable. He said he may return in the summer.

Before coming to MTSU, Huffman did his graduate studies at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, taught at a junior high school, was principal of an elementary school and was Dean of Students at Hiwassee College.

This semester, Marvin Peyton is instructing two courses in Clifton: Foundation of Education and Micro Computers the K12 Setting. Peyton, who spent his first weekend in Clifton three weekends ago, said he really enjoys the experience.

"It refreshes your attitude on teaching," he said. "The people really respect you for coming out there."

He even joked about ladybugs being in his hotel room.

Peyton received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall University and a doctorate in Education from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He also worked in Oak Ridge Associated Universities before coming to MTSU. ■



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Bumpers concludes Clinton defense opening statements

Steven Thomma
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Summing up the defense of President Bill Clinton, former Sen. Dale Bumpers said his longtime friend and fellow Arkansan was guilty of moral lapses but not of any offense against the public that would warrant removing him from office.

A former four-term senator who retired a month ago, Bumpers returned to the Senate chamber Thursday, speaking to the senators often by name to put the finishing touches on three days of defense arguments on behalf of the president.

Bumpers, 73, made the case for Clinton in a speech blending jokes, reverent references to the Constitution and stories about his long working relationship with a well-meaning man he said deserves to remain in office for the rest of his term.

Through it all, he said that nothing Clinton did in concealing an extramarital relationship was grave enough to require convicting him and removing a president from office for the first time in the nation's history.

"The charge and the punishment are totally out of sync," Bumpers said.

Invoking "the weight of history on all of us," Bumpers told the Senate that the "awesome" power of impeachment was meant to be invoked only to protect the public from a corrupt leader who might otherwise turn himself into a king, and not merely to punish someone who had committed lesser offenses.

He said it would be dangerous for the country and the government to convict Clinton for what he called essentially a sex scandal.

Clinton is accused of obstructing justice in concealing an extramarital relationship from lawyers who wanted to use that information against him in a sexual harassment lawsuit and with perjury for lying to a grand jury about his earlier actions.

"We are here today because the president suffered a terrible moral lapse, a marital infidelity, not a breach of the public trust, not a crime against society," Bumpers said.

Bumpers' finale came as Democrats voiced optimism that the end of the trial - and the scandal - could be near. During breaks in the trial, small bipartisan groups of senators huddled privately to discuss ways to wrap up the case.

The Senate will pose questions to the two sides for the next two days, then consider a motion to dismiss the case and end the trial next week.

While Democrats favor the early end of a trial they insist will only



Photo by Pete Souza/ The Chicago Tribune
President Bill Clinton talks to his wife Hillary at an education event held in the White House earlier this month.

end in acquittal anyway. Republican House prosecutors continued to press for the right to summon witnesses and extend the trial.

"We're a long way from closing the book on this," said the prosecution leader, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

Bumpers urged the Senate to heed the wishes of the American people, noting that public opinion polls show a majority want Clinton to remain in office. "The people are saying, please don't protect us from this man," Bumpers said.

His speech concluded three days of arguments in which Clinton's lawyers argued that he did not commit the crimes of obstruction of justice or perjury but that even if he did, they were not serious enough to threaten the government or require his removal from office.

Earlier, David Kendall, the president's personal attorney, wrapped up the defense of the specific allegations that Clinton obstructed justice in concealing his relationship from the lawyers for Paula Jones, who was suing Clinton for sexual harassment.

He accused the House prosecutors of distorting evidence to make Clinton appear guilty and ignoring evidence that made him appear innocent.

"Circumstantial evidence is often subject to several different interpretations," he said. "They told you that they painted a picture with circumstantial evidence. ... What they've in fact done is given you a Rorschach test."

For example, Kendall argued that House prosecutors focused largely on efforts by Clinton and his friend Vernon Jordan to help Lewinsky find a job in New York starting on the day it became clear she might be subpoenaed to testify in the Jones case.

But Kendall said Clinton and Jordan wanted to help her out of friendship, not out of any desire to hide her or keep her quiet.

He noted that she received her

first New York job offer in November, weeks before a judge's Dec. 11 ruling that Jones' lawyers could seek information about Clinton's relationships with women at work.

And Kendall said pointedly that even when Jordan appeared to have accelerated his efforts to help Lewinsky find another job on that December day, Jordan had made the calls weeks before the judge issued her ruling. In fact, Jordan was on a plane to the Netherlands when the ruling was issued that night.

"There was no fix," Kendall said. "There was no quid pro quo."

He also disputed the charge that Clinton encouraged Lewinsky to lie by suggesting she could avoid being questioned by Jones' lawyers by filing a sworn affidavit that would deny they had sexual relations.

"The president never asked Ms. Lewinsky to lie," Kendall said.

He noted that Clinton and Lewinsky had earlier created a cover story for her frequent trips to the Oval Office - in which she would say she was bringing papers for him to sign, or that she was visiting Clinton secretary Betty Currie.

"Cover stories are an almost inevitable part of every improper relationship between two human beings," Kendall said.

But he added that Clinton never mentioned the earlier cover story when he spoke to Lewinsky on Dec. 17, 1997, about filing the affidavit.

A longtime friend of the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Kendall told the Senate he has represented them since 1993 in what he called "the tortuous and meandering Whitewater investigation."

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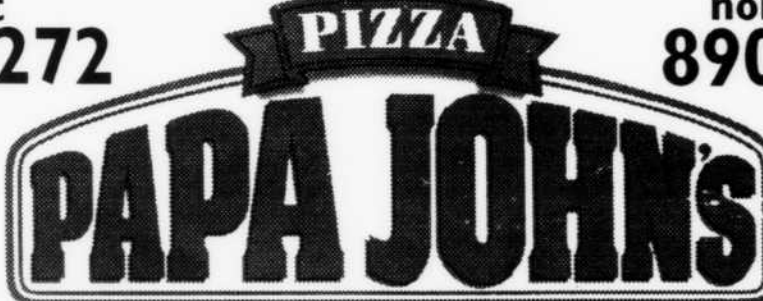
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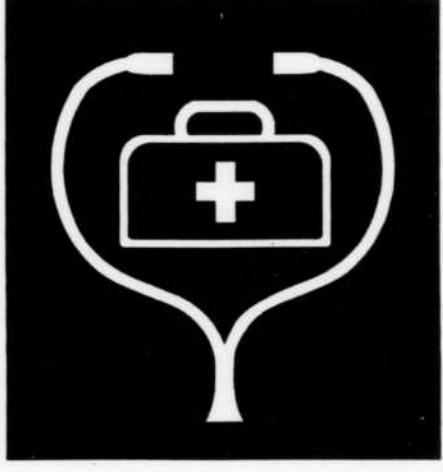
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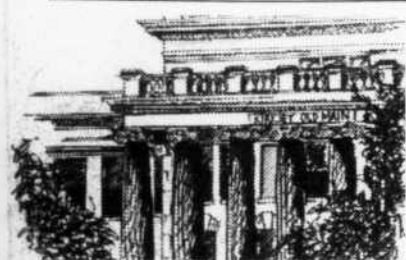


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Editorial

Clarksville will overcome the tornado

I have never been more proud of my hometown.

As the news broke about the tornado that swept through Clarksville early Friday morning, a story emerged about more than the historic buildings that were lost and the damage to Austin Peay State University.

The heart of a wonderful community was destroyed, but the residents were able to look past their own damage and help their neighbors.

They came together and hugged and cried when they saw their friends. They opened their hearts and their homes to share food, water, telephones and anything else they normally would take for granted. They worked to get a head start on the rebuilding process — a process that will take years and will never fully restore the city to what it was before.

The beautiful landmarks and homes that stood proud for more than 100 years will be noticeably absent from the city's landscape in the future. Gone is the clock tower at Austin Peay, the bells at the Methodist Church that could be heard all over downtown every hour and much of the courthouse that stands high on one of the tallest hills in town.

"Downtown Clarksville is no more," my mother said to me when she called to wake me up in the early hours of Friday morning.

But she was wrong. This is just the strongest test the city has ever had to pass in its more than 200-year history. But it will overcome.

Clarksville isn't called the Queen City for nothing.

You don't realize how insignificant material things are until you have looked into the eyes of someone who has lost everything they own and can still find a reason to smile.

One friend said she started crying when she saw The Leaf-Chronicle on her front porch. It was a miracle there was a local paper because the newspaper's downtown building was totally demolished by the tornado. Suddenly, the people who write the news became part of the news.

But the buildings that survived or didn't survive aren't important. They can be repaired or rebuilt.

The people are important, and the miraculous thing is that nobody was killed. Now, knowing that their lives and their spirits are intact (though not much else is), the people of Clarksville will have to do the hardest thing ever. They will have to make Clarksville great again.

In recent years, Clarksville has been called "The Gateway to the New South." Somehow the name never fit right until now, when residents are struggling to save the history of the city.

The rebuilding process will hold on to what is left of the past, while forcing the city to move toward the future. ■

— Susan McMahan, editor in chief

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OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

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The second coming of breast implants

Diana Zuckerman
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

More than 400,000 American women with silicone implants will soon agree to a \$3.2 billion settlement from Dow Corning. Another 400,000 are suing three other implant manufacturers. Last month, a court-appointed panel of scientists issued a report stating that there is currently no clear research evidence that silicone breast implants cause connective tissue diseases, but that they can't anticipate what future research will show. And this year, more than 120,000 American women, many of them in their teens and early 20s, are expected to give breast implants a try. If you thought this controversy was almost over, think again.

