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Instructors charged with plagiarism

Two Accounting faculty resign, third receives written reprimand

Brent Andrews
Staff Writer

Two Accounting professors have resigned and another Accounting professor has received a written reprimand after all three were accused of plagiarism.

Drs. Raymond and Lee Knight, a married couple who have been MTSU Accounting teachers for four years, will resign at the end of May after students charged them with five separate instances of plagiarism of their work. The charges were made early this semester.

Dr. Zabiholla Rezaee was found guilty of "plagiarizing language and organization" from a paper written by MTSU faculty member Dr. David Hay, according to a report filed by the Fraudulent Scholarly Activity Review Panel. Hay initiated the complaint.

Sanctions against Rezaee

include having a copy of the report attached to his permanent university file.

Rezaee refused to comment on the report.

The Knights have not admitted to being guilty of the charges.

"When an allegation like this is made, your effectiveness is reduced," said Raymond Knight. "We felt like the best thing to do would be to leave MTSU."

The university has agreed to terminate an investigation into the charges in return for the Knights' resignations. The resignations become effective May 14, according to Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. James Hindman.

Both the Knights and Rezaee were hired by MTSU as instructors in 1990. Raymond Knight is a full professor, while Lee Knight and Rezaee are

associate professors.

Hindman, who determines punishment for all charges of plagiarism against faculty at MTSU, is out of town and unavailable for comment.

The students' names in the Knight case are being kept confidential by university officials.

"I'm shocked," said Greg Hoenie, an Accounting major who had Accounting 211 with Lee Knight. "She was a pretty good teacher."

Raymond Knight taught upper-division Accounting courses.

"I can't comment about this because I have been kept out of the official loop," said Dr. William J. Grasty, chairman of the accounting department.

Grasty said he didn't know any more about the cases than anyone else, and had no comment



RAYMOND KNIGHT



LEE KNIGHT

about the three cases all coming from the accounting department.

"The College of Business has a very strong policy and statement regarding research ethics," said Dr. Barbara S. Haskew, dean of the College of Business. "We encourage all students and faculty to follow the policy."

The College of Business has proposed new guidelines for the Faculty Senate to deal with plagiarism. If approved, the new policy will become standard throughout the university.

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ZABIHOLLA REZAEI

MTSU student killed in truck accident



MARK ESPY

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Staff Writer

MTSU student Mark W. Espy, 19, of Murfreesboro, was killed in a two-car accident on Highway 41S (Manchester Highway) Friday, according to the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Espy was in his second year at MTSU. He was killed instantly when his truck collided with another one.

"He loved life and he loved people," said Susie Espy, the victim's mother. "He

was a son that everyone would have loved to have."

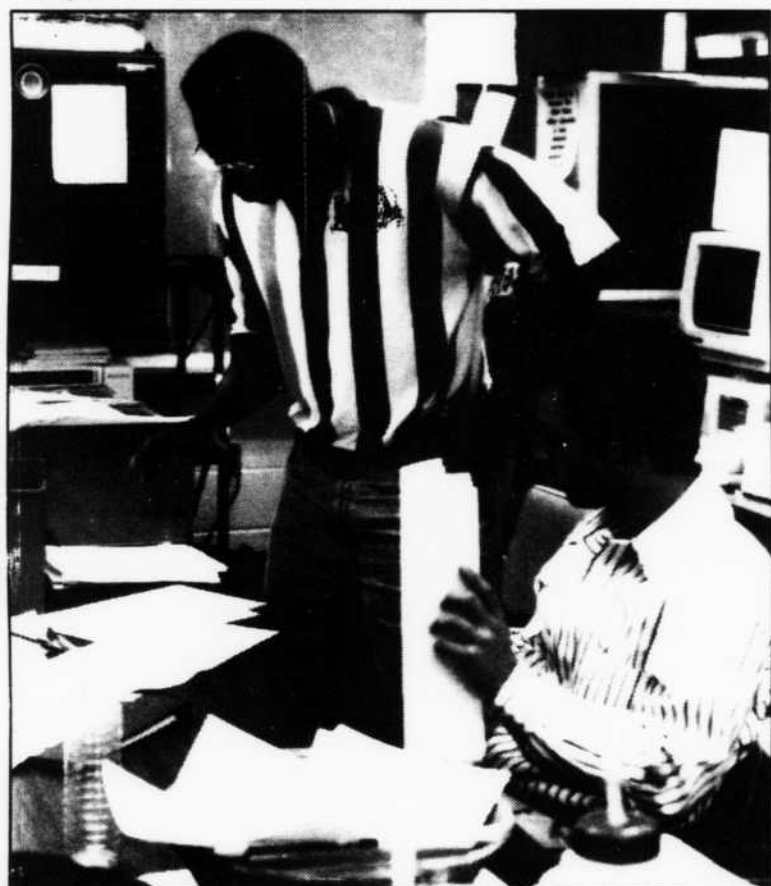
Espy's 1987 Chevrolet S10 truck struck another truck in the rear that was driven by Leonerd H. Gilliam, 69, as Gilliam was turning left from the opposite direction onto Cedar Grove Road, according to Shannon Pickard, a dispatcher with the Tennessee State Highway Patrol. Gilliam was also injured in the accident.

Neither driver was wearing a seat belt. Alcohol

was not a factor in the accident, according to Tennessee state troopers investigating the accident.

Espy graduated from Riverdale High School in 1992. He had not chosen a major.

Espy was buried Monday at the Farrar Hill Cemetery in Manchester. He is survived by his parents, Wayne and Susie, his fiancée, Tonya Arnold, his sisters Angie Mullins and Tammy Bledsoe, and his brothers-in-law, Billy Ray Bledsoe and Cliff Mullins. ■



Brian G. Miller, staff

ABSORBING INFORMATION: John Noah [right] and Jami Bateman prepare for the Cross-Examination Debate Association National Championship to be held Apr. 1 at MTSU.

Debate Team to host CEDA championship

Jessica Clayborn
Staff Writer

The MTSU Debate Team will host the Cross-Examination Debate Association [CEDA] National Championship Apr. 1.

Russell Church, director of the debate team, said he is pleased that MTSU is a host school and feels it will be beneficial to the entire community.

