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Waterworld



Steve Purinton / staff

A tremendous downpour flooded the Bell Street parking lot yesterday, prompting public safety officials to have cars towed away--at no expense to the students--to prevent damage to the automobiles. "I really appreciate the school moving the cars and not charging the students," said Darci Stubbins. More than twelve cars were towed away from Bell Street into the Christ Church parking lot.

SGA passes bill to move \$3m into 1997 budget

By Jamie Evans/ staff

The SGA has passed a resolution stating money in a proposed capital projects bond should shift into the university's operational budget.

Michael Grantham, senator for education, is directing the resolution that he said he hopes will take \$3 million from the bond for the future parking garage project and reallocate it into the operational budget--nullifying the proposed \$2.8 million state cut Governor Sundquist is requesting for MTSU for the next fiscal year.

The parking garage bond has been proposed to MTSU by the Tennessee Board of Regents and is included in the '97-98 fiscal year budget, but it is only a proposal, and MTSU may or may not accept it.

However, the SGA does not have the formal power to directly take money from the parking garage bond. Instead, the resolution states that the SGA requests the administration negotiate with TBR in re-allocating the funds in the bond to the operational funds of the university.

In addition the money (if taken from the bond) would not have to be replaced, Grantham said, adding he wants to take the \$3 million out of the \$7.5 million bond--making the bond worth \$4.5 million--and leaving it that way.

"It's not money we have to replace, it is money that we will take out of the bond and put into the operational budget," Grantham said.

Public Affairs Director Doug Williams said he does not understand how the SGA plans to withdraw money from a bond that doesn't even have money in it yet.

"The parking garage is just a proposed project, and there is no money that has been allocated for it," Williams said.

However, Williams said he is glad that the SGA and students are trying to do something.

"We think it is very important that the students put in a resolution to support the faculty," Williams said.

"The resolution shows that there is student interest," Grantham said, adding that even if the resolution does not help with the budget cuts, at least the students' voice will be known.

Socialism to be topic of lecture

By Lee Murphy/ staff

Socialism is better than capitalism, according to a Loyola professor who will be speaking on campus tomorrow.

"My basic position is this: There is a 'better way,' a desirable socialism that would work," explained David Schweickart, who is scheduled to present his lecture, "Why Capitalism Doesn't Work," in JUB 304 tomorrow at 3:30 p.m.

"I intend to describe in some detail what such a socialism would look like, and then discuss the major obstacles we face in getting from where we are to where we could and should be," Schweickart said.

Along the same lines as a Marxist critique of capitalism, Schweickart said his argument is for more worker-owned, worker-managed economies.

"I think he manages to both be visionary and practical at the same time," said Michael Principe, professor of philosophy. "He's careful enough in his analysis and is familiar enough with all the empirical work that he manages to be very practical."

Schweickart holds doctorates in mathematics and philosophy. His most recent book, "Against Capitalism," draws on philosophical analysis, economic theory, and considerable empirical evidence to advance its controversial thesis. Schweickart is also the author of "Capitalism or Worker Control? An Ethical and Economic Appraisal" as well as numerous articles published in philosophical and economic journals.

For the past five years the philosophy department has sponsored the Applied Philosophy Lyceum.

"I think we bring in some well-respected people who do good things for students and the community around here," Principe said. "Not many departments our size sponsor a series like this--so we're proud of it."

On March 25, University of Memphis professor Robert Bernasconi will present "Is Race Real?" Closing out the lyceum on April 11, Rowan College professor Lynn Hankinson will present "Feminism and Sociobiology."

All lectures are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in JUB 304 and are free and open to the public.

Former employee charged with theft

By Susan McMahan/ staff

A former university employee faces charges of felony theft after he allegedly stole tools from the university.

Michael Coltraine, who was employed in MTSU's heating and cooling department for about three months, was arrested last month after he had pawned \$1544 worth of equipment that belonged to the university.

Reginald Floyd, utilities superintendent, first reported to public safety on Jan. 24 that tools were missing in the heating plant and the department's truck.

Floyd noticed that items were listed on the department's purchase orders that he had not ordered and had never seen.

Investigator Darrell Collins of public safety said that he spoke to Coltraine on Feb. 1 about the disappearances.

Coltraine admitted that he had taken some items and pawned them, but he did not admit the total amount he had taken.

Coltraine told Collins that he would return all of the items, but Coltraine only returned some of them.

Collins asked the sheriff's department and the Murfreesboro Police check pawn shop records for the missing items' serial numbers. They were able to locate all the items that Coltraine had sold at pawn shops in Murfreesboro and Smyrna.

Collins said that Coltraine would use an MTSU purchase order to buy the expensive tools and would take them directly to a pawn shop and sell them.

"Most of these tools, the average person wouldn't really need," Collings said.

Coltraine told Public Safety that he sold the items to help buy things for his family.

Coltraine will be in court this Friday at 9 a.m. Coltraine faces a maximum penalty of one to six years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$3,000.

Site for future Miller Horse Coliseum selected, finalized

Staff Reports

Closing was finalized on the 150-acre future site of the MTSU Tennessee Miller Horse Coliseum.

Located on Thompson Lane west of Route 231, the site is owned by the MTSU Foundation.

Senator Don Womack, president of the Foundation, announced the selection of the site at a news conference last August. He said he is especially grateful to the members of the site selection committee.

"I want to compliment the committee," Womack said. "They have put in a lot of hours, and they've had a lot of tough decisions to make."

"They've been willing to make those tough decisions, and I am very pleased with the location they have secured and appreciate their work, and also that of attorney Bill Nelms in representing the foundation in this transaction."

Charlie Myatt, regional president of First Tennessee Bank and chair of

the site selection committee said, "The first major hurdle has been crossed, and this will allow us to put the project on a little faster track."

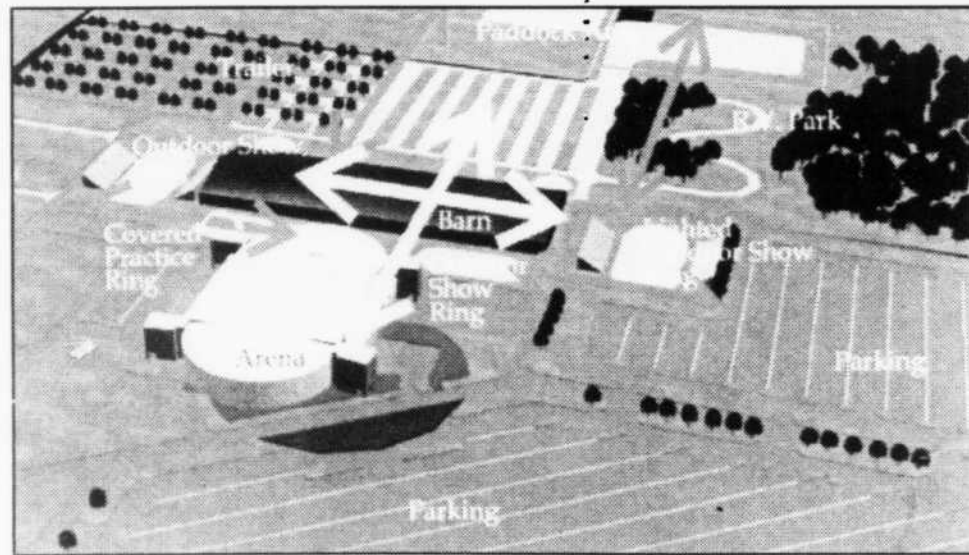
Myatt went on to say that Hart Freeland Roberts of Nashville will begin a design of the 250,000 square foot facility soon, and the committee will then meet to finalize the design.

Twenty million dollars of the \$22.5 million needed for the construction of the coliseum comes from a bequest from the living trust of John C. "Tennessee" Miller and Mary Elizabeth Miller.

In 1994, their gift was given to MTSU to build a coliseum for the show of horses and related activities.

The site was chosen in part because of the natural slope of the area, which means it will not be necessary to move much earth prior to construction, saving as much as \$2 million in construction costs.

A 11,000 square foot home sits nearly in the center of the property. The home will be made into a



map provided

showcase for books and memorabilia as well as a setting for receptions.

"We see putting a library and museum in there," said Duane Stucky, vice president of finance and administration. "We've already been

given some very valuable horse books, and we'll need library space."

The design process is expected to last through 1997. The projected move-in date is in the latter part of 1999.

Courses offer tips for succeeding in modern business

By Jamie Evans/ staff

For students trying to get ahead in the business world or just in their studying, The Division of Continuing Studies has three classes to help succeed in modern business and self development.

"Selling Yourself to Succeed" teaches students what constitutes the correct attitude in the work environment.

It also shows how to create the image of success in the business

community, and how to make the right contacts for those situations where who you know is the key.

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"Building Self-Esteem" is another course being offered to help students build strong foundations for their future careers.

"Participants will learn strategies for developing self-esteem and techniques to help their children

develop a positive self-image," says instructor Dianna Schultz.

"Studies show that low self-esteem is prevalent among women and young girls. However, men also suffer from low self-esteem," Schultz says.

Another new business-type course dealing with comprehensive training for payroll administration professionals to strengthen their skills and performance.

Topics will consist of payroll basics, fringe benefits, federal taxation, payroll management, payroll

accounting, and record keeping and information systems.

After completion of the course the student will receive a certificate from the Division of Continuing Studies for Payroll Administration along with 3.3 CEUs.

All of these courses commence the week of March 10-14. For information on specific class times, locations, and fees, contact Lexy Lichtenburg or Mike Reed at 898-5033 and 898-2919 respectfully.

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MARCH 6

GRADUATING SENIORS
All May 1997 Graduating Seniors are required to take the ACT-COMP. **March 6** is the last date. Students may choose from three different test times: **8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6 p.m.** All tests administered in the Tennessee Room of JUB. No pre-registration is necessary. The test takes approximately 2 1/2 hours. If there are questions, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

THURSDAY, Mar. 6

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity is looking for hard-working, self-motivated, fun-loving men. There will be an interest table set up Tuesday and Wednesday. An interest meeting will be Thursday in KUC 305 at 5 p.m. There will be pizza. For further information contact Nate Allen at 898-4757.

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Programs Presentation will be held at 6 p.m. in KUC 322. Interviews will take place on **Friday, March 7.** Students must be present at the presentation in order to interview. Call Temple Bennett at 898-2500 for more information.

Beta Alpha Psi—Convisor Duffy CPA Review. If you are thinking of taking the CPA exam, Convisor Duffy CPA Review will present at 6 p.m. in KUC 318. All accounting students welcome. Free pizza will be served.

SUNDAY, Mar. 9

Model United Nations meets every Sunday night. Anyone who is interested in international relations and current global issues is invited to attend. Check the Model U.N. bulletin board outside PH 211 for meeting times and locations or call William Duston at 904-6068.

Wesley Foundation University Worship meets at 8:00 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Call Bill Campbell at 893-0469 for more information.

TUESDAY, Mar. 11

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Rose Coffee House. Emily Dickinson's life and work will be this evening's discussion topic. If you are an English major or minor with a GPA of 3.0 you are eligible to

join. This is a real asset on your resume! Call Jacob Truax at 898-0657 for more information.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass Comm. 103. Call Janelle Cox 867-3054 for more information.

Wesley Foundation Tuesday Night Supper is a weekly event at 5:30 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation across from Gore and Clement Halls. Great home cooking. For more information call Bill Campbell at 893-0469.

Lambda Association, an organization for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered persons, will meet at 7 p.m. in MC 104. For more information call 780-2293, e-mail a i l mtlambda@frank.mtsu.edu, or visit our web page at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda/.

March-April 1997

Child Abuse Prevention of Tennessee needs volunteers to answer 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 child care during the parenting classes. Training will be in March/April. For more information call Amy at 227-2273.

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Student sees danger for bikers

By Christi Underdown/ staff

Mylenea Quiones, a junior wildlife management major, sees problems for bicyclists in the Monohan section of James Union Drive and is trying to do

something about it.

According to Quiones, cars park two to four feet from the curb. If a bike stops in between the cars, the biker cannot see around and is less aware of other cars or bicycles coming

from different directions.

Quiones almost had an accident herself at the Monohan curb.

"It was on Feb. 6 about 7:50 a.m.," she said. "I stopped between the cars and couldn't see anything. I began to pull out. This girl was heading straight towards my side. We stopped one foot away from each other. It was scary."

Quiones took the issue to the Student Government Association's Speaker of the Senate Ryan Durham. When asked about what action SGA planned to take, Durham said he has called Parking and Transportation and is waiting on a response to discuss options.

The ideal, Durham said, would be to remove two of those parking spaces, but even a sign warning about the spot would be a good step. Durham said the SGA will continue to work with Parking and Transportation until something is done.

Quiones hopes to see something before the end of the semester.

"I will go to higher people in the faculty and administration if it hasn't been done," she said.

Over the past three years, the number of registered bikes has risen from 650 to 2000.

According to Public Safety, only one of five bikes on campus are registered. The number of registered and unregistered bikes could be close to 3000.

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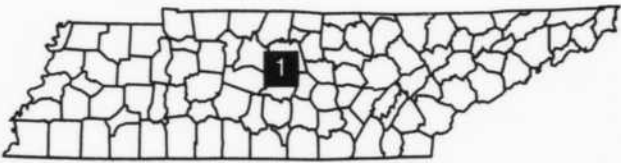
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Around the State



TEMA warns victims to wait

1 NASHVILLE (AP) -- Tennessee flood victims shouldn't be too quick to start their repairs. The worst may not be over, emergency officials warned yesterday after another deluge hit.

