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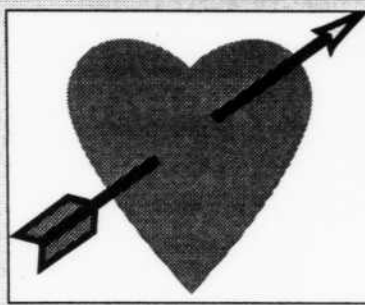
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Jim Hill speaks about work ethic

The president of the Tennessee Aquarium has realized his dream

MARK BLEVINS
Assistant News Editor

Jim Hill, president of the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, spoke about working hard and realizing dreams in an on-campus luncheon Friday as part of African-American History Month.

"We dreamed and we became more than we thought we could become and that applies to many things in life," Hill said of Chattanooga's creation of the \$45 million Tennessee Aquarium. It is the world's largest freshwater aquarium.

Hill said Chattanooga was run down in the 70s and 80s but that in the mid-80s "Chattanooga got religion." Hill told the audience about Chattanooga's Vision 2000 program which sought a way to kick start its local economy. The kick start became the Tennessee Aquarium

"If you haven't been there, it is good. It is world class and it rivals any aquarium in the world."

"It all comes from people getting together and saying, 'What is the best standard that is out there and I want to achieve it and exceed it.'"

The economic effect of the aquarium has been great for Chattanooga, Hill said. He said the aquarium receives over one million visitors a year and has indeed served to kick start the revitalization of the

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Raising their voices high



CLIFF KARELL/Staff

Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, conductor of the Boys Choir of Harlem, directs the choir in a number Thursday night at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. The choir is on tour celebrating its 25th anniversary in music. See related story, page 3.

"Lest We Forget" Events for the week February 13-17, 1995

Monday, February 13, 1995: Film-Debate, "At the River I Stand" at 6:00 p.m. in the LRC Multi-Media Room.

Tuesday, February 14, 1995: Multi-Cultural Afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 109.

Wednesday, February 15, 1995: Movie: "The Jackie Robinson Story" at 10:00 a.m. in the KUC Theater.

Friday, February 17, 1995: "Roots and Branches of American Fingerstyle Guitar" seminar at 2:30 p.m. in Mass Comm 101. "Historical and Contemporary Fingerstyle Artistry" concert from 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

Credit Bureau creates new business grants

TRIPP BALLARD
Staff Writer

The Murfreesboro Credit Bureau recently closed its doors after 70 years of operation and donated "left-over" funds of \$95,000 to the MTSU Foundation for scholarships.

These "left-over" funds from the Murfreesboro Credit Bureau, a non-profit organization, were given to MTSU as a result of a decision made by the bureau's board of directors.

"The board of directors decided that these funds should be given back to the community. We chose to let future MTSU students reap the benefits," said Mary Ann Derryberry, former Murfreesboro Credit Bureau board president.

The MTSU College of

Business will be the direct beneficiary of the donated money. There will be a new business scholarship created named the Murfreesboro Credit Bureau scholarship, and it will be awarded to a deserving freshman starting in the fall semester of 1995.

The scholarship will be granted only to a freshman business major who either is a graduate of a Rutherford County high school or be a Rutherford County resident for at least a year.

"I think that the Murfreesboro Credit Bureau scholarship is the most exciting scholarship we have had in a long time," said Elaine Kelsey, MTSU's director of annual giving. "It gives outstanding high school students that are interested

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Debate team goes to regionals

JENNIFER RUSSELL
Staff Writer

The MTSU debate team continues to strive for a second consecutive regional title by recently winning first place in both the varsity and novice divisions at the Benjamin E. Mays Debate Tournament in Atlanta.

"It is highly unusual for a team to win both divisions," said Russell Church, director of debate. The team also received the overall sweepstakes award, naming them top team at the tournament.

The team is currently in second place to the University of Alabama, one of the teams that MTSU will compete against at the Southeastern Regional

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MTSU NEWS

African-Americans offered law, health science fellowships

MARK BLEVINS
Assistant News Editor

The Tennessee Pre-Law and Pre-Health Science Fellowship Program is offering fellowships to African-American students who are interested in pursuing careers in law and in health sciences, according to coordinator Dr. John Vile.

There are two types of fellowship available. One is an Associates fellowship, which is available to freshmen and sophomores and provides tuition for up to six hours of summer courses leading to their major. Students must have a 3.0 grade point average and fill out an application to be considered for the fellowship. There are 10 such fellowships available and recipients can use them at any state university in Tennessee.

The other category is for juniors and seniors and is a Scholars fellowship. "Students interested in this program must show, through applications, transcripts, and

letters of recommendation that they have a likelihood of success in their chosen fields," Vile stated in a press release. Pre-health applicants must also have taken some basic designated science courses.

Students who receive the Scholars fellowship can participate in a special 8-week summer program at a Tennessee graduate school to help them become acquainted with law and health programs. Vile said the participants will probably practice for the MCAT and LSAT along with other facets of law and health career preparation.

Recipients of the Scholars fellowship will receive full tuition and housing for the program and will also receive \$800.

Applications can be picked up in Vile's office in Peck Hall 209 and must be turned in by the end of February for consideration. They are then evaluated by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission for awards. ■

Burke takes post as Dean of Student Life

KRYS SPAIN
Staff Writer

Dr. Thomas Burke has been appointed the new Dean of Student Life following the retirement of Paul T. Cantrell.

Prior to his appointment on Feb. 6, Burke worked in the office of Student Life at the University of Alabama for seven years.

"Someone nominated me," Burke said. "I was asked if I wanted to submit an application, and it was something I was interested in so I applied. I went through the interview process, and they offered me the position."

The position of Dean of Student Life has been expanded from the previous Dean of Students. It now covers all the Student Life area, including judicial affairs, discipline, orientation, greek affairs, university housing, campus recreation, student publications and student programming.

"Dr. Burke has extremely

good credentials and good preparation for this position," said Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Robert LaLance. "He has had hands on experience with virtually every component of the Student Life responsibilities for which he now administers."

"I view my first month as trying to get to know people at MTSU," Burke said.

"I am particularly glad that Dr. Burke has arrived," LaLance said. "Frankly it has been a long time since the May retirement of Dean Cantrell. This division and the staff members in student life will be glad to have a full time person working for their needs. I think Tom Burke is a terrific addition to the Student Affairs team."

Burke has a wife, Cindy, and two children, Charlotte, 12 and Fulton, 10. He graduated from the University of North Carolina and earned his masters degree in 1976 and his doctorate in 1981 from Florida State. ■

Campus Capsule

Today

The African-American Urban Music Society (AAUMS) is holding a general interest meeting regarding the Urban Music Conference at 4:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 101.

The MTSU Ad Club will hold their first meeting on Mon. Feb. 13 at 6 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 150. Pat McGee, president of Carden and Cherry, will be the guest speaker.

Gamma Beta Phi will be meeting Feb. 13 and 14 at 4:30 in the KUC Theater.

A College Republican Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the third floor of the KUC.

An Annual Valentine's Day Candy Sale will be sponsored by The Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity in the KUC lobby from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will be selling an assortment of affordable Valentine's gifts on Feb. 13 and 14 in the KUC and KOM.

The Tau Omicron Interest Tea will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the JUB.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

The PSI CHI/Psychology Club will have a meeting from 4:30-6 p.m. in Peck Hall 208. Professor Robert Rucker of the sociology department will speak about "Psychological/Social Media Implication for African Americans."

The MTSU Wellness Center will be sponsoring a FREE Blood Pressure Screening on Wed., Feb. 14 from 11-1 p.m. in KUC lobby.

The MTSU Wellness Center will be sponsoring Blood Analysis Screenings on Feb. 14, 16, 22 and 27 from 6:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the Nursing Building Room 109. The cost is \$8 by check or money order only. Please call the Wellness Center at 898-5549 to schedule an appt.

Open house at the MTSU Observatory from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info. contact Dr. Jay White at 898-5946.

Adult Children of Alcoholics is a 12-step support program for people raised in alcoholic or other dysfunctional families. If

you are interested in starting a group and being a charter member, come by KUC 312 at 2 p.m.

Send a flower to your sweetie. Erudite Emancipators will deliver carnations to people on campus Valentine's Day. To order a flower call Angela Bonds at 898-4120 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

The Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures is sponsoring a teleconference entitled "A New Look at Authentic Materials." A panel of educators, including Dr. June Phillips, will offer ideas and answer questions about using authentic materials in the foreign language classroom from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in BDA Room 320.

Thursday, Feb. 16

A special agent from the U.S. Customs Service will be speaking at the 5 p.m. meeting of the American Criminal Justice Ass. in KUC Room 314. Other topics to be covered include pistol team practice, the spring fundraiser and plans for the national competition.

The Public Relations Society presents Melissa Miller to speak about special events planning and sports marketing at 4:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 151. Call Dr. Julie Andsager (898-5980) or Deanna (895-2420) for more info.

Upcoming & Ongoing

"Beyond Therapy," an MTSU Theater production, will be held from Feb. 10-19 in the Arena Theater in BDA. The shows begin at 8:15 p.m. (2 p.m. Sundays). General admission is \$5. Students get in free with I.D.s.

The Black Student Journalist Association will meet Mon., Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104. Contact Nicki (4608) or Jennifer (2226) for more info. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity is hosting its Quiz Bowl. All MTSU clubs and organizations are invited. It takes place Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in Room 324 of the KUC. Entry fee is \$15. Call Dr. Hollman (898-2673) or Tom Stratton (895-5007) to enter.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic on Feb. 23 from 7-9 p.m.

The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty, and staff. Appointments to speak with one of the attorneys can be made by calling 898-2193. Space is limited.

The PSI CHI/Psychology Club will have a meeting Feb. 28 from 4:30-6 p.m. in Peck Hall 208. Dr. John Pleas of the psychology department will speak about "Issues for Minorities & Women in Pursuit of Graduate Degrees."

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

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

The MTSU LAMBDA ASSOCIATION meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Mass Comm Room 149. For further information please call the hotline at 780-2293.

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

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

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

College Worship Wednesday nights at 9 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship.

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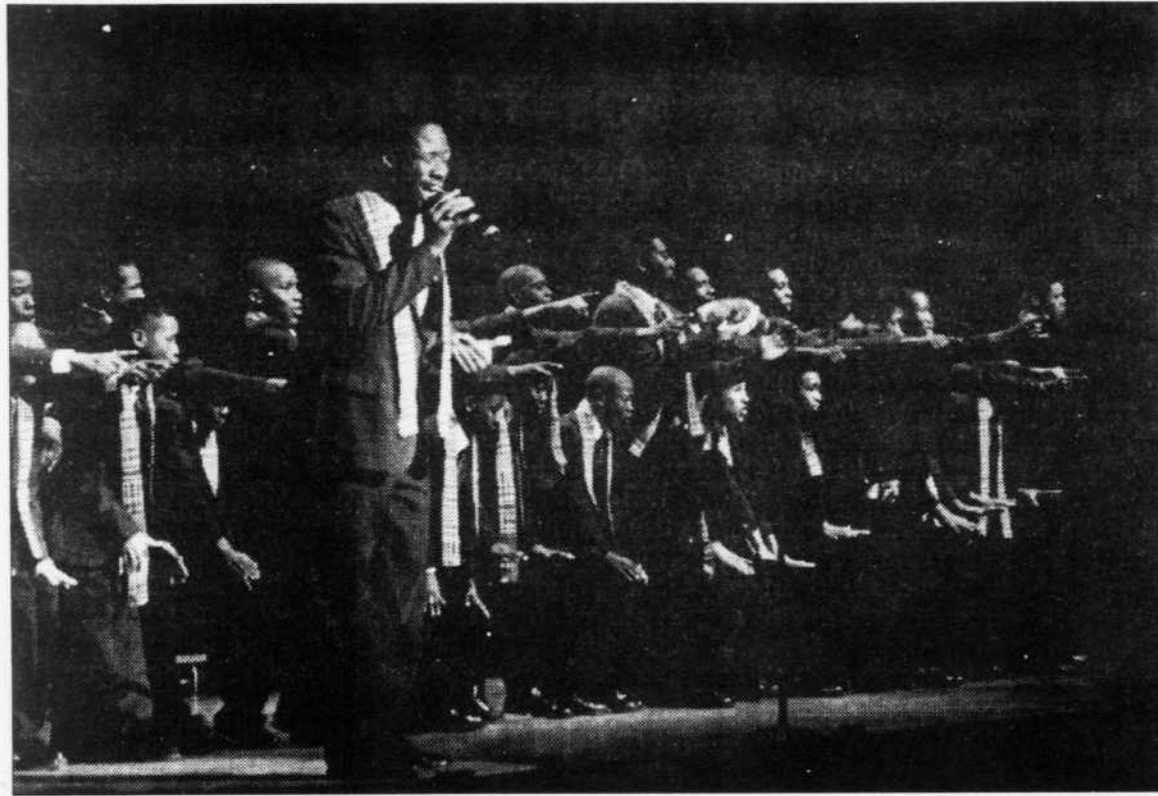
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MTSU NEWS

Boys Choir of Harlem plays Ryman for 25th anniversary



CLIFF KARELL/Staff

Angels of Harlem

The Boys Choir of Harlem during their 25th anniversary concert at Ryman on Thursday. The Boys Choir also performed the *Star Spangled Banner* during the NBA All-Star Game Sunday night.

ISAAC DANIEL

Staff Writer

The Boys Choir of Harlem gave a 25th anniversary concert performance at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville to a crowd of about 800 Thursday night.

The choir opened with several classical pieces from Franz Joseph Haydn and Johannes Brahms.

"These boys look like and sing like angels, don't they?" said director and founder Dr. Walter J. Turnbull to the audience, referring to their conservative and uniformed

appearance, "but they ain't."

