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## Lecture focuses on discrimination

Noel Amell  
Staff Reporter

Racial discrimination in the public school system will be the topic of discussion Tuesday at the African-American Lecture Series.

Roger Cleveland, of the developmental studies department, will lecture about racial discrimination and how it affects minority students, particularly African-Americans, in the public school system.

He will also talk about the educational policy and how students' culture and heritage are not taken into consideration when implementing these policies.

"School systems can acknowledge the fact that

this country is getting more diverse as we speak," he said.

Currently, African-American students make up about 17 percent of the public school enrollment and Hispanic students make up about nine percent, which is extremely reflective of the American population.

Within the next 10 years, it's expected that African-Americans will make up about 22 percent of the public school enrollment and Hispanic students will make up about 17 percent.

Cleveland will also review documented research which shows that some teachers impose their values and beliefs upon students through their teaching and if the students don't meet their expectations, whether it be race, gender, or class, then their expecta-

tations for the students may be lowered.

Cleveland said that for the most part, schools are only integrated outward looking in. But in the school classrooms they are still segregated based on ability grouping and tracking.

Tracking is when students as young as those in second grade are put in higher-level, mid-level, and lower-level classes.

The students who are in the lower-level classes will not acquire the skills that are needed to do very well on the standardized test, unlike the ones who are placed in college preparatory classes, he said.

The scores for African-American students are usually lower than their white counterparts, due to them being discriminated against by being placed in these lower-level classes.

African-Americans make up about 43 percent of students who are in these lower-level classes.

"Racial discrimination is a salient reason why minority students are not progressing, but it's not the only reason," he said.

Cleveland hopes people acknowledge the fact that discrimination still exists in the education system. He believes things have gotten better educationally for minority students, but there is still more work to be done.

If students are not given an equal opportunity in their education, then it will affect the city that they live in, the state that they live in, and society as a whole, he said.

This installment of the weekly lecture series will be held on Feb. 9 at 3:30 in BAS S316. ■

## New dorms will open on time

Chris Crockett  
Staff Reporter

Although delays have occurred in the construction of the new campus dormitory, the dorm complex is still scheduled to open on time.

The new dormitory, which is to be named Scarlett Commons, will be located on the far east side of campus near the recreation center and will be geared toward upper-division students.

R.G. Anderson, a Nashville-based construction company, was to originally have the new dormitory completed June 1, but various complications have caused the date of completion to be moved to June 23. According to Debra Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life, typical construction delays are responsible for the new date of completion.

Bad weather played a major role in the construction delays.

Other causes for delay include: shortage in supplies from the

supplier of drywall, difficulty in recruiting workers and difficulty in finding workers for particular trades.

"This is a very busy building period for middle Tennessee, and workers and supplies are stretched thin all over," Sells said.

With the date of completion to be moved forward 23 days, Housing will have less time to prepare for its opening, but the new dormitory will still open on time, according to all indications.

Although it will be somewhat rushed to make last-minute arrangements for the grand opening, Housing hopes it will still have time to make all the necessary arrangements for a fall opening.

With the concerns that arise each semester regarding overcrowding on campus, the opening of a new dormitory will go a long way toward alleviating crowding concerns.

The new dorm has an occupancy of 416 students with juniors, seniors and graduate students getting first priority. ■

## Honoree award given



Henry Sims of Pulaski receives a Presentation for Honorees at the African-American History Month Luncheon held Wednesday.

Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

## Kappa Alpha Psi chapters celebrate Founders' Day

Shawn Whitsell  
Staff Reporter

The Eta Gamma, Nu Rho, Kappa, Murfreesboro Alumni, Nashville Alumni, Hendersonville Alumni and Clarksville Alumni chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi celebrated their annual Founders' Day on Jan. 5. Kappa Alpha Psi was founded on the campus of Indiana University in 1911 and would be the first black Greek-letter fraternity to be chartered nationally.

The men of Kappa Alpha Psi celebrated 88 years since the fraternity's founding under the theme "Preserving Our Past, Serving Our Present, Focusing on Our Future." The banquet was held at the MTSU Foundation House, with speaker Anthony J. Cebrun, a 1967 initiate of the Beta Gamma Chapter of Dillard University. Cebrun is also the current chairman and CEO of Medical Care Management Company in Nashville.

Past president of the Eta Gamma Chapter, Shannon Johnson was honored as "Kappaman of the Year" for his chapter. Last year, Johnson was recognized as a Kappa Scholar and received the Kappa Foundation Scholarship.

"Kappaman of the Year is an astounding honor," Johnson said. "I truly thank the brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter, Murfreesboro Alumni and the brothers throughout Middle Tennessee for their support in 1998."

Roderick Head, a board member of the Eta Gamma Chapter, was the first participant of the Middle Tennessee Undergraduate Kappaman of the Year Award. Last year he was honored as an Outstanding Greek Ambassador by the United Greek Council. He was also honored as an Emerging Leader by his hometown of Okolona, Miss.

"I am very proud to be the first recipient of this award," Head said.

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## WMTS fundraisers help station, entertain students

Denyse M. Hammen  
Staff Reporter

How much money does it take to run a modern radio station?

It takes more than what WMTS has had, according to Susan Burnes, DJ of "Saturday Morning Ceili" on WMTS.

Due to a lack of funding in prior semesters, WMTS has begun to rely on fundraising events, like the one held at The Boro in early January, to provide the station with the proper equipment to keep listeners tuned in to MTSU's own student-run station.

Station manager Ryan Acree said WMTS has had trouble acquiring sufficient funds from the Student Government Association's Activities Committee. Acree said that previous proposals for WMTS's share of the student activity fee didn't directly request what was needed for the station and why it was needed.

This semester, however, the station's proposal was more clearly written, and this helped the station acquire two new CD decks. Acree said the old deck tended to get stuck.

"We had to pry the CDs out of the old deck," Burnes said.

Acree said even with the acquisition of

the new decks, the station still needs more funding, as two of its computers recently crashed, leaving the station at a technological disadvantage.

Although the station has received more funding from the SGA, more is needed as student organizations like the TV and radio station require more advanced equipment than many other student groups.

"We're one of those organizations that needs lots of technological equipment to continue our operations," Acree said.

Since the station can still use more funding to provide more advanced broadcasting equipment, as well as give the station a promotional budget that can be used to attract more listeners, additional funds will be obtained through fundraisers and benefit concerts.

Acree said that the next fundraising concert will be held at Sebastian's on March 5. Bands such as Alexis Wax, Glossary and The Katies will be donating their time and their share of the show's cover charge to WMTS.

WMTS has also hosted "The Battle for the Knoll" in the past and might sponsor this event again in April. At this event, local bands compete for a chance at a record deal with Mudslide or Spongebath Records.

Burnes, the host of a show dedicated to Celtic music, she's currently working to get WMTS to sponsor a St. Patrick's Day benefit. Her show currently airs on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

In addition to all the fundraising events planned, the station is trying to boost promotions. They will begin accepting 10-dollar donations on Wednesday for their new T-shirts. The shirts can be obtained at the station and will feature the station's new logo. The logo can be found on the station's web page at [www.mtsu.edu/~wmts](http://www.mtsu.edu/~wmts). It will also be featured on bumper stickers and a banner.

"We want some continuity with WMTS," Acree said about the logo. "It's a different idea for marketing."

Despite the increase in funding from the SGA, WMTS continues to plan for student events and benefits to keep the station operating at the level of a modern station, Acree said.

The increased budget will allow the station to purchase much-needed microphones and has provided the station with a promotional budget to get the station more widely recognized within the MTSU community.

The goal of the station is to promote student programming with music that's not found in the "mainstream," Burnes said. ■

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# ON CAMPUS

## LOOKING AHEAD

**FEBRUARY**  
 Homecoming Director applications are now available in the SGA office located in the KUC room 208. The applications are due on Monday, Feb 22. Contact Maggie Prugh at 904-8418 for more information.

Alternative Spring Break applications are available in the KUC 306. The application deadline is Feb 12. The trip is going to Franklin, NC on March 14-18. The cost is \$100. For more information call Maggie Prugh at 904-8418.

"Up Till Dawn" is a fundraising event benefiting St. Jude's Hospital. Committee applications are due on Feb 9. They may be turned in at the KUC 306. Contact Office of Student Organizations and Community Service for more information at 904-8418.

## ONGOING

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 host dinner and Bible study Wed at 6:30 p.m. located at the Fellowship House on 615 N Tennessee Blvd following the study there will be wallyball at 9 p.m. at the Rec Center. For more information call Rich Zeigler at 893-1787 or Andrew Lee at 867-7370.

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.

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

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

The MTSU women's rugby team will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. The practices will be held at the Rec Center or the

intramural fields if the weather is permitting. Contact Shannon Bustillos at 867-3592 or e-mail at sib2a@mtsu.edu.

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

Lambda Organization meetings will be on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room 316 of the Business Aerospace building. For more information go to www.mtsu.edu/~mtLambda.

Attending May Graduates! Graduating Seniors need to complete a 10 minute survey at the Graduation Fair that will be held Feb 15-19 in the Alumni Center. The times are as follows: Feb 15, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 16, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 17, 10-6 p.m./ Feb 18, 10-3 p.m./ Feb 19, 10-3 p.m. Surveys need to be completed at the Institutional Research table. For more information call Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

The Right to Life Group of Tennessee will hold an outdoor revival concert in the KUC Courtyard on Friday, March 5 from 3 to 6 pm and Saturday, March 6 from 10 to 6 pm. Times are tentative. They are looking for music groups, religious organizations, gospel singers, songwriters, and anyone wishing to assist. Contact Kevin Fisher at faco0019@frank.mtsu.edu or mail at Box 6003.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in KUC room 322. Those interested may contact Courtney Rushlow at 849-7899 for more information.



## NATIONAL NEWS

### Study shows detention helps cure TB in hard-to-find patients

**New York City, NY (AP)**— Nearly six years after New York City health officials got the power to detain tuberculosis patients who repeatedly refused treatment, a study finds that the controversial tactic helped control the disease — and was used sparingly.

The program helped reverse a decade of increases in tuberculosis cases, and despite fears from civil libertarians and AIDS activists that officials would not use detention as a last resort, only 2 percent of TB patients have been subject to the drastic measure, the study found.

"People were afraid we would abuse that power. We never did," said Rose Gasner, the lawyer formerly in charge of the detention program. She is also the lead author of the study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Tuberculosis, an infectious lung disease transmitted by airborne bacteria, was once thought to be under control. But New York saw a sharp increase in TB cases during the late 1980s and early '90s, including a number of patients infected with strains that killed quickly and were resistant to several antibiotics. ■

### Administration says U.S. ground troops may be needed in Kosovo

**Washington (AP)**— A NATO-led peacekeeping force could be needed in Kosovo for three to five years to enforce any peace accord and might include up to 4,000 American troops, the Clinton administration told Congress on Wednesday.

In testimony at a Senate hearing, and in private briefings with lawmakers, President Clinton's national security team sought to prepare Congress for the possibility of a second U.S. ground commitment in the Balkans. U.S. troops have been in Bosnia for the past three years.

The Clinton team encountered considerable skepticism. Kosovo's ethnic Albanian rebels have agreed to participate in weekend peace talks demanded by the United States and NATO allies as pressure increased on Serbia's hard-line government to join the talks. NATO has threatened airstrikes if Serbia and the rebels aren't talking by Saturday and closing a peace deal by Feb. 19 under talks organized by the United States and five European powers. ■

### Hillary Clinton's chance of running for senate 50-50, says official

**Albany, NY (AP)**— The leader of the state Democratic Party said Wednesday there is a 50-50 chance Hillary Rodham Clinton will enter New York's Senate race next year.

