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Pood resigns as Ra/TV chair

MARK BLEVINS

Assistant News Editor

Dr. Elliot Pood announced last week that he will resign his post as chairman of the radio-TV/photography department to return to teaching.

"I went into this profession to be a teacher first and foremost," Pood said yesterday.

"In the past couple of years, I've realized I miss the students."

Pood became the first permanent chair of the department in August 1989 and will step down at the end of

this semester.

"Dr. Pood did many excellent things for this department including helping with building the studios and getting us where we are now. His knowledge of computers has been immensely valuable," associate professor of Radio-TV/Photography Dennis



POOD

O'Neal said.

Deryl Leaming, Dean of the College

of Mass Communication, said that the college is putting together a search committee for a new chairperson now.

"I would like to have someone on board by Spring '96, but being realistic it may be the Fall of '96 or the Summer of '96."

"It's probably going to take us a while to get the right person."

Leaming said he hopes the college will be inviting candidates for interviews near the end of the coming fall semester. However, the "right person" may have a contract obligation which could delay his/her

arrival as chairperson here at MTSU, Leaming said.

Mary Nichols, radio-TV/Photography instructor, has been recommended by Leaming as interim chairwomen until a permanent chairperson fills the position. Leaming said he has forwarded this recommendation to the Vice President's Office for Academic Affairs.

"[Dr. Pood] has many, many fine qualities. He did some things very well including fighting very hard for his department," Leaming said. ■

Ellis contributes to health education

KRIS WETZEL

News Editor

Cheryl Slaughter Ellis, associate professor in the HPERS department, will hold a public service seminar on AIDS education as part of African-American history month.

The seminar will begin with a short film, "AIDS is about secrets," followed by a question and answer session. Ellis will be assisted by Delta Sigma Theta, a public service sorority, who will present information gathered through their research.

Ellis also leads AIDS workshops at local churches and community centers. Twice a year, she gives a sexual awareness workshop on campus to educate students in sexuality and sexual protection.

"I talk a lot about how women allow themselves to get the virus by not being aware of the dangers, by not using condoms or being aware of the habits of their lovers or husbands," said Ellis. "The majority of women get AIDS from a bisexual-sexual partner or a drug-user. They are in denial or just don't want to know."

Ellis is currently preparing to speak to sixth

graders at Cason-Lane Academy about AIDS education. Teen pregnancy, adolescent sexuality and African-American health issues remains her other public service platforms.

"When I came here in 1985-86, my public service was drug abuse in children, but I have since then prioritized my platform to AIDS education," Ellis said.

Ellis serves as the faculty advisor to Delta Sigma Theta, who adopted Habitat for Humanity and AIDS education as their main service platforms. Their latest service event was sponsoring a Valentine's party for senior citizens at a nursing home.

Ellis earned her B.S. in biology/pre-med in 1974 and her M.S.T. in biology from Jackson State University in 1975. She obtained a M.S. in community health education from University of Southern Mississippi in 1980, completing her formative education at University of Tennessee with a Ph.D. in public health education in 1982.

Her previous positions include: president of the Governing Board of Directors at the Meharry College in

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Master Storyteller



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Marilyn E. Thornton Tribble, an educator of western music and African-American culture, engages her audience with tales of Africa and slavery. She visited MTSU as part of African-American history month.

"Lest We Forget" Events for February 18-19, 1995

Saturday, February 18, 1995: African-American Prospective Student Day. Prospective student activities include campus tours, attending MTSU vs. TSU basketball game and a dance following the game.

Sunday, February 19, 1995: African-American Prospective Student Day continues. Fisk Jubilee Singers in concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

MTSU NEWS

Film debate focuses on sanitation strike

JOEY DAVENPORT
Staff Writer

A film/debate discussing "At the River I Stand" was held Monday night at the LRC in conjunction with African-American History Month.

"At The River I Stand" is a documentary video showing the struggles and sacrifices of the Civil Rights Movement in Memphis during the 1960's. The video portrays the events leading up to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"We've got some difficult days ahead, but it doesn't matter because I have been to the mountain top," stated King in the video. "I have looked over and I've seen the promised land. I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the promised land."

According to "At The River I Stand," the strike in Memphis marked a turning point in the national Civil Rights Movement.

"My parents were involved in the Memphis Movement," said Anthony Neely, Junior Computer Information Systems major. "It was emotional to watch the video and actually see what they went through."

"At The River I Stand" was comprised by three caucasian students at Memphis State University.

The video shows how the Memphis Movement was

sparked when 1300 African-American sanitation workers went on strike because of low wages and poor work conditions. The City Council refused to recognize the sanitation workers' union.

"I felt like the video was very comprehensive because there were a lot of things that happened in Memphis I didn't know about," said Brian Jones, junior finance major. "African-American History Month offers a chance to wake up and enlighten everyone on our history."

An African-American History film/debate is conducted every Monday night during the month of February in the Multi-Media room of the LRC at 6:00 p.m. "At The River I Stand" was hosted by Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. The topic for the film debate Monday will be interracial dating.

"We cannot continue to blame the system or the government," explained Bonnie Shipp, co-chair of African-American History Month. "We have got to take charge of our lives and of our destinies."

"We have to understand that our heritage is not just one of persecution, oppression, and deprivation," said Bonnie Shipp, professor of English. "There is a myriad of achievements and accomplishments we can be proud of." ■

Palestinian activist to speak at MTSU

STAFF REPORTS

"Nationalism, Democracy and Freedom of Expression in Israel" will be the topic of Dr. Majid Al-Haj's Feb. 16 presentation at MTSU.

Al-Haj is a Palestinian activist and a senior lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Haifa University in Israel. His work often reflects these two roles, as in his books, the recently published *Education, Empowerment and Control* (SUNY, 1995) and the co-authored *Arab Local Government in Israel* (Westview Press, 1990).

In addition to his research, Al-Haj is the head of the Insann Society for Educational Services, the first countrywide Arab organization in the field of education, and the director of the Center for Arab Israel and the Israeli National Council for Research and Development. He is a senior consultant for the Guttman

Institute, a center for communication research.

Al-Haj has published widely in the social sciences, specifically in the areas of immigration and ethnicity in Israel; public opinion and the peace process; political sociology; and the Arab Palestinians in Israel. He is the author of *Social Change and Family Processes* (Westview Press, 1987).

Al-Haj's visit is in conjunction with the MTSU Office of Communication Research. In his role at the Guttman Institute, he assisted with the Israeli replication of OCR Director Robert Wyatt's survey on free expression, which had been conducted originally in the United States in 1990 under the sponsorship of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

The colloquium is scheduled for 3 p.m. in the Dean's Conference Room in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building. ■

Campus Capsule

Today

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.

Friday, Feb. 17

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

Philosophy Colloquium

at 3 p.m. in JUB Room 304. "Exemplars, Judges, and Moral Voyeurs: Reflections on Aristotelian *Phronesis*, *Sunesis*, and *Gnome*" by Professor Bert Loudon of Emory University.

Monday, Feb. 20

The MTSU Chapter of ITVA (International Television Ass.) will be meeting at 4:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104. This will be an organizational meeting and NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!!

Tuesday, Feb 21

The Women's Political Action Group will meet at 4 p.m. in the KUC Lounge.

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.

Having trouble with someone you know named Michael? Worry no more! Join like-minded victims on Wed., Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the KUC Lounge.

The Tau Omicron Initiation Banquet will be held on Feb., 23 at 6 p.m. in the JUB Hazelwood Dining Room.

The MTSU Wellness Center will be sponsoring blood analysis screenings on Feb. 16, 22 and 27 from 6:30 to 8 a.m. at the Nursing Building Room 109. The cost is \$8 (check or money

order only). Call the Center at 898-5549 to schedule an appt.

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. 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."

Campus Rec will be sponsoring a table tennis tournament on March 15 from 5 - 9 p.m. in the Alumni Gym. Deadlines for entry will be March 13. \$2/person.

Campus Rec is sponsoring a spades tournament on March 1 from 5 - 9 p.m. in Alumni Gem Room 219. Deadline for entry is Feb. 27. \$5/team. \$3/individual.

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.

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

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

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

Child Abuse Prevention of TN, a nonprofit agency, needs volunteers to answer the statewide Parent Helpline/Domestic Violence Hotline, to work with parents of newborns in the Parent Pathway Program, to assist with Parenting Classes, or to assist with childcare during parenting classes. Next volunteer training will be in March. For more information contact Terry Ann Hull, Volunteer Coordinator for Child Abuse Prevention of TN at 227-2273.

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.

"Raiders for Christ" devotional every Monday at 7 p.m. and small group bible studies on Thursdays (times vary). Contact Eddy Dyer at 895-9439 or the MTSU Student Christian Center at 896-1529.

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

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

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Study abroad trips now being offered to London, Ireland

MTSU sending students abroad through CCSB

KRYS SPAIN
Staff Writer

MTSU is now an affiliate member of the Cooperative Center for Study in Britain, a program providing joint planning, coordination, and implementation for programs of study in the British Isles.



CURREY

C C S B annually sponsors a short term program in London during the interim between December and January and a two week program in Ireland in May. They also organize a trip to Ireland and Scotland program in June, a summer program in London in July and August and a fall semester at Cambridge.

Dr. Jerry Brookshire, history professor, Dr. Theodore Sherman, English Professor, Dr. Rueben Kyle, economics, Dr. David Lavery, English and Dr. Anthony Halterlein, agriculture, will participate.

"Currently less than 1 percent of MTSU students study abroad," said David Currey, assistant director of International Programs and Services. "MTSU does have students in Japan, France, and Germany. Several students have signed up for study in Britain. We anticipate 10 to 20 students going this summer."

The Dublin, Ireland program is scheduled from May 15 to May 29 and costs \$1,895. Students must pay fees to MTSU as well as pay for the trip. The first payment of \$1,000, due by March 1, is used to cover the costs of the airline tickets and other deposits. The final payment of \$795 is due by April 3.

