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The Middle Tennessee State University Community Newspaper

Murfreesboro, TN

McFarland wins presidential election

Christin Baker
wins the run-off
for Speaker of the
Senate

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

SGA Election
Commissioner Geoff Jenkins
announced Shane McFarland
the winner of the
presidential elections last
night at 6:40 p.m.

McFarland was reinstated
to the ballot last Thursday
after the university ad hoc

committee decided the
Supreme Court decision to
disqualify him was
inconsistent.

McFarland received 63.7%
of the student vote. Of the
747 votes cast, McFarland
won 476; Jim Cabbage, 145;
E.J. Gonda, 85; Todd Taylor,
41. The Electoral Act
requires the presidential
candidates to receive 50.1%
of the vote to win the
election.

"I think that all the
coverage I got helped my
campaign, but I hope that
people voted for me because

they liked what I had to say,"
McFarland said. "My
campaigning helped a lot.

**"I tried real
hard, and I
think that
persistence
showed."**

-Shane McFarland

During voting, I was the only
candidate handing out flyers
and talking to people."

"I tried real hard, and I

think that persistence
showed," McFarland said.

"I think that sometimes
the SGA discriminates
against the student body,
promoting members of the
SGA instead of the entire
student body," McFarland
said. "That's why more
students don't get involved.

"We [the SGA] need to
stop worrying about our
differences as organizations
and support all
organizations.

"I am here to represent
the students, but I do plan on
changing some of the SGA

rules because I think they
are unnecessary.

"People are going to want
to follow someone they like,"
McFarland said. "I want to
challenge all students to get
involved."

As president, McFarland
plans to re-allocate the SGA
Activity Fund in order to
provide more money to more
organizations.

"With the one dollar
increase, we should be able to
fund more organizations,"
McFarland said. "I want to

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Campus Day Care re-evaluates policy

TRIPP BALLARD

Staff Writer

The Campus Day Care
Lab has voted to change
their acceptance policy to
include priority to parents
needing part-time care.

The controversial policy
change reverses the old
policy of giving first priority
to students who need full-
time care for their children.
The policy change was voted
on by the MTSU Day Care
Lab Board.

"The board made the
decision because we felt by
changing to a part-time care
format we could service more
students," said Nancy James,
director of the Day Care Lab.

"There is a greater need for
part-time care right now."

The day care can
currently service only 24
children a day, ranging from
ages three to five. By
changing to a part-time
format they will be able to
double the amount of
children they can handle in a
week.

"The parents who have
needed full-time, five day
care in the past will now
have to choose between
either Monday, Wednesday,
Friday care or Tuesday,
Thursday care," James said.
"I know this may be an
inconvenience for the parents
needing full-time care, and I
really hope that they can get
certain days worked out with
this new format that will fit
their class and work
schedules."

The day care stays in high



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Campus Day Care students listen attentively during story time.

demand because of its
convenient campus location
and its competitive prices.

"We want all the parents
to keep their children here,
and I would think that most
parents would want to keep
their children in our
program. Our program only
costs \$47 a week as
compared to the average
community day care price of
\$70," James said.

The format change has

created controversy with
MTSU students who have
had their children in the
program on a full-time care
basis.

"In the past I have been
very satisfied with the day
care, but with this new
format I feel like they are
sacrificing quality for
quantity. I don't want to
have to put my little boy in
different day care during the
week. I think it would be

unstable to change him from
day care to day care," said
Bonnie Goins, MTSU
student.

Many of the families
affected by the change are
still trying to have the
decision overturned and are
prepared to take their case to
the highest authority. A
group of these parents have a
meeting scheduled tomorrow
with Teresa Robinson,

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Debate team wins nationals

MARTHA STROUD

Staff Writer

The Junior Varsity
debate team won the bi-
annual Junior Varsity Pi
Kappa Delta National
Championship tournament
in San Diego.

Members Scott Pejaver
and Aaron Stranahan
secured their victory by
defeating Wichita State
University in the final
elimination round.

"We knew this was going
to be a tough tournament for
us," Pejaver said. "I still
can't believe that we won
the National
Championship."

Stranahan won the
Junior Varsity Regional
Debate Tournament this
year in February and has
been named the top speaker
in the region for the Junior
Varsity level.

The Varsity Debate team
of Andrew Butler and Bill
Miller made it to the first
elimination round before
being defeated by
Washington University in
the March 31-April 3
national championship.

While at the National
Championships, Andrew
Butler, President of the
Debate Team, was named to
the All-American Debate
Squad. The rankings of the
200 colleges and universities

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Campus Capsule

Today

Alpha Delta Mu Social Work Honorary and the Student Social Work Forum will be Co-sponsoring a candy sale in KUC and Peck Hall from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Proceeds go to community projects.

Mayan poet, Calixte Gabriel Xiquin, will give a presentation at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 109 A. Xiquin has worked for Mayan autonomy for over 20 years in her native Guatemala.

Placement Orientation at 2 p.m. in KUC 322 sponsored by the Placement and Student Employment Center.

The MTSU College Democrats will meet at 5 p.m. in Peck Hall Rm. 208. State Rep. Andy Womack will speak on the future of MTSU's building plans.

Friday, April 7
The College of Basic and Applied Sciences will sponsor the first undergraduate/graduate research symposium on Friday, April 7. Graduate symposium: 9 - 11 a.m. in KUC Theater; undergraduate symposium: 1 - 3 p.m. in KUC Room 322. Everyone is welcome to both sessions. Contact Dr. D. Mullen For more info. at 5972.

Marat/Sade presented by MTSU Theatre will be April 7, 8, 11-15 at 8:15 p.m. and April 9 at 2 p.m. at Tucker Theatre, BDA.

Care Ticket 1995 sponsored by MTSU's Theatre Dept. will be held April 7 - 9 and April 11 - 15. The fundraising competition will take place during the run of "Marat/Sade." Any member of the Panhellenic Council, IFC or United Greek Council is invited to participate. See the show for \$1 and enter the name of your organization. At the end of the run, whoever raises the most money, gets the whole pot for their charity!

Saturday, April 8
An Easter egg hunt sponsored by MTSU Panhellenic Council will be held at the president's home lawn on April 8 at 2 p.m. Open to the children of faculty, staff and administration.

A Foreign Films Festival sponsored by the International Students' Assoc. will be held Sat., April 8 - Monday, April 10 at KUC Theater. Sat.: French - "Boyfriends and Girlfriends" at 8 p.m.; Sun.: Japanese - "Rhapsody in August" at 8

p.m.; Mon.: "Boyfriends..." at 6:30 p.m. and "Rhapsody..." at 9 p.m. Subtitled. Free and open to the public.

A benefit concert entitled "Blues Thang" will be held April 8 at 328 performance hall at 8 p.m. The show is produced by MTSU RIM students and proceeds go to the Bob Griggs Memorial Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained from TICKETMASTER.

Monday, April 10
MTSU Right to Life will meet at 6 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 317.

Upcoming & Ongoing
Attention all Mass Comm majors! Come and hear David Deeb, marketing director at Stagepost in Nashville, speak about building your resume, resume tape, and selling your skills in the production industry. This meeting is sponsored by ITVA and will be Tuesday, April 11 at 5 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 103.

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Resume Writing Workshop on April 11 at 11 a.m.; an Interview Preparation Seminar on April 12 at 2 p.m.; and a Resume Critique on April 13 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All sessions are KUC Room 318.

An Easter Bake Sale sponsored by the Advertising Club will be held April 13 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in KUC basement.

Literacy in the Workplace, a teleconference, will air Thursday, April 13 in the LRC Room 221 from 11:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. A discussion will be held from 2 - 3 p.m.

Student Ambassadors are now taking applications from interested parties. Members of this service organization serve as hosts for a variety of university functions. Call Gayle Robinson at 2919 for info. or come by the public relations office in Cope Admin. Room 205. Deadline for applications is April 13.

A whitewater canoe and kayak trip at Clear Creek in Obed Scenic River System sponsored by Campus Rec. will be held April 15 - 16. Entry deadline and meeting date is April 10. Call Campus Rec. at 2104 or come by AMG 201 for more info.

A rock climbing trip at Fall Creek Falls sponsored by Campus Rec. will be held April 22 - 23. Deadline and meeting date is April 17.

Call Campus Rec. at 2104 or come by AMG 201 for info.

A Tour of the Buntin Group advertising agency on April 20 will meet in Mass Comm lobby (at bottom of main stairs) at 9 a.m.

The College of Mass Comm Student Ambassadors will hold a meeting April 21 at 2:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 151.

The 8th Annual Charlie Daniels Twin Pine Ranch RODEO will be held April 21 and 22 from 7:30 - 10 p.m. at the MTSU Livestock Pavilion. Reserved seats go on sale Friday, March 24. Tickets may be charged by phone by calling the MTSU Ticket Office at 898-2103, Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Reserved box seats are \$9 each for all ages; \$54 will reserve an entire box of six seats per night. General admission: \$7 for adults and children 13 years and older; \$5 for children 6 - 12 years; free for children 5 and younger.

The Advertising Club Car Wash will be Sat., April 22 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Boro Bar and Grill.

The Advertising Club Spring Banquet will be held April 27 at 6 p.m. at Holiday Inn. \$20/person; contest, prizes and more! Semi-formal. To make reservations, call Greta Kozicki at 831-9160.

The Middle Tennessee Symphony will present its final scheduled concert of the 94/95 season on May 1, 1995, at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. The feature work of the evening will be Mahler's Symphony No. 4 with Julie Wolf performing soprano. Tickets are \$10 for classic seating, \$8 for economy seating and student tickets may be purchased after 7:45 p.m. for \$2 with student ID.

Summer '95 Co-op Vacancies are available for students majoring in aerospace, chemistry, computer information systems, computer science, engineering technology—design and/or electrical, interior design and marketing. Any student interested should call Wayne Rollins, director of cooperative education.

Drum Circle every Tuesday, fair weather providing, at 5 p.m. between Peck Hall and Cope Admin. amongst the trees.

BICYCLISTS: Get fit and enjoy the beautiful spring weather with the M'boro Bicycle Club! Rides leave the Greenland Parking lot at 3:30 p.m. every Tue. Length

and speed determined by consensus. More info from 898-2688. (Helmets req.)

The Erudite Emancipators meet every Thursday in Peck Hall Room 304 at 3 p.m. E.E. is an organization dedicated to help African-American students address problems and difficulties they may face on campus.

The National Assoc. of Environmental Professionals meets every Friday in VIS 103 from 11 - 11:50 a.m. Anyone wanting to participate, please join us or call.

Block & Bridle meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in SAG Room 125. Everyone is welcome!

Single Fathers: I am doing a research study concerning the rights and the problems you may have encountered with state and federal laws. Please, call me. I am interested in your stories, and I want to help change the laws for your equality. Ashley Rouse, 781-0136.

If anyone is interested in studying Ayn Rand and the philosophy of Objectivism, write to: MTSU Box B-890. Email: m_c_000b@frank.mtsu.edu

MTSU Equestrian Team meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the TN Livestock Center Sales Arena.

The Horseman's Assoc. meets at the Tenn. Livestock Center Mondays at 7:30 p.m.. All majors are welcome. Come share a love and interest in all breeds of horses.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appt.

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

MTSU LAMBDA ASSOCIATION: A social support group for gays, lesbians and bisexuals meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104. For more info. call 780-2293.

Child Abuse Prevention of TN, a nonprofit agency, needs volunteers to answer the statewide Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with

parents of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, to assist with Parenting Classes, or to assist with childcare during parenting classes. Next volunteer training will be in March. For more information contact Terry Ann Hull, Volunteer Coordinator for Child Abuse Prevention of TN at 227-2273.

Hospice of Tennessee is looking for volunteer support to help provide service to terminally ill patients and their families. Call 320-1991 or 1-800-638-7046 if interested.

International Student's Association meets Fridays at 6 p.m. in KUC 318. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Dinner/Worship every Tue. at 5:30 p.m. at Wesley Foundation for \$2.50. Worship on Wed. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 8 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings from 7 - 8. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

"Raiders for Christ" devotional every Monday at 7 p.m. Contact Eddy Dyer at 895-9439 or Mike Stroud at 896-1529.

College Worship Wednesday nights at 9 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (615 N. Tenn. Blvd.). Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

Church of God in Christ Revival on Campus Ministries meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Rolanda Payne at 898-4065.