After the opening set, the choir returned to do some spirituals and gospel, jazz and swing.

The Boys Choir of Harlem was founded by Turnbull in 1968 as the Ephesus Church Choir of Central Harlem. Incorporated in 1975, it has

grown from a small church choir to a major performing arts institution of international reputation.

The choir takes pride in providing a positive alternative for inner-city New York children. They sing all forms of music from jazz, contemporary, gospel and spirituals, and classical music.

"The choir does not fit into any one music category. We do all styles. The crowd can sit back and listen to some classical music and also sit on the edge of their seats and clap their hands and stomp their feet to some gospel, jazz and contemporary," said Manager Horace Turnbull.

In 1988, the choir's program began to include a program for girls. The entire program now includes 450 people between the ages of 8 and 18.

The choir not only teaches music, but prepares its members for productive lives. Ninety-eight percent of it's members go on to college. The members of the BCH academy are strongly encouraged to maintain a "B" average. Dr. Turnbull mentioned that the boys have tutors and counselors who travel with them on tour.

After the concert, *Sidelines* was able to get an

interview with some choir members. They were asked about their immediate goals, long-term plans and about their experience with singing and traveling with the choir.

Charles Gregg is 14 and says that he has been in BCH for seven years, beginning in third grade. "I want to be a Technical engineer and study math."

"I want to stick with the group as long as I can and then go to college and become an FBI agent" said Reginald Charles, 19.

The concert was presented by the Black Children's Institute of Tennessee. ■

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MTSU NEWS

International student coffee hour fosters friendship

VANDANA SINGH
Staff Writer

Flags from countries as varied as Nigeria, Iraq, Canada, India, Pakistan, Germany and Britain hung from the ceiling on all four sides of the Hazelwood Dining Hall in James Union Building Wednesday.

The occasion? The International Students Coffee Hour.

Students from China, Sri Lanka, Canada, Iran, Ecuador, Russia, India, Japan and Laos filled the large dining hall, undeterred by the icy weather.

The International Students Coffee Hour is a monthly feature, an informal get-together, which is always held in the same place between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. The event is hosted by different church groups and is open to the public.

"Please do bring a friend along," says David Currey, assistant director of the International Student Programs and Services Office (IPSO). "We encourage our American students to come and get to know our international visitors."

Visitors will find next to the entrance a guest book and are asked to sign their names and their countries. This is a tradition which is reminiscent of diplomatic communities around the world when guest books are signed at the residents of ambassadors, both for formal and informal occasions, Currey said.

Tea, coffee and snacks and are served while students, faculty, church hosts and the local community mix freely, "strike new friendships and

enjoy a delightful evening, a welcome change from the usual class routine," said Currey.

"What country are you from?" is the first and most common question asked in the gathering. Dates for future coffees are March 15 and April 5, same time, same place.

Another upcoming event is the International Culture

students from different countries are so pretty," said one of the hostesses at the coffee.

The IPSO also holds a Friendship Family Program in which American families from the faculty or the community become host families to each international student who wishes to participate in the program.

The program enables students to meet American families who help them understand and adjust better to the host culture. President James Walker and his wife serve as a host family and have participated for about four years.

Currey said international students attend MTSU for a variety of reasons.

"I chose MTSU because my family had been here before," said a Chinese student.

"I chose MTSU because MTSU accepted me, not Vanderbilt," said an Eastern European student.

"My parents came here from Laos, so I do want to go to school here," said another.

A Japanese student relayed that she was surprised to be in a "small, quiet, safe town" after living in Tokyo.

These students are mini ambassadors and representatives of their culture, Currey said.

The international student gathering is an experience which is one small but authentic effort to open the eyes of one's mind and learn about different people, cultures, languages, religions and so much more, as the need for multiculturalism is beginning to be felt seriously in academic circles. ■

"We encourage our American students to come and get to know our international visitors."

-David Currey
Assistant director of
International Student
Services

Week which will be held April 3-8. The Culture Bazaar, held in the KUC lobby and courtyard, presents clothes, art objects, tea, foods, music, language art from countries around the world.

"The best feature about the culture week is the international banquet," said several students attending the coffee. This year the banquet, an annual event, will be held 5-8 p.m. April 8. Tickets are \$6 for students. The banquet features international cuisine, art and performances.

"The colorful costumes of

DEBATE

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Tournament in Atlanta on Feb. 24 - 26.

"After our strong first semester, we needed a big win like this one to keep up with Alabama," said Church. "It's still a toss-up for the regional title."

Senior Andrew Butler and Junior Bill Miller won the varsity division 5-1 in the preliminary rounds and beat Vanderbilt and Capital University in the elimination rounds.

"Andrew and Bill's past years experience on the national circuit has helped the team, without question," Church said.

Also placing in the

tournament was Junior Aaron Stranahan and Senior Chastity Wilson who received third place as a team. Butler and Stranahan won fourth and sixth place speaker awards. Winning the novice division were freshmen Brian Lewis and Scott Pejaver.

"Even though we did well in this tournament," said Andrew Butler, captain of the debate team, "we still have many goals that we need to accomplish."

The topic of the debate changes every semester, and the current topic regards whether the United States should develop the earth's ocean resources.

Previous topics of debate include criminal punishment and the United Nations.

The team researches the topic and compiles files of evidence with quotes supporting the affirmative and the negative.

The tournaments consist of six or eight realms of debate that lead to a sudden death round through elimination.

A team of two people debate their topic, and a panel of judges, which consists of other debate coaches or experienced debaters, chooses the winner.

The MTSU debate team will compete in Atlanta for regional titles awarded to the individual teams. The debate team will travel to the National Tournament in San Diego, Calif. from Mar. 30-Apr. 4. ■

Parking Notice

Those attending the 7:30 *Fingerstyle Guitar* concert Feb. 17 should allow extra time for parking. The popular music group *Boyz II Men* will give a concert the same evening in Murphy Center.

The parking lot between the MTSU baseball field and the Wright Music Building will be reserved for *Fingerstyle Guitar* concert.

MTSU NEWS

The Peltier movement



CARL LAMBERT/Staff

David Hill, national spokesperson for the Oklahoma American Indian Movement, talked to students at Peck Hall last Thursday. Hill is also spokesperson for Leonard Peltier, a man convicted of first-degree murder. Hill asserts in his lectures that Peltier is an innocent man who has been denied an appeal.

Hill

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Hill said Chattanooga went from being invisible to visible and called on African-Americans to fulfill their dreams and become visible.

"[African-American History Month] ought to be the time when we talk not about being victims in [an imperfect world]. We need to think about how we celebrate and what we have done well, and we need to speak to our children so they can celebrate and not lament."

"We simply need to speak

about those African-Americans that are more successful."

Hill spoke about growing up in the poverty stricken coal mine country of West Virginia and of the work ethic his parents insisted on. Hill said a sign that stated "Work Like Hell" hung in his house and that he never doubted success if he did.

"I believe that there are people of color who dare to dream those dreams I dreamed from coal mines of West Virginia."

Hill was director of corporate affairs for Dixie Yarns, a Chattanooga-based

textile company with manufacturing facilities in six states and Puerto Rico before his assignment with the aquarium. He also held top-level management positions with Dupont during a 14-year career. He spent 20 years in the army with a variety of assignments including two tours of duty in the Pentagon and served as assistant professor of chemistry and assistant dean of academics at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

The luncheon was sponsored by the College of Business. ■

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in business a goal to reach."

The Murfreesboro Credit Bureau contributed money to the scholarship fund five years ago when it donated \$10,000. This new business scholarship was actually endowed a year ago, and because of prior planning, the College of Business will be able to award a scholarship as early as fall of 1995.

"The scholarship will be awarded from the interest that is accumulated from the \$95,000 donation. We will be able to award a scholarship as early as next fall because we have been planning this scholarship for a year,"

Kelsey said.

One scholarship will be awarded next fall, and future scholarships will be awarded according to the growth of the interest on the donation. The future goal is to award four full-time Murfreesboro Credit Bureau scholarships.

"If a student maintains a certain academic level, the scholarship will be renewed every year for four years. As the scholarship level grows, we may be able, at some point, to award as many as four each year," Kelsey said.

The College of Business will use the new scholarship to attract local students that are often lost to sister institutions.

"We don't have as many scholarships that we need to

attract freshmen to MTSU," said Barbara Haskew, dean of the college of business and interim vice president of Development and University Relations at MTSU. "To be as competitive as some of our sister institutions, we are always anxious to have scholarships that attract talented freshmen."

In other scholarship news, additional money was also added to the art scholarship fund in memory of an MTSU student who died tragically three years ago. Frank L. Hazelwood, of Mt. Juliet, donated \$1,200 through the MTSU Foundation to the Larry Hazelwood Memorial Scholarship bringing the fund closer to its \$10,000 goal. ■

SIDELINES NEEDS YOUR HELP

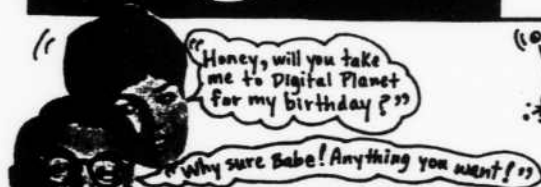
Joey Ladd, the former MTSU student who was found dead on Jan. 9, moved to Murfreesboro with Jake, a black labrador retriever, expecting to keep him in his apartment. When Joey found out that he could not keep his dog, he left him with a female friend. Joey's family has expressed concern about Jake's whereabouts and with whom he was left. They just want to know who she is. If anyone can help in the search for Jake and this caring individual, please contact Sidelines at 898-2533. His family would like to hear from you and close this chapter in the death of their son.



**TENNESSEE PRE-LAW AND****PRE-HEALTH SCIENCE****FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS**

Funds are available through the Tennessee Pre-Law and Pre-Health Fellowship Program to provide support for eligible African-American students who are Tennessee residents and who plan to pursue careers in law or health-related professions. Eligible freshmen and sophomores can qualify for six hours free tuition in the summer. Juniors and seniors are eligible for special eight-week programs of study. Application deadlines are February 28 (Pre-Health Fellowships) and March 15 (Pre-Law Fellowships).

Applications are available in the office of:
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MTSU NEWS**Young preliminary hearing postponed**

Third delay
pushes hearing
date to Mar. 11

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

The preliminary hearing for MTSU senior aerospace student James Clayton Young Jr., accused of the first-degree murder of MTSU freshman finance major Joey Ladd, has been postponed again to give the attorneys more time to prepare their cases.

The postponement of the Feb. 11 hearing marks the third delay for Young's court date. The hearing is now planned for 1 p.m. Mar. 11 in the Rutherford County General Sessions Court. Young is currently being held on \$50,000 bond.

Young was arrested Jan. 11 after delivering an alleged confession to the murder of Ladd in his Bell Street apartment on Jan. 4.

Young and Ladd reportedly drank beer with a co-worker from Ezra's Restaurant in the Garden Plaza Hotel until the early hours of Jan. 4. The third man later told investigators that Ladd and Young appeared fine when he left.

Ladd was reported missing on Jan. 7 by his mother, Irene Ladd of Virginia Beach, Va., after she received several phone calls from Ladd's friends reporting they had not seen him for several days.

The victim's body was later found by utility workers Jan. 9 in a ditch off of Spanntown Road in the Almadale community. Investigators originally identified the body through a photograph obtained from MTSU, and the match was later verified by one of Ladd's roommates.

According to investigators, Ladd had been strangled to death with his own T-shirt after having his hands and feet handcuffed. ■

MTSU flag contest offers cash reward

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

An image committee representing MTSU and President James E. Walker are seeking designs for an MTSU flag that will be flown with the national and state flags at major campus events.

According to a press release from the public relations office, the contest is open to students, faculty and staff, and the winner will receive \$250. Submissions must meet the following criteria:

1. The design must make predominant use of the official MTSU colors, blue and white.
2. All design submitted must be to scale, not to exceed 12" x 18".
3. Any materials may be used in the submitted design.
4. All elements of the design must be to scale, that is, precisely as they would appear in the full-sized flag.
5. Submitted designs must not be folded.

6. A completed entry tag must be affixed to the upper left corner of the back of the design. The tag must include: name, campus box #, phone, home address with zip code.

7. All submissions must include a short statement explaining the rationale underlying the design concept.

8. Only one entry per person will be accepted.

President Walker will make the final decision concerning the flag. Members of the Image Committee include Diane Cummings, Dot Harrison, Carlene Henry, John Hood, Mary Dodd Mifflin, Patti Miller, Lon Nuell and Sharon Scholtes. Ex-officio members are Deborah Suiter Gentry and Barbara Haskew.

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MTSU NEWS

MTSU to host adult learner conference

STAFF REPORTS

Adult learners are one of the fastest growing segments of the college population in America. Adult learners make up more than one third of the student population at MTSU. These changing demographics have created new and different challenges for educators.

Carol Bailey, director of the adult services center, says MTSU will host the second annual conference on Adult Learning in Tennessee Feb. 16 and 17.

"Representatives from across the state will be here," she adds, "to look at ways to better serve adult learners. The theme this year is Bridging Adults into Higher Education."

Keynote speaker John P. Wagner, dean of admissions and counseling at Cincinnati Technical College, will present ways to use humor to produce positive effects with adult learners to relieve stress, to motivate them, to generate their creativity and

to enhance their learning, Bailey advises participants the conference is divided into two tracks, one that will focus on administrative and student services, and a second that will examine the academic needs of returning adults.

Session I of the service track will probe ideas which community colleges, long experienced in dealing with the needs of adult learners, can share with all participants. Session II will highlight holistic services center at the University of Memphis, and session III will explore the idea of re-entry groups as a bridging technique.

The first session of the teaching track will examine the academic needs of returning adults. The second will include a discussion of the new decentralized developmental studies effort at Volunteer State Community College. Workkeys, an assessment tool for job skills, will be the topic for the final session. ■

MTSU hosts workshop to protect Tennessee endangered wildlife

STAFF REPORTS

Save the endangered Tennessee manatees! Huh?