Just weeks ago, state party Chairwoman Judith Hope was saying she did not believe Mrs. Clinton would run for the seat being vacated by Democrat Daniel Patrick Moynihan, and that the first lady had asked her several months ago not to encourage such speculation.

"Now you hear me saying something different," Hope said Wednesday.

The party leader said that after spending time with the first lady at a \$10,000-a-person Democratic fundraising event in New York City on Tuesday night "it's my very strong impression that she has not ruled this out ... I'm sharing with you my impressions that she left with me and I think with others." ■



## WORLD NEWS

### AIDS epidemic to claim 200 lives a day in Zimbabwe

**Harare, Zimbabwe (AP)**— The deadly AIDS pandemic is expected to kill about 70,000 Zimbabweans this year — nearly 200 people a day, the head of the nation's AIDS prevention program said Wednesday.

Dr. Evaristo Marowa blamed the spiraling death toll on the continuing refusal of young, sexually active adults to use protective measures.

"The crisis continues to deepen with little or no sign of behavioral changes in the young and economically active age groups," he said.

By the end of 1999, Zimbabwe's death toll from AIDS-related illness since 1985, when the first AIDS case was reported, is expected to reach 400,000, said Marowa.

Marowa talked to reporters after a three-day visit from Sandra Thurman, director of President Clinton's White House Office on AIDS policy.

An estimated 1.6 million of the country's 12 million citizens are infected with the virus that causes AIDS. In 1998, the disease killed about 100 people a day, Marowa said.

Zimbabwe has one of the highest rates of heterosexually transmitted Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome in southern Africa. ■

### Guinea-Bissau president, rebel leader sign cease-fire

**Lisbon, Portugal (AP)**— The president of Guinea-Bissau and the rebel leader seeking to oust him signed a cease-fire today to halt the small West African nation's renewed civil war, news reports said.

Foreign diplomats brokered the truce between President Joao Bernardo Vieira and rebel chief Brig. Ansumane Mane, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported.

The truce will allow time to repair a November peace deal that stopped a five-month civil war in the former Portuguese colony.

The truce was brokered by the foreign and defense ministers of Togo who arrived earlier in the day, Lusa said.

The deal came after a night of battles between the two sides as the rebels advanced on downtown areas of the capital Bissau. ■

### Philippine president won't let pope stop execution of child rapist

**Manila, Philippines (AP)**— The president of the Philippines declared his intention Wednesday to turn down any appeal from the pope to stop the execution of a child rapist.

The case of Leo Echegaray has set off a debate over the death penalty that has divided many Filipinos. Groups from both sides have organized demonstrations ahead of Echegaray's execution.

Echegaray, who has been convicted of repeatedly raping his 10-year-old stepdaughter, is to be put to death by lethal injection on Friday.

The execution would be the first in 23 years in this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic nation.

Echegaray has written Pope John Paul II asking him to appeal to President Joseph Estrada to defer the execution and order a review of his case.

"If you're guilty as the courts said, then repent much and well. If you're not, as you claim, then God knows." ■

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.

# RAP sponsors Franklin trip during Spring Break

**Courtney Ashford**  
 Staff Reporter

MTSU students may do more during spring break by volunteering their time to others, explained Maggie Prugh, MTSU's Coordinator of Student Organizations and Community Service.

Raider Assistance Program (RAP) is sponsoring an opportunity for

students to travel to Franklin, N.C., during the week of March 14-19 to volunteer for several jobs as a part of Macon Progress for Progress.

These jobs include working with toddlers in head start programs, working with the elderly or construction and maintenance, Prugh said.

Students who have taken this alternate route in the past "have described it as a life changing

event," said Prugh. Students are taken out of their "comfort zone" and thrown into another environment that opens their eyes and teaches them more about the world around them.

Only 10 students will get the opportunity to make this trip, and a few slots are already taken. The trip costs \$100 per person. If interested, contact Prugh at the Office of Student Development at 898-2454. ■

# Grand jury decides not to indict Wu-Tang Clan rapper

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Rapper ODB was cleared of attempted murder charges filed last month after an encounter with police that ended in gunfire, authorities said Wednesday.

Before returning its finding, a grand jury heard testimony from seven witnesses, including police officers and a forensic expert.

"The only individuals that fired

shots were the police officers," said Peter Frankel, attorney for Russell Jones, the real name of the Wu-Tang Clan singer. "There was no gun recovered, and no ballistic evidence."

On Jan. 15, Jones and his cousin were driving away from the United Kingdom Studios when police stopped his Chevrolet Tahoe, allegedly because the vehicle's lights

were not on.

Officers testified that when they approached the driver's window, two shots were fired and they returned fire. Jones pleaded innocent to the charges and was released on \$150,000 bail.

Frankel said his client will appear in court Friday, when the charges are to be formally dismissed. ■

# AOL, others lobby for high-speed Internet lines

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - America Online is part of a lobbying coalition formed Wednesday with the aim of getting access to high-speed Internet and data lines controlled by cable TV companies.

The announcement of the OpenNet coalition comes almost a week after the Federal Communications Commission decided not to open a proceeding that would force cable companies to share high-speed lines with their competitors.

Still, the FCC said it would keep an eye on the matter to ensure that consumers' options for Internet service are not restricted.

Access to the technology has pitted the cable industry against AOL and consumer and interest groups and has produced an intense lobbying battle over what the FCC and Congress should do.

The coalition's "scheme would surely slow broadband deployment," said National Cable Television Association President Decker Anstrom.

In addition to AOL, others involved in the coalition are: MindSpring Enterprises, Prodigy

Communications Corp., Netscape, US West, MCI WorldCom, Cable & Wireless USA, Washington Association of Internet Service Providers, CyberRamp Internet Services, Bertelsmann Internet Services, ConnectNet and the Texas Internet Service Providers Association.

US West President Sol Trujillo, attending a conference here, told reporters that his company will press lawmakers for legislation giving companies access to cable's high-speed lines.

He also said US West will seek legislation permitting it and the nation's four other Bell companies to move data across local calling boundaries, something they aren't allowed to do now.

AOL and MindSpring also were among groups urging the FCC to force cable giant Tele-Communications Inc. to provide rivals access to its high-speed lines as a condition of merging with AT&T. Analysts are saying the FCC is not expected to impose that condition on the merger. ■

## FOUNDERS' DAY

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"I am very thankful for the continuous support of the Eta Gamma Chapter and the Middle Tennessee brothers."

The Eta Gamma Chapter celebrated their 25th anniversary on Dec. 9. They were the first black Greek-letter organization at MTSU, chartered in December of 1973.

According to the Eta Gamma Chapter President Kasimu Harris, although it is an honor to be the first, it can also be very demanding.

"It's kind of hard to be the first to do anything," he said.

"We are the epitome of trendsetters, I know we set the tone for Greeks that came after us."

Kappa Alpha Psi are also involved in the Kappa League, where they mentor to young men.

They also tutor kids in reading once a week. More recent projects include a clothing drive for Clarksville tornado victims and an upcoming forum about stress management with Phi Beta Sigma.

Harris said they have been leaders on this campus, and they will continue to lead into the new millennium and beyond. ■

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# Democrats threaten battle over separate impeachment declaration

David Esposito  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON— Senate Democrats threatened on Wednesday to turn President Clinton's impeachment trial into a party battle if the Republicans go through with plans to vote on a declaration of wrongdoing before deciding his fate.

As House GOP prosecutors questioned the third of three witnesses in the case, Democratic leader Tom Daschle said his party's rank-and-file lawmakers were solidly opposed to any live trial testimony on the Senate floor. He also raised objections to the immediate public release of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped deposition.

But what sparked the Democrats' sharpest criticism was a GOP proposal for a formal finding of wrongdoing, a measure that would require a simple majority for passage rather than the two-thirds needed for conviction on impeachment.

"If Republicans persist in demanding live witnesses and demanding more depositions, and demanding extra legal devices like findings of fact, the more it becomes a Republican trial," Daschle told reporters.

The White House also renewed its objections to the proposal, at the same time spokesman Joe Lockhart pledged a restrained response if — as expected — Clinton is acquitted on the two articles of impeachment.

"I now declare in a post-impeachment era, this is a gloat-free zone," he said.

Republican senators met privately late in the day, pondering their next moves in the trial, which is scheduled to resume on Thursday.

John Czwartacki, a spokesman for Majority Leader Trent Lott told reporters he expected a vote at that time on a proposal to release the depositions of Ms. Lewinsky and two other witnesses, both the written transcripts and the

videotapes. He suggested they could remain under seal for a limited period of time.

For their part, House prosecutors met to weigh the results of the three depositions. They said an attempt would be made to have witnesses testify in the Senate in person. But GOP aides conceded it would be difficult to secure enough votes to prevail on that issue, particularly with public opinion in favor of a swift end to the proceedings.

The Democratic maneuvering came as Sidney Blumenthal, a White House aide, was questioned in a heavily secured room in the upper reaches of the Capitol.

A source familiar with the deposition, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Blumenthal repeated the testimony he had given a grand jury last year concerning a conversation he had had with Clinton about the president's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. The president lied to him, Blumenthal said.

Presidential friend Vernon Jordan and Ms. Lewinsky submitted to depositions earlier in the week as prosecutors probed for information that could buttress their case against the president.

White House lawyers also attended the depositions but gave no indication they heard any revelations that caused them alarm.

Clinton is accused of perjury and obstruction of justice for attempting to conceal his sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Republicans have been working in recent days on a "finding of fact" that would formally declare that Clinton had "willfully provided false and misleading testimony" to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's grand jury. The draft document also alleges the president engaged in a course of conduct designed to "alter, delay, impede, cover up and conceal the existence of evidence and testimony" in the sexual harassment lawsuit that Paula Jones filed against him.

The document does not allege he committed

perjury or obstructed justice, but Democrats attacked it sharply during the day as an unconstitutional move designed to inflict damage on Clinton.

Several Democrats cited an argument advanced in a New York Times op-ed article by Sen. Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, who also argued forcefully at a closed-door caucus during the day.

Senators must answer two questions, Byrd wrote: whether the president is guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors and, if so, whether he should be removed from office.

"To lift this burden from the shoulders of senators by offering them a way to convict the president without having to accept responsibility for removing him from office would, in effect, bastardize the impeachment process," he wrote.

In comments to reporters, Daschle said opposition to the plan would be aggressive. The strategy, he said, "will be of course to offer an amendment, and we will do that as long as it appears that a finding of fact resolution could pass."

Another Democrat, Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa, suggested an amendment could be placed before the Senate to declare that Starr had been guilty of prosecutorial conduct.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., added another objection. "I smell an ulterior motive here," he said. "Pass findings of fact by majority vote and ... it will be used by Ken Starr or another prosecutor in a subsequent criminal case."

Public release of the deposition videotapes could set off a fresh round of public fascination with the case, since the woman at the center of the scandal has not yet told her story in public.

"At this point, I think that it would be better left not to lecture the public," Daschle said. Asked whether House prosecutors should be permitted to air portions of the tapes during their closing arguments, he said, "Our view is that if you're going to air a deposition, you better air the whole thing."

# Honors Lecture focuses on economic, political freedom of China

Elizabeth Sharpe  
Staff Reporter

Citizens of Socialist China are gaining economic freedom but lacking political freedom, and economists believe this could affect the United States, an MTSU professor says.

Professor of economics and finance Richard Hannah will be the speaker at the next Honors Lecture Series, "Economic Mandarins: China in the 21st Century" on Monday, Feb. 8, at 3:40 p.m. Hannah explores the changes China has undergone this century, and how increasing economic freedom has made it stronger despite a lack of political freedom.

According to Hannah, the United States hopes that they can help China gain even more freedom through trade.

"We believe that political and economic freedom are inseparable, that they go hand in hand," he said. "The Chinese government wants to give citizens economic freedom but not political freedom. They call that the one-country-two system."

