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## Impeachment trial begins today

David Espo  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bracing for opening arguments in his impeachment trial, President Clinton said Wednesday he will tend studiously to "the business of the people" while his fate is settled in historic Senate proceedings. House prosecutors said Monica Lewinsky had recently rejected their request for a voluntary interview.

With the first formal presentation of evidence set for Thursday, Judiciary Committee Republicans said they had sought permission earlier in the week to talk with the woman at the center of the sex-and-cover-up scandal. Her attorneys "declined to make her available," said a committee spokesman, Paul J. McNulty.

Legal sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, disclosed that a similar request was made to at least one other potential witness, Kathleen Willey.

Apart from Clinton's remarks Wednesday, his legal team dispatched a formal trial brief to the Senate arguing that neither "fact or law" warranted his removal from office.

"The vote the American people rendered ... is hanging in the balance," the brief said in a reference to Clinton's election.

"They have their job to do in the Senate, and I have mine," the president told reporters in his first public utterance in three weeks on an issue that has tarnished his presidency for posterity. "I trust that the right thing will be done."

Clinton stands accused of perjury and obstruction of justice in the first presidential impeachment trial since Andrew Johnson was acquitted in 1868. A two-thirds vote of the Senate is required to convict him and remove him from office.

The trial is to resume at 1 p.m. EST, with Chief Justice William Rehnquist presiding and the House impeachment team — Republican lawmakers all —

starting to present their case.

The House does not yet have permission from the Senate to call witnesses in the trial. Spokesman McNulty explained the overture to Ms. Lewinsky by saying

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- Bill Clinton

the committee was "duty bound to gather all relevant evidence and be thoroughly prepared for the trial. Implicit in the House's right to request witnesses is the responsibility to determine who the

House will call."

One of Ms. Lewinsky's attorneys, Plato Cacheris, declined to respond to McNulty's comments.

McNulty declined to confirm the approach to Ms. Willey. She alleged Clinton made an uninvited sexual pass in the White House, but the incident is not cited in either of the two articles of impeachment approved by the House.

Separately, officials said Democrats had suggested canceling next Tuesday's scheduled trial session to avoid an awkward appearance on the day of Clinton's scheduled State of the Union address. Republicans discussed the issue at a closed-door meeting during the day. Most were opposed, according to sources familiar with the discussion, since Clinton had declined to reschedule his speech, but no final decision was made.

One of the House prosecutors, Rep. James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, visited the Senate chamber during the day to prepare. He said his opening state-

ment of 45 minutes to an hour would focus on "laying out the case and showing very clearly that the president committed an impeachable offense."

Clinton's legal team argued otherwise in their long legal brief filed with the Senate.

The allegations "do not begin to satisfy the stringent showing required by our Founding Fathers to remove a duly elected president from office, either as a matter of fact or law," they wrote. They even "fall far short of what a prudent prosecutor would require before presenting a case to a judge or jury," the brief said.

With public polls showing strong voter support for Clinton, Senate Republicans labored conspicuously on non-impeachment matters. For the second straight day, they met in closed-door session to review a legislative agenda for the year that includes tax cuts, education, defense and other issues. Connie Mack of Florida

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### New speaker sworn in



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

Angie Burks, left, swears in Jennifer Sykora as the Student Government Association speaker of the house Wednesday.

### African American studies offers semester-long lecture series

Shawn Whitsell  
Staff Reporter

For the first time, the African American studies department is offering a lecture series, entitled the "Evolution of Racism."

Bonnie Ship of the English department, said the purpose of the lecture is to expose students to scholarship, research and academic activities in a variety of ways.

"The lecture also gives the students first hand exposure to a variety of faculty members," she said.

Speakers in the lectures are Adonijah Bakari of the history department, Robert Rucker of the social work department, Regina Johnson of the speech and theater department, Roger Cleveland of the developmental studies department, Clarence Johnson of the philosophy department, James Stith of the American Institute of Physics, Teresa Mastin of the journalism department, Cheryl S. Ellis of the HPERS department, Newtona Tina Johnson, Moses Tesi of political science, Bichaka Fayissa of economics and Sharon Shaw-McEwen of the social work department.

These speakers will speak on subtopics ranging

from "Prejudicial Assumptions and African Religion" to "Stereotypes in Savage, Hoodlum and Hip Hop Film Roles" to "Minority Contributions to Science."

The lecture series is a part of a three hour credit class that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the BAS S316. Although the class has been offered in the past, this is the first time for the lecture series. The lectures are only on Tuesdays.

Because the schedule for the class did not get to the scheduling center in adequate time, the class is not in the Spring 1999 schedule book. However, the African Americans Studies department put up flyers and sent letters to over a hundred African American students.

The lectures are the primary focus of the class, but the students also participate in discussions. Shipp said the class has been very successful.

"We have offered the African American experience in many different ways," she said.

Students who are not enrolled in the class can still participate because the lectures are open to the public.

"I want to encourage people to come out to the lectures," said Shipp. ■

### Enrollment increases slightly over last year

Student body increases by one percent

Shawn Whitsell  
Staff Reporter

There has been a slight increase in enrollment, according to Cliff Gillespie, associate Vice President of Enrollment Management.

"Today [January 13], enrollment is a slight increase from last year," he said.

On January 13, 1999, enrollment was 16,921, which is a slight increase from the 16,860 students enrolled on January 13, 1998.

Gillespie said there was a one percent increase last fall, similar to this semester, so the increase was expected.

Gillespie said the early fee payment did not have a negative effect on enrollment. He added that many universities have had early fee payment deadlines for a number years in the past and MTSU is just catching up.

Gillespie said one of the reasons for the earlier fee payment was so that they could manage enrollment better.

Although some students were not happy about the earlier fee payment deadline, Gillespie also said registration went smooth and there were no complaints.

He said MTSU is still the second largest university under the Tennessee Board of Regents, the University of Memphis being

the largest in the TBR system. Gillespie said East Tennessee State University trails behind MTSU by about 5,000 students. He also added that other, larger Tennessee Board of Regents' universities such as Tennessee State, Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech, are just a little more than half the size of MTSU.

Gillespie said one reason for the large enrollment is because MTSU attracts a great deal of student from various high schools. He also said a great number of students come from all over the world for MTSU's various unique programs, such as the Mass Communication's recording industry of music major. ■

### Japan Center director Seeman dies at 76

Brian Forrester  
Staff Reporter

Esther Millon Seeman, 76, died early Tuesday morning leaving a void in the activities and programs which she was involved with on campus.

Seeman was the director of the Japan Center of Tennessee and faculty member in the Political Science department since 1969. She was recipient to several awards, including King Hampton Award for Service to Women from MTSU and American Association of University Women Fellowship from University of Minnesota.

As director of the Japan Center of Tennessee, Seeman was in charge of directing the state's efforts to create a more cohesive relationship between Tennessee and Japan. She assisted in the transition of Japanese families into this area and made the adjustment easier.

The Japanese Center of Tennessee was created in 1982. Seeman was the director of the organization since the beginning.

"The idea of a Japan Center of Tennessee was conceived in the early 1980's by then President Ingram and Vice-President Carlton, when Nissan decided to locate its first American plant in Tennessee," said Dr. Kiyoshi Kawahito, Director of the U.S. - Japan Economic and Educational Partnership Project. "Working part-time, but very hard at a tiny office in the Cope Administration building, she developed, within the next ten years, the Japan Center into a reputable window of service and information."

In 1995, the Japan Center lost funding from the state, which it had to that point been operating under.

Since 1995, Seeman and the Japan Center reported inter-



Esther Millon Seeman  
nally to the dean of the college of business.