"It is certainly a great privilege for the university community and Rutherford County," Church said. "It will bring over \$250,000 to this area."

The debate team's recent victories at the South Central Regional Tournament in Atlanta have given them confidence to compete in the upcoming tournament, Church said.

"I think we have a very competitive team," Church said. "We have been having great success all year and I

hope we have a fine showing."

Team captain Andrew Butler said his team's chances are good.

"I think it is an honor and a privilege to host [the championship]," Butler said. "I think we are going into the tournament to do well."

Butler was a second-place varsity winner in Atlanta.

Freshman Geoff Jenkins, who was named best speaker in the junior varsity division in Atlanta, credits the debate team for improvement in his school work.

"The biggest benefit [from debating] is the educational value as a whole," Jenkins said. "The best benefit I have gotten from it is that I'm able to speak more clearly and concisely [in my classes]."

The debate team has eight members. The members are divided into four teams, and each team meets several times a week to research and discuss strategy. ■

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

Today

The Division of Continuing Studies is sponsoring the seminar - "Career Choices" from 6-7:30 p.m. in the KUC- room 314. Topics include: choosing a career and preparing for a job interview. For free registration call 898-2462.

The 26th annual of the Southeastern Conference of Undergraduate Chemists will be held in the KUC until March 26. All students interested are welcome. Contact Dawn Pregel at 459-5575 or Dr. James Hutchenson at 898-2956.

The International TV Ass. is sponsoring a script-writing workshop today and tomorrow. The workshop will be hosted by G. Warren, who supervises Video Productions. Check in the Mass Comm. Building for further details.

The Alcohol and Drug Council of Murfreesboro is sponsoring a conference entitled "Making a Difference with Older Adults: It is Never Too Late". It will be held at the Baptist Hospital on 2000 Church St. from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.. The cost is \$40. For more information contact Susan Young at 269-0029.

The Philosophy Department is sponsoring Frithjof Bergmann from the University of Michigan to speak at 3:30 p.m. at Peck Hall in room 227.

Saturday, March 26

The Children's Discovery House Museum is celebrating their 7th birthday from 14 p.m. The Discovery House will offer outdoor games, races, artwork, bubble factory and kite building. Birthday cake will be served with lemonade. Cost is \$2.50 for children, \$3 for adults, and free for "under two's".

Tuesday, March 29

The College Republicans will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the KUC-room 316. Contact JOe Allison at 361-4821.

Thursday, March 31

The Society of Professional Journalists will meet at the Sidelines' office in the JUB -room 310. Officers for 94-95 will be elected. A representative from the Nashville chapter will discuss the fall convention to be held in Nashville. Members and anyone interested in pursuing a career in journalism are encouraged to attend.

The Aerospace Maintenance Club is sponsoring a party featuring 4 Below Zero at T.A.'s Sportsbar and Grill beginning at 9 p.m.

An Apple representative will be on campus to present the latest technology from Apple Computer - the Power Macintosh on the KUC from 2-3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

As a part of National Women's History Month, Dr. La Francis Rodgers-Rose will speak at 7 p.m. in the Mass Comm. building in room 104.

Monday, April 4

As a part of International Culture Week, "Internaitonal Bazar" will be held in the KUC lobby of the 2nd floor from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Intrnational students of MTSU will exhibit traditional clothing, artifacts, and hold an international bake sale.

Ongoing

The whitewater canoe and kayak trip on the Obed Scenic River System will be held April 16-17. Students pay \$15 and guests pay \$20. Transportation and equipment are provided. The trip is limited to 10 people. The sign up deadline is April 11. For more details contact Campus Recreation in the AMG- room 201 at 898-2104.

The student chapter of of the National Ass. of Environmental Professionals will hold meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month and also Monday -March 21 and April 4 at 5 p.m. in WPS -room 201 Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

Anyone who had a photograph made for Midlander in Dec. or Jan., and have not yet received proofs, please call 1-800-654-8810.

An 18 inch- 10karat gold rope chain was lost in mid Feb. If found contact 849-9480 or send it to MTSU P.O. Box D090.

The Bhakti-Yoga/Vegetarian Club meets every Monday from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Jonathan Maxwell at 898-3801 for more details.

The Society of Environmental Professionals will meet at 5 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Wiser-Patton Science Building, room 201. New members are welcome. Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in AMG 210. Call Greg Logan at 898-3081 for more details.

Applications are now being accepted for the Outstanding Student Organizations Advisor Award. They are available in KUC 122. Deadline for entry is Apr. 4. Contact 898-2454 for more details.

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

The Catholic Student Center holds mass every Sunday at 7 p.m. Call 896-6074 for more details.

The Crisis Intervention Center needs crisis call volunteers. The next training class starts April 22. Call 298-3359 for more information.

"Paintbrush Diplomacy: KIds Art From The Americas" is currently on display at The Children's Discovery House Museum through March. The Discovery House is a "Hands-On" Museum dedicated towards excellence in Education.

FOCUS: SGA Election '94

Student Government elections will be held at the Keathley University Center and the James Union Building from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. March 29-30.

All students with a valid MTSU computer-generated identification card are eligible to vote.

Students will select a candidate for SGA president, Speakers of the House and Senate, and five senators from each of the sophomore, junior, senior and graduate classes.

Listed below is a brief profile of the candidates for president and the speaker positions, along with questions and answers from the presidential candidates and statements from the speaker candidates concerning issues relevant to the university.

Drew Bergman

Age: 22

Hometown: Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Major: Philosophy

Minors: Criminal Justice, English, Political Science

Class: Senior

Q: As SGA President, what can you do to increase the day care options for non-traditional students?

A: "First, we must lobby both the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the Tennessee Board of Regents to get more money to fund more space and workers. Secondly, we need to place a student on the already existing University Child Care Committee, and talk to the Extended School Program and the Bright Future Program at the VA Hospital to develop a low-cost program that will appeal to the community."

Ray Lentz

Age: 26

Hometown: Shelbyville, Tenn.

Major: Marketing, Political Science

Minors: Information Systems and Management

Class: Senior

Q: As SGA President, what would you do to help solve the continuing parking problem for students living off campus?

A: "First of all, the off campus towing service should be discontinued. Instead, a boot should be placed on the violator's front tire. Secondly, if we asked students if they would agree to take all evening classes in exchange for a discount off of their tuition, the parking congestion problem would be eliminated."