Experts predict that, with growth, China will soon be as economically important as the U.S. Hannah hopes to inform people of the depth of their country's political involvement with China, as well as share some first-hand experiences.

"I've had the good fortune of visiting China for the past few years, and what I will say will reflect some of my observations from these trips," Hannah said.

The Honors Lecture Series are on Mondays from 3:40-4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall 109A. They are free and open to the public. ■

# Outdoor Pursuits plans trip to Rio Grande

Kelley Finlen  
Staff Reporter

Imagine a spring break where the sunshine is plentiful and the days are filled with adventure.

MTSU Outdoor Pursuits has organized an eight-day whitewater canoeing adventure on the Rio Grande, along the Texas-Mexico border for \$199. Both beginning and experienced courses are available. This section of the river has 1000-foot cliffs, natural hot springs, interesting wildlife and rapids.

"Everyone is looking for something to do at spring break, and this will be a great trip," Outdoor Pursuits Director W.T. Taylor said. "Those who enjoy the outdoors, like to swim, and are looking for sunshine will be in the right place."

"Anyone using an outfit will have to pay \$100 a day for a similar trip," said Taylor. "We'll get you there, set you up with the gear and get you down the river."

The 90-mile stretch of river that will be used for the advanced course has Class I-III rapids and should be a challenge.

The beginners' course is a 40-mile section with both rapids and calm waters and should be ideal for those who are searching for something a bit more laid back.

The trip is designed for approximately thirty participants, and registration is under way at the Recreation Center. Discounts will be given if the students provide their own tent, sleeping bag or stove.

Outdoor Pursuits has trips planned throughout the year. A backpacking/rappelling trip in Sipsey Wilderness, Ala., is at the end of February.

Four weekend rafting trips are scheduled for April, and many different trips are planned over the summer, including a trip to Yosemite National Park.

Information for all the planned events offered by the MTSU Outdoor Pursuits are available at the Recreation Center. ■

# Forum to be held for graduate students

David Copeland  
Staff Reporter

Are you a graduate student? Perhaps you're an undergraduate and considering taking your education to the next level. Or maybe you've already received your bachelor's degree and don't know what to do next.

If you are any of these, there is a forum designed just for you. It is titled "Tomorrow's Scholars and Students: Graduate School Seminar for Undergraduate Students." The forum will be held this Monday at 6:00 pm in the Hazlewood Dining Room, located in the JUB.

The forum will be helpful for

those looking to enter graduate school, as well as those who are already attending. According to panel moderator Roger Cleveland, graduate students can run into many problems.

"Time constraints is one problem. You spend more time in research and reading than you do as an undergraduate," he said. This could lead to problems with juggling family, work, and school all at once.

"Academic adjustments is also (a problem) because the work load is much greater."

Another problem that students, graduate as well as undergraduate, run into is the lack of money.

"Finances is a major problem, but there is money out there—people

just don't know where to look," Cleveland said.

To help students with this problem, a list of websites that deal with financing college will be given out at the forum. In addition, a list of helpful books on the subject will be offered. However, those who attend will come away with much more than a couple of lists.

The panel will first give an overview of the graduate program at MTSU. Then, according to Cleveland, doctoral students attending Tennessee State University will go over "the process of getting in and what to expect." Following that, issues that minority students face in graduate school will be discussed. The panel will also focus on ways to develop

survival skills.

The audience will also be allowed a period of time to question a panel that includes current graduate students, people fresh out of graduate school, and people who have been out for a long time. Cleveland believes this diversity is the best thing about the seminar.

"You can use the panel as a source of information from their experience," he said. "You tend to learn more from people that have been through it than from reading a 'how to' book."

Cleveland said graduate students are rewarded because they "get to focus on something they are passionate about. The accomplishment in itself is rewarding."

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# Russia concedes that Y2K is in fact a problem

Angela Charlton  
Associated Press

MOSCOW— Russia needs up to \$3 billion to tackle the Year 2000 computer glitch — six times the original estimate — a top official announced Wednesday as he appealed to the United States and NATO to help fix computers that control Russia's nuclear weapons.

While many countries have been working on the so-called Y2K "millennium bug" problem for years, some key players, including Russia and China, have been slower to address it.

Last month, U.S. Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre acknowledged "some nervousness" in Washington about potential computer problems in Russia. "They don't seem to have the same level of urgency that we have had over it," he said.

The man leading Russia's efforts to solve the Y2K finally responded

Wednesday by asking NATO and the U.S. Defense Department for advice — and money. Russia wants all sides to "speak the same language," Alexander Krupnov, chairman of the Central Telecommunications Commission, said Wednesday. "We're in a critical situation in several areas" — including the Defense Ministry.

The problem arises because early programmers trying to save memory space used only two digits to identify the year — meaning that 2000 looks the same as 1900, throwing off calculations involving dates.

Russia has already agreed to let NATO experts investigate the potential danger to Russian weapons systems.

While an errant missile launch brought on by a computer clock failure would be highly unlikely, computer snags could sabotage radar and telecommunications networks that are the backbone for Russia's system to detect foreign launches.

Radar screens could go blank, and the bug could throw certain nuclear systems into a test pattern, which is apparently difficult to stop, making the computer system inaccessible.

**"The nuclear plants won't be able to get accurate temperature information, and you could have another Chernobyl."**

- Paul Beaver

"It's not that nuclear missiles are going to pop off out of silos," said Paul Beaver, an analyst with Jane's Information Group in London.

U.S. defense agencies want to place American officers in Russian nuclear control rooms and Russian officers in American control rooms to monitor the changeover, Beaver said.

But Russian defense officials have been stubbornly silent.

The cost of tackling the problem is staggering, especially for Russia, overwhelmed by mounting debts.

The latest estimate is \$3 billion, Krupnov said Wednesday. That's in a country so broke that this year's draft budget foresees just \$21 billion in revenues — none of which is earmarked for the Y2K problem.

Krupnov said it was up to government agencies, including those that control military bases, air traffic and oil pipelines, to come up with their own cash.

Weapons aren't the only danger.

"The nuclear plants won't be able to get accurate temperature information, and you could have another Chernobyl," Beaver

said, referring to the world's worst nuclear accident, at a Soviet plant in 1986. "And that would not just affect Russia."

Meanwhile, in China, a survey of the country's most crucial enterprises showed that more than half didn't even know how to detect the computer glitch in their systems, the official Beijing Morning Post reported Wednesday.

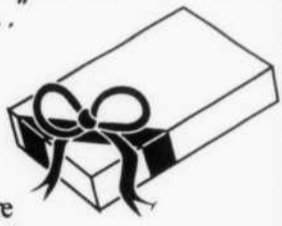
Chinese officials doubt government ministries can meet an October deadline for fixing their systems. Little assistance is being provided to agencies and enterprises outside crucial finance, aviation, telecommunications and transport sectors.

Still, many analysts say Russia and China have less to worry about than countries like the United States, because they have far fewer computers and a lower overall level of technology.

Krupnov insisted that his commission was doing everything it could. "Who knows if the country will be ready," he said. "I can't give any guarantees."

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## Parents of gay college student beaten to death speak out

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - The parents of Matthew Shepard, the gay college student beaten to death last October, say they don't want his death used by activists to further any political agenda.

"It's a very frightening concept as a parent that your son now becomes a martyr, a public figure for the world," Judy Shepard told "Dateline NBC" for a story scheduled to air Friday. "He's just our son."

Some gay advocacy groups have invoked Shepard's case in seeking harsher sentences for people convicted of crimes that involve bias against the victim.

A move to pass hate crimes legislation in Wyoming was defeated Wednesday by a committee.

Shepard was found Oct. 7 beaten with a handgun and tied to a fence outside the University of Wyoming college town of Laramie, 40 miles west of Cheyenne. He died five days later in a Colorado hospital.

Police said he was chosen as a victim in part because he was gay.

Vanity Fair also reported in its March issue that Shepard tested HIV-positive at the Fort Collins, Colo., hospital where he died. The article said two Hispanics who

fought with suspects Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney following Shepard's attack may have come into contact with Shepard's blood and have been put on AZT.

Albany County Coroner Julie Heggie said she had no information about whether Shepard was HIV-positive. "I know that's not in the autopsy report," Heggie said.

Mrs. Shepard told Vanity Fair that her son had previously tested negative for the virus.

The parents described their son as a sometimes naive young man who was often too trusting for his own good.

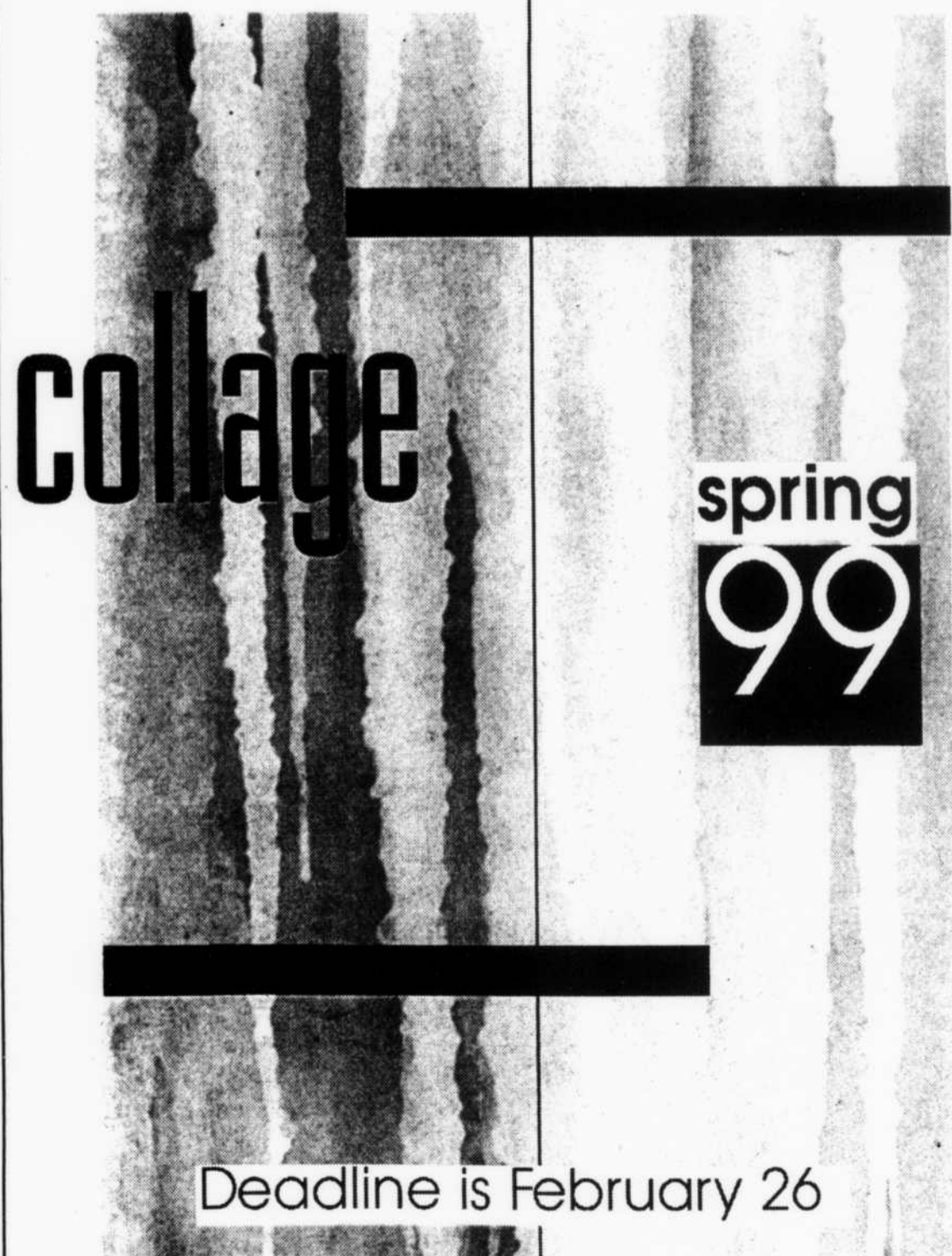
The NBC and Vanity Fair stories revealed that Shepard had been attacked and raped in Morocco while he was on a high school trip.

