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MTSU tuition to go up 6% in the Fall of 99

Associated Press

TULLAHOMA — Parents can expect to tighten their belts this fall when fall tuition bills arrive — tuition is going up 6 percent.

Instate undergraduate tuition at MTSU and other Regents' universities except Memphis will increase \$114 this fall which will make tuition \$2,020 annually.

"The Tennessee Board of Regents approves a 6 percent fee increase for the 1999-2000 school year," said Dr. Duane Stucky, vice president for Finance and Administration.

"The increase will be used primarily for funding our highest

priorities," Stucky added.

These priorities are increasing faculty salaries and bringing on additional faculty in response to our enrollment growth, Stucky said.

Stung by declining state support, the Tennessee Board of Regents voted June 30 to raise tuition at MTSU and other state schools which it governs this fall, hoping lawmakers would note their financial distress.

The panel voted 12-2 to charge 9 percent more at the University of Memphis and 6 percent more at the system's 45 other schools, including MTSU.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission

recommends tuition annually, and the Regents and University of Tennessee Board of Trustees actually set tuition.

The Regents' decision came without debate. In a finance committee meeting the day before, school presidents and regents spent more than two hours discussing the system's plight.

Some called for tuition increases as high as 12 percent, while others argued for a lower hike and more pressure on the General Assembly for additional dollars.

"We wanted people to understand that more and more of the burden of cost is shifting to students and we think that is a bad trend," Regents Chancellor Charles

Smith said.

The state's share of higher education costs has dropped from 51 percent to 45 percent since 1990, while the student's portion increased from 33 to 37 percent, the regents said.

The portion of Tennessee dollars devoted to higher education has shrunk from 18 percent in 1985 to about 12 percent in 1998, the regents said.

"What kind of higher education system do we want for the state?" Smith asked. "Can we afford to go to the bottom?"

The UT-Board of Trustees struck a similar tone in its June meeting. They blamed a slide in state funding for the need to raise

tuition by 15 percent for instate undergraduate and graduate students at the flagship Knoxville campus. The panel also approved a 9 percent increase for UT-Chattanooga and UT-Martin.

Despite the Regents' increase, many of their schools remain cheaper than peer institutions such as Virginia Commonwealth University, in some cases by more than \$1,000 annually.

Paul Stanton, president of East Tennessee State University, said if improvements aren't made, it will be an empty bargain. He said he lost 23 faculty members in the past three months to schools with higher salaries.

"None of us wants to put more

on the backs of the students," Stanton said. "But I have to praise UT because they said they want to improve quality."

Over the next few months, Smith and other regents plan to speak to civic clubs and local leaders to draw support for higher education. Among the top issues is closing what Smith estimates is a \$10,000 salary gap between Tennessee professors and faculty in other state schools.

"We're not going to get the cream of the crop," he said. "We could cause irreparable damage in the state of Tennessee if we don't get competitive in the next two to three years."



Lightning and other team mascots have a good old-fashioned throw down at the latest Kats game. See Kats story on page 6.

Runyon chosen as new Chair of Excellence

Staff Reports

Marvin Runyon will assume the Robert E. And Georgianna West Russell Chair of Manufacturing Excellence on July 1. Runyon has been a U.S. Postmaster General, a CEO of Nissan, and a TVA chairman.

Runyon will bring his years of experience to benefit MTSU's industrial studies department and its curriculum. He will also work to further public service at MTSU.

MTSU dean of basic and applied sciences, Earl Keese, said of Runyon, "obviously, we're quite pleased to have a person of his stature occupy the chair. He has greatly influenced the manufacturing industry in Tennessee, and is a recognized leader nationally and internationally."

Keese went on, "Because of that and his wealth of experience, he will be able to share a wealth of resources with students and the faculty."

During his 37 years at Ford, Runyon was promoted to the rank of vice president of Body and Assembly Operations. During 1980, Runyon left Ford to be the CEO of Nissan in Smyrna.

While Runyon was president and CEO of operations at Nissan, he built their first U.S. motor vehicle assembly plant from the ground up.

In 1986, Runyon was tapped by

President Ronald Reagan to be chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Most recently, he served as the 70th U.S. postmaster general. While he was postmaster, Runyon restructured the postal system and eliminated \$2 billion in postal debt. During those same years, the Postal Service reached record net incomes.

"Each is a large operation which deals with manufacturing or is connected to the industry," Keese said. "He's been very successful in every position, while developing friendships and networks that he can share with students and faculty."

The chair of manufacturing excellence came to be in 1988 through donations from the late Robert E. Russell and his wife Georgianna. These funds are independently endowed and matched by MTSU and the state of Tennessee chairs of excellence program.

"The Russells said they endowed the chair to enhance the education of students in such a way that it be otherwise wouldn't be influenced without the position," according to Keese. "And Runyon is the ideal person to

make this happen."

"He can greatly benefit the department of engineering technologies and industrial studies, as well as other departments in the university, and he can help articulate some of our program back out into the industry," Keese continued. "He can be the epitome of a good liaison between education and industry. A partnership we think is very important."

Runyon's responsibilities will also include teaching.



MTSU police concerned about crime

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation released its annual Crime on Campus report for 1998, and it reports that MTSU recorded one attempted abduction, two alleged rapes, one robbery, 178 thefts, and three motor vehicle thefts.

MTSU police chief, Jack Drugmand says that these crime figures are consistent with other universities in the state. He also stated that visible patrol officers and crime prevention are keeping MTSU's crime rate low. He also credits the MTSU community for keeping crime low.

"Our biggest challenge is to maintain a safe campus,"

Drugmand said. "That's our primary challenge."

MTSU has a 27-member police force, and over 18,000 students. Unfortunately, some of these officers are being lured away by higher paying police departments elsewhere.

Drugmand states, "We try to be proactive and keep crime from occurring rather than handling it afterwards." He also claims that MTSU is one of the safest institutions of its size in the country.

Forty-nine percent of these offenses were assaults. Of those, two were aggravated assaults, one was stalking, 20 were simple assaults, and 26 were threats.

According to Drugmand, "Larceny is the number one crime

in the United States on campus. We hope to cut into that each year and retard that."

Each year, Drugmand speaks to the new freshmen at orientation. Those students receive a public safety calendar which includes crime prevention tips.

"We kind of approach it like a big family over here," said Drugmand.

During his 12-year career at MTSU, Drugmand said that he seldom hears negative comments about the police force. He stated that "[The students] feel safe with the police officers. We've got good people who are enthusiastic. The key to this is the great people we have, and we have some great staff people."

MTSU to host 4th of July Fireworks

Staff Reports

The campus community and Murfreesboro residents are invited to enjoy the festivities at the annual Celebration Under the Stars.

The celebration will start at 5 p.m. on MTSU intramural fields behind the Bragg Mass Communication Building. The day's activities will include arts and crafts, croquet, face painting, a relay, and various (yo-yo, hula hoop, and paddle ball) contests.

Families are welcome to bring picnic blankets, lawn chairs and food. Families are also asked not to bring alcoholic drinks, pets, grills or fireworks. Concessions will also be sold by the Blue Raider Athletic Association.

A day-long canned food drive will be held to benefit the less fortunate in the community. Donations will be accepted at MTSU during the Fourth of July celebration and then given to area community service

organizations for distribution.

Performing at 5 p.m. the Governor's School Wind Ensemble, directed by Lipscomb University music professor Stephen Rhodes, will perform more patriotic music at 5:25 p.m.

Both groups will sing

"America the Beautiful" at 5:50 p.m.

The Mayor of Murfreesboro

and other officials are expected to speak at 7:25 p.m.

Next, the Middle Tennessee Symphony, directed by Laurence Harvin, MTSU professor of Music, will perform the National Anthem, "American Civil War Fantasy," "On the March," "Star Wars," "Dixieland Jamboree,"

"Salute to Big Bands,"

"Remembering the Beatles," "Selections from Hook," excerpts from "Rocky," "Porgy and Bess," "Movie Spectacular," "Olympic Fanfare," "Disney Magic," "Peter Gunn," and "1812 Overture."

This year's Celebration Under the Stars is sponsored by

the City of Murfreesboro, Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, Rutherford County Government, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, Kroger, Wal-Mart, The Daily News Journal, Heritage Farms Dairy, and the Middle Tennessee Symphony.

For further information, call the event's chairperson Lori Ducey at 898-5143.