Actually there are no manatees in Tennessee, but there are several endangered species in the state according to Cindi Smith-Walters, assistant professor of biology and co-director of the Center for Environmental Studies at MTSU.

Smith-Walters has invited teachers from across the state to attend a workshop to learn more about the less-known species that are biologically endangered.

"The general public is more aware of the cuddly mammals advertised in the wildlife product catalogues," Smith-Walters said, "than the species on our own streams, rivers, grasslands and mountains."

Smith-Walters relates the story of colleague Pete Wyatt, a biologist with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

"He was doing a workshop in a classroom when he noticed a jar on the teacher's desk for donations to save the Florida manatee. Her students had been giving their ice-cream or snack money to save an endangered Florida species. However,

from the classroom window the biologist could see a range of hills in which he estimated six or more Tennessee species living there. Neither the teacher nor her class knew about the endangered or threatened species right in their backyard. Thus the idea for a workshop designed to Tennessee standards was generated."

In 1993 the Endangered Species Technical Bulletin listed more than 70 threatened or endangered species in Tennessee. Smith-Walters asserts, "In order to save the species and protect others, the public must be aware of their plight. Education is the best way to reach the public, and classroom teachers who are knowledgeable are some of the best messengers."

The workshop will be held on the MTSU campus Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Each participant will receive a copy of Tennessee's Watchable Wildlife, a nationally acclaimed curriculum developed by Mary Ball, a biology professor at Carson-Newman College. Persons interested in the workshop can call MTSU's Center for Environmental Education at 898-5449. ■



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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Internet a new tool in the search for love

(CPS)- Lonely? No
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With 30 million people
from more than 60 nations in
cyberspace, online dating is
becoming more popular. In
fact, more and more
computer users are finding
ways to hook up
electronically with their
objects of desire.

"Online romances are
really hot right now," says
David Fox, author of *Love
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Handbook*. "People are
meeting the same way online
as they do in their regular
lives. It starts out with
conversation, and it takes off
from there."

Fox says that online
encounters offer interested
parties a chance to meet and
converse with each other
without any nervousness or
worries about appearance.
"The pressure is nowhere
near as great as it would be
in a place like a bar, where
everyone is watching your
every move," he says.
"There's a freedom that's not
usually found
in most
places."

Rob
Modesto, a
junior at the
University of
Kentucky,
admits that
college has
given him
more oppor-
tunities to
date than
ever.

"When you're in high
school, you meet girls you go
to school with, but it's only
like 200 or so," he says.
"Here, there are thousands of
women. You go out at night
or on the weekends, and you
see different girls every
time."

Despite the opportunities,
Modesto says he didn't meet
the last three girls he's dated
at any bars in Lexington.
Instead, he met them on
America Online's Romance
Connection.

"Every night, I'm on my
computer either doing work
or checking out what's out
there," he says. "Since this is
a pretty big school, you can
imagine there are a lot of
other people who do that,
too."

That's how Modesto
hooked up with three girls,
one from his own university,
one from the University of
Louisville and the third from
Jacksonville, Fla.

"You just start getting
into these conversations with
people when you realize, hey,
why don't we just go get
something to eat and talk
about this in person?"
Modesto says. "That's what
happened with this girl from
school. It was pretty
spontaneous."

But when your online

friend lives more than 10
minutes away, the rules have
to be changed. "This girl
from Florida seemed really
nice," Modesto says. "We
talked on the phone a lot, so
finally I decided to make the
trip down there over spring
break to meet her in person."

Unfortunately, that trip
didn't work out as well as
Modesto had hoped. "It was
pretty obvious that she
wasn't straight with me
when she described herself,"
he says. "But even ignoring
that, she was just a different
person than she was online.
I wouldn't even want to be
friends with someone like
that."

But not all online
romances end badly.

Steve Casey says he dated
quite frequently after he and
his first wife divorced. He
began communicating with
other single parents on a
Prodigy bulletin board and
eventually met Lisa, a single
parent from Augusta, Ga.

After the two switched
over to Delphi, a different
online service, Casey and
Lisa ended up helping other

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-Rob Modesto
junior
University of Kentucky

single
parents
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new coding
that was
necessary to
maneuver
on the
network.

It was at
that point
that Casey
realized he
was inter-
ested in more than Lisa's
teaching techniques. After
finding out the feelings were
mutual, the two decided to
meet.

Casey was living in
Indianapolis at the time, so
the couple decided to pick a
halfway point—Jellico,
Tenn.—and met there soon
after.

"The town was beautiful,
the weather was beautiful,
and Lisa was beautiful," says
Casey. "We hit it off right
away and ended up getting
engaged within a year."

They are now married
and living with their children
in the town where they first
met.

Fox says that with real-
time video, digital
photographs and improved
audio, Internet users will be
able to find out all about
their computer mates before
they every meet.

Of course, not all
computer match-ups are
played out in real life.

Some Net users hook up
with another person in a
chat room, sneak off to their
own private location and
then have a digital sexual
encounter, all via their
keyboard. "Some of the
things get pretty intense,"
says Fox. "It's rewriting sex
in the '90's." ■

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Learning disabled students can find success in college

(CPS)-He was taunted in school for being "stupid" until he won respect on the football field. He served in Vietnam. He met the President. Now his life is being told in a movie.

Forrest Gump?

No. Chuck Roseberry is a 46-year-old grandfather, college sophomore and football player, who only recently learned he has dyslexia, the learning disability that affects reading.

Early on, Roseberry decided he had been "born stupid."

"I hated school," he says. "I couldn't figure out why everybody else could do this (school work) and I couldn't...I had to get my affirmation on the football field."

More than 25 years later, as Roseberry was heading to the Gulf War, he and a buddy talked about dreams. "We were having one of those 'woulda, shoulda, coulda' conversations," says Roseberry. After hearing Roseberry's story, his buddy commented, "Chuck, you're not stupid; it sounds like you're dyslexic." Roseberry had never heard of dyslexia.

When he came home, Roseberry enrolled at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. He purchased duplicate course books, giving one set to his fiancée, Abbie, who read the text onto tapes, which he later played as he followed along in his own copy. It was a struggle, but he and Abbie persisted. He also was tested for learning disabilities. His friend was right. He was diagnosed with dyslexia and "the remnants" of attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD).

Once his diagnosis was official, he was able to receive assistance from Kutztown in the form of taped books, extended time for testing, tutors and permission to record lectures.

Many people associate learning disabilities (LDs) with young children, but more than 10 percent of the population have LDs, including college students. LDs "garble data" at some point during information processing, according to Norma Jo Eittington, director of learning services at Georgetown University in Washington. This can affect concentration, perception, visual and auditory sequencing, skills linking perception to movement, orientation in time and space, short- or long-term memory, language skills and abstract reasoning.

"There is a perception that all learning disabled individuals are dyslexic and 'switch letters' when reading or writing so that WAS is

processed as SAW, or DOG as GOD," says Eittington. "The reality is that no two college students are exactly alike in how their particular disabilities manifest in their daily lives. Dyslexia is only one of the complex diagnoses that may be applied to LD individuals."

For example, ADHD (also called ADD) affects 3 to 5 percent of the population, mostly males. In about half the cases, it continues past childhood. It is a broad term that describes a set of behaviors, primarily short attention span, hyperactivity and impulsiveness.

But having an LD does not mean a person cannot learn. As more is being discovered about LDs, methods are being developed that allow for alternative forms of learning. With some accommodations, many people with LDs can successfully complete college.

"In most cases

"These students are very bright and can mask it until confronted with the faster pace and higher level of college."

**-Norma Jo Eittington
Director of Disabled Services
Georgetown University**

accommodations can be made that are not lowering the standard of the institution in any way, but merely giving that person equal access to the knowledge and expertise of the institution," Eittington says.

In fact, this accessibility is the law. Section 504 of the Vocation Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1973 insure that any "otherwise qualified handicapped individual will not be denied access to programs receiving federal funds because of his or her handicapping conditions." This includes students with learning disabilities. In 1993, several colleges were cited by the Office for Civil Rights for refusing to make academic adjustments, such as allowing extended time for tests or providing taped textbooks for students with LDs.

But unlike the equal access laws that apply to public elementary and high schools, this law does not mandate specific services. That is why it is critical for college students to make their disability known and identify any assistance they need.

For students whose

impairment is largely auditory, Eittington says listening to a lecture and processing information rapidly enough to take clear notes are insurmountable tasks. These students might use note taking services or be allowed to tape lectures. Similarly, for those who have difficulty processing print, taped texts are available through Recording for the Blind.

Eittington says a student might request a slight change in the way he or she is tested, for example, by being given more time to complete an exam or being given an oral, instead of written, exam. For a person whose eye-hand coordination makes handwriting difficult, a word processor might be used. If a person has ADHD, he or she might be allowed to take the test in a private room with no distractions.

A college may also allow a student more time to complete the degree without changing any of the course requirements. College students with LDs usually have to work much harder than other students, re-reading assignments, making a dozen drafts of papers or preparing daily outlines for each class. This often means the student may not be able to carry a full course load.

However, all this assumes students are aware that they have a disability. While many of us may assume disabilities are discovered in childhood, these "hidden handicaps" often go undiagnosed.

Eittington says most of the LD students she sees were not diagnosed until college. "These students are very bright and can mask it until confronted with the faster pace and higher level of college."

Many students with LDs have above average IQs and automatically developed some compensatory skills to get them through high school. They may also be exceptionally good in one area, but weak in others. For example, they may be very articulate in class discussions but unable to complete a written test. It may not be until facing the rigorous demands of college that they come to realize they have a problem. If the LD is diagnosed, it can keep the student from being overwhelmed and dropping out.

Keeping silent will only lead to failure, according to experts in the field. They strongly recommend students immediately discuss the disability with their professors and determine the best way to meet the demands of the course. ■

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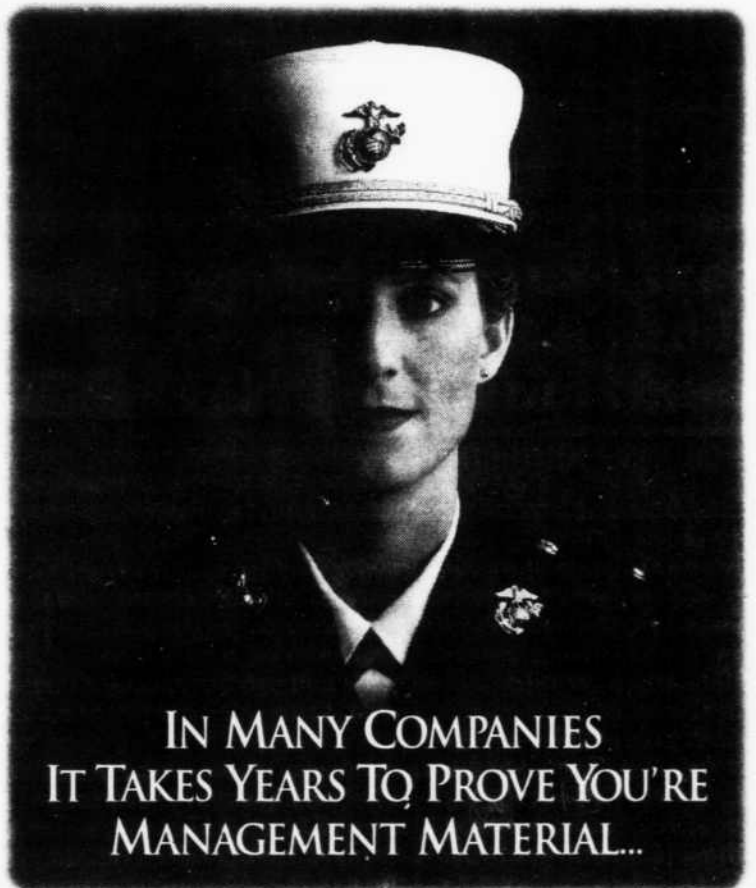
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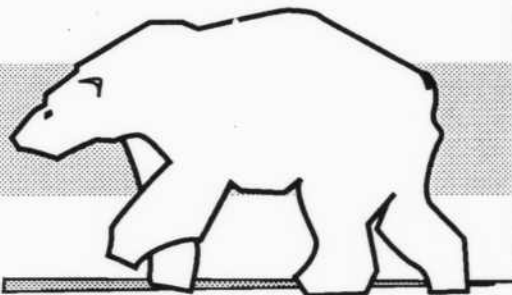
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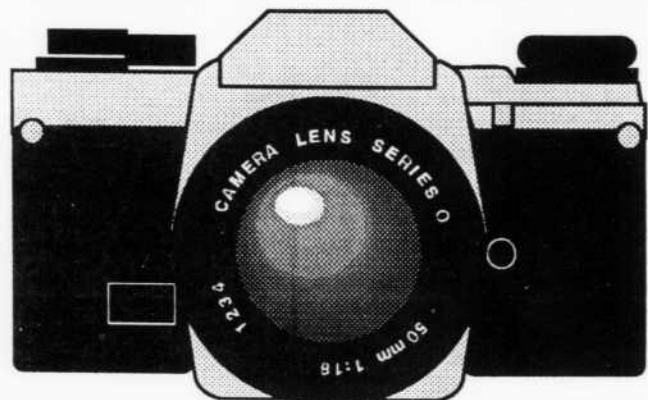
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Clinton to fight for original
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton vowed today to veto any attempt to repeal a provision in last year's crime bill putting 100,000 new police on the streets. "Undermining this commitment to law enforcement is not acceptable," he said.

Clinton previously had suggested he might veto Republican bills that dismantle key elements of last year's law, but today brought the first explicit veto threat.