Jonathan Maxwell

Age: 21

Hometown: Atlanta, Ga.

Major: Radio/TV Management

Minors: English, Theater

Class: Junior

Q: In recent years, SGA has gotten a bad reputation with the students. As SGA President, what would you do to transform this image into a more positive perception?

A: "I don't feel SGA has a 'bad reputation' with the students. I would say SGA has no reputation with students. What I hope to bring about is a new wave of leadership — one that is more open to the students' needs."

Jason Head

Age: 20

Hometown: Kingston Springs, Tenn.

Major: Plant and Soil Sciences

Minors: Undecided

Class: Sophomore

Candidate for Speaker of the House

"I have worked on the Constitutional Revision Committee and worked with Drew on several issues. I would like to continue the motivation started by Drew and help build a more influential House."

Jim Cabbage

Age: 29

Hometown: Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Major: Economics

Minors: Math, Mass Communication

Class: Junior

Candidate for Speaker of the House

"I would like to start the groundwork to see the roles of disabled students enhanced, in particular for the hearing impaired. I would also like to see that students' requests are addressed and that the student body is well represented."

Alison Gambill

Age: 20

Hometown: Franklin, Tenn.

Major: Pre-pharmacy

Minors: not applicable

Class: Sophomore

Candidate for Speaker of the Senate

"The one thing I have heard from students is they feel like they have no voice or say in SGA. My main focus will be to listen to the students, to be accessible to them and find out their needs, and to work towards improving this campus."

Elizabeth Millsaps

Age: 19

Hometown: Lynchburg, Tenn.

Majors: Public Relations, Political Science

Minor: Marketing

Class: Sophomore

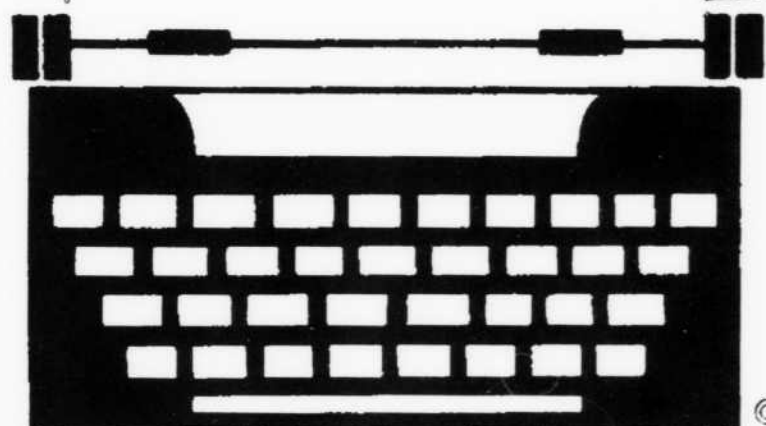
Candidate for Speaker of the Senate

"I think the students are really apathetic about student government. I think this is caused by the apathetic members of SGA, and I believe changes need to be made from within. I think we need to get the members motivated and keep the level up."

Sidelines -

is looking for a few good
News Writers.

For more information,
contact either Warren or
Tina at ext. 2336.



National Women's History Month 5K RUN & 2-MILE WALK

**Sunday, March 27, 1994
2:00 p.m., Alumni Gym
Middle Tennessee State University**

12:30 p.m. Packet pick-up and late registration
2:00 p.m. Start of women's 5K run
2:05 p.m. Start of 2-mile walk
3:15 p.m. Awards presentation

Registration and Entry Fees

\$11.00 with T-shirt	\$13.00 with T-shirt
\$6.00 without T-shirt	\$7.00 without T-shirt
postmarked on or before Mar 23	postmarked or registered after Mar 23

There will be a limited number of shirts available on race day; therefore it is advisable that runners/walkers pre-register before the Mar. 14 deadline. Only those who are pre-registered can be guaranteed a shirt.

Awards

Trophies for the top two finishers in each age group as well as an overall prize will be awarded for the 5K. National Women's History Month buttons will be presented to all participants in both the run and walk.

To pre-register, please return the completed application and your check, made payable to National Women's History Month, c/o Jackie Eller, P.O. Box 126, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132. If you need more information, you may contact Nancy Goldberg at (615) 898-2981 or Jackie Eller at (615) 898-2125.

Directions to race start:



From I-24, Exit 81B (westbound) or 81 (eastbound) follow Church Street through town square to Bell Street. Go right on Bell and continue to Tennessee Blvd. Make a left onto Tennessee Blvd. and then make a right at the first stop light. The Alumni Gym is on the corner. There are several parking lots nearby.

PLEASE PRINT. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 14, 1994.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Age _____

T-shirt Size (Adult) S M L XL

Event: 5K Run 2 Mile Walk

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Division:
19 & under _____
20-29 _____
30-39 _____
40-49 _____
50 & over _____



signature (print or print if under 18)

Recycle for your kids' planet

Plagiarism...

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"There is a sub-committee working on a change in the policy that will simplify the policy and establish specific kinds of sanctions," said Jill Austin, president of the Faculty Senate.

The Fraudulent Scholarly Activity Review Panel is a division of the Faculty Senate. The policy defines the panel's role in investigating charges of fraudulent conduct, which includes fabricating information, falsifying it, and plagiarism. ■

This is not a drill...

Firefighters tackle KUC brush fire



ON THE JOB: Murfreesboro firefighter David Brothers had his hands full yesterday when a bush caught on fire in front of Keathley University Center. Students enjoying the weather at KUC got some excitement when the lawn was invaded by fire trucks and police cars. Fortunately, the only harm done was to the bush. When contacted, Campus Security would not reveal the source of the fire.

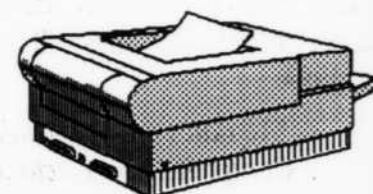


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NATIONAL ROUNDUP

Sheriff need not make background checks

PHOENIX (AP) — The Justice Department is defending the 3-week-old Brady Law from a country sheriff's challenge by arguing law officers need not always carry out background checks the new federal law requires for handgun buyers.