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49 year-old drunken driver kills pregnant woman and her baby

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - A man was sentenced to 49 years in jail for a drunken-driving accident that killed a pregnant woman and her daughter. It occurred while he was headed to jail for a prior drunken driving conviction.

Donald Wayne Branch of Memphis was sentenced Monday by Criminal Court Judge Chris Craft for the May 30, 1997, crash that killed Stefanie Brown Kuehl and her 6-month-old daughter, Zaidie Elise Kuehl.

"Mr. Branch has utter contempt

for the laws of society," Craft said. "This is every mother and father's worst nightmare, and I'm afraid for society when Mr. Branch is released in about 15 years.

"He has shown absolutely no remorse, and I believe when he's out, he'll start drinking and driving again."

Branch, 33, was on his way to serve a weekend sentence at the county penal farm when his vehicle slammed into the side of Mrs. Kuehl's car. Authorities said his blood-alcohol level was 0.22, more than twice the legal limit.

Branch, who has two prior

drunken-driving convictions, was convicted in April on two counts of aggravated vehicular homicide involving alcohol and driving on a revoked license.

In his first public statements about the accident, Branch said at his sentencing that he is a good driver.

"I know I'm not perfect, but I hope everyone can forgive me for the accident because it was not intentional," he said. "I am a very cautious driver. I pay attention to everything around me."

Mrs. Kuehl, who was three months pregnant, was the

daughter of Dave Brown, a weatherman for WMC-TV and a longtime announcer on professional wrestling television shows in Memphis.

"I guess we couldn't have asked for anything more from the system," Brown said. "The system failed early on (in dealing with Branch's prior offenses), but now I think the verdict and sentence will help send the message that society's not going to put up with scofflaws who drink and drive."

Branch can be considered for parole after serving 30 percent of his sentence.■

The first lady accused of misusing taxpayer funds

Marc Humbert
Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - A conservative group alleged Tuesday that Hillary Rodham Clinton is misusing taxpayer funds for "personal political benefit" as she explores a campaign for a Senate seat from New York.

"We will be seeking appropriate remedies which may include the return of the money for the U.S. taxpayer and which would also include other types of action to prevent this from happening in the future," said Larry Klayman, chairman and general counsel for the Washington, D.C.-based Judicial Watch.

A spokeswoman for Mrs. Clinton said the first lady had followed requirements set by the Federal Elections Commission.

"The travel that she made to New York - whether it was on behalf of her role as first lady or for a candidate or a campaign - she was very aware of making sure that she played by the rules put in place by the FEC," Marsha Berry said.

When Mrs. Clinton appears at fund-raising events for other politicians, they are required to reimburse the federal government for part of her travel costs. Her other travel costs have been picked up by taxpayers.

Klayman said Judicial Watch is preparing a lawsuit alleging "the misuse of taxpayer funds for personal political benefit."

The group has filed repeated lawsuits challenging the Clinton camp's fund raising.

Mrs. Clinton is to announce creation of a Senate exploratory committee in early July. It will allow her to raise money to cover campaign-like expenses, including political travel to New York state.

Aides have already said Mrs. Clinton will continue to use military aircraft because of security recommendations from the Secret Service, but will reimburse the government for her political trips. Taxpayers will pay for her Secret Service protection.

Meanwhile, aides to the prospective Senate candidate put the finishing touches on plans for her 13th trip to New York this year even as one of her possible Republican Senate opponents, New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, set off to visit her childhood backyard - Chicago for fund-raising and to attend a Chicago Cubs game.

Mrs. Clinton, a devoted Cubs fan, drew attention recently when she said she also was a New York Yankees fan. Giuliani is an ardent Yankees fan and said he had never seen her at Yankee stadium.

Asked why the mayor had decided to attend a Cubs game while in Chicago, political aide Bruce Teitelbaum said: "It's a great ballpark and the mayor is a REAL fan."

Giuliani also plans a fund-raising event later this summer in Arkansas, where Mrs. Clinton was first lady before moving to the White House.■

Kosovo rebel force hands in weapons

Donna Bryson
Associated Press

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) - Members of the Kosovo rebel force gathered at NATO-designated assembly points today and began handing in weapons under a demilitarization deal with international peacekeepers.

Also today, Patriarch Pavle, Serbia's top religious leader, made a surprise visit to a seminary in the southern town of Prizren to persuade elderly Serbs holed up there to remain in the province despite continued looting and torching of Serb homes.

NATO hopes its control in the southern province will be strengthened by the handover of weapons by the Kosovo Liberation Army, part of a June 21 demilitarization agreement.

Under the deal, the ethnic Albanian fighters must put their weapons into NATO-guarded storage sites and carry them only in designated assembly areas. They are also to vacate their military positions.

By this morning, 3,735 KLA fighters had assembled, believed to be one-quarter of the total force, said Lt. Col. Louis Garneau, a spokesman for the NATO-led peacekeeping force.

He said 124 of them officially

demobilized, but it appeared that an unspecified number of fighters took off their uniforms and left.

The KLA also collected 576 weapons, a small percentage of the total number believed to be in their hands. They have another 30 days to deliver the weapons.

The demilitarization measures are taking place at 40 designated arms collection points and 45 personnel assembly areas across Kosovo.

"What you are beginning to see is the reintroduction of former UCK members into the mainstream of Kosovo's society," Garneau said, using the Albanian-language initials of the rebel army.

British Lt. Gen. Mike Jackson, commander of the peacekeeping force, and Agim Ceku, the KLA's chief of staff, were scheduled to meet later today to discuss the demilitarization process.

Gen. Wesley Clark, the supreme NATO commander in Europe, said KLA commanders were cooperating well. But the test, he said, would be whether individual soldiers honor the handover or pursue their own vendettas. In an interview with Albanian state television, Ceku said the disarmament agreement "is a sign that the Kosovo

Liberation Army has become a decisive factor in Kosovo."

The KLA plans to transform itself into a political movement in advance of elections for a transitional government in the province following the end of the 78-day war and the return of some 860,000 ethnic Albanians expelled since NATO bombings began March 24.

Serb clerics were appealing to Western leaders to curb reprisal attacks by ethnic Albanians against Kosovo Serbs, warning the violence could produce an ethnically pure Kosovo.

Church leaders were also urging Serbs to remain in the province.

During his visit to Prizren, Patriarch Pavle reiterated the church's call on Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to step down.

"We have made a strong appeal to him (Milosevic) to leave power in the best interest of his people and that a government for national salvation be formed," Pavle said.

Asked about damage done to monasteries and churches in Kosovo, Pavle, apparently referring to Serb victims of ethnic Albanian revenge killings, said, "I feel the same way a family father feels when his children are killed."

In the seminary, people were asking for the patriarch's advice what to do, and he replied: "Don't leave."

Pavle traveled in a convoy of cars heavily guarded by Norwegian soldiers. One of them was sitting in Pavle's car for extra protection. Despite the passed deadline to take off uniforms, a KLA military policeman stood guard near the seminary.

NATO is hoping that the attacks against Serbs will subside now that ethnic Albanian rebels have turned over their weapons to peacekeepers as part of the agreement by the KLA to demilitarize over 90 days.

German peacekeepers imposed a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on Kosovo's second-largest city, Prizren.

The move was aimed at clamping down on arson attacks on Serb and Gypsy property by ethnic Albanians seeking revenge for the horrors of the Serb crackdown, which ended when Milosevic accepted an international peace agreement on June 12.

In an attempt to restore a semblance of order, U.N. envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello named a judicial panel of four local and three international officials to appoint judges to deal with about 200 people arrested in Kosovo since the peacekeepers' arrival this month.■

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Eagle preservation just beginning

Duncan Mansfield
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - The recovery of the bald eagle in the wild is not complete, but the national symbol could be flying free without the special protection of a threatened species. "It's a long time coming," said Al Cecere, president of the Tennessee-based National Foundation to Protect America's Eagles. The Clinton administration is considering beginning the formal process of removing the bald eagle from the Endangered Species list. Cindy Hoffman, a spokeswoman for the Fish & Wildlife Service in Washington, said Tuesday the bald eagle could be off the list by 2000 if the factors that threatened it in the first place are found to have improved.

Bald eagles were near

extinction in the 1960s when their numbers dropped to about 400 in the lower United States. The pesticide DDT, banned in 1972, was a primary source of eagle mortality. Since then the population has grown to about 5,000 nesting pairs, thanks to federal and state protection and hundreds of people around the country working to rehabilitate injured birds. Cecere's organization has been largely responsible for putting the birds back into the sky and bringing public attention to their plight through appearances by its trained eagle "Challenger" on television and at sporting events. Cecere formed the group in 1985 in Nashville "off my kitchen table" when he discovered there was "very little state and federal funding available for eagle restoration programs."