As the scientist who initiated the congressional investigation of silicone implants eight years ago, I can't help but wonder: Why would so many young, healthy women choose to surgically implant a product that has inspired countless lawsuits and almost no good research? Why aren't they more concerned about the unknown long-term risks, and especially the likelihood of repeated surgeries due to broken implants? And, if billion dollar settlements don't stop manufacturers from selling untested products, or stop women from buying them, what will?

The reason for the resurgence may be in the images of implanted breasts that have become the ideal in the 1990s. Even those of us who don't spend much time with "adult" magazines or Victoria's Secret catalogues are a captive audience every time we watch the Oscars or read a newspaper article next to a lingerie ad. Those very thin bodies with large chests just don't happen in nature very often, and all the dieting and exercise in the world won't achieve it. And so, we should not be surprised that more than 35 years after the first breast

implant was "tested" on a charity patient who had gone to a doctor to have rose tattoos removed from her breasts, these implants are more popular than they have ever been.

The truth is that safety information has never had much impact on the popularity of breast implants. For the first 25 years that breast implants were sold, there was no scientific data about their long-term safety in human beings.

In the last few years, a few large studies finally were published, but they all suffered from serious shortcomings. Although the recent scientific panel report is correct that there is no scientific evidence that implants have thus far caused a major epidemic of autoimmune diseases such as lupus or scleroderma, the research is not conclusive on whether or not breast implants increase the risk of those diseases over the long-term.

And, there is scientific evidence, also inconclusive, that implants may cause symptoms that are similar to but not exactly the same as classic autoimmune diseases. Doctors who treat implant patients have also expressed concerns about other serious diseases.

Today, scientists agree that silicone breast implants can cause infections, multiple surgeries, leaking silicone and breast pain. However, they don't agree about how often these problems occur or how serious they are. A recent study of several hundred breast implant patients found that one out of four needs at least one additional surgery within five years. Other studies indicate that most silicone gel implants break after ten years, resulting in gel leaking into the woman's body and repeated surgeries for women who want their broken implants replaced.

The second coming of breast implants has occurred despite these widely reported problems. In part, it has been possible because the kinds of silicone gel breast implants that were the most controversial have all but disappeared from the U.S. market. When the manufacturers failed to conduct studies to prove that silicone gel breast implants were safe, the Food and Drug Administration restricted the implants to

women with mastectomies, deformities, or to replace gel implants that have broken. As a result, most U.S. women now choose saline breast implants, which have a silicone envelope but salt water inside.

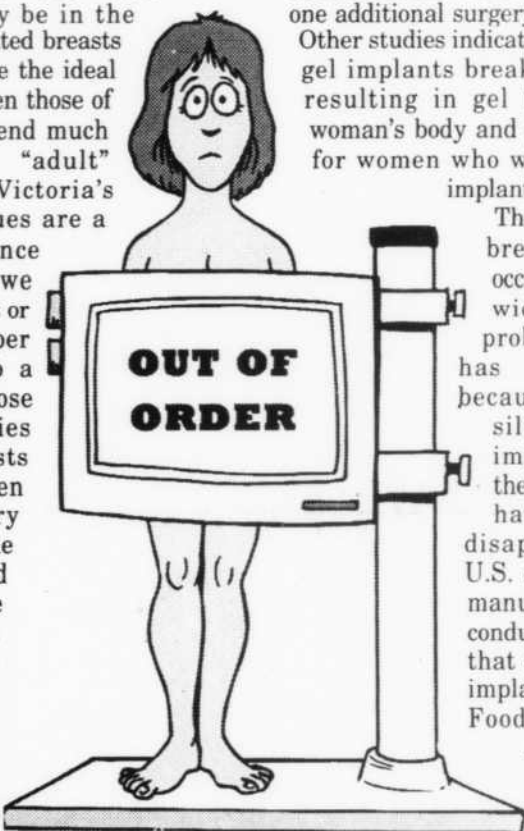
The good news is that saline implants are generally thought to be safer; the bad news is that there is virtually no research to show whether or not that is true. The FDA has never required safety data on saline implants, even though scientists at several universities have reported that they can be a breeding ground for dangerous bacteria that could spread throughout the body when the implants eventually break.

And so, we still don't even know how many women have breast implants in the U.S., how many of those women are ill, or what symptoms they have, or why. Most of the studies have not even bothered to evaluate many of the illnesses and symptoms that implant patients report. And, sadly, we know even less about the small number of women who get implants after mastectomies than about the patients who get implants to increase the size of healthy breasts.

While corporate-funded spin doctors' and some physicians have claimed that implants are safe, the scientists who have no financial ties to either side of the controversy agree that the research results are not conclusive about overall safety. The growing number of industry-funded studies can't mask the fundamental scientific truism that whether there are 2 studies, 20 studies, or 200, it's impossible to draw meaningful conclusions if the studies ask the wrong questions, study just a few diseases, or don't study enough women for a long enough period of time.

Between the spin and counter spin, the ill women with implants and the women eager to give them a try, where are the facts about the safety of breast implants? Nobody knows for sure, and certainly not the women who will buy their first, or second, or possibly fifth set of implants this year. After more than 35 years of human experimentation on about a million women, we still don't know how many implant patients will have serious problems that harm their health or the quality of their lives. The story isn't over yet. ■

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Government by Larry Flynt

Dusty Nix
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Not Quite House Speaker Bob Livingston, who probably deserved better, warns darkly of "government by Larry Flynt." California political scientist Sherry Bebitch Jeffe calls it "sexual bounty hunting."

They're both right. But from the moment nearly two decades ago when the Republican Party hitched its wagon to the likes of the Moral Majority and the Christian Coalition, government by Larry Flynt was a moral and practical inevitability.

Larry Flynt is the flip side of sanctimony. Toss it enough times, and sooner or later it's going to come up tails.

Tails it is. Strange how good things can come from bad ones, and vice versa. A shameless smut peddler who gleefully scrapes rock bottom for the sake of the bottom line once forced the nation's highest court to reaffirm the bedrock principle of freedom — and now he may have pulled politics out of a sexual sewer just by wallowing in it.

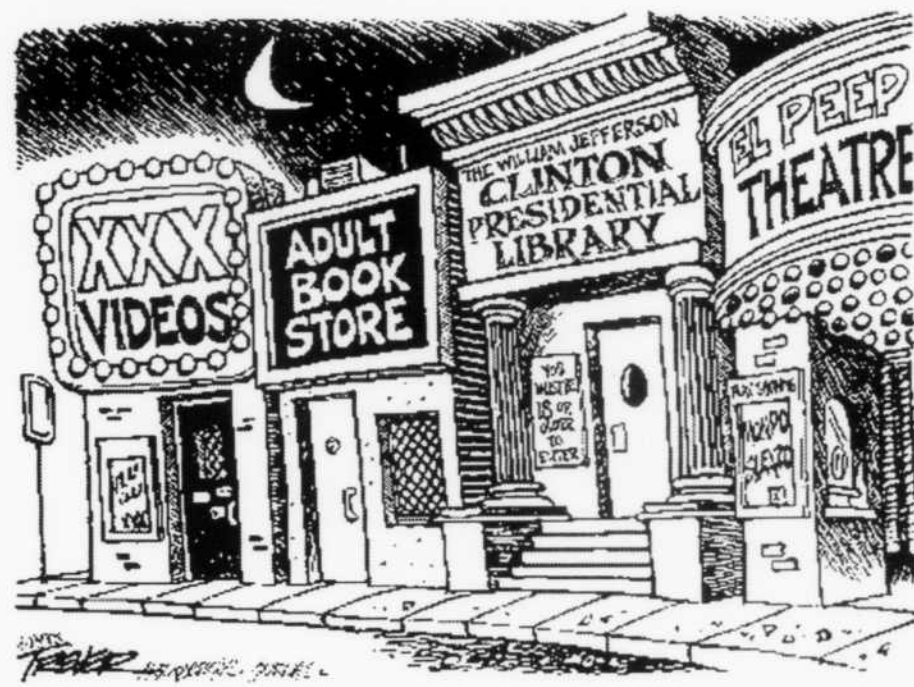
Larry Flynt is anything but a noble figure. He is a contemptible and in many ways pathetic little man, a media bottom-feeder who makes political bottom-feeders squirm because they know he knows their game.

Anybody who thinks "The People vs. Larry Flynt" portrays him as a hero can't possibly have seen the movie.

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ethics, values, patriotism and respect for the institution of marriage I'd gladly put up against Bob Livingston's, or Bill Bennett's, or Henry Hyde's — or yes, Bill Clinton's — any day.

They think we're suckers to Clinton's act, when the simple truth is that we're not suckers to theirs. The Republicans who don't understand any of this aren't listening to the ones who do, which makes them the most profoundly clueless people on the planet.

Now, we are told huffily, the issue is not their own behavior but that of Larry Flynt. If there's a more fitting epitaph for the politics of "personal responsibility" I'd love to hear it.

I'm sorry, sort of, that Bob Livingston fell victim to the monster his party stitched together 20 years ago. He seems like a pretty decent guy, and not one of the rabid Clinton-haters whose mouth-foaming frenzy has sent this whole thing raging out of control. But he'd do well to remember who first stuck the electrodes in the creature's neck. ■

'South Park' doesn't need the criticism

Richard Parker
University of Alabama

What's the most popular show on television today? If you answered anything other than "South Park," you may not be in the loop.