Graham County Sheriff Richard Mack may decide other duties are more pressing than making the checks, the U.S. Justice Department said in a legal brief filed Monday.

"I could do anything else," Mack said from Safford in southeastern Arizona. "I could stand on a street corner and wait for a kid to come by and talk to him on the dangers of drug abuse, and it would be more useful."

Carl Stern, a Justice Department spokesman in Washington, characterized the filing as a "hypothetical legal argument" rather than a guide to enforcing the law. He said local officials are expected to make reasonable efforts to carry out the background checks.

"To not do anything at all because you're opposed to what Congress has done would not be reasonable," Stern said Tuesday.

Mack is challenging the gun law as a private citizen with his own lawyer and help from the National Rifle Association. Like other opponents of the law, Mack has argued it will swamp his department with paperwork and open him to lawsuits by gun victims in his rural county of 28,000 people.

The government brief, filed in U.S. District Court in Tucson, says the chief law enforcement officer in the jurisdiction where the gun is being sold must make a "reasonable" effort to conduct a background check. But it notes that Mack could "at any given time" decide his 12-member department is too busy to conduct the check.

"In other words, a 'reasonable' effort may be no effort at all," the government wrote.

The Justice Department brief was the government's first response to several lawsuits

around the country challenging the law, which requires a five-day wait before a handgun is sold while local law agencies check the buyer's background for any crimes or psychological problems.

Mack argued the law is unconstitutionally vague and infringes upon states' rights by telling local law officers what to do. The government contends the law applies mainly to gun dealers, not local authorities.

The law enacted Feb. 28 was named for former White House press secretary James Brady, who was shot during a 1981 assassination attempt on then-President Reagan.

F-16 collides with C-130; some deaths reported

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. (AP) — An Air Force F-16 collided in the air Wednesday with a C-130 and crashed, spewing flaming debris on a parked plane. An undetermined number of deaths were reported.

The pilots of the F-16 ejected successfully and the C-130 landed safely, the Pentagon said in a statement.

One Pentagon officer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they had received reports of "at least several deaths" and several dozen injured.

After the pilots ejected, debris from the F-16 struck a C-141 transport parked on the ramp and the huge aircraft "subsequently burned," the Pentagon said.

The statement said "the number of casualties are being assessed."

However, the Pentagon source said an initial report of four to eight deaths had been received, as well as a report of "anywhere from 20 to 100 people" suffering burn injuries.

"The F-16 landed, and broke up," the officer said. "It hit guys on the ground."

Pope Air Force Base adjoins the Army base at Fort Bragg.

Woman wins \$85,000 for refusing an abortion

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A woman who said she was fired for refusing to get an abortion won a \$85,000 judgment against the company. She had testified

her bosses put a basket of pennies on her desk to pay for the operation.

Margaret Bonnell told jurors her boss at Altman Management Co., a leasing agent, urged her to get an abortion and put the basket on her desk.

She also claimed the company doctored her spotless record as a \$25,000-per-year leasing agent to try to justify firing her in May 1992. She gave birth to a son that fall.

Bonnell, 31, was awarded \$45,000 in damages and \$39,974 in back pay and lawyers' fees Tuesday.

"She's elated. She stood up to a big company and did the right thing," said her lawyer Howard Shifke.

Altman lawyer Griffin Bell Jr. argued that Bonnell was fired because she was bad at her job and failed to meet leasing quotas. He denied her files were altered, and said her colleagues, not her bosses, put out the wicker basket as a bad joke.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An election will be held on Tuesday, March 29, and Wednesday, March 30, 1994. Polls will be located and open as follows:

Keathley University Center
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

James Union Building
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Appearing on this Ballot will be:

- (1) Candidates for SGA President (one)
- (2) Candidates for Speaker of the Senate (one)
- (3) Candidates for Speaker of the House (one)
- (4) Candidates for Sophomore Senators (five)
- (5) Candidates for Junior Senators (five)
- (6) Candidates for Senior Senators (five)
- (7) Candidates for Graduate Senators (five)

All students must present a valid MTSU computer generated identification card to be eligible to vote in this election. Students must obtain a qualifying petition on March 8, 1994 starting at 12:00 noon in the SGA office located in KUC 304. *Deadline for filing petitions will be on or before Tuesday, March 15, 1994 at 4:00 PM. A mandatory candidates' meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 1994 at 3:00 PM in room 305, Keathley University Center. Each candidate or a representative must attend this meeting.*

Campaigning for this election begins at 12:00 noon on March 19, 1994. You may actively campaign until March 30. All candidates names will be made public on March 19, 1994.

**All dates are in accordance with the Comprehensive Electoral Act of 1983.*

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Flunk teachers who cheat, too

Teachers cheat, too.

When teachers do it, it's called plagiarizing. And it doesn't necessarily mean they flunk the course.

Three MTSU professors, all in the accounting department, have recently been involved in plagiarism cases. The husband and wife teaching team of Lee and Ray Knight has decided to resign at the end of the semester, without admitting to have plagiarized. They are charged with copying students' work on at least five separate occasions.

The Knights will not be allowed to teach at MTSU anymore, but one wonders if their resumes will carry the information that they left MTSU under charges of plagiarism. They should.

Dr. Zabihollah Rezaee acknowledged plagiarizing, from MTSU faculty member David Hay.

Rezaee has not been fired either. He will have a copy of the report on this incident placed in his permanent file.

When students cheat at MTSU, or any other place, the consequences are swift and severe. They are laid out clearly for the student.

Teachers should face the same consequences for their actions. Having a teacher who admits to plagiarizing remain at the university sends the message that these activities are, on some level, tolerable. Allowing teachers to resign, rather than be fired, softens the blow and gives the appearance that teachers are less responsible for their actions than students.

The students in the Knight case have not been named by the university, but they are to be applauded for having the courage to confront their professors when their work was stolen. They helped remind us that no one should get away with cheating. ■



Whitewater, other Clinton deals deserve investigation

The
Conservative
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CHRISTINA BASIEL



How slick is Slick Willie? It looks as if we are going to find out. Amidst the turmoil of the Whitewater scandal, Hillary and her husband

are shredding for their political lives and their closest allies are deserting them like rats leaving a sinking ship.