Financial Aid is available, and two \$500 scholarships are offered to those who apply with Currey.

"It is nearing the deadline, but there is flexibility," said Currey. "The sooner you apply, the better."

Halterlein will be teaching a course in Agriscience, entitled Landscape Gardens and Ornamental Horticulture of Ireland, for a three hour credit. Students will visit

the National Botanic Gardens, the Powerscourt Demesne, Mount Usher, John F. Kennedy Arboretum and other gardens.

Lavery will teach an English course entitled Contemporary Irish Film for

"MTSU does have students in Japan, France, and Germany. Several students have signed up for study in Britain. We anticipate 10 to 20 students going this summer."

-David Currey
Assistant Director of International Programs and

three credit hours. This course surveys Irish films, including "The Informer", "The Quiet Man", "Cal", "My Left Foot", "In the Name of the Father" and "The Commitments."

"It is the only one of the [English] courses being taught in Dublin by an MTSU instructor. The Ireland trip is also less

expensive than the other trips," said Lavery. "I am 100 percent Irish, and I am very excited about teaching in Dublin."

Also offered are courses in animal science and political science.

The Ireland and Scotland Program is scheduled for June 8 to July 3. The cost of this trip is \$2,895 with a \$100 deposit due at the time of application.

This program offers courses in Business, History and English. They will be taught by instructors from three Kentucky universities.

The London program is scheduled for July 6 to August 7. The cost of this program is \$2,995, plus a \$75 BritRail pass. A \$100 is due with the application, and \$1,000 is due by March 24. The final payment is due on May 8.

Kyle will teach a three credit hour course in economics, entitled Mergers and Acquisitions. It will examine the motivation for mergers, the impact of mergers on the structure of the U.S., and the second British Takeover of North America.

Sherman will be teaching a three credit hour English course entitled The Inklings.

This course will study works from J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, C.S. Lewis's *That Hideous Strength*, Charles Williams's *Taliessin through Logres* and Dorothy Sayers's *The Nine Tailors*. The major themes are friendship, Christianity, and scholarly life.

Brookshire will be teaching a three credit history course entitled Churchill and His Age. This course explores Churchill's career plus the changing conditions of common British people from the 1890's to the 1960's.

Courses will also be offered in Accounting and Finance, Art, Biology, Communications and Culture, Composition and Journalism, Education, English, Geography, History and Philosophy, Management and Marketing, Marketing, Logistics, and Transportation, Mathematics, Political Science, and Psychology.

Students interested in these courses should contact David Currey in International Programs and Services in Cope 202 or call extension 2573. ■

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.



Seminar highlights development of fingerstyle guitar

STAFF REPORTS

Some of America's best fingerstyle guitarists and leading experts on guitar history will be on campus Friday night, Feb. 17 for a two-part program.

"Fingerstyle Guitar: 150 Years of Musical Tradition and Innovation" will consist of an afternoon seminar exploring the history and development of fingerstyle

guitar and an evening concert showcasing a wide range of musical styles. Both seminar and concert are sponsored jointly by MTSU's Center for Popular Music and the MTSU Music Department.

The seminar, "Roots and Branches of American Fingerstyle Guitar," will be held from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Bragg Mass Communication

building. Featured speakers include Douglas Back, guitarist and guitar historian from Montgomery, Ala.; David Evans, director of the graduate program of Ethnomusicology at the University of Memphis; and William E. Lightfoot, folklorist and member of the English department from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.

Back will discuss the guitar in 19th century America, Evans will talk about the dissemination of guitars in the rural South and explore Mississippi guitar styles, and Lightfoot will draw on his research into the history of the Kentucky and Piedmont guitar styles.

The evening concert, "Historical and Contemporary Fingerstyle Artistry," will take place in the music hall of Wright Music Building from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Back,

together with Dr. William Yelverton of the MTSU music department, will perform repertoire drawn from the 19th and early 20th century parlor guitar tradition.

There will also be appearances by John Jackson, Eddie Pennington, Lonnie Pitchford and Leo Kottke.

Both seminar and concert are free and open to the public. For more information contact the Center for Popular Music at 898-2449 or Dr. Yelverton in the music department at 898-5623. ■

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Douglas Back, guitarist and guitar historian
Carver Arts Magnet School, Montgomery, Alabama

Mississippi Guitar Styles/Dissemination of Guitars in the Rural South

David Evans, authority on Blues and related folk music
University of Memphis

History of Kentucky and Piedmont Guitar Styles

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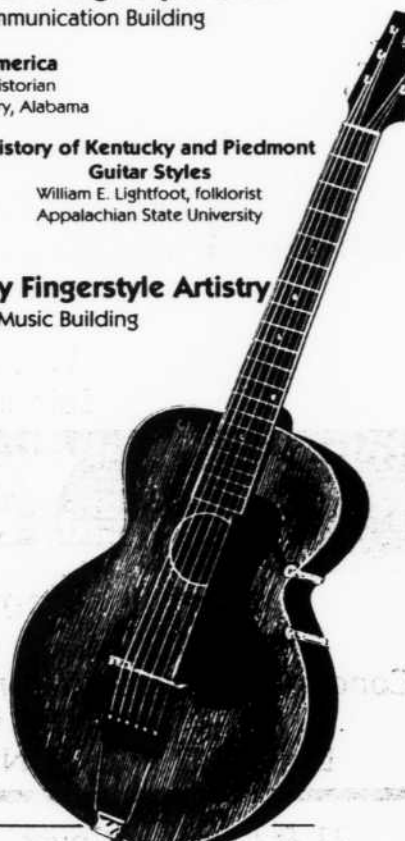
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Quiz Bowl challenges trivia knowledge

MARTHA STROUD

Staff Writer

The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity will be sponsoring the 1995 MTSU Quiz Bowl on February 23.

This will be the sixth year that it has been sponsored by the Insurance Fraternity.

"It gives an opportunity for students to display their intellectual abilities and trivia knowledge," Dr. Hollman said as to the reason the event is held. The questions asked will be anything from general knowledge and trivia to academic specifics.

The contest will be held at six o'clock in Room 324 at

the KUC and is open to all clubs and organizations. Teams, of up to four people, must pay an entrance fee of \$15.

The winning team will receive \$80. The second place team will win \$40, and the third place team will get \$20. The contest will determine the winner by single elimination. Teams will also have a chance to win a door prize of \$20 for entering.

Ten teams have entered and more is expected. Interested teams should either stop by KOM 226A or call 898-2673 or 895-5007 to enter. ■

New recreation center sponsors logo contest

KRIS WETZEL

News Editor

MTSU Campus Recreation Center is awarding the winner of the logo design contest for the new Campus Recreation Center \$100 to be used towards the rental of recreation equipment and activity fees.

The design will decorate the future publications of the recreation center. The flyers, brochures and newsletters will be circulated through the MTSU community

announcing upcoming events and opportunities.

"We're not only doing this to get a logo, but also to get students interested in the recreation center," said Jan Dodson, aquatic director of the recreation center.

Logo designs should be delivered to Campus Recreation, AMG 201 or P.O. Box 556. The deadline for submissions is 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 1.

The recreation center, currently under construction, is scheduled to open by Fall 1995. ■

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.

ELLIS

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1991, director of health services at Tougaloo College from 1975-77, director of health services and head start program at Mary Holmes College in 1978-79, director of the central Mississippi Prenatal project 1977-78 and the coordinator of Mississippi Institute for Early Childhood Education Resource Center in 1970-73.

She has also worked assistant professor at Arkansas State University and a teaching assistant at University of Tennessee, University of Southern Mississippi and Jackson State University.

"I love teaching. It was my legacy. My father was a teacher, and he used to take me with him to school," Ellis said. "My earliest memory was watching him write the word 'Napoleon' on the board."

Her father, Willie Lee Slaughter, maintained a reputation of an educator, as a principal of the local school, and a civil rights leader, serving as an alderman and president of the original NAACP chapter in Scott County, Mississippi. Aside from his other duties, Slaughter ran a grocery store and convenience store, both named "The Six Cees" after his six daughters, Cheryl, Constance, Charlotte, Cynthia, Clarice and Carolyn.

Both of her parents graduated from Tougaloo College, along with three of her sisters. Ellis's grandmother graduated from the Tougaloo high school, and her great-grandmother, who was a slave, managed a sixth grade education. Ellis and her sisters all have college degrees, and three of the sisters have higher degrees.

When Slaughter died in 1981, Ellis's mother, Olivia Slaughter, turned his office into the W.L. Slaughter Library which acts both as a library and a meeting hall for various civil groups. Olivia Slaughter tutored children in reading, mathematics and science and offered classes in basic skills for adults.

Upon her death in 1991, Cynthia took over the library, offering preparation courses for the GED. Constance works as an attorney and assistant secretary of state of Mississippi. Charlotte heads the Margaret Walker Alexander Library in Jackson, and Clarice and Carolyn both works as teachers in Atlanta.

As children, Ellis and her sisters were forbidden to ride the public transportation services in Mississippi, use the segregated water fountains or attend movies. Their mother had explained to them that these places were covered with germs, and the girls were too good to participate in these activities.

"I love the South. I am a southerner. It makes me mad when people talk about Mississippi in a stereotypical way," Ellis said. "My parents never talked about people in a stereotypical way. I think that is why I was spared the bitterness that some people have for the South."

Ellis is the mother of two daughters, Kelly Norman Ellis who teaches English/African-American literature and a Ph.D. candidate at University of Kentucky. She also is a publisher writer, having contributed a poem, "Raised by Women," in *Sisterfire*, an anthology of African-American women writers. Crystal Ellis, the youngest daughter, is a freshman at MTSU. ■

from "Raised by Women"
Kelly Norman Ellis

I was raised by
Chitterling eating
Vegetarian cooking
Cornbread so good you want to lay
down and die baking
"Go on baby, get yo'self a plate"
Kind of Women. . .

Some face slapping
Hands on hips
Don't mess with me
"Pack your bags
And get the hell out of my house"
Sort of Women.