In recent years, the foundation was taken under the wing of Dolly Parton's Dollywood theme park in Pigeon Forge, where it keeps non-releaseable birds. The group, working with federal and state wildlife agencies, also relocates able birds to the wild - 250 eagles so far, 60 in East Tennessee. Many of the eagles were hatched at zoos. Two eaglets, "Independence" and "Spirit," hatched at the Columbus (Ohio) Zoo will be released July 4th on Douglas Lake near Dandridge, Tenn. "It is good. It is encouraging news," Cecere said of the possibility that eagles could be removed from the threatened list. Eagles still will be protected under a 1940s law that covered virtually every individual part of the bird and their nests. But the

Endangered Species Act, written in the 1970s, extended that protection to their habitat. Cecere said a change in the eagle's status won't lessen his group's work. "I think there will probably be some new challenges for the eagle in the future," he said. "Definitely on the front of habitat protection on private land." But he said he's anxious for this latest step in the bird's long fight back. "The eagle is basically going to be given the chance to be on its own for awhile and see how it goes. And if the recovery continues that will be great news," Cecere said. "The main thing is that we are empowering the American people now to take care of your national bird ... and ensure its future survival."

Medicare expansion would include drugs

Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Urging the biggest expansion in Medicare's history, President Clinton proposed on Tuesday that the government help older Americans pay for prescription drugs - up to \$1,000 a year initially in return for a \$24 monthly patient charge. "In a nation bursting with prosperity," Clinton said, "no senior should have to choose between buying food and buying medicine, but we know that happens." Under Clinton's plan, the maximum federal payment for drugs would climb to \$2,500 by the year 2008 as the monthly patient fee rose to \$44 in gradual, annual steps. The president announced his plan to an East Room audience of Democratic and Republican lawmakers, saying he was encouraged by the bipartisan turnout. But some Republicans hurried outside to raise objections. Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., co-chairman of a bipartisan commission on Medicare, noted that no benefits would be available under Clinton's program until 2002. He also said there was "a fundamental flaw" because the plan failed to address the needs of seniors with huge drug bills. He said Republicans believe that "those who are in need should be helped first" rather than "a little bit of help for everyone." While popular in the polls, the president's proposal faces an uncertain future as Republicans and Democrats argue about how to divide up massive budget surpluses and set the nation's priorities. Clinton's plan would be the largest expansion of Medicare since its creation 34 years ago. Even if not enacted this year, Clinton's initiative will set the markers for a political brawl in next year's elections. It is a potent issue because Medicare touches the lives of 39 million Americans, and the elderly show up to vote. Democrats clobbered Republicans over Medicare in the 1996 campaign, prompting GOP presidential hopeful Bob Dole to complain, "It's Medi-scare." To save costs, Clinton's plan would impose a new 20 percent co-payment for lab tests, which currently are free. Recipients also could pay a higher deductible for doctor's office visits and other outpatient treatment. The deductible - currently \$100 - would be indexed to inflation, rising about \$2 to \$3 a year, according to administration estimates. "The original Medicare law was written at a time when patients' lives were more often saved by scalpels than by pharmaceuticals," Clinton said. "Many of the drugs we now routinely use to treat heart disease, cancer, arthritis, did not even exist in 1965, yet Medicare still does not cover prescription drugs." GOP leaders questioned how the Clinton plan would be financed, whether it would fix Medicare's solvency problems and whether cost restrictions might hinder medical breakthroughs and drug innovations. House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said 69 percent of seniors already have prescription coverage - in benefits from former employers, from private insurance they buy or from HMOs that participate in Medicare. "It's been the tradition in the president's party to do one-size-fits-all," Armey said. "If you have 1 percent of people with a problem, you ought to put together a 1 percent solution, not a 100 percent solution."

Ninth kid prepares for college

Jodi Farrell
Knight-Ridder

MIAMI (KRT) — In the back of a cramped duplex, in the Allapattah neighborhood where front-porch couches sag and barred windows open to infrequent breezes, Miama Jackson High School Valedictorian Paul Mathieu is practicing his speech on how to succeed. He's the youngest of nine children, the son of Haitian immigrants and an authority on the subject. When Paul, 18, graduated with thousands of other Miami-Dade County high school seniors last week, he marked the final chapter of a family success story. It's an urban tale that debunks statistics, educational theories and all the naysayers who think the American dream has died. In the past decade, four Mathieu sisters and five brothers have excelled at Jackson High, a proud old school in a high-poverty section of Miami. Counting Paul, three graduated as valedictorians. All have gone to college: Harvard, Yale, Northwestern, University of Florida, among others. Their achievements haven't ended with high school. The two eldest daughters are educators. One was elected Teacher of the

Year at a Dade elementary school this year. Another daughter is a nurse. Upon leaving Yale, the oldest son joined a nonprofit group that works with disadvantaged youths. The fourth son, in his final year of pre-med studies at Harvard, spent last summer doing missionary work in Nairobi, Kenya. "I know of no other family in Dade County Public Schools that has done what the Mathieu family has done," said Richard Harris Sr., a college aid advisor who has worked at Jackson for 22 years and keeps a photo of the Mathieus in his desk drawer. "It wasn't a fluke. It didn't happen to just one or two. There's something instilled in them that says, 'You will succeed.'" Researchers claim a student's success in school is linked to how much money his family earns and whether his parents are well educated. Yet Paul's parents, who came to Miami from Haiti in 1974, don't rank high in either category. Phinellie Mathieu, 50, is a seamstress whose third son taught her how to read when he was in high school. Her husband, Teucheler, 55, has a sixth-grade education and worked as a security guard and airport janitor until a stroke recently grounded

him at home. Their children's college educations have been paid for with scholarships, grants, loans and work-study arrangements. What Phinellie and Teucheler Mathieu did give their children can't be weighed in dollar figures or degrees: a fierce religious belief, strong-handed discipline and a loving, insulated family life that taught them to fend for each other. You've heard about the importance of parent involvement? For the Mathieu children, their oldest school memory is seeing their father's face on campus. A slight man with a missing front tooth, Teucheler Mathieu stopped in at his children's schools as often as twice a week before heading to one of his night-shift jobs. "Surprise visits," his kids called them. He simply wanted to know what they were up to, and wanted to make sure every teacher knew who he was. "In elementary school, my father would come to school a lot to make sure he knew the teachers and that they knew the Mathieus were coming through," said Paul, who will join his brother Luckson at Harvard this fall. When an elementary schoolteacher told Teucheler Mathieu that his son Samuel was turning in error-ridden homework,

the father was so upset he enrolled in adult-education classes so he could help his oldest son study. Samuel later graduated as Jackson's 1993 valedictorian. He graduated from Yale four years later. "Father wanted for us what he didn't have," said Teucheline Mathieu-Murray, 30, the oldest of the nine and now a teacher at Toussaint Louverture Elementary, where she recently was chosen Teacher of the Year. "He didn't have that opportunity, and there was no way he was going to let that happen to his kids, especially in the United States. Here, as long as you want it, it's there for the taking." A stern lecture, a slap of the hand or, in severe cases, a smack of his belt awaited those who strayed. There were, Paul recalls with a sheepish grin, "a lot of spankings." Paul remembers the last one as if it happened yesterday: fifth grade at Dunbar Elementary. A classmate accused him of throwing water balloons in the boys' bathroom. "Just the fact my name was mentioned was enough," Paul said. "I got a stern talk at school and the belt when I got home." Was he guilty? ■

PARKING NOTICE

On Friday, July 9, the following areas will be closed at the times stated in order to prepare for maintenance:

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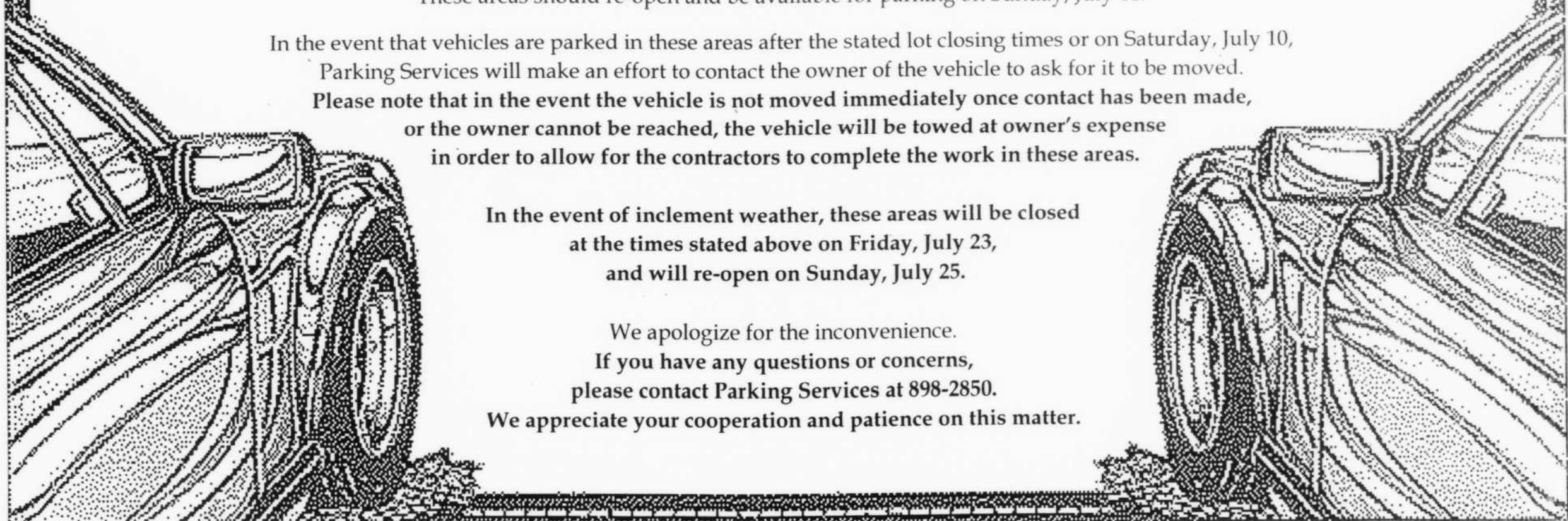
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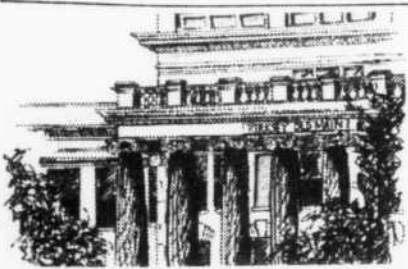
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In the event of inclement weather, these areas will be closed at the times stated above on Friday, July 23, and will re-open on Sunday, July 25.

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Parking Services at 898-2850. We appreciate your cooperation and patience on this matter.





WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 1999

OPINIONS

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

—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

4 ■ SIDELINES

Editorial

Students should go home less often

MTSU is a university with much going for it, but there is one thing terribly wrong with it: it continues to be a suitcase university.

College is supposed to be a time when students move away from home, get an education and learn about life.

That is not the case here. Instead, students go to class and go home to mommy and daddy on the weekend. This is not the sign of a university that is making real progress.

This is the sign of a university that is making little, if any progress. Students at other universities, such as the University of Tennessee, do not go home every weekend do they? No. They stay on campus and have fun. They go to ball games, parties and occasionally study.

The only time people go to the ball games here is when a major school, such as the University of North Carolina, is at Murphy Center. Otherwise, you see twenty, maybe thirty people at the games.

Just over 17,000 people attended every football game. Most of these people are not students. More students probably go to Knoxville every week to watch UT. This is pathetic.

And as for parties, it is hard to party when there is nobody here. The only people that party are the fraternities and sororities. It is really sad that more people would rather go home than stay here and party.

Often, students say they go home because there is nothing to do on campus or in Murfreesboro. This is simply not true. There are always free events on campus, as well as ball games.

The city of Murfreesboro has many night spots where students can hang out. If you do not believe me look at the square, or look at Main street and Memorial boulevard. There are plenty of places to hang out.

I know I have been very critical of MTSU, but the suitcase university problem is one that needs to be addressed by the students. Until it is addressed, MTSU will never realize its full potential.

Can this problem be fixed? Yes, it can. But in order to fix it, the students will have to be less apathetic, which could be a problem.

Learn to appreciate apathy

Harper Gordex
Daily Tar Heel

Do you remember that kid in the back of your high school class? He was always raising his hand, wanting to get in his opinion because he always thought it was right. And whenever anyone doubted him, he took it as a personal insult.

Remember that student who despised him? Well, he's back. And he's followed you to college and brought 2,000 of his whiny friends with him.

You know these people. They're the ones who try to get you to vote and who are constantly lobbying for cultural diversity requirements. They're the ones who use empty, meaningless words such as "diversity," and when they can't come up with one to express how they feel, they make 'em up ("lookist"?). These people want you not only to accept them, but respect them. Not only know about them, but be forced to learn about them, their culture and their way of life. They're so caught up in their own little worlds that they don't realize they're not raising the level of acceptance, only the level of annoyance.

Back in my hometown, there were two black people and only slightly more Hispanics. No one even mentioned homosexuals. There were never any classes about culture. No special groups, no crusades against injustices. And you know what? I grew up thinking that black people, Hispanics and gays were pretty much like me.

But ever since I've been to college, I've grown more intolerant.

Yes, I know your views are worth something. Everyone's are. Yes, I know you have fought to overcome a lot. Nearly every group in America has. Yes, I know there are great women, great African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Native

Americans, gays, lesbians, Christians, Jews, Muslims, artists, activists — but just shut up already!

To turn that one enemy into an ally, you're turning 10 allies into enemies. You like to think that the "silent majority" is your enemy, but we're not. We don't give a damn what you do. Smoke pot, worship pagan gods, take back the night, build houses for the homeless, join the crew team. Just don't make me hear about it day in and day out. It's akin to an activist Chinese water torture.

I could understand this 25 to 50 years ago. Back when there were causes. Blacks couldn't vote. That was a cause. Thousands of Americans died in the middle of Southeast Asia for no reason. That was a cause, too. But 40 trees being cut down to build a road? Some newspaper hack didn't give your group proper reverence? Those aren't causes; they're jokes.

No, on second thought, they're not jokes. The fact that you take such things so seriously makes them scary visions of self-importance gone too far.

If what you really want is acceptance from the everyday world, you've got it. Because guess what: everyone at some point in their lives will be screwed over. Life is like having 14 meals a week in a college cafeteria.

You're going to get thoroughly cheated and disappointed about twice a day.

If you've been made angry, had your rights taken away, or felt as if the world was against you, then congratulations. You have officially entered life. Now you're just like everyone else. Except a lot noisier.

You act as if people's attitudes will change only through quick and decisive action. But I'm here to tell you: It's been more than 200 years, and there are still bigots in America.

Who's to blame? The Taco Bell

Chihuahua? Jesse Helms? Nike? Nope.

Blame human nature because some people are going to be stupid and ignorant no matter what. It happens. Activism is not inherently bad. It makes things happen and helps change things that should be changed. But looking down on me because I won't wear a salmon-colored ribbon to support non-violence against freshwater fish makes me want to go home and beat up a bass.

Maybe I'm just tired. Maybe I've just grown weary of all you overzealous fanatics who have hammered away at my psyche throughout four years of school. But I am convinced it would be nice if we could have one week free of people trying to shame and bully us into caring. No demonstrations, no posters on the walls, no letters in the paper. Just a week of being, without being harassed.

To deny the inevitable existence of ignorance and apathy is a slap in the face of society. Your ideas are grand and they will shape the future, but you will not change minds by yelling at people or marching through campus. No matter how many speaking events and special days you organize, the only thing that will truly make a difference is time.

If you allow people to accept your ideas rather than trying to force them to do so, that time would be a lot easier on all of us.

Now it's up to all you activists to band together and give the public what it really wants: some peace and quiet. Make the next under-represented, oppressed populace you choose to represent the apathetic — the only ones who will never speak for themselves.

If you don't listen to this plea, that's OK, too.

That's the beauty of apathy. No matter what happens, you never lose.



Minors in bars would reduce alcohol problems

David Roepke
Iowa State Daily

I went to Iowa City last week and had way too good of a time. It was the kind of road trip that should be on everyone's list of must-do activities while in college.

You know what I mean: the unplanned hop-in-the-car-with-nothing-but-a-pocket-full-of-cash-wearing-the-same-clothes-for-three-days type of trip. The kind of affair where you have no idea where you're going to be sleeping, but you figure it'll probably have something to do with the last place you were standing.