Whitewater is the name of a land development venture entered into by the Clintons and their friends the McDougals in the late 1970s. Two hundred acres of Ozark land was purchased with the intent of opening a resort community, but the project never materialized.

Granted, a failed real estate investment is quite common and not usually the stuff of which scandals are made. However, when Hillary and her husband are involved, there are always nasty little secrets hidden away to conceal the truth.

The Clintons' partner in Whitewater, James McDougal, just happened to be the owner and president of a savings and loan in Arkansas at the time Whitewater was being nurtured. It is also "coincidental" that after McDougal was fired from the presidency

of the S&L, due to unethical business practices as determined by the federal government, the S&L was closed, carrying a debt of \$47 to \$60 million.

This is where we find the heart of the Whitewater scandal. Rumor has it that Hillary and her husband bear some responsibility for the failure of the savings and loan, and that the responsibility is directly connected to their financial loss on Whitewater. The rumors go on to imply that McDougal loaned money to the Clintons and made political contributions to them with S&L depositors' funds, and that the Clintons themselves mentioned neither these loans nor the supposed \$60,000 Whitewater loss on their income tax statements.

Just as a heart has veins and arteries, so does the Whitewater scandal. Currently under scrutiny is the Rose law firm, of which Hillary was a partner. It seems that the firm, which also employed the Clinton's late friend, Vince Foster, has been accused of destroying documents which possibly pertain to the Whitewater venture, as well as the files that Mr. Foster left behind when he accepted the position of White House counsel.

It is also worth mentioning that the Rose law firm partners and their friends the Clintons go way back. It seems that Hillary was hired (fresh out of law school, mind you) as an associate at the firm on the same day that her husband took his position as the Arkansas attorney general, and

that she was promoted to partner on the same day that her husband assumed his office as governor. Of course, this is all simply "coincidental."

As a side note, I feel it is worth mentioning that Hillary's financial speculations are not limited to real estate. Not only has the first lady held interest in medical and pharmaceutical companies, she also has had a hand in poultry. Another "coincidence," which the Republicans are unjustly exploiting to hinder the brilliance of the first president in 12 years to care about the people, is the lack of action taken by the state of Arkansas against Tyson Foods when the corporation was found, repeatedly, to be in violation of environmental protection laws. Oh, did I mention that Hillary held interests in Tyson? I have to wonder, does Al Gore know about this?

Now for all of you Clintonites who turn a blind eye to the truth, I will graciously admit that these allegations are just that: allegations. The first couple is currently under investigation and it would not be appropriate to begin impeachment proceedings until the investigation is complete. Whitewater, at this point, is still a puzzle which is missing several important pieces.

Those of you who wish to excuse the Clinton's actions by pointing to Republican indiscretions as the basis for partisan prejudice, should realize that the

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thomas deserves honor as successful role model

To the Editor:

I am responding to a letter in the March 10th edition of *Sidelines* in which the writer, Vincent Racanelli, rules that Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas is not worthy of being honored during Black History Month. Mr. Racanelli's judgment stems from his belief that "never in his career or personal life has he (Justice Thomas) exhibited devotion to African Americans as a whole."

First of all, Black History Month is a time when black citizens who have been successful are honored because of their achievements. Clarence Thomas is a black American who has risen to the pinnacle of the legal/justice profession. Anyone chosen to be a Supreme Court Justice because of his or her years of hard work, education and dedication is overwhelmingly deserving of

honor. Clarence Thomas easily meets the criteria to be honored during Black History Month.

Furthermore, and overruling Mr. Racanelli's opinion, Justice Thomas was appointed to the Supreme Court of the people of the United States. He was not appointed to serve only one race that helps to comprise our nation; he was appointed to serve African-Americans, European-Americans, Asian-Americans, and all other Americans. We all live in the same country, Mr. Racanelli, and we all deserve to be served equally by our government. To say that an official should strive only for those people in his or her ethnic background fuels prejudice and also grossly refutes the principles on which our country is built.

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Rush a great band; quit knocking them

To the Editor:

I read Ryan White's letter in the *Sidelines*. I agree 100 percent. When I first read the article that the *Sidelines* published, I was a bit disappointed how they handled it, as well as surprised. I feel that the paper has no business printing what they did. I think it was in poor taste, undignified, rude and simply a cheap shot! I have seen Rush perform in other cities. Their shows are great. As soon as I saw the article, the thought occurred to me that if the band gets word of it (if they haven't already) you can bet they won't be back! I think it was uncalled for. A band like Rush can just as easily go elsewhere to perform. For a band like Rush to stop to perform at a center with only approximately 10-12,000 seating capacity is generous. Just ask Student Programming; they will tell you

that bands normally only break even on a center able to seat 12,000 and up.

I believe that *Sidelines* should realize that Rush coming was a benefit and a courtesy to the university, not to mention the hard work of MTSU Student Programming on the concert committee. In an area where there is more than one location to host a show, I believe the *Sidelines* should realize the situation.

Finally, I believe it should be pointed out that many other bands also have contracts like that, and it is not Rush's fault. Rush's contract is not unique in that respect. Oh! One other thing, rock bands in the industry pass along to each other which locations were good crowds, and of course "welcome," giving crowds. Gee, I wonder what Rush will say about Murphy Center to other touring bands?

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Clinton...

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accusations against the first couple were activated through their own faults.