Seeman is survived by her husband Julius and her two sons, Larry and Bradley. The family requests that, instead of flowers, donations be sent to the Vanderbilt University Cancer Center Development Office.

A public memorial service will be announced at a later time. ■

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**JAN. 15-16**  
Bull Riding Event will be hosted by Tennessee Livestock Center. Contact Allen Adams at 484-6073.

**JAN. 16**  
Lady Raiders Basketball vs. Austin Peay in Clarksville, TN at 5:45 p.m. For more information contact Ticket Office at 898-2103.

Blue Raider Basketball vs. Austin Peay in Clarksville, TN at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact Ticket Office at 898-2103.

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra will be playing in Murphy Center at 8 p.m. The tickets cost \$50 - \$35. Contact ticketmaster at 255-9600 for more information.

**JAN. 18**  
Dr. Martin Luther King Program will be conducted in the KUC theatre at 7 p.m. For more information contact Eric Singleton at 898-3585.

**JAN. 19**  
Lipscomb University Artists Series will host a performance by the Concord Ensemble at 8 p.m. in Ward Lecture Auditorium, on campus, located at 3901 Granny White Pike, Nashville. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$7.00. For more information call 269-1000 or 800-333-4358, ext. 2258.

**JAN. 20**  
Freshman Forum will be in the KUC room 314 from 3:45 till 5 p.m. Contact Stuart Eddings at 898-5172 for more information.

The Raiders Basketball Faculty/Press Luncheon will be held in the JUB Hazelwood Dining room from 12 - 1 p.m. For more information contact Mark Owens at 898-2450.

Rape Aggression Defense Systems will meet through Jan 22 at the Foundation House from 2 - 6 p.m. For more information contact Public Safety at 898-2424.

**JAN. 21**  
Lipscomb University Landiss Series will host A. Manette Ansary in a discussion, "Writing: Landscape and Character" at 7:30 p.m. in Swang Center, room 108. For more information call 269-1000 or e-mail Dennis.Loyd@dlu.edu.

Lady Raider Basketball vs. Morehead State in the Murphy Center at 5:45 p.m. Contact Ticket Office at 898-2103 for more information.

Blue Raider Basketball vs. Morehead State in the Murphy Center at 7:45 p.m. For more information contact Ticket Office at 898-2103.

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

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

## ON GOING

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

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

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

Dragon's Guard School of Sword Fighting and Reenactment teaches swordfighting techniques and swordplay. The school meets for practice at 7 p.m. at Middle Tennessee Christian School gymnasium on Tuesdays and Fridays. For more information contact Hunter Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

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

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

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said he and his GOP colleagues were determined "to see that the work of the American people is moving forward."

Clinton sought to project the same image.

At the White House, asked by reporters about his trial, he said, "The important thing for me is to spend as little time thinking about that as possible and as much time working on the issues we're here to discuss as possible. .... I need to work on the business of the people."

House officials sent the Senate all public evidence in the case, including material from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and documents from the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit. Also included are audio tapes that Linda Tripp made of her conversations with Ms. Lewinsky.

Drafted by private attorneys and the staff of the White House counsel's office, Clinton's pleadings argued that the impeachment

standard of high crimes and misdemeanors refers to actions that are attempts to subvert the Constitution. They said that just as Republicans and Democrats agreed in 1974 that President Nixon's filing of an allegedly false income tax return fell short of that standard, do did the allegations against Clinton, even if proven.

They also methodically sought to rebut each allegation — that Clinton lied in grand jury testimony, for example, or conspired to hide gifts that Ms. Lewinsky had given him.

They acknowledged that the accounts of Clinton and the former intern differ on some matters, such as the number of their encounters, the date of their first intimate contact and what they did together.

However, the lawyers wrote, "these squabbles are utterly immaterial" and are "precisely the kind of disagreement that the law does not intend to capture as perjury."

Under ground rules adopted last week, the House has 24 hours — spread over three days, for example — to make its case, and

the White House will have 24 hours for its defense. The Senate will then be permitted to pose questions to the two sides. Afterward, the White House is expected to seek dismissal of the charges, and the House is expected to seek permission to call witnesses.

In their brief, the White House lawyers said the president would face a "critical need for the discovery of evidence useful to his defense — evidence which would routinely be available to any civil litigant involved in a garden-variety automobile accident case."

If the prosecutors call even one witness, Clinton lawyers would need a delay of weeks to go through that process before they could fairly cross examine any House witness, said one lawyer, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

It will be up to the Senate to decide on requests for delays. The White House assertion that a lengthy pause in the trial would be needed appeared to be an effort to lay the groundwork for charging the GOP-controlled Senate with being unfair to the president. ■



## NATIONAL NEWS

## Vols already spent most of bowl earnings, but merchandise selling well

**Nashville, TN (AP)**—Tennessee's participation in the Fiesta Bowl earned \$12 million for the Southeastern Conference but only about \$2.9 million for the school. Under the SEC's share-the-wealth formula, bowl money is divided among all league schools. After \$2.3 million in expenses for sending an entourage of 1,020 — including players, coaches and band members — to Tempe, Ariz., for the Fiesta Bowl, Tennessee netted \$1.5 million from bowls this year.

About \$18 million of the \$30 million the SEC earned from eight teams in bowl games came from Tennessee and Florida. Those schools were the conference's participants in the Bowl Championship Series, which includes the Fiesta, Orange, Rose and Sugar bowls.

Tennessee already had budgeted \$650,000 of its bowl money, leaving \$850,000 for a new \$4 million academic building for Tennessee athletes.

The SEC formula gives a flat guarantee for participating in a bowl — \$2.5 million for Tennessee to play in the Fiesta Bowl — and divides the remainder among the other 11 SEC teams.

"That's what our presidents and athletic directors have said for a number of years — to keep all of our programs strong in the conference from a financial standpoint," said Mark Womack, executive associate SEC commissioner.

Meantime, Tennessee merchandise continues to sell well and that means more money for the school.

Every time a fan buys a T-shirt, hat or pin, the university receives 7.5 percent of the gross sales, said Sara Phillips, director of licensing at Tennessee. That number jumps to between 10 percent and 15 percent for championship merchandise and may translate into an additional \$500,000 to \$1 million for the university, she said. The school earned more than \$1.7 million in licensing revenues last year. ■

## Man arrested in rape of comatose patient who gave birth

**Lawrence, Mass. (AP)**—A woman in a years-long coma who gave birth to a baby last fall was raped by a registered nurse's aide who worked at her nursing home since 1995, authorities say. Israel Moret, 37, of Lawrence was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of raping the 24-year-old patient at Town Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Nursing home workers only discovered the rape in October when they realized the woman was pregnant. She gave birth to a baby girl on Oct. 23 — 14 weeks premature.

Prosecutors said Moret was implicated by DNA tests. He was fired Tuesday and was arraigned today on charges of rape and abuse of a patient in a long-term care facility. He pleaded innocent and bail was set at \$100,000.

Town Manor is one of 35 nursing homes in Massachusetts managed by Sunrise, a nationwide company based in New Mexico.

"We are shocked and dismayed that an employee has been implicated," the company said in a statement released Tuesday. The victim, formerly of Londonderry, N.H., has been in a drug-induced coma since 1995. Authorities have not released her name and she was moved to another, undisclosed facility in Lawrence.

The woman's parents are seeking legal guardianship of their daughter and custody of her baby. A hearing is scheduled for Thursday. The woman is being treated at another, undisclosed facility in Lawrence.