For those of you who don't know, "South Park" has been the hottest thing to hit television since "The Simpsons," yet it is beginning to draw a lot of fire from people who misunderstand the show's humor or haven't even seen an episode.

Many people complain that "South Park" is inappropriate for children.

Well, no joke! That's why they have the really big "TV-MA" symbol on screen before the show starts along with a disclaimer that the show may be inappropriate for some viewers. It is troubling that department stores are selling Stan, Kyle, Kenny and Cartman dolls to kids. Even more disturbing is that 8-year-olds know all of the characters including Mr. Hat, the gay hand puppet of Mr. Garrison the school teacher.

But should the show's creators, Trey Parker and Matt Stone, be blamed for all of that? No!

Try leveling criticism at the parents out there who aren't exercising enough control over what their kids are watching on television.

Critics of the show also rant about it when they either haven't even seen an episode or haven't taken the time to let the story line sink in. Take The Birmingham News, for example. It described the ever-lovable Chef as the school's exploited, black janitor.

The Chef is hardly exploited. He is one of the pivotal characters on the show. And Isaac Hayes, who does the voice for Chef, was the perfect choice.

It's hard not to laugh every time the Chef asks students, "How are my little crackers today?"

The Birmingham News also goofed when it erroneously printed that the child-character Kenny is "murdered" on every episode. Everyone who watches the show knows the line, "Oh my God, they killed Kenny!" While Kenny indeed dies on every show, he's no more murdered than is Wile E. Coyote, who has an infinite number of anvils dropped on his head; it's the same concept.

Recently, for example, Kenny was killed when Ozzy Osbourne bit his head off. Yes, it was sick, but it was funny! Kenny has also been killed by wild turkeys, pet goldfish, the Chinese national volleyball team and a falling pine tree.

South Park's critics also like to lament about the show's language. If you don't like what Cartman has to say, you can always catch NBC's "Law & Order," which airs during the same time

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Which Malcolm X is the deserving hero?

Gregory P. Kane
The Baltimore Sun

The U.S. Postal Service has officially issued its Malcolm X stamp. You have to figure the X-man is twirling in his grave.

Just who is being honored here? The Malcolm who excoriated America for its anti-black racism, who frequently opposed his federal government's policies in Third World countries, who was the most powerful black nationalist spokesman since Marcus Garvey and who, even a month before he died, continued to wear that label.

Or is it the watered-down Malcolm X portrayed by the 1990s media? This is the Malcolm whose life is reduced to a simplistic morality tale: Black man joins racist, separatist sect (Nation of Islam) and preaches that all whites are racist. Black man splits from sect, goes to Mecca, converts to orthodox Islam and returns home believing in integration and the brotherhood of all.

That's the Malcolm we got from the insipid drive Spike Lee had the nerve to pass off as the X-man's film biography in 1992. Malcolm's widow, the late Betty Shabazz, said her husband believed the media had made too much of her husband's evolving views on racial matters.

"Malcolm said the white man had a lot of nerve expecting him to change when he (the white man) didn't change."

Malcolm's sister, Ella Collins, who died in 1996, said people leave out three key words her brother used when he told the world of his acceptance of whites as brothers and sisters. Collins, according to a just-released book written by her son Rodnell Collins titled "Seventh Son: A Family Memoir of Malcolm X," said Malcolm was prepared to accept as brothers and sisters whites "who accept Islam."

Ella Collins added that those critical three words didn't include the vast majority of white Americans, whom her brother continued to chastise for their racism.

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slot.

For those folks appalled that anyone could defend the show, bear in mind a paraphrased thought from comedian George Carlin: If you don't like "South Park," there are a couple of buttons on the remote control — one that changes the channel, and the other, which turns off the television. The same controversy now surrounding "South Park" once targeted "The Simpsons," "King of the Hill" and the now legendary "Beavis and Butthead."

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And Malcolm's politics have been as distorted as his views on race. He was far left on the political spectrum, hobnobbing with the likes of the Socialist Workers' Party at home, cozying up to radical African and Arab leaders such as Ghana's Kwame Nkrumah and Egypt's Gamal Abdul Nasser abroad.

In 1964, he opposed U.S. involvement in Vietnam — three years before Martin Luther King Jr. came out against the war. Malcolm was not only scathingly critical of President Johnson's escalation of the war, he was downright prophetic in response to a questioner who asked him to "address the Vietnam situation for two minutes."

"Address myself to Vietnam for two minutes? It's a shame. That's two seconds. (The Johnson administration) is trapped; it can't get out. If it pours more men in, it'll get deeper. If it pulls men out, it's a defeat."

And they should have known it in the first place. ... They put (Ngo Dinh) Diem over there. Diem took all their money, all their war equipment and everything else and got them trapped. Then they killed him. Yes, they killed him, murdered him in cold blood ... because they were embarrassed. They found out that they had made him strong and he was turning against them. So they killed him

After a while, those shows were, in the words of one of my fraternity brothers, "co-opted," meaning that they were commercialized and toned down.

Let's hope "South Park" isn't destined for the same fate.

The show wouldn't be as funny if Stan said "gosh darn it" or Kyle said "you dummies" after an "Oh my gosh, they smacked Kenny!"

"South Park" is not suitable entertainment for everyone. But some people shouldn't have the right to determine what everyone else is able to watch on television. That is an infringement on our right to choose. ■

and put big Minh in his place. You know, the fat one. ...

And then he wouldn't act right. ... You know, when the puppet starts talking back to the puppeteer, the puppeteer is in bad shape."

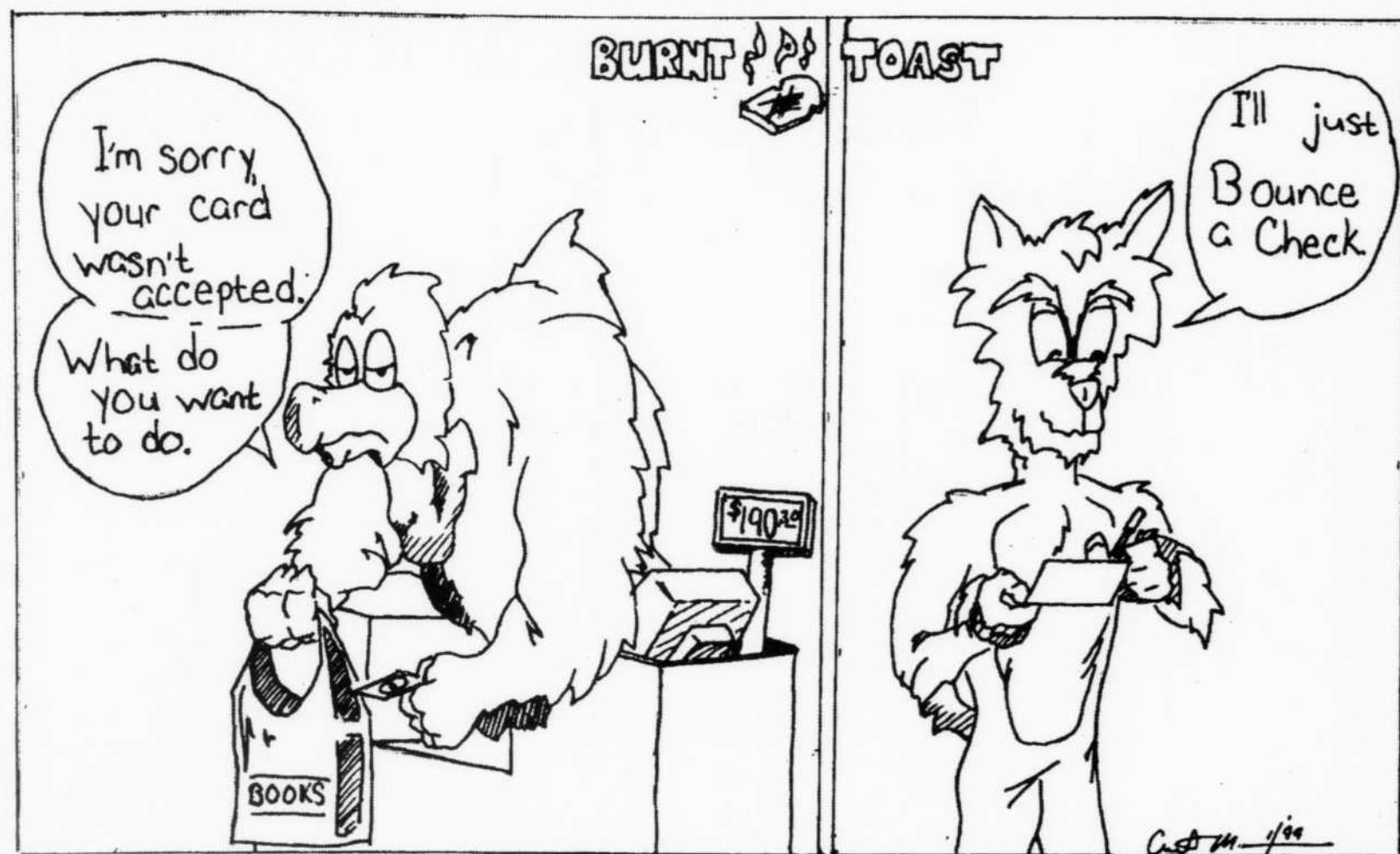
Malcolm was equally candid when the Johnson administration and Western powers propped up Moise Tshombe as the Congo's leader in 1964. Tshombe was an African "leader" who made Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas look like, well, like a Malcolm X.