Henderson and McKinney, both of Laramie, have been charged with murder and are awaiting trial. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty against both.

"The anger really isn't there yet," Mrs. Shepard said. "I am sure it will come. ... They've done something horrible to my life, to my son, to my family, and I don't want to waste any of my feelings on them. I'm saving it all for Matt."

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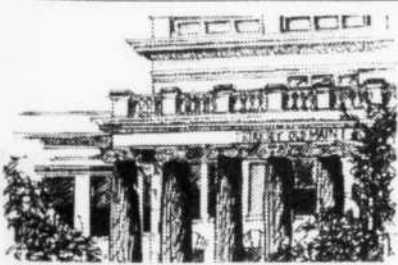
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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson



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## Editorial

### Everybody should take part in events

African-American History Month is not just for African Americans.

Though many people think this month is just a chance for African Americans to remember and honor their heritage, there is so much more to the month.

The events planned on campus offer every student a chance to broaden their horizons and to learn about a very important race — whether it is your own or not.

This is a great time to learn not only about the history of African Americans, but also about the history of the United States — because American history isn't complete without African-American history.

College is the perfect time to learn about different cultures and to broaden your horizons, and this month is the perfect time to learn about African-American history.

It's so easy to be involved. Events are planned on campus right now and continue until the end of the month.

Take part in one of the many events planned on campus throughout the month.

Listen to a lecture.

Watch a concert.

View a film or a play.

Several of the events planned are not only educational and enjoyable, they also offer free admission.

Many unique activities are offered here this month to educate and inspire every student on campus.

Learn about your classmates, your friends, your family or even yourself this month.

Then keep learning when the calendar changes to March. ■

# Clinton putting U.S. security at risk

Scott Nathanson  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

When our Founding Fathers decided that the president, a civilian, would be this nation's supreme military commander, they did so for good reason. But President Clinton does not seem to get it.

Past presidents realized that their role as commander in chief was to temper the Pentagon's immediate military wishes with a long-term security and humanitarian perspective.

During World War II, President Roosevelt refused a War Department request to use chemical weapons during the attack on Iwo Jima. During the Korean War, President Truman removed Gen. Douglas MacArthur from command for wanting to bomb China. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, President Kennedy overruled military advisers who urged a military confrontation.

Unfortunately, Clinton has a practice of caving in to the Pentagon and the military-industrial complex.

At the behest of defense contractors, the United States has become the world's leading weapons dealer to dictators, delivering an all-time record \$8.3 billion in fiscal year 1997. Clinton continues this policy, despite the fact that in Panama, Somalia, Haiti and Iraq, U.S. military assistance boomeranged to threaten U.S. troops.

Nor did Clinton overrule the paranoid fears of the Pentagon on landmines. He still refuses to sign the 133 nation-strong international Mine Ban treaty despite studies from military think tanks and U.S. combat exercises that show a global ban on anti-personnel landmines would be to the military advantage of the United States.

Clinton's November bombing of Iraq, without U.N. Security Council approval and

over the strenuous objections of Russia, has led the Russian Parliament to postpone indefinitely the vote to ratify the vital START II nuclear reduction treaty.

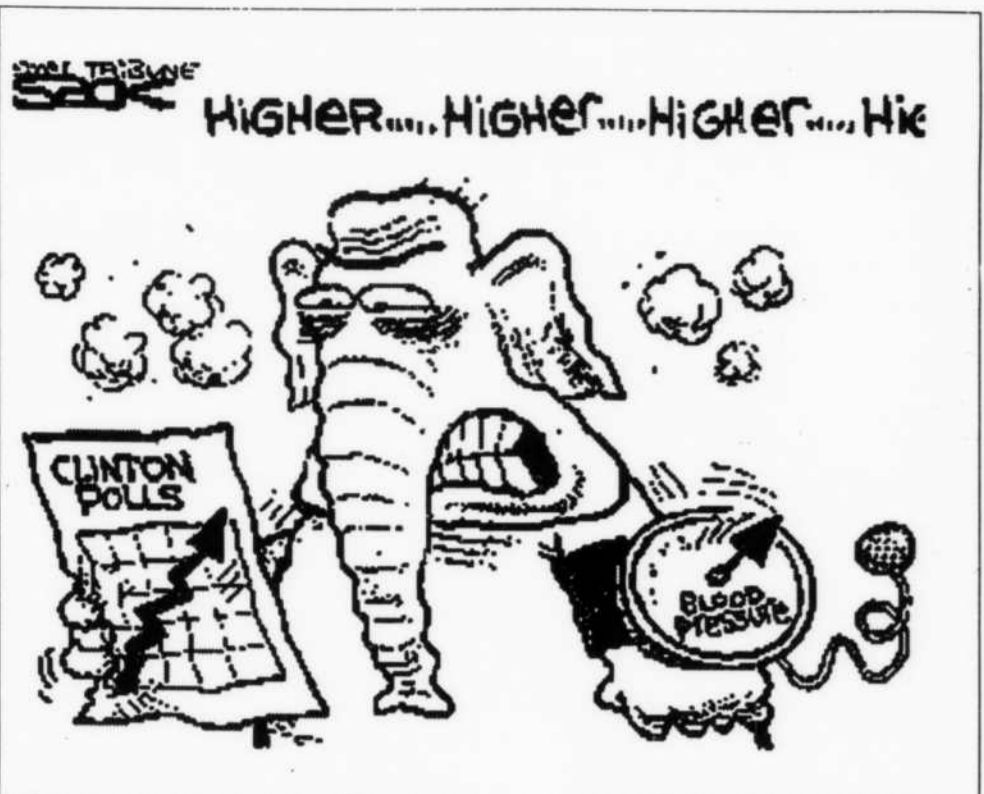
Clinton's latest evasion is on the defense budget. Announcing plans to add \$110 billion to the military budget over the next five years, the administration has announced a pay increase for the troops, but the bulk of the money will be spent on new weapons systems.

But even the proposed increases will not be able to cover the entire ticket price for unneeded items. For example, the \$80 billion F-22 fighter program was created to "meet the emerging new threats around the globe with superior air power" according to industry supporters. When these supporters attempt to point out where these emerging threats to U.S. air dominance come from, their charts mostly point out countries the United States has provided with fighter jets, such as Canada and Indonesia. Some threat.

Then there is the next nuclear aircraft carrier, which, at more than \$7 billion each, will represent the most expensive single item in the entire U.S. budget. In the Pentagon's "bottom up review," they recommend 10 carriers during wartime, but 11 during peacetime.

While that may make sense to defense contractors and military officials, this kind of budget-busting logic shows that there are still many areas where we can save big on the military and not jeopardize our warfighting capacity.

In last year's military budget, Republicans turned the Clinton administration's \$1.1 billion military readiness request into \$8.3 billion in military pork projects. As the "firewalls" that kept money from non-defense spending from being transferred to the military come down this year, domestic programs are again a ripe target for cuts. This will



become especially true if the U.S. economy begins to turn downward, as the economic turmoil in Asia and Latin America suggests it might. Defense contractors are among the largest sources of campaign money in the United States. It is unlikely that they will graciously let go of these new spoils just because of economic woes.

The projected military budget increase will at least weaken the military industry's argument that arms sales to dictators are vital to maintaining the defense industrial base.

This gives Clinton a fresh opportunity to embrace the Arms Trade Code of Conduct, which would bar military assistance to dictators. This sensible step is supported by a bipartisan congressional coalition and more than a dozen Nobel Peace Prize

Laureates.

Clinton can also take advantage of the upcoming 50th anniversary of NATO, when Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary will be admitted, to announce that he intends to conduct negotiations with NATO partners and former Warsaw Pact states to significantly reduce weapons holdings and forces on both sides.

A proposition like this would save U.S. taxpayer dollars being sent overseas, and would be a much-needed sign of good faith, on arms control to Russia.

President Clinton is a student of history, well aware of the responsibilities of the leader of the free world. But unless he chooses to fulfill all of the roles required of him, he will put our security, and his legacy, in peril. ■

## Taking the 'standard' out of standardized testing

Cliff Hicks  
the University of Nebraska

Right now, somewhere in America, a high school student is hunched over some books, studying in vain for the ACT or SAT or even both.

No matter how many hours that student puts into the books or courses in preparing for the standardized tests that are going to have major impact on their college outlook, it's all really for naught.

Boil it all down, and standardized tests aren't worth the paper they're printed on.

Set the Way-Back Machine for 1994. Enter a young writer, not the greatest academic shiner in the world, but a relatively bright kid. He's me.

So, there I am, surrounded by lots of other kids with sterling GPAs, all of whom are in the National Honors Society and any other self-righteous collection of academia that they can find, while I'm off working on the newspaper and doing the occasional theater thing.

Now, realize that all of these students who slept and ate with their schoolbooks took the same

tests I did.

And when the results were handed down, many of the NHS squadrons ranked in the 90-95 percentile of college bound seniors. In English, it means they were in the top five to 10 percent of scores.

Some of the "best and brightest," if you will, and they were happy to be part of that top five percent.

This, of course, surprised the hell out of me.

That's because I placed in the 99 percentile — the top 1 percent of college-bound students.

According to the tests, I was smarter than most of the NHS students.

Remember now that I didn't put any real time into studying for the tests.

I mean, I brushed up on my algebra and glanced over a few obscure words that teachers insisted I should know.

I had figured, going into the test, that it wasn't going to be that hard. I'd looked over a few of the sample tests that the brainiacs were using, and it seemed like common knowledge to me.

So what does a standardized test reveal about a student?

Anything, really?

From what I found, the tests were a basic combination of general knowledge with high emphasis on grammar and vocabulary, coupled with a degree of ingenuity and basic math knowledge.

See, this is what really burned the eggheads of my school. With a basic grasp on algebra and trigonometry, I was solving problems they were using calculus to do.

What was a simple logic jump for me was an insurmountable complex for the honors student. He couldn't see how simple it was to use what he had learned in ways they hadn't taught him to.

The problem was that so many of these so-called "best and brightest" had no idea of how to really apply any of what they had learned in the real world.

I can't tell you how much it bugged me to know that the majority of the people in NHS couldn't change the tire on their car, nor could they figure out how to use algebra to figure out the interest on their credit cards.

These are basic facts of life, folks, simple things that everyone should be able to do, much less our "best and brightest." ■

## From the Mailbox

### Students should get involved with Spay Day

Dear Editor,

Did you know that one female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats in 7 years? Or that one female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 dogs in 6 years?

Companion animal overpopulation in the United States results in the euthanization of six to eight million dogs and cats each year. Although many of these animals are healthy and adoptable, the sheer number of them outweighs the availability of good homes. America's tax payers bear the cost of picking up, housing, and ultimately killing these homeless animals — as much as \$100 for each one in some jurisdictions. Millions more cats and dogs never even make it to shelters. They are abandoned by their guardians and ultimately die after needlessly suffering from starvation, exposure, disease and sometimes even torture.

Now for some good news! An innovative program called Spay Day USA has made great strides

in overcoming this tragedy. Spay Day USA celebrates its fifth anniversary on Feb. 23, and has a simple objective: encourage every humane American to take responsibility for having one cat or dog spayed or neutered. Altering our pets prevents the births of unwanted puppies and kittens and, by extension, needless suffering and deaths.