Moret has a clean record and has never had a patient file a complaint against him, state Department of Public Health spokesman Mark Leccese said. The department has given Town Manor the highest possible score after unannounced inspections over the past two years. ■

## Flynt's obscenity trial postponed

**Cincinnati (AP)**—A judge reluctantly agreed today to postpone Larry Flynt's obscenity trial scheduled for next week so the Hustler publisher can have urological surgery.

Judge Patrick Dinkelacker wants proof that Flynt has the surgery. "You all be prepared to go to trial Tuesday if he does not have surgery," the judge said.

Flynt's attorneys had filed a motion Monday saying he needs surgery to correct a urological problem common among paraplegics. Flynt has been in a wheelchair since he was shot in 1978. If Flynt has the procedure, the trial will be rescheduled for April 5.

Flynt, 55, and his brother, Jimmy, 49, are accused of obscenity and other charges for selling sexually explicit videos at their Hustler Magazine & Gifts store. They were charged after a 14-year-old boy said he bought a video at the store.

Flynt argues that Ohio's obscenity law goes beyond the legal test established in a landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision.

If convicted, each could get 24 years in prison and \$65,000 in fines. In 1977, Flynt was convicted of obscenity for selling Hustler in Cincinnati. The conviction was overturned on appeal. ■



## WORLD NEWS

## Critics say Preval pulls off coup; Haitian democracy in the balance

**Port-Au-Prince, Haiti (AP)**—With the stroke of a pen, Haiti's president has swept aside a democracy only recently restored by a U.S. invasion and imposed one-man rule, defenders of Haiti's constitution charged Wednesday. President Rene Preval also may have ushered in another era of instability for Haiti, a fear underscored by a brazen attack Tuesday on his sister.

Preval told the nation late Monday that he will create a new government by decree. The next afternoon, motorcycle gunmen shot his sister and killed her driver. The motive for the shooting was not known, and there have been no arrests. Marie-Claude Calvin was in stable condition Wednesday after surgery for gunshots to her neck, chest and leg.

Preval's announcement aimed to break a 17-month stalemate that has left the impoverished Caribbean nation without a budget or the functioning government. Preval's foes in parliament have spurned four successive nominees for premier since Rosny Smarth resigned in June 1997.

"Preval has staged a coup d'etat to establish a dictatorship," said Myrlande Manigat, a constitutional law expert. "There are many kinds of coups — not only military."

Lawmakers protested Preval's decision, but ordinary Haitians are so disillusioned with their dysfunctional democracy that few rallied to the cause.

Most coups in Haiti have been carried out by the military. In 1991, the army deposed elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and launched a reign of terror in which at least 4,000 civilians were killed. ■

## Irish schoolgirl devises new, faster e-mail code

**Blarney, Ireland (AP)**—A 16-year-old Irish schoolgirl may have made e-mail even faster.

Sarah Flannery from Blarney, in Ireland's Cork County, is being hailed as a mathematical genius for devising a new code for sending electronic mail — and is being flooded by job offers from computer firms, the Times of London said Wednesday.

Her new code is 10 times faster than the current data protection code used for e-mails, created by three students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1977, the paper said. Flannery's code is equally secure as well.

Flannery, who unveiled the code to amazed judges at the Irish Young Scientists and Technology Exhibition last weekend, said she is considering publishing her discovery rather than patenting it because she does not want people to have to pay to use it.

"I had to go through a lot of stuff before I finalized the theory," said Flannery, whose father, David, teaches mathematics at Cork Institute of Technology. "I reached critical points where I would get stuck for three weeks or so. I just kept thinking about it and then the whole thing slipped into place."

She will now represent Ireland in the European Union Science Contest in Greece in September. The Times did not say whether she would accept any of the job offers or any of the numerous scholarships also offered by universities. ■

## Japan, U.S. vow close ties on defense against North Korea

**Tokyo (AP)**—Defense Secretary William Cohen and his Japanese counterpart agreed today to continue cooperating on ways to monitor North Korea's military threat, a Japanese military spokesman said.

Cohen and Hoseni Norota, secretary general of Japan's Defense Agency, discussed a bilateral plan to build an antimissile defense system, said the Defense Agency spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Cohen and Norota also exchanged views on plans to update U.S.-Japan security guidelines and the issue of reducing the U.S. military presence on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa.

Talks between the United States and Japan on developing an antimissile defense system have raised concern among many of Japan's Asian neighbors. In Washington on Tuesday, a top Chinese diplomat hinted that China might build more powerful missiles.

The United States and Japan agreed to work together on researching a theater missile defense system after Stalinist North Korea fired a missile over Japan in August.

During a visit on Tuesday to Yokota Air Base outside Tokyo, Cohen warned North Korea that it must allow inspections of a suspected nuclear weapons site or risk losing financial aid for a nuclear power project.

Cohen said the North's continued refusal to allow inspection of the underground site will make it hard to persuade taxpayers in the United States, Japan and South Korea to help finance nuclear reactors in North Korea.

Cohen dismissed North Korea's demand for \$300 million in exchange for the right to inspect the site, which is north of Pyongyang, North Korea's capital. ■

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## Faculty Senate approves new cheating procedures

David Copeland  
Staff Reporter

On Monday, the Faculty Senate voted to suggest a resolution that would change the way allegations of academic misconduct are dealt with.

If approved by President Walker, the new rules will probably cut down the time it takes to deal with Academic Misconduct (cheating, plagiarism).

Under the present procedure, if the student disagrees with the grade given, he or she must wait until the semester is over to appeal the case with the Grade Appeals Committee. The student then must wait for their decision.

Under the proposed rules, however, the student may have a hearing before the University Discipline Committee immediately following the incident. This would lead to a quicker final decision than under the existing rules.

According to Jerry Brookshire, President of the Faculty Senate, the Discipline Committee also would be able to set the student's grade for the course if they feel as though the instructor assigns a grade that is not appropriate.

Under the current procedure, the Grade Appeals Committee cannot do this. They can only reject the given grade and ask that the professor re-assess the grade.

In other news, the Faculty Senate also voted to suggest the reallocation of indirect costs throughout the school. They want to give more money back to the department that generates the funds in the first place.

They suggested that a subcommittee also be formed to study the distribution in more detail so they can better decide where the money goes. The resolution hopes to encourage the individual departments to be more aggressive in recruiting grant money and thus increasing MTSU's funding. ■

## New dorms to open Fall 1999

Kelley Dodd  
Staff Reporter

If you have noticed the massive construction taking place on the east side of campus and are wondering what might be coming soon to our university, it's the newest addition to student housing, named the M.G. Scarlett Commons apartment complex.

Named after a former MTSU president emeritus, Melvin G. Scarlett, the on-campus living facilities include nine apartment complexes complete with a clubhouse/administration building.

Scheduled to open for the Fall 1999 semester, the 104 unit complex totaling \$12 million will be available primarily for seniors and juniors, and if space allows, some

sophomores.

According to Debra Sells, director of housing and residential life, each furnished unit features four bedrooms complete with MTSU computer system access, two bathrooms, a kitchen and a living room area.

As with the dormitories, all utilities and basic phone and cable services are included at Scarlett Commons. Students who choose to live in the apartments will pay once each semester along with their tuition costs.

However, Scarlett Commons will have a slightly different rate than dormitory rent, although that price has not yet been determined.

Those who wish to live in the M. G. Scarlett Commons complex will have the chance to request a space beginning in March on the 1999-

2000 housing application.

Students may request up to three roommates on their application, provided all four individuals' applications match. For those who do not request roommates, the Housing Office will match applications, as in the dorms.

M. G. Scarlett Commons will provide housing for as many as 416 students, offering individuals apartment-style living at an affordable rate while including the conveniences of living on campus.