The state was drying out from weekend thunderstorms when some parts of Tennessee were drenched by three inches of rain within three hours. Only a half inch had been predicted.

A break is forecast for today and Friday before heavy rains return Saturday and Sunday, the National Weather Service said.

"Even though the weather will begin to clear the way, people shouldn't become complacent," said Cecil Whaley of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

Roadways — not homes — are the place most Tennesseans are affected by flooding, Whaley said.

"Most flood-related deaths come from people who live in non-flooded areas and who drive across roads covered with water," he said. "They think they can make it but realize their mistake when they get into it. By then, it's often too late."

Five Tennesseans have died in storms this week, including three on rain-covered roads. A sixth person is missing and believed to have drowned at Fall Creek Falls State Park in Van Buren County.

Whaley identified the hardest-hit counties as Obion, Dyer and Madison in West Tennessee and Cheatham and Montgomery in Middle Tennessee. Parts of East Tennessee and lower Middle Tennessee will suffer flash flooding through Thursday as the rains move east, he said.

The grounds are so saturated the additional rain is puddling, or worse, on the surface. By Thursday, more flooding problems will arise in Williamson, Wilson, Smith, Rutherford, Murray, Bedford and Cheatham counties, he said.

In Dickson County, Gary Ford said he and his wife abandoned their home Wednesday in the Chapmansboro community and moved in with friends. It was his second flood evacuation in 16 years and noted the strain it causes on family life.

"My wife ran off and left me in '84 and told me where to stick that muddy house. I got a new (wife) this time," Ford said.

Ford said he wouldn't return to his truck-driving job until he can get his house in order. "You need to go in when (the water) goes down. There's stuff laying out in the road, and people who don't even live down here come in and run over it or pick it up. They think it's up for the grabs."

Hundreds of homes and businesses are evacuated in Obion and Dyer counties, and it may be two weeks before residents can return, authorities said. The entire town of Rives, population 800, was evacuated when a levee broke, flooding the Obion County community with up to three feet of water.

Dyer County Sheriff Jeff Holt said most flooding there was in uninhabited areas near the Forked Deer River.

"It's been years since some of these places have had water," Holt said. "It may not actually get into many homes, but it will isolate them."

Across the state, search-and-rescue teams used boats to aid stranded residents.

Floods remain just part of the problem, though. Radar spotted tornadoes early Wednesday in Caryville and in Nashville near Old Hickory Lake. No damage was reported. Six tornadoes have been confirmed across Tennessee since the first storms hit last weekend, leaving behind significant damage in Dyer, Carroll, Gibson, Madison, Obion, McNairy and Cheatham counties. •

Around the Nation



Ruling may hurt Kaczynski's case

1 SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A federal magistrate today ordered Unabomber defendant Theodore Kaczynski to give handwriting samples so that prosecutors can compare them with evidence seized from his Montana cabin.

U.S. Magistrate Gregory Hollows, responding to a request from prosecutors, ordered Kaczynski, 54, to provide the samples within the next 30 days. The samples are to be taken at the Sacramento County jail, where Kaczynski is being held in isolation.

The magistrate said he agreed with the prosecutors' contention that extensive samples of Kaczynski's writing were needed.

"This is not a case where one or two lines of text will comprise the total of the documentary exhibits at issue," Hollows said. He added that "the need for accuracy in the truth-finding process in this case" requires that the samples be produced.

Federal prosecutors said the documents seized at Kaczynski's cabin, "written in English, Spanish and numeric code," are a critical part of its case against the 54-year-old former mathematics professor.

Defense lawyers had argued that the prosecutors' demand for new handwriting samples was unreasonably burdensome, arguing that prosecutors already have hundreds of pages of letters handwritten by Kaczynski.

Kaczynski has pleaded innocent to four Unabomber attacks that killed two people in Sacramento, where he has been jailed since his arrest April 3 at his remote cabin in Lincoln, Mont. He also pleaded innocent to charges that he mailed a package bomb that killed an advertising executive in New Jersey.

Federal authorities believe the former Berkeley math professor used bombs to kill three people and injure 23 others between 1978 and 1995 in a lonely campaign against technology. •

Around the World



Swiss to sell \$5 billion in gold for fund for Holocaust victims, others

1 GENEVA (AP) — Switzerland will set up a \$5 billion fund to aid victims of the Holocaust and any other genocide or disaster, financing it by selling tons of gold over the next decade.

President Arnold Koller's surprise announcement Wednesday to a special session of Parliament was welcomed by Jewish groups and others who have been pressing Switzerland to compensate for assets left in

Swiss banks by people killed in the Holocaust.

U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato said the move was "the first significant acknowledgement from individuals in responsible positions in Switzerland that massive wrongdoing occurred."

This fund is much larger in size and scope than others proposed by Swiss officials. The foundation would be in addition to a humanitarian fund set up by Swiss banks and to ongoing private fund-raising efforts.

Hans Meyer, chairman of the Swiss National Bank, said the sale would take place gradually over 10 years to keep it from affecting the world price of gold.

Koller said the Federal Council, or cabinet, and central bank had worked out a plan to sell off a large chunk of the national gold reserves to set up the Swiss Foundation for Solidarity.

Half the money would be used for victims in Switzerland and the rest in other countries.

Several investigations are under way to determine the amounts unaccounted for and to re-examine Switzerland's role as an island of neutrality in a continent controlled by Nazis and fascists in World War II.

The bank's contribution doubles the amount given by the three largest Swiss commercial banks for the fund, intended to aid poverty stricken victims of the Holocaust.

However, not all Swiss were in favor of the plan. Industrialist Christoph Blocher, a leading conservative and nationalist politician, rejected it, saying the Cabinet "has lost its head." •

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Deadline for applications is
4:00 pm, March 28.

Editors receive a full tuition scholarship and a salary during their tenure. Applications may be picked up from the Student Publications office, JUB 306, 8am- 4:30 pm, Mon- Fri.

From the Editor

Answering the ethical questions about Michael Sorrells's privacy



Keith Russell
Sidelines
Editor in Chief

As the editor in chief of this newspaper, my position requires that I perform a variety of responsibilities and duties. Perhaps the most important of these is to make sound ethical and editorial decisions on behalf of my staff.

In producing Monday's issue of "Sidelines," our staff was faced with an especially difficult ethical decision that forced us to strike a balance between one man's right to privacy and self-respect and what we felt was our obligation to provide the public with vital news and information. I am, of course, referring to Monday's lead story titled "Alleged sex offender a 'concern' for children," which reported on the arrest for indecent exposure of graduate student Michael Sorrells.

"Sidelines" first heard of the incident involving Michael Sorrells shortly after his arrest on Feb. 7. We obtained a written arrest report of the incident from campus police, as we do with nearly all arrests that are made on campus.

In the arrest report, Mr. Sorrells's alleged actions were detailed: he had been found naked in his car in a parking lot outside family housing, with evidence to suggest that he had allegedly been engaging in a type of solitary sexual behavior.

After learning of the arrest, I discussed the matter with members of the editorial staff. In our discussion, we had to ask ourselves a number of questions--questions we ask ourselves before covering any story--to help decide whether and how the story ought to be covered:

- 1) Was the information regarding the arrest a matter of public record?
- 2) Did the incident have relevance to our campus and/or the local community, and if so, how relevant was it?
- 3) Was the story timely?
- 4) How serious were Mr. Sorrells's alleged actions, and were they important enough that students, faculty members and the local community would find the information useful and important to them?
- 5) What impact would a story have on the people involved (in this case, Mr. Sorrells, his family and friends), and how should that impact be weighed against the public's right to know?

In answering these questions, we soon came to the conclusion that the story deserved our attention, based on the following thought process:

Question 1: Yes, the incident, as a criminal arrest, was a matter of public record. "Sidelines" has a duty to report on alleged criminal activities that occur on campus. This case, although being of sexual content, was no different from others.

Question 2: Yes, the story was relevant to both MTSU and the local community. An MTSU graduate student who is also a teacher's assistant at Rockvale County's Rockvale Elementary school--a job in which he certainly works around children--had been arrested for indecent exposure, a non-forcible sexual offense. These facts, without question, deserved to be investigated thoroughly.

Question 3: Yes, the story was timely, with Mr. Sorrells's court date coinciding on day after the story would run in the paper.

Question 4: Yes, Mr. Sorrells's alleged actions were of a serious nature, enough so that members of campus police expressed concern over the fact that the incident had occurred in family housing, an area where children frequent. Although the police said they could not determine for certain that there were children in the vicinity at the time of the incident, the potential that a child may have witnessed Mr. Sorrells's activities was there, and could very well be of concern to area families.

As for an answer to the last question, a clear-cut "yes" or "no" answer would be insufficient. Often in journalism, editors and reporters are not allowed the luxury of absolutely

right or absolutely wrong answers. In the case of Michael Sorrells's arrest, we knew that reporting the incident would likely have a significant, even life-changing, impact on his life. The reason for his arrest was due to acts he allegedly performed that many might consider as taboo, deviating from the norms of commonly accepted social behavior. In publishing the story, therefore, it was understood that it could likely mean serious repercussions for Michael Sorrells, his family and the people who are acquainted with him.

Obviously, any editor confronted with a decision that carries such powerful consequences should not consider the matter lightly. In journalism, one should always keep in mind that the people one writes about are flesh and blood, with feelings and emotions that are very real. Therefore, when members of the media choose to shed light on individuals, they do so realizing that they can place those people in a vulnerable and often unforgiving position.

At the same time, however, a newspaper must balance the rights of one individual's privacy with its preeminent responsibility to inform the public about what is happening in the world around them. A newspaper is not a newspaper if it does not report timely and important news.

And based on the thought process outlined earlier, it was my decision that the rights of the many outweighed the rights of Michael Sorrells, despite the potentially negative consequences that may result.

Since the story was printed, a number of readers have expressed concern over whether, in running the story as the newspaper's lead and including a photo of Mr. Sorrells, that "Sidelines" has sensationalized the incident and inflicted undue embarrassment and emotional harm towards Mr. Sorrells. Furthermore, some have expressed their disagreement with the story's headline, feeling that it could mislead readers.

As it pertains to the actual story written by Susan McMahan, I stand behind the article as an objectively written piece that was thorough in its scope and yet avoided belaboring potentially embarrassing aspects of the incident. In telling of Mr. Sorrells's arrest, the story omitted a number of lewd and extraneous details that would not have served to better readers' understanding of the story.

Furthermore, the story did not editorialize Mr. Sorrells's actions, instead letting the facts of the incident and the remarks of authorities involved in the matter speak for themselves. And, in an effort to tell all sides of the story, "Sidelines" attempted without success to reach Mr. Sorrells to get his views and perspective on his arrest.

In regard to the use of Mr. Sorrells's photo, the intention was not to direct malice or undue embarrassment towards Mr. Sorrells, but rather done for the sake of legal clarity. Recognizing the potential that there may be more than one person named Michael Sorrells in Middle Tennessee, printing the photo (and omitting his address and other more specific details) clarified that there was indeed one, and only one, Michael Sorrells to which the story refers. In the effort to responsibly provide a complete and accurate story, "Sidelines" included the photo.

Finally, the headline used in the story is, I feel, accurate and entirely attributable to the previously noted comments made by campus police officers and their "concern" regarding the incident and its relationship to children. To be specific, Officer Dustin Miller was quoted in the story as saying, "It definitely concerns me that this occurred in an area frequented by children." Therefore, the headline "Alleged sex offender (which, by definition, describes the charged levied against Mr. Sorrells) a 'concern' for children" is appropriate.

Reporting pertinent news in an objective, unsensational manner is the implied responsibility of the press. "Sidelines" makes every effort to adhere to this responsibility.

In Sorrells's case, the public's right to know supersedes his private embarrassment.



Government is in on everything...almost



Ramblings

Warren Wakeland

A few thoughts:

- Is the Greenland Drive project ever going to be finished? The stoplights were finally turned on Monday after they had been hanging there for two months flashing. I was wondering if they needed a six-month break-in period or something.

The repaving of Greenland from Tennessee Boulevard to C Street (a massive 3/10 of a mile) began last September and it's not finished, and it doesn't look like it will be anytime soon. Did the city of Murfreesboro just run out of money, or are the workers on lunch break?

The manhole covers stick out of the pavement like speed bumps. Most people slalom around them to avoid hitting them and wearing out their shocks.

Crossing Greenland at Old Lascassas Pike, which I do at least twice a day riding my bike from my elegant, yuppie-style digs to class, is quite the odyssey. Because there are four lanes now, people go twice as fast.

I think it has something to do with inverse proportions, or something I learned in science class.

Someone's gonna get hit there soon, and I hope it's me so I can sue the hell out of the city.

Dr. Walker, could you put some pressure on someone please?

- We certainly are progressing nicely with the stadium project. Of course, they're still in the fun part, where they

knock everything down and blow it all up.

I haven't noticed any real difference in traffic, but there is a difference in parking. One of the instructors told me a few weeks ago she had to park at the Texaco one morning and walk to her office in KOM due to the lack of parking.

Her crime: she had a doctor's appointment and didn't get to school until 9:30, or an hour and a half after her usual 8 a.m. arrival.

Most faculty who work in that area now get here before the rooster crows so they don't have to walk from the new S-curve lot to KOM, a considerable distance.