There's no reason why I should have to go to Iowa City for fun. Sure, it's the state's liberal hot spot, and its ratio of women to men is heaven-sent for those of us who aren't dating anyone, but that's about it.

Unless, of course, you consider that almost every bar in Iowa City lets in underage patrons as long as they're college age.

That's really why the Iowa City road trip is such a tremendous college experience. It allows those who have never had a taste of the meat market to just stroll into town and suddenly pretend they've aged two or three years thanks to a ferocious time warp on the interstate.

There's no reason why underage students across the country shouldn't know the same kind of thrill.

There's a new device on the market called ScanCom. It's a machine that would allow bars and liquor stores to scan driver's licenses to make sure they're authentic or haven't been reported lost or stolen. While that's not a cure-all for the problem of underage drinkers in bars, it certainly would cut down on the use of fake IDs.

So here's my plan: Put tabs such as those at the front door of every bar in every college town and fling the doors wide open. Allow drinking establishments to admit any college-age customer.

At first, that might sound like a step in the wrong direction. After all, cities and universities are trying hard to make it obvious to the community that they care deeply about the ills of alcohol. But the truth is, allowing minors into bars would be a whole-hearted step in the right direction.

Not only would it make a good portion of any student body happy, it also would make alcohol enforcement on minors much easier.

Tell me, where would it be more efficient to keep tabs on minors who are consuming alcohol: in dorm rooms, apartments and houses spread all across the city, or in a handful of college-town bars?

It might not look like it would be a better way to solve the alcohol problem, but neither is the happy-crappy that university administrators like to shove down the public's throats.

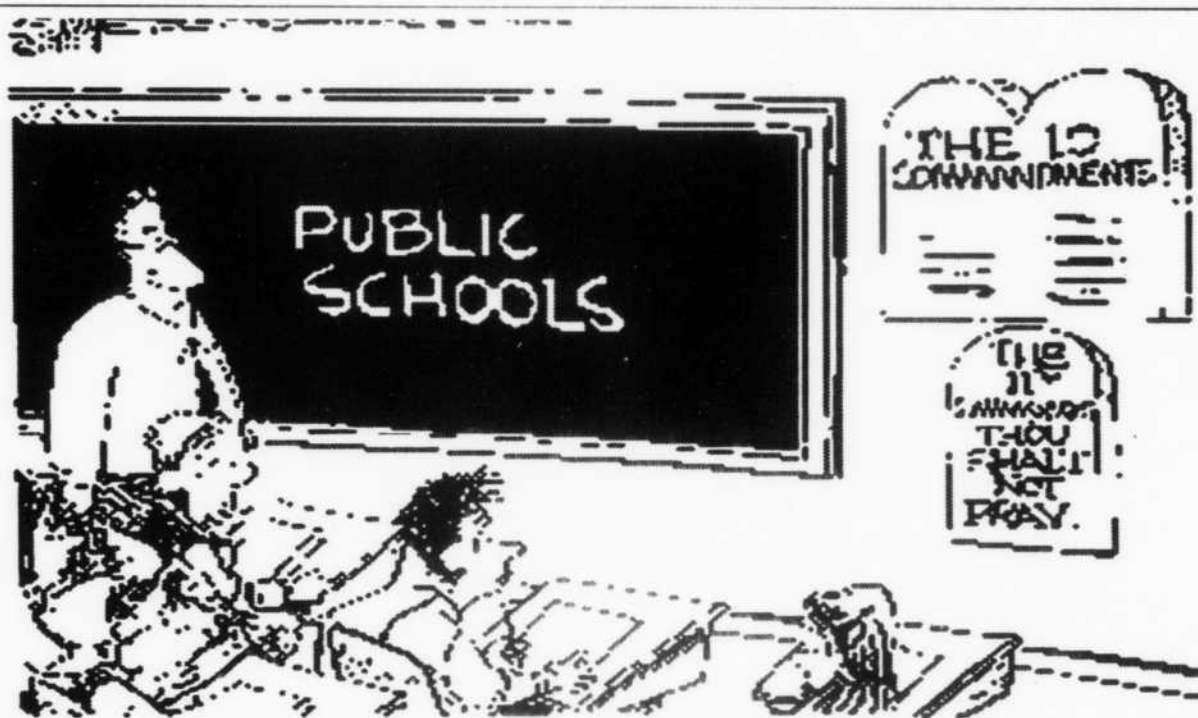
When you send students to talk to other students under the guise of "peer interaction," people aren't more likely to listen, they're more likely to call their so-called peers dorks.

And if the majority of underage drinking were done in bars, it would flat out save lives.

Think back to all of the stories you've read about college students who drink themselves to death. They die in dorm rooms, frat houses and off-campus parties. They don't usually keel over in bars, because in bars there is some control. There are trained bartenders who have possession of the alcohol and who know that bonging a bottle of vodka is not a good way to live all the way to sunrise.

College students won't stop drinking, and that's a fact. Alcohol is so intertwined with the university experience that trying to separate it would be like trying to extract the devil out of Jerry Falwell. The fact that some college students are underage is unfortunate.

It may seem counterproductive, but letting minors in bars would be the simplest and easiest way to keep tabs on them. Perhaps cities and universities could see that if they weren't blinded by the hypocrisy of this alcohol-free public relations scheme on which they've all embarked.



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Love 'em or hate 'em Body piercings make a point

by Andy Dehnart/
Stetson University

STETSON, Fla. (CPX) - To establish identity, some folks wear clothes from the trendiest stores, splash themselves with an array of scents, plaster their vehicles with bumper stickers, and load their bookbags with buttons declaring their pet causes and politics.

But perhaps the fastest way to get noticed in the '90s is body piercing. Driving metal studs and hoops through bellybuttons, ears, eyebrows, nipples, noses, tongues - and a few other places where the sun doesn't shine - seems to grab attention these days like few other things.

Experts say the reasons people poke multiple holes in their bodies are as varied as the parts

they have punctured. But more often than not, they're looking for a way to express themselves, said Donald L. Sanz, Ph.D., a licensed psychologist and director of the Counseling Center at Stetson University.

As with choosing clothes, people pierce themselves to stand out but also to identify with others who are doing the same thing, he said.

"It's a very interesting juxtaposition between rebellion and making a statement," he said.

Some folks display their piercings to shock people, others use them for sexual stimulation, and still others hope their hoops "attract members of the same or opposite sex (or) send a signal about their sexuality," Sanz added.

There is a group of hole-y folks health care professionals fret about: Those who are addicted to self-mutilation. They go far beyond average body display, covering themselves with tattoos and multiple piercings because of feelings of anger or self-hatred, experts say.

"That's the part (where) we have to be most concerned - when people are hurting themselves," Sanz said.

Myrna Diaz, a junior at Texas A&M, said she

doesn't know much about all the psycho-babble that goes along with the tongue ring she got for \$60 about a year ago. Diaz said she got the stud because she simply wanted to break a bad habit.

"I bit my nails, so I needed something to mess with in my mouth to keep my fingers out of it," she said. "I've bitten my nails for 15 years, and I'm free now."

Prices range from \$25 for the standard navel ring to \$140 for an "Ampadravya" piercing in ... well, let's just say it's easily concealed with underwear.

Legislators and doctors are increasingly uncomfortable with this fashion trend, which can, when performed under unsafe conditions, lead to infections and the spread of diseases such as hepatitis and HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

No doubt a piercing like the one gotten recently by Dolores, a student at the University of Michigan who declined to give her last name, would send shivers down many folks' spines. She said she got her "tummy button" after asking a friend to pierce her stomach with a knitting needle.

"I was very drunk," she said. "But it looks nice."

Tales like that have prompted Indiana state Sen. Luke Kenley to propose legislation that would make it illegal for someone to pierce a minor without consent from a parent or legal guardian. He hopped on the issue after receiving complaints from one woman who reported finding a piercing parlor where no records were kept and bloody needles were dropped between uses into antiseptics not strong enough to kill some deadly germs.