"(The American government) put Tshombe in power," Malcolm said. "They put him there because Tshombe was the only African who was criminal enough to participate in the scheme that the Western powers had of sending in Western troops after the so-called legal head of government would ask for them."

Now it's 35 years later, and Malcolm X is being honored by the U.S. Postal Service. How did an orthodox Muslim, left-wing radical black nationalist get himself in such a post? Truth is, he deserves it. The Malcolm X stamp is the 22nd in the U.S. Postal Service's Black Heritage series. Malcolm Little, who became Malcolm X, who became El Hajj Malik el-Shabazz, is as much a part of that heritage as the stamp honorees who have preceded him.

Somehow, though, I get the feeling his spirit is watching from somewhere, slightly embarrassed by it all. ■

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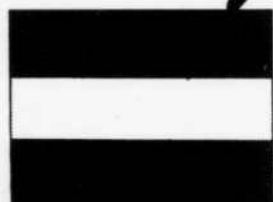
The MTSU intramural tennis club, which was featured in the Jan. 21 issue in a story titled "New intramural tennis club open to faculty, students of all skill levels," is not planning to play Sewanee or teams from other schools. For more information about the club, call Carrie Hupp at 896-7164 or e-mail MTSUtennis@aol.com.

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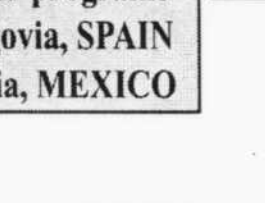
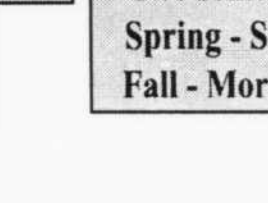
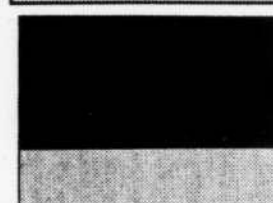
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Making a difference



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Flat plains and accessible facilities for disabled students attracted freshman Brian Reardon, a native Knoxville, to attend MTSU.

Adaptive technology available for disabled students

John Garner
Staff Reporter

Brian Reardon is a non-traditional student at MTSU.

Like almost all of the campus population, he has a full calendar. Classes and study time in the new library keep this freshman busy most of the week.

However, unlike most students, Reardon uses a wheelchair to get around campus due to an injury received nine years ago when he fell 50 feet from a balcony and broke his neck.

Reardon had earned a few hours at his hometown college before the accident. However, he felt the barriers there would be almost insurmountable for a disabled person to scale.

The Knoxville native heard good things about MTSU. There aren't as many inclines to push against, and the buildings and classrooms provide easy access for his wheelchair. He also understood there was a curriculum that kept disabled students from being treated like outsiders.

So he came to Murfreesboro and introduced himself to Disabled Student Services Director John Harris.

"Our department is concerned with integrating disabled students into the mainstream," Harris said. "Traditionally, the community has said, 'Oh, you're disabled. You go here.' That's segregation."

Since 1997, one method to eliminate that social stumbling block has been the installation of adaptive technology hardware and software at university locations. Five sites around the campus enable students with disabilities to operate a computer with little or no assistance from others. A portion of MTSU student technology access fees has granted the necessary funding.

The main branch of the Adaptive Technology Center is in the new Central Library. It maintains a variety of hardware and software designed to meet special needs.

Large-screen monitors and Optelec scanners give visually impaired and learning disabled students access to the written word. The Dectalk Express speech synthesizer will translate on-screen data and scanned materials into spoken language and the Braille Embosser allows text and graphics to print out on a single page.

Standard applications, such as Windows 95/98 and Microsoft Office run alongside DragonDictate, a voice-activated program that eliminates the need for typing.

"The new technology can be a little unnerving the first time a student works with it," said Eric Wright, ATC lab assistant. "One woman came in to use the speech recognition software and got overwhelmed."

"I can understand that. Most of us feel lost the first time we try something new. With a little practice, though, this equipment can open up a world of opportunity."

Adaptive technology also can be found at computer labs in Wood/Felder Hall, Kirksey Old Main, the Learning Resources Center and the Business and Aerospace Building. On-line information is available at: <www.mtsu.edu/~adatech>.

Rather than wait for complaints about what doesn't work, Harris and his staff begin the process by asking themselves what considerations a disabled person using the new services and upgraded equipment will need. But it's impossible to think of everything.

Ironically, the door at the library's ATC is a potential problem for students in wheelchairs. It automatically opens outward when the door handle is turned, toward the person trying to enter the lab. The

system also lacks a wall-mounted push button.

"That's the first thing that came to mind when we got a look at the new library facility," Harris said. "It's up to code and allows 33 inches of clearance. It meets the standard of the law."

"But I wish the law would stop using measurements as a standard. A person in one of the bigger electric wheelchairs might have difficulty getting in."

Harris added, "We're monitoring the situation. If that door turns out to be a problem, we'll address it."

The disabled student population at MTSU has grown since Harris came to the university in 1985. "There were 109 special-needs students at that time. Today, the figure is around 700," he said.

"Our graduates are given the opportunity to be successful. The university can create that opportunity, but what you do with it is your choice. Last December, disabled students made up 3 percent of the entire graduating class."

Reardon was close to never being among their number. He had a rough first semester. Sitting up for 17 hours without a break was physically difficult. The attendant assigned to assist him just wasn't working out.

"Brian came back to our office and told me he was thinking of leaving school," Harris said.

Harris put new technology aside and addressed the situation in an old-fashioned way. He picked up the phone and arranged for Elderly Services to assign a more compatible attendant.

"Jackie's great," Reardon said. "She's a real good attendant, always on time. I think I'm gonna make it now."

"I just wish Elderly Services had a different name. I'm not all that old," he said, laughing. ■

Y2K no longer a problem for MTSU

Julie Hornsby
Staff Reporter

What is the Y2K (year 2,000) bug?

The Y2K problem occurs when a computer or computer system reads the year 2000 as 1900. The IBM AT and compatible microcomputers rely on a battery backed-up hardware timer called the Real Time Clock (RTC).

The RTC is used to keep track of the current time and date, but due to storage limitations it can only store the last two digits of a four-digit year. The other two digits, century information, are found in the Semiconductor memory (CMOS).

When the computer is booted, it combines the century information in the CMOS with the last two digits of the year found in the RTC to create a four-digit year. The problem lies in the RTC. While the RTC will update itself to 00 the CMOS stays at 19. At 11:59PM 1999 the RTC will change over from 12/31/99 to 01/01/00 but the computer will incorrectly interpret the year 2000 to be the year 1900.

Why is this a problem? Most operating systems, such as Microsoft Windows '95, use the clock as the time reference and any date/time stampings will be incorrect for the software applications.

Y2K

the Millennium bug is a major problem for most of America. But how will this year 2000 computer glitch affect MTSU?

Will schedules be erased? Will student loan checks be lost? Not according to Lucinda Lea, director of the Office of Information Technology. With that aside what does this mean for the students and faculty at MTSU? Very little. MTSU in conjunction with the Tennessee Board of Regents and the State of Tennessee have been working on this problem for quite some time.

The school has broken the process down into two major sections: campus PC's and Administrative Systems. Since most Macintosh computers are already Y2K adaptable, only the PC's had to be checked. John Schmidt has been heading up a team of student workers hired to work on the problem.

Patches had to be installed on the Windows '95 and 3.X operating systems to make them compatible. Most systems are now Y2K compliant, only a few of the older computers could not be saved.

The Office of Information Technology is now working with contacts in each department preparing a report for the Vice Presidents, Deans, Department Heads, and Department Chairs giving an inventory of hardware that indicates what hardware is compatible and what is not. The Vice Presidents will then decide what to do with the non-compatible systems.

Work on the administrative systems began several years ago. The workers faced the problem of not only making each system compliant but also making sure our systems were compatible with other interfaces, like ones used at some banks.

For example, in the financial aid department a lot of time was spent making sure that MTSU and Student Loan Clearinghouses had compliant interfaces. They also had to look at the computer networking system throughout the campus. Even the Campus ID system had to be checked.

Lucinda Lea, says the major systems are now compliant, and the campus is 93 to 95% compatible.

"I really feel good about it. There has been a huge effort to make sure the University and the University systems are compliant to ensure smooth sailing for students, faculty, and staff," Lea stated enthusiastically.

As of now, no problems are expected for any of the university's major computer systems. So never fear, your student loan checks will still be here!

For those of you with questions about your own PC's, MTSU has a website where you can learn how to test your own computer, and it gives you connections to various vendor sites. This can be found at www.mtsu.edu/~y2k or you can call a toll free 24-hour government hotline 1-800-USA-4Y2K. Good luck! ■

NBC aims for more family appeal

Staff Reports

Scott Sassa, the new president of NBC Entertainment, said his network's series have too much emphasis on sex and too few traditional families. And he promises that it's going to change.

The announcement, coming as it does from the network that became No. 1 in the ratings with sophisticated and sexy sitcoms aimed at young adults, could signal the start of a major shift in values for prime-time television. At the very least, it is sure to ignite a culture-wars debate about television and values.