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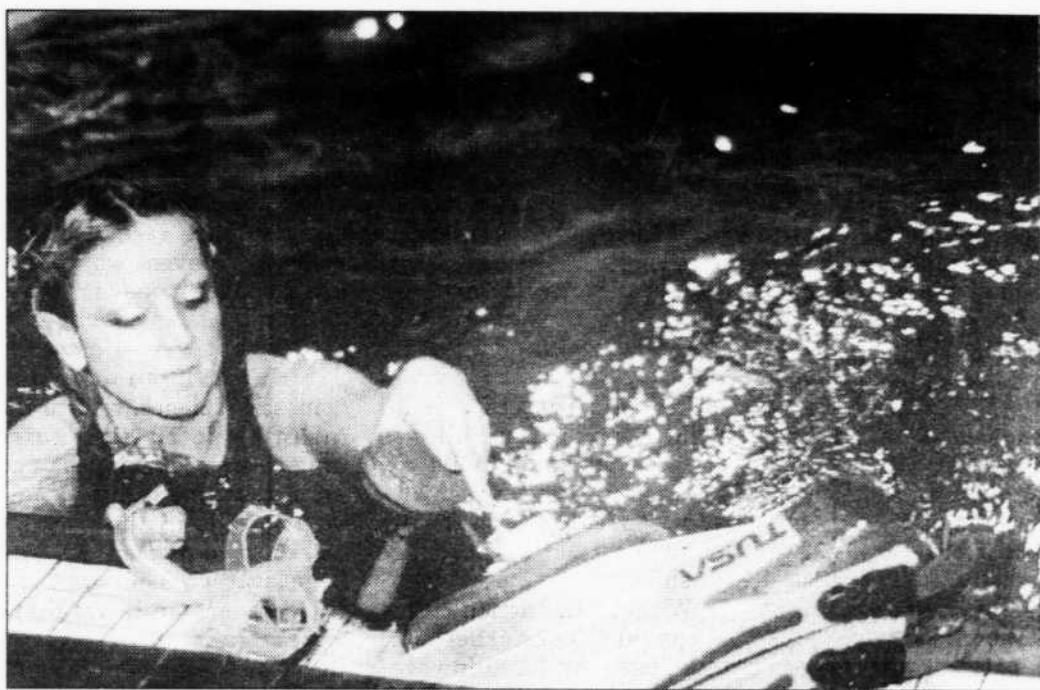
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THE NATION

Deep Sea Diver



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Assistant scuba instructor, Sherri Ross, removes her snorkeling gear after a few laps in the MTSU swimming pool on Wednesday night.

Gingrich promises elimination of federal deficit by 2002

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans will produce a budget this spring that would eliminate the federal deficit by the year 2002, Speaker Newt Gingrich promised Wednesday.

The Georgia Republican also said the GOP would

impose spending limits on Medicare and Medicaid, two of the government's biggest, fastest-growing programs.

Until now, House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio, has said the fiscal outline would move substantially toward a balanced budget, but would require that additional savings be added in future years. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates it will take an immense \$1.2 trillion in savings to close the budget shortfall by 2002.

Gingrich's comments substantially upped the ante for GOP budget writers, who were already scrambling to find enough spending cuts simply to head toward a balanced budget. The GOP's "Contract With America" promised a balanced budget while cutting taxes that will take \$360 billion out of federal coffers through 2002.

"We feel that it's very important that we establish right now that we are committed to go through whatever level of transformation is necessary, to think through whatever problems we have to think through, to get to a balanced budget and to show this spring that here is how you can do it," Gingrich told reporters.

Gingrich said that he would only allow debate this spring on proposed budgets that show a balance by 2002. That would set an equally high hurdle for Democrats as well, but it is Republicans who have been most insistent on ending the red ink by that year and will face the most pressure to show how they will do it.

"I'm happy they decided that's what they're going to do," said Rep. Martin Sabo of Minnesota, the budget

panel's ranking Democrat.

President Clinton's budget, released last week, envisioned \$200 billion annual shortfalls for the foreseeable future.

The pledge also puts House Republicans at odds with their Senate counterparts. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., has talked about finding about \$400 billion worth of savings this year and leaving the rest for later.

The decision to produce a budget that is balanced in seven years was made by GOP leaders on Tuesday, Gingrich said.

Asked about the plans, Kasich said, "I just don't know. I'd like to talk to him. We're going to have more discussions about it."

Gingrich said Republicans will put a spending cap on Medicaid, which helps 28 million poor people pay medical bills. The federal and state governments currently split the program's costs roughly in half.

He also said the GOP would "indicate how much we are willing to have Medicare increase." Medicare provides health coverage to 36 million elderly and disabled Americans.

Medicare and Medicaid spending are growing at about 10 percent per year, more than twice the general inflation rate. Their growth is considered a major reason that budget deficits remain high.

For weeks, Republicans have talked about limiting Medicaid growth and letting states design how the program would work. They also have discussed slowing Medicare increases by moving the system more toward managed care. ■

THE NATION

Sundquist crime package to be tougher on criminals

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Gov. Don Sundquist said Wednesday his package of crime bills will keep the most violent criminals behind bars longer and speed condemned inmates' journeys to the electric chair.

Sundquist called the 15 to 20 bills his administration will ask lawmakers to pass "a down payment" on crime fighting vows he made on the campaign trail.

Half his campaign proposals will have to wait because of the state's tight budget, he said.

The package will only cost \$2.8 million the first year, mostly to feed, clothe and house violent criminals who will no longer be eligible for parole.

Instead, they will get one day's credit for each week of good behavior, meaning they will serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

They currently serve about 30 percent of their sentences, according to a recent study by the Tennessee Sentencing Commission.

"We want above all to target the most violent, cruel and predatory offenders," Sundquist said.

However, his estimate

doesn't including the cost of building new prisons or expanding existing ones to keep those criminals behind bars longer.

Details on that are still being worked out and may not be disclosed until his budget is presented March 1.

He said the state could build a new prison, allow a private company to build one or expand existing facilities and house more than one inmate in cells wherever possible.

Without any action on his proposals, Tennessee will lack space for 1,100 inmates by the year 2000, said Correction Commissioner Donal Campbell. If Sundquist's bills are approved, that would add 500 more inmates needing beds.

Sundquist also said death row appeals should be limited and funding for the Capital Case Resource Center, which helps death row inmates with legal advice, should be abolished.

Sundquist said that doesn't mean death row inmates will lack representation for legitimate federal appeals.

"But the Capital Case Resource Center does more

than help those on death row. They have a cause. They want to end the death penalty," he said. "I don't believe taxpayers want us to use taxpayer money for that."

Sundquist also wants to strengthen penalties for vehicular homicide and domestic violence, reform the insanity defense, require drug-testing for parolees and protect victims' rights.

The bills in the package were to be filed in the Legislature by Thursday.

Democratic lawmakers have their own crime-fighting legislation, but Sundquist said he hopes they will work with him and other Republican lawmakers.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Frank Buck, D-Dowelltown, said that at a quick glance Sundquist's proposals look good and they will get the same treatment Democrat-sponsored legislation gets in his committee.

He declined to discuss their cost without seeing the actual bills, but "let me say this, I think they're being optimistic to think they can do all this for \$2.8 million." ■

Delinquent boy braves fire to save 14 people

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (AP) — Flames were melting a mobile home around him "like a marshmallow" when Steven Hines rushed inside to see if anyone was trapped.

Despite the violent blaze, "it was like they were all having the same dream. Like they had all just finished playing," he said.

The 17-year-old boy — who has a delinquency record — roused them and singlehandedly carried them outside.

He saved a dozen children ages 4 to 13 and their two adult babysitters, both in their 70s.

It wasn't until hours later that he realized what he had done. "I got scared then," he said.

Hines said he was riding his bicycle home from a grocery store Saturday night when he spotted flames from the house's chimney.

He called into the house but got no answer.

The door was unlocked so he went inside, where his attention was drawn to the ceiling.

"Flames were moving across like waves on the ocean," he said Tuesday. "Stuff was melting. It was

like a marshmallow."

One 9-year-old boy died in the house, and when authorities removed the body Hines said he had to turn away.

"I didn't sleep that night. I was thinking about the boy," Hines said.

Authorities said the fire started near a wood-burning stove.

At Pine Bluff High School, where Hines is a sophomore, Principal Andrew Tolbert wanted to recognize him at a school assembly Monday.

However, Hines cut school Monday and Tolbert couldn't find him at his home.

"His attendance has not been consistent, at best," Tolbert said Tuesday, adding that the boy's truancy shouldn't overshadow his heroism.

Hines' record outside school also has been tarnished; he acknowledged he's been in state juvenile rehabilitation centers twice.

"I was young. I was doing things my brothers do and hanging with the wrong crowd," he said.

"I have to leave that alone," Hines added. "I have better things to do than that." ■

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ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE BEYOND THERAPY

Christopher Durang's *Beyond Therapy* may leave you in stitches

MELODY BOYD
Staff Writer

If you are in need of some therapeutic laughter, don't miss Christopher Durang's *Beyond Therapy*. These crackpots will crack you up.

Beyond Therapy, directed by Dale E. McGilliard, is a comedy involving a group of sexually frustrated lunatics who seek counsel from their therapists, who are generally nuttier than they are. This comedy is currently playing at the Arena Theater in the

BDA.

The play opens when a high-strung young woman, Prudence (Jenni Chemay) answers a personal ad, and her date ends up being bisexual Bruce (Bradley Porter). The two get together for dinner and later in the play have a run-in with Bob (Ross Brooks), Bruce's overly-sensitive and jealous lover. Throughout these events, Prudence seeks advice from Dr. Framingham, her macho sex feign therapist, while Bruce sees his scatter-brained shrink, Mrs. Wallace (Lisa Smith).