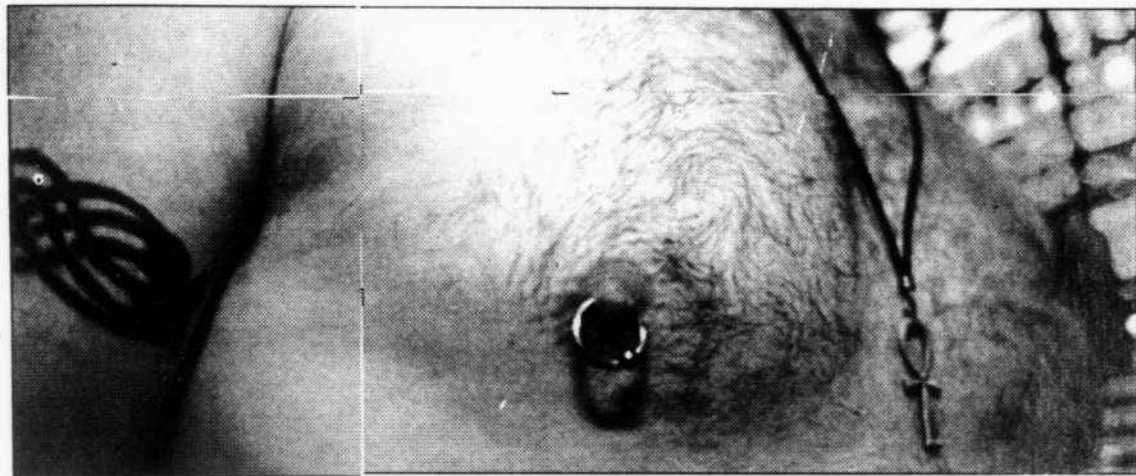
City council members in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., hoping to keep piercing parlors from popping up everywhere, recently approved an ordinance that prevents shops from opening along major streets throughout town - typically routes where drunks spill out of bars and could wander into piercing parlors on a whim.

Dentists, tired of repairing chipped and broken teeth, also are complaining about all the metal being bolted into mouths across the U.S. In the July 1997 issue of the Journal Of the American Dental Association, professionals warned that oral piercings can lead to serious infections, and even cause swelling that could block air passages. Other dangers include problems with scar tissue, cracked teeth, damaged gums, and problems swallowing or

chewing.

The ADA called oral piercing a "public health hazard," and cited warnings from the National Institutes of Health that piercing could result in hepatitis transmission, and symptoms including "pain, swelling, infection, and increased salivary flow."

Even the American Society of Professional Piercers says it's troubled by all the do-it-yourselfers out there and parlors operating illegally throughout the country. The AAP's



newsletter recognizes that many piercings "are produced in unhygienic conditions in homes, hotel rooms, bars (and) clubs."

"The risks taken when doing a piercing in locales such as these is enormous," the organization states. "Improper training and lack of sterilization under these conditions often leads to disaster."

Diaz has heard many horror stories and is grateful she didn't have to contend with any - unless, of course, you don't consider a swollen and bleeding tongue to be horrible.

"The healing process was painful," she said. "Your tongue is swollen for a week and it hurts to eat anything. If you eat anything that's not soft, you injure your tongue, and it starts bleeding."

"It was just a week, so it was no big deal to me," she added.

But to many people that is a big deal. Thanks to technology, you can see what it would be like to get pierced even before you set foot in a piercing studio. After paying a \$15 membership fee, you can check out <http://www.bodypiercingcam.com/>, where you can watch people getting pierced - live. One look at the free photographs of various piercings, however, and you might just decide to forego the membership - and any piercings you ever considered. ■

Students go to odd lengths to make money for school

Yuan-Kwan Chan
College of William & Mary

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (CPX) - When Leslie Kmetty agreed to spend last summer working as a personal assistant for a professor at the University of Iowa, she had no idea what she was getting herself into.

It wasn't the laundry, the cleaning or the garbage disposal that bothered her.

Nor was she really surprised when the professor depended on her to argue with air conditioning companies when a cooling unit went on the fritz.

No, there were other things for Kmetty to wonder and worry about - such as all those blankets the professor asked her to hang from ceiling to floor in the master bedroom. Unable to determine why the bedroom was remarkably warmer than other areas of the house, the professor thought the blankets would block out enough sunlight to help determine whether she needed to buy blinds for the room. She asked Kmetty to monitor the room's temperature each day to determine if the heat decreased.

"But the worst part of it all," recalled Kmetty, a junior at the University of Iowa, "was laying mulch for 11 hours in her front yard."

It was odd, tedious and unglamorous work - but a job that Kmetty said helped her pay the bills.

College students and odd jobs go together like peanut butter and jelly. Whether the work is as mundane as stuffing envelopes or as risqué as the stripping that author Heidi Mattson did in local clubs

to pay her way through Brown University, college students have, throughout the years, demonstrated a willingness to do just about anything to make money.

Take Matt, a graduate student at the University of Chicago, for example. He asked that his last name not be used for this story because he's not sure how people would perceive his occasional work for the university's medical school.

Matt said he lets students practice their clinical skills on him, patiently waiting as they give him testicular and, yes, rectal, examinations.

He's paid a nominal fee - usually around \$100 - for two hours of his time.

"Hey, it's in the name of science," he said.

Similar sentiments echo throughout many campuses across the country, where students sell their plasma every few weeks for about \$30 a pop or sign up for a wide array of experiments being conducted in laboratories and hospitals.

Students who poise on a particularly time-consuming study can walk away with a few hundred dollars once it's over.

Other students declare their work is done in the name of art. Depending on the school, nude models can fetch up to \$20 an hour and count on one session lasting three to five hours.

Despite the ups and downs of their work, many students say they're glad they were flexible enough to choose offbeat jobs because, in many cases, they learned valuable lessons that could serve them well in their future careers.

Amber Watts, a senior at the University of Redlands in California, took three part-time jobs last

summer because she didn't want to return home.

Little did she know that she'd juggle those hours by running experimental tests on male fighter-fish, building theater sets and house-sitting.

While the work didn't put tons of money into her pocket - she made about \$10 an hour in the lab, \$7 an hour in the theater - Watts said the rewards were great.

She co-authored a manuscript about her lab research that was submitted to a psychology journal. The house-sitting paid well and provided an added bonus by giving her a cool refuge from her non-air-conditioned dorm room, and

The set-building job indirectly contributed to her post-graduation plans.

"I learned how to weld in the theater and it's one of my most marketable skills," she said. "Graduate schools [in experimental psychology] now are looking for that. We need to build mazes, animal chambers, and various laboratory equipment for experiments."

April McNamee, a senior special education major at Slippery Rock University, is on the recreational staff of a reform center in Grove City, Pa., that houses about 450 boys between 8 and 18, all of whom have committed crimes such as stealing, drug and weapons possession and attempted murder.

"The reason why I took [the job] is because I want to work in this type of atmosphere as a teacher one day," McNamee said. "It's worked out very well for me because I kind of had this type of ideal atmosphere, and I've realized that it's not going to be quite that easy."

Marjoe Marcelus, a student security officer during

her sophomore

year at Ursinus College, suffered through the 4-7 a.m. graveyard shift

on weekends for \$6 an hour and to learn more

about emergency services. She

answered calls, checked student

ID's and

dispatched police officers and emergency

medical technicians.

Despite the

headaches and surprises - 20 naked men ran by her one night after streaking around campus - the security job sure beat the work she did in the campus dining room the year before, she said.

"I got really sick of tomatoes because I had to slice two cartons full of them every day," said Marcelus, now a senior.

"And it's probably better that you don't see how your food is prepared," she added. "There was a guy who was making potato salad. He used his hand to stir it, and the salad went halfway up his arm. Even though he was wearing a glove, it didn't help." ■



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Arizona rattles the Kats

Bleu Holden
Staff Reporter

The Nashville Kats lost a tough game in "The Alley" on Friday, falling 65-64 in overtime to the Arizona Rattlers.

This is the fourth week in a row the Kats have been involved in a tight game. They lost by one to Iowa, then won in overtime at Florida. Next, they sneaked by Houston on a last second play. And on Friday, they lost in overtime.

This makes for exciting games for the fans, but it really wears on the players and coaches.

"It was an up and down game. They made plays and we made plays." Kats wide receiver Cory

Fleming said. "They just had more points at the end."

The Kats controlled Arizona early in the game by scoring on the first play from scrimmage on a 43 yard pass from Andy Kelly to Tyrone Jones.

Shortly thereafter, lineman James Baron intercepted a pass and returned it to the Rattlers' two yard line. This set up a two yard touchdown pass from Kelly to Cory Fleming.

At this point, Nashville led 19-3.

That is where the tides turned. Arizona rattled off 16 straight points with two touchdowns and a safety. One of the touchdowns came as the result of a fake field goal. The result was a Tyrone Jones fumble.

After trading touchdowns, which knotted the score at 26, the Kats tacked on a field goal which put them up 29-26 going into halftime.

The Kats controlled much of the second half. However, Arizona was able to trim the lead to 57-54 with only 3:27 remaining.