DEADLINES FOR CAMPUS CAPSULE SUBMISSIONS:

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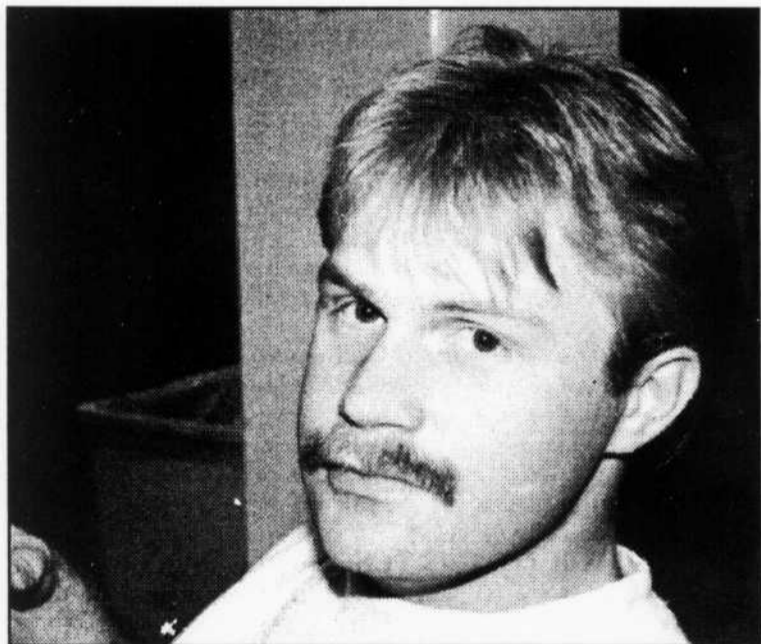
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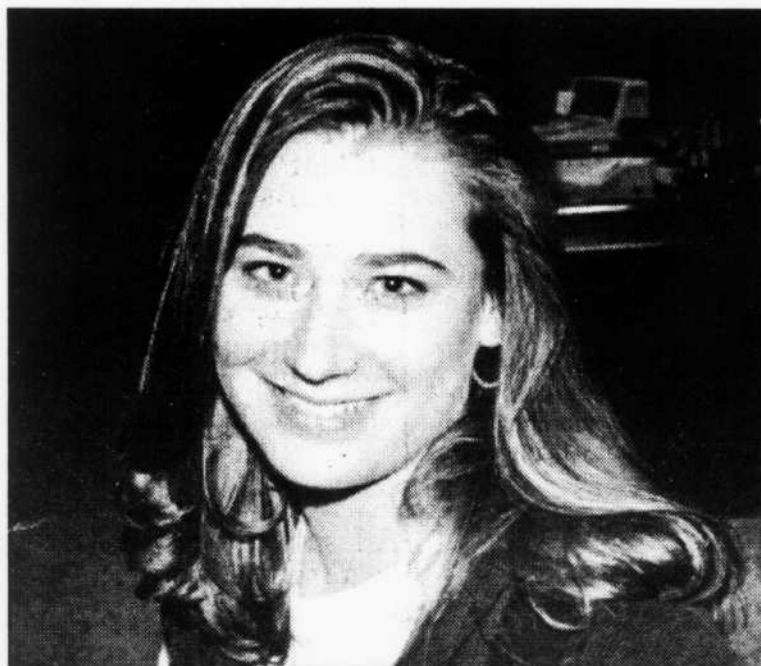
How do you feel about congress's plan to cut several student federal financial aid programs?



Kourtney Tharpe, Sophomore Elementary Education major: "I am involved in the on campus day-care work study program. It would make it much harder to go to school."



Chris Robertson, Freshman RIM major: "It will not affect me, but congress needs to take a closer look at what they are cutting and who they will affect."



Daisy Casey, Junior Business Major: "The money from the work study program is to support your essential needs while you are away from home. If the government want you to pay for those needs, where are you going to turn to?"

The Stults Memorial Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for the

Douglas E. Stults Memorial Scholarship

\$800

to be awarded

April 28, 1995

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- ♣ complete an application which is available in Room 308, James Union Building
- ♣ submit a 1,000 - 2,000 word essay on "The Uses and Abuses of Imagination"
- ♣ submit a copy of your transcript
- ♣ submit three to five samples of your work

(Short tapes of broadcasts are accepted. Clips must be professionally presented. Six copies of each sample should be submitted.)

For more information, contact Jenny Crouch at 898-2815, or come by the James Union Building, Room 308. Three finalists will be selected from the field of applicants and will be interviewed April 28. Notices will be mailed indicating whether the applicant is to be interviewed; finalists will be notified of the interview times and place.



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ELECTION

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be able to provide a minimum of at least half of the money that is asked for."

McFarland intends to boost public relations between the SGA and other organizations and promote better communication with the entire student body. He also plans to have more contact with the state legislature.

"I want the state legislature to hear from students, not just from administrators," McFarland said.

In order to boost voter turn-out in future elections, McFarland said he plans to place the polls outside the buildings like Peck Hall where the majority of students have class.

"SGA is going to make a commitment to consistency," McFarland said. "I know that we are not going to be able to do it in one year, but we are

going to set a precedent for 1995-96."

"I am pleased with the election results," Jenkins said. "I really didn't expect that we would have a candidate today. It seemed that the candidates were still building steam, and it looked like we might have had a run-off."

"I am not surprised that McFarland won," Jenkins continued. "He ran a textbook campaign. He got out there and worked, distributing flyers all day today and yesterday. He had his fraternity brothers helping. They broadcasted their message outside the polls and showed people where to go to vote."

Christin Baker won the run-off election for Speaker of the Senate. A simple majority required, she received 389 votes to her opponent Jason Pott's 338 votes. A total of 727 votes were cast in the Speaker of the Senate election. ■

DAY CARE

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with Teresa Robinson, Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. They are interested in presenting their case in front of President Walker.

"We will continue trying to get full-time care. We are planning to go as far as President Walker, and if that is not sufficient we have already

been in contact with the Tennessee Board of Regents," Goins commented.

James made it very clear

that the day care was not closing the door on full-time care, but just giving first priority to a different group.

"Parents who needed full-time care and have had children in the program will still get first choice of available part-time days next semester," James said.

"I wish we didn't have to make these changes. In the future it would be ideal to have a part-time facility and full-time facility, but right now we have to do everything we can with what we got." ■

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-Nancy James
Director of the Day
Care Lab

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DEBATE

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were also announced while at the tournament. The MTSU Debate Team was ranked 12th in the nation and 1st in the region.

Over the past year, the

Debate Team has won over 40 awards from tournaments across the nation.

"The entire squad should be congratulated for this success. Both our varsity and novice teams have all had a hand in this accomplishment," said team President Andrew Butler. ■

House bill plans major education cuts

(CPS)-The U.S. House of Representatives is finalizing plans to cut \$1.7 billion from student aid, fellowship and other education funds already approved for the Education Department.

Republican lawmakers are taking the unusual step to re-open previously approved bills as a way to show their commitment to smaller government. The legislation would alter an education spending bill approved last year by Congress while under Democratic control.

The bill approved by the House Appropriations Committee also would chop another \$1.7 billion from Labor Department programs to provide summer jobs for youths ages 16 to 21.

The largest student-aid casualty is State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG), which offers matching funds to states that offer their own need-based aid programs. The Clinton administration wants to phase out the program by 1997, but the Republican legislation seeks immediate termination starting with the \$63.4 million set aside for the current fiscal year.

Student leaders criticized the move, saying SSIG provides a valuable incentive for states to support student financial aid.

"It's a great federal/state partnership, but we always see it on the chopping block," said Laura McClintock, legislative director of the

United States Student Association (USSA).

The bill also would cut or terminate nine scholarship and fellowship programs currently funded at about \$85 million.

Among those slated for elimination are Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships, a \$20 million program to recruit underrepresented minorities for graduate education. It also would end the National Science Scholars program plus support for Teachers Corps, a program designed to help students pursuing a career in teaching.

The plan also cuts \$11.2 million from the 1995 budget of federal TRIO programs, which targets low-income, first generation college students. TRIO received \$463 million in last year's spending bill, but advocates say they were bracing for a cutback.

The committee's March 2 vote on this package demonstrated strong support for rescinding funds in the House, but the Senate may not act so quickly, advocates say. The Senate "may have no stomach for recisions," one advocate said. This bill would move on to the Senate after a final vote on the house floor.

USSA is planning a major campaign later this month to draw attention to the proposed cuts. A legislative conference in Washington will include a rally at the U. S. Capitol to protest cuts. ■

MTSU NEWS

Summer and Fall Schedule Section Additions

SUMMER 95 - ADDED SECTIONS

COURSE TITLE	CALL #	COURSE ID	HRS	DAYS	TIME	BLDG/RM	INSTRUCTOR
SESSION 1							
ART WORKSHOP	04954	ART -0400-04	3	TBA	TBA	TBA	JOHNSON
ADV ART PROBLEM	04955	ART -0464-01	3	TBA	TBA	TBA	JOHNSON
SEM INNOV TREND	04931	ELED-0621-02	3	W	0430PM-0830PM	LEBANON	JONES
SEM INNOV TREND	04942	ELED-0621-03	3	MTWR	0430PM-0830PM	WATERTOWN	JONES
SEM INNOV TREND	04943	ELED-0621-04	3	MTWR	0430PM-0830PM	MT JULIET	JONES
AMERICAN PEOPLE	04947	HIST-0201-13	3	MTWR	0500PM-0900PM	PH 204	STAFF
INTRO TO MICRO	04949	INFS-0220-07	3	MTWR	0500PM-0840PM	KOM 204	GAMBILL
SPEC JOUR:DATAB	04952	JOUR-352-01	3	MTWRF	0430PM-0730PM	TBA	BURRISS
EL LOGIC & CRIT	04953	PHIL-0311-03	3	MTWR	0500PM-0840PM	JUB 304	HINZ
AF-AMER FILM	04950	SOC -0420-01	3	MTWRF	0500PM-0740PM	PH 315	RUCKER

SESSION 2

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 NOTE: HPER 0310-06 IS A TELECOURSE. CLASS WILL BE AIRED ON WDCN (MWF 7-8AM)
 CLASS WILL MEET TWO DAYS ONLY - JUNE 3 - ORIENTATION & JULY 8 - FINAL

IND STUDY-LEARN	04956	PSY -688A-01	1	TBA	TBA	JH 207	RUST
AREA V PERS SOC	04957	PSY -0694-01	1	TBA	TBA	JH 207	RUST

SESSION 3

SOC INTERNSHIP	02557	SOC -0490-02	6	TBA	TBA	TBA	ADAY
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SESSION 4

ARCH FIELD SCHO	04951	ANTH-0475-02	6	MTWR	0800AM-0430PM	PH 318	SMITH
SOCIAL ORGANIZ	04941	SOC -0395-01	3	MTWR	1230PM-0250PM	COLUMBIA	AUSTIN

SESSION 5

ELEMEN ALGEBRA	04933	DSM -0080-04	3	MTWRF	0545PM-0650PM	NISSAN	DOOLEY
COMPOSITION	04940	ENGL-0112-03	3	TR	0540PM-0750PM	NISSAN	SHERMAN
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COURSE TITLE	CALL #	COURSE ID	HRS	DAYS	TIME	BLDG/RM	INSTRUCTOR
TCH TEACH HORSE	09900	ABAS-0445-01	3	TR	1050AM-1205PM	SAG 207	BRZEZICKI
LIVESTOCK EVALU	09899	ABAS-0449-01	3	W	0100PM-0600PM	SAG 211	GARRIGUS
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ORIENTATION TO	09880	ART -0390-07	3	MW	0600PM--845PM	COMM 103	STAFF
BUS REPORT WRIT	09877	BMOM-0551-01	3	MWF	1000AM-1050AM	BUS 201	SAWYER
BUS FIN	09883	FIN -0301-09	3	M	0600PM-0840PM	LEBANON	LEE
BUS FIN	09884	FIN -0301-10	3	M	0600PM-0840PM	WATERTOWN	LEE

BUS FIN	09885	FIN -0301-11	3	M	0600PM-0840PM	MT JULIET	LEE
ELEM CURR (K-4)	09853	ELED-0325-06	3	M	0100PM-0330PM	KOM 122	GOWER
ELEM CURR (K-4)	09881	ELED-0325-07	3	M	0200PM-0430PM	FRANKLIN	GOWER
ELEM CURR (K-4)	09882	ELED-0325-08	3	M	0200PM-0430PM	LAWRENCEBU	GOWER
AMERICAN PEOPLE	09895	HIST-0202-24	3	TR	0925AM-1040PM	PH 215	STAFF
PRIN OF MIS	09892	INFS-0310-09	3	W	0600PM-0840PM	LEBANON	ROBERTS
PRIN OF MIS	09893	INFS-0310-10	3	W	0600PM-0840PM	WATERTOWN	ROBERTS
PRIN OF MIS	09894	INFS-0310-11	3	W	0600PM-0840PM	MT JULIET	ROBERTS
NEW TECH INFO	09878	INFS-0450-02	3	M	0600PM-0840PM	KOM 159	HUGHES
MC INTERN-BDCST	09901	RATV-400B-01	1	TBA	TBA	TBA	STAFF
MC INTERN-BDCST	09902	RATV-400B-02	2	TBA	TBA	TBA	STAFF

Republican education cuts could face Clinton's veto

WASHINGTON (CPS)—During a White House press conference with more than 100 college reporters, President Clinton vowed to use "the veto pen" to fight Congressional cuts to student aid.