All of these bizarre happenings make for a very funny play. The characters are exaggerated, but it adds to all the madness and

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Photo Of The Week

Soda Shop Days



CHARLES HOGUE

Taste of the Fifties

Ellison Place Soda Shop on Ellison Place in Nashville. The soda shop was opened in 1939 by Lynn Chandler of Nashville, who still owns the store today. Ellison Place Soda Shop is recognized by the Nashville Historic Society as one of the oldest businesses in Nashville which hasn't changed location in over 50 years. This photo was taken by Charles Hogue, a photography major at MTSU, as part of a documentary project on Ellison Place Soda Shop, in 1993. All photographers are encouraged to submit for Photos of the Week. Please send photos to Brent Andrews/Features Editor, JUB room 309 or call at 898-2917.

Top 10

MOVIES (In Millions)

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| 1. Legends Of The Fall
Tri-Star, \$42.6 | 6. Nobody's Fool
Paramount, \$24.5 |
| 2. Boys On The Side
Warner Bros., \$4.8 | 7. Highlander: The Final Dimension
Miramax, \$9.5 |
| 3. The Jerky Boys
Caravan, \$4.4 | 8. Higher Learning
Columbia, \$42.8 |
| 4. In The Mouth Of Madness
New Line, \$3.4 | 9. Murder In The First
Warner Bros., \$12.7 |
| 5. Dumb And Dumber | 10. Little Women
Columbia, \$42.8 |

POP ALBUMS

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| 1. The Hits
Garth Brooks, <i>Liberty</i> | 6. CrazySexyCool
TLC, <i>LaFace/Arista</i> |
| 2. Balance
Van Halen, <i>Warner</i> | 7. Cocktales
Too Short, <i>Jive</i> |
| 3. II
Boyz II Men, <i>Motown</i> | 8. Vitology
Pearl Jam, <i>Epic</i> |
| 4. Dookie
Green Day, <i>Reprise</i> | 9. My Life
Mary J. Blige, <i>MCA</i> |
| 5. Hell Freezes Over
Eagles, <i>Geffen</i> | 10. No Need To Argue
The Cranberries, <i>Island</i> |

Changing with the times: The move from word processors to computers

BRENT ANDREWS
Features Editor

The time had come. No longer could I watch the World leap into cyberspace while I was carving my work into stone with a simple word processor. It was high-time I struck a couple of rocks together and came up with my modern-day fire: A computer.

But then a question arose, and as the answers came the solution grew more distant. How much RAM did I want? What about hard drive space? Should I get a 1 Megabyte video card or a 2 Megabyte one? What kind of printer did I need?

I knew what I wanted my computer to be able to do. I wanted word processing, CD ROM, Internet access and America Online. I wanted to surf the depths of cyberspace with a mouse in one hand and a keyboard in the other, my hair blowing back behind me from the sheer

excitement of the whole thing, eyes wide, maybe even some drool on my chin to complete the picture. I wanted a fax machine and nice speakers so I could send faxes to people while I listened to my favorite music. I wanted it all.

But still I had no idea where to begin.

Some friends hooked me up with a local computer store, the Wizard Of DOS on the square, and I was there before they opened one day last week, anxious to begin looking at options. When they opened, an hour after the sign on the door said they would open, I was ready.

I had no idea what to tell the salesman, how to get across my needs and wants intelligently, so I just walked in, took a long look around the store, and said "I want it all," explaining the above desires as fluently as I could. An hour or so later I was preparing to sign my life away with Northwest Financial, unable to take my

hands off the display model that was similar to the one I was buying.

I ended up with a system straight out of "Star Trek". My lovely, beige computer is all that I ever wanted in a computer, but more expensive. It has 8 Megs of RAM (expandable to 64), a 540 Meg Hard Drive, a 14" monitor, CD ROM, a Soundblaster multi-media kit that came with those cool speakers I wanted, a mid tower box to hold my disks and stuff (meaning a vertical box, not your standard put-your-monitor-on-top-of-it-and-go box), a couple of games I don't know how to play, a couple I can play, some killer programs and a cute little mouse with three buttons that fits snugly in the palm of my hand.

For the moment I am running neck-and-neck in my furious race with technology. I have America Online, and a nice fat bill to prove it. (The software for AOL came with

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FEATURES

Will Iron Mike climb in the ring again?

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Tyson will get out of jail on time, and he has a couple of potential opponents waiting when and if he decides to step back into the boxing ring.

The former heavyweight champion is slated for release on March 25 — more than a month earlier than his previously set May 9 release date, but the date originally set when he was first sentenced.

Current heavyweight champion George Foreman said Tuesday he's heard Tyson would like to fight him, and would be happy to take him up on the challenge.

"I heard Tyson was getting out of the jailhouse pretty quick, and he said if he gets out today, he'll whip George tomorrow. I'd like to give him that opportunity," said Foreman, 46, who recaptured the heavyweight title last Nov. 5 with a 10th-round knockout of Michael Moorer.

Foreman said he'd only fight if Tyson isn't connected with his former promoter, Don King.

Marion County Prosecutor Scott Newman said there is no deal to spring Tyson any sooner than his originally scheduled March 25 release date. Newman said he opposed a petition to reconsider a possible early

release that was denied by Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford last week.

"My predecessor had filed a response (to Tyson's petition) saying he was taking no position and letting the judge rule however she ruled," the newly elected prosecutor said. "We filed a new response saying we oppose any early release, and oppose it rather vociferously. On Friday, the judge denied the petition, so that matter is closed."

Tyson was convicted in 1992 of raping Desiree Washington, a teen-age Miss Black America beauty pageant contestant in his hotel room in July 1991. He was sentenced to six years at the Indiana Youth Center in nearby Plainfield, but because of good behavior, which earns one day off his term for each day he stays out of trouble, he will be freed from the Plainfield prison on March 25.

H. Christian DeBruyn, commissioner of the Department of Correction, rescinded the penalty that pushed Tyson's release date back more than a month because Tyson has been a model prisoner since then and deserves to be credited for good behavior, spokeswoman Pam Pattison said. ■

THERAPY

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despite the ludicrous events, it is somewhat relatable since everyone has had at least one crazy encounter in dating.

Therapist Mrs. Wallace was the strongest character in the play. This loony woman, who constantly loses her train of thought and is fiercely attached to her Snoopy toy, had the audience rolling with laughter. Lisa Smith gave a fine performance and the skill she used to portray her character really gave the play its sense of hilarity.

Bradley Porter, who played Bruce, also gave a strong performance. Though Bruce would occasionally burst into tears and had relationships with both Prudence and Bob, his character was extremely likable and Porter was very natural in the role.

Prudence's character was nerve-wracking and a bit

overplayed, yet all the same the interaction between characters was smooth and well-paced. All of the actors did well with the script.

The play contained some innovative techniques with the use of music and set design. Many of the scenes took place in a restaurant, and with every scene change waiters and waitresses would come out to rearrange the set, in sync with the love song, "Someone to Watch Over Me." With every scene things got crazier and more out of control, so with every scene change the music speeded up, along with the waiters' movements. Creative elements like these added to the ambiance of the play.

Though the characters are wacky and even their therapists are in need of help, *Beyond Therapy* is a hilarious interlude into the mishaps of dating, and the characters' performances will leave you in stitches. ■

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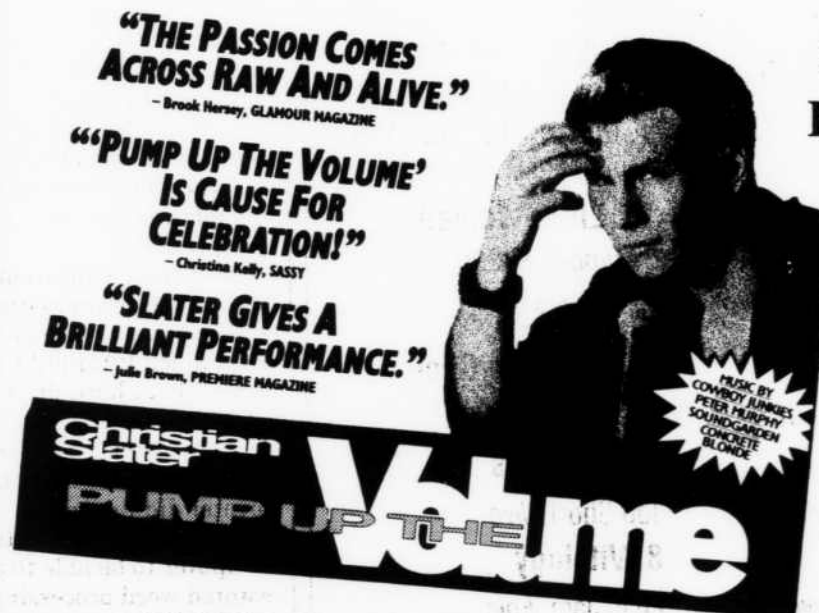


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FEATURES

New film shows the dark side of orphanages

NEW YORK (AP) — The lights and shadows that haunt the interiors of the St. Vincent boys' orphanage in St. John's, Newfoundland, are nothing compared to the darkness that has possessed its soul.

And it is that wretched soul that is the focus of "The Boys of St. Vincent," a harrowing film about physical and sexual child abuse airing on cable's A&E channel.

The film, to be broadcast in two parts Sunday and Monday nights, is based on recent events in Newfoundland and Canada, but it is fiction.

This approach frees director John N. Smith, who co-wrote the script with Des Walsh and Sam Grana, from the tawdry "fact-based drama." It also lets the film explore the emotional and psychological bonds between abusers and their victims.

In this case, the victim is Kevin Reevey (Johnny Morina), a 10-year-old boy who has been singled out for special attention by the orphanage superintendent, Brother Peter Lavin (Henry Czerny).

Smith opens the film at night, with young Kevin walking, with numb steps, to Brother Lavin's office. The door closes. Then, we see Kevin in the shower with other boys, scrubbing himself, his face pinched and closed.

Cut to the light of day, with a purposeful Brother Lavin striding down the sunlit hall, his cassock cinched with a heavy-buckled leather belt, his crucifix thrust into the belt like the dagger of a warrior for Christ.