"We think Scarlett Commons will be a beautiful addition to our housing inventory," Sells said. "They will fill a need that has been on our campus and we are very excited." ■

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The Weatherford Chair of Finance is now taking applications for 6 scholarships for 1999-2000, ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per year for Business Majors with an emphasis in Financial Institutions Management. Varying requirements apply. Contact Gina Poole at 898-2883 for more information. Deadline is January 20, 1999.

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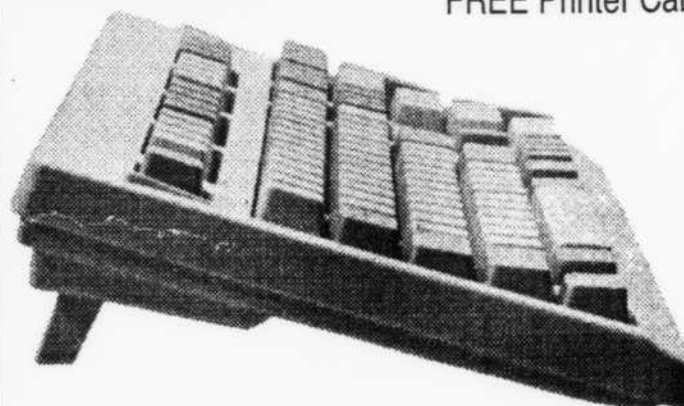
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# OPINIONS

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

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

## Editorial

### Make higher education a higher priority

State legislators are now feeling the burn of years of cutbacks on higher education spending.

They were probably surprised when a report from the panel appointed by Gov. Don Sundquist put a \$441 million price tag on reform.

But the truth is that nobody should be surprised by the panel's findings. Higher education has not been a priority in Tennessee for a long time — if it ever was.

Remember the catchphrase from the movie "Field of Dreams" — "If you build it, they will come?" Higher education in Tennessee works the same way.

Schools must be built up so that students will want to stay and complete their education in Tennessee.

A commitment to primary education in Tennessee over recent years has raised elementary and high school standards. Ironically, this same money spent to prepare high school students for college could keep them from it — many qualified students can't attend college because the funding is not available.

The entire report released by the panel has been clouded by discussion of merging the University of Tennessee Board of Regents, which control all schools in the UT system, and the Tennessee Board of Regents, which controls all other public higher education facilities in the state. It's a good idea because there are too many "governing boards" in Tennessee higher education.

However, this is not what is important. The big fact is now the legislators know what it will take to make Tennessee an academic state, not an athletic one.

All the national championships in the world don't matter if you can't educate your students to be competitive after they enter the job market.

The decision now is up to the Tennessee legislature. Do they want to build our schools into strong academic institutions or should they stay like they are?

It's a sad day when athletics are praised above academics, and all higher education students should be upset that academics have taken a back seat in Tennessee.

The legislature should do what they can to get more money for higher education, even though the suggestions include raising sales tax, levying a 1 percent income tax or starting a lottery.

Let legislators know that higher education is important. Write them and tell them that higher education has been ignored for too long. ■

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## Starr won't quit; he's at center stage

Marianne Lavelle  
the Washington Post

WASHINGTON — As the Senate struggles with how long and how lurid its trial of President Clinton should be, there's a palpable sense in the country that we are nearing the end of the Monica Lewinsky matter. However the Senate decides the case — guilty or not guilty, censure or no censure, with or without witnesses — at least it will all be over soon. We'll be able to let children watch the evening news again. Congress and the president can go back to fighting over Social Security and health care.

It's not going to happen.

While the Senate plays out its scenes on center stage, Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's prosecutors are waiting in the wings, preparing for the next act. Starr's indictment last Thursday of a bit player in the drama, Kathleen Willey's former friend Julie Hiatt Steele on obstruction of justice charges, is more than a tying up of loose ends. It's a signal that he is not yet finished with Bill Clinton. The president has said that he intends to remain in office "until the last hour of the last day" of his term. There is every reason to believe that Starr intends to dog him to that very hour, and perhaps beyond.

It isn't just the Lewinsky case. And no, I'm not talking about unsupported allegations pulled from the tabloids or the House evidence room. In addition to the indictment of Steele — which shows that Starr is still investigating the president's alleged groping of Willey — the independent counsel has kept his hooks in the scandal he was appointed to investigate, Whitewater. In September, Starr was much maligned for not clearing the president in that earlier scandal; the fact is, after four and a half years, his

investigation is not yet over. Starr's prosecutors are preparing for the trials of Clinton confidants Susan McDougal (for criminal contempt and obstruction of justice) and Webster Hubbell (for false statements to bank regulators and Congress), as well as attempting to revive another Hubbell prosecution for tax fraud. All three cases represent opportunities to squeeze the defendants for incriminating testimony regarding Clinton's Arkansas loan dealings.

And even if Starr's ongoing investigations fail to produce evidence of further wrongdoing by the president, he can always come back to the Lewinsky case. Indeed, despite repeated invitations to do so, the independent counsel has refused to rule out the possibility that he will seek to indict Clinton for perjury, false statements, or obstruction of justice — perhaps even while the president is still in office.

During the congressional impeachment proceedings, the independent counsel has been content to stay largely in the background, allowing the 453-page referral he delivered to the House in September to

make his case. While Starr always saw it as his legal duty to send Congress "specific and credible evidence of impeachable offenses," it is clear from his public statements that he has never felt his duty ended there. From the beginning, he has also felt an obligation to prosecute criminal offenses he might uncover. In truth,

Starr's team, culled mostly from the public-integrity section of the Justice Department, has always been more comfortable in the legal arena than in the political one. These are prosecutors who have spent their careers investigating politicians. Does anyone imagine they intended merely to deliver their files into the hands of politicians and let that be the end of it?

Starr's office, in response to back-channel inquiries from Clinton supporters, has made it known that if it should ever come to an indictment, Clinton would have the option of doing what most criminal suspects do. Go talk to the prosecutors. Work out a deal.

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Most speculation about a future indictment of Clinton has focused on the possibility of prosecution after he leaves office. But there is substantial evidence that Starr would consider indicting the president while he is still president. Although Starr acknowledges the prevailing view that a sitting president cannot be indicted, he has never publicly subscribed to it. In fact, soon after the Lewinsky investigation began last January, Starr hired University of Illinois law professor Ronald Rotunda, one of strongest advocates of the indictability of a president, as a constitutional law adviser. Before being hired, Rotunda, had written a Chicago Tribune op-ed arguing that the 1997 Supreme Court decision allowing the Paula Jones case to proceed strongly supports the idea of presidential indictability.

Starr spokesman Charles Bakaly pointedly avoids talking about criminal indictment. In the past, he has said that Clinton has little to fear from indictment. The president's team, he suggests, would be happy to take its chances before a jury, having well demonstrated an awareness that a charge of perjury — turning on precise word meanings, intentions and the significance of the lies themselves — is a difficult charge to prove. Besides, Starr's office, in response to back-channel inquiries

from Clinton supporters, has made it known that if it should ever come to an indictment, Clinton would have the option of doing what most criminal suspects do. Go talk to the prosecutors. Work out a deal.

But the very suggestion underscores the notion that, eventually, the president will face a reckoning with the prosecutor.

How could the independent counsel's office be so out of touch with the nationwide desire for an end to the scandal? Why won't it just let the matter drop, as so many Americans are eager to do? After Starr's testimony before the House Judiciary Committee last fall, there were hints that some of his friends outside of the office were hoping he would do just that. Through the media, a few allies sent out the signal that perhaps he would bow to the popular will and consider leaving his office some time in the spring. He had done his duty. He had taken his shots.