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Sincerely,  
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## It's Greek to me

Stacie Odeneal  
Staff Reporter

**Y**ou've seen them around: cars with x's, triangles, and horseshoes on stickers and bumper tags; dorm doors covered in happy-dot letters and cute mascots; and groups of guys wearing fraternity hats taking up at least three tables at Toot's on Monday nights. It's Greek life, and it involves 12% of MTSU's student body.

Fraternities and sororities have often gotten a bad wrap. Fraternity brothers are usually stereotyped as alcoholic playboys, and sorority sisters have reputations as stuck-up glamour girls.

However, there's more to Greek life than meets the non-Greek eye. Linda Clark, an alumni of Delta Zeta, said that although a lot of Greek life does involve a social element, most people don't get an accurate view of Greek life.

"A lot of people don't see the philanthropy, strong bonds, a

place to grow up sororities provide," Clark said.

Mike Potts, president of FarmHouse, agreed. "I've learned a lot from my time in FarmHouse," Potts said. "I've developed leadership, time management, and scholarship skills."

Greek life isn't a magic fairy that grants good brothers and sisters life lessons and a mixer with three other groups then sends them on their way. Members are expected to contribute their own distinctive qualities to better the group.

Rachel Maupin, a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi, said that you get out exactly what you put into sorority life.

"Joining a sorority doesn't guarantee you 110 friends, only 110 acquaintances," Maupin said. "The rest is what you make of it."

"Brothers bring in their own personality," said Potts, agreeing with Maupin. "A diversity of interests and knowledge lets us all learn from each other, but it also

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— Mike Potts

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Like eyeglasses and prescription medicine, one fraternity or sorority does not fit all. During rush, potential members meet those who could be their new best friend at uncomfortable parties where the host is trying to impress a guest trying to impress the host. But most rushees already have an idea

of what they're looking for in a sisterhood or brotherhood. Most ask about the group's social calendar, philanthropic efforts and diversity, but the most important factor is comfort level.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother Jeremy McEwen said while fraternity leadership and involvement on campus were important to him, he chose "the one I felt most comfortable in."

Maupin chose AOPi because it was where she felt at home. "I liked my first impression and the chapter had a good reputation. There seemed to be a strong bond of sisterhood."

Twelve percent of your fellow students feel that being the adopted sibling of someone you've never met has more advantages than those making "Campus Alcoholism" documentaries. Clark summed up Greek life most poetically.

"When I joined, I was looking for a place that felt like home: a place where I could learn to be independent while being supported and I found it in a sorority." ■

## Time changes a hit with students

Julie Hornsby  
Staff Reporter

Even though the new class starting times may be a bit more confusing, most MTSU students seem to enjoy the spare time in between classes. The new times, which were implicated this semester, add an extra five minutes to the break in between classes, giving students a total of 15 minutes to get to class. Here's how the new time schedule ranks according to you:

Out of 98 students surveyed, 89 students said they like the new times. Most students were in favor of more time between classes because it made it easier to get to class on time. Students coming from Peck Hall or the Murphy Center no longer have to sprint to the Mass Communication building to be on time.

Some other reasons students like the change is because it gives them a time to relax, chat with friends, go to the bathroom, or buy a snack before class. One student said it helps her because she's "perpetually late." Another student stated, "SGA should be commended for finally taking the initiative to make this change. I hope they keep it this way."

Only 6 students said they did not like the change. The main reason for their dislike of the new times was that "the new times are confusing." Others said that now there is too much time in between classes and it is a waste of time. One professor said it makes her Friday 1:30 class too late in the day and the students seem to miss more on Fridays.

4 of the people did not care or didn't feel the times made a big difference either way. One student said, "The time change hasn't been a major factor in my life, I really don't notice it."

The remaining 1 student is a first semester freshman who stated that he was new here but, "the times seem just fine to me."

Overall, the longer 15-minute break seems to be a big success with students and faculty. Sure the new times may be a little harder to remember but they make getting to class much easier for everyone. The class starting times may take a little more getting used to, but its a minor adjustment for a major gain.

Students seem to enjoy the extra class. We decided to do a survey and here's what you seem to think of the changes: the (and some faculty) of you you can build in time for class. when they can before class. One student ever the reason given these 89 of you said you of you said you were indifferent. Either you in your life either way for those who don't like it, give it a chance. It might just grow on you to the break in between classes. ■

### Book Review



Shawn Whitsell  
Staff Reporter

## The book that made me holler

stealing and sexual misbehavior. He also tells of his struggle with parenthood and how his prison record haunted him after his release. The book tells of McCall's early misfortune but focuses on his rise to the mainstream work force.

McCall also writes about losing his fear and somewhat changing his views of predominately white work force. He also tells of his experiences with women, religion, friends and money.

Another important aspect of the book deals with parenthood. McCall had his first son right after high school. He began college and later got arrested for armed robbery. Prison took its toll on McCall's relationship with his girlfriend and son. When he got out, his son was five years old. McCall didn't know how to be a father, but he was able to catch on and mend his relationship with his son.

McCall also tells the stories of prison life. He wrote of the do's and don'ts to survive in prison. McCall gives the readers an honest view of prison life. He writes about the violence, homosexuality, unfair treatment and education in prisons. He writes about how the different people he encountered in

the prison system influenced him in both positive and negative ways. He also explains how unreal it felt to be freed from prison, after years of being locked up and told what to do.

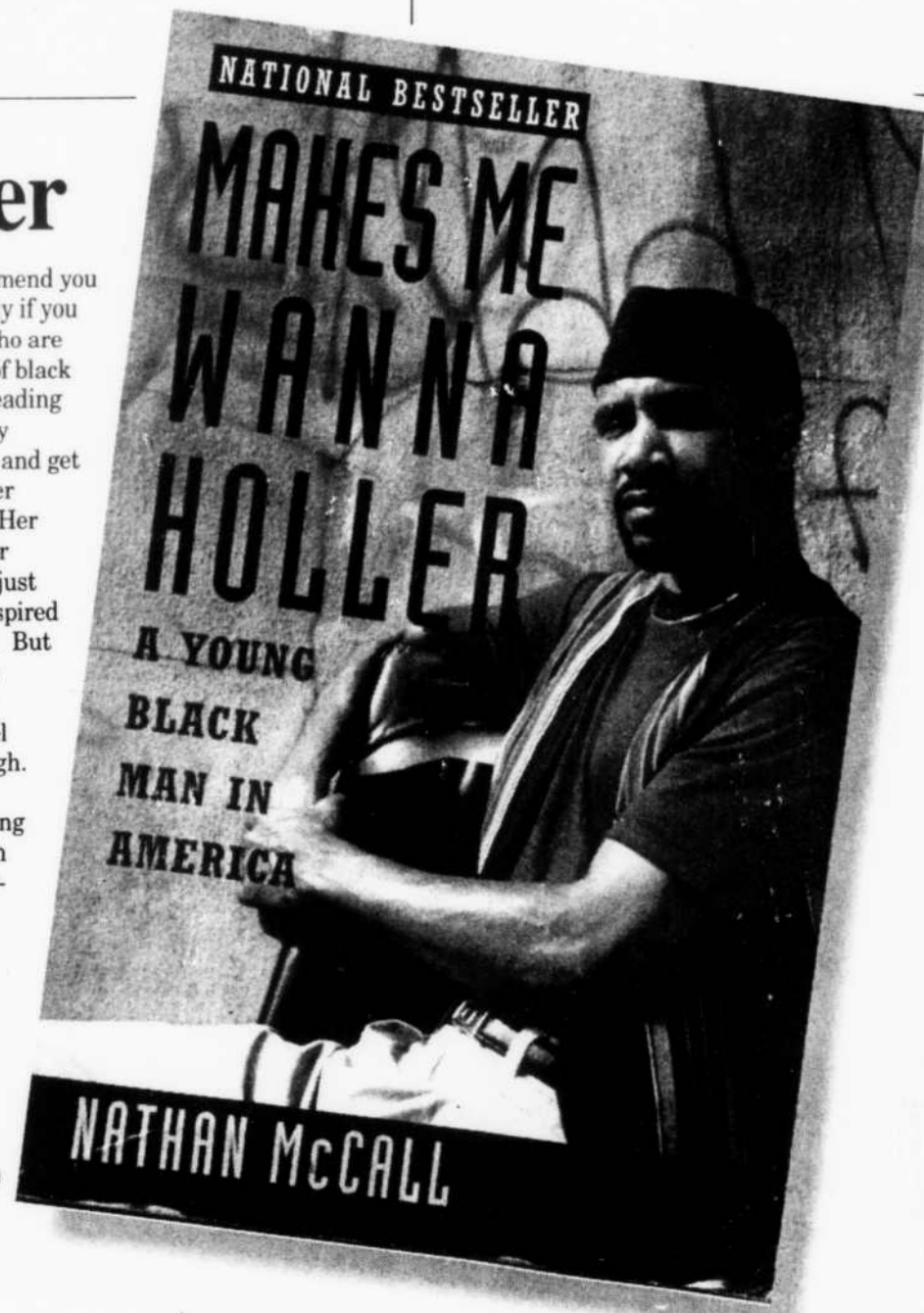
This book is probably the best book I've ever read. Not only does it point out the racism and discrimination black men face, it also tells how and why some of these men get caught up in this dangerous way of life. McCall opens the door to his life, challenging readers to take a deeper look and explain why he was in that particular predicament. He also explains how he dealt with it and why he chose not to remain another prison-cell statistic.

People who have lived similar lives to that of Nathan McCall will be able to relate to his struggle and the perils he faced. Even the people who cannot relate will be educated on street life, prison life and the life of a black man living in a predominately white society. I think anyone who reads this book will be able to gain very valuable insight and knowledge on the struggle of black men in America, which is very harsh, but also very true.

"Makes Me Wanna Holler" gets

an A+ from me. I recommend you go get this book, especially if you are one of those people who are ignorant to the struggle of black men in America. After reading "Waiting to Exhale" many women wanted to exhale and get their lives together. After reading "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," many older women realized that life just begins at 40 and were inspired to get their grooves back. But after reading "Makes Me Wanna Holler," I had to holler because I could feel what McCall went through. He deserves to be commended for overcoming his obstacles and for such an honest, in-depth, well-written book. And like "Exhale" and "Stella," I think it should be made into a movie. ■

Journalist/author Nathan McCall tells of his struggle in America in his National Bestselling book, "Makes Me Wanna Holler."



## Stones River Chamber Players put on piano extravaganza



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson  
Piano playing panelist from left to right Dana Landry, Jerry Perkins, Charlene Harb, and Raymond Bills

### Staff Reports

The Stones River Chamber Players continue their season at Middle Tennessee State University with the third concert of their series on Sunday, February 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. This concert, titled "Piano Extravaganza," will feature music for two pianos.

Two of the four compositions on the program, Andante and Variations, Opus 46 by Robert Schumann and Paganini Variations by Witold Lutoslawski are masterpieces of the genre. The other two compositions are transcriptions from opera, Gounod's Faust and Gershwin's Porgy and Bess.

Andante and Variations will be performed in its original version for two pianos, two cellos and horn. This is one of the great works for two pianos and serves as a striking example of the artistic ideal of the 19th century. Lutoslawski's Paganini Variations was based on the brilliant theme of one of the 19th century violin virtuoso Paganini's caprices that has intrigued composers for over a century.

Performing at this program will be pianists Raymond Bills, Charlene Harb, Dana Landry and Jerry Perkins, along with cellists David Vanderkooi, Jean Bills and Robert Heur. ■

## Generation X-ers' indifference could cost more than they think

Elsa C. Arnett  
Knight-Ridder News Services

Young people are notoriously doubtful that they will get their Social Security benefits. Many think they'll see a UFO before they see a Social Security check, or that a pro wrestler will become president before they collect all of their benefits.