It's ominous as hell, but Werner Nold's crisp editing keeps pushing us ahead, refusing to let us linger and

engaging us in the next scene almost before we have a chance to reflect on what we've seen.

Something is dreadfully wrong at St. Vincent, and gradually we realize that not only is Kevin being victimized, but a couple more of the brothers also are abusing their young wards.

Rather than face another closed-door session with Brother Lavin, Kevin runs away. He stares blankly at a store's Christmas window, but at the waterfront he gazes at a freighter with the deepest, helpless yearning.

When the police return Kevin to Brother Lavin, we at last understand the sickening intimacies Lavin has forced

"There are certain shots within scenes that would have created a precedent within basic cable."

— Greg Jones
 A&E Channel

on the boy — and we hear the beating Kevin endures after he resists.

A police investigation follows only after a sympathetic custodian (Philip Dinn) takes Kevin to the hospital and tries in vain to get welfare officials to intervene. The scope of that official neglect and collusion widens.

Parts I and II of "The Boys of St. Vincent" each could stand alone as dramatic units, but they combine with devastating effect.

The first part ends with a group portrait. One by one, the camera finds the blank, sealed faces of the angelic, lost boys and those of the adults whose complicity —

witting or otherwise — has doomed the children in their care.

Part II takes up the story 15 years later in bleak, Newfoundland winter. It shows the boys of St. Vincent, now men, including a 25-year-old Kevin (Sebastian Spence) still suffocated by his nightmare.

If for no other reason, "Boys of St. Vincent" should be seen for Czerny's smoldering performance, which is nothing short of extraordinary.

As the younger Lavin, he shows us the cool manipulator whose guilt and anger roil under the very skin of his face. As the older Lavin, he is cold and contained. The married father of two sons, he is certain that his pedophilia is behind him, but when his past catches up with him, his rage blazes out of his eyes like heat from a furnace door.

Although "The Boys of St. Vincent" is a significant, emotionally complex treatment of sexual child abuse, A&E is due both praise for airing it and criticism for censoring it.

A&E decided to remove two or three minutes of footage that included brief displays of child nudity and implicit depictions of sexual abuse.

"There are certain shots within scenes that would have created a precedent within basic cable," A&E's Greg Jones said. "That was something we felt was more than the market could bear. ... No scene in its entirety was cut."

Imagine: Using basic cable's "standards" to measure what is appropriate in an important, subtle and thoughtful film about child abuse.

What a pity. ■

COMPUTERS

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10 free hours of online time, but they failed to tell you that you will probably use those up the first night. That's what I did.)

I also have Internet access, but it's not half as cool as AOL (probably because Internet is free through the university). It has strange looking screens that don't make any sense and don't come close to comparing to the neat Windows AOL provides. With AOL, I can point with my mouse and click and get anything I want (except free online time); with the Internet, I must go the long

way around and type in commands before anything happens. I don't know how to do this yet, unfortunately. My wife got the account set up and is able to get things like e-mail accomplished somewhat painlessly. I, on the other hand, can not do anything on the Internet. For the moment, I shall stick with AOL for my e-mail, even if it means getting a couple of extra jobs to pay the bill.

I'd do that, you know, because I'm hopelessly, disgustingly hooked. I have become in the past week a cyberlunatic, walking around in a daze when I can't work with my computer, staring at the screen in a panic when something strange happens. Sometimes in class when I

need to sharpen my pencil I point and click with an imaginary mouse to get it done. I never works, though, I just end up feeling cybersilly.

My wife told me something frightening the other day. She told me that she was driving down the interstate at dusk and arranging the cars on the other side of the highway like she would arrange the cards in solitaire: A car with its light off, one with them on, another with its lights off, etc.... Just like in solitaire—black 3, white 2, ace of spades moves up and the two of spades goes with it. I think we're going cybercrazy.

I'll keep you informed. ■

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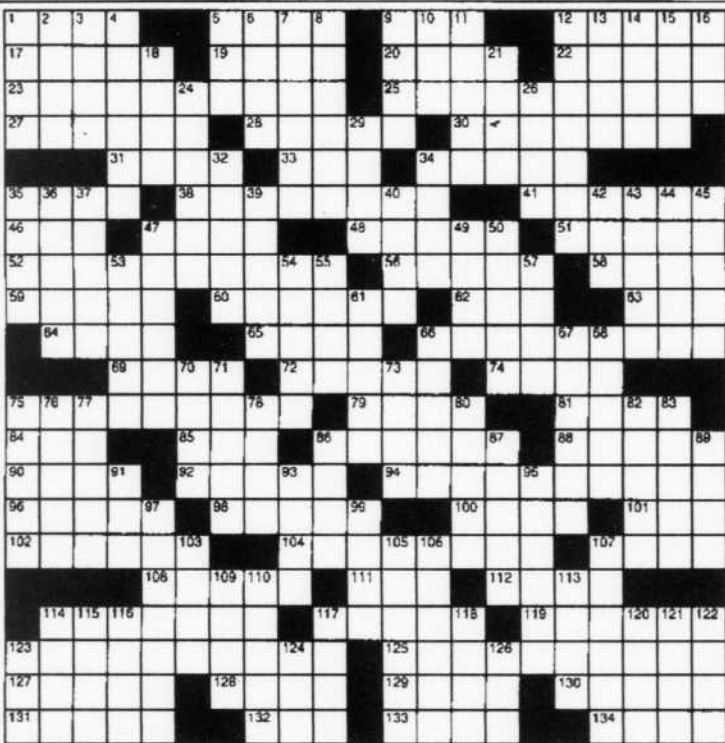
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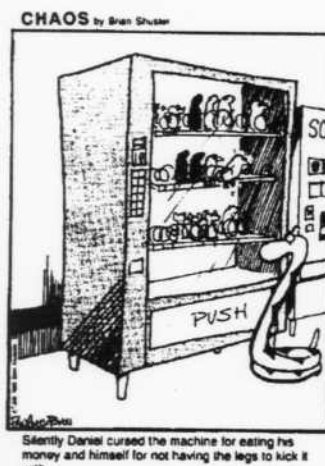
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Save Dave, Old Blue; MTSU will beat A&M

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But have you ever seen him on the road?

I'll be the first one to tell you that I don't know squat about cheerleading. And I know even less about the ins

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Sports

FEBRUARY 16, 1995

Lady Raiders hold slim lead in OVC



BLAIR MITCHELL/Staff

Bivens' gals on five game win streak; men lose at Murray

DREW BUTLER Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU men's and women's basketball teams are going in different directions.

The Lady Raider basketball team took sole possession of first place in the OVC with a 77-74 win over Murray State. The men's team lost their game to Murray State 87-74 and fell to 3-9 in the OVC and 9-12 overall.

With the Lady Raider game, guard Sherry Tucker scored a career-high 38 points to help pull MTSU back from an 11-point deficit with five minutes left in the game.

"We were fortunate to come out of here with a win," head coach Lewis Bivens. "Murray is much-improved, and if we would have improved as much this season as they have, we would be in great shape."

The Lady Raiders turned up the defense with 5:11 left in the game. That defense keyed a 15-1 run that allowed MTSU to take the lead.

Tucker hit a 3-pointer with less than three minutes left in the game to give MTSU the lead after playing from behind for most of the game.

"We knew they would be ready for us tonight, especially after the point spread we beat them by the last time we played (40-plus points)," Tucker said. "Our defense tonight was awful. We didn't get in anyone's face."

"Some of our players didn't do a good job on defense, but made some big plays on offense when we needed it," Bivens said. "I thought Sherry played exceptionally well. Heather and Trella both made some big plays for down the stretch, and Nikki Edwards played well."

Defense was also the key to the men's game. Only it was Murray State with the defense pressure.

Although MTSU led

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Tops in Ohio Valley Conference

Coach Lewis Bivens and company have a narrow lead over Eastern Kentucky for the lead in OVC conference play.

MTSU Baseball swings into 1995 season

DREW BUTLER Assistant Sports Editor

A difficult schedule is just business as usual for the MTSU baseball team this season.

The Blue Raiders will open their season at the University of Alabama on Saturday as they begin their defense of last year's OVC title.

"We are very excited about opening the season," said head coach Steve Peterson. "Our players have been conditioning since January so we're very excited to start playing outside competition and defending our championship."

The Crimson Tide will only be one of the many difficult games for the Blue Raiders this year. Also on the schedule are the University of Mississippi, Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Memphis, Western Kentucky and Auburn. Last year, Auburn made it to the College World Series.

"These are people we play every year. There will be some great college baseball this season," Peterson said. "Our fans deserve our team playing the best opponents. It will be interesting."

"Every time out, if we're not ready, we can get our brains beat in. But we'll do fine against these teams."

Even though the season starts this week, it will be a while before the Blue Raiders play in Murfreesboro. The first nine games of the season will be on the road.

"We play on the road early because of the weather and field conditions," Peterson said. "It's better for us to go farther south."

Peterson says this year's version of the Blue Raiders could be a no-name team. The team lost players like Mudcat Brewer, Jamie Hicks and Chris Price.

"The players we have left are good players but they really haven't been in the limelight," Peterson said. "It's time for some people to step up. We'll have a good team."

MTSU will get all of their pitchers and infielders back. However, they lost all three outfielders.

"We lost three starters in the outfield," Peterson said. "But defensively, we could be better in the outfield."

Winning the OVC title again may not be a cakewalk for MTSU.

"OVC baseball is improving. Last year was the most competitive the conference has been in a while," Peterson said. "It's getting more difficult for us to win championships. I see a very hotly contested race."

Last year, MTSU won the OVC tournament title and played the Southern conference champion, The Citadel. The winner of this play-in game advanced to the NCAA tournament. This year, the winner of the OVC tournament will host the play-in.

"We'd like to win the league title which would allow us to host the OVC tournament," Peterson said. "If you win the tournament, then we can host the play-in."

SPORTS

Men's Tennis losing streak continues

Inability to close out matches hurts in 6-1 loss

JOEL FREY
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team's string of bad luck continued last weekend in Knoxville as the Blue Raiders lost a tough 6-1 decision to Tennessee.