Sassa, a television veteran who helped build Ted Turner's cable empire and took over from Warren Littlefield as the chief architect of NBC's prime-time schedule in October, laid out four areas of concern in the lineup he inherited. Calling it his "vision," he told a gathering of TV critics here that, in addition to less sex and more traditional families, he wanted to see more ethnic diversity and sitcoms set in cities other than New York.

NBC's trademark comedies, such as "Friends" and "Just Shoot Me," are all-white, New York and heavy on sexual innuendo, if not sex. In fact, in light of "Seinfeld," you could say the very values that Sassa wants to re-examine or change are the rock on which NBC was built in the 1990s.

"We don't have many traditional families on the schedule. In fact, we have only one, and that is not the classic television family. That one is 'Mad About You' with mother, father and baby," Sassa said.

"We've moved too far away from the traditional family. We're not going to develop all shows with traditional families. But I think we should have some shows. There should be some balance," he added.

Sassa said he's "not trying to create a family channel," and he's not going to try to eliminate sex from series like "Friends." He also said he's

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Oh, your aching back! Check your backpack

Amy Cappiello
College Press Exchange

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (CPX) - Ever stopped to consider that your backpack might have something to do with your backache?

Bags might come in an array of hip styles and colors, but with the number of back injuries rising in schools and on college campuses, physicians and chiropractors say it's important for students to consider function over form.

In 1997, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimated that more than 240 children were treated in hospital emergency rooms for back pain related to their backpacks and book bags.

More common is the gradual emergence of pain that comes after years of putting undue stress and strain on the lower back - a predicament many college students report they now face.

Chas Gaertner, a chiropractor who has set up shop near the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, estimates that most of his patients are much younger than the typical crowd hanging out in chiropractic offices. He said about 80 percent of his patients are either in their teens or 20s.

Their troubles are mostly posture related, Gaertner said. He blames many of the ailments he treats on book bags - especially those that are overloaded.

"I've treated kids in the 4th and 5th grade that had backpacks bigger than their torso," he said. "I've weighed bookbags that are 35-40 pounds."

College students know plenty about over-packed sacks, too. Without lockers, they tend to cram anything and everything they could possibly need in a day into one bag that they lug around on their shoulders.

Laura Stoehr, a sophomore journalism major at UNC, schleps around on her small frame a bag that weighs at least 20 pounds. Aside from books, she also packs chapstick, a lighter, a sewing kit and



Photo By Campus Correspondent Sarah Sudhoff, University of Texas at Austin
Students at the University of Texas at Austin walk to class, bookbags in hand. Healthcare professionals say a properly packed bag equals 10 to 20 percent of its carrier's weight.

plenty of gum and tissues.

"I've never used the sewing kit, but before I had it, I needed to sew on a button," she said.

"I have terrible posture, and the book bag doesn't help," she continued. "But unless I start carrying around a little suitcase on wheels, there's not a lot I can do about it."

Zach Finley, a first-year law student at Harvard University, knows her pain. He lives about five minutes from campus and walks every day with a shoulder bag slung across his body.

"Some days I have three classes, and I have to carry six books and some binders," he said. "It's not usually too bad, but on those days I have to carry six books, it's pretty trying. I would think my bag gets up to 20-25 pounds on the extreme days."

Gaertner warns that routinely lugging such a large amount of weight can alter a student's posture for the worse. A properly packed bag equals between 10 percent and 20 percent of its carrier's weight, he said.

"Most people are creating a really bad alteration in their posture," he said. "They develop posture where they hold their head like a turtle or a vulture."

Good thing not everyone fills their bags to the brim. Kristy Cannaday, a senior economics major at Emory University in Atlanta, alternates between two backpacks - a trendy leather satchel and a plain canvas bag. No matter which one she's using, Cannaday said she only carries the bare necessities.

"Economics books are big text books, so I don't usually take them to class," Cannaday said. "I have spirals, a folder, my day planner, pens, pencils. That's about it."

Because bookbags are such an integral part of just about every student's day, The American Academy of Pediatrics offers several pointers on how to use them:

■ Use a hip belt to take pressure off the shoulders, redistributing weight to the hip and pelvis.

■ Distribute your load by using all of a bag's compartments. Pace heavier

books and items closest to the back, putting the center of gravity nearest the pelvis.

■ Tighten shoulder straps to draw the pack as close to the body as is comfortable.

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"I carry a bus schedule, gum and the parking tickets I got reduced as kind of a personal victory," said Anna Pond, a senior at UNC. ■

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not going to spend his days micro-managing NBC series as a censor.

"But we need to have less of an emphasis on sex.

Situation comedies are about situations, and sexual situations are sometimes key to what goes on in those shows," Sassa said.

"But we could use a few more words between 'hello' and 'will you sleep with me?' When we use sex, we need to be smarter about it and less gratuitous," he explained.

Sassa said he was concerned about writers using sex "for easy laughs," especially when children are

watching.

"People want to watch with their kids. Within shows that are intended for families, we need to be more responsible," he said.

As for the geographic change in sitcom and drama settings, Sassa said it's simple: "New York is not the only place in America. I love New York, too, but people also want to see other places. And this is something that we're going to try and do," he said.

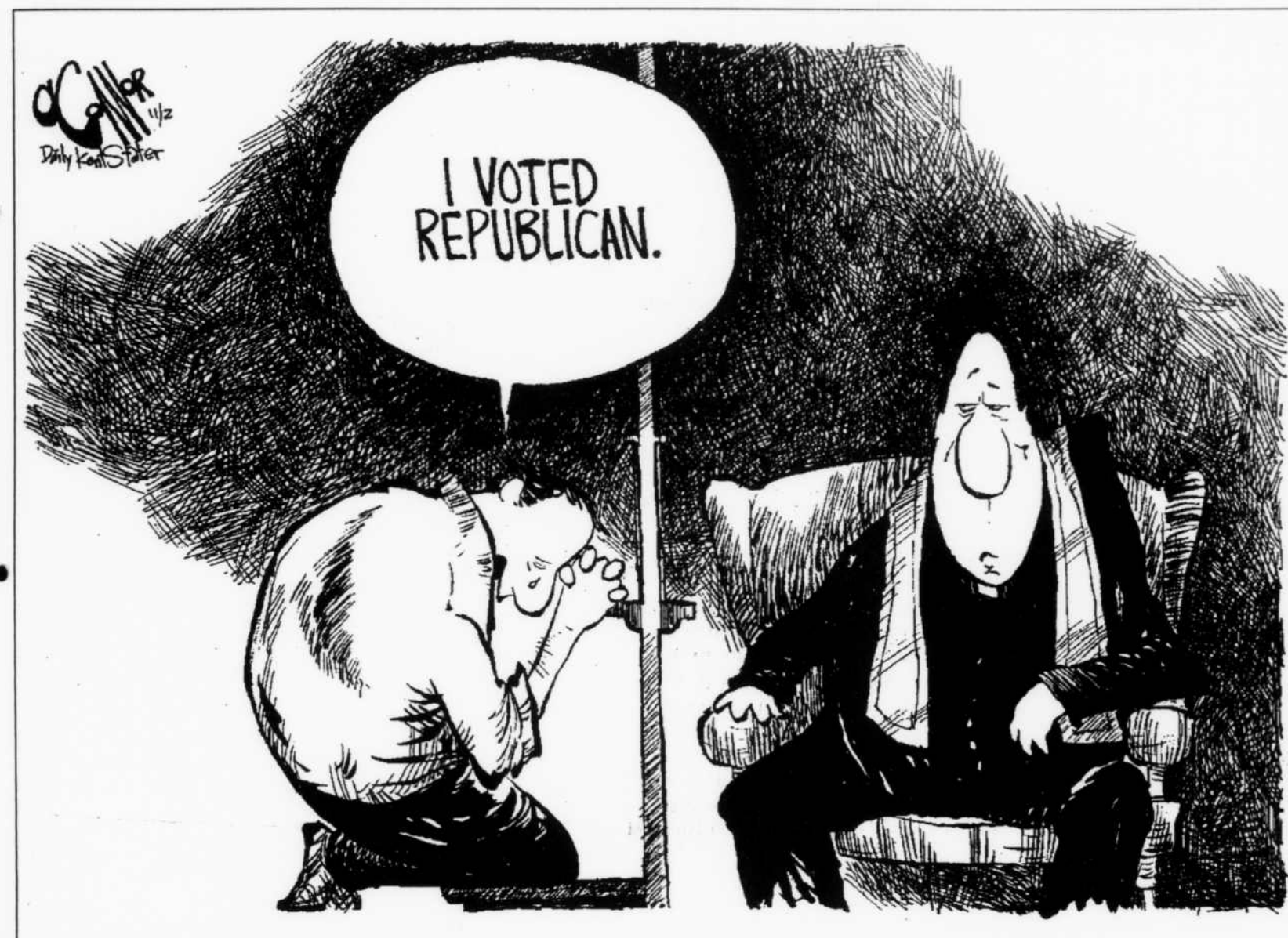
In terms of diversity, Sassa said, "We need to make sure our shows accurately reflect our audience." ■