So it's not surprising that at a time when President Clinton, the Congress and much of the nation are furiously debating how to reform Social Security, young people are largely absent from that discussion.

They don't vote, they don't pressure their lawmakers, they don't learn about different alternatives - many don't even seem to care what happens.

"I'm sure they'll find a way to phase it out by the time I'm ready to retire in 2050," said Amanda Green, 19, a sophomore at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. "And if I do get any money, it won't be nearly what I worked so hard for and what they took out of my paycheck my whole life."

The problem is that young people are likely to be the ones most affected by the Social Security debate, and their indifference could cost them more than they think.

Influential older voters will make younger workers "pay through the nose," predicts Richard Thau, of Third Millennium, a "Generation X" advocacy group.

Changing the system could make a dramatic difference in the futures of Americans now under 30. Smarter investing of Social Security taxes could significantly reduce their taxes and increase the amounts available later for their benefits.

Some proposed reforms - permitting private investment of a share of the Social Security tax money - also would play to the computer skills and communications savvy of young people. The tradeoff is they involve much more risk and uncertainty.

Financial experts believe young people would be willing to accept those odds.

"Even with the risks, I think they would still feel better off having control over their money than relying on big government," said Susan A. MacManus, a

professor at University of South Florida, in Tampa, and an expert on generational conflicts.

Indeed, a recent survey found that 84 percent of 18- to 34-year-olds favor giving workers a choice of where to invest their Social Security taxes. The study, released this month by mutual fund company OppenheimerFunds Inc., polled 804 adults and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percent.

But many young people remain very skeptical about the chances of bringing real change to the system.

"All I know is that Social Security is in a crisis, which means it is not working well, so I have no hopes about getting any of it," said Francisco Acosta, a 24-year-old bus boy for a pizzeria in Arlington, Va.

There are good reasons for the pessimism.

Right now, there are three workers paying taxes to support each beneficiary.

By about 2030 - after 71 million baby boomers retire - only two workers will be supporting each beneficiary.

By then, Social Security taxes are expected to cover only about 72 percent of benefits. And because senior citizens write and call their lawmakers and vote, they are likely to have the political power to demand 100 percent of their benefits - at great cost to younger workers, who would have to shoulder that with higher taxes.

At the same time, young people are right in expecting to receive less from Social Security than previous generations, because working people now pay many taxes into the system and many are expected to work more years - retiring at 67, not 65.

"What they see, correctly, is that the rate of return that they will achieve on their payments of taxes and their employers' taxes is very low, especially compared to what you could now get even in a U.S. Treasury Bond," Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testified before Congress this month.

"The best that younger people can hope for is that the baby boomers don't destroy the Social Security system," said youth advocate Thau.

Despite such skepticism, the president and Republicans in

Congress have raised the possibility of making things better for young people, both by making adjustments around the edges - lowering benefits, raising the retirement age, hiking taxes or slowing cost-of-living adjustments - and by increasing the Social Security trust fund with nontraditional investments.

President Clinton suggested last week that the government could invest some Social Security money in the stock market to improve the rate of return.

From the 1960s through the 1990s the stock market has yielded an annual return of about 6.75 percent, compared with just 3 percent from government bonds.

A more radical alternative, suggested by some Republicans, would be to take some Social Security money out of the government's hands entirely, allowing people to invest a share of their contributions in the stock market themselves.

"Most people do a lot better with an individual account compared with how it now stands," said economist Max Lyons, of the Employment Policy Foundation, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington. "But there are almost certain to be some people who won't do very well, and that's a legitimate concern for society."

Because of those risks, most economists say the government should maintain some kind of minimum, baseline guarantee of support. Paying for that basic support while permitting individual investments would be a difficult juggling act, experts say.

Still, this new public-private form of Social Security offers a chance to restore young people's faith in the program.

With personal retirement accounts "you have an opportunity to be much more actively involved in your future and your retirement," said Michael Petro, an expert at the Committee for Economic Development, a nonpartisan Washington research organization. "It gives you choices."

Those choices could help to offset the enormous uncertainty many young people feel about their economic futures.

The OppenheimerFunds survey found that 80 percent of 18- to 34-year-olds say they are very concerned or somewhat concerned

over whether they will have a financially secure retirement. Some 53 percent think they will outlive Social Security, and many think they'd get a better return on their money by betting \$1,000 on the Super Bowl than by paying it into the Social Security system.

But thus far they don't seem to believe the chances for improvement make it worth getting involved in the political debate.

"I volunteer in a legal aid office, and I see all the ways that the government lets people down. I'm certainly not going to rely on the government," said Becky O'Brien, 24, a second-year-law student at Catholic University in Washington.

"Most people tend to find a public policy discussion about retirement remarkably boring," lamented Thau. ■

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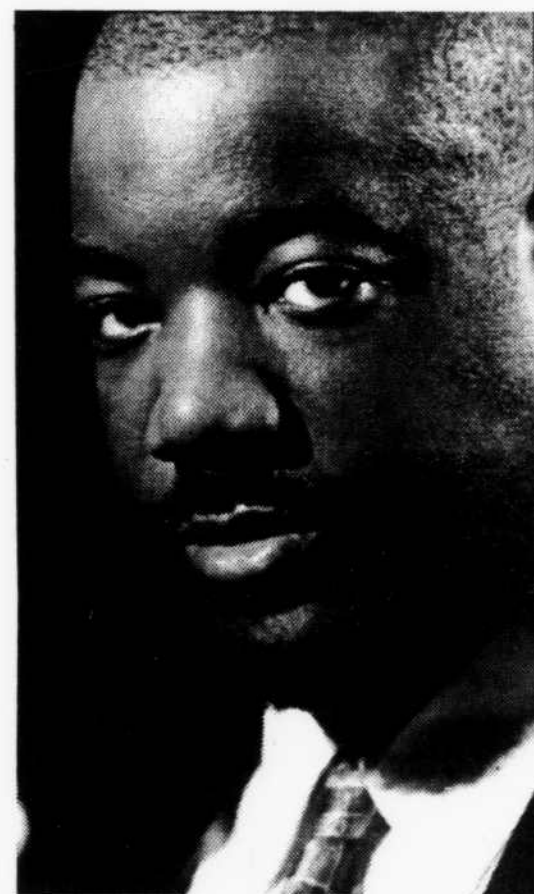
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# SPORTS

## Raiders start historic 1-A recruiting

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders started the very first division 1-A recruiting year in school history with a bang. After signing 22 new players, the Raider coaches are very excited with the job they and their staff have done.

MTSU signed 10 players from high school that earned all-state honors during their senior years, along with another who was injured his final year of high school. Ten players were signed from a junior college.

"We went for more [junior college] players than usual," first-year coach Andy McCollum said.

The Blue Raider coaching staff appeared very optimistic about the upcoming year yesterday at the first ever division 1-A football signing conference. The staff did not get everyone that they wanted, but they managed to get a couple of players that they did not

expect.

"We want players who want to be here," McCollum said.

From Hendersonville, Tenn., Gary Sanders was a part of the Commandos state runner-up team in 1998. Sanders stands 6 feet and 5 inches tall and weighs at 285 pounds. The future Blue Raider bench presses 315 pounds, squats 500 and power cleans 290. He is a center that chose Middle Tennessee over the University of Memphis and Troy State. Sanders was named to the first team all-state in Tennessee.

The second of 22 players is Kendall "Rod" Higgins. Higgins lives in Acworth, Ga., while being a student and player at North Cobb High School. While standing 5'10" and weighing 180 pounds, the defensive back was named to second team all-state in 1997 by the Atlanta-Journal Constitution. In his final season at North Cobb, Higgins ran in the Junior Olympics in Seattle, Washington, in the 400 meter

event. He currently has the fourth fastest time in he nation in the 400 meters. Higgins tore his ACL in his fifth game last season and was forced to sit out the rest of the year.

Xavier Hatnot hails from Austin, Texas, and San Bernardino College. He is a tight end that weighs 225 pounds and stands at 6'4". While at San Bernardino, Hatnot caught 42 passes for 750 yards and seven touchdowns.

From LaGrange, Ga., Travis Dunlap signed with the Blue Raiders over Cincinatti, Troy State and Eastern Kentucky. Dunlap is a defensive back possessing a 4.5 time in the 40 yard dash. He is tabbed as a "true cover corner that plays smart football." In one five game span, Dunlap picked off four passes and recorded 32 tackles. He is the cousin of former MTSU player and the Chicago Bears' Marty Carter.

Diko Tinch is a defensive lineman that is 6 feet and 3 inches tall and weighs 285

pounds. He is from Abbeville, SC, but he is transferring from Georgia Military, where he recorded four sacks in 11 games. In high school, he was named the Anderson Independent Player of the Year. He was recruited by Clemson, South Carolina and Georgia, but he chose MTSU.

He runs a 4.4 40 yard dash and is a 190-pound receiver. However, his height may be his best attribute; the player stands at 6 feet and 4 inches. In 10 games his freshman year, he made 10 catches for 176 yards. He has the same physique as the receiver in Minnesota, Randy Moss. Western Michigan, Murray State and Memphis failed on the attempt to lure the talent away from the Raiders.

Another receiver arrives from Hammond, La, and Southwest Mississippi Junior College. In 1998, he caught 17 passes for 212 yards and four touchdowns. After making the junior college all-star team, he

was an all-south selection.

From Forsyth High School in Ga., Brandon Westbrook is an offensive lineman that rated a 9.25 out of 10 by recruiting analyst Jeff Whitaker. As a junior, he was selected as a second team all-state selection.

Reggie Primas stands 6'3" tall and weighs 298 pounds. From Tickfaw, La., Primas was named to the all-state and all-region teams. While in junior college at Southwest Mississippi Junior College, Primas started as an offensive guard in all 10 games. As an offensive lineman, Primas will be an instrumental part of the running game.

At the line backer position, Randy Arnold is from Glencliff High School in Nashville. As a junior, he led his team with 100 tackles. He was named to the 5-A all-state team, as well as the Sports Nashville elite 11 team. He led his team to a 10-1 record in his final year while tallying 84 tackles. Arnold is 5-11 and weighs 235 pounds. He will

provide some crowd-pleasing hits in the defensive backfield.

The last player that will be mentioned in this issue is from Huntsville, Ala. He is 5'11" tall and weighs 225 pounds at the tailback slot. This young man runs a 4.4 40 yard sprint. He was voted as the 6-A player of the year in Alabama in 1998. He bench presses 340 pounds and squats 500. He may be the most impressive player of the bunch. He rushed for 2,226 yards and 21 touchdowns while in high school. Hicks turned down Ole Miss, Arkansas, Auburn, and Alabama to be a part of the MTSU family.

"We've exceeded expectations," McCollum said. "We very excited about that."

With the players that MTSU has already signed it looks like the Raiders will have a fine team as soon as they come together. Some of the best are yet to come.

MTSU signed 11 more players, and they will be introduced in the next issue of Sidelines. ■

## Men and women battle SEMO tonight

### Playoff hopes hinge on next two games

Michael Barrett  
Staff Reporter

It continues to be a season of ups and downs for the Blue Raiders. After a modest, three-game winning streak, MTSU suffered a disappointing loss to Murray State last Saturday due to a second-half collapse. The Blue Raiders began their long road trip with a game against Belmont University. The school is only in their second year of division I basketball, but had already defeated MTSU once this season. The Blue Raiders hit a season-high fourteen three-pointers, but that was not enough as they lost another close one, 78-74.

MTSU continues its road trip this week with trips to Southeast Missouri and Eastern Illinois.

The Blue Raiders will face the Warriors of SEMO this Thursday night. SEMO comes in 12-1 in OVC trailing only to Murray State. MTSU hopes to avenge a 73-63 loss to the Warriors earlier this season.