Marshall Brown posted the lone Blue Raider win of the day at number five singles.

In that match, Brown defeated the 80th ranked collegiate player nationally who was in the top 10 in the country as a junior player last year.

Coach Dale Short agreed on the big win for Brown.

"I was glad to see Marshall step up and play a solid match," Short said.

Short also said his team could have won the match 5-2 if just a few other critical points had gone his team's way.

"At this point in the season we are not as mentally tough as we need to be although this may be the most talented team I've ever had," Short said.

Against Tennessee, both had," Short said.

Against Tennessee, both had luck and the inability to close out matches plagued the team in the loss.

Number four singles player David McNamara lost the first set in his match, but was cruising in the second leading 4-0. However, at that point he turned his

ankle, spraining it badly. Although he tried to continue to play, his efforts were in vain as he lost the next six games in a row.

Short said McNamara will be out at least four weeks with the injury, dealing yet another critical blow to the team's depth.

Fred Niemeyer, who is number one singles player and currently ranked 19th in the country, led 5-4, 30-0 serving in the third set and still found a way to lose.

Short said that losses like these are becoming frustrating because his team knows they are just as talented as some of the top 20 teams they have been facing.

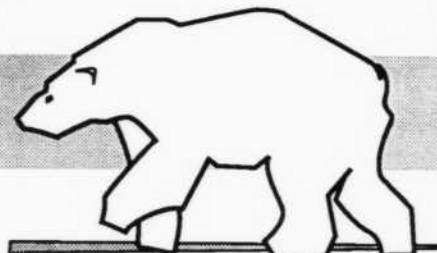
"We have lots of talent, but our average age is just 18. We play four freshmen and just one senior and Freddy is only 19 as well. If we can get past these mental mistakes and shake of some of these injuries, I think we will be all right," Short said.

MTSU will get another chance to prove itself this weekend as Short takes his squad to Winston-Salem, N.C. for a match against Wake Forest, currently ranked 40th nationally.

Short said he believed the 59th ranked Blue Raiders would have been able to 59th ranked Blue Raiders would have been able to handle the Demon Deacons, but now is not so sure considering the loss of McNamara.

"It will be a good test for us. It just seems as soon as we get past one injury another springs up," Short said. ■

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Golfers to open with Mardi Gras Tourney

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The MTSU golf team will be leaving the rain and chill of Murfreesboro next week and traveling to the warm climate of bayou country.

The Blue Raiders will spend Feb. 19-21 taking on some of the top programs in the nation at the Mardi Gras Collegiate Golf Championship in Mandeville, La. Some of the other 18 schools competing in the tournament are Wyoming, University of Arkansas - Little Rock, the University of South Florida and the host team, Southeast Louisiana.

The tournament will be held at the Beau Chene Golf and Country Club, a course which has been listed by *Golf Digest* magazine as one of the 10 best in the country.

The Raiders squad will be led at the tournament by team captain and top

returner Nick Shelton. Junior Mike Chesser and sophomore Erick Paschal are also competing for Middle, as are Brian Higgins and David Reed, who had the team's best performance in the fall and is expected to continue his consistent play.

On returning from Louisiana, Coach Moore and the Raiders will only have one day to spend at home. They will immediately have to leave again for Tampa, Fla., where they will be competing in the University of South Florida Invitational.

Coach Moore is looking forward to the opportunity to get started on the spring golf season.

"I think we'll do all right," Moore said. "Since it's our first time out we don't expect to run over anybody."

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SPORTS

'95 Spring Sport Schedules

Baseball	
2/18-19	@ ALABAMA
2/24	@ ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
2/25	@ BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN
2/26	@ SAMFORD
2/28	@ Ole Miss
3/2	@ CUMBERLAND
3/4-5	@ AUBURN
3/7-8	INDIANA STATE
3/11-12	NORTHEAST ILLINOIS
3/14-15	SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
3/18-20	@ ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
3/21-22	@ MEMPHIS
3/25-26	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
3/28	CUMBERLAND
4/1-2	@ EASTERN KENTUCKY
4/4	@ VANDERBILT
4/5	@ TENNESSEE
4/8-9	MURRAY STATE
4/10	AUBURN
4/11-12	MEMPHIS
4/15-16	UT-MARTIN
4/18	KENTUCKY
4/19	TENNESSEE
4/22-23	@ MOREHEAD
4/25	VANDERBILT
4/26	@ WESTERN KENTUCKY
4/29	TENNESSEE TECH
4/30	@ TENNESSEE TECH
5/2-3	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
5/6-7	@ AUSTIN PEAY
5/9	WESTERN KENTUCKY
5/10	ALABAMA
5/12-14	OVC TOURNAMENT

Softball	
DATE	OPPONENT
2/26	@TROY ST.
3/4-5	@GA. STATE %
3/7	@So. Illinois
3/11	MOREHEAD
3/12	EASTERN Ky.
3/14	TENN. STATE
3/17	SEMO
3/19-24	REBEL GAMES*
3/27	CARSON NEWMAN
3/28	AUSTIN PEAY
3/31	@MOREHEAD
4/1	@EASTERN Ky.
4/3	UT-MARTIN
4/4	@TENN. STATE
4/6	TENN. TECH
4/10	AUSTIN PEAY
4/14-16	FROST CUTLERY\$
4/18	@TENN. TECH
4/21	@UT-MARTIN
4/22	SEMO
4/23	TROY STATE
4/28-30	OVC TOURNAMENT
% ATLANTA, GA.	
* ORLANDO, FLA.	
\$ CHATTANOOGA, TENN.	

TENNIS	
DATE	OPPONENT
2/18	@WAKE FOREST (M)
2/25	SW LOUISIANA (W)
2/26	@ALA-BIRMINGHAM (W)
3/3	MIAMI (OHIO) (W)
3/4	BALL STATE (W)
3/4	ALA-BIRMINGHAM (M)
3/5	ALA. BIRMINGHAM (W)
3/5	SAMFORD (M)
3/11	SAMFORD (W)
3/13	NORTH CAROLINA ST. (W)
3/24	EAST TENN. ST. (M&W)
3/25	ALABAMA (M)
3/26	ARK.-LITTLE ROCK (M&W)
3/29-4/2	CAL.-IRVINE TOUR. (M)
4/1	ARKANSAS ST. (W)
4/2	SEMO (W)
4/6	MURRAY ST. (W)
4/8	AUBURN (W)
4/9	TENN.-MARTIN (M&W)
4/12	VANDERBILT (M)
4/13	@AUSTIN PEAY (M&W)
4/13	@TENN. STATE (M&W)
4/15	@MOREHEAD ST. (W)
4/16	@EASTERN KENTUCKY (M&W)
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SPORTS

Former MTSU coach Jimmy Earle inducted into sports Hall of Fame

DREW BUTLER

Assistant Sports Editor

Former MTSU head coach Jimmy Earle was inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame last week.

Earle was one of the 11 inductees that were honored at the ceremony. He is the winningest basketball coach in Blue Raider history with a record of 164-103 in a 10-

year span. He also won OVC Coach of the year twice and served as MTSU athletic director.



EARLE

Algood High and DeKalb High as well as Martin

College, where his teams won three league titles in four years.

Earle led the Blue Raiders in their finest season. He served as MTSU's baseball coach, winning the OVC title in 1968 when he was named league coach of the year.

Earle is currently an observer of basketball officials for the SEC and OVC. ■

ROB

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and outs of being a mascot. Maybe it's me, but it seems that whenever "Ol' Blue" goes to a school that has its own mascot he plays the submissive role, acting out little skits, letting the other mascot kick him in his blue behind, and the like.

It could be that he is friends with the other mascots and is just being nice. It could be in the mascot's pledge to let your boss you around. I don't know why he acts like he does. But I hope it's not because of the idiotic sportsmanship policy.

Blue old buddy, you're a big dog. A very big dog. Run those colonels, governors andacers off of your porch.

And bite a plug out of that big yellow chicken.

●And speaking of sportsmanship and Tech, how about that brilliant display of sportsmanship their fans displayed toward the Blue Raiders at Hooper-Blenden Center last week?

You probably know about their "blizzard," where the students shower the court with their diplomas — I mean with toilet paper after Lorenzo Coleman travels for the first time — I mean after Golden Eagle scores for the first time.

Well anyway, last Thursday the toilet paper apparently wasn't enough for some particularly boisterous Eagle athletic supporters. They decided to fire ice cubes and other debris down onto our players and coaching staff. Coach Farrar and the boys shook it off rather well at first, but as the hailstorm worsened, our side had to voice a complaint. In the end Tech's own coach Frank Harrell had to appeal to his students via the public address system to get them to stop.

Now I'm all for supporting your own team by harassing the other. But if Tech fans want to throw things around, I've only got one thing to say:

I've got a lot of friends, and we've got a lot of baseballs.

●Finally, can you believe we're playing Texas A&M? I know that boosting the average attendance of Blue Raider games is important for future conference moveover whatever, and \$350,000 is a whole lot of money, but couldn't we have found a team that wasn't on probation? I mean, if we're going to get killed, at least let's do it on national television!

Just kidding. We'll waste the Aggies, trust me. But then again, I picked us 21-17 over the Seminoles in 1991. ■

start a 19-6 run with eight minutes left in the first half.

David Washington scored a team-high 17 points while Marcus LoVett added 13 points and Paul Washington tossed in 12 points.

"The press didn't beat us. That soft 2-2-1 wasn't what beat us, we beat ourselves," Paul Washington said. "It's all mental. We can overcome that, and hopefully learn from it."

Both teams play their next game in Murphy Center on Saturday when they take on Tennessee State. The women will tip-off at 5:30 pm and the men's game starts at 7:30 pm. ■

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rough most of the first half, the Racer press caused MTSU to lose its rhythm. The Blue Raiders shot 37 percent from the field.