While Clinton said his first choice "is to try and prevail in the debate in Congress," he criticized Republican proposals that seek to cap the number of students participating in the direct student loan programs and to eliminate student loan subsidies while students are still in college.

Clinton told students at the March 23 press conference that "education is even more important to the general welfare of America than when I was your age," and that "I cannot sit by and watch it go backward."

"I wouldn't be standing here today, no way in the world would I be standing here today, if it hadn't been for the opportunities America gave me through education," said Clinton, who added that financial aid allowed him to

finance his college education at Georgetown University and law school at Yale University. "My whole generation owes everything we have to the educational opportunities our country gave to us."

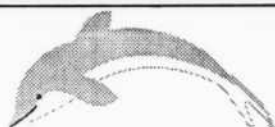
The president said he was ready to veto any legislation that decreased funding in "areas of education which are so important to me."

Like most college students, Clinton said he used a variety of financial resources to fund his education. "I had a \$500-a-year scholarship and a job. I worked in Congress for two years," he said. "And when I went to Yale, I had a grant, a loan, and a tuition postpayment option. I had a national defense loan and six jobs, but never more than three at once."

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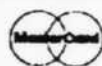
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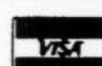
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THE NATION & WORLD

Work continues on Ocoee for Olympics

OCOEE, Tenn. (AP) — Sunbathers, salamanders and the occasional copperhead have been replaced by bulldozers, backhoes and concrete pumps on the upper Ocoee River. The Olympics are only a year away.

A section of the Ocoee along U.S. Highway 64 was approved in 1992 as the site of 1996 Olympic whitewater events — upstream from the course now used by rafting companies.

Although some of the most challenging rapids on the river were once found here, the run became a stretch of sunbaked boulders when the Tennessee Valley Authority diverted the river in the 1940s for power generation.

So the U.S. Forest Service is rebuilding the river, leaving its natural rock formations but constructing levees along the sides of the 200-foot channel to pump up the volume from 150 cubic feet per second to 1,400 cubic feet. The area is now known as the Ocoee Whitewater Center.

Years of environmental destruction brought by a century of copper mining actually helped in one respect. The riverbed has been left virtually sterile so increasing the flow to world-class whitewater standards will have no environmental impact.

Work began in November on the center. Except for one flood and a week of water release while TVA adjusted reservoir levels, work has continued nonstop.

"We are now about 50 percent complete on this portion, and productivity is up due to the beautiful weather," said Meira Crawford, project spokeswoman. The channel should be finished by the end of May.

Then manmade "faux rocks" that look like the real thing will be added to portions of the riverbed to enhance the course. Also, an administration building will be built at the upper end of the course, bridges will be completed and step-like amphitheater levels will be

created along the banks.

The project has drawn interest from whitewater enthusiasts worldwide, Forest Service officials say. But it may mean far more to the people of Polk County, where whitewater recreation means more than 600 jobs and \$22 million in economic benefits a year.

"Since the announcement that the Ocoee River was selected as the site of the 1996 Olympics, unemployment in Polk County has dropped over 50 percent, new business startups have tripled with over 50 percent focusing on tourism, and commercial rafting is up almost 30 percent," Crawford said.

A total of \$25 million is being spent on the event, but longterm economic benefits from publicity and other uses could amount to \$63 million over a five-year period, she said.

The Forest Service this summer will begin studying what other uses could be made of the venue after the Olympics. ■

Registrations up in TN due to motor voter law

(AP) Tennesseans taking advantage of the new motor voter law are keeping election registrars busy statewide during a normally quiet time of year.

The law, which took effect Jan. 1, allows eligible people to register while renewing their drivers' licenses, picking up government benefits or returning a book to the library.

Will Burns, the state election coordinator, has been working with county officials to track just how many people are registering under the new law.

During the first three months, about 12,500 registered through the Department of Safety, more than 23,000 registered through public assistance agencies and about 1,100 through county clerks, public libraries and register of deeds' offices.

"I don't think we can say definitively one way or other, but I think the indications are pretty good these are people who would not have registered otherwise," Burns said Tuesday.

Workers in Department of Safety offices and in the Department of Human Services are among agencies required to ask people if they want to register. Public libraries and county offices have the forms on hand.

That was the idea behind the National Voter Registration Act in 1994 despite concerns that the new system could be open to fraud with people registering more than once.

Carolyn Jackson, registrar at large in Hamilton County, said computers programmed to find duplication prevents such problems.

"No person is registered twice. It's just impossible. This is how we caught these this morning," Ms. Jackson said of duplicate registrations found Tuesday.

Tennesseans had some flexibility before Jan. 1 in registering, but Ms. Jackson said those people registering to vote at a mall or grocery store depended upon someone turning in those registrations.

"On election day, we'd have people call the office and say 'I registered at Wal-Mart' and we'd never seen that," she said.

Hamilton County has registered 5,075 people through the first three months with most coming through the Department of Human Services, and Davidson County tallied nearly 4,000 new voters in March alone.

The Shelby County Election Commission has taken in more than 5,000 registrations through mid-March. Knox County has registered 4,250 through Tuesday, including a high of 780 at the county clerk's office in March.

The motor voter law means election officials are staying busy.

"I looked back in past figures around these months, and we've never had as many as now," said Lorrhonda Myers, a Knox County registrar. "It just wouldn't be a heavy time for registration."

But the proof will come in 1996 with presidential primaries and election.

"We shoot for 100 percent turnout," Burns said. "We'll probably never see that, but ... I think it's bound to add to it." ■

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HIV a slippery foe: study

NEW YORK (AP) — The AIDS virus becomes resistant to many members of a promising class of drugs if it is exposed to just one of them, according to a study that offers new evidence of just how slippery a foe HIV is.

The study involved protease inhibitors, which are experimental drugs designed to stop the virus from reproducing by disabling a crucial enzyme.

Researchers said the finding suggests that treating a patient with one protease inhibitor may make using another one later less effective, and that using several protease inhibitors at once may not avoid resistance, either.

Other experts said it's too soon to draw conclusions about what the findings mean for therapy.

The work is reported in Thursday's issue of the

journal Nature by Jon Condra and colleagues at the Merck Research Laboratories of West Point, Pa., and scientists elsewhere.

The work involved a Merck drug called MK-639, and Condra stressed in a telephone interview that the results do not question the usefulness of that drug or of other protease inhibitors.

Patients appear to be benefiting from MK-639 despite the development of resistance, and Merck is developing the drug very aggressively, he said.

The results do suggest that if researchers want to test combinations of protease inhibitors, they should keep in mind that one drug in the mix might create resistance to the others, he said.

Resistance was measured in test tubes by noting how much drug was needed to suppress virus reproduction.

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THE NATION & WORLD

Clinton pledges not to nuke countries without nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton pledged Wednesday not to launch nuclear attacks against countries that have no nuclear weapons and agree not to acquire them.

Similar assurances will be offered by the leaders of Russia, Britain and France, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said in a statement drafted for presentation to foreign diplomats at the State Department.

And he said China would provide similar assurances as part of a United Nations resolution.

Christopher, in his prepared statement, said the presidential declaration would be released later.

At the same time, Clinton is reaffirming a U.S. commitment to help states without nuclear weapons in the event they are threatened or attacked by nuclear-armed countries, Christopher said.

The dual pledges are in response to "the legitimate need" of non-nuclear countries for assurances "that forgoing the nuclear option does not jeopardize their security," he said.

The president's move was designed to promote indefinite extension of the 1968 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty at an international conference that begins next week in New York.

The treaty has kept the number of countries with nuclear weapons lower than anticipated, reduced the risk of nuclear conflict and promoted the safe use of nuclear energy, Christopher said.

"Only indefinite and unconditional extension of the NPT can preserve this

treaty's true strength," he said.

Two years of intensive diplomacy are paying off, Christopher said. "We believe that a majority of NPT parties will support indefinite extension."

U.S. Arms Control Director John D. Holum on Tuesday likened the importance of making the treaty permanent to the founding of the United Nations 50 years ago.

Still, the pledges announced by Christopher could provide additional assurance of

passage. Some small countries have grumbled over the years that the treaty locks in a small nuclear "club" while denying to most other countries the technology to develop weapons.

"President Clinton and I believe that the proliferation of nuclear weapons poses the principal threat to the security of the United States and the international community," Christopher said in his prepared speech. ■

CIA misled by Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the widows of two men killed in Guatemala listened intently, acting CIA Director William O. Studeman denied complicity by the agency in the deaths.

But key Senate Intelligence Committee members accused the CIA of misleading Congress.

Studeman also denied reports that the CIA increased funding for its clandestine programs in Guatemala to make up for President Bush's cutoff of military assistance at the end of 1990.

In the first detailed

response to criticisms of CIA ties to the Guatemalan military, Studeman acknowledged Wednesday that the CIA:

—Failed to give Congress information it had in the fall of 1991 regarding the death of American innkeeper Michael Devine.

—Did not recognize the "potential significance" of information received in mid-1994 about the death of rebel leader Efraim Velasquez Bamaca.

—Recalled its station chief in Guatemala in January after a key report was delayed for six days. ■

U.S. with help tried to bail out dollar, no success

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration — this time joined by Japan, Germany and France — mounted another effort Wednesday to rescue the dollar, but financial markets shrugged it off and continued to batter the U.S. currency.

The Federal Reserve and the other central banks spent about \$2 billion buying dollars, according to estimates from currency traders.

The massive dollar-buying, the first coordinated effort since March 2, had only a short-term impact. Almost immediately after it was over, the dollar resumed sliding against both the Japanese yen and the German mark.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 86.04 yen, down from 86.21 late Wednesday and at 1.3725 marks, down from 1.3785 on Tuesday.

"Given the bearish market sentiment towards the dollar, this is just a license for currency speculators to

make money," said Michael Evans, head of a Boca Raton, Fla., economics consulting firm.

Since the first of this year, the dollar has lost about 13 percent of its value against the yen and the mark.

Private economists said it

second time this week the Fed has intervened. It purchased an estimated \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion in dollars on Monday, also with little discernible impact.

Analysts said that the amounts governments can expend, even when acting

importance of Wednesday's joint action.

Rubin refused to be drawn into a debate with German officials, who even while participating in Wednesday's dollar buying, hurled veiled criticism at the United States.

German Finance Minister Theo Waigel complained that "the causes for a currency crisis lie within the countries affected." Hans Tietmeyer, head of the German central bank, said the dollar would not strengthen until markets had a clearer understanding of what policies will be implemented "particularly by the American side."

Asked about those comments, Rubin said, "It's probably more to the point to look at what (the Germans) have done over the last several days" as an indication of their support for the dollar. He said officials of both countries shared the view that "intervention has a role to play when used at an appropriate time." ■

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was hard to predict how far the dollar could decline. Any quick turnaround, they said, would require higher interest rates on the part of the Federal Reserve.

But since U.S. financial markets so far have taken the dollar's decline in stride, analysts said it was unlikely the Fed would feel compelled to boost interest rates an eighth time, a move that some fear could throw the nation into a recession.

The dollar-buying on Wednesday marked the

together, pale in comparison to the \$1 trillion daily market in currency trading.

"Intervention almost never does any good and it is not a particular surprise that it is not doing any good this time," said David Wyss, an economist at DRI-McGraw Hill in Lexington, Mass.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin sidestepped reporters' questions about why the two U.S. dollar-buying operations this week had little impact on the markets. Instead, he stressed the

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College freshmen early partiers

BOSTON (AP) — More than half the freshmen attending colleges where drunken parties are a way of life go on a binge during their first week on campus, according to a survey released Wednesday.

"We anticipated they would drink a lot, but these findings surprised even us," said researcher Henry Wechsler of the Harvard School of Public Health. "We found they start drinking early, and they do it often."

The study, conducted at schools where binge drinking is common, was designed to examine what happens to freshmen who enter this drinking culture.

An earlier report by the same team, published in December in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, sampled 17,592 students at 140 colleges in 40 states. It found that at one-third of the schools, half the students go on drinking binges, meaning they down at least four or five drinks in a row.

In the new study, the researchers questioned 720 freshmen at 13 of the same heavy-drinking colleges. They found that 68 percent of new students had binged by the end of their first semester, 54 percent of them in their first week at school.

Dr. Timothy Brooks, dean of the University of Delaware, said many college administrators view drinking as their biggest problem and the latest freshman data "are right on target."

Researchers did not identify the heavy-drinking schools.

Wechsler said he has presented the freshmen data to conferences of college deans and trustees. He decided to make the results public now because high school seniors are deciding which colleges to attend.

Many freshmen seem to view drunkenness as just another aspect of going to college.

At Boston University, freshman Colleen Miller said nightly drinking "is part of the freshman lifestyle. Especially in a big dorm, you see people coming in here drunk all the time."

The study suggests that colleges with party school reputations are especially likely to attract students who already like to drink. Although most students said they picked their school because of its academic reputation, 54 percent said another factor was its active social life.

Among the survey's other findings:

—During the first semester, male and female freshmen binged almost equally.