This Saturday, MTSU will head up to Eastern Illinois for a battle with the Panthers in a critical OVC match up.

The Panthers have only one win in their last six games and are fighting to remain in the playoff hunt. EIU, 6-7 in the OVC, is just one game behind the Raiders in the standings.

These games are of huge importance to the Raiders' playoff picture. If they hope to host a home playoff game, they must remain one of the top four in the OVC standings. They currently reside in third place. ■



Dale Thomas slams down two points for the Raiders Saturday night against Murray State.

### Lady Raiders look to extend streak

Josh Ezzell  
Staff Reporter

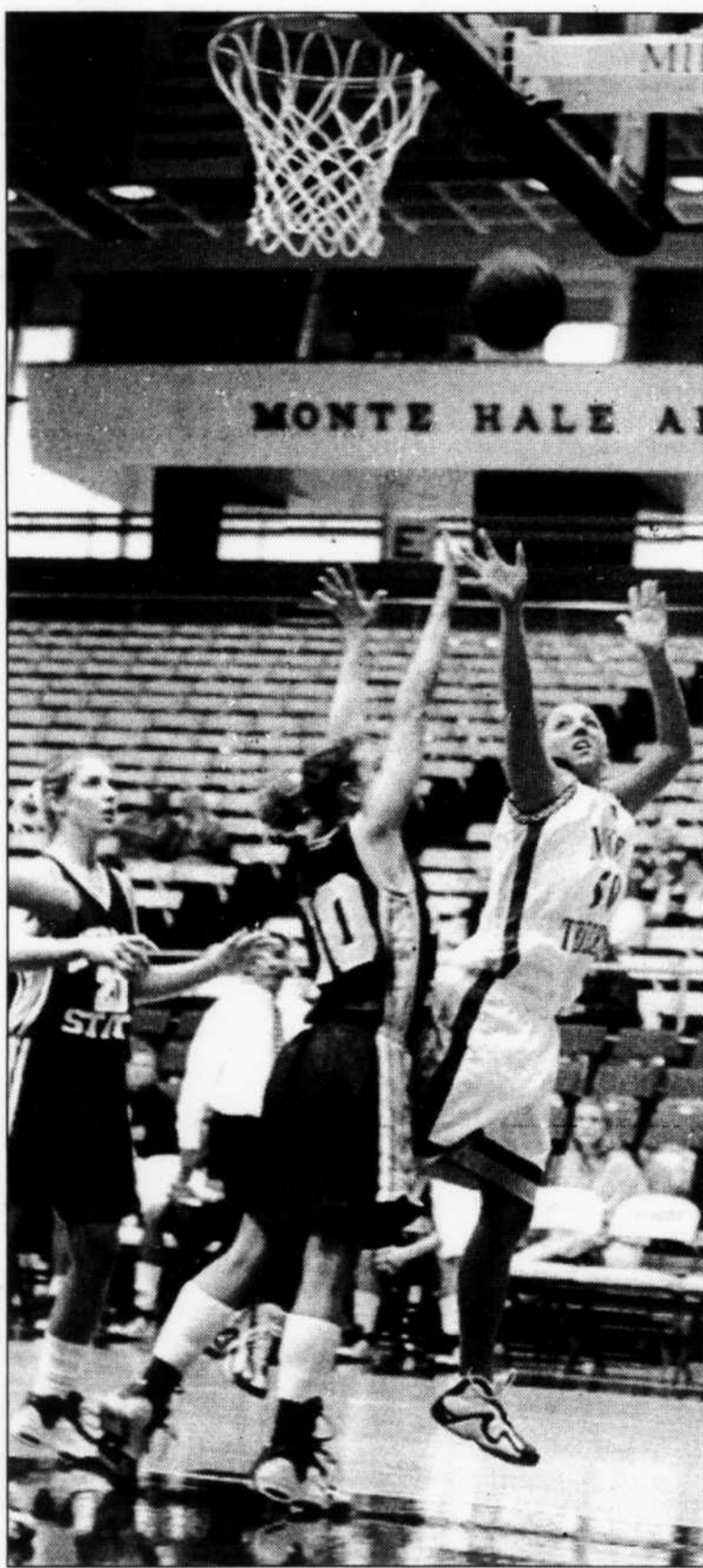
The Lady Raiders begin a two-game road trip today against second-place Southeast Missouri. On Saturday, the Lady Raiders will face the ladies of last-place Eastern Illinois.

As everyone probably already knows, the Lady Raiders will enter Thursday's contest against SEMO with a six-game winning streak. SEMO will enter with a perfect 9-0 record at home. Something has to give.

In their previous meeting, the Lady Raiders were victorious 82-75. The Lady Raiders jumped on SEMO early, holding SEMO to 33 percent from the field and jumping out to a 43-29 halftime lead. Carlita Elder led the Lady Raiders with 14 points, while Jamie Thomatis contributed 11.

Eastern Illinois was blown out 99-63 in its previous meeting with the Lady Raiders. EIU shot an icy 35 percent from the field, while the Lady Raiders shot a scorching 57 percent from the field. Jamie Thomatis led the attack with 17 points, while Bama Burrell and Cyndi Ainsworth contributed 14 points.

Both games are huge, especially with SEMO on the ladies heels. Wins in both games would give the Lady Raiders a little breathing room. A loss against SEMO would put the ladies in a two way tie for first. ■



Cyndi Ainsworth scores in the face of a Murray State defender Saturday night at Murphy Center.

## Football recruits courted by Georgia Girls

Shelley Hill  
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. - They are known as the Georgia Girls, a group of some 70 "vivacious" female students who spend their winter weekends taking high school football recruits to dinner.

The program has been around at least 20 years, and is an important part of attracting some of the country's best players to the University of Georgia.

Some say the program is nothing more than a university-

sponsored escort service.

"Just the fact that these hospitality teams are all female and the football players are all male sets up the expectation that what is being given out is sex appeal," said Victoria Davion, who teaches a feminist philosophy class. "They're selling sex appeal as an enticement to come."

Not so, says Dominique Holloman, a sophomore Georgia Girl.

"We're like hostesses," she said. "You could think of it as a tour guide."

Last season, Tennessee fans

taunted Georgia Girls at a game, insinuating that they used sex to sign players.

The Bulldogs are the pre-eminent team in this football-crazy state, drawing 90,000 fans to every home game.

Other schools with powerhouse football programs, mostly in the South, have similar organizations - the Bama Belles (Alabama), Vol Hostesses (Tennessee), Gator Guides (Florida), Rebel Recruiters (Mississippi) and Tiger PAWS (Clemson). The NCAA has no objection.

The Georgia Girls look for

vivacious women who are "vivacious, outgoing and informative," said Audra Towson, the 22-year-old president of the group.

Recruits notice their looks. Bulldog linebacker Brian Hollingshed said recruits often talk about which school has the prettiest escorts. But he said the players don't expect relationships with the women.

The Georgia Girls acknowledge they flirt with some recruits but say it never goes beyond that.

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## Texas Longhorns win national recruiting war

Richard Rosenblatt  
Associated Press

Texas finally hooked 'em on national signing day, and the Longhorns came away as undisputed champions in Recruiting Wars '99.

With an incoming class of stars led by quarterback Chris Simms and linebacker Cory Redding — USA Today's offensive and defensive players of the year as well as Parade All-Americans — Texas was the top choice of three national recruiting gurus.

"More than any coach in the country, Mack Brown has awakened a sleeping giant," Allen Wallace, publisher of

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**The Hook Up**

Commentary by Josh Ezzell/ Staff Reporter

# Get pumped for pay per view

If you wanna read about wrestling, gimme a "Hell yeah!" That's right, wrestling fans: it's that time of the week again. Time for Josh to hook you up with all of the ongoings in the WWF and the WCW. So, without further adieu, for the thousands reading around campus, ladies and gentlemen, let's get ready to rumble!!!!

Let's do things a little differently this week and talk about Raw first. If you watched Half-time Heat during the Super Bowl, then you already know the news. If you missed it, well, I'll hook you up.

Mankind won the first-ever empty arena match over The Rock, with the help of a forklift and some beer kegs. It was beautiful to watch The Rock check into "The Smackdown Hotel" at the expense of Mankind.

On Raw, The Rock challenged Mankind to a rematch at the St. Valentine's Day Massacre Pay-Per-View in Memphis. The bottom line is this: Mankind will lose the belt, but The Rock will visit The Smackdown Hotel" shortly thereafter in a title match with Stone Cold.

Speaking of Stone Cold, he appeared on Raw Monday night via satellite from his hometown in Victoria, Texas, but he was not alone. It seems that Mr. McMahon felt like The Rattlesnake needed a little company.

Well, he got more than he bargained for. Stone Cold backed down from the boss' insults and outright pleas for a butt whippin', but the natives were more than willing to oblige. Josh 3:16 says that Stone Cold will be doing the butt whippin' on Valentine's

Day. Speaking of Valentine's, "The Big Valbowski" was in action Monday night. This time he took on "The Bad Ass" Billy Gunn. Obviously, Ken Shamrock is still steamed at "The Big Valbowski," as he opened up another can on the ladies' man. I foresee a big showdown on Valentine's Day between "The Big Valbowski" and "The World's Most Dangerous Man."

In other action, The Undertaker added The Brood to his minion of darkness and defeated Al Snow and "The Road Dog" Jesse James in the process. DLo Brown found out that PMS was playing him, and "Sexual Chocolate" Mark Henry once again suffered a beating because of a woman. This time, Debra McMichael was the lady that captured "Sexual Chocolate's" heart.

And now, for the main event. The feature bout pitted Triple H against Kane in a steel cage match. As was expected, Chyna attacked her former DX buddy, but unexpectedly, X-Pac kept Kane from escaping the ring and winning the match.

Triple H prevailed, but is he really pleased? After the match Chyna called him out. This sets up a big Pay-Per-View match between the former friends and current enemies.

Now let's talk about the other Wrestling organization, the WCW. In the opening match, "The Canadian Crippler" Chris Benoit and Dean Malenko faced former Horsemen Curt Hennig and Barry Windham. In a tough match, the former Horsemen prevailed.

In the future, I see a match between the former Horsemen and The Outsiders. It will be

"Just Too Sweet" as The Outsiders will prevail with help from the NWO.

In the next match, we were paid a surprise visit by someone. That someone was former ECW wrestler The Franchise. He called out Bam Bam Bigelow, and "The Beast From The East" was more than willing to oblige. For the first time ever, barbed wire was used in a WCW match. Bam Bam prevailed in what turned out to be one of the roughest matches ever.

What Nitro would be complete without "Big Poppa Pump" Scott Steiner and Diamond Dallas Page? As usual, the "Big Poppa Pump" couldn't keep his hands off of Kimberly, but this time he took it too far. It seems that he knocked her unconscious this time, which of course, angered Kimberly's husband, DDP.

DDP looked for Steiner, but was unable to find him. In the end, Disco Inferno was the recipient of a Diamond Cutter when he tried to deliver a message from Steiner. Expect Page to whip Steiner in the next Pay-Per-View and take the TV Title.

And now, for the main event. This match pitted Scott Hall against "The Canadian Crippler" Chris Benoit, with the winner receiving a shot at the U.S. title in next month's Pay-Per-View against Bret "The Hitman" Hart.

Unsurprisingly, "Big Sexy" Kevin Nash helped Scott Hall prevail by distracting Benoit. In the end, The Four Horsemen looked more like ponies, and the NWO looked "Just Too Sweet."

Wanna know what happens next week? Read Sidelines. ■

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Laguna Beach, Calif.-based SuperPrep magazine said Wednesday, the first day high school seniors were able to sign letters-of-intent.