Speaking slowly and forcefully, the president declared: "Anyone on Capitol Hill who wants to play partisan politics with police for Americans should listen carefully: I will veto any effort to repeal or undermine the 100,000 police commitment. Period."

Clinton made the remarks in his weekly radio address from the Oval Office, where he was joined by Attorney General Janet Reno and Drug Control Policy Director Lee Brown.

Majority Republicans are speeding their anti-crime package through the House, passing in only four days measures that would remold major features of the Democrats' 1994 crime law.

The House on Friday approved two bills, Nos. 4 and 5 in the six-part crime package that is part of the GOP's "Contract With

America" legislative agenda.

The Republican-sponsored bills passed Friday would:

—Boost federal funds for state prisons to \$10.5 billion but deny money to states that don't put more violent criminals behind bars and keep them there longer. The 265-156 vote was mostly along party lines: 206 Republicans and 59 Democrats voted in favor of the bill, while 135 Democrats, 20 Republicans and one independent opposed it.

—Deport criminal aliens faster once they get out of prison by allowing the removal process to begin when they are sentenced. The bill was approved, 380-20.

Next up is the centerpiece of the Republican package, bill No. 6, that would authorize \$10 billion in block grants and give local authorities the choice of spending the money on law enforcement or on crime-prevention programs.

That proposal has drawn the greatest fire from Democrats. They contend it would gut prevention programs, especially for urban youth, and the program to put 100,000 new police officers on the streets that were at the heart of the 1994 law.

The block grants, Democrats charge, would become a political pork barrel

for mayors and other local officials who would spend it on public safety items such as street lights rather than police or prevention programs.

As for prison construction, Democrats maintained that the stiffer requirements would make most states ineligible for any of the \$10.5 billion.

But the bill's chief sponsor, Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., said, "There are over 6 million crimes committed in this country every year. We want to get these people to serve their time. We want to make sure the carrot is out there" for the states to avoid granting early releases.

The funding is \$2.6 billion more than the \$7.9 billion authorized in the \$30 billion crime law passed by the Democratic-controlled Congress last year. The new five-year measure would require states to enforce stricter sentences in return. The 1994 law imposed similar restrictions on half of its funds.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., looking ahead to the crime debate in the Senate, said, "I don't know why they (the Republicans) are doing this. ... They say they don't want to mandate to the states." Biden is the Senate Judiciary Committee's senior Democrat. ■



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Quayle puts family
first, withdraws
from 1996 race

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Concerns for his family, not money, forced Dan Quayle to abruptly drop plans for a presidential bid in 1996, he said Friday.

"My decision will make me a better husband and a better father and perhaps someday, a better president," the former vice president told reporters. "I'm 48 years old, I have a lot of good years left."

Earlier, Quayle made his first public appearance since announcing his decision Thursday.

"I chose not to run to put my family first," he said at a luncheon at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. Asked what his future holds, he replied, "To tell you exactly what I'm going to do other than to speak out on the issues, I can't tell you with any great certainty."

He said he believed he could raise the money

necessary for a winning campaign, but did not want to put his family through the rigors of another campaign.

Last month, Quayle had said he was committed to seeking the GOP presidential nomination.

Political associates and acquaintances said Quayle had virtually no success toward raising the \$20 million that Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kansas, and former Education Secretary Lamar Alexander have set as their fund-raising goals.

But Quayle on Friday criticized the media for saying he abandoned his bid because he could not raise enough money.

"Many in the media listen to the handlers, the pundits, and the spinmeisters instead of listening to the people that have to make the tough decision," Quayle told reporters. ■

THE NATION & WORLD

Internet torture tale challenges privacy laws

DETROIT (AP) — A college student who wrote on the Internet about torturing, raping and murdering a classmate is "a ticking bomb ready to go off" and will be jailed until trial, a federal magistrate said Friday.

Jake A. Baker's free-speech rights are not an issue, said Magistrate Thomas A. Carlson, noting that Baker made specific threats against a specific woman and discussed the logistics of the crime.

"Just thinking about it anymore doesn't do the trick. I need to do it," Baker

messed a man with whom he'd been discussing rape, torture and murder, Carlson said.

The mustached and bespectacled University of Michigan student sat expressionless throughout the bail hearing.

Baker, 20, of Boardman, Ohio, doesn't deny writing the messages and stories over the worldwide computer network, but his lawyer said quotes have been taken out of context.

After all, Douglas R. Mullkoff said, Baker's tale about his classmate began,

"The following story contains lots of sick stuff. You have been warned."

One transmission read, "Torture is foreplay, rape is romance, snuff (killing) is climax," according to the complaint.

Baker is charged with interstate transmission of a threat, punishable by up to five years in prison. A trial date was not set.

Free speech advocates were divided over Baker's claim that his words are constitutionally protected.

"What he has done is published a short story ... the

kind that's probably found on the shelves of adult bookstores. The stupidity on his part is that he named a real person," said Howard Simon, executive director of the Michigan American Civil Liberties Union.

The appropriate remedy is not prosecution but a lawsuit for invasion of privacy, Simon said.

First Amendment lawyer Herschel Fink, though, said Baker gave up his free speech protection when he discussed how to commit the crime and named a target.

"That moves this into the

area of potential criminal conspiracy," Fink said.

Baker sent three narratives last year to a "sex stories" file on the Internet, a global web of computer networks.

"Here's a real person who has her name sent throughout the world to every wacko," Assistant U.S. Attorney Kenneth Shoddily said. "God knows who's going to hear this and like it and do something about it." ■

Chechen refugees seek shelter in railway cars

NAZRAN, Russia (AP) — In this refugee-flooded town near Chechnya, there's no longer a right or wrong side of the tracks. The truly unfortunate live right on the rails.

"There's nothing to do, just sit in this car and clean it," lamented Zaira

Zhambulayeva, a lively 15-year-old from Grozny who was curled up on a seat in a cold, uncarpeted railway car she shares with 66 other people.

About 140,000 Chechen refugees have fled their war-

torn homeland for neighboring Ingushetia, where they have ethnic and religious ties. Many live with relatives or friends, but for about 1,000 with nowhere else to go, the end of the line is a 15-car train parked on the edge of Nazran, the Ingush capital.

It's been almost two months now. And with no end in sight to Russia's war against Chechen separatists, many of the train's despairing inhabitants accuse the government of doing little to help them.

They long for husbands and fathers left in the shattered capital of Grozny, for children sent to relatives, for pets lost or abandoned in the exodus.

They dream of books, toys, a change of clothes. Old women sweep the soggy mud beneath the train steps as if it were a front stoop.

Children play with sticks and the chunks of coal that lie in piles outside the train. Few attend Nazran's overcrowded schools, saying they don't have supplies and clothes.

Clothes and food have arrived from neighboring regions in the North Caucasus, and at least one from Germany, the refugees said. They get two meals a day, and say they each receive 20,500 rubles a month from Moscow — about \$5.

A doctor and two nurses have turned a railcar into a medical clinic and receive some help from the international aid group Doctors Without Borders. Children suffer frequently from colds and stomach

ailments, said nurse Tamara Gorchkhanova, herself a refugee living with relatives.

Another 100 refugees in similar straits are housed in a school gymnasium about a half-mile away, sleeping on cots under basketball backboards with one stove for the entire hall.

Ingushetia's local administrators say their tiny republic just west of Chechnya is being overwhelmed by the influx of Chechen refugees, which has increased the population by half. ■

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Valentine's Day is not the only day that love should be shown

MILBURN FENDER
Special to *Sidelines*

Are you ready to be subjected to the commercialization of love and the act of giving? No, Christmas is over. It's Valentine's Day, the happiest day of the year. The day love blooms in the form of heart-shaped boxes of candy and balloons filled with stuffed animals. And you thought love was supposed to be genuine.

Every Feb. 14, millions of people around the world buy into the belief that love is strongest on that day. Billions of dollars are spent on flowers, candy, balloons, dinners and jewelry, all meant to be gifts from the heart. But if they were, it would not take a certain day for people to buy them.

"You should show your

love every day of the year," David Reed, a senior political science major, says, "not just on one day."

David is just one of many people who dislike Valentine's Day. They, in general, believe that Valentine's Day is a senseless holiday, one that has as its only purpose ... money making.

"Valentine's Day is too commercialized," Kelley Estess, a sophomore occupational therapy major,

says. "If I like somebody, I'm going to do more than buy them a bag of hearts with cute little sayings on them to express how I feel."

Molly Cate, a sophomore speech pathology major and a friend of Kelley's, agrees.

"Why should people be especially nice just one day a year? Why should you have to spend money to express yourself?"

Good question, Molly. Why? According to the encyclopedia, the custom of

exchanging "valentines" on Feb. 14 can be traced to the English poet, Geoffrey Chaucer. Chaucer noticed that birds chose their mates that day. Over the years people began to exchange tokens of their affection. Today this has grown into a multi-million dollar business.

However, people used a different calendar before 1582, and Feb. 14 came on what is now Feb. 24. So why isn't Valentine's Day on Feb. 24?

Some students know the history of Valentine's Day. Todd Van Horne, a senior advertising major, is one of them.

"People are supposed to give each other cheap candy because somebody noticed that birds paired off around February 14? This is ridiculous."

But, this distaste for Valentine's Day isn't limited to this group of people. Many people have had a bad Valentine's Day experience. These experiences can cause people to be very bitter.

The following story, told by someone wishing to remain anonymous, is one of those experiences.

"When I was a 17 year-old and a senior in high school, I began dating a girl. We dated for just over two years.

"Well, when February rolled around back in 1991, it was a big month. Her birthday fell on Feb. 11, Valentine's Day on the 14, and our two year anniversary on the 16.

"Even back then I wasn't too fond of Valentine's Day. However, she was very

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Be my Valentine ... but not on February 14

Anything is possible with the American Dream

Illegal alien's story shows that America is still the land of opportunity

J.J. BENSON
Special to *Sidelines*

The recent passage of Proposition 187 by California voters has been the topic of a lot of heated debate lately. The bill—which denies illegal aliens rights to public education, non-emergency health care and public aid—has brought the issue to the forefront of the American consciousness.

Illegal immigration—once a problem only in the border states—has become a nationwide epidemic, and the questions raised by the California law have been the fuel for much of the passionate debate.

Should we be responsible for the failures of foreign

governments? How can we afford to support a group that isn't giving back to the system? By denying education and public aid, are we encouraging criminal activity? America is the "land of opportunity," but with overpopulation and diminishing resources, where do we draw the line?

The questions are indeed compelling, but what is often lost in the disputes over the use of taxpayers' money is the lives of the individuals affected—the immigrants. Why do they come to America, and how does legislation like this affect their pursuit of the "American dream?"

Think for a minute about the American dream.

To thousands of Mexican immigrants like my friend Adolpho, the "American dream" means something altogether different from what we as Americans see. Simply having a bed to sleep in and running water for bathing is an extraordinary

new luxury for Adolpho. Being able to own a car and earn \$4.25 an hour? This is unheard of in his country; extravagances such as these are reserved for a privileged few.

And these are the accomplishments that constitute his version of living the "American dream." It's a dream for which he was willing to risk everything.

I met Adolpho (or "Al," as many of his friends call him) before I moved to Tennessee. We worked together at a restaurant in downtown Chicago.

The quiet, friendly busboy was liked by everyone. You couldn't help but admire his diligent work ethic; he often worked 60 to 70 hours a week, and never stood still on the job.

Although his struggle with learning the English language often created frustrating communication barriers, his affable, fun-loving personality was easily conveyed through smiles,

laughter, and his frequent handshakes and pats on the back.

My previous course work in Spanish allowed me to develop a close friendship with Al, and through my conversations with him, I was intrigued by some of the things he told me about his life. And I was anxious to hear his story when he revealed to me what I had already suspected.

Adolpho was, and still is, an illegal alien.

Born in 1968 in a small town near Mexico City called Puebla, Adolpho learned at a young age that there was little opportunity available to him; he learned that it's not wise to dream big in Puebla.

"In Mexico, either you're extremely rich or you're extremely poor," Al says, "and in Puebla, most of us were extremely poor."

He lived in a one-room bamboo house with eleven other members of his family—his parents, his grandparents, his six sisters,

and his brother. What would seem to be unbearably cramped living conditions to us was all he ever knew.

"We slept on mats on a dirt floor," Al remembers. "It wasn't beautiful, but it was home."

There was no electricity in his family's home, and no running water. In order to bathe, Al and his family had to use a bucket of water and a ladle. And everyone in Al's family had to work in order to keep food on the table, including the children.

"When I was seven years old, my parents made me and my sisters sell tortas (Mexican sandwiches) and fruit every day after school," Al recalls. "We'd get home from school and hit the streets with the cart, selling until it was dark outside."

Many children in Mexico are forced to drop out of school at very young ages. Most never finish high school, dropping out at age

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VALENTINE'S DAY

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into receiving gifts, and this week she knew she'd rack up. She made it clear that she expected something every day.

"When her birthday arrived, I bought her something (I don't remember what). Then, on Valentine's Day, I sent her a balloon arrangement, candy, and one dozen roses. Finally, on our anniversary, I bought her a necklace and took her out to dinner.

"While it did give me pleasure to see her happy, I felt like I was obligated to do it.

"Anyway, after all gifts had been given, she decided to give me my present: my freedom. On Feb. 18, she ended the relationship, claiming she loved me too much.

"Although I'm not bitter towards her today, Valentine's Day is not my favorite holiday."

While this story may be an extreme case, it's representative of how many people feel.

Freshman RIM major John Bussey agrees.

"It sucks if you don't have a girlfriend. What's the point?"

"It brings out false feelings," Kris Day, a freshman Mass Comm. major and John's roommate says. "Valentine's Day reminds you of the people you've loved and lost."

One of the earliest memories of Valentine's Day for many people is that of grade school. Just ask Todd Van Horne.