—Every freshman questioned said alcohol was very easy to get on campus and 96 percent said school drinking rules had no effect.

—While 84 percent called alcohol a problem on campus, just over half considered it "appropriate" to get drunk at parties or with friends.

—More than half of those who binged regularly said they sometimes forget what they do while drunk or regret things they remember. ■

Russian treasure house to reopen

MOSCOW (AP) — A treasure house of Russian art that opened during Czar Alexander II's reign reopened its gleaming exhibition halls Wednesday after a decade-long renovation.

The Tretyakov Gallery was praised by at least three newspapers as the first world-class museum facility in Russia because of its state-of-the-art equipment and vast collection of Russian art.

"We can now say that if you're in Moscow and you don't see the Tretyakov, you haven't really seen Moscow," said Ivan Obrosov, a representative of the Artists Union.

Thousands of guests, including Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and leaders of the arts community, thronged the renovated museum across the Moscow River from the

Kremlin for the long-delayed opening.

"This is our national pride," said Irina Kazimova, 68. "Ten years is a long time to wait, but we are a poor country. These are hard times."

The 139-year-old gallery encountered problems with repairs and funding that kept it closed longer than expected.

Queen Elizabeth of Britain received a sneak preview during a private tour in October. But the public opening was delayed for months by a roof leak during a November rainstorm.

Despite public grumbling over delays, critics praised the Tretyakov for installing high-tech equipment unprecedented for Russian museums — including special measures for climate control, fire prevention and security. ■

THE NATION & WORLD

Israel's presence in Lebanon raises new questions

JEBEL BLATT, Lebanon (AP) — From Lt. Col. Nazih's viewpoint, which at this moment happens to be atop the earthen rampart of an Israeli fire base, Israel's mission in Lebanon is clear.

Only the Israeli army's presence, he contends, keeps Shiite and Palestinian guerrillas from waging war on civilian towns in Israel. "If we go back to the border, they will come to wherever we are and attack us," he declared.

For a decade, Israeli governments have used that argument to justify keeping troops in Lebanon. But chaos no longer rules in the country as it did when Israel moved in, and at home new questions are being raised about Israel's aggressive tactics in Lebanon and whether the buffer zone is still worth the price in blood and money.

"We are mired in Lebanon because ... someone thought we could solve the problems there with force. The security zone is the result of that mistake," wrote columnist Ran Kiselev in the daily Haaretz.

Some experts, such as Eyal Zisser of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle East Studies at Tel Aviv University, argue that it is now possible to live without a buffer zone if an agreement

can be negotiated.

Zisser said Hezbollah was transforming itself from a militia into a Shiite Muslim political party and that it was a "pragmatic organization" more interested in survival than pursuing goals such as claiming Jerusalem.

Keeping troops was necessary when anarchy prevailed in Lebanon, but "today, I am not so sure how necessary it is."

For Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, pulling out of Lebanon without a formal agreement is seen as too risky politically, especially in light of public disaffection over the peace agreement with the Palestinians which has not stopped terror attacks.

"I don't believe in withdrawing without an agreement. Why should we put all our settlements, as well as the south Lebanon army and the people of the south, in danger without an agreement?" Ori Orr, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, told The Associated Press.

Orr, a retired major general who set up the security zone in 1985, said Israel was willing to pull out if Lebanon's government could first enforce a cease-fire for six months, an offer Lebanon

has rejected.

Recently, Israel's army has gone on the offensive, using long-range patrols, ambushes and helicopter gunships to hunt for the guerrillas. Its naval ships are blockading Lebanese ports, disrupting trade and travel. Guerrillas are also operating at the highest levels in more than two years, launching 85 attacks in March alone.

"The less fire, the better. It may not sound patriotic or macho ... but we have no plans to rule Lebanon nor ability to eliminate the Hezbollah in all-out war," wrote Kiselev.

Rabin and Syrian President Hafez Assad traded warnings in wake of the latest flareup in which an Israeli gunship ambushed and killed a senior Hezbollah commander and

the militia responded with a barrage on northern Israel that killed a 17-year-old jogger.

The 75-mile border is the last active Arab-Israeli war front. In all, Lebanese sources estimate 680 people have been killed in Israeli military action since records began being kept in 1988. ■

Japanese look to rebuild Kobe with wide roads and parks

KOBE, Japan (AP) — City officials have a new vision for earthquake-ravaged Kobe: Tear down crowded, squat apartment buildings and businesses and redevelop the area with high-rise apartments, wide roads and green parks.

For Akitoshi Yoshida, his dream for the future is to return to life the way it was before his neighborhood was devastated by the Jan. 17 earthquake.

Surveying the rubble of the bathhouse he ran for 43 years, Yoshida says all he wants is a new bathhouse, built on the site of the old one.

He'll give authorities the land, throw away the pride of being master of his own place, if only he can once again stand at the door and call out "Irasshaimase!" —

"Welcome!" — to people stopping by for a hot bath.

"I'll work for a monthly salary," said Yoshida, 65. "You build it, I'll work there." In Kobe and neighboring areas ruined by the earthquake, thousands like Yoshida dream that life could somehow return to the way it was.

City planners want to move on, look ahead.

The emerging debate has highlighted old and painful themes in Japanese urban development. Cities tend to be ugly, cramped jumbles that give little sense of planning. The powerful have historically dictated how cities are built, with little initiative taken by citizens.

Tetsuo Tamai, a city planning historian at Chiba University, said Japan still suffers from the lingering

mentality of the medieval castle town, whose shape would be dictated by the local baron.

"The people on top make the plans, and force the people on the bottom to live according to them," Tamai said.

Finding a new way in Kobe will not be easy. Efforts to impose a new urban vision have not been welcomed so far. Protests broke out in mid-March as residents denounced the Kobe city government's approval of a development plan for five key areas devastated by the quake.

Many prefer to rebuild their hodgepodge neighborhoods, instead of making way for new apartments, better roads and parks. ■

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WHAT COMES AROUND, GOES AROUND

ROBIN DIXON
Managing Editor

"Dammit Jim! He's gone too far this time!"

-Bones in some episode of *Star Trek*

Not too long ago in a campus newspaper office not too far away a reporter (who will remain nameless, but he writes a column called *Robservations*) walked over to me and said, "Have you been in the women's bathroom lately?"

It took several seconds for me to answer, because it brought up bad memories of my kindergarten days (when I was six years old, three sixth-graders pushed me into a girl's bathroom and took turns flushing my head in a toilet). Anyway after that horrifying flashback I looked up and said, "Lately? No, not lately."

"Do you know they got furniture in there?"

I was mortified.

"You're kidding!"

After the red-headed sports writer assured me he was telling the truth, I knew that I had to see it for myself.

"Who's going with me?"

"I'll go," came a voice out of the blue and we were on our way to the forbidden land.

So me and my faithful sidekick (or was I the faithful sidekick?) walked down the corridors like two beat reporters ready to expose the evils of the world. I slowly followed my all-too-eager sidekick inside and what I saw was simply glorious.

The tiles on the floor were blue and white and seemed to sparkle in the fluorescent light overhead. The doors of the stalls were clear of markings and almost invited you to come inside. And, off to the corner, was a black leather couch (probably vinyl), a matching chair and a nice little coffee table to boot.

"Can you believe this?" I asked in amazement. "Jeez, it's got everything but an expresso machine."

I was in another dimension.

After I absorbed enough ambiance I walked back and asked the inevitable, "How come we don't have furniture in our

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A new Prine CD

Prine offers humorous look at single life

JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

I was very excited when I heard that John Prine was coming out with a new disk. It must have been my senior year in high school (about 3 years ago) when Prine's last disk, *The Missing Years*, was released. Since the release of that disk, Prine made a little Christmas disk with some different versions of familiar Prine tunes.

On Prine's newest disk, *Lost Dogs and Mixed Blessings*, fans of Prine are in for a surprise! The lyrics of the songs are just like all other Prine has written with vivid descriptions of characters and events that could just as easily take place in your back yard as they could on this disk. Prine has a gift of crafting everyday events into songs that usually stick in your head for days. What makes this disk different from all of Prine's other work is the amount of production that is involved. Instead of

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BLAST AWAY ON SECOND AVENUE

Laser Quest and Q-zar move into Nashville's historic Second Avenue

JOE LEGGE
Special to *Sidelines*

Historic Second Avenue has become anything but that in the last year. Nashville's new hot spot boasts everything from a Hooters to a Hard Rock Cafe. Last Saturday, the historic avenue went futuristic when Laser Quest opened its doors for business, or rather for play.

Laser Quest action centers first appeared on the scene in November 1993 in Lexington, Kentucky. Since then, the company has set up playing areas across the country from Virginia to Washington. Located between Prime Cut Restaurant and the Old

Spaghetti Factory, Nashville is now the home of the fifth of their establishments.

Laser Quest is an action packed seek and shoot thrill of a game that did not just

"Laser Quest is incredible because you can't go anywhere else and get a game like this that is a solid adrenaline rush — legally."

-Phillip King
Manager of Laser Quest

appear out of the blue. During the 1980's, the original carnation of this game hit the stores as Laser Tag. Photon was the cheap imitation that followed. In the 90's, the laser game has

finally hit its stride. Q-zar emerged on the scene in Middle Tennessee a few years back, and today — Laser Quest.

The laser game has been kept alive with the creation of a safe playground specified for this activity. In the 80's, those that wanted to play Laser Tag had to buy the expensive packs, find someone else that had a pack, and then locate a place to play. Laser Tag was also somewhat dangerous. There were numerous cases of police mistaking those playing Laser Tag as armed criminals, which ultimately led to unnecessary deaths. Phillip King, Manager of Laser Quest in Nashville, jests that the only way to hurt yourself while playing Laser Quest would be to hit yourself over the head with the laser gun's casing.

King says Laser Quest came to Nashville because of

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Heart 2 Heart

CLARE ANN McDERMOT
Advice Columnist

Dear Clare, to obtain an abortion. Your article was fairly factual, but I would like to expand on the information about the Crisis Pregnancy Center. The Crisis Pregnancy Center is a non-profit pro-life organization which offers a variety of free services to women. Some of the services include free pregnancy tests, baby clothes, baby food, baby furniture and maternity clothes. They also have post-abortion counseling classes.

We are an organization who believes that everyone had a right to life and that abortion is in violation of that right. As a pro-life organization we counsel a woman and lay out all her options. We do not make the decision for her, but we equip her with the truth about the abortion procedures and that there are other options like adoption. We don't force information on anyone, we only offer.

There is more to having an abortion than there is to having your appendix taken out. There are emotional attachments to life that you just don't have to your appendix. The Crisis Pregnancy Center is also a Christian organization. A friend of mine once said that the spiritual side of people controls the physical. That is so true that we are motivated to action by our systems of belief no matter what they are. I believe at the core of every problem there is a spiritual problem. Of the girls and women that come into the clinic, their problem isn't sex or pregnancy, it is spiritual. God created us for one purpose and that is to love Him. Parents have kids usually with one main intention and that is to have someone love them; God is the same way. God desires a relationship with us like all parents do.

...We at the clinic want to lead women to a spiritual healing of self, not just patch over their physical problems. Sex and pregnancy are just a consequences of their

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bathrooms?" Several of the men grumbled aloud and even suggested moving the women's furniture into the men's bathroom.

"We like to sit too y'know," was our slogan and phrase, and it's true.

Men do like to sit.

The women seemed to ignore our tirade and I became strangely suspicious. Over the following weeks, I brought up my bathroom experience with some of my female friends and I basically received the same response from all of them.

"Why should men have furniture in their bathrooms?"

"You're crazy!"

"Are you a pervert?"

"What!"

"You're stupid!"

But the best one of all was this:

"But women need couches in their bathrooms!"

I thought about it for a split second.

"I'm sure they do, but why can't we have couches too?"

She gave me a strange look and I knew it was time to shut up. I could tell that she wanted the bathrooms to remain status quo—or else.

While I'm on the subject of bathrooms, I have to ask something. Why do so many of the buildings on campus use that white, powdery, sandpaper-like soap? Does the old, pink liquid soap cost

too much? Is it harder to refill liquid, than powder? Don't we deserve the pink liquid stuff? I suggest we call up housing and demand our pink liquid soap.

Tell 'em Rob Nunley sent ya.

Anyway, I finally came to the conclusion that my female friends were right. I was going too far. I changed my mind when I imagined a world with "furniturized" men's bathrooms. And then I imagined the following conversation if, indeed, I did live in such a world.

Stranger: Hey man, how's your day going?

Me: Um...good I guess

Stranger: You mind if I stretch out a little? My feet are killing me!

Me: No, no...go ahead

Stranger: Is *Field & Stream* in here somewhere?

Me: I haven't seen it

While reaching for a magazine, his thigh inadvertently touches mine.

Me: Hey man, I'm not like that!

Stranger: What!

Me: You touched me!

Stranger: Did not!

Me: Did too!

Stranger: Did not!