And there's no good lighting along the walk to the S-curve, so females teaching night classes have to walk in the dark, among a lot of buildings with lots of corners for attackers to hide in. Not good.

She e-mailed the director of parking authority, Charlotte Hunt, about her dilemma. What she got back bothered me. To quote part of the memo:

"It might take getting here a little earlier, bringing a pair of sneakers to walk distances, or even riding the shuttle for some of us. Dr. Walker wants the stadium to happen, and it's going to."

Ouch, babe.

First of all, the shuttle doesn't stop at the S-curve, and even if it did you'd have to ride halfway around the world to get to KOM. You can walk there faster. Unacceptable.

Here's a novel idea for night: Make the campus escort service a viable option, Chief Drugman, rather than having to wait 30 minutes after you call them, as the instructor says you

must.

I know, you need more money to do it. Call The Dapper Don.

• I had a great conflict in my life this past weekend. I felt obliged, after my column last Monday, to go to Nashville and root for MTSU to win. But Bobby "Blue" Bland was at Murphy Center Friday night. For me -- a blues aficionado -- a terrible dilemma.

But I made a commitment, so I went to Nashville. The one time Student Programming puts a decent show in here, and I have to miss it. Well, I figured I'd see a good game and have a reason to go back Saturday, so all was not lost.

Who knew the MTSU basketball team would get mugged when they got off the bus and be replaced by The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight?

They couldn't even hit layups in the beginning. After a while you began to realize they were going to have one of those games.

I'll bet the concert was terrific. The blues is a tremendous form of art; it's what most other forms of music are based on. It's too bad the only radio station in town that plays Bobby "Blue" Bland is Lightning 100. We need more music based on heart-felt emotion rather than drive-bys.

Belated kudos to Student Programming. Now, step it up and get some big name acts in here, like Smashing Pumpkins. Maybe then you can keep students here on the weekends.

Of course, will be The Dapper Don's budget cuts, we'll be lucky if Student Programming can afford to bring Urkel in here.

• So the basketball team lost Friday night. A team that shoots a lot of three-pointers is going to lay some bricks now and then. They just don't want to do it in the conference tournament.

That doesn't mean you should get down on them. The atmosphere is much different now than it was a year ago, even though they got routed again.

Coach Wiel has gotten a good thing started; there's now a winning attitude that hasn't been around the program for a while. That attitude will continue next year and, hopefully, for years to come.

This year's team was a blast to watch, and they did some really good things. They beat Providence and almost beat Alabama when they went to Alaska in December.

They won 19 games and lost three more at the buzzer. For a group of guys who last year just wanted to be done with it, this season has been a rousing success. Kudos to Coach Wiel and the gang.

And by the way, Coach, I don't care what the bozos who vote for Coach of the Year in the OVC said. You the man. •

Correction

In Monday's story on the arrest of graduate student Michael Sorrells, "Sidelines" had a misprint that stated Mr. Sorrells was a teacher's assistant at Rockvale Elementary school. In actuality, Mr. Sorrells is a teacher's assistant at Rockvale Elementary school. "Sidelines" regrets the error.

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The art of the human form



Laura Vinnedge, left, talks about the meaning and process of her work during a session in the Art Barn Gallery on Tuesday. Vinnedge's work is featured alongside the paintings of Hongyu Ji in "Figure Painting."

Steve Purinton/ staff

The newest exhibit in the Art Barn Gallery showcases two artists' attempts to revive the art of figure drawing

By Heather Hybarger/ staff

Enter the Art Barn Gallery and be the center of attention as the people on the walls stare back at you.

The new exhibit, titled "Figure Painting" focuses on the placement of human figures to either reflect a strong concept or evoke sentiment.

Tuesday, March 4 was the opening date of the exhibit, which features two artists, Laura Vinnedge and Hongyu Ji.

According to Vinnedge, the figure

is a subject matter that has been frowned upon in recent years. More abstract figures are easier to view, she says, because when viewers are confronted with a figure the artist's meanings are very present.

Both artists use the human figure symbolically. Vinnedge calls her art an effort to create a dialogue between the images and the viewer.

"I'm not interested in telling a story," she said, however, she is very specific on the topic of the dialogue.

"I am definitely directing the meaning here," she said during a reception held after a lecture on the exhibit. "Even the colors mean something."

Ji describes the work as "a metaphor for my own self-search."

"As a figure painter, I am very much concerned with the technical and aesthetic tradition of painting," says Ji.

According to the artist, the art is "a response to experiences of personal survival in a cultural environment very different from my own upbringing."

The mediums for the paintings are similar between the two artists. Among the pieces displayed, Ji strictly works with oil on canvas.

Vinnedge uses both oil and acrylic on canvas, however she adds collage elements such as tape, string, raised letters, and faux jewels. In one work Vinnedge incorporates rough pastels and acrylic paint, among other things, on paper.

A lecture given by Vinnedge was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Vinnedge teaches painting and drawing at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. She was a graduate of Notre Dame University.

The exhibit may be viewed through March 26.*

WMTS improves with programming expansion

By Carolyn Anne Copenhagen/ staff

There is one resource on campus that serves virtually everyone that will let it: the student radio station, WMTS.

From its frequency (88.3), the station broadcasts a wide range of music, and it also offers a variety of events on and off campus for those interested.

WMTS has made some changes in the past year. They are now on 24-hour automation. This doesn't take the place of actual Disc Jockeys, but it cuts down on the dead air time. Between 2 and 6 a.m., the station is on automation. After that, news programming and DJs take over for the rest of the day, playing rotation or specialty shows.

Automation is a computerized system of pre-programmed CD changers that are controlled from a remote location. Any DJ can just turn the dial on the control panel and the system is on over the air.

This has been a great improvement from the beginning of the station in 1992, when it was WNAR and only aired over the cable channel. The station has vastly improved itself over a short period of time, and this is attributed solely to

the dedication of the students involved.

"The station has come such a long way" says Matt Lane, engineer and production manager of WMTS. "It has had its ups and downs, but I can only see it going up from now on. The next five years will only be better."

The large variety of music has grown rapidly in the last couple of years. Almost every musical style is offered—from punk to indie rock, from electronic music to blues, from classic '70s and '80s to metal, and everything in between.

The great variety in music is attributed largely to the music director, Amie Lee King. Amie orders and reviews hundreds of new CDs every month. Many of these new CDs are on rotation, meaning they are categorized by music type and played at certain times of the day.

"I am really happy with how the station is going, things have really picked up in the past year," said Lee King. "Everyone has helped us to promote new music and the faculty advisors have been a tremendous help and support. It is just a good thing to be involved in."

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Chalk it up to beauty



Steve Purinton/ staff

Ki Hong, a senior photography major, does her part to beautify the campus during an informal chalk art session in the KUC Courtyard.

Buffett brings *Banana Wind*'s tropical holiday to Nashville Arena

MIXED REVIEWS



By Jennie Treadway/ staff

The Nashville Arena seats were filling up by 7 p.m. Although we were soaked from dodging Sunday night's monsoon storm, we were ready for Jimmy Buffett's *Banana Wind* Hawaiian holiday to begin.

Parrot Heads of all shapes and sizes paraded to their seats with beer and nachos in hand to wait for the opening act to begin.

Gary Woolfolk, a 52-year-old Nashville Parrot Head dressed in neon orange pants and flowers shirt, made this his 13th concert.

"I may like his older stuff better, but that's okay. I still like him," he said, as he kissed me on the cheek and put a yellow lei around my neck.

At 7:30 sharp, Jimmy came out holding a little girl in his arms, who so sweetly introduced Marshall Chapman. After 30 minutes of a rock 'n roll, jazzy Memphis performance, the stage crew began setting up for the tropical getaway we were all counting on.

Meanwhile, we had a beach party. Nearly every seat was taken. Beach balls were tossed around the Arena, as fans compared their outlandish costumes, ranging from a moderate Hawaiian shirt and sandals to elaborate battery-run illuminated straw hats, sunglasses and hula skirts.

"I have all of Jimmy's stuff on old vinyl," said Paul Emory, a middle-aged Nashville dental technician, who brought his wife and two friends to the show. In his hot pink shirt, khaki

cut-offs, straw hat and leis, he's proud to say that he's been to five concerts and has been a true Parrot Head for over 20 years.

Aside from the 30- and 40-somethings, the younger generation braved the rain as well. Derek Allen, a junior from Cookeville High School, has been a fan for over six years and has been to seven shows, including one in Las Vegas.

"He could put out any kind of song and I'd like it," he said, mentioning Jimmy's newest album, *Banana Wind*.

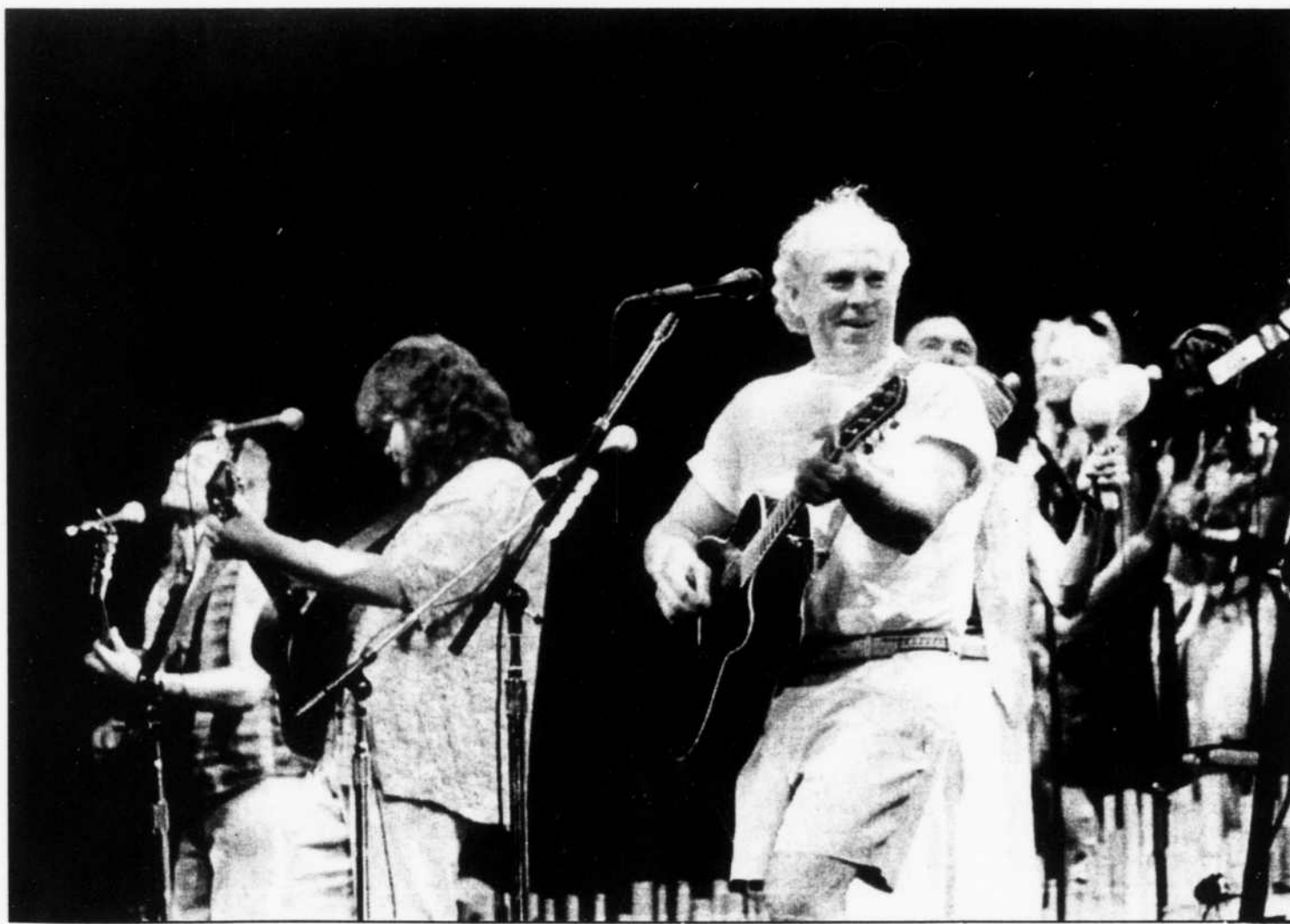
Allen and his five brightly-decorated friends are all second-generation Parrot Heads, influenced from their parents' "hummin' in the kitchen."

The lights finally went down at 8:30 p.m., giving the sign that the stage was ready. The crowd and I screamed as the Coral Reefer Band came on, followed by our savior, Jimmy Buffett.

"One Particular Harbor" began the two-hour show on the right note. The steel drums and maracas made me forget about the rain and sent me and the rest of the crowd to a tiki hut in paradise.

He played the usual selections: "Come Monday," "Margaritaville," and "Son of a Sailor." He also sang a few from the new album, but favored the ones we all "know by heart."

In a group effort, Jimmy led the crowd in a "Let's Get Drunk and Screw" sing-a-long, as he used a camcorder to video tape our performance and simultaneously



Shawn Sidwell/ staff

Jimmy Buffett entertains a sold-out crowd in the Nashville Arena last Sunday. The show featured old favorites such as "Come Monday" and "Margaritaville," as well as new songs from the *Banana Wind* album. Buffett's shows are often heavily attended by groupies known as "Parrot Heads," who can't get enough of his laid-back musical style.

show it on big screens above the stage.