"On Feb. 14, children were supposed to bring in valentines for people they liked. The teacher usually collected them to be passed out later.

"At the end of the day, the teacher called out each one individually. When your name was called, you went to the front of the room to get your valentine. Some peoples' names were called many times, while others' were only called once or

twice.

"From early on, the popular kids stood out from the other kids. And this was egged on by the school itself. How fair can life be when people see that one kid sitting there with his single valentine. He could be ruined for life."

Single people are not the only ones who dislike Valentine's Day. Many of the people who do not like Valentine's Day are currently in relationships.

"It's awkward because you don't know what to get somebody if you're just dating them," says Tracy Tune, a junior public relations major. "There shouldn't be just one day to express how you feel about someone."

Still, other people have completely different reasons for not liking Valentine's Day, from the colors associated with it to its lack of meaning to them.

"I don't like hearts, I don't like pink," says Elizabeth Millsaps, a junior public relations major.

"We're adults. We're above simpering over people."

And Christy Moss, a senior speech pathology major, adds bluntly, "It's a stupid holiday because it has no special meaning."

Quite simply, Valentine's Day is not all it's cracked up to be. It is based on a myth, creates negative feelings in people, and subjects people to unwelcome loneliness. While it can be a joyous holiday for some people, for many others it is not. Valentine's Day is not the "everybody-loves-everybody" holiday it is advertised to be. Love is not one day a year. It is every day.

As David Reed so eloquently says, "If you truly love somebody, you will do something for them any day of the year, be it Feb. 14, Aug. 3, or July 29. If not, you're just buying into the Hallmark myth." ■

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Paul

JB,
You're my best friend and confidant. You're also the only person that knows exactly how to get me hot and bothered. I'll bring the peanut butter! Happy Valentines Day!
Love,
The Blond Bimbo

Happy Valentines Day! to all the "Real Women." You know who you are.
Love,
Hope

Dog-gone, we love you Somba!
Please come home!
Daily & Charlie

S.
Hearts & Bows. Remember. Or is it red or pink today?
Happy Valentines Day!
By the way, enjoy those bright colors. I know I will.
I love you.
D.

Happy Valentines Day to "The most beautiful thing in this world,"
Jhericka
Dwight, your S.A.

Dearest Charles,
I love you from the North to the South and all that is in between...Forever you and me.
Love eternally,
Aimee

Mark,
I always have a great time with you. You are fun to beat up on when you say, "Like". Happy Valentines Day. Come over anytime.
D.

Happy Valentines Day to all diverse women of color who have supported us in the past semesters.
The Men of Crimson Knights

T.
Thanks for finding me when you did.
I love you.
J.

To the Sports Staff:
You guys are great - Thanks for all your hard work!
Janet

Jaybird-
'When the Thought of You' on a 'Southern Comfort Night,' it makes me want to 'Cross My Heart.' And 'When Love Finds You' and you 'Shut Up and Kiss Me,' I realize that you could 'Rope the Moon.'
I love you.
Jenifer
P.S. Can't wait to make boot tracks!

Walking Horse Trainer,
I know we've been **saddled** with a few problems lately, but before you give me the **boot** I want to apologize for keeping such a tight **rein** on you. It's just that from the first day I managed to **rope** you in I've wanted to keep you. -No, I could never be **board** with you. Please don't feel **fenced** in because we have a **Stable** relationship. I have **lofty** dreams for you and me and hope to someday **trot** happily down the aisle **carrying the roses**. -But that is a **horse** of a different color. Until then, this may seem a little **spur** of the moment, but... 'wanna take a roll in the **hay**?
I love you!
Happy Valentines Day
from your Little Redneck Girl

I know I get busy and I don't say it often enough, but I really love you, Brad. Will you be my Valentine?
Ronda

To Tony "Love-Chunks" Arnold-
We miss you. Please come back to us and teach us all how to use those graphic scans in Quark.
Love Yal
Sidelines Sports

Sewanee,
To the one I dream of on the eve of something or another. Bookshelves, airplanes, and other randomness. Only for you...and it only gets better.
Happy Valentines mi amor.
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God Bless You!

Bay B,
You mean more to me than words can say. I look forward to sharing a lifetime with you.
Calitha

To the Production Guys,
Happy Valentines Day!
Dan

Snutzie Monster,
Hubba, Hubba.
Love,
Hunny Bunny

Hey Dawn,
I like, really like you a, like, lot.
You are like really cool.
The Like Man

Kori,
I was a jerk for so long that I forgot who I was. Worse, I forgot what you meant to me. Please find it in your heart to be my Valentine.
King of Hearts

Wishing you a Happy Valentines Day,
Karri, Krystal and Tara - the three women I see everyday...
Patrick

Melissa Larmer,
Does Beauty have limitations?
If it does, you defy its logic daily by the mere presence of your astonishing natural beauty.
Vincent Phipps

Angie P.,
The past two years have ben the best of my life. Thanks for the great memories. I love you.
B.K.

Minnie,
Sometimes the best things in life are not found in places far away, but rather in places somewhere in the vicinity of the heart. Will you be my valentine?
Joe

To my lovable, huggable, kissable (you know what else you're good for) Snugglebunny: I love you!
Snugglegoo

Barry Hill,
I love you, babe! Thanks for all of the Love and support. I'm lucky to have picked you up, Valentine.
Amanda Whitlock

To the love of my life, Delta Dawn:
For the times we hunted squirrels and rabbits, and good times on good walks, for teaching me the joy of unpocketed hands, and the lessons of laze, thank you.

Mark
Rick,
I've enjoyed the time we've shared together. Thanks for everything you do for me. You know you are THA BOMB!!!
Love, Chelle
P.S. Will you be my Valentine??

Elizabeth S.,
Someone in your 'rock' class thinks you're beautiful.

Ryan O,
Love?
My nose receives your heavenly scent.

My eyes then loo
My ears then hea
my skin.
My lips then tou
My body's revive
with life.
That's what love
Happy Valentine
Christy
Virginia Walker,
You're the most
female i have ev
to spend time al
Clark

RW:
Sometimes whe
to put into spok
you want to say.
neat. Let's cut th
hours and find s
together.
W2

Robert.
You are my one
poochybunny!! I
heart! Happy val
Love,
Your future wife

Mommy,
Happy valentines
Birthday
I love you, Johna

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hold a special pl
I will never forge
had or will have,
in the future.
Lots of Love, Will

To my best girlfri
Friendship is like
it, talk to it, pick
have to), nurture
feed it (peanut br
at the end you ha
nurtured flower.
Today is love day
friends like you a
I just wanted to t
your friend ship i
you" for being tha
me.

Happy Birthday, t
woman now!!
Love, Angie
P.S. You got rid o
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To Dr. Ellis, Mrs. C
Helen
Happy valentines
thanks!
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To the Senior Citi
Happy valentines
From
The pyramids of D

LOVE NOTES

Christopher:
da mihi basia mille.
Kris

Rachel,
Thank you for being so wonderful
and supportive.
Love, Joey

To my Jimmy,
You are the reason for everything I
do and without you I'd be lost,
wandering aimlessly without reason.
You are the best thing that has ever
happened to me. Happy valentines
Day, Baby! I love you more than life.
Love always, Your Mommy

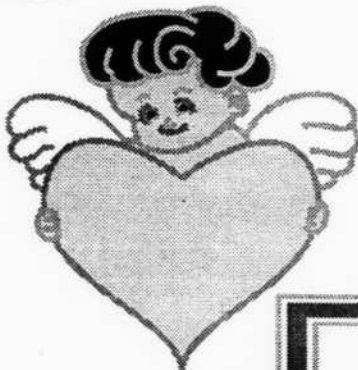
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To the most wonderful woman in the
whole world. I love you with all my
mind soul and body.
Your sweetie,
Kevin

Happy Valentines Day to Daddy Dave
and Mommy Ruth!
Love,
Daniela

To Virginia:
Roses are red violets are blue,
and all that other stuff-You know,
the old "love me dovey."
Literary smooch on the cheek.
I love you, my Seraph, my life.
I didn't think it would ever happen.
I'm a free-spirit sort of person and
not the type to settle down with the
old wife and kid.
Ball and chain.
Hook, line, and sinker.
But then you came along and blew
my mind,
taught me things I never could have
known,
were there when I needed a shoulder
to cry on-
you took my old, shabby, worn out
life
and made it new again.
Thank you, my love. My everything
for you, my life for you.
Thank you for letting me be a part of
you,
a partner in crime . Friend. Lover.
Always you, Virginia.

Always you.

Brent



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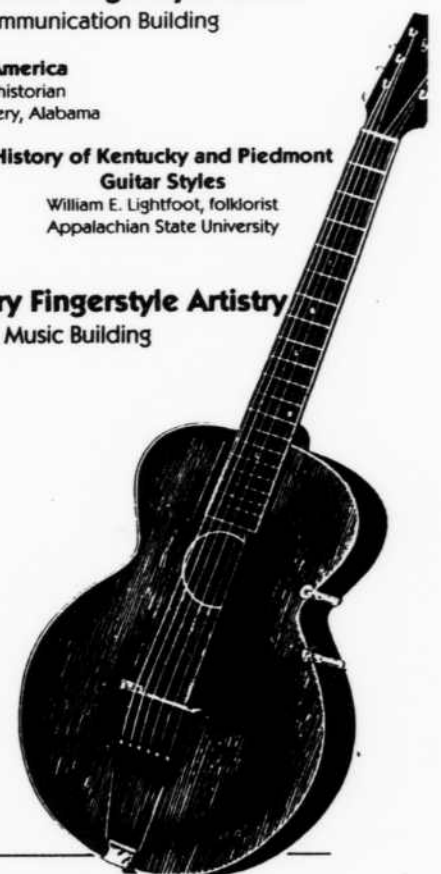
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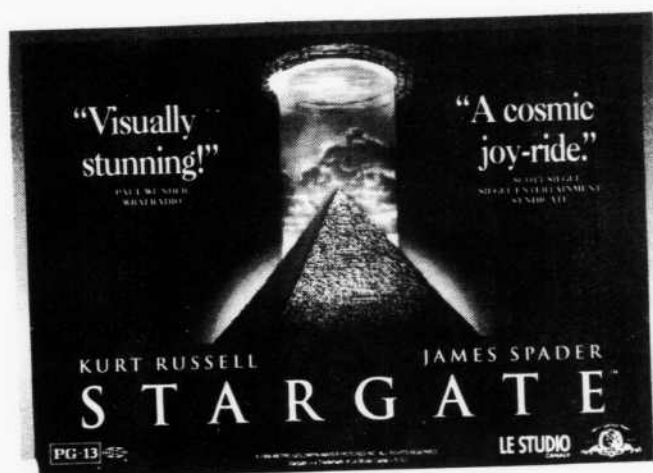
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15 and 16 in order to work and help support families. Adolpho quit school at 15 and got a full-time job working construction, bringing home an average salary the equivalent of \$5 a week.

"I had always heard great things about America, that you could make over 10 times as much money there," Adolpho explains. "Everyone talked about the opportunity Americans had, and how great it would be to live there."

"But the only people who were granted visas to move to America were the rich people that could afford the immigration fees. I knew I'd never be so lucky."

That is, until age 21, when friends approached him with a plan to cross the border illegally. One of his childhood buddies had heard about an underground gang that, for a fee, would arrange for the safest possible border crossing.

But the plan wasn't entirely risk free—Adolpho knew that if he crossed with his friends, he would be risking his safety in doing so. And even if he was successful, he could probably never risk returning to visit his country and his family.

"I thought about it for a long time," Adolpho recalls. "It was a big decision. I knew I might never see my family again, or if so, not for a very long time, and I'm very close with my family."

But he decided that even as an illegal alien, America would offer him the opportunity for a far better future than he could ever dream of in Puebla. So he and seven of his friends pooled their money together, and said their good-byes, and headed for the California border.

"We were warned about the criminals who would hang out around the border in order to steal money and jewelry from people trying to cross," Adolpho explains. "So we obviously couldn't run across with luggage."

In the middle of the night, Adolpho and his friends ran across the hills and fields of the Mexican border as fast as they could, successfully entering San Ysidro, California, unharmed, carrying nothing but the clothes on their backs.

"It was scary, entering a new country where I knew I couldn't turn back. But I was excited about the opportunities that were there for me if I could find a job."

Through a network of friends in California, he

found transportation to Chicago, where a few of his distant relatives lived and worked. Adolpho moved in with his second cousin's family, and he immediately found a full-time job washing dishes for minimum wage.

"In Mexico, professional truck drivers, electricians like my father—who had the good jobs—could maybe earn the equivalent of \$5 a day," Adolpho recalls. "And here I was, 21 years old, making \$3.35 an hour!"

"Needless to say, I was extremely grateful, and my head was filled with lots of big dreams for the future."

Since that day in 1988, Adolpho has worked diligently, making the most of every opportunity that comes his way. He currently works two jobs—the head line-cook at one restaurant and a busboy at another—averaging 70 hours a week. A favorite employee everywhere he works, Adolpho has been rewarded for his dependability and work ethic with several raises.

He currently averages \$8 an hour.

"I have things now I never dreamed of as a child. An apartment with my own bed, a bathroom with running water, electricity, nice clothes," Al says. "Maybe someday if I get married and become legal, I can get a driver's license and buy a car."

Even though he lives comfortably and makes good money now, he hasn't forgotten where he came from, or his family. He sends them \$700-\$800 a month, when he has helped them to move out of Puebla and buy a new house.

"I miss my family terribly, and I think about them all the time," he admits. "Being so far away is the hardest part. My youngest sister was born right after I left. She's six years old now, and I've never seen her. Sometimes when I think about it I cry."

But Adolpho has no regrets. His decision to cross the border into America has allowed him to help his family, help himself, and dream about the future.