Ricky Williams' record-setting Heisman Trophy season and a 9-3 record capped by a 38-11 win over Mississippi State in the Cotton Bowl didn't hurt, either.

"Hook 'em horns! Texas simply has the best group from top to bottom," said Bobby Burton of Austin, Texas-based The National Recruiting Advisor.

"It's a class that can jumpstart us back to where we want to be," Brown said, "and that's the elite of college football."

The biggest shocker came at the expense of Notre Dame. C.J. Leak, a highly-touted quarterback from Charlotte, N.C., chose Wake Forest over the Irish, who for months expected the 6-foot-4, 210-pounder in the mold of Randall Cunningham to sign on with coach Bob Davie.

The Irish, who did not sign a quarterback Wednesday, were still rated third by Burton and Tom Lemming of Schaumburg, Ill.-based Prep Football Report,

but eighth by Wallace.

The Irish, though, came away with such standouts as defensive back Jerome Sapp from Houston and defensive lineman Cedric Hilliard from Arlington, Texas, and offensive lineman Jeff Faine from Florida — both 300-pounders.

Ohio State, with a haul that included USA Today All-American offensive lineman Bryce Bishop, defensive lineman Tim Anderson, defensive back Michael Doss and defensive back/wide receiver Kelton Lindsay, was ranked second by Burton and Wallace and fourth by Lemming. ■

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Towson said many of the women are in their 20s and wouldn't consider dating teenagers. Although some Georgia Girls date current Bulldog players, Towson said she has never heard of any who had a physical relationship with a recruit.

Not that there are rules against it. Revealing clothes are frowned upon, but the only thing strictly forbidden is wearing anything other than the school colors, red and black.

Many universities say they would not approve of an all-female group because it would give the impression that the school endorsed relationships between the group members and recruits.

"We don't have that, and we won't," said Bob Chamie, Notre Dame's coordinator of football operations. "I think everybody has their own way of recruiting."

The Georgia Girls' work really begins in January, when recruits visit the campus.

On Fridays, the women put on their best red-and-black outfits for dinner with the players. Each woman takes basic football lessons and studies up on her recruit — where he's from, his parents' names and his position — to keep the conversation flowing smoothly.

They accompany recruits, players and coaches to dinner again on Saturday nights, sometimes followed by a tour of Athens' nightlife. All of it is paid by the school's football program, which is funded by donations, game tickets and television revenue.

Because the players are

underage, bars are rarely on the itinerary. The usual destinations are basketball games or bowling alleys.

During visits in the fall, the women sit with recruits at games, show them around campus and answer questions about student life.

"We play a part in making them feel more comfortable at the school," says Haley Cagle, a senior and a program vice president. "Sometimes they'll

confide stuff in us that they don't tell the coaches."

The Georgia Girls will see the results of their work on Wednesday, college football's signing day, when the recruits' decisions on which school they will play for are announced.

"I feel like more than just a person in the stands," Holloman said. "I'm actually part of something, not just an onlooker. It's kind of like being the ultimate fan." ■

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# Lakers might be Rodman's only option for this season

**John Nadel**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If Dennis Rodman wants to play for a championship contender this season as previously stated, the Los Angeles Lakers might be his only option.

And his earning potential with them is extremely limited compared to what he's made in recent years.

Representatives of the Orlando Magic, Miami Heat and Houston Rockets, all possible destinations for the 37-year-old Rodman, indicated Wednesday they aren't interested in his services.

No doubt, Rodman's quirky ways are a significant factor.

Rodman, the NBA's leading rebounder in each of the last seven seasons, expressed a desire to play for the Magic, who are coached by Chuck Daly — Rodman's coach with the Detroit Pistons from 1986-92.

Magic general manager John Gabriel indicated the chances of that happening are slim, mainly because Rodman has made it clear he wishes to receive special treatment.

"Based on one phone call, this thing had a pulse a couple days ago," Gabriel said from Orlando, Fla. "It's coming close to dying out here real fast as we get ready to start our season (Friday night against the New York Knicks).

"We wanted to meet with him. We respect him very much as a player, but there was process for this organization in regard to issues off the floor that we're going to stick to. If that process doesn't happen, this signing won't happen."

Lakers executive vice president Jerry West has expressed an interest in Rodman, but in the team can only offer a veteran minimum starting salary of \$1 million under the new labor deal.

Rodman, who earned a total of \$18 million from the Chicago Bulls in the last two seasons, recently mentioned the Lakers as one of the teams he would be interested in joining.

Shaquille O'Neal has pushed in recent days for the Lakers to sign Rodman, who has played on five NBA championship teams in the last 10 years, including three straight with the Bulls.

"Any team can use his physical ability," said first-year Lakers guard Derek Harper, who, like Rodman, is 37 years old and nearing the end of his playing career. "The problem with Dennis is how he's going to conduct himself off the basketball court."

West reportedly spoke with one of Rodman's new agents, Steve Chasman, earlier this week to see if there was interest on Rodman's part in playing for the Lakers.

Chasman has served as Rodman's talent agent for over a year and works for International Creative Management.

However, Chasman is not a certified agent with the players union, meaning he can't negotiate a contract for Rodman. Rodman is also represented by Andrew Reif and Richard Levy, and both are certified with the union.

Andrea Marozas, a spokeswoman for ICM, said there would be no comment Wednesday on Rodman's plans.

Dwight Manley formerly represented Rodman, but ended his affiliation with him last week.

# Georgia breaks losing streak with win over Vanderbilt

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — D.A. Layne made his first trip to Vanderbilt's Memorial Gym a memorable one.

"One of our assistant coaches told me before the game that this was a great shooters' gym and he was right," said Layne, whose 22 points Wednesday night helped Georgia snap a five-game losing streak and beat Vanderbilt 82-67.

"To get a 'W' takes a lot off my shoulders. We got something accomplished towards our goal, which is reaching the tournament, and we need to take it game by game."

Vanderbilt coach Jan van Breda Kolf watched helplessly as the Commodores (11-10, 2-7 Southeastern Conference) suffered their fourth straight SEC loss.

"In the scouting report, we said time and again that we cannot let D.A. Layne beat us, and that's just what he did," van Breda Kolf said.

Georgia (13-9, 4-6) took a 43-24 lead into the second half and was never threatened. The Bulldogs went up 70-51 with 6:52 left on a layup by Ray Harrison and cruised from there.

Vanderbilt crept to within 12 points twice

in the second half, and trailed 60-48 with 10:13 remaining after Michael LeBlanc's 3-pointer.

Layne answered with a 3-pointer, a layup and a free throw on Georgia's next three possessions to quell the Commodore rally.

"We got it back to 12, and we had a couple of opportunities to cut it to single digits. We just couldn't get there," van Breda Kolf said. "D.A. Layne really hurt us."

Vanderbilt was plagued by poor shooting. The Commodores hit only 41.5 percent from the field, and sank 7-of-18 from the free-throw line.

Jumaine Jones scored 16 points and pulled down 13 rebounds for Georgia. Michael Chadwick added 11 points.

Vanderbilt was led by Dan Langhi, with 15 points. James Strong scored 13 points, and Vince Ford added 10.

"We didn't play well or with the intensity that we should have and that we needed to," Langhi said.

The Commodores were without starting center Greg LaPointe, who has missed the last three games with a strained Achilles tendon in his left leg.

# Tyson will learn Friday if he's headed back to jail

**Joseph White**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON— Shelley Finkel makes the case to keep Mike Tyson out of jail sound quite simple.

"This was a minor accident," said Finkel, Tyson's boxing advisor. "The two defendants settled with him and said they wanted him to get help, and that's what happened. What more could you ask?"

The prosecutor paints a darker picture. Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler has called Tyson a bully who committed "road rage" and is "nothing less than a time bomb buried in our back yard."

The opinion that counts will be that of Judge Stephen Johnson, who on Friday will determine whether Tyson's latest comeback is over after just one fight. Johnson will sentence the fighter on two counts of second-degree assault — and in turn will trigger a decision in Indiana on whether Tyson violated his probation for a 1991 rape conviction.

"If he goes to jail here, it's much, much more likely he'll go to jail there," said Paul Kemp, Tyson's lawyer.

On Aug. 31, Tyson kicked one motorist and punched another after a minor three-car accident in the Washington suburb of Gaithersburg, Md. On Dec. 1, Tyson pleaded no-contest — meaning he neither protests the assault charges nor admits guilt — and could receive up to 20 years' imprisonment.

The two victims, Abmielec Saucedo and Richard Hardick, were paid an undisclosed amount to avoid a civil suit shortly before Tyson's plea. Both will be present Friday, ready to tell the judge that they feel Tyson shouldn't go to jail.

"Any inference that we've been purchased or bribed is off the wall," said Saucedo's lawyer, Glenn Culppepper. "From the very beginning, my client said he didn't want him to be convicted, he wanted him to be helped."

Finkel, who will ask for probation, plans to call character witnesses, including one from a Washington homeless shelter where Tyson has been doing volunteer work. He will also point out Tyson's goodwill acts while training in Arizona — he visited teen-age inmates and paid for the funeral of a 2-year-old girl shot to death.

Tyson, who lives in Bethesda, Md., is undergoing therapy at Georgetown University.

# Bulls go from third choice to Kukoc's team

**Rick Gano**  
Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill. — Toni Kukoc is no longer the third option for the Chicago Bulls.

He doesn't have to defer to Michael Jordan or Scottie Pippen or listen to Phil Jackson scream at him for defensive lapses.

Kukoc is now the man, the go-to guy in what will surely be a season filled with losses following a massive retooling by the six-time champions.

He is aware of what is ahead and is eager because the new and expanded role will require from him more leadership, more scoring, more shooting and increased responsibility.

"If I need a reminder of the past, I can just look up here," Kukoc says of the championship banners hanging on the walls at the Bulls' practice facility.

Kukoc scored 32 points in the Bulls' exhibition loss to Indiana earlier this week, a mixture of jump shots — a part of his game that can be erratic — and left-handed drives to the basket.

Kukoc knows the Bulls' triangle offense as well as

anyone and is being counted on by rookie coach Tim Floyd to convey his knowledge to a host of new teammates still trying to understand it.

"He's been interesting to watch," Floyd said Thursday. "From a guy who was silent the first week who now seems more pronounced and vocal on the floor, not only with the older guys but with our newcomers."

Kukoc was known as "The Waiter" during his playing days in Europe for his ability to serve other players with clever passes.

He still lists Magic Johnson, perhaps the greatest passer in NBA history, as the one player he'd like to face one-on-one.

"Toni is one of the most skilled players in the league. And now he has to step up and be a leader," said new teammate Brent Barry.

"He's been there and been through it, and he's going to be a source of strength for a young team learning and growing. He has to step into that role."

Kukoc, voted the NBA's best sixth man in 1995-96 when the Bulls won an NBA-record 72 regular season games, never fashioned himself as anything but a starter.

When he joined the Bulls,

Jordan retired for the first time and Kukoc was crushed because it appeared his dream of playing with the world's best was over before it started.

But Jordan returned, and the Bulls went on to three championships.

Kukoc took his verbal beatings from Jordan and Jackson. With Floyd, the Bulls may not win as many games, but Kukoc's ears won't be ringing as much, either.

"He (Jackson) wanted us to be better, but I can get it out of myself without being yelled at," Kukoc said during the Bulls' abbreviated training camp.


"I had plenty of respect for Phil, but I didn't need the yelling."

Kukoc, who averaged 13.3 points last season when he started 52 games, is ready for the added burden, starting with Friday's opener in Utah, where the Bulls clinched the title last June.

"I know there will be nights when the offense won't click and somebody will have to step up," he said.

"And most of all, the guys will be counting on me. ... I'm ready to take the responsibility. I didn't do it much the last five years."

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