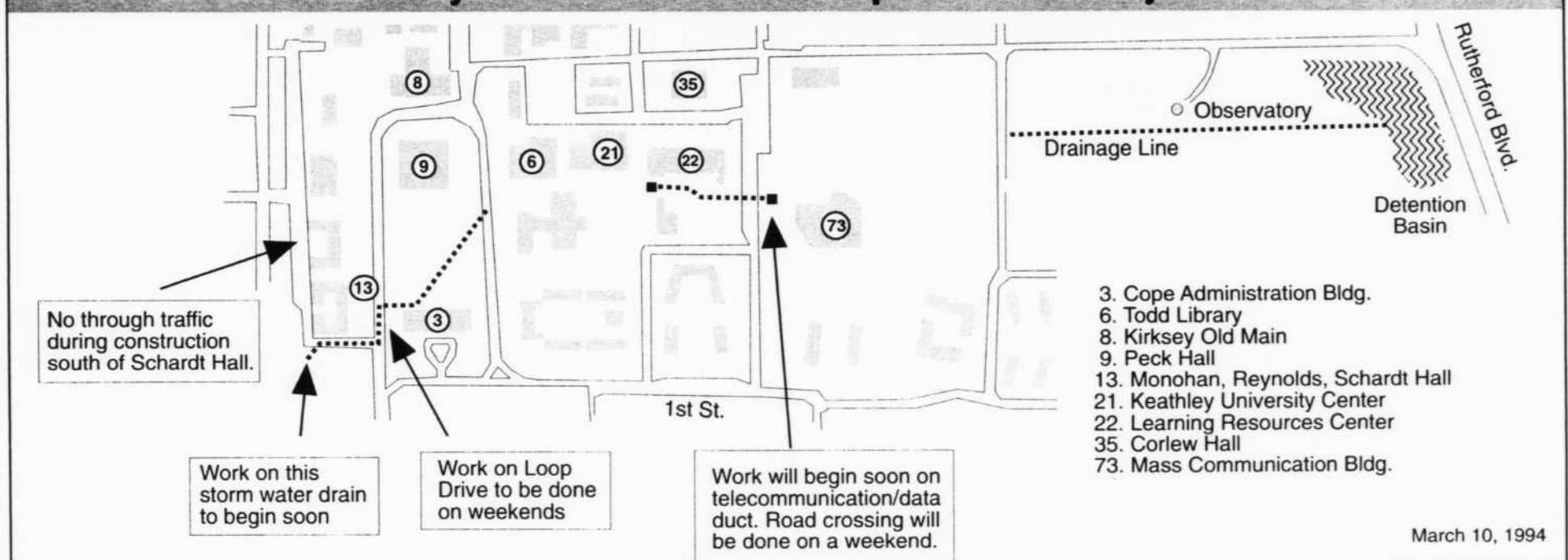
Even the smartest woman in the world (Hillary) has admitted to occasional poor judgment. The appropriate phrase may be continual misconduct.

The pressures of the Whitewater scandal have not brought the operations of the Clinton administration to a halt and unfortunately they will not. The various members of the administration who have been subpoenaed will be able to fit perjury comfortably into their schedules without missing a single session of blame shifting.

Regardless of your political affiliation, understand this: When our leaders are suspected of engaging in criminal conduct, it is our obligation as defenders of the Constitution to investigate these suspicions. This is not an issue of Republican versus Democrat, folks.

This is an issue of a leader being subject to the laws of the land. ■

Utility and Infrastructure Improvement Project



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: March 10, 1994

Work on the Utility and Infrastructure Improvement Project has begun in earnest. A contractor staging site has been set up at Rutherford Boulevard and Second Street near the WMOT tower. Reliable Mechanical of Louisville and subcontractors will be working in several areas of the campus. The work to take place this week will not cause any disruption to either vehicle or pedestrian traffic. Survey crews will be working at various locations.

The inspection of buildings to document existing cracks prior to trenching and blasting will continue. This work was begun on March 1 by Sauls Engineering Company. Any time Sauls personnel are inside a building one of the MTSU physical plant employees will be with them to provide access to the areas to be observed. This work will continue over the next three weeks. There should be very little inconvenience to the building occupants while Sauls Engineering is making observations. Staff, faculty, and students are urged to accommodate Sauls employees as they perform this work.

Some trenching and blasting will begin on the eastern part of the campus this week and continue into next week. This blasting will be along a route where a large storm drainage line will be installed to a detention basin along Rutherford Boulevard at Second Street. The following method of notice will be used when blasting.

Blasting Notice

When explosives are to be set off to blast rock in ditch lines, the following sequence will alert MTSU Security and individuals near the area.

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Areas in which some work may start during Spring Break, March 14-18, or the following week are shown on the campus map. They are in the area of Schardt and Monohan Halls, Cope Administration, and on another part of the campus at the Learning Resources Center and Mass Communication. Work on Loop Drive west of Cope and crossing "C" Street in front of Mass Communication will be done on weekends. However the work south of Schardt Hall will block off the parking lot and its through passage when it occurs. Further notice will be given as to the date other road at Schardt Hall will be blocked.

If there are concerns about programs or events please call Bill Smotherman, director of physical plant, at 2414.

The Holocaust Project

There's more
to the Holocaust
than 'Schindler's List'

by
James Hanback

Although "Schindler's List" won big at the Oscars Monday night, to some people it is only a partial story of the Holocaust.

Judy Chicago, an artist who spent eight years on a series of works depicting scenes from the Holocaust, is one of those people.

"I admire the movie, but the real story behind the Holocaust is not how kind people can be," Chicago told the crowd gathered at the LRC for her appearance. "It is how unkind people can be."

Chicago's work is unique because it depicts the struggles of both men and women during the Holocaust, while history sticks mainly to the male story.

While a strong believer in feminism, Chicago says some people come away from her Holocaust Project with the wrong impression.

"People say, 'This is about women in the Holocaust,'" she explains. "But it's really gender balanced."

Chicago adds that the reason

for people's misconceptions lies in the fact that they are confused when they see female images among Holocaust scenes, because history has largely ignored female roles during those times.

Apart from heterosexual men and women, Chicago also adds a work depicting the persecution of homosexual men and lesbians during the Holocaust.

"It was hard to find evidence because nobody wanted to talk about homosexuality and lesbianism when these events were taking place," Chicago says. Chicago also notes that it has only been in recent times that homosexuals of the Holocaust have come forward to tell their stories.

Much of Chicago's work in the *Holocaust Project* combines her painting skills with the manipulation of photographs of the Holocaust to create what she calls a more realistic scene.

"The painting combined with the photographs helps to tell a

more human story," she says.

Chicago's husband, Donald Woodman, was responsible for the photography manipulation.

After fading the backgrounds of the picture, Woodman transferred them onto a fabric called

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photo-linen, on which Chicago would paint her images.

"Ironically," Chicago says of the process, "that material was only available from Germany."

In spite of the major attention the Holocaust receives from many different communities of the nation, Chicago says her idea for this project was at first rejected by

the art community for being too much of a cliché.

"Still," she maintains, "I wanted to bring the story of the Holocaust out of the Jewish community."