"I hope to get married someday, and go back to school and get my G.E.D.," Al says. Hopefully then I'll be able to go to a trade school, where I could study to be an electrician.

"It would be great someday to raise a family of my own here in America. Someday maybe I'll be flying back to visit Mexico, where my parents can meet their new grandchildren. Anything's possible." ■

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Ben Tidwell, family housing employee, said, "The definition of love would consist of friendship, respect, passion, companionship, admiration based around communication, trust, and hope."

Other comments were that it should be celebrated everyday.

Tracey Perger came up with the idea that there should be a Valentine make up day for those men that forgot about it, to make it up.

Some historians connect Valentine's Day with one or more saints named Valentine. In English, the earliest record of Valentine's Day tells that it is a day birds chose their mates. Spring is also mating season for animals.

Many other historians trace it back to the ancient Roman festival Lupercalia. It is an annually celebrated fertility festival, that occurred on Feb. 15, near Lupercal, a cave in Palantine Hill. The festival had banquets, dancing, and sacrificing of goats. Whips were made from the hides of the goats.

Which brings us to why that two teams of young men, called Luperci, raced naked around a hill. And the women that wanted children stood near the path of the runners to be struck by the whips. The Romans believed this would make the women fertile.

This festival is linked to Valentine's Day because of its similar date and connection with fertility.

What a strange concept. In ancient times, they whipped women to make them fertile for a party on Valentine's Day. And in modern times, Valentine's Day is related to gifts, love, romance, and sex.

Aren't you glad things change? ■

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)
— Fleetwood Mac's

"Rumours" LP has reached 17 million in sales, becoming the second best-selling album of all time in this country.

The 1977 album trails only Michael Jackson's "Thriller," which has sold 24 million.

Third is Boston's "Boston" at 15 million.

The latest figures were released last week by the Recording Industry Association of America, based in Washington.

"Rumours," with songs focusing on love, includes the songs "Don't Stop," "Dreams," "Go Your Own Way" and "You Make Loving Fun."

"Don't Stop" enjoyed a resurgence in 1992 when it became the unofficial theme song for President Clinton's election campaign.

Meanwhile, the record association said Mariah Carey's "Music Box" LP has reached 8 million and Boyz II Men's "II" has reached 7 million.

Carey joined Whitney Houston as the only female artists to reach sales of 8 million with two or more albums.

Boyz II Men are now tied with Ace of Base's "The Sign" and the "Lion King" soundtrack as the best selling albums released in 1994.

The RIAA releases sales figures in increments of millions only.

Pink Floyd's "Animals" LP, released in 1977, topped 4 million — apparently helped by the group's 1994 reunion for a concert tour.

Also reaching 4 million was Black Sabbath's "Paranoid" LP, released in 1971.

Among country performers, Wynonna's "Wynonna" topped 4 million, making it the best selling studio album ever by a female country artist. Patsy Cline and Anne Murray also have achieved 4 million but with "greatest hits" packages.

The association is a trade group whose member companies create nearly all the sound recordings produced and sold in the United States. The figures are sales in this country only.

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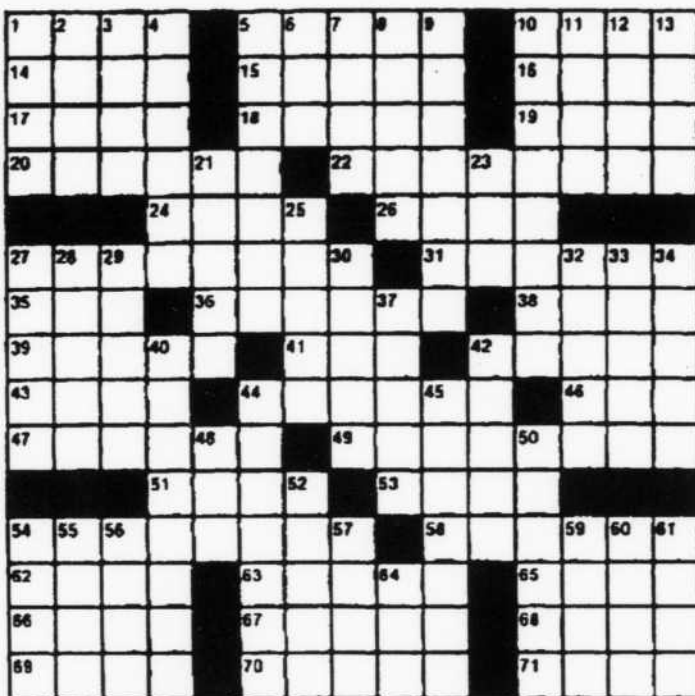
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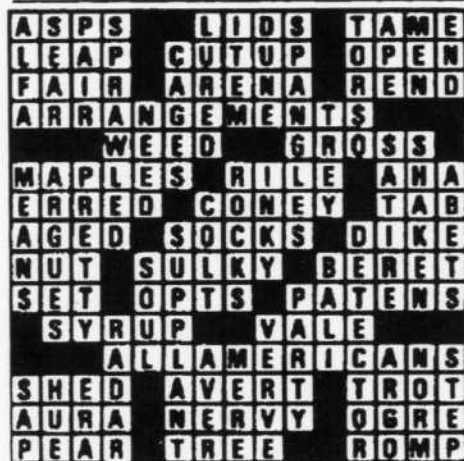
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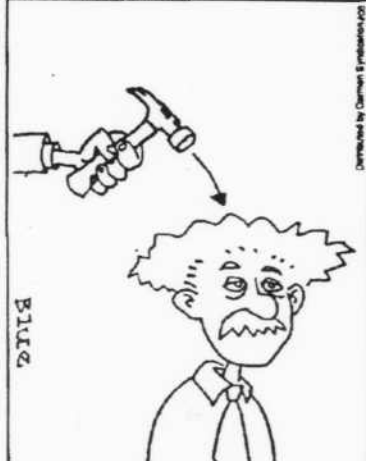
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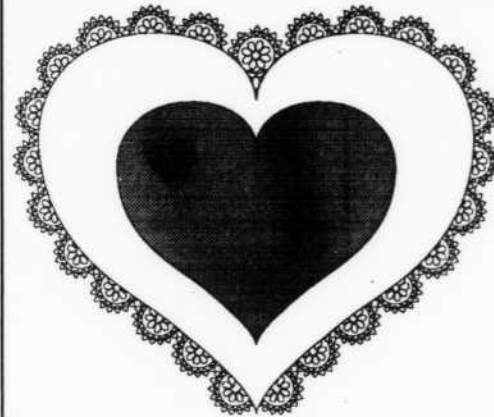
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Drew Butler

When the basketball season is good, it's very good. But when it's bad, it's very bad.

The high point came with a Murphy Center win over Vanderbilt. Low points include inconsistent play with two losses to 4-16 UT Martin.

In most years, a win over Vanderbilt would cover any negatives during a season and buy a coach another year, regardless of wins and losses.

However, it doesn't seem to be true this year.

Both Nashville papers revealed that the powers to be at MTSU have told Blue Raider coach David Farrar that the team needed to show significant improvement throughout the rest of the season to keep his job.

But I'm not sure that was the mandate four years ago.

Farrar was hired to keep up a basketball program through NCAA probation and sanctions that came to the program by former coach Bruce Stewart.

Now that MTSU has paid the penalty, the administration wants to measure wins and losses.

The below .500 record may feed people's desire to oust Farrar, but the conditions that brought about that record need examination.

"David has done a good job with the kids in the classroom and the graduation is up, but fans in this business want wins," MTSU athletic director Lee Fowler said to the morning paper. "We called him in and told him down the stretch we need to see improvement from his team."

What?

On the team's first year from probation where only one coach could go off-campus to recruit players, the idea of getting rid of a coach before he has had a decent shot to win is ludicrous.

"The fact that he took over at a bad time and has corrected a lot of those problems will all be thrown into the hopper along with how the team finishes the

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Lady Raiders in tie for first in OVC title race



Coley Jackson

Lady Raiders #1

Melanie Patchen goes up for two points in a recent Lady Raider game. The Lady Raiders are tied for the OVC lead with Eastern Kentucky.

Ladies slash SEMO; men lose two in a row

DREW BUTLER

Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU turned up the defense and the result was a 78-67 victory over SEMO Saturday night.

The Lady Raiders (15-6, 9-2 OVC) forced 14 second-half turnovers in the win that saw MTSU take a virtual tie for first place in the OVC conference race. Eastern Kentucky, the conference leader going into the night, lost only their second conference game of the year against Austin Peay 70-68.

"I told the girls Austin Peay had beaten Eastern, hoping that would give them a little more momentum," said head coach Lewis Bivens.

"SEMO is a very tough team to play because they defend everyone so well, but I thought our defense was the overall difference."

After trailing 37-29 at halftime, MTSU used turnovers to go on a 9-0

sprint to take a 38-37 lead. Six of those nine points came off turnovers.

"We didn't play well the first half, but I thought we'd bounce back," Bivens said.

"Our defense really after them," said guard Heather Prater, who equaled her career-high. "We fought Eastern had lost both the second half, but I thought we'd come back and play well."

With about 12 minutes left in the game, the Lady Raiders exploded for a run that expanded the MTSU lead to 69-53 with 5:56 left.

Prater scored 14 of her game-high 30 points during the run.

"Heather made some plays on both ends of the court," Bivens said. "I thought (Sherry) Tucker-Trella (Thomas) played outstanding defense. It really got us back in the game."

MTSU shot 61 percent in the second half, connected on 17 out of 28 free throws.

"We did a nice job of

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Track takes 2nd & 3rd home meet

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The MTSU track team proved that they remain competitive this weekend at Murphy Center even without the services of some of their key members.

The Blue and White Raiders placed second and third respectively in Saturday's quadran track meet, which featured the defending division champions from Alabama A&M as well as several other opponents.

"Hopefully this will be a good wake-up call to them that they can get if they don't compete in the OVC meet," coach Hayes said.

Because of previous injuries and to prevent anyone else from getting hurt this close to the meet, Coach Dean Hayes' squad was missing several team members including Salahuddin, who competed in the 100-meter dash.

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Forums to be held on athletics Master Plan

Will discuss new stadium, move to I-A football

DREW BUTLER

Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU athletic director Lee Fowler will be hosting a series of open forums this week about the Blue Raiders' master plan for athletics, including the proposed move to Division I football.

The forums are scheduled for the KUC Theater on Feb. 20 from 10:30-noon, Feb. 21 2pm-4:30 and Feb. 27 4:30pm-6pm.

"We want to give everybody the opportunity to be well informed about what we propose to do concerning the university athletic program," Fowler said. "Folks will have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions on what we plan to do."

The main goal of the plan is to have all sports participating in Division I-A competition.

Currently, football is the only sport that remains in Division I-AA.

In order for MTSU to move to Division I-A in football, a new or expanded stadium and an increase in the scholarship budget is required.

The NCAA requires a minimum of 30,000 permanent seats and an average paid attendance of more than 17,000.

The proposed stadium will be a 30,000 plus seat facility that will be large enough to hold football games and concerts or special events.

Over the last two years, MTSU had offers from concert tours like the Rolling Stones, Paul McCartney, The Eagles, Elton John and Billy Joel. All those performers inquired about outdoor facilities at MTSU but were turned down because of a lack of facility seating.

Another goal of the move to Division I-A is the possible decision for MTSU to leave OVC.

The most likely candidate for the new MTSU's new home is a realigned Southern Conference where the teams are broken up into east and west divisions.

A second goal in the Master Plan include the goal of having MTSU student-athletes meet or exceed the average graduation rate of all Division I-A schools by the year 2000.

This includes an expansion of the Academic Advising Program.

A third goal is for MTSU to become a national center for training in sports communication.

The final goal is to create a new level of pride through a recognized image.

This will be part of a larger agenda that will be to foster pride in the university.

The forums intended for students, faculty and the general public to share their opinions on the move to I-A and the proposed new stadium. ■

SPORTS

Texas A&M Raider '95 season finale

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU doesn't schedule cupcake competition in football.

In past seasons, the Blue Raiders played Florida State, Nebraska and Hawaii. They will add Texas A&M to that list next season.

The Blue Raiders will end next season by playing the perennial nationally ranked Aggies in College Station, Texas.

"Getting a Division I-A school on our schedule is a great opportunity for us," said athletic director Lee Fowler. "We had written every Division I-A school in the country and gotten no response. I found out that Texas A&M was looking for a game and we really put this thing together since (last) Tuesday."

Texas A&M had an opening because a conflict occurred with Central Florida.

The Blue Raiders dropped Jacksonville State and moved up OVC road games against Morehead State and

Tennessee Tech. It will be the first time since 1930 that MTSU will play a regular-season game after playing arch-rival Tech.

"Since it's the last game of the regular season I am hoping like crazy that our players won't be overlooking A&M," said head coach Boots Donnelly.

MTSU will receive an estimated guarantee of \$350,000 for playing in College Station.

"Any time we can play a nationally recognized opponent such as Texas A&M, I think it's a plus for our university, our football program and, above all, for our fans," Fowler said. "It represents another step in the enhancement of a football program that already has a great tradition."

Texas A&M finished the 1994 season 10-0-1 and ranked eighth nationally in the final AP poll. Currently placed on NCAA probation, the Aggies have the longest home winning streak in the country.

MTSU will also play Alabama-Birmingham, who

moves from Division I-AA to I-A, in Murfreesboro and coached by former Vanderbilt head coach Watson Brown.

"If you're going to get beat

you might as well get beat by name teams," Donnelly joked. "But you've got to remember, I don't expect them to treat this

Tennessean nicely — look at what they did to Davy Crockett out there." ■



BLAIR MITCHELL/Staff

Okay guys, here's the play

Boots will send his Blue Raiders into battle against Division I-A Texas A&M as the regular season finale next season. The game will replace the traditional season-ending matchup against arch-rival Tennessee Tech. MTSU will reportedly receive a \$350,000 guarantee for the Nov. 18 ballgame.