Later, as a special tribute to Jerry Garcia, he sang "Barometer Soup," which he explained was written specially for the late musician many years ago.

As he ended his last song, Jimmy bowed, told us to "Keep Movin'," and left the stage. He made sure to tell us

that he was heading to the ocean Monday morning for a vacation and would send us all a postcard. In all our mere jealousy, we gave Jimmy Buffett our final applause, remembered that Monday was the beginning of the work week, and dreaded running to the parking lots in the pouring rain to go home.

The one true Parrot Head did not

disappoint his fans. The performance was just the release I, and probably others, needed. I burned a week's worth of calories jamming to the Jamaican sounds and felt like I had truly escaped the storming city. By the end of the second encore, I was worn out and deaf, but it was worth it.*

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Police get interesting complaint

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Rosie Lee Hill thought she had been ripped off, so she called police.

Her complaint, officers say, was that someone had sold her fake crack.

When a policeman went to her home early Monday, police said Hill showed him two crack cocaine rocks that she had just bought for \$50 and said they tasted like baking soda.

The officer tested the drugs and discovered that even if it wasn't good crack, it was real. He arrested Hill, 35, for possession.

"It's amazing," said Jerry Potts, assistant police chief. "We've never had someone call and say they got ripped off on a dope deal, and then we checked the cocaine and it actually was cocaine."

Hill was released Monday on bond.

Bank regrets bad location

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Workers at a bank here are in danger of being hit by a car while they're sitting at their desks.

Key Bank is located near the southern end of the Cushman Street bridge. The overpass is often covered with ice, which sends motorists plowing over a traffic island and spinning into the bank. It's been hit three times this year.

Town officials say efforts to add traction to the spot have failed. The city sands the bridge every morning, but so much traffic rounds the corner that the material quickly flies off.

"It's a bad situation that we don't know how to fix," said Kevin Fitzgerald, a city employee.

Street signs and traffic cones are also endangered species on the corner, and pedestrians have been sent scurrying out of the way when cars lose control.

The traffic island at the end of the bridge normally has four directional signs. But city workers gave up trying to keep those signs there shortly after the first snow.

"They keep getting knocked off as fast as we put them up," Fitzgerald said.

Graduate school drop-out earns degree through failure study

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barbara E. Lovitts got her doctorate by explaining why so many people fail to complete theirs.

Lovitts, who quit graduate school twice by 1985, received her doctoral degree in sociology late last year from the University of Maryland with her study on graduate attrition.

She concluded that graduate students quit if they don't have enough contact with faculty and other students through assistantships or other opportunities.

As a result, they don't know what's expected of them academically, politically and socially, Lovitts explained Monday by telephone.

The "non-completers," as she called them, too often end up in low-paying jobs, depressed over their failures and blaming themselves.

Lovitts, 36, is working at the university graduate student office and has received a private foundation grant to turn the paper into a book.

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At night, there are various specialty shows to choose from. Any kind of music is featured in these shows, including a show that plays songs from various movie soundtracks. A comedy show and a talk show are also offered in addition to the music shows.

Recently, the station has started offering benefit shows to expose the "Murfreesboro's Unknown Music Scene." Profits from these shows go to the station for equipment. The next benefit show will be April 30 at the Boro. Because this is so far in advance, the bands playing have not been determined.

Jesse Evans is the promotions director and

arranges most of the shows. According to Evans, the "Rites of Spring Weenie Roast" is the next upcoming event. On April 11, Slump, Serotonin and Crop Circle Hoax will be playing on the knoll, and a Triple X Sports skateboarding demonstration will be there, also.

"I am excited that we are able to mostly fund the radio station from outside benefit shows, since the allotted SGA money is so scarce," Evans comments. "I want to encourage people to come out and support student-operated radio!"

Another contribution toward the station is the underwriting that *delines* and Video Culture do in exchange

Around Town

328 Performance Hall 259-3288

Friday, March 7, 8 p.m. — The Samples with special guest Stir. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

Sunday, March 9, 2 p.m. — Sixth Annual Music City Blues Celebration featuring Amy Watkins Blues Band, Dean Hall and the Loose Eels, Jimmy Markam and the Jukes, Miranda Louise, Mississippi Millie McLaine, The Mojo Men, Reese Wynans and Big Time, Rick Vito and the Blues Town, Rhythm Kings, The Road Runners, and The Shack Shakers. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

Monday, March 10, 7 p.m. — Downset ... Earth Crisis with Vision of Disorder and Damnation AD. Tickets \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door.

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Friday, March 7 — Aggie Coloured Karma
Saturday, March 8 — Rub

Sunday, March 9 — Roland Gresham Jazz Quartet

The Bunganut Pig 893-7860

Thursday, March 6 — Crosstown Traffic
Friday, March 7 — Ricky Ray
Saturday, March 8 — Blues Boyz

Cactus Jack's 890-8280

Thursday, March 6 — Longshot
Friday, March 7 — Rockin' Country

Jonathan's on the Square 895-1133

Thursday, March 6 — Johny Jackson's Soul Satisfaction
Friday, March 7 — The Jesters

Sebastian's 895-8658

Thursday, March 6 — Roland Gresham
Friday, March 7 — Live comedy
Saturday, March 8 — Live comedy

for the advertisement the station gives them.

The amount of listeners has increased in the past couple of years. Many people have called in and made requests and suggestions so that the station can serve them better.

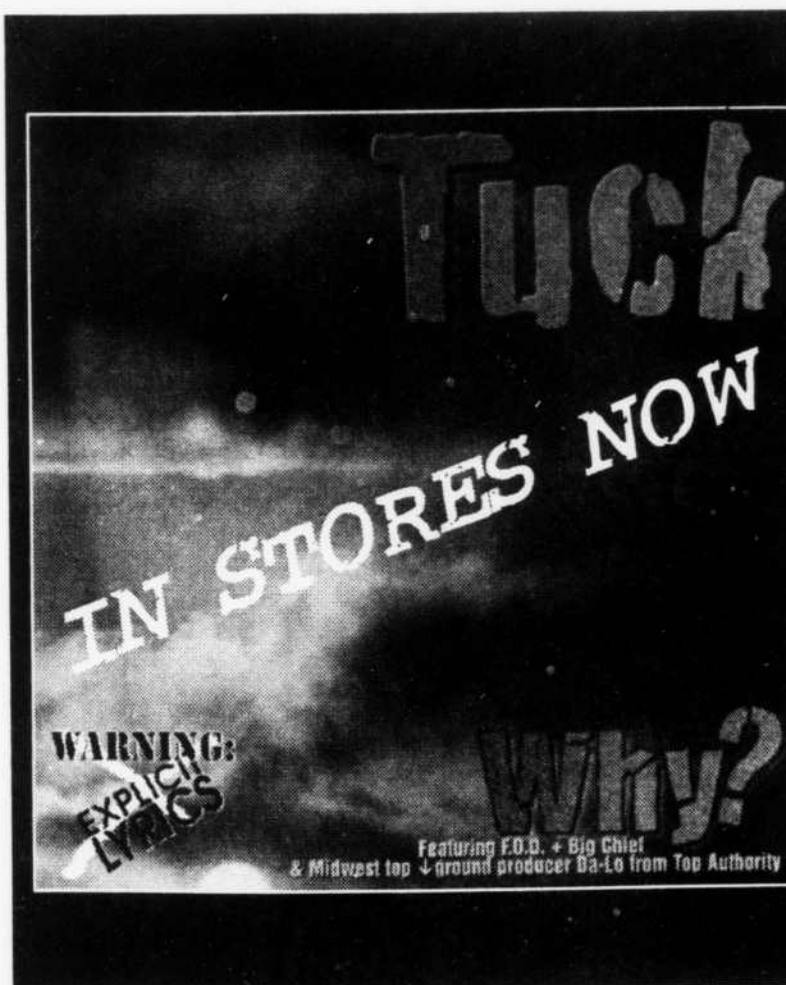
"I really enjoy the variety of tunes I can hear," comments Elyse Holman, sophomore social work major. "The shows at night are the most interesting, such as Monday and Wednesday nights! Keep up the good music!"

There are already about 60 DJs working in the station this semester. For those interested in doing a show, the only ones opened are late at night, but anyone interested should contact Sean Jewlett, program

director, and he will provide more information on how to become a DJ and other ways to get involved.

For more information about the station, just call 898-5051.

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Snellgrove 'infield leader' in last season at shortstop

By Doug Malan/Staff

Outside of campus construction, few things are as certain at Middle Tennessee as Clay Snellgrove's pre-game introduction as the Blue Raiders' starting shortstop.

Since the second game of his freshman season in 1994, the Lafayette, Ind., native has been a constant as the infield leader for head coach Steve Peterson.

"Out of high school, I looked for places south of the Mason-Dixon line where I could find good weather," Snellgrove said. "I found MTSU through a father of a friend and found out the two previous shortstops here (Eddie Pye and Jason Maxwell) advanced into pro ball and had good reputations.

"I felt like it was a situation where I could jump in as a freshman and make my mark, and hopefully keep this program on a winning tradition, which I think I have done so far."

After setting the single-season MTSU assist record in 1995 with 208, Snellgrove complimented his downy glove in 1996 with a stinging bat, leading all players (with at least 100 at-bats) with a .328 average and a team-high 66 hits. The soon-to-be four-year starter also led the squad with 17 doubles while driving in 29 runs and adding two homeruns.

Aside from Snellgrove's numbers, last season ended bitterly for the Blue Raiders after they lost the first two games of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament to finish 28-26.

"This year, I'd like to get the team back to a regional," Snellgrove said. In 1995, MTSU beat Southwest Missouri State and lost to 1992 national champ Pepperdine and 1995 national runner-up USC at the West Regional in Fresno, Cal. "Two years

ago was probably the most fun I've had being involved with the organization here.

"Having a successful team and having a record well over .500 are the goals we're shooting for as a team."

Snellgrove added that as a four-year starter, he considers himself one of the team leaders, along with outfielder Jordan Beddies, pitcher Steven Lay, catcher Andrew Thompson and outfielder/catcher Chris Snyder. But he remembered a time when he wasn't the team's focal point.

"My offensive production has greatly improved since my freshman year," he said. "I was an eight-hole hitter most of my first two years and last year jumped right in the three hole because our offense was down. It looks like I'll be in the middle of the order again, so that's something I've really come a long way with."

On the other hand, his defensive prowess has been evident from the beginning.

"Defensively, I've had success all four years here, but I feel like I'm more mature, cleaner, sharper and more intelligent," said the slick-fielding senior, who emulates the defensive games of Colorado's Walt Weiss and current Chicago Cub Maxwell. "I still have a lot of room to go and I think my strength will get better throughout the season and you'll see me do things I haven't done the three previous years in terms of power production, stronger throws and turning quicker double plays."

Snellgrove has certainly become a familiar face around the OVC and his experience is the basis for a possible blockbuster season.

"I'm a little more relaxed defensively and at the plate, there's

not a lot I haven't seen through 100 games a year when you see different kinds of pitchers and all different kinds of pitches," he said. "There's nothing that's going to surprise me this year, so I should be well prepared for the season."

As is the case with nearly all college baseball players, Snellgrove spends his summers in amateur leagues. But unlike players from east of the Mississippi, he played last summer for Mat Su in the Alaska Central Baseball League, becoming the first Blue Raider ever to participate in the 45-game, five-team league. Snellgrove's team qualified for the National Baseball Congress World Series in Wichita, Kan., which, along with the Cape Cod League, draws the best amateur talent from around the nation.