So, the scandal won't be leaving us any time soon, and both sides know it. Hillary Clinton has famously remarked that she fully anticipates Starr's investigation to continue until after her husband leaves office. And Bakaly has somewhat less famously confirmed the first lady's fear, telling reporters at a breakfast meeting last November that, if anything, her two-year estimate may have been a conservative one. ■

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## Sex regarded as play time

Alex Ross  
Tulane University

Hear me out. This editorial is how I, an 18-year-old college-going Joe, see college nightlife and how we—college students, that is—regard sex. Granted this is a biased view from a white suburban-bred boy from the Rockies; I play golf, and my Mom sports a minivan. But at least my writing is open and honest.

So here goes.

Generally speaking, college students regard sex as play; nothing more, nothing less. We've adopted a permissive attitude and loose behavior that's running rampant throughout society.

Years back the media hounded several gangs in California when they discovered gang members kept track of the numbers the girls with whom they'd had sex. Frightening yes, but I'll bet there's hardly a frat house in this nation that doesn't do the same thing—either officially or unofficially.

I hear frat boys at my school, Tulane University, keep track of such stats amid laughter and slaps on the back. It's a game, I tell you. Their exploits have garnered them a reputation for proclivity in the sack, and the blatant stories told of and by them are campus legends. They have to keep the myth—and the games—alive.

Don't think fraternity boys are the only ones guilty of this offense. They're actually no better or worse than non-Greek guys and—horror of horrors—women. We're all equals, in fact. I've seen the X's (a smiley face for the guy down the hall) on doors signaling, "Don't come in, I'm busy."

Those doors open up to rooms inhabited by fraternity and sorority members, non-Greek men and women—even resident assistants.

We're growing up, but in a different way than our parents did. We expect our college classmates to have one-night stands. One girl I know gets pissed because her roommate is really loud when she's having sex on Friday nights — not because it's with a different guy each week.

Our parents would consider our concept of sex socially repugnant. After all, we've turned sex into little more than a recreational activity.

Laugh if you want, but this behavior has more impact than hurt feelings and regrets: Safe sex on college campuses hovers only around 50%. One in four college students has a sexually transmitted disease. HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is predicted to be the greatest killer of our generation.

And it's not only men who are making hushed trips to the doctor. ■

## Deceased student was no ordinary Joe

Kin Easter  
Special to Sidelines

"Life is short."  
"Live life to the fullest."  
"There's never a second chance."

To me it was "Blah, blah, blah, blah, blah." Sometimes people call me a cynic, but I had to see it to believe it.

Then there was Joe. He didn't live an ordinary life, nor did he care. His main mission in life was to just be happy. College, well that was a place for Joe to spend his lifetime. That's what he wanted to do.

Joe was out in the daytime at school with a small, pleasant grin on his face. He was happy to be at school. It wasn't, "Oh, I've got a paper due next week" or "I just don't feel like doing anything."

"Where are you going?" I once asked Joe at Peck Hall.

"I'm going to the JUB for philosophy class," he said. "Today, we're going to study about . . ." (whatever he said, I can't remember).

No, he wasn't a social nerd. Just ask the ladies around campus.

Sometimes Joe worked at odd hours throughout the night. But when he had time for himself, he would use it with his friends. He wasn't tired, he was ready to have fun.

Once he called a girl at 12:30 in the morning. The next thing Joe heard was the dial tone, but he didn't fear rejection and was persistent in courting her. Later, he became a large chapter in the girl's history.

Joe, however, could do that. He could do pretty much whatever he wanted to do. There was no fear in

him, neither was there anger, grudge holding or hatred toward others.

He was Joe. People liked him. People could see his good nature, and his ugly side wouldn't show.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, ". . . but the sour faces of the multitude, like their sweet faces, have no deep cause, - disguise no gods, but are put on and off as the wind blows."

Joe Dean Bell, an MTSU student and a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, was killed in a work-related accident at 3 a.m. on Sunday morning. He was only 23-years old.

Close friends say he was happy last weekend.

Make the decisions that are right for your life.

That's what Joe would do. ■



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Keith Lockhart, Conductor of the Boston Pops.

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# Boston Pops stop at Murphy Center

**John Garner**  
Special to Sidelines

The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, under the baton of conductor Keith Lockhart, will bring more than 100 years of musical tradition to the heartland of Tennessee this Saturday when it takes the stage at MTSU's Murphy Center.

On a summer evening in 1885, the Boston Symphony Orchestra presented the first in a series of musical performances intended to recreate the pleasures of the European concert garden. The program for these concerts will be made up largely of light music of the best class.

Although the first program humorously tossed together Beethoven, Strauss, Wagner and other European composers, a heritage uniquely American was launched that night.

"The Pops began as a copy of a German institution, but within its

first century it has become one of the things that defines our American Experience," wrote critic Richard Dysart in 1985.

Audiences took readily to the series. Throughout most of its first 30 years, the orchestra increasingly consolidated compositions by American musicians into its schedule. By 1899, "The Stars and Stripes Forever!" had been adopted as the regular finale for the Promenade Concerts, and in 1900 they became officially recognized as the Boston Pops.

The process of bringing the world-renown popular orchestra to Murfreesboro was surprisingly easy, according to Mimi Thomas, Assistant Director of Student Programming.

Lockhart was familiar with MTSU when we approached him," Thomas said. "Last spring, the chairperson for the ideas and issues committee arranged for our music department to host him as a guest speaker."

Following the lecture, Lockhart accepted a ride to the airport from Student Programming Director Harold C. Smith. While en route, Smith asked the 39-year-old maestro what it would take to bring the Pops to our campus.

"If you're really interested, just give us a call," Lockhart reportedly said.

The timing couldn't have been better. Their office was organizing what has developed into a seven-city tour of the southeastern United States. MTSU is scheduled to be the first stop of that tour.

"We're very excited to host Keith and the Pops Esplanade Orchestra," Thomas said. "This is a premiere event. How many times do you have a chance to attend the first-ever performance at MTSU of a world-famous orchestra? That's a lot to get excited about!"

Thomas points out that the logistics of putting on the concert have proven to be no problem.

"Murphy Center is right there,

ready to be used. The concert is scheduled on a weekend when classes aren't in session, so the public should find plenty of open parking spaces. We expect that everybody, from 'Town and Gown' to the high school clarinet player, will want to be here."

Putting together a concert of this magnitude takes a lot of work from too many people to recognize individually but, "in particular, we thank TPAC and MTSU's Office of Public Affairs for their efforts."

Lockhart will open the concert with a performance of Boston Pops Laureate Conductor John Williams' "Liberty Fanfare." The piece was composed for the Statue of Liberty centennial in 1986.

The Pop's most famous conductor, Arthur Fiedler, established the tradition of playing music the average American enjoys hearing and this will continue in a selection of music offering something for everyone attending. The performance will feature selections from the motion pictures

"Titanic" and "Hook", Aaron Copeland's "Buckaroo Holiday" and Leonard Bernstein's "Simple Song" from "Mass."

The program will also feature a set with Robin McElhatten, a vocalist who started out singing in church with her mother and grew to be a natural performer who has sung everything from music theater to rock and roll and R&B.

The concert will close with several selections from "Runnin' Wild: The Boston Pops Plays Glen Miller" and a medley of Elvis Presley hits entitled "Long Live the King!"

The concert is scheduled to begin on January 16 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are priced from \$35 to \$50, and are available by calling TicketMaster at (615)255-9600. You can also reserve seating at the MTSU Box Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by calling (615)898-2103.