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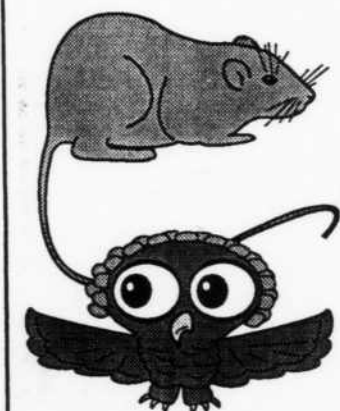


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Roundball romance: more than a game

Tucker and Washington share love for basketball, each other

DREW BUTLER

Assistant Sports Editor

Sherry Tucker and Paul Washington are not your ordinary MTSU couple.

On the day before Valentine's Day, most couples would be putting the final touches on their mates' surprise or present. This couple is in Murray, Kentucky playing basketball.

Tucker is the captain for the Lady Raider basketball team and ranks among the top ten players in the OVC in five categories, scoring, rebounding, free throw percentage, blocks and 3-points per game. Washington is a top reserve on the men's basketball team.

"We're different than most relationships, because we're always together," Tucker explained. "We don't argue as much as other people do because we don't have time for it."

But a year and seven months ago when the pair met, it wasn't exactly a fairy tale opening.

"She used to be stuck up when I met her at the Grill," Washington joked. "I didn't even like her because of her attitude."

They also talked in Murphy Center during registration. It was one of the first days Washington was on campus after he transferred from Belleville Community College in Illinois.

"We saw each other at registration and I started talking to her," Washington said. "Then we started talking at a party, she said that she didn't want me to talk to anyone else since I was new."

They said that there really wasn't any dating.

"We went into the relationship blind," Tucker said. "We didn't know anything about each other."

"She kept saying 'I do like you.' I said okay, if you like me, then I guess we'll go together from now on," Washington said. "That's how we started."

Over the time they spent together, they discovered similarities. They both like



COLEY JACKSON/Special

It's a Love Thing

Paul Washington and Sherry Tucker, both members of MTSU basketball teams, balance their relationship with classes and athletics.

basketball, of course, and Star Trek. Both are family-oriented and both are homebodies.

"We don't like to party," Tucker said. "We don't go out much."

Any differences?

"She's from the country and I'm from the city," Washington joked.

"It's a nice relationship. We have a lot in common. We both play basketball. Both our time is limited. So

when we are away from basketball, we're together."

Because both play basketball, the sport tends to dominate their time.

"Basketball takes up probably 70 percent of our time," Washington said.

"We practice against each other in the preseason," Tucker said. "I was killing him."

"No, she was missing everything," Washington joked.

"When we first met and he didn't know I could play," Tucker explained. "I was beating him. But last year, he was killing me cause he wouldn't give me any shots."

Washington said, "I don't slack off when I play her."

"He plays me like he plays one of his teammates, so it's not easy," Tucker said.

But after the preseason ends and the season starts, they are each other's biggest supporter.

"I try to be her biggest fan. She makes a shot, I stand up," Washington said. "I tell her to shoot or drive, it's like I'm another coach."

"Sometimes she tells me to elbow somebody at the free throw line," Washington said.

Sherry and Paul are proof that love lives in Murphy Center is -- two people who have a real relationship under unusual circumstances.

"We do everything together," Tucker said. "When you see one of us, you see the other."

"I would say we're best friends," Washington said.

In Saturday's game at Southeast Missouri, Paul scored four points in the Raiders 78-63 loss, going 2-3 from the field.

The Lady Raiders beat the Otakians of SEMO, and Sherry added 13 points in the effort to regain the top spot in the OVC.

While both have been busy making major contributions to MTSU basketball this season, they also find time to for classes and for each other.

Juggling busy schedules is nothing new for this couple, and making time for Valentine's Day won't be any different. ■

"He tells me what I'm doing wrong," Tucker said.

On game nights when both teams are playing, he watches the first half of her game, then changes for the men's game. She races to the locker room to change into street clothes after her game and watches the men's game.

SPORTS

FARRAR

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be made after we've looked at everything," Fowler said.

I hope so.

Combine the effects of probation and the seven stress fractures that make up this year's Murphy Center M*A*S*H unit, I hope that he gets another year to build

a winner at MTSU.

But if his fate lies on the last games of the season, he may be in trouble. Especially with Murray State, TSU, Morehead State and only two home games left on the schedule.

"David has not been told he will be back or won't be next year. And we didn't tell him there was a certain number of wins he needed to

get for the remainder of the season. But the team does need to turn it up a notch and play more consistently," Fowler said.

My answer: Don't give Farrar the ax because of the sins of another. I hope President Walker and AD Fowler honors his contract.

Make the right decision and give him another year. ■

TRACK

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in the high jump and the triple jump, and Mia Florence, one of the top female athletes in the conference.

"We just had a lot of people missing," Hayes said. "We've got a lot of quality people on both sides, but we just don't have much depth."

Torrence Riley had the most outstanding men's performance for Middle, winning the high jump with a leap of 6-8. Riley also won the triple jump with 46-10, and claimed second in the long jump with 23-4.

Micah Otis also had a

very good meet, finishing third in the long jump and winning the 55 meter hurdles. Keith Watkins and Mario Allman finished first and second in the 55 meter dash. Melvin Stephenson won the shot put with a hurl of 43-3.5, and Jeff Lingwall posted a lifetime best finish in the 3000 with a time of 8:56.3.

For the women, Shelley Johnson and Megan Meadows had impressive meets. Johnson won the shot put with her throw of 44-3. Meadows won the 800 meters with a time of 2:19.4.

The OVC meet will be held at Murphy Center Feb. 24-25. ■

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to the line and making them," Bivens said.

Tucker finished the game with 13 points and a team-high 10 rebounds. In the second half, she received her

fourth foul and freshman Natalie Sneed came off the bench to score eight points.

"Natalie Sneed gave us a big lift off the bench and hit some big shots," Prater said. "We needed someone to step up in the situation and she did."

MTSU will take the court again Monday night as it plays at Murray State.

"We're going to stay focused and not look past anyone we play," Prater said.

MTSU's men fell to SEMO 78-63, following Thursday's loss to Tennessee Tech. ■

ON THE LINE

INSTRUCTIONS

Place a mark beside your predicted winner. Entries must be received no later than Friday, Feb. 17.

Pickers with a perfect week will qualify for a MTSU T-shirt. The picker with the best total record at the year's end will receive a plaque.

If a game has MTSU 'vs' TSU, it means the game is at a neutral site. Also note that some contest will be women's games and some teams will appear more than once since they play more than one game per week.

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	Austin Peay at MTSU			Ga. Tech at Wake Forest	
	TSU at Tenn. Tech			Miss. State at Tennessee	
	Eastern KY at UT Martin				
	SEMO at Murray				

Congratulations!

Bonnie Davis was the week two winner, greatly taking over first place with a record of 12-4. Bonnie only missed two games in the OVC, picking the Tech women over MTSU (shame on you!) and naturally choosing TSU over Austin Peay. Good luck to Kevin and all the other pickers in week two! Don't forget -- a perfect week will qualify you for a drawing for a free tee-shirt!!!!

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Editorial

General Sessions Court should get act together

Justice sometimes has a way of moving very slowly. Hearing dates are set, delays are allowed and the taxpayers end up footing the bill, sometimes at the cost of releasing a suspect.

The preliminary hearing for 34-year-old James Clayton Young, arrested and charged with the murder of 19-year-old Joey Ladd last month, has now been delayed a third time, to Mar. 10, to allow attorneys more time to prepare their cases.

These delays are setting a dangerous precedent concerning the defendant's right to a speedy trial.

If the delays continue, they could arguably deny Young the right to a speedy trial, which he is guaranteed by the Constitution. His attorney could conceivably petition the court at a later date to have the charges against him vacated if these delays become standard practice.

The murder trial of the soldier who allegedly killed four employees of a Clarksville Taco Bell restaurant in January 1994 has been delayed until this coming June, 18 months after the murders took place.

If the court system of California can process the endless amount of evidence in the O.J. Simpson case and begin trial within eight months, the same can be done for the soldier and for Young.

Otherwise, there is a possibility that no one will ever stand trial for Joey Ladd's murder. This cannot be allowed to happen.



Learning to snowboard at my age Satan's work



Dave Barry

When you're 47 years old, you sometimes hear a small voice inside you that says: "J u s t b e c a u s e y o u ' v e r e a c h e d m i d d l e a g e , t h a t d o e s n ' t m e a n y o u s h o u l d n ' t t a k e o n n e w c h a l l e n g e s a n d s e e k n e w a d v e n t u r e s . Y o u g e t o n l y o n e r i d e o n t h i s c r a z y c a r o u s e l w e c a l l l i f e , a n d b y g o l l y y o u s h o u l d m a k e t h e m o s t o f i t !"

This is the voice of Satan. I know this because recently, on a mountain in Idaho, I listened to this voice, and as a result my body feels as though it has been used as a trampoline by the Budweiser Clydesdales. I am currently on an all-painkiller diet. "I'll have a black coffee and 250 Advil tablets" is a typical breakfast order for me these days.

This is because I went snowboarding. For those of you who, for whatever reason, such as a will to live, do not participate in downhill winter sports, I should explain that snowboarding is an activity that is very popular with people who do not feel that regular skiing is lethal enough. These are of course young people, fearless people, people with 100 percent synthetic bodies who can hurtle down a mountainside at 50 miles per hour and knock down mature trees with their faces and then spring to their feet and go, "Cool."

People like my son. He wanted to try snowboarding, and I thought it would be good to learn with him, because we can no longer ski together. We have a fundamental difference in technique: He skis via the Downhill Method, in which you ski down the hill; whereas I ski via the Breath-Catching Method, in which you stand sideways on the hill, looking as athletic as possible without actually moving muscles (this could cause you to start sliding down the hill). If anybody asks if you're OK, you say, "I'm just catching my breath!" in a tone of voice that suggests that at any moment you're going to swoop rapidly down the slope; whereas in fact you're planning to say right where you are, rigid as a statue, until the spring thaw. At night, when the Downhillers have all gone home, we Breath-Catchers will still be up there, clinging to the mountainside, chewing on our parkas for sustenance.

So I thought I'd take a stab at snowboarding, which is quite different from skiing. In skiing, you wear a total of two skis, or approximately one per foot, so you can sort of maintain your balance by moving your feet, plus you have poles that you can stab people with if they make fun of you at close range. Whereas with snowboarding, all you get is one board, which is shaped like a giant tongue depressor and manufactured by the Institute of Extremely Slippery Things. Both of your feet are strapped firmly to this board, so that if you start to fall, you can't stick a foot out and catch yourself. You crash to the ground like a tree and lie there while

skiers swoop past and deliberately spray snow on you.

Skiers hate snowboarders. It's a generational thing. Skiers are (and here I am generalizing) middle-aged Republicans wearing designer space suits; snowboarders are defiant young rebels wearing deliberately drab clothing that is baggy enough to cover the snow-boarder plus a major appliance. Skiers like to glide down the slopes in a series of graceful arcs; snowboarders like to attack the mountain, slashing, spinning, tumbling, going backward, blasting through snowdrifts, leaping off cliffs, getting their noses pierced in midair, etc. Skiers view snowboarders as a menace; snowboarders view skiers as Elmer Fudd.

I took my snowboarding lesson in a small group led by a friend of mine named Brad Pearson, who also once talked me into jumping from a tall tree while attached only to a thin rope. Brad took us up on a slope that offered ideal snow conditions for the novice who's going to fall a lot: approximately seven flakes of powder on top of an 18-foot-thick base of reinforced concrete. You could not dent this snow with a jackhammer. (I later learned, however, that you COULD dent it with the back of your head.)

We learned snowboarding via a two-step method:

STEP ONE: Watching Brad do something.

STEP TWO: Trying to do it ourselves.

I was pretty good at Step One. The problem with Step Two was that you had to

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OPINIONS

If she's fine, don't treat her like a dog

Valentine's
Special



Will
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I recently read over a Donahue show transcript that a friend of mine had given me. The show was entitled "Professional Athletes and Teen Virgins." The show had several guests; the most well-known was A.C. Green, a starter for the NBA's Phoenix Suns. The comments from the guests and audience touched on issues

such as AIDS, teen pregnancy, peer pressure, religion, chastity, and celibacy, but what stuck in my mind was a comment one audience member made. She said, "I think we're telling children that there is such a thing as safe sex and you're misleading them, because while they can protect themselves physically, they can never protect themselves emotionally."

She touched on something that does not come up too often in discussions about sex; it is the emotional scarring that comes from sex without true love or commitment. It is sex with pseudo-love.

Too often I see my female friends on this campus hurt due to being "dogged out." They believe or hope that their sexual relationship is or will lead to a long-lasting monogamous one. Far too often they find out their man is someone else's man, or they saw he was in it (the so-called relationship) to hit it, quit it and move to the next "victim."

This type of sexual climate, which I see on campus, yields many broken hearts over time. These hearts, when and if healed, still have callused areas left due to scarring. This makes the future prospects of strong relationships or marriages highly difficult.

Some might say it is a woman's own fault if she gives all of herself in the hope of having a serious relationship and, as a consequence, gets hurt. To some extent that is true, but we as men have to be caring enough to not be exploitative and willing to jump at a chance to "freak" a "fine" woman, even if she goes as far as to ask for sex. Probably what she really wants is simple affection, which can come in several ways other than sex. This affection can be as complex as helping her figure out the molecular structure of acetaminophen for her chemistry

class, or as simple as sharing a bucket of hot wings while the two of you watch the sun set through the window of her fifth floor room in Corlew.