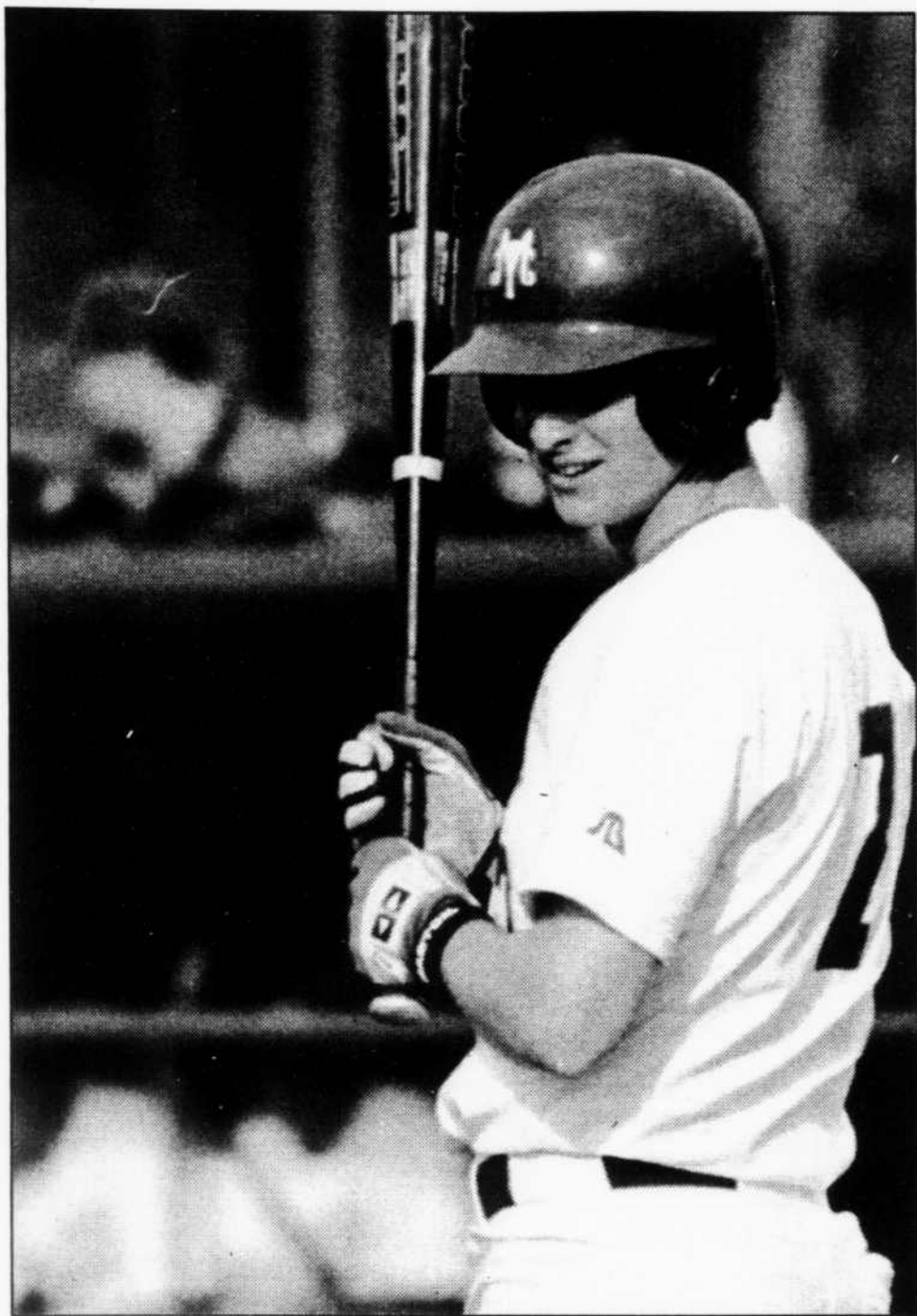
"That was an interesting experience," Snellgrove said of his northern exposure. "Most of the top notch West Coast players play up there."

"I met a lot of different kinds of people and saw a lot of different talent from several schools and compared to what we've got, we can compete with any team in the nation."

"Overall, there's not a lot to do in Alaska so the people supported the league and got excited about the games. But, it definitely felt like another country at times."

For now, the focus is on a tough non-conference schedule and the gauntlet of OVC opponents.

"The seniors know what it takes to win," he said. "We all have two OVC championship rings to our credit, and our first goal is to win the championship, then on to the tournament and hopefully the NCAA regional." •



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Shortstop Clay Snellgrove now has a potent bat to go with his smooth glove.

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MTSU's Moosemen rugby team spent a muddy afternoon playing the University of Tennessee in Knoxville last weekend. MTSU fell to UT 22-15 in the first game, but came out on top in the second game, 19-12.

Peyton plays: Manning elects to forego NFL draft, play senior season with UT Volunteers

By Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning said today he will return for his senior season, bypassing an early jump to the NFL in which he likely would have been the top draft choice.

"I made up my mind and I don't expect to ever look back," Manning told a news conference. "I am going to stay at the University of Tennessee."

Cheers went up around the room.

"As difficult as it has been I knew I couldn't make a bad decision. But I knew whatever decision I made had to be my own decision and nobody else's."

He thanked his parents, Archie and Olivia Manning, for their support.

Archie Manning, former Mississippi and New Orleans Saints quarterback, has fielded most of the media calls for his son for the last two months.

Peyton Manning said there was

no one factor that led to his decision, which he slept on last night.

"This past week, I felt all the pieces of the puzzle fit together," he said.

Manning said the hiring of Bill Parcells as coach of the New York Jets — the team with the top draft pick — tempted him to jump to the NFL, but he decided against it.

"I had been pretty intent on staying until I found out that Bill Parcells would be coach of the New York Jets. I have a lot of respect for him," he said.

Manning said he researched his decision by talking to other professional athletes, including Michael Jordan, Troy Aikman, Phil Simms and Drew Bledsoe.

"That's a hard act to follow!" said an obviously pleased Phillip Fulmer, Tennessee's head coach, who took the microphone after Manning.

"The rascal knows how to keep a secret," he said.

Manning did not have to declare his intention to enter the April 19

draft on Jan. 10, the deadline for most undergraduates, because he is scheduled to graduate this spring.

Manning holds Tennessee records for career passing yardage (7,382), touchdowns (53), completions (576), attempts (904), completion percentage (63.7) and numerous single-season marks.

He has been mum about his plans since the Vols' 48-28 victory over Northwestern in the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day.

Archie said he provided his son with a package of information to study on agents and salary caps.

Only one other college quarterback, Jim Druckenmiller of Virginia Tech, is considered a first-round prospect. Danny Wuerffel, the Heisman Trophy winner from Florida, is projected at this point to go around the fourth or fifth round.

Tennessee begins spring football practice on March 17. Manning has said he wanted to make the announcement before then so the Vols' coaches would know. •

Wake Forrest, Murray St. fall victim to men's tennis

By Rachel Bailey/Staff

The MTSU men's tennis team was victorious once again this past weekend as the Blue Raider squad took on Wake Forrest and Murray State in a double header played indoors at Nashboro Village.

After two weeks without match play, the 11th ranked MTSU began the day by beating Wake Forrest 7-0. The blow-out victory left the team confident as they entered their first conference match and second duel of the day against long-time conference rival Murray State.

"Playing two matches in one day is always rough, but the depth of our squad makes it possible to rotate the line-up," said Anthony DeLuise.

Making their debut for the Raiders were Belal Hamadeh, Stephan Florencien, and Cal Cook, who stepped up and showed their talent against an awe-struck Murray State. The doubles point was quickly taken as Cook and Florencien teamed up to win their match 8-1, while DeLuise and Julius

Roberts defeated their opponents 8-2. The newly-formed tandem of Frederic Niemeyer and Hamadeh also captured their doubles victory with an inspiring overhead smash by Hamadeh on their match point in the tie-breaker.

The Blue Raiders finished up with a 4-0 victory over their Murray State opponents.

"We were really confident going into this first conference match," said Hamadeh, a freshman. "The team's talent and spirit that we showed today will be a significant factor on many of the upcoming matches."

After the release of the first ITA spring rankings, MTSU now holds two of the top ten doubles teams in the nation. DeLuise and Niemeyer moved up to sixth, and David McNamara and Roberts jumped 15 positions to ninth in the country. In singles, Niemeyer moved up six spots to number four, and DeLuise remained inside the top 20.

The team will leave in another quest for tournament victory when they compete in the HEB Classic played in Corpus Christie, Texas, this weekend. •

Orienteering group to host workshop for MTSU students

By Jennie Treadway/Staff

"Anyone can be involved in orienteering because every event is designed to accommodate basic, intermediate, and advanced navigators," said Meg Garrett, founder of the Tennessee Orienteering Association.

Orienteering is an activity in which participants, in a team or individually, use a compass and a map to navigate themselves through the backwoods of various state parks and reservations.

"It can be adapted for folks who can canoe, mountain bike, ride horseback, snow ski, and even those who get around in wheelchairs," said Garrett. "It is quite flexible, enjoyable, and I guarantee it is the best kept secret in outdoor recreation."

In the program, competitors will improve geographical and practical skills, learn navigating techniques, and challenge their mental and physical fitness. Orienteering has

become a world-wide event, luring in adventurers of every age, size, and ability.

Garrett began the TOA, a member of the U.S. Orienteering Federation, in 1992 after being involved in recreational orienteering for 18 years. Every semester, she gives a presentation about the orienteering program and courses to MTSU's backpacking class.

Orienteering is not just for the nature-lovers or outdoor adventure gurus. The program is tailored to fit every group or individual interested in gaining a new perspective on nature.

In The Tennessee Navigator, the TOA newsletter, Garrett encourages church groups or business co-workers to plan a retreat orienteering.

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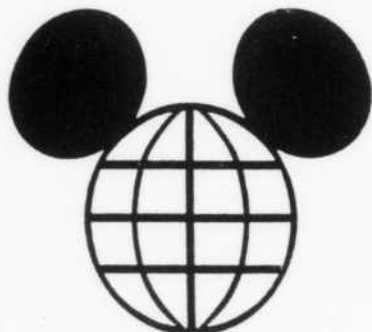


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Next Matches

Friday-Sunday, March 7-9
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Next Matches

Friday, March 7
Memphis @ MTSU, 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

Samford @ MTSU, 10 a.m.

White Sox Fox voted into baseball's Hall of Fame by veterans committee

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Nellie Fox, the star second baseman for the Chicago White Sox, and former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda were voted into baseball's Hall of Fame today by the veterans committee.

Joining the two were former League Leaguer Willie Wells.

The vote ended a long wait for the family of Fox, who died in 1975. Twice before, he came close to making the hall.

"He missed last year by only one vote, and only by a couple before that," said veterans committee member Yogi Berra, a Hall of Famer himself. "The guy played in 150 games or more over 18 years. That's remarkable."

In 1985, 10 years after his death from cancer at age 47, Fox finished two votes shy of election — the slimmest margin in the shrine's history — in the balloting by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

He was named on 295 of 395 ballots, 74.68 percent of the total, just below the 75 percent needed for induction.

Last year, Fox finally met the 75 percent criteria in the veterans vote, but was named on one less ballot than pitcher Jim Bunning — and because rules say the 15-man veterans committee can elect only one former major leaguer, Bunning went to Cooperstown and Fox had to wait.

Lasorda, who retired last year, was inducted in a special category of executives and managers, while Wells was named as part of the committee's ongoing effort to recognize players from the old Negro Leagues.

"I want to thank all the

guys who made this possible," Lasorda said from the Dodgers camp in Vero Beach, Fla. "It's the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

Lasorda managed the Dodgers for 20 years and led them to eight NL West titles. Some thought he would be unable to gain election because he might decide to manage again.

Committee chairman Joe Brown, a former Pittsburgh Pirates general manager, said that ceased to be a concern after speaking with Lasorda.

"We told him that if he managed again, we'd tear down the statue," Brown said. "Some of us talked to him afterward, and he assured us he wasn't going to manage again."

Finally, after all the waiting, Fox's family could receive their congratulatory phone call.

"They deserve it," said Hall of Fame shortstop Luis Aparicio, who played six seasons alongside Fox with the Chicago White Sox. "They've waited a long time."

Fox was a 12-time All-Star who batted over .300 six times and .288 during a 19-year career — 14 with the White Sox. He was the AL MVP in 1959 for the Al Lopez-managed Go Go Sox, the last Chicago team to make the World Series.

Fox still holds the record for playing 798 straight games at second base, and he struck out only 216 times in 9,232 at-bats, the third-best percentage (.023) in modern history.

When Aparicio arrived for spring training in 1956, he was a rookie shortstop looking to learn the game. He found the perfect teacher in Fox.

"I would follow him

around all the time," Aparicio said. "I just tried to be like him."

Aparicio went on to a distinguished career, becoming one of the greatest shortstops in baseball history and earning induction into the Hall in 1984.

Aparicio reminisced about Fox from his home in Venezuela on Tuesday. He remembered the scrappy second baseman as the ultimate teammate, a player who sacrificed personal recognition for the good of his team.

"He showed me a lot of things," Aparicio said. "He was a great leader, someone to look up to and admire. He was a wonderful guy, a great family man and a good friend."

The veterans committee looks at candidates in four areas — former major leaguers; a composite ballot of Negro Leaguers, umpires, executives and managers; 19th century players and personnel; and Negro Leaguers.

Only the top nominee from each category can be elected to the Hall, provided he is named on 75 percent — 12 votes — of the ballots.

Among the other players considered were Larry Doby, the first black to play in the American League, and Dom DiMaggio of Boston. From the executive-managers category, former commissioner Bowie Kuhn and former AL president Lee MacPhail were also given strong consideration.

Wells played 20 years as a shortstop in the Negro Leagues. He is the leagues career leader in doubles, and the 14th former Negro Leaguer to be elected to the Hall.

UGA escapes major NCAA sanctions

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia's football team will spend the next two years on probation but escaped major sanctions Wednesday when the NCAA took the unusual step of accepting the school's self-imposed penalties.

The Bulldogs, who already had agreed to reduce their scholarships next year and cut their ties to a prominent south Florida booster, remain eligible to play in bowl games and appear on television.

"We are embarrassed both personally and as an institution to be here at all today," university president Charles Knapp said at a news conference, after the NCAA Committee on Infractions released its report.

"However, we are aware that it is rare for the committee to accept an institution's investigation and self-imposed sanctions without additional penalties, and for that we are grateful."

In 28 previous cases in which schools imposed their own penalties, the NCAA ordered additional sanctions 27 times.

"They imposed the same kind of penalties we would have imposed," said David Swank, a University of Oklahoma law professor who heads the infractions committee. "These are meaningful penalties, significant penalties and appropriate penalties."

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Not only does the program increase individual confidence and leadership skills, but the teamwork within a group can create a new level of trust and fellowship.

Catherine Kelly of McMurray Jr. High and Bob Smiley of Antioch High School were granted funding for orienteering workshops to be held this spring. The workshops are designed to explain the purpose and benefits of orienteering using hands-on techniques. There are only two other Tennessee educators who have received such grants.

Garrett's next presentation at MTSU is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9. For more information about orienteering or upcoming events, contact Meg Garrett at (615) 728-2968/723-8788.