And then we beat the hell out of each other, trying to prove our manhood and heterosexuality. I think I'll stick to our plain, ol' "furniture-less" bathrooms for awhile.

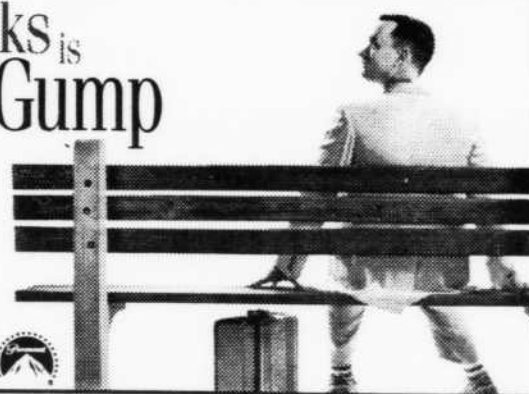
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spiritual search.... We at the Crisis Pregnancy Center have the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with every client that comes in. I want to share with them the answer to their life-long void.

Pro-Life and Pro-Christian

Dear Pro-Life and Pro-Christian,

Thank you for your informational letter about the Pregnancy Crisis Center. This gives our readers who may be coping with an unplanned pregnancy an alternative view to seeking out an abortion, and now those women whose views are compatible with yours will know where to go to seek help if they should so desire.

I would like to add one commentary to these very opposite poles of information that you and I have presented through the option of pro-life and the option of abortion. Years ago, I was reminded of the adage that two wrongs don't make a right during a pastor's discussion about unwed pregnancy. The gist of the issue was that you get married for love, not for pregnancy, and to have become pregnant cannot be fixed by going into a marriage that is not founded on love, friendship, trust and commitment between two adults.

Babies can do, and be, a lot of wonderful things, but it is not a baby's job to create lifelong love and a marriage commitment between the two people who created the baby. ■

SIDELINES

Read It!
It's Good

America Online, Camping, and other debauchery

BRENT ANDREWS
FEATURES EDITOR



My love affair with America Online (which I documented in the pages of this fine paper) is over. I can

no longer afford to surf the depths of cyberspace via AOL now that the month of March is over. The reason? On the 31st day of that blustery month, the good folks at AOL took \$180 out of my account. That's big money to me--so big, in fact, that I had to rush out and get a second job.

Bummer, huh?

I spent all that time on AOL (the service costs \$9.95 for the first five hours a month, then \$2.95 per hour after that) talking to people and sending strange GIFs (Graphic Image Files) that people had sent me to others. You'd be surprised how debauched the pictures are that people scan in and upload to AOL for their friends. Or maybe you wouldn't. We live in a pretty debauched society, after all.

Anyway, I finally saw (in color) the reason that Cindy Brady didn't get to make it to the Christmas reunion with the rest of the bunch.

Debauchery, debauchery. And Lassie was there too, but I won't go into that...

So now I am going to try and learn the commands necessary for me to use the Internet. I am addicted to cyberspace now, a junkie, and if it takes me the rest of my life I will learn those commands. I am not going to budget all that good fun out of my life.

I am still using AOL for mail, though, so if any of you want you can e-mail me at BrentA123@aol.com. Please, no pictures of once-famous stars in compromising positions.

In other matters, the month of April has arrived. The birds are singing (right outside my window at five A.M. every morning) and the bees are buzzing around menacingly with their sharp little stingers. Sometimes I wish I had a stinger and a set of wings so my bouts with the bees would be a little more even. *Yeah, come on, Mr. Tough Bee. You think you're bad? Well take a look at THIS stinger, buddy boy bee. And I have wings so I can follow you way up there. Don't think you can get away...*

Right now I have a can of really strong bug killer that serves pretty well as an equalizer, and all is well. I walk fearlessly through the grass around my apartment now. Brent the Brave.

But the days are longer now, and the Sun has been shining so beautifully that even a bee-sting now and then can't get me down. I have been outside as much as possible lately, with the exception of the time I spend up here and at my new haunt--the grocery store where I now toil on a regular basis--and I am ready to air out the tent that has been

collecting mold in my closet through the cold months. Time to get out the old lanterns and the quick-start lighter sticks (hey, I never said I was a *primitive* camper) and head to Cedars of Lebanon State Park down the road for camping and frisbee golf and mild debauchery. Welcome, warm weather. Spring has sprung, and I'm all the better for it--and it seems that you are too, fair students. I see you out there on the lawn of the KUC getting tan.

Back to the grocery store business, my new job is working out just fine. It is my duty as a loyal employee of the Save-A-Lot grocery store chain to faithfully bring stuff from the back to the front, to make sure those chips don't get broken in the process and to make the shelves look neat and pretty with the labels all facing forward. And to cap it off, I nobly mop the floor afterwards so the floor is bright and shiny for the next morning's customers. Mop, mop. You should see it. I am Mop King, I can Mop Anything.

One final matter I would like to address in this delve into madness is our fabulous April Fool's Day Issue. You remember--"all the news we can make up and more." If you were fortunate enough to pick up a copy then you no doubt happened upon my pin-up photo on the back cover. I hope you liked the calendar as much as I liked being a pin-up-boy. I've never been one before, you know. I expect all of you to tack it to your fridges during the month of June. I'll be coming around to check, and you don't want me to catch you being bad, now do you? ■

The Renaissance Festival is on its way to Middle Tennessee

STAFF REPORTS

Nashville, TN--Travel back in time to an age of fighting knights and fair maidens when the Tennessee Renaissance Festival opens its gates to celebrate its 10th Anniversary this May. A variety of the King's favorite entertainers bring laughter and cheer to our many stages as friendly village characters wait to meet you in the lanes of the town. The festival features a medieval atmosphere of the sixteenth century where artisans and performers gather to work, play and celebrate the beginning of Spring. Recently awarded the 1995 "Top 20 Event" by the Southeast Tourism Society, this years dates will be May 6&7, 13&14, 20&21, 27-29, 1995.

"What Ho, M'Lord!", "Good Day, M'Lady!" are the greetings you hear as you stroll along the path to the castle. There will be handmade shields, leather works, crystal balls and pewter figures to buy; Dragon burgers, turkey legs, and lots of ale to swill. Damsels in distress, kissing wenches, wandering minstrels, you name it--if it lived a few centuries ago, it's back in Middle Tennessee.

Look for the Three Musketeers as they stroll the grounds looking for adventure or as Robin Hood and his men visit with the peasants. Is Rapunzel still in the castle waiting for her Prince?

The festival also offers unmatched entertainment as a "Living Chess Game," involving 40 costumed characters duel for each

precious game board square. Shakespeare Theater, Jugglers, Musicians, and Dancers cavort from the multiple stages found throughout the forest.

The adventure of the festival began with Mike Freeman's dream to build a castle. He has since completed two of the three 75 foot towers where one serves as a home, the other a museum for a prestigious European exhibit of medieval weaponry known as "The Rosedan Collection." FREE tours are available during the festival.

Children's games everywhere! Sandcastle building, King's Knighting, Puppet Shows, Petting Zoo, May Poles--all part of the newly created **Children's Fairy Gardens**. Returning is the Pirates Nest--a giant swing, camel rides and games from the 16th Century.

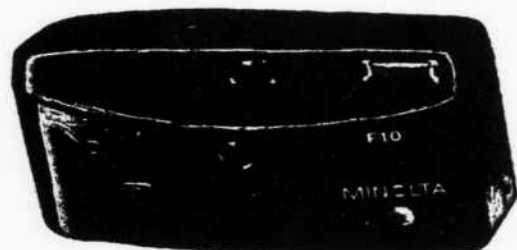
To find the Tennessee Renaissance Festival from Nashville, take I-65 South to HWY 96 (exit#65), go twelve miles east to Newcastle Road. Or, take I-24 to HWY 96 and go eight miles west to Newcastle Road. The Festival starts each day at 11 AM and goes till 6 PM, rain or shine! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years and under. Tickets will be available at the gates or at all Ticketmaster outlets or charge by phone at 1-800-333-4849. Experience the fantasy of the Tennessee Renaissance Festival, sponsored by Budweiser and BellSouth Mobility and produced by More Entertainment. ■

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Rebuilding after quake

KOBE, Japan (AP) — City officials have a new vision for earthquake-ravaged Kobe: Tear down crowded, squat apartment buildings and businesses and redevelop the area with high-rise apartments, wide roads and green parks.

For Akitoshi Yoshida, his dream for the future is to return to life the way it was before his neighborhood was devastated by the Jan. 17 earthquake.

Surveying the rubble of the bathhouse he ran for 43 years, Yoshida says all he wants is a new bathhouse, built on the site of the old one.

He'll give authorities the land, throw away the pride of being master of his own place, if only he can once again stand at the door and call out "Irasshaimase!" — "Welcome!" — to people stopping by for a hot bath.

"I'll work for a monthly salary," said Yoshida, 65. "You build it, I'll work there."

In Kobe and neighboring areas ruined by the earthquake, thousands like Yoshida dream that life could somehow return to the way it was.

City planners want to move on, look ahead.

The emerging debate has highlighted old and painful themes in Japanese urban development. Cities tend to be ugly, cramped jumbles that give little sense of planning. The powerful have historically dictated how cities are built, with little initiative taken by citizens.

Tetsuo Tamai, a city planning historian at Chiba University, said Japan still

suffers from the lingering mentality of the medieval castle town, whose shape would be dictated by the local baron.

"The people on top make the plans, and force the people on the bottom to live according to them," Tamai said.

Finding a new way in Kobe will not be easy. Efforts to impose a new urban vision have not been welcomed so far. Protests broke out in mid-March as residents denounced the Kobe city

can meet," said Shinichi Ito, a resident opposing city plans to build a 55-foot wide road down the center of his neighborhood.

"When you create a place where residents and officials can talk, then and only then is redevelopment possible," Ito said.

The discord raises the specter of upheaval surrounding Tokyo's international airport at Narita in the 1960s and 1970s. The government decreed an airport site without sufficient consultation with local farmers, sparking a tenacious protest movement that eventually led to pitched battles between leftist demonstrators and police.

Today, Narita Airport remains congested because some farmers refuse to vacate land needed for a second runway.

For years, Kobe planners avoided such quagmires by developing a place where no one lived: Kobe Bay. Like other large cities, Kobe spent billions to create manmade islands on landfill, while doing little to improve crowded neighborhoods known to be firetraps.

The earthquake exposed the price of such neglect. Fires raged with no parks or public squares to brake the flames, and emergency vehicles found it difficult to navigate a maze of narrow streets and alleys.

"In many areas we need to reflect hard about how we've built cities," said Nagatoshi Onishi, a senior planner in Hyogo Prefecture, which includes Kobe. ■

"Right now we don't even have a place where 50 people can meet."

**Shinichi Ito
Kobe resident**

government's approval of a development plan for five key areas devastated by the quake.

Many prefer to rebuild their hodgepodge neighborhoods, instead of making way for new apartments, better roads and parks.

Even before urban renewal can begin, legislators will have to revamp old laws that restrict land use, zoning and construction. One of the biggest hurdles is ownership of land, which is tightly held.

"Right now we don't even have a place where 50 people

Denny's worker charged with assaulting cops with Tabasco

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — A breakfast cook at a Denny's was charged with assault for allegedly spiking two Vermont state troopers' eggs with Tabasco sauce.

Michael Towne, 20, could get up to two years in jail and \$4,000 fine.

Troopers Timothy Cloutre and Michael Manning, who had crossed into New Hampshire for breakfast on Feb. 7, said the eggs burned their mouths and upset one officer's stomach.

Towne claimed that the hot pepper sauce must have been left on the grill from an

earlier order, police said.

He was arrested three weeks later.

"We've got enough trouble without people screwing around with our food," said Lebanon police Lt. Ken Lary.

In court papers, police quoted an unidentified witness who claimed to have seen Towne put a large amount of Tabasco on the food. The witness "said that Towne did not like police officers and did it as a joke," police said.

Towne's trial is set for June 6. ■

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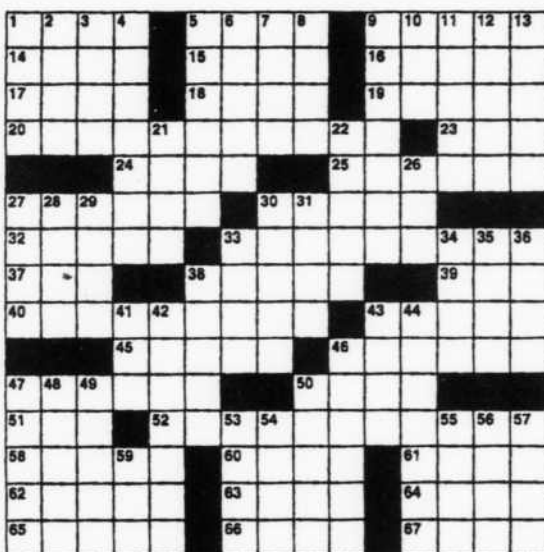
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Monday's Puzzle solved:



13 Aromatic compound
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 35 Folk wisdom
 36 Water pitcher
 38 Cringe
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the tourist market. Yet, the Middle Tennessee area has two Q-zar facilities. Why does it need a Laser Quest? That question is simple, too. Americans always want the bigger, better deal for their money — and Laser Quest is bigger, better, and cheaper. Great advancements have been made since the original Laser Tag gear.