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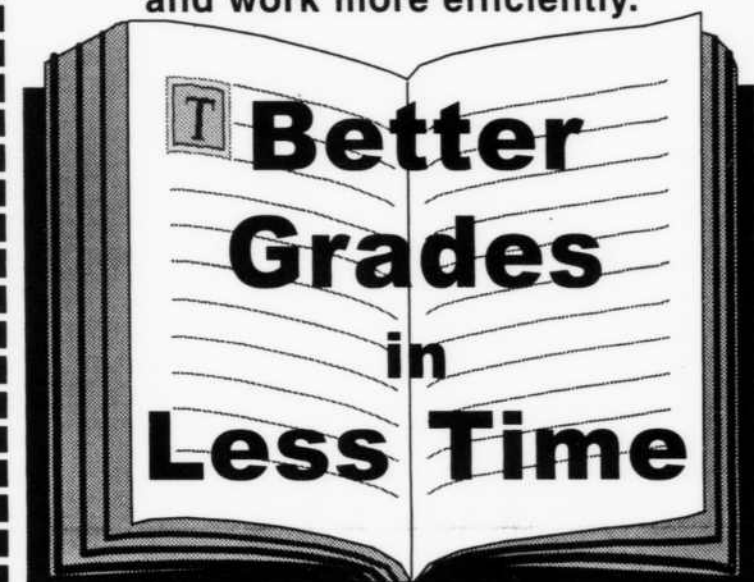
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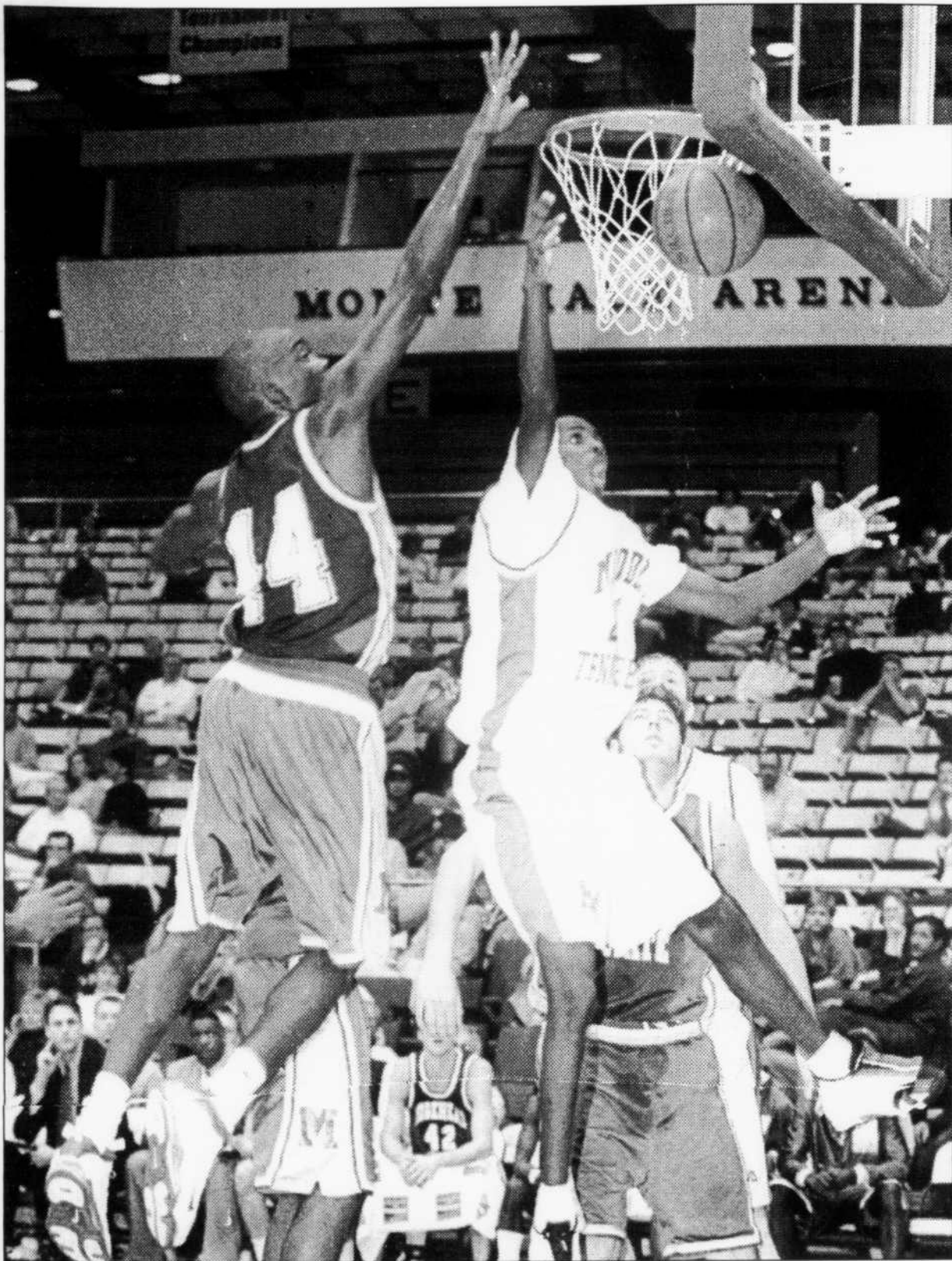


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Raiders fry Colonels

Team pushes record to 5-5 with 82-67 win Saturday night

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders men's basketball team ran away from the Eastern Kentucky Colonels Saturday night in the Murphy Center. Led by Gerald King, MTSU won the game 82-67, while pushing their record to 5-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference, which is good enough for third place.

For the Blue Raiders, the game started quickly with MTSU embarking on a 13-2 run until 16:50 remained in the first half. However, just like the game against Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky fought back with a fury. MTSU never trailed in the game, but the Colonels never backed down.

The lead for the Blue Raiders remained around 7 points for the majority of the

first half. However, thanks to ECU's Chris Fitzgerald and his superb shooting, the Colonels cut the lead to 3 with 3:04 left in the half.

On the very next possession, MTSU's Cedric Wallace spotted up and buried a three pointer. That basket started a 10-2 run for MTSU. Dale Thomas, who had a monster first half, received the ball in the post and was fouled. He went to the line and buried both free throws and followed that trip down by connecting on a short jump shot. Murphy Center crowd favorite, Kent Ayer, followed with a three pointer which he missed badly due to a foul. Ayer went to the line and converted on all three free throws. The Colonel's Darius Acuff answered with a layup to end the half.

After 20 minutes of play, MTSU led the game 37-28. Thomas led all scorers with 11.

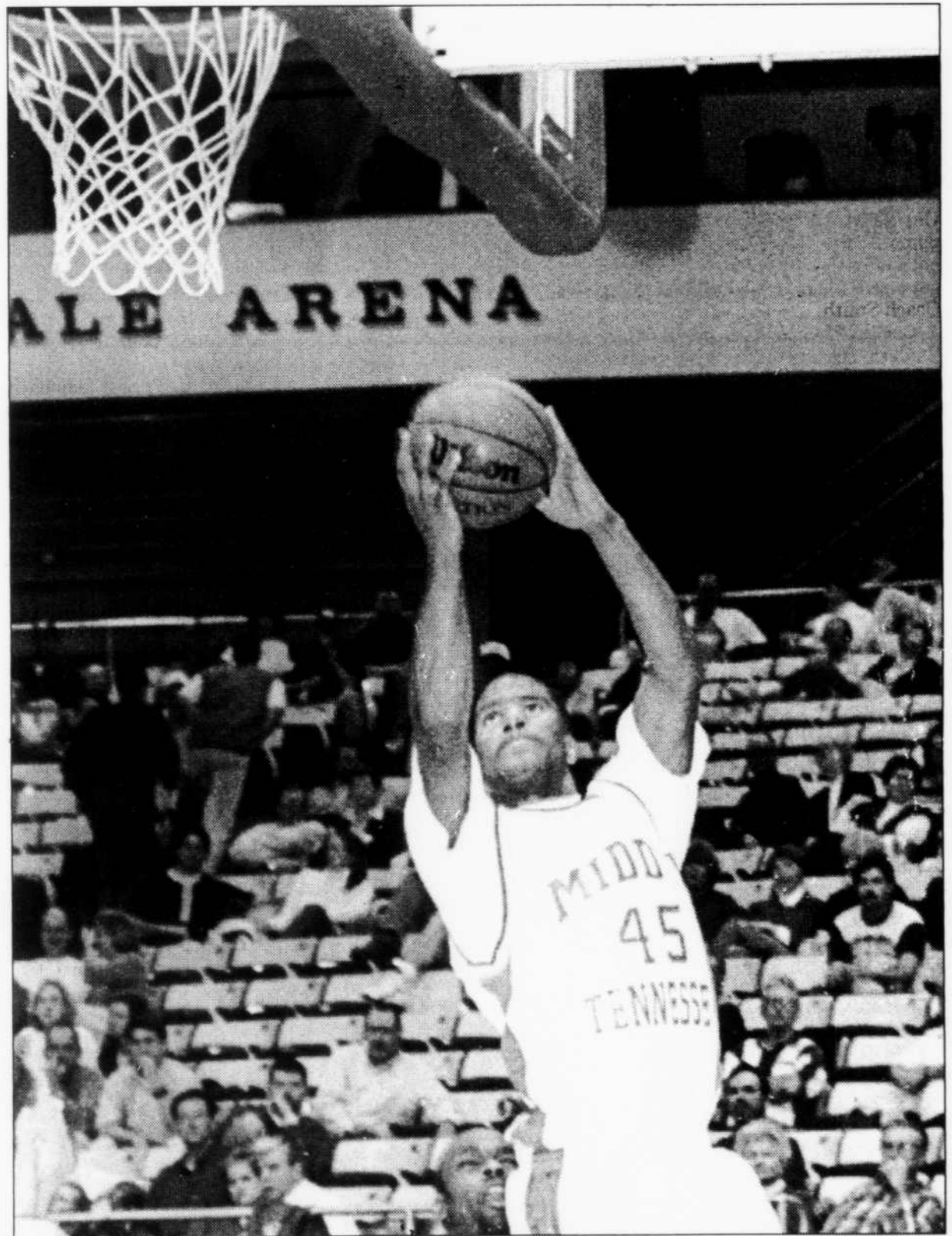
In the second half, the game remained about the same as the first. For about 13 minutes, the teams just fought back and forth with baskets. With 7:28 left in the game, the Colonel's Mattox scored and started a 6-0 run.