Her evidence of this goal is the first painting in the *Holocaust Project* series, which Chicago considers the focus piece of the entire project.

It is the triangular symbol used to mark prisoners by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Chicago has added some details of her own, which illustrates the goal of the entire project. She inverted the triangle so that its tip pointed up instead of down, as it was worn by prisoners of the Nazis. Also, each color in the triangle represents a different race or culture that was persecuted by the Nazis.

To further demonstrate that her work on the *Holocaust Project* was not biased toward any specific race or culture, Chicago points out that "men, women,

Jews and Gentiles worked on the project."

"It's important for everybody to have the rights to their own experiences of oppression," she adds.

Chicago's work seems to be designed only to make one think about the Holocaust and to form questions in his or her mind about why any human being would create such horror.

Chicago's series ends with her statement that people are "technological giants and ethical dwarfs." True to that belief, her work often depicts the dangers of nuclear weaponry and other devices of the nuclear age.

Although she succeeds in creating many horrors on the canvas, Chicago closes her lecture with a slide depicting a stained glass window that she says "affirms the capacity of the human spirit."

"[It's] a prayer," she adds, "a vision I believe can become reality." ■



Robbie Watts, staff

TELLING THE STORY: Artist Judy Chicago lectures on the effects of the Holocaust as part of the Holocaust Studies Series sponsored by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission and the College of Liberal Arts, MTSU.



Virgin Records

Iggy Pop performs a timeless rock show

Don Carr
Staff Writer

Iggy Pop, who is touring in support of his *American Caesar* LP, brought his timeless rock show to Nashville's 328 Performance Hall recently.

Pop, tagged of late as the "godfather of punk," largely due to his early work with the groundbreaking band The Stooges (1968-74), arrived on the music scene at the height of the flower power movement in 1968-69. Hailing from Detroit, The Stooges combined political, sexual and generally pissed-off lyrical themes with loud, distorted, guitar-based music, an attitude and approach adopted and refined nearly a decade later by the Sex Pistols, Dead Kennedys and the like.

Wasting no time, Iggy and company hit the stage full force, turning it up and going right for the audience's throat.

To the delight of the crowd, the band opened the show with a trio of Stooges favorites — "Down on the Street," "Raw Power" and "TV Eye," setting the tone for the night's no-holds-barred show.

Pop, 44, pounded the stage non-stop, prancing, taunting the crowd with obscenities and slamming into everything and everybody on stage, never missing a beat as he barked out his lyrics. He displayed an unequalled amount of energy and expelled enough onstage rage to fuel a hundred Kurt Cobains, Henry Rollinses and Chuck Ds.

After describing in graphic detail what sexual desire he would like to perform on a female fan down front, Pop proclaimed he would then "be her dog," thus kicking into his 1969 classic, "I Wanna Be Your Dog." By now the audience was engulfed in the same musical frenzy that gripped Pop himself.

After closing the set with "No Fun," Iggy and band returned to the stage amid the chant "Iggy, Iggy" from the sweat-soaked crowd. In what would serve as the only time for the fans to catch their breath during the two-hour-plus show, the band changed gears with both guitarist Eric Schermerhorn and bassist Hal Cragin switching to their acoustic counterparts for the first of seven encores with the song "Social Life."

The sight of Iggy Pop crooning "Social Life" next to Cragin's upright bass was worth the ticket price alone. After performing a series of new songs from *American Caesar*, the band brought the evening's festivities to a close with a blistering version of Pop's 1988 single, "Cold Metal."

Iggy took a final bow and headed off the stage, leaving behind one of the most honest, pure, and brutal rock 'n roll shows I have personally ever seen.

After 25 years, the man who has inspired countless acts from the Ramones to Guns N' Roses to Nirvana is still going strong and proving there is nothing like seeing the original. ■

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Leary's style carries 'The Ref'

Corrie Cron
Staff Writer

It is very easy to like "The Ref," starring Dennis Leary, Kevin Spacey and Judy Davis.

The characters' one-liners will keep you laughing as well as the unpredictable situations. This movie is kind of a cinematic holiday classic which revolves around a bungled criminal investigation.

Denis Leary is Gus, a cat burglar who's most recent heist is foiled by a hi-tech booby trap and a Doberman pincher named Cannibal.

In order to escape, he decides to kidnap Lloyd (Spacey) and Caroline (Davis) a couple who, to put it mildly, are having marital problems. Even though they are being held hostage, they do not hesitate to argue about anything and everything.

Gus, who idealizes family life, gets more than he bargains for when he has to not only keep Lloyd and Caroline at bay, but deal with obnoxious in-laws and Scandinavian traditions.

Fans of Dennis Leary will be



ALL TIED UP: (Kevin Spacey, left; Judy Davis, center; Denis Leary, right) Gus (Leary), a jewel thief, finds himself playing referee for Caroline (Davis), and Lloyd (Spacey).

pleased to see that he is just as funny slowed down as he is firing bitter commentary 90 words per second. Also, the movie does not take advantage of Leary's talent for monologues. There were many places in the script where it would have been possible for pieces of his routine to creep in, yet they never did.

This is the first film Leary has had to carry on his own. In the past, he has been well-known for his comedy bits on MTV, particularly one in which he fantasizes about Cindy Crawford and a box of Eskimo pies. Where in the past he was simply the bad guy, Leary is able to portray a character which is more than a

man with a gun. He delivers some heart-felt scenes with adequate seriousness and limited corniness. As a Leary fan, it is good to see him take opportunities that go beyond comic-turned-actor performances and be just as successful in them as in the bit parts.

Kevin Spacey, who has been a

stage actor for quite some time, is now making the jump to film. As the chronically normal head of a deteriorating household, he gives Lloyd an honorable respect for his position, but also shows his weak points as well. He is both the victim and the cause of problems in the marriage. Spacey does an excellent job of not becoming a sympathy figure. He reveals just enough to let the audience understand his predicament.