Laser Quest takes you on a 15 minute journey into another world. The playing area is a two story setup resembling a mouse-like maze that features numerous dark corners and hiding places to further the thrill of ambushing your opponent. For a quarter of an hour, those playing through the fog seem to take on the embodiment of a soldier at war while forgetting everything that exists outside of the playing area. The only thing that matters during the game is shooting your opponents. King says, "Laser Quest is incredible because you can't go anywhere else and get a game like this that is a solid adrenaline rush — legally."

Breaking the contest down into its simplest form, King says you find two games that have become a

staple of children's play — "hide & seek" and "tag." Laser Quest is like "hide & seek" because you are trying to find other players in a maze while your hiding and waiting to jump out and blast them with the laser, hence the tagging. Furthermore, Laser Quest is also comparable to "capture the flag" since it can be played with bases that can be deactivated for extra points. Laser Quest boasts that it is for kids from 7 to 77, but I

hardly see my grandparents playing this game. However, it is something that you do not have to be a child to enjoy. After I finished my preview game, I noticed that I had placed third out of 20 contestants — I had been bested by a baby boomer doctor and his friend.

Open seven days a week, Laser Quest offers group rates, birthday specials, and membership. For more information contact Phillip King at 256-2560. ■

PRINE

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centering the disk's attention on the song, Prine seems to be putting more emphasis on the sound quality. In the song "We are the lonely" Prine takes a sarcastic look at the way single life operates. Lyrically, it is hilarious, but there is so much going on musically in the song that the lyrics seem to take the back seat.

I'm not trying to say this is a horrible disk, it is just a little different from the John Prine I am used to hearing. After listening to the disk, a few songs stand aside from the rest. "Quit hollerin' at me" pokes fun at daily life and the different messages

we are constantly bombarded with on both a physical and mental sense. "Big fat love" has a special meaning to me because it is about a relationship in which the woman is really skinny but has "big fat love", but the high point of the album is "He forgot it was Sunday" which is about the devil waiting in church to find out who wasn't there, or forgot it was Sunday.

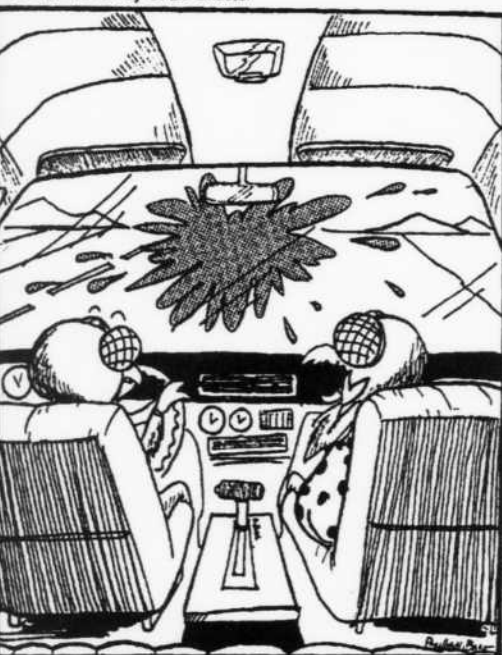
If you like John Prine you need to pick this disk up, if for no other reason than to add it to your collection. If you are not into John Prine, but think it sounds interesting, you need to pick it up because it, like all of Prine's other work, will not get any major commercial attention. ■

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Sailing's a snoozer; Baseball's on; Buh-bye to Scotty

Did everybody read Assistant Sports Editor extraordinaire Drew "Goin' back to Cali" Butler's column on Monday? Well, just for the two or three of you who didn't, Drew said he was "taking a page from Rob's observations" by expounding on a variety of different topics instead of sticking to one subject.

Rob's observations



Rob Nunley

without having to know too much about any one thing. But you weren't exactly borrowing my idea.

Now we're both ripping off *The Tennessean's* Larry Woody.

●Just how looooong does the America's cup go on? It seems like those people race those boats all year long. On and on, endless summer days of long boats going around buoys.

And they TELEVISION it! Can you believe that?

"Live, from the Pacific, it's the America's cup defender series! Today, it's America cubed versus America squared. Coming up next, America the Beautiful versus the band America. It's all live, right here on the all-boring sports channel.

Come on. Isn't there some professional water-skiing on or something?

●Maybe this sailing crap will go off not that the baseball strike is finally over. Opening day is only a few weeks away, and frankly I'm not as glad to see it as I should be.

What, you say? I'm an un-American son of a what?

Now don't get me wrong. I love the game. With the possible exception of professional wrestling it's my absolute favorite sport. But it seems to me that the owners jumped on the player's unconditional offer just so they wouldn't lose

See Rob, page 19

Raiders lose heartbreaker on the road, fall at Vandy 2-1

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider baseball team ended up on the wrong end of a pitcher's duel Tuesday night in Nashville, losing to the Vanderbilt Commodores, 2-1.

The loss moves the Raiders' overall record to 15-13.

Senior hurler Dale Graham took the hill for the men in blue, and had a very impressive outing, giving up only one run on six hits in 6 2/3 innings of work.

The Raiders were able to take the initial lead in the game after both squads were shut out for the first six innings.

Raider first baseman Jamie Walker singled with one out in the top of the seventh, and was able to move to third when center fielder Jordan Beddies reached on an error.

Walker scored from third on a sacrifice fly from shortstop Clay Snellgrove to put Middle on top, but Vanderbilt's offense got on

track in the bottom of the inning to tie the game at one apiece.

Commodore center fielder Ryan Montgomery connected for a lead-off triple, and scored on Glen Davis's groundout to even the score.

The Commodores were able to continue their rally in the eighth, when they struck for another run against junior Joe Dalton, who came in to relieve Graham.

Vandy's Stephen Wix led off the inning with a double and later scored when Craig Sands doubled to the left-center field gap.

Wix's run would prove to be all that the Commodores needed, even though Middle attempted to rally in the top of the ninth.

Left fielder Craig Reavis reached on an error to lead off the inning, and advanced to third via a Jamie Walker sacrifice and a Doug Barner groundout. Jordan Beddies took Commodore reliever David Daniels deep to center field and apparently gave the Raiders the lead, but Montgomery hauled the ball

in against the wall to end the Raider threat and the game.

Middle brings its undefeated OVC record home this weekend to begin an 11-game homestand.

The Racers from Murray State University come to town for a double header on

Saturday and a single game on Sunday.

Middle follows that series with games against Auburn, Memphis, UT-Mart, Kentucky and Tennessee before hitting the road again April 22. ■

Phi Slamma Jamma



KEITH RUSSELL/S

A participant in last night's Slam Dunk & 3-point contest goes up for a jam. Tarrence Riley won the dunk contest and Oneal Torry claimed first in the 3-point contest. The event was sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Softball sweeps TSU Lady Tigers

MONICA GRAHAM
Staff Writer

After splitting doubleheaders last week with OVC rivals Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky and UT-Martin, the Lady Raider softball team swept Tennessee State in action on Tuesday afternoon.

MTSU left Nashville with two conference wins over TSU. Pitcher Jill Booth got the win in the first game, giving up only three hits and one run to the Tigers; MTSU got six runs on seven hits, winning 6-1.

In game two, Tennessee State took the lead in the first inning, 2-1. The Lady Raiders, however, pulled ahead in the second with 3 runs and eventually increased their lead to 17. Faithful MTSU fans cheered as the Lady Raiders won the five inning game (due to the eight-run rule) 21-4.

Freshman Mandy Biggar, with her first at-bat of the season, contributed to the

Lady Raider win with a three run triple in the fifth, and pitcher Andrea Edwards came away with the win.

"It felt really good," Biggar said. "[I was] finally able to swing the bat and help my team."

On their home field, the Lady Raiders split with UT-Martin on Monday.

Losing the first game, 3-0, MTSU came back in the second and defeated Martin, 4-3. The tying run was hit in by short-stop Mandy Baird, followed by the winning run batted in on a triple by center-fielder Allison Cheatham in the bottom of the seventh.

"I knew we had to win when I got up to bat," said Cheatham, "I tried my best to get on base and score a run."

The Lady Raiders take the field against Middle's arch rival Tennessee Tech, last year's OVC regular season champs, on Thursday, April 6 at the MTSU softball field. First pitch is at 2:00 p.m. ■

Murray's Scott Edgar resigns head post

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Scott Edgar likes to remember the way his junior high basketball coach, Bob Urbanic, used to practice his players two decades ago.

"He worked us to death," said Edgar, Duquesne's new head coach.

But then he'd take them to see teams like the Dukes, then among the best programs in the country.

Edgar, whose hiring was announced Tuesday, is planning to treat his players with the same mix of toughness and tenderness. And bit by bit, he wants to "reload" the program to its former greatness.

"We're going to work hard. We're going to work every day," he said. "When we start to do that, all of our long-range goals will fall into place."

Duquesne couldn't hope for better training for its new

See Edgar, page 19

SPORTS

Tennis ready for OVC schedule

SPORTS INFORMATION

The Blue Raider tennis teams return home after the weekend road trips to do battle with OVC archival Murray State today at the Murphy Center Courts at 2:30 p.m.

The men's is coming off a fairly successful trip to Irvine, Calif., where they posted a 3-1 record in the UC-Irvine Invitational Tournament.

"Murray State is our biggest rival and has been our main competition in the past few years. They have more upperclassmen and they could be better under pressure. I feel if we play with confidence, we should win," said Blue Raider head coach Dale Short.

The match-up proves to be one of youth versus experience. The Blue Raiders are expected to start three freshmen, two sophomores and a senior.

Meanwhile, Murray should start at least three seniors. The Blue Raiders also enter tomorrow's match

at less than one hundred percent.

"Fred Neimeyer is battling tendonitis, and David McNamara has bronchitis. Fred will be playing, but David is a wait and see situation," Short said.

The Lady Raiders are coming off a 7-2 win over Southeast Missouri on Sunday, and are looking to carry some momentum in to the OVC portion of the schedule.

"At this stage we've done all the work we need to do and if we're mentally ready, we will win," said Lady Raider head coach David Thornton.

The win Sunday was the result of hard work and improvement throughout the year by the Lady Raiders.

"We've worked hard and it's paying off now. the tough non-conference schedule has helped us out too," Thornton said.

According to Thornton, the Murray State Racers are "a solid team" that if we play to our "potential we can win." ■

Murray van problems had been previously reported

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Previous drivers of a university van that crashed March 18 and killed one cheerleader and hurt 12 others filed three reports of wheel or steering vibrations during the vehicle's last 6,000 miles, The Murray Ledger & Times reported Wednesday.

The wreck of Murray State University van No. 906 on Interstate 24 in Christian County apparently was caused by the failure of the left-rear tire, Kentucky State Police said. Ginger Adams, 20, died days after the accident of her injuries at a hospital in Nashville, Tenn.

Investigators have said they believe the tire separated from the wheel and wrapped around the axle, causing the driver to lose control and the van to flip.

According to university documents — called Vehicle Use Authorizations — obtained by the newspaper under the Kentucky Open Records Law, driver Connie Donley of Benton reported a vibration in the van Nov. 5, 1994, when she drove it to St. Louis.

"There seems to be a problem with a wheel's balance or something causing a rough ride," wrote Donley, a former instructor with the Murray State English Language Institute. Donley has since resigned from the institute.

She filed a second report Dec. 7, 1994, after returning from Madisonville in van No. 906 but said she initially was unaware she had been driving the same van. The

university has 12 of the 15-passenger vans.

When contacted by the newspaper, Donley described what she felt as "a slight shimmy in a tire."

A third report was filed March 3, 1995, after the van was driven on a 530-mile round trip to Frankfort.

"Shimmy (sic) in the steering," was written in the space provided for "remarks" on the Vehicle Use Authorization form.

At least 13 other individuals drove van No. 906 on 15 trips between the Nov. 5 report of "something causing a rough ride" and the wreck in March. The newspaper tracked 10 of those drivers, and only one said he remembered any shake or vibration in the van.

Kenneth Trice, a university staff member from Murray, drove the van to Bowling Green on March 4, two weeks before the Interstate 24 wreck. He said the van seemed to handle fine, but he did notice a vibration at higher speeds.

Paul Howe, a Kentucky Department of Transportation repair shop foreman in Paducah, said any of a dozen mechanical problems could cause a vibration similar to what the van drivers described.

Howe said similar vibrations can result from mechanical problems ranging from lost wheel weights to a bent drive shaft but usually such problems are minor.

Johnny Herndon, director of the university motor pool, agreed but said motor pool mechanics still take each

report seriously.