I know some guys are thinking I am either stupid or a homosexual for even mentioning by-passing a sexual encounter with a woman, especially one who is "fine" and asking for sex. They are probably some of the same ones who talk about improving their quality of life, uplifting their race, or making this country better. People like that have a big contradiction in their life, and, further more, are full of crap. There is no need for me to explain why. They need to really examine themselves and figure out why.

The same is true for any woman who will sleep with a man because of the car he drives, the money he has or can make, or the amount of popularity he has. They also cannot improve themselves, their race, nor their country until they change their mind.

What we could do to lessen the emotional scarring that results from sex without love would be to develop relationships based on love before we enter into a sexual one.

When and if these relationships

become sexual they should remain monogamous, and what would be best would be to do as most of the stage guests on Donahue chose to do. Those who were virgins, including 30-year-old A.C. Green, said they would remain virgins until they married. One guy who was not a virgin said he is committed to being celibate until he decides to marry.

Some of you, like many in the Donahue audience, may feel such an endeavor or goal is highly unrealistic, but what I think is highly unrealistic is us fooling ourselves by thinking we do no harm when we view other people as consumable goods created to meet our needs. Furthermore, it is unrealistic to believe that the Supreme Loving Creator that created this earth, by whatever means, does not have a little energy left over to give us, the created, the power to curtail or redirect our desires so that we treat each other as brothers and sisters and view one another as "holy temples" that possess emotions.

The myth is that "a man must sow his wild oats," but there is a truism that relates to that which says "a man must reap what he sows."

Make this a truly happy Valentine's Day for your valentine. ■

Cable problems? Call Bart

BACKTALK



Robin
Dixon

Every cable system in America has at least one. You might be turning to watch Ricki Lake or *Hard Copy* (topics for another column) when you come across a man raising a Bible, with

his wife shedding tears in the background.

I probably wouldn't have noticed them at all, if it wasn't for one of my "friends." He has a satellite system, you see, and a very big mouth. Every time he is at my place, which is practically everyday, he always goes into these tangents about satellite: 5 HBO's, 4 TMC's, 3 MAX's and every Sodom and Gomorra channel imaginable. After listening to this for three semesters, I was beginning to get fed up.

"Why don't you just go back home and watch 'em then!," I said with all the fury I could muster.

With a little peace and quiet for once, I decided to take an inventory of the channels - when I discovered everything I mentioned in the first paragraph. I was so used to flicking past those stations that I never really noticed them. After 15 minutes of watching Rev. Lovecash flash his diamond rings, I decided to do something.

Calling the cable company isn't as simple as it sounds.

After five phone calls, I discovered that the company isn't Viacom or Tennessee Valley Cablevision - it's now called Intermedia (why, I have no idea). Apparently, someone new takes over the cable system every six months or so.

"Intermedia, may I help you?"

All of a sudden, I realized how strange this was going to be.

"Yes, I was wondering if you could take all these religious channels off my cable service."

Silence.

"I'm sorry sir, but the cable act says we have to show all stations within a certain range of the city. Are there any channels you would like to add to your service?"

"NO!"

"Thank you for calling Intermedia."

CLICK.

After that short, bittersweet conversation, I remembered something I had almost forgotten. Several months ago while I was driving home, I noticed Congressman Bart Gordon jogging on campus. At the time, I was too shocked at seeing his skinny legs moving like a nervous chicken to do anything. Later, I cursed myself for not getting out of the car and catching up to him - with a reporter's notebook and a No.2 pencil in hand.

If Bart doesn't help me, I thought, then I'd reveal the secret of his chicken legs to the world.

"Congressman Gordon's office."

I expected the nasal-toned

voice of an embittered old curmudgeon. She definitely wasn't a curmudgeon.

"Yeah, is BART in?" I was smug, because I knew I'd get quick action.

Or else.

"Congressman Gordon is in Washington."

I hadn't expected that. I found myself mumbling in some incomprehensible, Neanderthal-like grunts, when the woman started explaining that congressmen do, indeed, work in Washington.

"Can I help you anyway?"

"Yeah, I was wondering if Bart...uh, Congressman Gordon can do something about this Cable Act stuff?"

"Do you have a problem with your cable?"

I wanted to ask her if she was moonlighting for Intermedia, but I decided to be nice.

"Well...yes! Can he do some legal hocus-pocus and get rid of these religious channels?"

Silence.

"Um...well I can take down your name and address and the congressman can write back to you."

I didn't want to give her my name and address at first, because I thought she would report me to some covert secret agency, that beat-up on people who call congressmen by their first name. After realizing how stupid this was, I gave her the information. Now I'll get Bart Gordon literature forever.

Next time, I'll just shut-up and keep my opinions to myself.

BARRY

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stand up on your snowboard, which turns out to be a violation of at least five important laws of physics. I'd struggle to my feet, and I'd be wavering there and then the Physics Police would drop a huge chunk of gravity on me, and WHAM my body would hit the concrete snow, sometimes bouncing as much as a foot.

"Keep your knees bent!" Brad would yell, helpfully. Have you noticed that whatever sport you're trying to learn, some earnest person is always telling you to keep your knees bent? As if THAT would solve anything. I wanted to shout back, "FORGET MY KNEES! DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE GRAVITY

CHUNKS!"

Needless to say my son had no trouble at all. None. In minutes he was cruising happily down the mountain; you could actually see his clothing getting baggier. I, on the other hand, spent most of my time lying on my back, groaning, while space-suited Republicans swooped, past and sprayed snow on me. If I hadn't gotten out of there, they'd have completely covered me; I now realize that the small hills you see on ski slopes are formed around the bodies of 47-year-olds who tried to learn snowboarding.

So I think, when my body heals, I'll go back to skiing. Maybe sometime you'll see me out on the slopes, catching my breath. Please throw me some food. ■

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Thought for the Day

"To speak out against an unjust war is treasonous, to speak out against the treatment of blacks made you a Communist. But if you feel in your heart that you have a responsibility to advance justice and human rights, then do it."

-Harry Belafonte
singer
1985

Biosphere 2 full of laughing gas

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Working inside Biosphere 2 these days is a gas.

But neither crew members nor directors of the sealed environmental laboratory are amused by levels of nitrous oxide — also known as "laughing gas" — that are nearly 300 times higher than in the outside atmosphere.

Crew members are being limited to five-hour daily shifts because of the gas, thought to be a byproduct of soil decomposition in the three-acre dome of glass and steel.

Dr. Robert Russell, a nutrition specialist from Tufts University, said nobody knows what risk there is from long exposure to laughing gas, which is used in high concentrations as an anesthetic by dentists and others.

"It's possible that it has effects on the entire nervous system," said Russell, an adviser to the project. "We don't really even know that there is in fact a danger."

Biosphere 2 once was intended as a prototype space colony but now has become a laboratory to study the earth's ecology. Overnight visits have ended, and no one has lived inside

Biosphere 2 since its second crew left Sept. 17, said John Mueller, the project's chief operating officer.

Former crew members who spent from six months to two years inside the complex have been examined but showed no apparent ill effects, Mueller said.

Other workers have been inside the complex daily, making modifications to its different ecological zones, which include desert, rainforest, savannah and ocean.

Standards established by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists consider exposure to more than 50 parts per million for eight hours a hazard, said Rick Cee of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration in Salt Lake City.

Levels of the gas inside Biosphere 2 have fluctuated between 70 and 100 parts per million, Russell said.

Officials have been aware of high nitrous oxide levels inside Biosphere 2 for more than a year, but didn't publicly acknowledge their concerns until Friday, when The Arizona Daily Star published a story on it. ■

How to make a buck on bad cat food

NEW YORK (AP) — Freshly canned, it was a meal fit for a cat.

Unfortunately, it was being sold to humans. Authorities say a Chinatown food supplier slapped new labels on 33,000 cases of cat food and peddled it as chunk light tuna.

A federal indictment charges Michael Chu with nine counts of fraud, claiming he purchased "Seventh Heaven Tuna Treat Cat Food" for as little as \$4 a case and sold the tuna for up to \$24 a case.

What's the difference between cat food and human food? Decomposition, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Hill said Friday. The tuna in the cat food had decomposed to a level where it was unfit for humans to eat.

Hill said at least one person became ill after eating the rechristened cat chow, which was sold for humans under the names "Ocean King," "Blue Bay," "National" and "IGA."

Chu, who will be arraigned Feb. 15, faces up to 29 years in prison if convicted. He did not return a phone call to the

Manhattan headquarters of his company, Ocean King Foods of Delaware Inc.

The food was distributed in 1991 and 1992 in Michigan, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, the indictment said. Some cans were recalled; authorities believe none of the cat food is now available.

The first sign of something fishy came when a label fell off a can purchased at a St. Paul, Minn., store in 1991. A woman popped a bite in her mouth and gagged when she spotted a cat food label underneath, Hill said.

Chu was not only selling cat food, he was selling bad cat food, Hill said. Federal investigators who checked out the Minnesota can found the food was spoiled and unfit even for felines.

Chu initially said the mislabeling was accidental, and volunteered to recall the cans, Hill said. The Food and Drug Administration alleged he tried to ship a second batch of relabeled cat food to California six months later. ■

Leader of inside trading ring fooled everyone with nonflamboyant lifestyle

NEW YORK (AP) — He lives in a one-story cream-colored bungalow in a middle-class development of identical homes in Florida. He drives a 1993 gold-tinted compact. Many neighbors say they don't even know him.

Charles Brumfield, alleged ringleader of a far-flung, \$2.6 million insider trading scheme unveiled this past week, apparently has flaunted few signs of ostentatiousness.

A look at his lifestyle and methods of evading detection, based on research and interviews with neighbors and federal investigators, suggests how Brumfield, who turns 52 on Sunday, covered the tracks for four years, orchestrating what authorities describe as one of the biggest securities fraud rings since the 1980s takeover boom.

The case against Brumfield and 16 other people, unveiled by the Manhattan U.S. Attorney's office and the Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday, is startling in magnitude.

A middle manager in AT&T Corp.'s Labor Relations department in Morristown, N.J., Brumfield was said to have passed secret information about four pending AT&T takeover targets to a web of family and friends in five Eastern states, who in turn traded stocks profitably on the tips.

The scheme as described by federal investigators yielded Brumfield and Thomas Alger, his subordinate at AT&T, more than \$300,000 in kickbacks. Both have pleaded guilty to securities fraud and other

criminal charges.

Yet evidence of the sort of lavish spending typical of some of Wall Street's biggest accused white-collar culprits failed to emerge during research and interviews.

According to the SEC's complaint, Brumfield illegally passed along confidential information about AT&T's plans to acquire Paradyne Corp., NCR Corp., Digital Microwave Corp. and Teradata Corp. — from December 1988 through November 1991. AT&T itself isn't accused of any wrongdoing.

During that time, Brumfield and his wife, Lorrie, owned a two-bedroom condominium in a modest townhouse complex in Basking Ridge, N.J., which they bought for \$172,000 in 1985, New Jersey property records show.

In May 1993, Brumfield resigned. Three months later, he sold the condominium for \$200,000.

Irving Arntz, who bought Brumfield's condo through a property broker, told The Associated Press that he never met Brumfield. When he was shown the three-floor residence, he said it appeared "just the same as anybody else — nothing fancy."

Neighbors said it was an easy place to be anonymous.

"Nobody really knows each other around here. Everyone pretty much keeps to themselves," said John Cunnert, a neighbor who has lived at the complex for four years but says he also never met Brumfield.

In May 1994, Brumfield put down \$75,000 and borrowed the rest to buy a

\$175,000, one-story house with a two-car garage and tiny front lawn, at 377 Kelsey Park Circle in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

The home is in a classic, nondescript Florida cookie-cutter development of nearly identical cream-colored houses with red-tiled roofs, nicely tended flower beds and palms. His car is another non-standout, a simple gold-colored 1993 Saturn SL2 four-door sedan.

Poking from Brumfield's small front lawn is a two-foot high pink flamingo sculpted from garden tools. A small, screened-in swimming pool occupies most of the backyard. A basketball hoop and a large gas grill were nearby.

Several neighbors in the development said they did not know Brumfield, a tan and fit-looking man with a shock of reddish brown hair and glasses, given to wearing golf shirts, shorts and tennis shoes — everyday Florida garb.

Asked about the fraud scheme on Saturday, Brumfield was polite but terse. "Please talk to my lawyer," he told an AP reporter who visited his house. The lawyer, Justin Walder of Roseland, N.J., declined to comment.

Experts said the scheme's duration suggests the difficulty authorities had nailing it down.

"If this is going on for four years, it strikes me as taking a long time to pick up on it," said Alan Bromberg, a Southern Methodist University law professor who is an authority on securities fraud. ■

Oscar Mayer rolls out the new Wienermobile, better than ever

CHICAGO (AP) — They travel in pairs in one of the most exclusive vehicles on the road, one riding "shotgun" in the "Wieniebug," trying to avoid being "sandwiched" in traffic.

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Duff, 24, is one of a dozen graduates recruited from college campuses each year to spend 345 days on the road as traveling "hotdoggers" for Oscar Mayer Foods of Madison, Wis.

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high and 8 feet wide, the Wienermobile was the biggest vehicle on display when the auto show opened Saturday. It was built on a General Motors truck chassis and created by automotive designer Harry Bradley. The 1995 Wienermobile seats six, has a large-screen TV and is likely to turn up almost anywhere people eat hot dogs.

"You can't have a bad day when you get behind the wheel," said Duff, a Syracuse University advertising graduate who's been hotdogging in an older model since June.

Between 800-1,000 students who apply each year for the 12 jobs go through a training program that teaches them to boss the big rigs, charm the public and use the endless stream of wordplay that is part of the schtick.

The 1995 fleet hits the road next month.

"And frankly," said Oscar Mayer's Russ Whitacre, "the new Wienermobile will be bigger and better than the one we all remember as kids." ■

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