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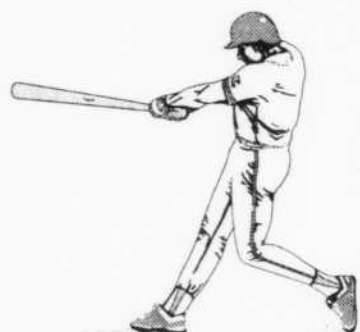
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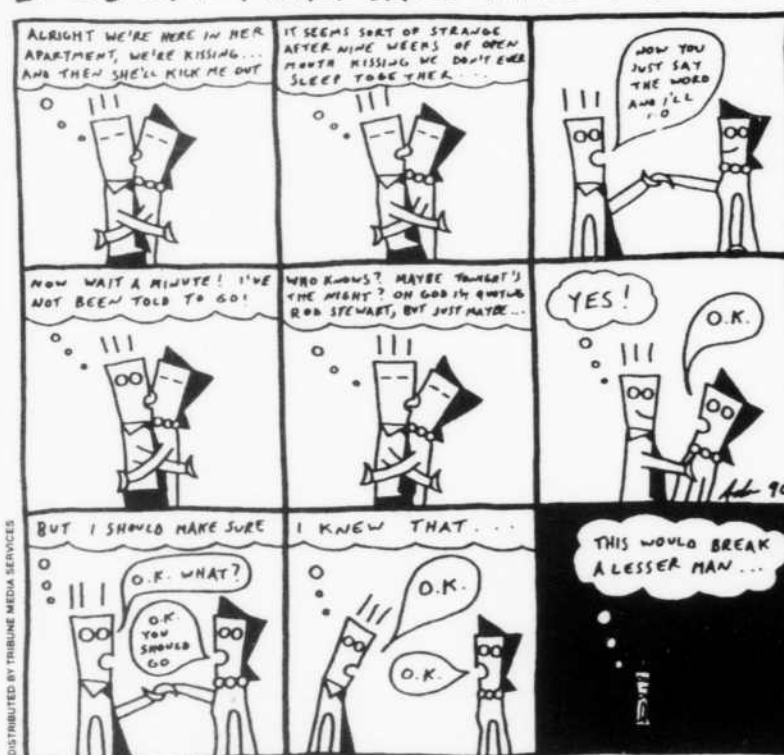
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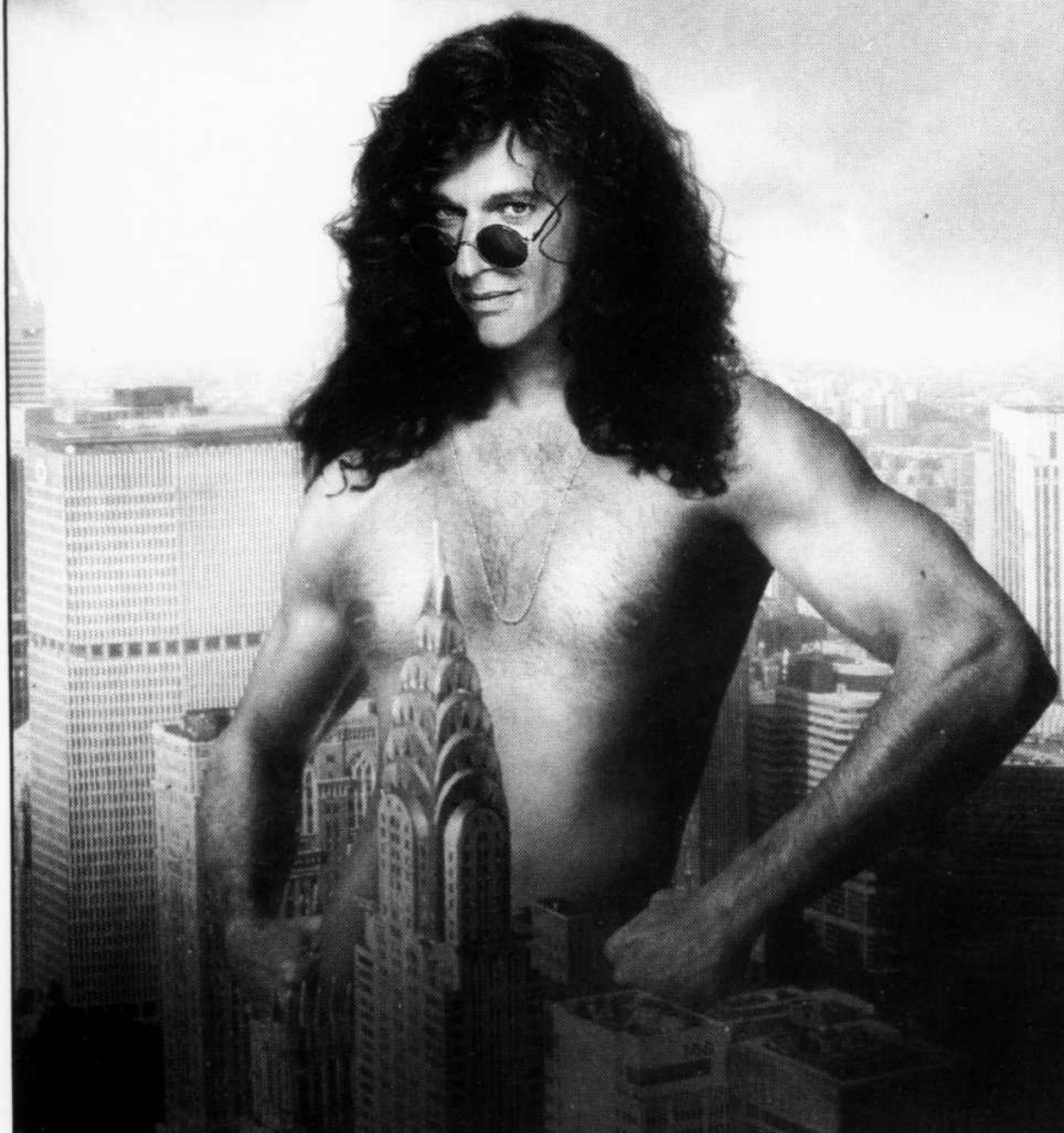
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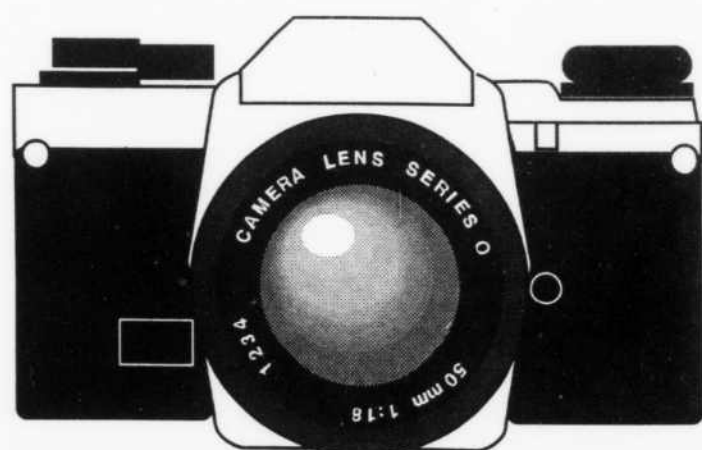
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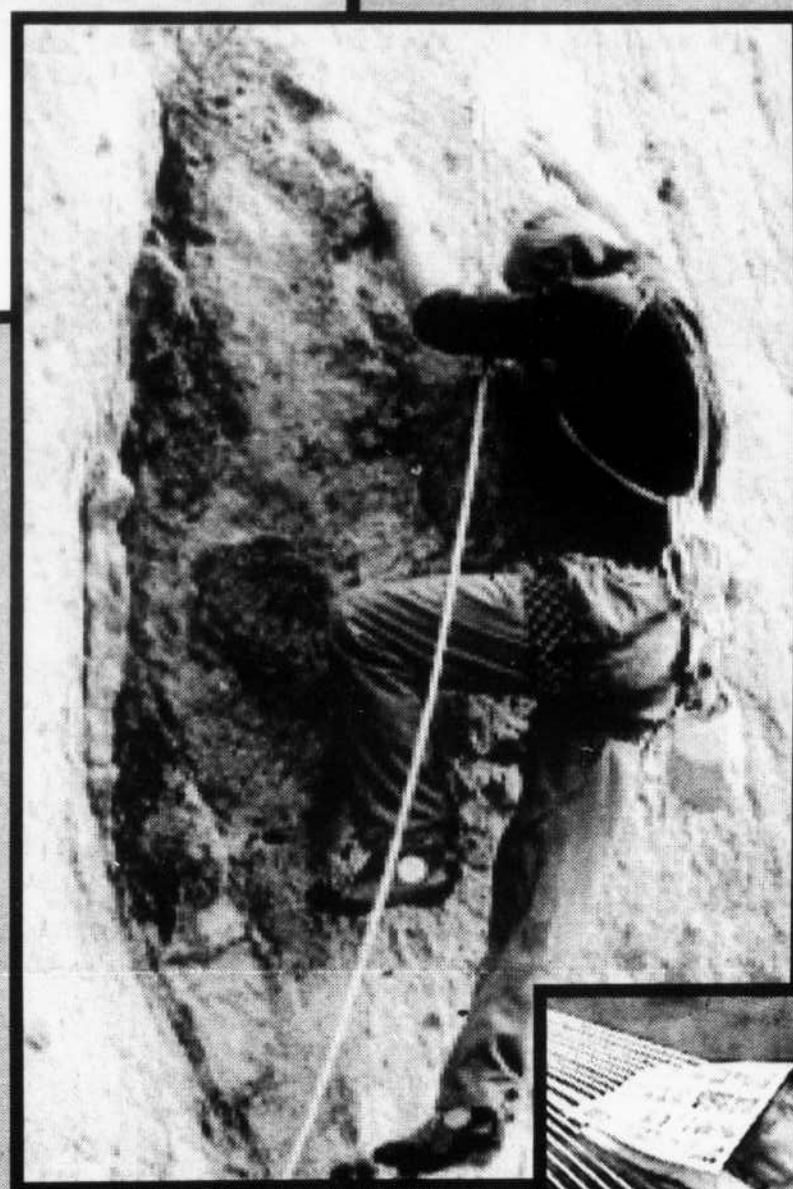
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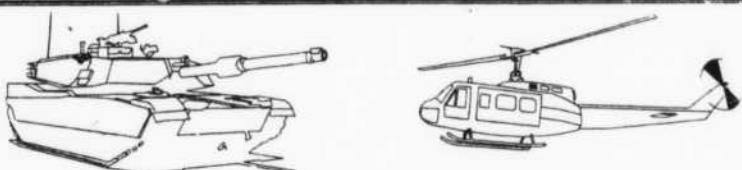


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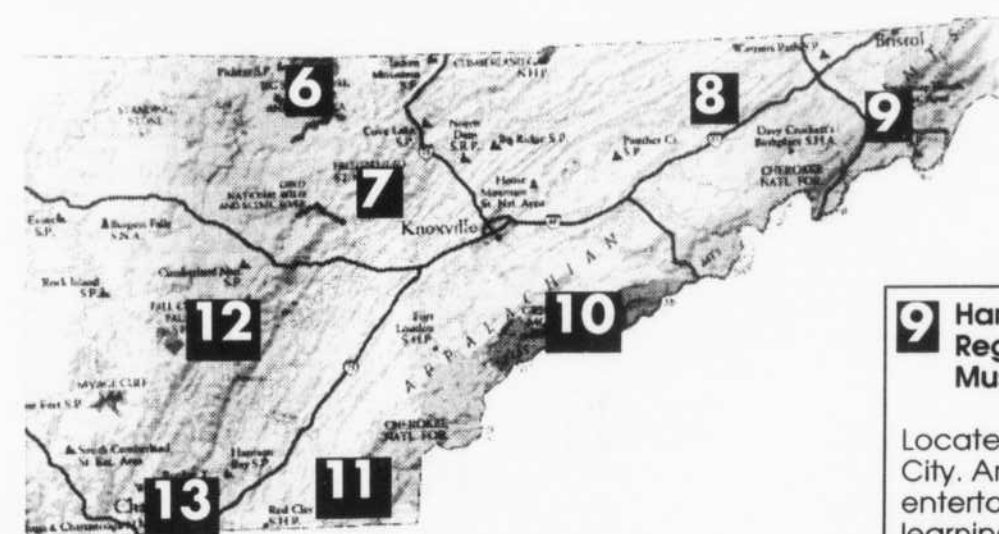
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VALTREX® (valacyclovir hydrochloride) Caplets

BRIEF SUMMARY

The following is a brief summary only; see full prescribing information for complete product information.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: VALTREX is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity or intolerance to valacyclovir, acyclovir, or any component of the formulation.

WARNINGS: Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura/hemolytic uremic syndrome (TTP/HUS), in some cases resulting in death, has occurred in patients with advanced HIV disease and also in allogeneic bone marrow transplant and renal transplant recipients participating in clinical trials of VALTREX at doses of 8 grams per day.

PRECAUTIONS: The efficacy of VALTREX has not been established for the treatment of disseminated herpes zoster, or suppression of recurrent genital herpes, or in immunocompromised patients.

Dosage adjustment is recommended when administering VALTREX to patients with renal impairment (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). Caution should also be exercised when administering VALTREX to patients receiving potentially nephrotoxic agents since this may increase the risk of renal dysfunction and/or the risk of reversible central nervous system symptoms such as those that have been reported in patients treated with intravenous acyclovir.