After being down 10, ECU stormed back in less than a minute and cut the lead to 4 with 6:38 remaining. However, the offensive spark was provided by Ayer who hit two big free throws, and King followed with a bucket of his own.

Following a Colonel timeout, ECU's Ibrahim Myles shot his team down after picking up a technical foul. The Raiders continued a 8-0 run after the technical. That would prove to be the nail in the coffin for the Colonels. Down the stretch Richard Duncan scored 6 points, including three free throws.

MTSU won the game by 15 points. Gerald King led all scorers with 21 points on 7-10 shooting. Ayer, Wallace and Thomas all added 11. Lee Nosse scored 9 points, and stepped big on the defensive end with 6 blocked shots.

The Blue Raiders are 5-5 in the conference, and have two games this week. On Thursday they play UT Martin, and on Saturday they take on the juggernaut Murray State Racers. Both games are vital for the Raiders. ■



Staff photos by Derrick Wilson

ABOVE: Ali McGhee skies for a rebound against Morehead State Thursday night. MTSU won the game 75-62.

LEFT: Richard Duncan slashes to the basket against Morehead State.

RIGHT: Gerald King shoots for two points against Eastern Kentucky Saturday night. King had 21 points against the Colonels to lead all scorers.

Fans should support, not slam, Blue Raiders

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

The MTSU men's and women's basketball teams are starting the stretch run of the season, and the Murphy Center crowd is beginning to get behind the Blue Raiders despite the efforts of a few people.

The men's team is beginning to gel just at the right time and the women's team is destroying every team that gets in their path.

The students are beginning to crawl out from under their respective rocks and show up at the games, while the community has done the

same things.

One thing however is disturbing. I was sitting at press row for the Eastern Kentucky men's game Saturday watching the game, when an older man's voice persisted to taunt MTSU point guard Richard Duncan.

The man sat among the MTSU fans and has been at about every game. He continued bombard Duncan with comments.

Why he was yelling at Richard Duncan is beyond my comprehension. Duncan's main job, as the point guard is to start the offense and take care of the basketball.

COMMENTARY

In the game Richard Duncan turned the ball over just one time. He had three assists and eight points. All that goes along with four steals. For a guy that handles the ball every time the Raiders get possession, that is phenomenal, that he made only one turnover.

That is all great, and at the end of the game, Duncan scored six points that iced the game for MTSU. He does his job.

The point of this is not to make Duncan look like a hero, but is to improve basketball awareness. If you

are going to yell at a player for MTSU, please know what you are talking about. This man clearly had no idea of what he was expressing. Not to mention he was yelling at an MTSU player. The women's team did the right thing: when they heard the man, they began to get behind Duncan.

A player is going to face that kind of stuff on the road at other schools, but when he is playing at home, the fans need to get behind him or her and support the team. The man didn't help the team, and instead made himself look like a jerk. The men and women sitting around me were just laughing at the man for his

comments. Also, Head Coach Randy Wiel is an expert on the game of basketball. He doesn't need some fan's help on when to put a substitute in or when to take someone out.

Keep in mind when you watch a college basketball game that these men and women are student athletes. Their main focus is not on the game of basketball, but it is on the degree and career that they are pursuing.

This is a huge week for the Blue Raider men and women. Come out and support the team. ■

Lady Raiders tied for three-way lead

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

MTSU has one team that is embarking on an Ohio Valley Conference championship. It is the Blue Raiders' women's basketball team. With a record of 8-2 in the conference, and at home overall they stand at 6-1, the team is tied with Southeast Missouri and Tennessee Martin for the lead in the OVC.

The Raiders are led by the one known as Bama. Teneka "Bama" Burrell has led the team in scoring and rebounding for the majority of the season. If you look at the box score following the games more than likely you won't find her leading the team in scoring every game. That is because she has only done that 3 times this year. However, she manages to be extremely consistent. She is almost always right at her average ever game. She's never too high and never too low.

Jamie Thomatis has led the

Raiders in scoring in games played against the OVC. She is chipping in nearly 13 a game. The Raiders aren't a one person show. Although Burrell manages to have her highlights, the team is very balanced. During the 10 OVC games that they have played, MTSU has 7 players averaging 7 points or more. When that statistic holds true and MTSU gets someone else to stepup and have a big night, they are tough to beat. In games that they have at least 6 players score 7 or more and at least one other step up with a big game, MTSU is 6-1. The only loss coming against UTM.

Courtney Neely has had a big year as well. Neely is blistering the nets from three point range at 47.7 percent. She is shooting three percent better from there than from inside the arch. While being the floor general she manages to score 8 points per game. Whether she plays against OVC competition or a still maintains the same

average. That is consistent.

Carlita Elder is not afraid to dive on the floor or go flying into the band to save a loose ball. She adds 9 points per game in addition to countless bruises and floor burns. She is just a scrapper, and willing to do what ever it takes to win the game, and help the team.

One other piece to the Blue Raider puzzle is none other than freshman shooting guard Erica Lufkin.

Lufkin is extremely flammable. While being one of the most, streaky shooters on the team, she still manages to score 8 points and shoot 39 percent from the three point arch.

The Blue Raiders have four home games remaining this season. This week they have a huge game against Tennessee Martin.

With a loss previously to the Sky Hawks, MTSU desperately needs to win the game. A win Thursday, and the Raiders will be in the driver's seat in the OVC.■

Lady Raiders roll over Lady Colonels 94-68

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders extended their winning streak to four Saturday with a 94-68 win over the Lady Colonels of Eastern Kentucky. In these four games the Lady Raiders have totally dominated their opponents; winning by an average of nearly twenty-six points a game.

Coach Smith believes that the win over the Lady Colonels was the most impressive of the year.

"This was our most impressive win of the year. Our defense frustrated them and dominated the game. I also think that our bench executed on both offense and defense. Even when the game got out of hand they continued to play well," said Coach Smith.

Carlita Elder got the ball rolling for the Lady Raiders; scoring six of the team's first thirteen points. Four of these points came on a rare four point play, which made the score 13-4 Blue Raiders with 14:33 left to play in the first half.

The Lady Colonels responded by scoring the next six points to trim the lead to three at 13-10 with 13:30 remaining in the half.

At this point Jamie Thomatis led the Blue Raiders on 15-4 run which built the lead to 28-14 at the 7:57 mark in the first half. Thomatis finished with game with seven points.

Once again, the Lady Colonels responded with a run. Behind the play of Jennifer King the lead was cut to five at 32-27 with 2:24 remaining in

the half. King scored six of the thirteen points in the Lady Colonels 13-4 run, and finished with ten points.

The Lady Raiders battled back, building a 40-31 lead to end the half.

In the second half the Lady Raiders took command of the contest. Behind the play of Carlita Elder, the Blue Raiders built a 57-40 lead at the 14:48 point of the second half. She scored six points during this stretch and finished the game with sixteen points. She believes that this win was the most impressive of the year.

"This win was our most impressive of the year. We played well on defense and forced turnovers; which led to points on offense," said Elder.

At this point Courtney Neeley took over; scoring six of the team's next eighteen points to extend the lead to twenty-three at 75-52 with 6:48 remaining in the game. During this run Carlita Elder converted her second four point play of the game, which is a school record.

Charlotte Sizemore tried to lead a comeback for the Lady Colonels, but failed. The Lady Raiders dominated the rest of the game; winning by a final of 94-68. Carlita Elder and Courtney Neeley led the Lady Raiders with sixteen points. Charlotte Sizemore contributed fifteen points for the Lady Colonels. The Lady Raiders improved to 12-6 overall, and 8-2 in the conference. Eastern Kentucky dropped to 9-8 overall, and 6-4 in the conference.

The Lady Raiders next game is on Thursday at 5:45 p.m. at the Murphy Center against fellow conference leaders UT-Martin.■

Imagine: Super Bowl lives up to its name

Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

MIAMI - No, it's not the Stupor Bowl any more. The game finally has come of age.

For the last decade, there have been as many exciting Super Bowls as clunkers, a departure from the first 20-plus games, when only three or four were worth watching.

And Sunday's game between the Atlanta Falcons and Denver Broncos figures to be competitive again.

Denver, the defending champion, is favored by only a touchdown, largely because the Falcons were 14-2 during the regular season and proved themselves by winning at Minnesota last week.

But Atlanta also has another incentive, one that was rekindled last week, with Falcons coach Dan Reeves on one side and Broncos coach Mike Shanahan and quarterback John Elway on the other.