Herndon said he could not remember specifically dealing with the reports for van No. 906, but he said they would have been handled like any other problem reported on the Vehicle Use Authorization forms.

No university work orders furnished by the school directly correlate repair of the van with the reports of vibration. But Herndon said that was not unusual, considering the number of small repairs performed in the pool.

"We had about two hours in the mornings just to deal with reports on the vehicles," Herndon said. "If a tire just needs a wheel weight or has a leak, we just pull it in and do it without a work order. If we made work orders for all that, we would choke the files."

Most drivers contacted were lavish in their praise of Herndon and the university maintenance policy.

"I can't tell you the number of miles I've traveled and the number of times I've felt safe in university vehicles," said Joe Baust, associate professor of elementary and secondary education and another driver of van No. 906. "Personally, I give credit for that to Johnny Herndon."

University vehicles travel more than a million miles each year — 1.4 million in 1994 — and the van wreck March 18 is the first serious accident involving students in more than 25 million miles the university fleet has logged in the past 20 years. ■

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SPORTS

On-the-Line results for NCAA Tourney, season

With the end of the NCAA tournament, sadly, comes the end of this semester's ON THE LINE basketball season.

Many students participated in OTL this season, and the standings were close throughout the year. True to form, the battle of MTSU's basketball prognosticators came right

down to the wire.

Bobby Steinberg and Bonnie Davis tied for first place overall, and only Steinberg's ability to predict three of the final four teams kept Davis from taking sole possession of this season's title.

Frankie Bowling had the most impressive finish in the tournament contest,

successfully predicting 45 of 63 winners.

While close to 20 regular pickers took part in the weekly contests, some 14 newcomers participated in the Sidelines NCAA tournament bracket.

And not all of our participants were students. Dr. W. Beryl West of the psychology department and

athletic trainer George Camp turned in tournament forms. In fact, Camp's roundball knowledge helped him to a 44-19 record, one of the best overall finishes of the entire season.

The top ten overall finishers were:

Bobby Steinberg (64-31), Bonnie Davis (64-31), Greg Meyer (59-36), Igor Zhislin

(57-38), Corey Staggs (56-39), Jennifer Moyer (55-24), Drew Bergman (52-27), Sanders Gammons (51-28), Frankie Bowling (45-18), and George Camp (44-19).

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this season's OTL competition, and be watching for the start of the football contest this fall. ■

ROB

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the revenue that replacement ball would definitely not be able to provide.

The players union and the owners have still not reached a contractual agreement, and if they so choose, the players can walk out any time they want to.

And the owners went to court to try to lift the injunction that was ordered

to play under last year's rules.

Baseball's still not in top shape, but let's just hope that they play hurt for a while.

●And speaking of baseball, the Blue Raiders' season is in full swing, and I'm still not seeing full bleachers at Reese Smith Field. What is it? Do you not like the sun? Don't you enjoy fresh air? Is watching the opposite sex work on their tan not exactly your cup of tea?

Well then, do you like to

see a winning team? I know you do, especially those of you who are still miffed that Coach Farrar didn't get the ax.

The Raiders are 6-0 in the OVC, and just barely lost to Vanderbilt on Tuesday night. Hey, if winning is everything, go see the Raiders next week, because chances are they'll be winning.

●Finally, Murray State head basketball coach Scott Edgar is bidding a fond farewell to the OVC. Edgar

took a job at Duquesne this week, leaving behind the defending conference champion Racers.

You know, in a way I'm going to miss Scotty. I loved watching the way he and Coach Farrar "interacted" with each other on the sidelines. I hope you noticed it, too. It was really worth the price of admission, regardless of which team won.

Even though our record against the Racers hasn't exactly been stellar as of late, you just can't hate a coach

that so closely resembled his team's mascot.

I'm serious. Have you seen pictures of this guy? He looks an awful lot like the Murray racehorse, and that is definitely cool. Think about it. If coach Donnelly looked like a Blue Raider (whatever that is), wouldn't watching Middle Tennessee football be that much more fun?

Maybe the sailboat people should start dressing like America cubes. ■

EDGAR

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coach. His mentor, Nolan Richardson, won an NCAA championship last year and came within 11 points of doing it again Monday night.

Edgar, who grew up in the Pittsburgh area, was an

assistant to Richardson for five years at Tulsa and six years at Arkansas before going to Murray State in 1990.

He had a 79-40 record at Murray State, won three Ohio Valley Conference titles and took the Racers to the NCAA tournament twice and the NIT once in four seasons.

The 15th-seeded Racers

played No. 2 seed North Carolina close for most of a Southeast Region first-round game this year before losing by 10 points.

"Duquesne is lucky to get him to come back home," Richardson said.

Meanwhile, Murray State athletic director Michael D. Strickland said the school has decided to have "a short,

thorough search" for Edgar's replacement.

"I will spend the next 48 hours going through a list," Strickland said in a statement Tuesday. "I have about 30 names, now that is growing."

He said the school would seek "an aggressive coach with a 1990s basketball

attitude" and someone "clean with the NCAA." He said he hoped to name Edgar's successor possibly as early as Sunday or Monday.

Edgar was accompanied at the news conference by his parents, his wife, Elaine, and his 5-year-old son, Scott William Edgar III. ■



Editorial

April is student burnout season; try to avoid it

School is now three-fourths finished for the Spring semester. That's four more weeks of classes.

When April hits in the school season, it can mean only one thing: burnout. The sensation that tries to overcome all common sense that says, "Do your term paper," or "Study for that test."

Burnout happens regularly, and it is nothing to be alarmed about. We all suffer from burnout at some point during our college careers. If you are feeling these symptoms, do not panic.

Here are a few tips to avoid being dragged down by this evil villain.

- Leave studies behind when you feel tired. The more you work, the worse you will feel. Take a break and go have some fun.
- Don't try to do too much too fast. If you have two papers due on the same day, get started on one and finish it now. Don't try to do both at once.
- Get organized now. Figure out what projects you are going to do when, then follow the schedule you set for yourself.
- Put off now what can wait until after finals. Trying to handle more than you are physically capable of doing is the best way to collapse.

You should feel stressed at this point in the semester. There is a lot to do and little time in which to get it done. But if you budget your time well and stay motivated, it will be May 9 before you know it.

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AND NOW...A LOOK AT THE REST OF THE O.J. DEFENSE WITNESS POOL...



HORACE HAMHOCKER
Has seen all of O.J.'s movies. Says "Such a swell actor" couldn't have possibly killed his wife.



PEARL ANN POOVEY
Swears "on the Bible" that she was having a drink with O.J. in a roadhouse in Potts Camp, Mississippi between 10:00 and 11:00 on the night of the murders.



LESTER PARTON
Former O.J. teammate. Says he's "pretty dang sure" he never saw O.J. kill anyone before.



WAYNE T. ZONKERFELD
Private investigator. Has developed a complicated "conspiracy theory" that implicates the LAPD, L&A, the Mafia, the CIA and the Cuban government.

Female action figure has nothing on Barbie



Dave Barry

Editor's note: Because of Spring Break, the Dave Barry column scheduled for that Monday did not run. We are running it as a supplement to this Thursday issue. The column will run as scheduled Monday, April 10.

As an American, I am ticked off about Sailor Moon. What is Sailor Moon, you ask? Shut up and I will tell you.

Sailor Moon is a licensed-cartoon-character merchandising concept that is about to be dumped on us by the people who brought us the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers. If you've never heard of the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, go to a window right now, open it, and listen. You'll hear the high-pitched, irritating sound of small children all over America demanding in whiny voices that their parents take out second mortgages so that they can buy official Power Rangers action figures, lunch boxes, backpacks, underwear, snow tires, forklifts, assault rifles, ponies, marital aids, members of Congress, and hundreds of other licensed spin-off products.

The cause of this whining is a daily TV show starring the Power Rangers, a group of low-IQ trailer-park dwellers who have extramarital affairs with their in-laws and screech at

each other in front of a live studio audience.

No, wait, that's the "Jerry Springer" show.

The Power Rangers are a group of teen-agers who have the ability to transform themselves into crime-fighters with the power to beat the living starch out of evil beings while speaking very bad dialogue. I don't see this show very often, so to obtain more information, I called up my Research Department, Judi Smith, who has young children and therefore has Power Rangers coming out of her pores.

"How do the Power Rangers transform?" I asked her.

"They call on the power of their Zords," she explained.

"The power of their swords?" I asked.

"No," she said, in the tone of voice that you use to talk to a dog, "their ZORDS. Z-O-R-D-S. Zords."

"Thanks," I said.

A few minutes later, Judi called back to report that she had discussed this issue with her husband, Tim, who is a college history professor.

"Tim says they don't call on the power of their Zords to transform," she reported. "He says they just morph."

"I see," I said.

"I asked him HOW they morph," she said, "and he said, quote, 'They have morphing capability.'"

"Well," I said, "that certainly clears..."

"He says the morphing capability must come from that guy with his head in the tube."

"Ah," I said.

"But they definitely call on the power of their Zords for SOMETHING," she said.

So we see that the Power Rangers can have a dangerous impact on our brain function, and now we face the additional menace of Sailor Moon. According to an Associated Press story, Sailor Moon is the blond, ponytailed heroine of a wildly popular Japanese cartoon show. Sailor Moon leads a team of female superheroes who wear miniskirts and go-go boots; according to the AP story, they "combat evil and sexism" using special powers that they get from their "magical brooches, scepters and compacts."

That's right: These heroines, striking a bold blow against sexism and outdated stereotypes of women, GET THEIR POWER FROM JEWELRY AND MAKEUP.

We can only try to imagine the plot action:

FIRST FEMALE SUPERHERO: Uh-oh! It's the evil villain Lord Pustule! He's going to destroy the world!

SECOND FEMALE SUPERHERO: Not if I can help it! Toss me the eyeliner!

The AP story also says that parts of some Japanese episodes will not be shown to American audiences, such as the one in which a member of Sailor Moon's team "proudly refers to the size of her breasts."

Do you want to know what really ticks me off? What ticks me off is this quote from a male spokesperson for the company that's importing Sailor Moon to the U.S.: "Today's little girls want to be just as strong as boys."

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Raider Party should have been legalized by SGA first

Front
and
Center



Michael
Grantham

Before I go on, I want to make one point clear. I voted. Another is that for anyone else's protest against a perceived unfairness is just as valid a form of participation in any politics. In the recent SGA elections, an issue of unfairness arose. It was not that a group decided to form a party. That is FAIR. It is not the philosophy this group has. I agree with and promote it. In fact, the very purpose of the Raider Party was served in my protest both on the Knoll, the Supreme Court and its appeal. The idea of parties is great. Student

Sometimes I wonder why politicians don't see protest as a valid form of active participation in the political process. I mean, Rush Limbaugh seems to have a profound effect on the direction issues take.

Yet I don't see complaints as to why he's not "running for office" or why he's not "creating another party."

BARRY

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Barbie is not really an appropriate role model anymore."

Do you hear that, Americans? HE'S PUTTING DOWN BARBIE. He's trying to tell us that Barbie—who sailed perkily through the Cold War; who has remained fiercely loyal to her despite the fact that her hair is combed and his is dyed plastic; who has been used to set fire to a set of underwear on the David Letterman TV show; who has NEVER felt any need to conform to the size of her breasts—this guy is trying to tell us that Barbie is NOT STRONG ENOUGH.

Well, Sailor Moon Spokesperson, perhaps you could change your tune if you took a gander at the May 28, 1994, issue of *Fortune* magazine, sent in by several alert readers. On page 170, you will see two photographs showing the end of grueling tests Barbie went through by the Mattel Corp. The top photograph shows Barbie in a complete spa outfit (of COURSE it's silk), submerged in a tank, where she has been underwater for 15 STRAIGHT HOURS—and her hair still looks perfect. The bottom photograph, which is, for my money, the

most fascinating photograph ever published in *Fortune* magazine—shows Barbie in a machine labeled "BITE TESTING FIXTURES." This tests to see whether Barbie will crack when young people, for whatever reason, bite her. Barbie is wearing black hot pants and a pink blouse; her right foot is clamped tightly inside the jaws of a scary-looking machine, and there's a noose-like string going around her neck.

You'd think Barbie would feel depressed, being treated like this by her own manufacturer, but she looks just as chipper as ever. Her right arm is raised in a cheerful way, as if she's saying: "It takes a lot more than strangling me while crushing my foot to make THIS licensed character lose her fundamental American spunk and perkiness, Sailor Moon Spokesperson!"

You tell him, Barbie! The rest of America is standing behind you on this! We're sick and tired of seeing our precious cultural heritage undermined, and we're going to defend out traditional licensed characters against attacks from abroad, no matter WHAT it takes, even if this means—and I do not say this lightly—that we must call on the power of our Zords. ■

interest in SGA can come from both forms of participation.

What is not great is the major concern raised by the group's lack of recognition of institutional rules that exist above the SGA Constitution and the Comprehensive Electoral Act (CEA) of 1983.