Information for Patients: Herpes Zoster: There are no data on treatment initiated more than 72 hours after onset of the zoster rash. Patients should be advised to initiate treatment as soon as possible after a diagnosis of herpes zoster.

Genital Herpes: Patients should be informed that VALTREX is not a cure for genital herpes. There are no data evaluating whether VALTREX will prevent transmission of infection to others. Because genital herpes is a sexually transmitted disease, patients should avoid contact with lesions or intercourse when lesions and/or symptoms are present to avoid infecting partners. Genital herpes can also be transmitted in the absence of symptoms through asymptomatic viral shedding. If medical management of a genital herpes recurrence is indicated, patients should be advised to initiate therapy at the first sign or symptom of an episode.

There are no data on the effectiveness of treatment initiated more than 72 hours after the onset of signs and symptoms of a first episode of genital herpes or more than 24 hours of the onset of signs and symptoms of a recurrent episode.

Drug Interactions: An additive increase in acyclovir AUC and C_{max} was observed when VALTREX was administered to healthy volunteers who were taking cimetidine, probenecid, or a combination of both cimetidine and probenecid (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacokinetics).

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: The data presented below include references to the steady-state acyclovir AUC observed in humans treated with 1 gram VALTREX given orally three times a day to treat herpes zoster. Plasma drug concentrations in animal studies are expressed as multiples of human exposure to acyclovir (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacokinetics).

Valacyclovir was noncarcinogenic in lifetime carcinogenicity bioassays at single daily doses (gavage) of up to 120 mg/kg/day for mice and 100 mg/kg/day for rats. There was no significant difference in the incidence of tumors between treated and control animals, nor did valacyclovir shorten the latency of tumors. Plasma concentrations of acyclovir were equivalent to human levels in the mouse bioassay and 1.4 to 2.3 times human levels in the rat bioassay.

Valacyclovir was tested in five genetic toxicity assays. An Ames assay was negative in the absence or presence of metabolic activation. Also negative were an in vitro cytogenetic study with human lymphocytes and a rat cytogenetic study at a single oral dose of 3000 mg/kg (8 to 9 times human plasma levels).

In the mouse lymphoma assay, valacyclovir was negative in the absence of metabolic activation. In the presence of metabolic activation (76% to 88% conversion to acyclovir), valacyclovir was weakly mutagenic.

A mouse micronucleus assay was negative at 250 mg/kg but weakly positive at 500 mg/kg (acyclovir concentrations 26 to 51 times human plasma levels).

Valacyclovir did not impair fertility or reproduction in rats at 200 mg/kg/day (6 times human plasma levels).

Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category B. Valacyclovir was not teratogenic in rats or rabbits given 400 mg/kg (which results in exposures of 10 and 7 times human plasma levels, respectively) during the period of major organogenesis. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of VALTREX or ZOVIRAX in pregnant women. A prospective epidemiologic registry of acyclovir use during pregnancy has been ongoing since 1984. As of December 1994, outcomes of live births have been documented in 380 women exposed to systemic acyclovir during the first trimester of pregnancy. The occurrence rate of birth defects approximates that found in the general population. However, the small size of the registry is insufficient to evaluate the risk for less common defects or to permit reliable and definitive conclusions regarding the safety of acyclovir in pregnant women and their developing fetuses. VALTREX should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Pregnancy Exposure Registry: To monitor maternal-fetal outcomes of pregnant women exposed to VALTREX, Glaxo Wellcome Inc. maintains a Valacyclovir in Pregnancy Registry. Physicians are encouraged to register their patients by calling (800) 722-9292, ext. 30437.

Nursing Mothers: There is no experience with VALTREX. However, acyclovir concentrations have been documented in breast milk in two women following oral administration of ZOVIRAX and ranged from 0.6 to 4.1 times corresponding plasma levels. These concentrations would potentially expose the nursing infant to a dose of acyclovir as high as 0.3 mg/kg/day. VALTREX should be administered to a nursing mother with caution and only when indicated.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness of VALTREX in pediatric patients have not been established.

Geriatric Use: Of the total number of patients included in clinical studies of VALTREX, 810 were age 65 or older and 339 were age 75 or older. A total of 34 volunteers age 65 or older completed a pharmacokinetic trial of VALTREX. The pharmacokinetics of acyclovir following single- and multiple-dose oral administration of VALTREX in geriatric volunteers varied with renal function. Dosage reduction may be required in geriatric patients, depending on the underlying renal status of the patient (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY AND DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

ADVERSE REACTIONS: The adverse events reported by greater than 2% of a given treatment group in clinical trials of VALTREX are listed in Table 1.

Table 1
Incidence (%) of Adverse Events in Herpes Zoster and Genital Herpes Study Populations

Adverse Event	Herpes Zoster			Genital Herpes		
	VALTREX 1 gram t.i.d. (n=967)	ZOVIRAX 800 mg 5x daily (n=376)	Placebo (n=195)	VALTREX 1 gram b.i.d. (n=359)	ZOVIRAX 200 mg 5x daily (n=822)	Placebo (n=439)
Nausea	15	19	8	6	6	7
Headache	14	13	12	16	17	12
Vomiting	6	8	3	1	1	2
Diarrhea	5	7	6	4	5	3
Constipation	4	5	3	<1	1	1
Asthenia	4	5	4	2	1	2
Dizziness	3	6	2	3	2	3
Abdominal Pain	3	3	2	2	3	2
Anorexia	2	3	2	<1	<1	<1

OVERDOSAGE: There have been no reports of overdosage from the administration of VALTREX. However, it is known that precipitation of acyclovir in renal tubules may occur when the solubility (2.5 mg/mL) is exceeded in the intratubular fluid. In the event of acute renal failure and anuria, the patient may benefit from hemodialysis until renal function is restored (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

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ZOVIRAX® (acyclovir) Capsules

ZOVIRAX® (acyclovir) Tablets

ZOVIRAX® (acyclovir) Suspension

BRIEF SUMMARY

The following is a brief summary only; see full prescribing information for complete product information, including references.

CONTRAINDICATIONS: ZOVIRAX Capsules, Tablets, and Suspension are contraindicated for patients who develop hypersensitivity or intolerance to the components of the formulations.

WARNINGS: ZOVIRAX Capsules, Tablets, and Suspension are intended for oral ingestion only.

PRECAUTIONS

General: VALTREX has shown decreased spermatozoa or high concentrations in some animals and impairment in some acute studies at high concentrations of drug (see PRECAUTIONS: Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility). The recommended dosage should not be exceeded (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section of full prescribing information).

Exposure of herpes simplex and varicella zoster viruses to acyclovir in vitro can lead to the emergence of less sensitive viruses. The possibility of the appearance of these sensitive strains in patients must be borne in mind when treating patients. The relationship between the in vitro sensitivity of herpes simplex or varicella zoster virus to acyclovir and clinical response to therapy has yet to be established (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Microbiology section of full prescribing information).

Because of the possibility that less sensitive virus may be selected in patients who are receiving acyclovir, all patients should be advised to take particular care to avoid potential transmission of virus. If active lesions are present while they are on therapy, in severely immunocompromised patients, the physician should be aware that prolonged or repeated courses of acyclovir may result in selection of resistant viruses, which may not fully respond to continued acyclovir therapy.

Caution should be exercised when administering ZOVIRAX to patients receiving potentially nephrotoxic agents since this may increase the risk of renal dysfunction.

Information for Patients: Patients are not able to control the risk of contracting genital herpes.

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Genital Herpes Infections: Genital herpes is a sexually transmitted disease and patients should avoid intercourse when active lesions are present because of the risk of infecting their partners. ZOVIRAX Capsules, Tablets, and Suspension are for oral ingestion only. Medication should not be shared with others. The prescribed dosage should not be exceeded. ZOVIRAX does not eliminate latent viruses. Patients are encouraged to consult with their physician if they do not become sufficient well in the frequency and severity of their genital herpes recurrences.

There are still unanswered questions concerning reproductive toxicity and mutagenesis, and birth studies are continuing. Decreased sperm production has been seen at high doses in some animals. A controlled clinical study using 400 mg of ZOVIRAX per day for 6 weeks in humans did not show any adverse effects. Chromosomal breaks were seen in cells after their exposure to high concentrations. Some other currently marketed medications also cause chromosomal breaks, and the significance of this finding is unknown. A placebo-controlled clinical study using 400 mg of ZOVIRAX per day for 1 year in humans did not show any abnormalities in the number of chromosomes.

Herpes Zoster Infections: Adults age 60 or older tend to have more severe shingles, and treatment with ZOVIRAX showed more significant benefit for older patients. Treatment was begun within 72 hours of onset of the rash. Patients were not able to control the risk of contracting genital herpes. Patients are not able to control the risk of contracting genital herpes. Patients are not able to control the risk of contracting genital herpes.

Chickpox: Although no experience in chronic healthy children is usually a self-limited disease of mild to moderate severity, adolescents and adults tend to have more severe disease. Treatment was initiated within 24 hours of the typical chickenpox rash in the controlled studies, and there was no information regarding the effects of treatment beyond later in the disease course. It is unknown whether the treatment of chickenpox in children has any effect on long-term immunity. However, there is no evidence to establish that treatment of chickenpox with ZOVIRAX would have any effect on either decreasing or increasing the occurrence or severity of subsequent recurrences of herpes zoster (shingles) later in life. Therefore, ZOVIRAX is indicated for the treatment of acyclovir-resistant infections in immunocompromised patients.

Drug Interactions: Oral administration of probenecid with intravenous acyclovir has been shown to increase the mean half-life and the area under the concentration-time curve. Urinary excretion and renal clearance were correspondingly reduced. The clinical effects of this combination have not been studied. **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility:** The data presented above indicate references to oral steady-state plasma acyclovir concentrations observed in humans treated with 800 mg given orally 4 times a day (dosage appropriate for treatment of genital herpes) or 200 mg given orally 5 times a day (dosage appropriate for treatment of genital herpes). Plasma drug concentrations in animal studies are expressed as multiples of human exposure to acyclovir at the higher and lower dosing schedules (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY: Pharmacokinetics section of full prescribing information).

Acyclovir was tested in lifetime bioassays in rats and mice at single daily doses of up to 450 mg/kg administered by gavage. There was no statistically significant difference in the incidence of tumors between treated and control animals, nor did acyclovir shorten the latency of tumors. At 450 mg/kg/day plasma concentrations were 3 to 6 times human levels in the mouse bioassay and 1 to 2 times human levels in the rat bioassay.

Acyclovir was tested in two in vitro cell transformation assays. Positive results were observed at the highest concentration tested (31 to 63 times human levels) in one system and the resulting morphologically transformed cells formed tumors when inoculated into immunosuppressed, syngeneic, weanling mice. Acyclovir was negative (40 to 80 times human levels) in the other, possibly less sensitive, transformation assay.

In acute cytogenetic studies, there was an increase, though not statistically significant, in the incidence of chromosomal damage at maximum tolerated parental doses of acyclovir (100 mg/kg in rats; 60 to 125 times human levels but not in Chinese hamsters; higher doses of 500 and 1000 mg/kg were cytotoxic in Chinese hamsters (380 to 760 times human levels). In addition, no activity was found after 5 days dosing in a dominant lethal study in mice (36 to 73 times human levels). In all 4 microbial assays, no evidence of mutagenicity was observed. Positive results were obtained in 2 of 4 genetic toxicity assays using mammalian cells in vitro. In human lymphocytes, a positive response for chromosomal damage was seen at concentrations 150 to 300 times the acyclovir plasma levels achieved in humans. At one locus in mouse lymphoma cells, mutagenicity was observed at concentrations 250 to 500 times human plasma levels. Results in the other two mammalian cell loci follow: at 3 loci in a Chinese hamster ovary cell line, the results were inconclusive at concentrations at least 1850 times human levels; at 2 other loci in mouse lymphoma cells, no evidence of mutagenicity was observed at concentrations at least 1500 times human levels.

Acyclovir has not been shown to impair fertility or reproduction in mice (450 mg/kg/day p.o.) or in rats (25 mg/kg/day s.c.). In the mouse study, plasma levels were 9 to 10 times human levels, while in the rat study they were 8 to 15 times human levels. At a higher dose in the rat (50 mg/kg/day s.c.), there was a statistically significant increase in post-implantation loss, but no concomitant decrease in litter size. In female rabbits treated subcutaneously with acyclovir subsequent to mating, there was a statistically significant decrease in implantation efficiency, but no concomitant decrease in litter size at a dose of 50 mg/kg/day (16 to 31 times human levels). No effect upon implantation efficiency was observed when the same dose was administered intravenously (53 to 106 times human levels). In a rat peri- and postnatal study at 50 mg/kg/day s.c. (11 to 22 times human levels), there was a statistically significant decrease in the group mean number of corpora lutea, total implantation sites, and live fetuses in the 1st generation. Although not statistically significant, there was also a dose-related decrease in group mean number of live fetuses and implantation sites at 12.5 mg/kg/day and 25 mg/kg/day s.c. The intravenous administration of 100 mg/kg/day (a dose known to cause obstructive nephropathy in rabbits) caused a significant increase in fetal resorptions and a corresponding decrease in litter size (plasma levels were not measured). However, at a maximum tolerated intravenous dose of 50 mg/kg/day in rabbits (53 to 106 times human levels), no drug-related reproductive effects were observed.