On the Kats next possession, they were stopped on fourth-and-one at the Arizona two yard line.

Ten plays later, the Rattlers kicked a field goal, which tied the game at 57 and sent it into overtime.

The Kats struck first in overtime on a pass from Kelly to Darryl Hammond.

Arizona answered with a score of its own. To avoid sudden death, Arizona decided to go for two.

Quarterback Chad May, who replaced Donnie Davis in the third period, scrambled into the end zone to seal the deal for the Rattlers.

All the Kats felt they gave the game away to Arizona.

"We never should have put them in a position to predict the outcome of this game," Coach Pat Spurduto said.

Kelly finished the game 22-32 for 291 yards and seven touchdowns, while Fleming led the Nashville receivers with 10 catches for 139 yards and ten touchdowns.

Kelly and Fleming earned MVP and Ironman honors.

The Kats will travel to Grand Rapids on Thursday. ■



The Kats try to create running space for Carl Greenwood.



Steve McLaughlin attempts for the extra point.

Staff Photos by Bleu Holden

Three Raiders are inducted into the Hall of Fame

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

Former Blue Raiders Gary Head, Jennifer McFall and Roxie McHenry were inducted into the MTSU Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Head, a Springfield native and former golf standout, played from 1960-33. During this period, the Blue Raiders won four Ohio Valley Conference titles, four Tennessee Intercollegiate championships and went undefeated in dual match play.

In 1963, with the urging of Coach E.J. Patty, Head entered and won the individual championships in Springfield, Mo.

"I couldn't get anyone to go with me, but Coach Patty pushed me to go play, so I loaded up my car and headed to Springfield," Head said.

Head credits much of his success to the team's dominance.

"The success we had my freshman and sophomore years made it a lot easier," Head said.

Head has been the Club Professional at the Bluegrass Country Club in Hendersonville for the last 17 years. Prior to that, he was a club professional in New Jersey for 11 years.

He and his wife, Mitzi, have a son, David, and a daughter, Tracy.

Columbia native Jennifer McFall was a four year starter for the Lady Raiders basketball team from 1982-1985. She is one of just 13 career 1,000 point scorers.

She earned All-Ovc honors each year and helped lead the Lady Raiders to three regular season and tournament championships and three NCAA tournament appearances.

McFall is still in the MTSU top ten in rebounding (first), double-double games (second), career points (second), games started (second), assists played (tied for fourth), steals (fourth), rebounds per game (fifth), assists seventh) and points per game (seventh).

She is currently a teacher at Nashville's University School.

McHenry served as secretary to every athletic director from Charles "Bubber" Murphy to Lee Fowler.

She is survived by her son David, who lives in Malvern, Ark., and her daughter Kathy, who lives in Murfreesboro. ■

NBA Draft has no future stars

Robert Jordan
Staff Reporter

The 1999 NBA Draft will start today at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C. There does not appear to be a solid superstar in this year's draft, but it should still be entertaining to watch. I have composed a list of my own predictions as to what players should be drafted according to each team's individual needs. "So here we go."

1. Chicago Bulls: Wally Szczerbiak, Miami of Ohio. This 6'8" sharpshooter led the Mid-American Conference in scoring. Szczerbiak is an extremely polished player who stayed all four years in school and will contribute to the Bulls right away.

2. Vancouver Grizzlies: Lamar Odom, Rhode Island. Odom turned off a lot of NBA teams with his "Prima Donna" attitude by refusing to work out for anyone but Vancouver. But this guy is the real deal.

3. Charlotte Hornets: Steve

Francis, Maryland. The 6'3" highraiser lived up to all the hype and was an All-ACC first team selection. The biggest issue for Francis now is going to be whether or not he can make the transition from off-guard to point guard.

4. L.A. Clippers: Richard Hamilton, Connecticut. Hamilton is coming off of a dream season in which his team defeated the Duke Blue Devils for the National Championship. This 6'6" pure shooter will have to get alot stronger if he expects to duplicate his success at this level.

5. Toronto Raptors: Elton Brand, Duke. I wish this big bruiser would have stayed one more year and developed his outside game, but I suppose the lure of the NBA was too much for him. I do not expect to see him play a lot of minutes early on, but he has a bright future ahead of him.

6. Minnesota Timberwolves: Andre Miller, Utah. This would be the most obvious choice with the departure of Stephon Marbury

and Terrell Brandon leaving due to free agency. Miller led his team in scoring, assists and steals. He is the most fundamentally sound point guard in the draft.

7. Washington Wizards: Tim MacCulloch, Washington. Don't laugh. This kid led the nation in field goal shooting percentage (66.2). MacCulloch may not be an All-Star, but he has good hands, a soft jumper and he is better than any big man that the Wizards have now.

8. Cleveland Cavaliers: Jason Terry, Arizona. All this guy did was lead the PAC-10 in scoring and steals. Terry waited patiently, played behind Mike Bibby last year and simply exploded onto the scene.

9. Phoenix Suns: Tim Young, Stanford. Young is 7'1", a good defender, a nice passer and an 83 percent free throw shooter. A quality big man is hard to find and Phoenix could definitely use any big man right now.

10. Golden State Warriors: Baron Davis, UCLA. It is too bad

this organization couldn't find a way to keep Latrell Sprewell, but drafting Davis would be a great way to start making amends. This explosive 6'2" highraiser is a player; he will help right away. Davis was one of the best guards in the country. It will not be long before he is a household name.

11. Cleveland Cavaliers: Ron Artest, St. John's. This 6'7", 230 pound forward from the meanstreets of New York is not afraid to take it to the hole. Artest has a great future ahead of him, but, like Elton Brand, he probably could have benefited from one more year of school.

12. Toronto Raptors: Trajan Langdon, Duke. Pure shooter, pure shooter, pure shooter. Today, the jump shot is a lost art form. Langdon stayed all four years in school and without a doubt helped himself right into the lottery. He will definitely have to work hard to create shots for himself; having Vince Carter to draw double teams will help. ■

Volleyball team looks to improve

Kevin Fisher
Staff Reporter

There is nothing more exciting than watching an intense, fast paced game of volleyball played by skilled individuals. MTSU features a lineup which will include only one returning senior, and should once again excel under fifth year Coach Lisa Kisse. Led by Captain / Middle Blocker Kelly Smith, a 6'2" senior from Euclid, Ohio, Coach Kisse feels this is an "awesome group of players - outstanding work ethics, superb chemistry, and very good skill level". How good? Barring injuries, expect to see MTSU at the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Even in a conference usually dominated by teams like

Southeast Missouri, Tennessee Tech and Eastern Illinois? Absolutely.

There are numerous reasons to expect great things from this year's squad. In addition to Smith, a Child Development and Family Studies Major, there are several strong players who will be expected to contribute this season. Abby Hartup, a 5-10 junior who will play the "outside hitter" for MTSU, is a native of Ft. Wayne, Indiana and has impressed Coach Kisse with her "toughness". Hartup is also one of MTSU's best defensive players. Also among this year's squad, expect to see a lot of Alicia Scott, Ku'uipo Simeona and Meg Thornton.

Among the players at the "setter" position, Kelley Drew and

Kelly Quinn (there are three Kellys on this year's squad) will be counted on heavily. Drew is only a sophomore and Quinn is a freshman; however, Coach Kisse is confident in both players' abilities.

At the "setter" position, Kelly Smith and Lindsay Pritchard will usually handle the position. Both are exciting, aggressive players who will be counted on heavily for leadership as well as athleticism. Pritchard once had seven blocks in games against Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech (one of MTSU's biggest rivalries).

In evaluating MTSU's team it is important to look at one other vital aspect in team play. Coach Kisse, who once won 32 games in 1995 (her first year at MTSU) has

278 lifetime career victories. Look for Kisse to pass 300 victories in the near future. In addition, her lifetime record of 278-225 is better than most OVC coaches.

Having lost only one regular player from last year's team, and backed up by able assistants, this group should be one of the most exciting teams MTSU has ever fielded. Their youth (nine of the fourteen players on the roster are either freshman or sophomore) mixed with dogged determination will spell trouble for several opponents this season. So make sure to attend a few matches this fall. The Lady Raiders have worked hard this spring, refining their techniques and sharpening their skills. ■

Athletes should stay in school

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

As the NBA Draft draws near, I am reminded that many student-athletes often choose to forgo their college eligibility and turn pro. The reason is painfully obvious: money. Players see their chance to make it rich and they forget all about getting an education. They also fail to realize that they might not be

ready for the highest level. Is forgoing college really worth it? No.