"The press had everything to do with it," head coach David Farrar said. "When you play Murray State, or a team like Murray State, that catches and grabs and plays in court, you'll have about seven opportunities to set some set motions or set plays."

With MTSU leading 24-17, Murray used defense to

ur Lady Raiders are #1!

Editorial

Spend a little money now, avoid spending a lot later

With the middle of winter in our grasp, the university has recognized the need to more clearly define its policy toward inclement weather.

Dr. Earl Thomas, assistant to President Walker, called the *Sidelines* offices last week to let us know that there is a policy, but it is very vague and needs to be rewritten. It is his intention to make sure this is done as soon as possible.

We at *Sidelines* applaud Dr. Thomas and the president for their expediency in taking this action.

However, the main problem of clearing the campus when snow/ice storms occur still lingers.

MTSU Grounds Services does a magnificent job with the resources it has at its disposal. Their problem is they don't have the resources they need to do a proper job of snow/ice removal.

This is another area where the university needs to clarify its policy.

The campus is dangerous for everyone when the weather is poor. Disabled students need a path cleared for their needs just as much as non-disabled students need paths cleared for them.

We feel the answer is to hire extra maintenance people for a temporary Dec. 1-Mar. 1 period to handle the grounds in bad weather.

Yes, this will cost more money. And yes, Tennessee is under a hiring freeze for state employees. Ask for a waiver for the policy.

Spending the money now would be better than spending the money in a lawsuit later.

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Vision: is bigger better?

Front and Center



Michael Grantham

So what is the first step? In a word: Vision.

When I graduated from a small country high school in 1990 with a class of 130 students, the only differences most failed to cope with were the existence of "niggers," a term some exonerated students pretended not to use.

In a community whose backbone seemed to be a number of Protestant churches, it is easy to see the strong need to change what one exclusive institution had pandered for years, Differences.

Seeing that this change cannot possibly come from a church whose hope for survival is interpreted as declaring self righteous wars on the "unfit," it only seems corporately appropriate that a bigger fish come along and gobble it up.

The big question is how can one institution make a promise that the other one seems not to have the capacity for? The answer that the church along with corporate America perpetuates is BIGGER IS BETTER.

Assuming that God isn't going to tap our shoulder and point out the sparkly clear path toward getting our acts together to boost us over

such hurdles as racism and similar xenophobes, I'm going to guess that it is up to us to wake up.

Looking around, one promising tool that seems to accommodate our need to begin communicating as civilized humans is the telephone. With the divine sense to program a VCR, let's hook up our computer to it. The result? Access to a free and globally webbed Internet.

In its present state, Internet facilitates a faceless society whose only judgment is given on the choice and power of their words and ideas.

A "natural selection" of the best ideas shifts our focus from things such as ethnicity to a more universal language. This is definitely BIGGER. But is it BETTER?

Being faceless does offer the chance to develop a sense of self based on the interpretations others have on you as a person. Whether or not we can carry this self identity away from this imaginary world is a challenging debate.

The concept seems to offer a similarly sterile approach that is present in the corporate aspect of politics and religion. BIGGER IS BETTER may after all be a means by which to hide differences for the sake of profit.

Whether young "white" students can accept that they are reading the thoughts of an intelligent human being rather than ignore and brush it off as "wasted talk from some black" is a hopeful if not interesting product.

At the same time, young African-Americans in the early stages of developing a strong self concept can gain from the rewarding view of being a person FIRST before

being BLACK.

Reflecting this self concept back to others in the real world forces a different interpretation to evolve collectively on minority groups. This begins to seed the dream inherent in the struggle of people such as Martin Luther King.

It is hard to ignore the power at one's fingertips of being a missionary of powerful change. An introduction of Internet into elementary education would be a significant start.

With the commercialization of Internet it is inevitable that real time images will allow us to globally interact knowing the face of the person to whom we are talking. Internet access to elementary education should not become commercialized. This will allow the faceless interaction to develop strong self concepts for the broad range of minorities.

By communicating the integrated knowledge of others, the credibility one has as an individual becomes the focus beyond the differences that separate that person from those who have not seen past them YET. This assimilation of others in a global identity is a start at striving for an inclusive history.

The land of the "educated elite," as one National Public Radio announcer put it, can become a haven for those whose ceilings have been traditional defined by the other elitist.

The question now is how we will transmit our Internet experience into the Real World. Our disappointments can become devastating as equally as they can become enlightening. As with any technology, it is up to the driver. ■

Key West sounds pretty good right about now

school daze



Warren Wakeland

Money is what makes the world go 'round. I don't care what Jerry Lewis says on Labor Day about all the world needing is "love, sweet love."

Used to be, when we needed to get money from our banks we'd have to go to the branch, get out of the car and go in, make out a withdrawal slip until the teller got to us. Then we'd get our money and be on our merry way. It would take 5-10 minutes.

But God is great, and he gave someone the acumen to create ATM machines. Now all we have to do is go to the local ATM machine, punch in a few numbers and, voila, you've got all the money you want, up to \$200 a day.

Of course, God didn't figure that with the ATM would also, in our

wonderful society, come the ATM robbery.

In Portland, Oregon last November, the art of the ATM robbery was taken to the extreme (see page 18 for details). Some woman had her purse stolen, with the ATM card in it, and in one weekend the thieves got almost \$350,000 out of her account.

Of course, the woman didn't have that much money in her account. So the thieves, being the enterprising bandits that they were, made five deposits totaling more than \$800,000 into the account during the weekend. They just used empty envelopes and lied about the money.

And of course, the woman did help a little by writing her personal ID number on her Social Security card rather than memorizing it like they tell you to do so no one will be able to use your card if it's stolen, like hers was.

Mush for brains.

This got me to thinking. I'm just a poor college student, and I could have used some of that money. Why

couldn't I do this when I have to pay my rent? I'll bet I could afford a new bike pretty quick with this method of banking.

Don't put in \$800,000 or anything like that. Just supplement your income with a little white lie—or I guess that would be a little green lie.

The bank's not going to find out until the next business day. According to the detective quoted in the story, many banks just assume you have actually put money in the envelope and post the "funds" to your account immediately. Do it on the weekend and you've got a party.

Can you see it... Saturday morning, you have to go to Castner Knott to buy some shirts, but the funds are a little weak. What to do? Go put an empty envelope in the ATM deposit slot for \$200, then withdraw the money. Who's gonna know until Monday?

Then call the bank Monday morning and report your card stolen. Someone else must have embezzled the \$200, you say, because your card was stolen Saturday. They're not

going to hold you liable for the money if your card was stolen.

Better yet, go drop a \$2,000 envelope in the machine and treat you and your significant other to a first-class weekend in Jamaica. You know, the high temperature in Kingston yesterday was 82 degrees. The Red Stripe was flowing pretty good. Beats the (substitute your own expletive) out of Murfreesboro in February, eh?

Monday morning: "Hello—First Tennessee Bank..."

They'll never know who did it because none of those ATM machines have cameras in them. Oh, they tell you you're being videotaped, but I don't think so. In the Oregon case, only four of the 48 machines the thieves hit had cameras.

I think the banks lie to us about the cameras because they don't want anyone coming up with these kinds of demented ideas.

Just think—as the VISA commercial says, the world really could be your oyster.

Hmmm...

If women are no different than men, why not treat them equal

The Conservative Philosopher



Christina Basiel

About two weeks ago, ABC aired a prime time special concerning the differences between men and women.

Amazingly, the special focused on a actual scientific proof that males and females held characteristics that were unique to either sex.

As ridiculous as it sounds, the special was controversial because it dared to share this proof of a fact that has been evident since the beginning of human existence; men and women are different. Psychologists, physicians and researchers have wasted billions of dollars in research to prove the obvious, and feminists groups are stammering that the obvious is a lie.

According to the research (and common sense), the biological makeup of a woman affects her mentality and the same is true for a man. Women, who bare children, are much more inclined to be nurturers. Men, who produce testosterone, tend to be more aggressive which has inclined them towards hunting and war.

It seems inoffensive enough to explain personality differences due to hormones and chromosomes; however, our nation's most prominent feminists, are angry and claim that this infallibility will regress the

women's equality movement.

Gloria Steinem, Gloria Allred and Bella Absug contend that women are no different from men either physically or emotionally. They assert that women can perform any task a man could perform and just as well.

The problem with these claims is that specific examples of women performing the same jobs as men has demonstrated our inequalities. Women firefighters are not required to lift as much poundage in qualifying tests. When potential women firefighters were required to lift the same amount of poundage as men, the overwhelming majority of women could not do it. So the requirement was lowered to allow more women to join the fire department.

The police department also had to lower physical standards for women. Through many failed attempts to recruit women police officers under the same physical standards as men, more often than not the women could not pass the tests. The police department was forced to lower requirements of speed and strength for women recruits because Equal Employment Opportunity requirements would find the police department discriminatory for not hiring their quota of women under the same standards as men.

As far as emotional and intellectual differences are concerned, studies and experience have shown that women are more sensitive than men. Due to this fact, women are more patient with

children and make better primary school teachers. Women are also more perceptive to details than men, which has traditionally made them more likely to pursue fields in clerical work and careers dealing with design (interior decorating, fashion, etc.).

Men are more reserved in their emotions and tend to have better mechanical skills. Men have traditionally been more effective in positions dealing with crisis situations (police officer, paramedic, firefighter, etc.) because they are more likely to perform in traumatic situations without losing their cool. Men have also dominated fields in which machinery is involved (automotive mechanics, engineers, etc.) simply because men are more mechanically inclined than women.

Of course, these are all generalizations and there are always exceptions to generalizations. The point is that men are naturally inclined to do some things better than women and vice versa.

True equality does not require us to deny our differences. We are all different. That is the wonderful thing about human beings. True equality is accepting our differences and excelling in the fields in which we are best qualified.

Acknowledging that men and women have different attributes does not regress the women's equality movement. Acknowledging our differences allows us to be proud of them. ■

Letters to the Editor

Fire the alcoholic only if treatment doesn't work

To The Editor:

Christina Basiel made some good points about the ADA (*Sidelines*, Feb. 6), but she left out some information and misconstrued part of her article concerning alcoholism.