Intraperitoneal doses of 90 or 320 mg/kg/day acyclovir given to rats for 6 and 1 month, respectively, caused testicular atrophy. Plasma levels were not measured in the 1 month study and were 24 to 48 times human levels in the 6 month study. Testicular atrophy was persistent through the 4 week post-treatment phase after 320 mg/kg/day, and evidence of recovery of sperm production was evident 30 days post-treatment. Intravenous doses of 100 and 200 mg/kg/day acyclovir given to dogs for 31 days caused spermatogenesis. At 100 mg/kg/day plasma levels were 47 to 147 times human levels, while at 200 mg/kg/day they were 156 to 317 times human levels. No testicular abnormalities were seen in dogs given 50 mg/kg/day s.c. for 1 month (21 to 41 times human levels) and in dogs given 50 mg/kg/day orally for 1 year (6 to 12 times human levels).

Pregnancy: Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category C. Acyclovir was not teratogenic in the mouse (450 mg/kg/day p.o.), rabbit (50 mg/kg/day s.c.), and rat (in a standard test in the rat 50 mg/kg/day s.c.). These exposures resulted in plasma levels 9 and 16, 30 and 100, and 11 and 22 times, respectively, human levels. In a non-standard test in rats, there were fetal abnormalities, such as head and tail anomalies, and maternal toxicity. In the last, rats were given 3 s.c. doses of 100 mg/kg acyclovir on gestation day 10, resulting in plasma levels 63 and 106 times human levels. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Acyclovir should not be used during pregnancy unless the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. Although acyclovir was not teratogenic in standard animal studies, the drug is potential for causing the adverse effects at high concentrations should be taken into consideration in making this determination.

Pregnancy Exposure Registry: To monitor maternal-fetal outcomes of pregnant women exposed to systemic acyclovir, Glaxo Wellcome Inc. maintains an Acyclovir in Pregnancy Registry. Physicians are encouraged to register patients by calling (800) 722-9292, ext. 30437.

Nursing Mothers: Acyclovir concentrations have been documented in breast milk in two women following oral administration of ZOVIRAX and ranged from 0.6 to 4.1 times corresponding plasma levels. These concentrations would potentially expose the nursing infant to a dose of acyclovir as high as 0.3 mg/kg/day. ZOVIRAX should be administered to a nursing mother with caution and only when indicated.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in children less than 6 years of age have not been adequately studied.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Herpes Simplex (Short-Term Administration): The most frequent adverse events reported during clinical trials of treatment of genital herpes with orally administered ZOVIRAX were nausea and/or vomiting in 8 of 258 patients (3.1%), and headache in 2 of 258 patients (0.8%). Nausea without vomiting occurred in 2 of 258 (0.8%) patients who received placebo.

Less frequent adverse events, each of which occurred in 1 of 258 patient treatments with orally administered ZOVIRAX (0.4%), included constipation, dizziness, asthenia, fatigue, edema, skin rash, myalgia, influenza-like symptoms, fever, and sore throat.

Long-Term Administration: The most frequent adverse events reported in a clinical trial for the prevention of recurrences with continuous administration of 400 mg two 200 mg capsules 2 times daily for 1 year in 106 patients treated with ZOVIRAX were nausea (0.9%), diarrhea (0.4%), headache (0.4%), and rash (0.4%). The side effect profile was similar in patients receiving treatment of ulcerations with ZOVIRAX for 1 year. Reported diarrhea (0.7%), nausea (0.4%), headache (0.2%), and rash (0.1%).

The most frequent adverse events reported during the second year by 360 patients who elected to continue administration of 400 mg two 200 mg capsules 2 times daily for 2 years were headache (1.5%), rash (1.1%), and constipation (0.8%). Adverse events reported by 300 patients during the third year included asthenia (1.2%), diarrhea (1.2%), and headache (0.9%).

Herpes Zoster: The most frequent adverse events reported during these clinical trials of treatment of recurrent herpes zoster with 800 mg of oral ZOVIRAX 5 times daily for 7 to 10 days in 302 patients were nausea (11.5%), asthenia (9.0%), headache (5.0%), vomiting (2.0%), diarrhea (1.5%), and constipation (0.9%). The 825 placebo controls reported nausea (11.1%), asthenia (11.5%), headache (11.1%), vomiting (2.3%), diarrhea (1.3%), and constipation (0.4%).

Chickpox: The day of highest adverse events reported during these clinical trials of treatment of chickenpox with oral ZOVIRAX in 448 patients were: diarrhea (3.2%), abdominal pain (0.9%), rash (0.8%), vomiting (0.6%), and fatigue (0.4%). The 458 patients receiving placebo reported: diarrhea (3.2%), headache (0.6%), and asthenia (0.4%).

Observed During Clinical Practice: Based on clinical practice experience in patients treated with oral ZOVIRAX in the U.S., significantly reported adverse events are discussed. Data are insufficient to support an estimate of their incidence or to establish causation. These events may also occur as part of the underlying disease process. Unlabeled reports of adverse events which have been received since market introduction include:

General: fever, headache, pain, peripheral edema, and early satiety.

Nervous system: dizziness, hallucinations, paraesthesia, vertigo, somnolence (these symptoms may be more frequent in older adults).

Digestive: diarrhea, constipation, flatulence, and dry mouth.

Heart and Lymphatic: myocardial infarction, lymphadenopathy.

Musculoskeletal: myalgia.

Skin: urticaria, pruritus, rash, photosensitivity.

Special Senses: visual abnormalities.

Urogenital: elevated creatinine.

OVERDOSAGE: Patients have reported intentional overdoses of up to 100 capsules (20 g) of ZOVIRAX with no unexpected adverse effects.

Administration of acyclovir in renal tubules may occur when the solubility (2.5 mg/mL) in the intratubular fluid is exceeded. Renal failure considered to be renal tubular by precipitation of acyclovir crystals occurred in the following species: rats treated with i.v. and p.o. doses of 20 mg/kg/day for 21 and 31 days, respectively, and at s.c. doses of 100 mg/kg/day for 10 days; rabbits in s.c. and i.v. doses of 50 mg/kg/day for 10 days; and dogs at i.v. doses of 100 mg/kg/day for 31 days. At least hemodynamic results in a 60% decrease in plasma acyclovir concentration. Data concerning peripheral toxicity are incomplete but indicate that this method may be significantly less efficient in removing acyclovir from the blood. In the event of acute renal failure and anuria, the patient may benefit from hemodialysis until renal function is restored (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section of full prescribing information).

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Let your conscience be your guide this Spring Break

Local volunteer agencies could use some helping hands

By Jamie Evans/staff

Spring Break is almost here and you're still crying because you can't make it to the beach. Well stop your belly achin' because there are plenty other less fortunate people around town who could use your help. So put away your undersized bikini's and your speedos and take your conscience on a vacation.

How about children? Everyone loves cute, innocent kids. The Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse needs volunteers not only during Spring Break, but anytime a sympathetic soul can lend a hand.

The center can use helpers to watch children while their parents are in family healing workshops, or in-home volunteers that can help with child observation in unstable homes.

Super-Friends is a program that the center has, similar to the Big Brother program at other volunteer organizations. Persons wanting to be a Super-Friend would be ask to hang out with their little buddies and have a vacant shoulder ready for emergencies.

The local Domestic Violence office is also looking for workers to help out around the office. Initially, volunteers have to intern for fifteen hours doing clerical work until they get the feel for the way the office works. After that, they can stay in the clerical area or move on to do things like paralegal tasks or with the social workers.

For all those over-achievers out there, here's a simple one. The Food Bank of Rutherford County has positions open for people who enjoy bagging food. Sort of reminds you of those

glorious high school days doesn't it?

How about something a little closer to home?

Dr. Cathy Crooks program Students Helping And Reaching out to Everyone (SHARE) is holding a week long festival the week before Spring Break. The group will be hosting activities to help promote a safe Spring Break.

One of their guests for the festivities is a team of Murfreesboro Police Officers called M.P.A.C.T. who will be parked on the Knoll on the Wednesday before Spring Break. The team will be speaking and answering the audience's questions on topics like abuse, drugs, and alcohol.

"Shave the Condom" is a game that will be played at both the Lyon hall lobby and the Corlew lobby that night at 6pm. Players will face the challenge of shaving an inflated condom covered with shaving cream without popping it. Free "Safe Spring Break" grab bags will be available while supplies last.

Another MTSU group, The Raider Assistant Project, will be going to Washington D.C. during Spring Break to help out in a homeless

shelter. However, this years team has already been selected, so volunteers will have to wait until next year if the team goes back.

So buck up, because at least you can count yourself among the educational elite. Make use of your time off and help out someone who is down or lonely. Think about it, your conscience probably needs more work than your tan does. ☺

Other Local Agencies

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The Christy-Houston Foundation 898-1140

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Life Management Services 895-0606

N a c t, Inc. 893-0082

Travel agents offer last minute advice

By Randy Ford/ staff

As the clock winds down and the big week approaches, many students are in a rush to finalize vacation plans for spring break. Students who haven't made plans may find that procrastination can lead to steeper prices and fewer possibilities.

According to Rhonda Phillips, an agent at Town and Country Travel Service, one of this year's most popular packages is a trip to Cancun that includes airfare and hotel reservations.

"People like Cancun, because those are all-inclusive resorts—with water sports included," Phillips said. "You can usually expect to pay \$400-600 per person, but it's about \$200 more for spring break."

Phillips said many resort areas consider the months of February and March as their prime spring break rush and increase prices.

Mildred Williams, owner of Travel Now, Inc., said her agency has organized several spring break packages. One of the most popular ones is a trip to South Texas. The \$250 package covers round-trip airfare.

"We are also sending a group to Lake Tahoe," Williams said. "It costs \$550—a little more because they are going to ski."

Both Williams and Phillips agreed that there is still time to plan.

"People usually start thinking about spring break in January," Williams said. "Before that, it is too cold for them to think about it, but when the new semester starts, we get really busy."

The agents also agreed that vacationers should exercise caution when away from home.

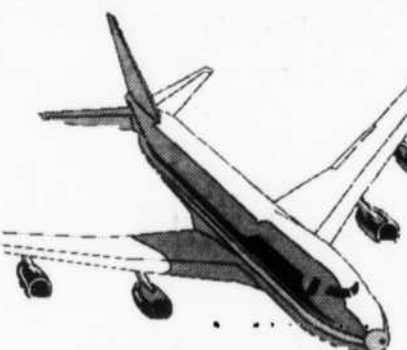
"In a resort area, they should be very aware of (people trying to steal) personal items: billfold, credit cards, and especially your passport," Williams said.

Phillips added that in spots such as Cancun and Jamaica, visitors should "watch for locals trying to take advantage of them." ☺

First Time Flyer?

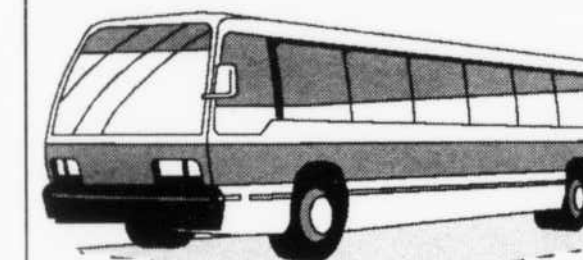
Kimberly Washington, reservationist for A Better Airfare says:

"Book your flight in October! If you have to change planes, be careful. Go right to the next terminal. Don't roam around the airport and keep an eye on your carry-on luggage."



Goin' Greyhound?

Jan Hall, ticket sales attendant in Omaha, Neb. says:



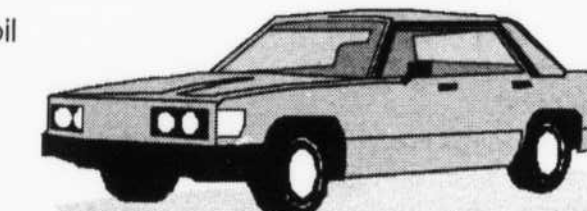
"You have a choice of two great deals if you hurry. \$129 round trip fare and if you reserve your tickets three days in advance you can get companion fares where two travel for the price of one. For

traveling, pack a sack lunch. Bring plenty of drinking water, a small pillow and a blanket, extra spending money and reading material. Pack as much as you can in your carry-on so you don't have to brign a lot of luggage and watch your luggage carefully at all transfer points."

Prepared for the Long Haul?

Jim Heikes, assistant manager for Advance Auto Parts says:

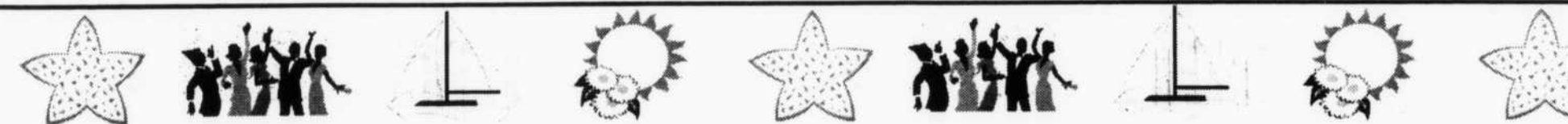
"Make sure you change your oil, oil filters, air filters, check your fluid levels, brakes, tire air pressure, and belts. Your windshield washer fluid, antifreeze



and wiper blades should be checked. Make sure you have a jack and lug wrench and a spare tire full of air. Check the tread wear on your tires. Make sure all your lights work. Drive safe and do the speed limit."

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