Yes, I said no. I realize star athletes start college with dreams of playing professional sports, but the primary reason they go to college is to receive an education. By foregoing college, student-athletes are saying they do not care about receiving an education. In addition, they are acting in an ungrateful manner towards their

school which is giving them the opportunity to receive an education and showcase their talent on the playing field.

Since many student athletes turn pro, it is safe to say some do not succeed. Let us examine a few cases where this has happened, starting with the NBA.

Former North Carolina star Jerry Stackhouse is a great example. He left UNC after

leading the Tarheels to the Final Four during his sophomore year. He was the college basketball player of the year; everybody thought he was going to be a star.

After a few years with the 76ers, he was traded to Detroit. He has not materialized as expected. He

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Point Guard opts to leave MTSU

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

Blue Raider junior point guard Reggie Marshall has decided to transfer.

Marshall averaged just under 1.1 points per game and averaged under eight minutes of action.

"He's going to transfer, but I really don't know where," basketball coach Randy Weil said.

"He's not played as much, and based on the fact that we signed a junior college point guard (Jonathan Whitworth) and the fact that he wants to play more, he wants to play somewhere else."

Wiel believes Marshall's decision will probably benefit both parties.

Whitworth led Aquinas to the National Junior College last season. He averaged just over eight points and seven assists per game, and he had a four-to-one assist to turnover ratio.

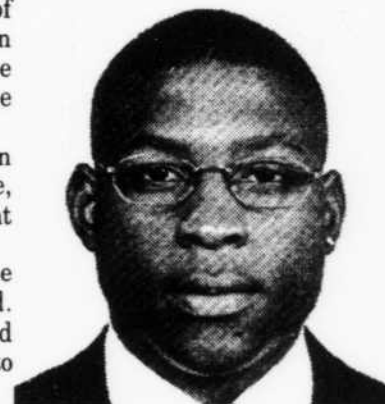
Wiel also signed guard Kenyatta Chisolm, from Columbia, South Carolina, who was the No. 11 player in the state.

"He's a combo, he can play the point or the two," Weil said about Chisolm. "There were a lot of schools in on him like Clemson and South Carolina, but nobody gave him a concrete offer."

The Blue Raiders return most of their starters, along with an impressive list of new players, but the point guard position is a huge question.

With Richard Duncan, Alan Hatchett and Reggie Marshall gone, the Blue Raiders do not have a point guard with any experience.

"Hopefully we've addressed the need of a point guard," Weil said. "Jonathan Whitworth is a very good player and Kenyatta has a chance to be a very good one." ■



Dokic says she's a title contender

Stephen Wilson
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - Two weeks ago, 16-year-old Jelena Dokic was hoping just to qualify for Wimbledon. Now she believes she can win the whole tournament.

Dokic, who stunned top-seeded Martina Hingis in the first round last week, pulled off another coup Monday when she beat No. 9 Mary Pierce 6-3, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals.

The Yugoslav-born Aussie became only the third women's qualifier to make the Wimbledon quarters in the Open era, joining Carina Karlsson (1984) and Molly Van Nostrand (1985).

"If you told me two weeks ago after qualifying I would be in the quarterfinals, I wouldn't have believed it," the 129th-ranked Dokic said.

Now she believes she's a legitimate contender for the title.

"I think anyone has a chance," Dokic said. "Beating Martina and Mary, I've got great confidence right now. It's anyone's tournament. You've got to think you are unbeatable. I'm thinking really positive now."

Dokic's unreliable serve, bothered by strong winds on Court 2, improved throughout the match, and her groundstrokes kept Pierce pinned to the baseline.

"She was a good fighter, she never gave up," Pierce said. "She DOKIC"

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has neither the fundamentals, nor the shooting range, necessary to be successful in the NBA. Two more years of college would have made him a more polished player.

Another example is Jermaine O'Neal of the Portland Trailblazers. He went to the NBA straight out of high school. Now, he is limited to coming off the bench. He has no college experience. He has nothing to fall back on if he has a career ending injury.

Now, let us examine a case where someone waited. Tim Duncan took a different path. He stayed in school, earned a degree in Psychology and then went to the

NBA.

Also unlike Stackhouse and O'Neal, he has been successful in the NBA. He has earned big money, individual accolades and an NBA championship. This is proof that the NBA, and the money, can wait.

There are also football cases in which players have left school early and failed to make it. Let us examine Heath Shuler and Todd Marinovich.

Shuler was Tennessee's glory boy. He put up big numbers at UT, which prompted him to leave school early. Washington took him in the first round, and now it wishes it would have taken someone else.

After sitting on the bench in Washington for a few years, he signed with New Orleans, where he

now rides the pine.

Marinovich, a former star quarterback at USC, left school after his sophomore year. The Raiders made the mistake of drafting him in the first round, ahead of future star Brett Favre.

Needless to say, Marinovich did not make it. The highlight of his career was getting busted with marijuana.

Now, let us examine another situation where someone waited. John Elway stayed in school. Following a great career at Stanford and a brief stint in the Toronto Blue Jays farm system, he played for the Denver Broncos. He put up huge numbers and went to five Super Bowls, winning two of them. In his second Super Bowl, he was the MVP.■

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was in trouble."

Dokic said she proved that her victory against Hingis was no fluke.

"This was a big match for me, Mary being top 10 and a seed here," she said. "Beating Hingis was still in my head. I was thinking, 'Did that really happen? Am I really able to beat top players?' Beating Mary today sort of proved it for me."

Dokic could meet another qualifier, 18-year-old American Alexandra Stevenson, in the quarters. Stevenson was to play Lisa Raymond in a fourth-round match postponed until today by rain.

Only five of the 16 fourth-round matches were completed Monday as rain disrupted the tournament for the first time after a virtually dry first week.

Andre Agassi overcame the wicked left-handed serve of Australian qualifier Wayne Arthurs to win 6-7 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5), 6-1, 6-4.

Arthurs, ranked No. 163, went into the match having won 98 straight service games without a break. The streak stretched to 111 before Agassi finally broke Arthurs in the third game of the third set with a backhand return winner.

Agassi broke Arthurs next

two service games, too, to win the third set easily, then added another break to win the fourth set. While Arthurs finished with 25 aces, Agassi had 15 return winners.

"He has a big serve and he is hard to break, but he also doesn't present much of a presence on the return game," Agassi said. "So you feel it's just a matter of time before you get a window."

Agassi, who won his first French Open last month, is a serious contender to reclaim the Wimbledon title he won in 1992. If he succeeds, he will be the first since Bjorn Borg in 1980 to win both titles the same year.

Agassi next faces Brazil's Gustavo Kuerten, a former French Open champ who beat Swiss qualifier Lorenzo Manta 7-5, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

Kuerten hadn't won a grass-court match until last week, but he is increasingly confident on the surface.

"I'm a grass-court player now," Kuerten said. "I didn't expect at all to be here in the quarterfinals. It's going to be only better for me. I don't have anything to lose."

Defending champion Jana Novotna and Lindsay Davenport advanced to a quarterfinal matchup with straight-set victories Monday.

Novotna, the fifth seed, swept France's Nathalie Dechy 6-3,

7-5, while No. 3 Davenport rallied from a slow start to down No. 13 Barbara Schett of Austria 7-6 (9-7), 6-1.

The Centre Court match between Britain's Tim Henman and Jim Courier was halted by a downpour late Monday. Henman, seeking to reverse a loss to Courier in the Davis Cup, was up two sets to one - 4-6, 7-5, 7-5, 4-3.

Seven-time women's champ Steffi Graf was leading Belgian qualifier Kim Clijsters 6-2, 4-2.

Venus Williams and Anna Kournikova, two of the most photographed and followed women in the tournament, never got on court for their highly anticipated Centre Court match.

Boris Becker, the 31-year-old three-time champion back for a last hurrah, and Patrick Rafter, the two-time U.S. Open champion, also had their match postponed until today.

Also put off for a day were the matches pitting Todd Martin vs. Goran Ivanisevic, Greg Rusedski vs. Mark Philippoussis, Pete Sampras vs. Daniel Nestor and Lisa Raymond vs. Alexandra Stevenson.

In suspended matches, Cedric Pioline led Karol Kucera 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5), 1-0; Nathalie Tauziat was up 6-3, 0-1 against Dominique Van Roost; and Mirjana Lucic was tied 5-5 with Tamarine Tanasugarn.■



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