First, talk about the disability act that George Bush signed and let us know what it says. Second, you're right. Alcoholism is not a disease, it's a PROGRESSIVE disease. I happen to know this since I did some course work at Cleveland State Community College in Cleveland, Tenn. in the Substance Abuse Counseling Certification Program. People do not understand alcoholics; therefore, they call them "bums" or "drunks." Anyone who drinks is a potential alcoholic. Notice, I said "potential." I didn't say they would become an alcoholic.

Alcoholism can begin with as little as a six-pack a week and progress to a six-pack a day. Alcohol affects the mind and makes cognitive abilities more difficult. Over time, alcohol affects the body to such a degree that the person develops a dependence on it and builds a tolerance to it. Therefore, it becomes necessary to increase the dosage. Alcoholism can never be cured, only maintained. It can cause problems if not treated.

Ms. Basiel, perhaps the alcoholic is causing problems for the company. Why not offer a viable solution instead of calling these people "lusers." A person shouldn't be fired just because they seek treatment. If they are a valuable asset to the company but their recent alcoholic behavior has been hampering their performance, they should be threatened with "seek treatment or lose your job." Let them pay for the treatment, not the company. Then, if they go back to their alcoholic behavior, fire them.

Don't be "mean-spirited," as Bush called Sen. Robert Dole, and fire them without an opportunity to make a change. (I have a list of books concerning this PROGRESSIVE disease if you would like to learn more about it).

Eddy D. Dyer
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THE LIGHTER SIDE

If you're going to do something right then do it like this

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — For the thieves who stole Karen Smith's bank card, it was like hitting the jackpot on a slot machine — over and over and over.

They cruised from one automated teller machine to another in a maroon, gold-trimmed Cadillac, spending hours at a time withdrawing money, police said.

In 54 hours, they made 724 withdrawals and stole \$346,770. Authorities call it one of the five largest automated teller fraud cases in U.S. history.

Two men and a woman have been arrested, and a fourth person is being sought.

"They did it just as fast as you could punch in the card, punch in the number and pull out the card, time and time again, many, many consecutive withdrawals," Detective Jim Muzyn said. "From time to time, they were considerate enough to let a real customer in."

To safeguard against this sort of thing, the machines are supposed to give no more than \$200 per day on any single card. But because of a computer software change at Oregon TelCo Credit Union, the limit wasn't in effect that weekend.

When the account became empty, it was no problem. The thieves used empty envelopes to make five phony deposits totaling \$820,500.

"Many banks will believe the card user and trust their customers," Muzyn said. "If you're putting in some money, it will post it immediately."

The spree began on a Friday night, Nov. 18. Smith left her van locked in a parking lot while she attended a high school football game in Gresham, a Portland suburb.

Someone broke into the van, went through Smith's purse and stole the bank card. They also swiped the

card's personal identification number, which Smith has written on her Social Security card.

The card was used moments after it was stolen, at a bank machine just a few blocks from the football field.

Investigators used bank machine records to trace the thieves' route more than 100 miles through five counties and 48 bank machines.

"They drained a couple of them dry," Secret Service agent James Cline said.

The card was last used at 2:20 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 21. By then, the group's luck had run out.

Four of the machines they'd used had hidden cameras that had captured their picture. At a fifth, a postal inspector investigating an unrelated check fraud case had installed a camera that took pictures much more frequently than the bank machine cameras did.

David Gallagher and his wife, Terry, both 40, became suspects almost immediately. Gallagher has been in prison five times and has 21 felony convictions, assistant U.S. Attorney Lance Caldwell said.

Muzyn and Cline started tailing the Gallaghers in mid-December. No one was arrested right away, Muzyn said, because police didn't immediately know who else was involved and wanted to build a stronger case against the Gallaghers.

The couple went to Reno, and Mrs. Gallagher told people her husband had won a \$50,000 jackpot. He bought a new pickup.

On Tuesday morning, investigators arrested the Gallaghers and the owner of the Cadillac, Danny Ballow, 47.

Police said they found \$30,000 in the suspects' homes. Muzyn wouldn't say what he thinks happened to the rest of the money. Smith isn't liable for the theft. ■

No shaving heads

CLINTON, Tenn. (AP) — It was more than a bad hair day that prompted three women to sue their stylist. They were left partly bald.

Ernestine Johnson lost nearly a third of her locks after a Regis Corp. stylist in Oak Ridge put a straightening chemical on her hair and placed her under a dryer before rinsing it out on Oct. 15, 1992.

Two other Oak Ridge women, Elvira Oliver Moore and Dorothy Hunter, received similar treatments that same day from the same stylist, Phyllis Walker, whose whereabouts are now

unknown. They sued, too.

Their cases came to trial this month in Anderson County. Johnson was awarded \$30,000.

Moore and Walker won \$15,000 each, but their judgments were trimmed to \$13,500 and \$14,250, respectively, because they continued to damage their hair with heat and chemicals.

Regis attorney Harry Ogden said Walker acted "in direct contradiction" to instructions and outside her scope of employment. She was fired shortly after the hair debacle. ■

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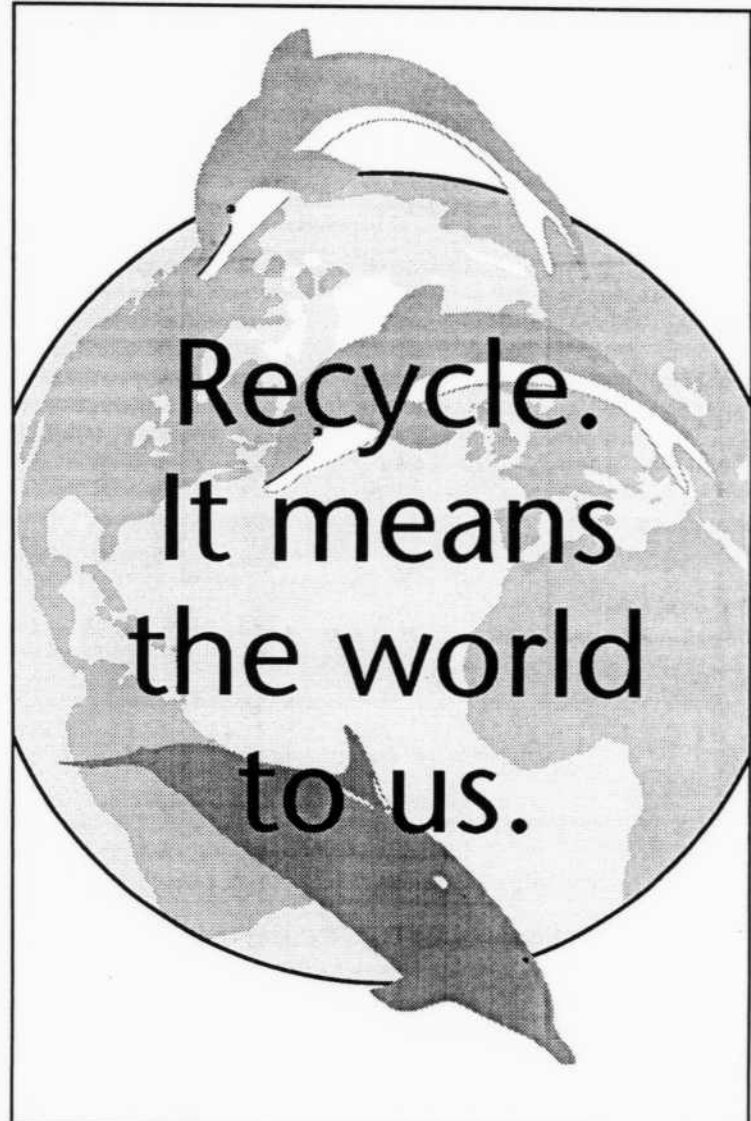
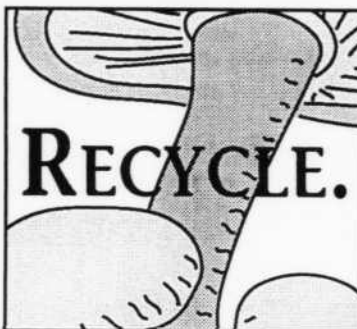
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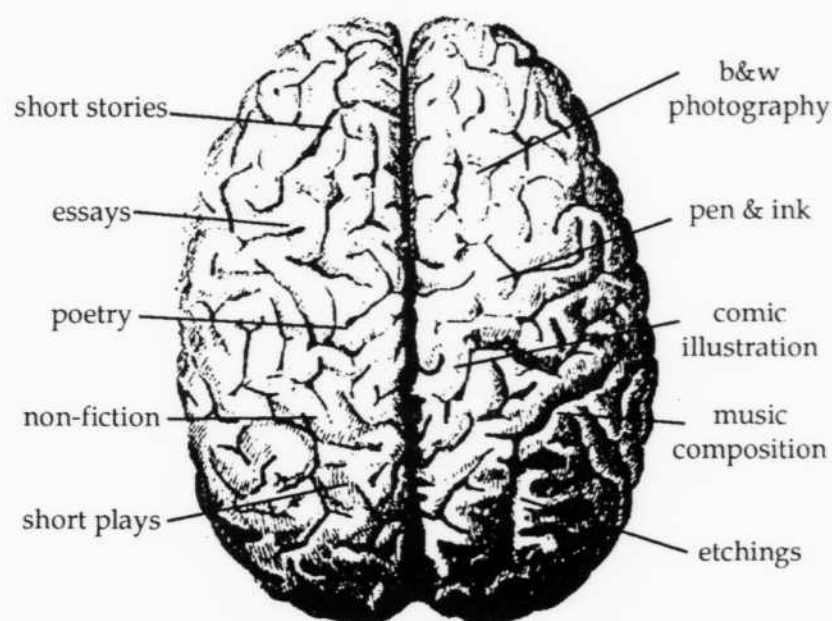
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