The charges I brought to the Supreme Court WERE NOT against the party; they were against the election commission and the SGA for allowing the party to operate in violation of the rules that they both did not address in their procedural provisions.

What the committee found and suggested to both the election commission and SGA is that the weaknesses in their policies must be addressed. These weaknesses must also reflect institutional guidelines for "party" involvement in elections and in the SGA.

These policies addressing both affiliated and non-affiliated GROUPS are not addressed in the CEA of 1983 or the SGA Constitution and were only addressed in my petition when the Raider Party illegally campaigned as an unrecognized university group appearing on the official ballot March 14-15 and April

4-5.

After the hearings, Chad White, a founder of the Raider Party and a member who should speak more often on their behalf, made suggestions to update the policy to reflect policies of the Tennessee Board of Regents on these issues.

The current election commissioner expressed similar interests to bring SGA standards up to the institutional level where they should have been in the first place.

The charges I brought against the commission can happen every year until both the SGA Constitution and the CEA of 1983 are updated to reflect the general policies of the TBR and MTSU in allowing partisan representation.

The SGA cannot continue to facilitate any party system without recognizing MTSU's own policy governing such facilitation, which DOES exist. If my protest has done anything, it will HELP the legal formation of parties on this campus.

It isn't a terrible surprise to see why Speaker of the House—elect Jaime Groce doesn't understand this. That is why I think public relations for the group should quickly begin a consistent representation of its own

party before it gets into SGA sessions.

In its current state what is not addressed by SGA can allow issues of unfairness to permeate the very aspects in which students should have a polished trust.

The SGA cannot afford to tarnish this trust anymore. The six percent voter turnout in March can create a strong reason for any formidable resistance, whether it is right or wrong in its own regard. The Raider Party recognizes this and has formed in an attempt to reconcile it in various ways.

Its formation, however, points to a weak system and, ironically, mocks the very reason it is forming. The signs I held on the Knoll in protest illustrate this irony perfectly without regret.

The assumption that my protest is the start of some "anti-Raider" party is absurd. My protest was for the cause of fairness and will ultimately serve the legal functioning of any party system.

The only thing I hope for coming out of these elections is a good night's sleep for everyone. Anything else seems to be too much to ask for and too late to get. But that's politics. ■

Time to put a little trust in SGA

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We finally have an SGA president for 1995-96, and it's Shane McFarland. I'm glad it's over.

SGA elections mean a late night for *Sidelines*. We have to wait until the votes are all counted before we can write the story. Before the evening was over before break it was a little after 2 a.m.

Then we found out about the screw ups and saw that we were going to have to do this all again. It was not a happy newsroom.

Now we've done it a second time and we're not doing it again. So Drew Bergman, there better not be another problem, because you will have the *Sidelines* staff ready to beat you and I won't be able to stop them.

I may even throw a rock or two myself.

There is another reason why I'm glad it's all over. That's because now maybe SGA will get on with the job of serving students.

I'm not saying that Bergman did not do this. I think Drew did this to the best of his ability. But he is only one person, and he cannot do it all.

I think there have been a few people in SGA this year who have been more concerned with parliamentary procedure

than with satisfying students. I think there are some who have looked to advance themselves rather than advance the cause of the student.

This is why students don't seem to give a rat's a— about SGA. They see it as a self-absorbed, self-serving organization that only looks out for the 2,000 or so Greeks who go to school here.

I think Drew did his best to change this, and I think Shane will continue this trend. This can only be good for the student.

Over the last few weeks I have had the opportunity to spend some time talking with Shane about what he wants to do with SGA, and what I have heard has met with my approval. I voted for him Wednesday, and would have voted for him the first time as well. I think he has his head screwed on straight and will bring in people that have their heads screwed on in a similar manner.

He wants to make SGA more heard at the State Capitol. He feels SGA needs to do some of its own lobbying for the students, and I agree.

He wants to get PR students involved in lobbying the General Assembly for funding, thinking that if they hear it from actual students it may make a difference. I don't know if he's right, but it's better than anything else I've heard.

Most of the General Assembly probably does not know that MTSU is the fastest growing state school

in Tennessee but receives the least state funding of any state school. They need to be told by students, not a lobbying group whose only tie to the school comes from the checks Dr. Walker signs to pay them.

What he wants to do more than anything is make students care more about SGA and about the school. To do this, SGA has to be more open to student concerns than it has in the past, and Shane sees this.

SGA has to convince students to rely more on SGA for help in getting things done. For this to happen, students have to put a little trust in SGA that the organization doesn't just want to help the Tekes or the Pikes anymore, but all the students.

That's what I'm advocating here—a little trust.

If I'm wrong and SGA still cannot be trusted to do what is best for all students, I'll be man enough to say it in this column. But I don't think I'm wrong this time. I think Shane is a man of his word, as Drew has been, and I believe we are going to see a change for the better in how SGA responds to student needs.

So if you've got a gripe about bookstore hours or prices, class schedules or parking regulations, don't just eat your words. Take them to SGA. Shane starts his indentured servitude—uh, I mean, his presidency—April 21. I think you'll be surprised at the response you get. ■

Thought for the Day

"No one has ever died from an overdose of pornography."

-William Margold
free speech advocate
1985

A two-ring circus under a dome

The new crew in Congress plays with the animals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three months after the GOP swept into control, 130,000 pounds of pachyderm — the Republicans' beloved symbol — came lumbering to Capitol Hill Wednesday.

But bringing the circus to Congress seemed almost redundant as House members debated which party claims the bigger clowns.

Why bother with the performing elephants and dancing girls on the Capitol plaza when you can watch professional politicians defy logic, asked Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill.

"Step right up and you'll see Republicans juggle numbers," he promised visitors to the House gallery, bracing for at least six hours of debate on the GOP tax bill.

Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., who followed Gutierrez to the House floor, said Democrats were simply afraid of being trampled by charging

elephants.

"They already had that experience in November," Kingston said.

One by one, House members trooped to the microphone and loaded tons of circus jargon into the partisan speeches that opened the day's session.

In a Capitol basement conference room, Democrats calling themselves the "GOP Prize Patrol" staged a mock TV show awarding pretend \$1 million cash prizes to the "billionaire Benedict Arnolds" and wealthy corporations they said would benefit from Republican legislation.

Outside, 13 five-ton elephants balanced on their hind legs and formed what circus people call a long mount.

"We have the outer circus and the inner circus," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., as he went to greet Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey president Kenneth Feld.

Earlier Wednesday, Columbus (Ohio) Zoo director Jack Hanna turned the

animal-loving speaker's office into a petting zoo — complete with hissing cockroaches and a fire-belly newt.

Gingrich, cuddling a North African fennec fox, confessed that his first boyhood dream was to be a zoo director.

"That was an independent, private-enterprise circus decision about what works."

—Newt Gingrich on the absence of donkeys

It took a House-Senate resolution to authorize the circus' 125th-anniversary performance in the Capitol parking lot.

Gingrich, who watched from a folding chair placed on a small slice of red carpet, reveled in the performing elephants' symbolism.

Asked about the absence of donkeys — mascot for the

Democrats — Gingrich said, "That was an independent, private-enterprise circus decision about what works."

For Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, a GOP presidential contender, it was a picture-perfect photo opportunity.

The 71-year-old Kansan posed beside the 48-year-old King Tusk ("a young Republican," Dole quipped) and flashed reporters a "thumbs-up."

As if on cue, the 14,762-pound pachyderm curled his trunk up to his forehead and winked.

Accompanied by a police motorcade of presidential proportions, the elephants had lumbered trunk-to-tail the nearly two miles from the D.C. Armory, where the circus opens a two-week run on Thursday, to the Capitol.

Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., the only senator to oppose the performance, said the sergeant-at-arms told him security for the two-hour circus act would rival that used for the president's State of the Union address — a cost to taxpayers of about

\$52,000.

The plaza was roped off to the uninvited public but about 300 local schoolchildren packed the Capitol steps at Gingrich's invitation. They waved small American flags, marveled at the jump-roping dogs and giggled at the clowning clowns.

But not everyone was laughing.

Eighteen animal-right advocates — dressed in prison garb and elephant masks, and protesting what they called the circus maltreatment of elephants — were arrested at the Senate steps and charged with unlawful entry and obstructing passage of Capitol grounds, police said.

Ringling Bros. spokeswoman Barbara Pflughaupt dismissed the protesters' claims and said, "For 12 years, we have set the standard for the care and welfare of domestic and exotic animals and we're very proud of our record." ■

SATAN helps internet

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — SATAN appeared today on worldwide computer networks, an intended gift that could raise hell with security.

SATAN is a new piece of software designed to find chinks in the armor of computers connected to the outside world by telephone line or networks such as the Internet.

It could enable managers to plug cracks in security, keeping unauthorized people from breaking into off-limits areas to steal or scramble valuable data.

It also could help malicious hackers, showing them weak spots in defenses where they could concentrate an attack.

The program was made available this morning on several Internet-connected computers around the world.

"It works pretty well. It installs easily. I am running it as we speak," said Roger Safian, director of the Computer Emergency Response Team at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

SATAN designer Dan Farmer and his partner said they released it despite fears that hackers will use it to execute break-ins.

"As far as abuse goes, I think it will actually decrease because people can make better decisions about improving their security," Farmer said Tuesday.

SATAN stands for Security Administrators Tool for Analyzing Networks.

While there have been similar programs, and serious hackers already are familiar with ways of breaking into computer systems, experts say SATAN is significant because it is easy enough for novices to use.

Farmer, who lives in San Francisco, developed SATAN with Wietse Venema, a security expert at the University of Eindhoven in the Netherlands.

They first planned to release the program on April 1. But because that was Saturday, they pushed the release date to April 5, Farmer's 33rd birthday.

Experts agree that the average home computer user won't be affected, and the military's computers holding classified information are isolated and also are not at risk.

SATAN's release prompted government agencies and businesses to take steps against electronic intrusions.

Marcus Ranum, an engineering manager at Trusted Information Systems, a security consulting company in Glenwood, Md., said any organization that has sensitive material and is connected to the Internet should be worried about security, regardless of SATAN. ■

Cop poses for Playgirl

NEW YORK (AP) — A police officer considered himself a model cop — so he modeled without his clothes for Playgirl.

Officer Edward "Fast Eddie" Mallia bares all in an 11-page spread in the May issue of Playgirl magazine, including the centerfold, The Daily News reported.

Mallia, 28, is the second New York Police Department officer who decided he didn't

want to work undercover. Officer Carol Shaya, 25, posed nude in the August 1994 edition of Playboy magazine, and got so much exposure for her \$100,000 fee that Police Commissioner William Bratton fired her earlier this month.

"If, in fact, the article or pictorial is in violation of our department and procedures ... we will initiate that type of activity against the officer,"

Bratton said.

Mallia, who works in the 109th Precinct in Queens, received \$5,000 for his Playgirl poses, the New York Times reported.

Mallia said he modeled for the magazine for art's sake and compared himself to Michelangelo.

"I've sculpted my body like he sculpts his pieces," he said. ■

More roaches in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — There were hissing cockroaches in the elegant office of the speaker of the House today. They even crawled up Speaker Newt Gingrich's lapels, while a much larger animal perched atop his head.

"I won't mention which Democrat I was thinking of when I looked over and saw them," said Gingrich, R-Ga., after Columbus Zoo director Jack Hanna placed two of the hissing cockroaches, natives of Madagascar, on the speaker's shoulder.

For Gingrich, a handful of Washington school children and a crowd of amused reporters, the speaker's lavishly appointed office in the Capitol building became a temporary petting zoo today as Hanna showed off some of his more exotic creatures.

A 50-pound black

Binturong (or bearcat) named K.C. perched himself atop Gingrich's head, wound his tail around the speaker's neck and nibbled on a banana.

Gingrich was delighted.

"I won't mention which Democrat I was thinking of when I looked over and saw them."

—Newt Gingrich on his roaches

His first dream, he confessed to Hanna, was to be a zoo director.

"One of the great sad moments of my life was when I was 12 years old and I wrote to Raymond Ditmar,

curator of reptiles at the Bronx Zoo," Gingrich said. "I wanted advice on how to become a zoo director and got a very nice letter back saying he had died the same year I was born."

Hanna said he was impressed by the speaker's knowledge of the animals. Gingrich readily identified the albino python and poisonous African marine toad.

The deadliest critter in Hanna's traveling zoo? "I would have been a tiger," he said, but the tiger must travel with a tranquilizer gun and Capitol Police barked.

Appropriately enough substituting for the tiger on this visit was a fire-bell newt.

"Notice how small and unprepossessing they are," laughed Gingrich. ■

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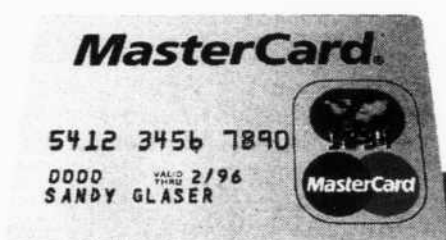
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