Reeves, who coached Denver for 12 seasons, believes Shanahan and Elway got him fired by the Broncos after the

1992 season.

"It would probably mean more to him getting the Super Bowl trophy against us because he was here and the way he was dismissed and all the things that have circulated about his career here," Denver tight end Shannon Sharpe says of Reeves. "It would give him more ammunition if he could get it against us."

Then there's history.

Elway, win or lose, is almost sure to retire after 16 glorious NFL seasons. The Broncos, naturally, will use the "win one for John" angle to get him a second consecutive ring. Elway will be starting his fifth Super Bowl, the most by any quarterback.

But history says it will also be a good, competitive game, as it has been in the last three Super Bowls - last year's a 31-24 victory by Denver over Green Bay that broke a 13-game losing streak for the AFC. Three of those were by Denver, coached by Reeves, which lost by an average of 32 points in 1987, 1988 and 1990.

The game in between in 1989 broke the trend of Super Bores instead of Super Bowls -

a 20-16 victory by San Francisco over Cincinnati 10 years ago at Pro Player Stadium, then known as Joe Robbie Stadium.

That was the game in which Joe Montana drove the 49ers 92 yards in the final 3 minutes, 20 seconds, capping the comeback with a 10-yard TD pass to John Taylor with 10 minutes left.

Two years later, in Tampa, Fla., came the closest and most exciting Super Bowl, a 20-19 win by the New York Giants over Buffalo. Scott Norwood of the Bills missed a 47-yard field-goal attempt in the final seconds.

Buffalo went on to three more Super Bowls in a row, losing all comfortably to Washington and Dallas twice, although the Bills led 13-10 at halftime against the Cowboys in the 1994 game in Atlanta. Then, back in Miami, San Francisco won its fifth, beating San Diego 49-26 in a game that wasn't nearly that close.

Four years ago in Arizona, Dallas won again, 27-17 over Pittsburgh. The Steelers had

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IOC acts swiftly in Salt Lake scandal, but crisis is not over

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)—Expelling members, enacting reforms and tackling corruption may lead the embattled IOC out of the abyss. But the crisis is far from over.

With its future at stake, the International Olympic Committee acted swiftly and decisively Sunday by ousting six members accused in the biggest ethics scandal in the history of the games.

A third member resigned, raising to nine the number of delegates purged so far for alleged misconduct in Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

The IOC said three other members — including a senior executive board official and tender for the IOC presidency — remain under investigation and could also face expulsion.

But will it be enough? Enough to restore credibility to the IOC, repair the tainted image of the five rings and placate the sponsors who finance the world's biggest sporting event?

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch and his deputies hope so.

"This is the beginning, not the end of our work," Samaranch said. "I am certain that the Olympic movement will emerge from the crisis stronger than ever."

Added vice president Dick Pound: "We have survived many trials in our long history, and we will survive this one."

Samaranch apologized for the influence-peddling scandals and pledged to root out misconduct once and for all.

"It should not have happened," he said. "I am sorry. I hope the decisions we made today will demonstrate our resolve to never let this happen again."

But Samaranch took no personal responsibility for the improper

behavior of the 14 members — 10 percent of the body — accused of soliciting cash payments and other favors from the Salt Lake bid committee.

Samaranch said there was no reason to heed the calls, coming from people outside the IOC, for him to resign because the wrongdoing took place on his watch.

"I have never considered resigning," he said. "My hope is to leave for my successor a reformed IOC with the prestige it deserves."

However, in an unprecedented move, Samaranch said he would seek a vote of confidence at a special IOC general assembly March 17-18. That same meeting will consider the formal expulsion of the six members ousted Sunday.

Samaranch said the IOC would broaden its investigation to examine allegations of misconduct in other bids stretching from the games of 1996 to 2006. But he stressed the 2000 Summer Games would definitely proceed in Sydney and that Salt Lake would keep its games, despite the scandal that now encompasses both cities.

Australian Olympics chief John Coates disclosed last week that he offered \$70,000 in inducements to two African IOC members the night before Sydney defeated Beijing by two votes in the 1993 election.

Coates said the offer was not a bribe but part of an assistance program for African athletes.

Samaranch said he would send two top officials to Sydney to look into the controversy. But he said no formal investigation had been ordered.

Samaranch also announced the creation of an ethics commission, composed mainly of independent officials outside the IOC, to police the

way the committee and its members do business.

The IOC also recommended a radical change in the selection process for the 2006 Winter Games. Under the proposal, visits to bid cities by IOC members will be banned and the host will be selected this June by a 15-person body rather than the full assembly.

The procedure for future Olympic selections will be decided after the 2006 vote.

But Sunday's most dramatic development was the move to kick out six members in the Salt Lake scandal.

"I am certain that the Olympic movement will emerge from the crisis stronger than ever."

- Juan Antonio Samaranch

Samaranch said the six had been "temporarily excluded" from the IOC, with a final expulsion vote due at the March session.

Pound, who headed the Salt Lake inquiry, said the six were effectively expelled and could only ask to be reinstated by the remaining 106 IOC members.

Samaranch urged the six to "accept their fate" and quit. But several have declared they intend to resist expulsion, including African Olympics chief Jean-Claude Ganga of the Republic of Congo.

Ganga, who led the African boycott of the 1976 Olympics, has defiantly vowed to fight his ouster.

Pound's report found that Ganga received more than \$216,000 in direct payments, medical and travel expenses and "unusually generous" gifts and entertainment.

That was nearly half the total payments — \$440,710 — which the report says went to eight members.

Pound's report did not include the payments made to the three members who resigned, two still under investigation and one who died. If those members are included, Pound said he believed the total is close to \$800,000.

But Pound said the members were not guilty of bribery or criminal activity.

"I think what we saw in most cases was an exercise in bad judgment," he said. "Nothing we saw from either side in the actions amounted to a quid pro quo, the purchase or sale of a vote."

Those members recommended for expulsion were Ganga, Agustin Arroyo of Ecuador, Zein El Abdin Ahmed Abdel Gadir of Sudan, Lamine Keita of Mali, Charles Mukora of Kenya and Sergio Santander of Chile.

Anton Geesink of the Netherlands was issued a warning.

David Sibandze of Swaziland resigned Sunday. Finland's Pirjo Haeggman and Libya's Bashir Mohamed Attarabulsi resigned last week.

Still under investigation were Louis Guirandou-N'Diaye of the Ivory Coast, Kim Un-yong of South Korea and Vitaly Smirnov of Russia.

Pound said those three could also be expelled.

The threat of sanctions against Kim and Smirnov could trigger a nasty political battle in the IOC.

Kim is one of the most powerful figures in the IOC. A senior executive

board member, he has been considered one of the leading candidates to succeed Samaranch when Samaranch's final term expires in 2001.

Smirnov, a former executive board member and vice president, is also a highly prominent figure.

Pound's report was vague on the allegations against Kim and Smirnov, both of whom have denied any wrongdoing.

Kim has said he was questioned about the help he gave Smirnov in arranging enrollment in a U.S. university for a Russian student. Smirnov said he was cited for seeking medical treatment for a Russian hockey player in Utah and for receiving a rifle as a gift.

While Kim and Smirnov had previously been identified as being cited for minor infractions, Pound said no distinctions were being made in types of offenses.

"That's one of the things in the Olympic Charter," he said. "We have only one remedy. Whether it's for one dollar or a 100 million dollars, if it's improper, it's expulsion."

Ganga, Kim and Smirnov have all claimed they were implicated in the investigation for political reasons, suggesting a plot to influence the campaign to succeed Samaranch.

"Absolutely not," said Pound, considered a top presidential hopeful. "That is totally unrelated to this. Not one of us, believe me, ever wanted to be on a commission like this."

The IOC is one of five bodies investigating the Salt Lake scandals. Other inquiries — some potentially more damaging — are being carried out by the Salt Lake ethics committee, the Justice Department and FBI, the U.S. Olympic Committee and the Utah attorney general. ■

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the ball and were trailing 20-17 with 4:15 remaining. Then Larry Brown got his second interception and Emmitt Smith scored to clinch it for Dallas.

The next season, in New Orleans, it was Green Bay against New England, with Bill

Parcells ready to jump from the Patriots to the Jets.

Still, the Patriots played well, staying close until Desmond Howard's 99-yard kickoff return late in the third quarter.

And then there was last year, Denver's 31-24 win over Green Bay in what then was thought to be Elway's last game.

It wasn't, but it was his first Super Bowl

victory in four starts and broke that AFC losing streak.

The game wasn't sealed until Denver's John Mobley knocked down a fourth-down pass by Brett Favre from the Denver 31 with 32 seconds left.

"To finally come and show them is unbelievable," Elway said at the time. "You wonder if you're going to run out of years. But,

fortunately, I hung on. All the questions we've been answering for the last umpteen years, it makes it that much sweeter."

This year, the Falcons face the questions. After 33 years as a franchise, they're two steps farther than they've ever gone.

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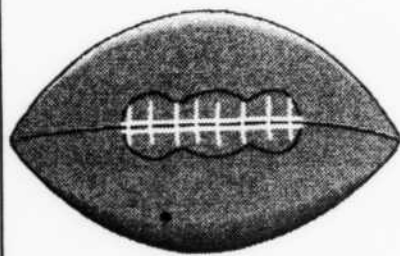
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