And if Maestro Lockhart and the Pops are taking requests, there's one Thomas would especially like to hear: "The Tennessee Waltz." ■

## Son, 21, helps parents get set for retirement

**Amy Baldwin**  
Knight-Ridder News Service

CYNTHIANA, Ky. - Travis Banfield is studying for a career in financial planning.

Just call his parents, Gary and Tam Banfield, his guinea pigs.

Travis, a 21-year-old student at Georgetown College, started examining their finances and retirement savings about a year and a half ago while doing an internship at Pierce Financial Planning Inc. in Lexington, Ky.

While some baby boomers are grappling with issues of caring financially and otherwise for their aging parents, Generation Xer Travis is way ahead of his time. He wanted to make sure his parents, Gary, 47, and Tam, 43, had a retirement plan.

Travis, a business and sociology major, found they had little set aside. So he went about helping

mom and dad do everything from refinance their mortgage to beefing up mom's contributions to her employer-sponsored 401(k) retirement plan.

"In 20 years, he doesn't want us living with him," Gary quipped.

The Banfields admit they were skeptical about turning their finances over to their son. But talking about it recently at their dining room table, Gary and Tam Banfield said they realize now they have found an astute financial planner - for life.

That shouldn't surprise them. "Ever since he was a teen-ager, he's just been interested in money, making it and saving it," Tam said.

For Christmas and birthdays, Travis preferred to open envelopes filled with money instead of opening presents, Tam said. The cash went straight into the bank.

"I remember telling him when he was 13 that he would be 16 in three

years and I said, 'If you need a vehicle when you turn 16, the way I got my first one was by making money and saving for it.' The first car he found that he was interested in, he walked up to the man and handed him cash for it," Gary said.

The car, a classic 1967 Buick, cost him \$2,500. He later sold it because it got 10 miles to the gallon, making it unsuitable for commuting between Cynthiana and college in Georgetown.

Gary and Tam are hard-working, middle-class folks. He's an electrician for R.A. Williams, a Lexington construction company. She works in human resources for 3M's Post-It note operation in Cynthiana. They're not financial wizards, Tam said.

"My family never talked about saving. They just worked. ... I had had some savings plan at work but really didn't know anything about it. To be honest, finances just kind

of make my eyes glaze over. It goes right over my head," she said.

Enter Travis.

He took a look at his mom's 401(k) plan and made some changes. She had invested her 401(k) in money-market accounts earning 4 percent to 6 percent.

Now Tam's 401(k) is invested in riskier funds to produce higher returns over the long term. Travis also increased the amount of the salary she contributes, because at 4 percent she wasn't getting the full benefit of her employer's potential 6 percent match. Now she's putting 9 percent of her pretax income into the retirement account.

"I didn't even tell her (about the contribution increase), because she told me to handle it and she would think it was a lot. She didn't even notice," Travis said.

Travis got his dad started in his

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## Bull riding comes to Tennessee Livestock Center

Staff Reports

Friday the 15th and Saturday the 16th at 8:00 p.m., Rafter A and H-Bar-M Rodeo companies will put on a bullriding competition featuring 35 riders per night.

"It should make for a good night of family entertainment, lots of thrills and spills," said Alan Adams, owner of Rafter A Rodeo company.

Adams' company is in charge of most of the promotion. Mike Moore and his H-Bar-M Rodeo company will serve as the Stock Contractor, providing the bucking stock.

The event is sanctioned with the National Cowboy Association and will also feature a Wrangler Bullfighting Competition both nights as well. There will be 4 bull fighters/rodeo clowns each night, eight total. There will also be a "barrel man" doing skits to keep the audience entertained.

"We should have good stock and good cowboys. Some will be MTSU students."

Local sponsors of the show are Alexander Ford and Rental Supply Corporation of Murfreesboro and French's Boot and Shoes in Shelbyville, Cookeville and Crossville.

Adams says that each night's entertainment will likely last for about two and a half hours. If there is enough interest, those involved with putting on the show would like to see it expanded into a three day event next year. ■



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## "MIGHTY JOE YOUNG"

Movie Review by Gene Siske /Tribune Media Services

A remake of a cult 1949 thriller that was a poor man's "King Kong." You know the story: A giant gorilla is captured by those who would exploit him, separating him from those who treasure him — including a pretty young thing (Charlize Theron), here the daughter of an anthropologist. What's with these "ape girls"? What's the matter with a puppy? Or a stuffed animal? All of the predictable capture and rage scene are included, as well as repeated special effects shots of Joe bounding across a plain, using his knuckles for balance. PG. ★★ stars.

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first 401(k), putting most of his contributions into index funds and allocating the employer match into riskier stock funds.

Every week during his internship with Pierce Financial Planning, Travis would tackle a different task on his parents' finances. He'd seek advice from financial planner George Pierce, who like Travis and his parents is from Cynthiana.

"He literally used his parents as guinea pigs," Pierce said. "He did a good job. ... They were classic boomers who hadn't paid attention to their financial affairs. They worked hard, but needed someone to say, 'You need to stop doing this and start doing this.'"

"He's like me. He hates to see people waste their resources." That's why Travis increased his parents' auto-insurance deductibles from \$250 to \$500, as most financial planners would advise.

He also did the footwork needed

to refinance his parents' mortgage. Tam and Gary signed on for a variable interest rate when they bought their two-story house four years ago. The rate had gone up to about 7.75 percent a year ago, when Travis locked them into a 30-year mortgage at 6.25 percent.

"The savings was in the thousands of dollars - what it's going to save them," Travis said.

But the biggest area in which Travis helped was in finding a new life insurance policy for his father.

"I took Dad's insurance in (to George Pierce), and we found out it wasn't the best insurance policy that could be bought, and it was cash value," he said.

Travis explained that his father didn't need universal life insurance, a kind of policy that includes a saving account, because his father would earn more interest through his 401(k) account. Travis found a 15-year term life policy that cost the same - about \$56 a month - and offers double the coverage, \$100,000.

"In 15 years, I am projecting, they shouldn't need that (insurance) money (any longer). ... They will have enough saved through their retirement accounts that insurance won't be needed," Travis said. "A lot of people can't understand that insurance isn't necessarily needed if you have the money."

Travis, who's now a human-resources intern at the Georgetown Toyota plant, is already sounding like a financial planner, saying things like, "If you don't keep up with your finances, you get taken advantage of."

Or, "If you have bad health, you go to the doctor. If your car's not running you take it to a mechanic. You can live with bad finances. You can live and get by and never know the difference."

But at least Travis Banfield's parents know they can count on him to keep an eye on their financial well-being.

"Now, I feel more confident that I've got someone who's watching out for me," Tam said. ■

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## NFL teams reduced to four by playoffs

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

And then there were four.

The NFL playoffs have whittled the teams down to four. There is one game remaining for the teams that will eventually represent their respective conference in the Super Bowl.

On Sunday the teams will square off in the Mile High city as well as in the Hubert Humphrey Metro Dome.

In Denver, the teams that have made it to the AFC championship include the Denver Broncos and the New York Jets. The Jets, coached by Bill Parcells, are heavy underdogs in the contest, but every team that has played the Broncos have been an underdog this year.

The Jets feature runningback Curtis Martin and the resurgence of Vinny Testaverde.

Testaverde began his career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers where he failed as the starting quarterback. He then moved to Cleveland where he did much of the same thing. Following the Browns' move to Baltimore, he was promptly signed by his current team. This year he has regained some of his abilities that won him the Heisman Trophy when he played college football with the Miami Hurricanes and Jimmy Johnson.

The Denver Broncos have been the talk of all of the sporting world this year after winning the first 13 games they played this year. The all time record for consecutive wins in a regular season is 17, which was set by the Miami Dolphins in 1972.

Denver features John Elway and Terrell Davis, who is having the best season of his short career. He broke the 2000 yard mark in the last game of the season, while ending the year about 100 yards shy of the all-time record.

The NFC, which has been plagued by mediocrity this year, features the Atlanta Falcons and the Minnesota Vikings. Regardless of who wins, the NFC crown will change hands.

This game features two teams that are having the biggest fluke years that any team has had in years.

Randall Cunningham will never have a year like the one he is having this year. Randy Moss has peaked in his rookie season. He will begin his decline next year.

When the referees begin to realize that even when Randy Moss pushes off and catches a pass that it is still illegal. The Vikings won't be as good next year.

Atlanta may have a legitimate team this year. With Dan Reeves at the helm on the sidelines, the Falcons may have a good shot at taking down the Vikings.

Jamal Anderson should be able to run all over the Vikings. If they can control the ball and get some calls on defense, they can and probably will win.

The Super Bowl will feature the Minnesota Vikings and the Denver Broncos. Denver will win the game. ■

## Raiders to face Tigers, Govs

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

Raiders, Tigers, and Governors, Oh my.

The Blue Raiders will go toe to toe with two of the better teams in the OVC this week as they battle arch rival TSU and Austin Peay. Both games are on the road.

The first game of the week is against the most hated of rivals for MTSU, the Tigers of Tennessee State. The game is Thursday at 7:30 at the Howard C. Gentry Complex. MTSU is entering the game on the back of a two game losing streak, depending on what they did Tuesday night against Tennessee Tech.

The Blue Raiders have played well against Murray State, unfortunately, they were beaten by 10 points. The game was a great battle. The next contest was against Eastern Illinois. MTSU went down early in that contest, but managed to claw back into the game. However, a last second tip doused the hopes of the Raiders.

MTSU expects to start the game with the traditional starting lineup. That includes Richard Duncan and Ali McGhee in the back court. The post players include Lee Nosse, Cedrick Wallace and Dale Thomas.

Wallace began the season well but began to take a nose dive after the North Carolina game. However, in two out of the last three games he has led MTSU in scoring. Those games include the 23 point output against Eastern Illinois.

Richard Duncan has been on a scoring tear lately and it would be to the Raiders advantage to continue his good play. He is beginning to make believers out of the people that have doubted him.

Defensively, MTSU will have



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

MTSU's Richard Duncan finds difficulty against Eastern Illinois's defense this weekend at Murphy Center.

their hands full. Five of the Tiger's 6 leading scorers are once again on the team. This include leading scorer Jamie Roberts.

Roberts is a 6-3, 190 pound sophomore. At the guard spot he will be at a disadvantage in height against Ali McGhee.

At the other guard spot, is Kevin Samuel. He, as well as the other five starters, were all starters on the team from a year ago. Jason Johnson will start in the front court. Johnson stands 6 feet and 8 inches, while weighing 235 pounds.

Dale Thomas will more than likely get the nod when it comes to defending the 13 point per game scorer. AT the other forward spot will be Keith Samuel. Samuel averaged 7 points and 4 rebounds a year ago.

Guarding the second Samuel will be Cedrick Wallace. Wallace and Samuel are about the same

height and weight. At the center position will be 6-10, 260 pound Julian Bankston.

Bankston is big, but he is not a good offensive weapon. However, he is a good defensive player. Nosse should have his way with Bankston in that game.

The outcome of the game, as all the others, will be determined by who turns the ball over the least. Turnover are a big part of every game, as well as, free throws. Free throws can win and lose games for a team.

The second game of the week pits the Raiders against the Governors.

Austin Peay lost three of their five starters. However, returning to the team are the two forwards Jerome Jackson and James Stewart.

Jackson led the team in scoring a year ago with a 13.4 point per

game. Stewart was just a shade under double figures with his scoring average of 9.5. Against the Blue Raiders, Jackson scored 12 points and grabbed a career high in rebounds with 13.

For MTSU to pull out a victory, offensive rebounds are going to have to be held to a bare minimum. Extra offensive chances for the opposition have plagued the Blue Raiders so far this season.

Last year the Blue Raiders played APSU two times. The first time MTSU won by 25 points. The second time APSU won in overtime by four points.

MTSU has superior talent and coaching to the Governor's. However, road games in the OVC are extremely tough to win. Fortunately, according to the Swami, MTSU will win the game by 11 points. 85-74 will be the final score. ■

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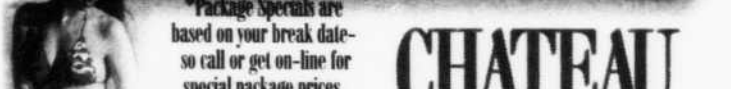
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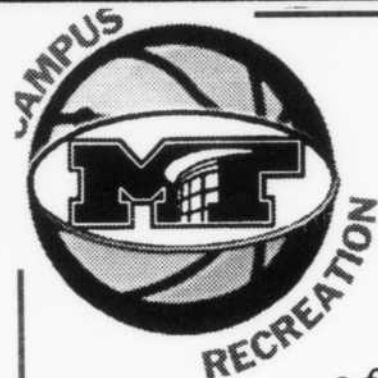
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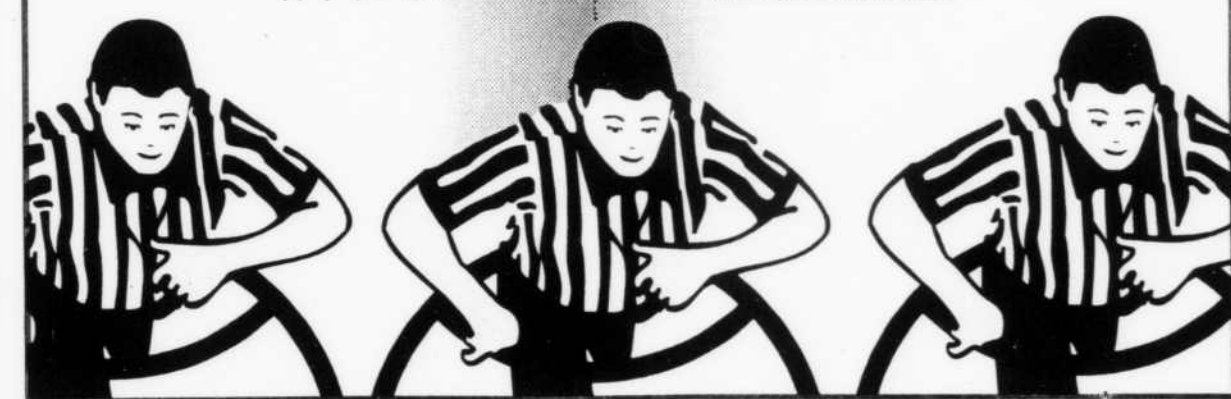
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# Jordan is '99.9' percent retired

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan thought about reducing the whole affair to just two words. "I'm gone."

That would have worked. After all, he marked his return with a two-word fax that said: "I'm back."

But this occasion called for more — and Jordan knew it. So, with his wife at his side and in the arena where he worked his magic, he almost cried and almost sounded content in pronouncing himself retired from the Chicago Bulls — leaving himself the tiniest of outs.

"Mentally, I'm exhausted. I don't feel I have a challenge. Physically, I feel great," the 35-year-old Jordan told a packed news conference at the United Center. "This is a perfect time for me to walk away from the game."

In doing so, for the second time in five years, the NBA's greatest player ended his 13-year career with six championships, five MVP awards, 10 scoring titles and unsurpassed worldwide fame.

Is it forever this time?

"I never say never, but it's 95, 99.9 percent. I'm very secure in my decision," Jordan said.

Pressed on the tiny window he left open, Jordan said: "Ninety-nine point-nine is as you read it. It's not really 100 percent, but it's close."

So that's where I stand. I'm not going to say 'never', never. I'll say 99.9. Take it for what it's worth."

Pressed again on why he wouldn't say 100 percent, Jordan shot back: "Because it's my 1 percent and not yours."

Jordan looked dapper as always, wearing a dark blue suit, shimmering gold tie and gold earring dangling from his left lobe. The only thing that looked out of place was the bandage wrapped around his right index finger. Jordan said he severed a tendon while cutting a cigar, an injury that needs surgery and would have sidelined him for the first two months of the season had he not retired.

The injury had no bearing on his decision, which he said he made several months ago but waited to announce until the lockout ended.

Jordan alluded to his first retirement in 1993, when he briefly pursued a professional baseball career before returning late in the 1994-95 season.

"Well, we do this again for the second time," he said to open the news conference.

A few sentences later he added: "There won't be another announcement to baseball or anything to that nature."

"I thought about saying two words — 'I'm gone' — but I owe the fans and the media more than that," he said.

"It's tough. I'm doing a good job of trying to hold back the emotions because it's like taking away something that I truly have loved. I started when I was 12 years old, I'm 36 next month, so for 24 years I've been playing the game. It's sad that I'm leaving the game, but it's happy because my life is starting to go into a whole other stage."

## NBA losing one of its all-time greats

Keith Ryan Cartwright  
Staff Reporter

Yogi Berra once uttered the famous words, "It ain't over, till it's over."

For Michael Jordan, the time has come and in deed, it is over.

At the very least, he's 99.9 percent sure it's over.

During a press conference Wednesday in Chicago, the announcement everyone expected yet dreaded was made. Jordan officially retired from the NBA.

It's only apparent that on a basketball court, Jordan became one of the greatest, if not the greatest, player in the history of the game.

His emergence over the years, however, has come to mean a lot more than basketball. While Jordan the basketball player may have walked away from professional basketball, Jordan the public figure still remains a large part of today's culture.

I was fortunate enough in December of 1996 to watch Jordan and his cast of characters in a game against the Los Angeles Clippers at the L.A. Sports Arena.

His electrifying presence during pre-game warm-ups had to do with more than his athletic skills. Sometimes all a person has to do is walk into a room and they're able to capture everyone's attention.

That's what makes them superstars. I'm not shedding any new light by calling Jordan a superstar, in fact he's probably an icon, more so than anything. Like a lot of others, I

almost feel compelled to say, "thanks." But doing so, however, would be to imply that society wouldn't be hearing from him again. Such is not likely to be the case.

Jordan is as much a part of the image of the demise of the communist party, the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, World War II or any other major event. Mention the name Michael Jordan and there's a person around who doesn't know who he is.

Whether it's right or wrong, the image and likeness of Jordan truly has transcended far beyond a basketball court.

Through it all, Jordan has had to endure. Yet, never once has he wavered, even slightly, from representing himself with anything less than the professionalism he played the game with.

During his press conference, he spoke of looking forward to enjoying the simple things in life that many people take for granted. His wife even joked that he was going to have to take his turn with car pooling their children.

It will probably be hard, even nearly impossible, for Jordan to live like a so called "regular" guy, but we need to respect his choice. After all, he's made an awful lot of beneficial choices already. History always has a way of repeating itself, so there's a good chance Jordan's wish to walk away now is the right thing to do.

It's only a matter of time before he reemerges with a new bag full of desires and in the mean time, the impact of "His Airness" is everywhere. ■

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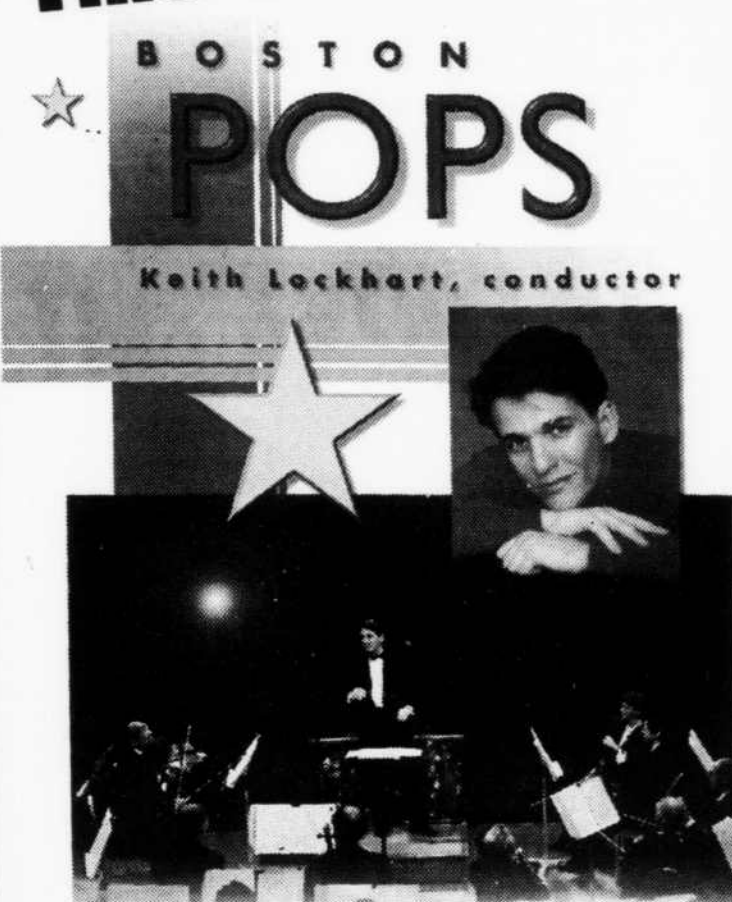
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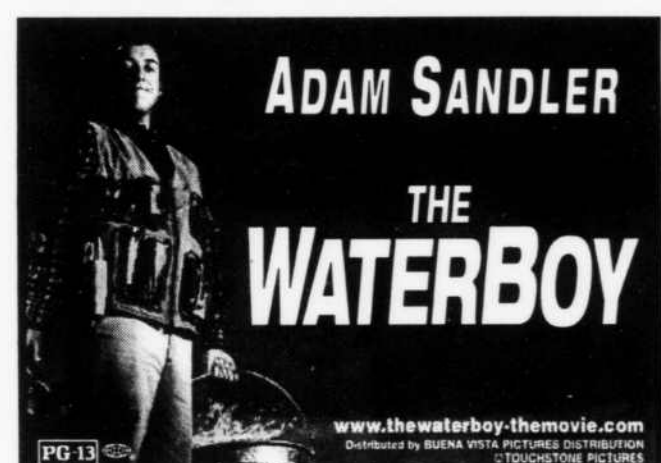
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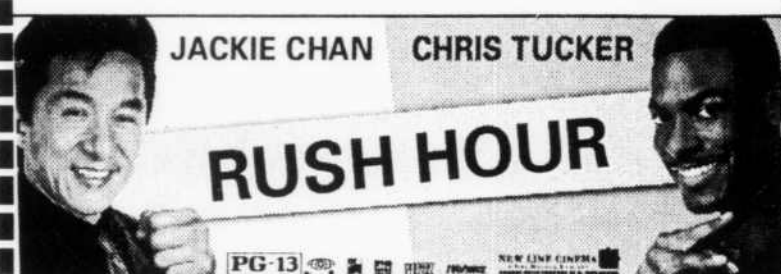
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