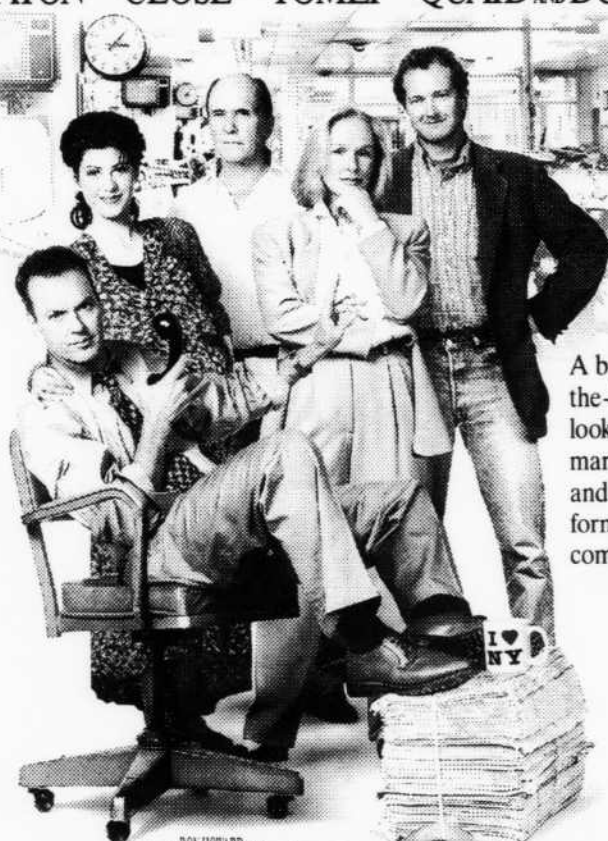
Judy Davis, while funny, turns in the cardboard cut-out performance of the film. She is the bored, wealthy housewife who misses the romance and excitement of the early years of the marriage - but that is it. What audiences learn about Caroline in the first five minutes of the movie is all there is to learn.

Overall, the movie is worth a look. Leary's true comedic self breaks free in the final minutes. And to quell the biggest fear: They did not put all the funny lines in the trailers.

"The Ref" is rated 'R' for language. ■

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Raiders beginning to rock

After slow start, MTSU baseball team heating up

Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

While most students were away from campus for Spring Break, the Middle Tennessee State baseball team was busy perfecting its game on the diamond.

The Blue Raiders went 8-3 over the last 11 days to improve its overall record to 10-8.

Middle picked up three victories over Eastern Illinois, one victory over Alabama State, split a double-header with South Alabama, lost to Southwest Missouri, picked up two victories over Wisconsin-Milwaukee, beat Northeast Illinois, and lost to nationally ranked Auburn. MTSU was scheduled to play at Alabama Wednesday, but the game was rained out.

But the Blue Raiders must now get ready to defend their Ohio Valley Conference regular season crown. MTSU has won the title for four straight years.

They begin their defense at home Saturday afternoon against Austin Peay. The two teams will play a double-header on Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. The teams will meet again Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. for a single game. MTSU is 6-1 at Reese Smith Field for the year. Students can get into the home games free if they present a valid ID.

"We're going to have to have it all to win the title again," said last year's OVC Player of the Year Mudcat Brewer, "but mainly pitching and defense. We've got a good hitting team and we'll hit the ball, but pitching and defense will have to carry us to the crown."

"We got off to such a terrible start this year," said MTSU coach Steve Peterson. "We lost our first five and we got beat bad. Then we started playing a lot better. What we have not done yet is put together a total package—pitching, defense, and hitting."

"I'm seeing some good signs.

I'm seeing my club getting better and making improvements. I think we've got some talent on the team and we're going to be all right."

Brewer, third baseman and right fielder, leads the Raiders in hitting, with a .437 average, three home runs and 17 runs batted in. Second on the team is Jamie Walker with a .406 average, four HRs, and 21 RBI's.

Craig Reavis is hitting .362 on the year with five RBI's in his lead-off position. Catcher Jamie Hicks is hitting .333 with three HRs and 15 RBI's.

Although batting just .299 on the year, center fielder Chris Price has started coming on strong after a rough start. This past week he batted .360 with two HRs and was named the OVC Player of the Week. Price also knocked in nine runs, scored nine runs, and stole four bases on the week.

One of the keys to how well the Blue Raiders will compete in the OVC is pitching, said Peterson.

"What we don't have yet is that bell-cow pitcher. We've got five or six number two pitchers.

They're all pretty good pitchers, but we need that one guy that will get [us] a victory or keep [us] close every time out," said Peterson. "It has just been inconsistent pitching so far, but we're going to have a solid staff."

Jason Stanton leads the Raider staff in earned run average with 1.38. He is 2-0 in 13 innings pitched. Brian Swistak is 2-2 with a 6.33 ERA in 21 innings pitched. Reavis is 2-1 on the mound with a 5.75 ERA in 20 innings pitched.

Patrick Mayes has a perfect 1-0 record for the Raiders with a ERA of 4.76 in 17 innings of work. Richie Conway has picked up two saves for the Raiders on the year, while Steven Lay has also given the Raiders a few quality innings.

As far as question marks in the field, Peterson says that left field is the only position he is concerned about.

"We've been struggling in left field as far as getting a consistent performer," said Peterson. I think we know who our best defensive player is out there, but we haven't put together any offense. There are some questions out there." ■

Pete gets 200th win at MTSU

Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU head baseball coach Steve Peterson reached a milestone this past Sunday in the Blue Raiders' victory over Northeastern Illinois.

The victory was Peterson's 200th as the skipper for MTSU in his seventh year at the helm of the Blue Raiders.

"I'll be very honest with you," said Peterson, "I didn't know it was my 200th victory until they announced it over the PA system [after the game]."

"I personally do not get motivated by how many wins I have or overall record, I'm totally motivated by hardware—trophies and rings," said Peterson. "I want to see this team win a championship and go to the NCAA tournament."

"I could go out and schedule teams that we could beat if I just worried about my

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Spring drills begin for MTSU football team

Six home games on '94 schedule

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

Coming off its first losing season since 1982, the Blue Raider football team entered spring practice yesterday with intentions of turning things around.

Last year's 5-6 mark could prove compelling to Boots Donnelly's troops.

"What we've got is a group of young men who have gone from being successful to a group that has lost the respect of its opponents and one that is as the bottom of the pit. If that won't motivate you, what will?" asked Donnelly.

Spring practice will consist of workouts with the returning players. Any incoming players that signed with MTSU in the off-season will not practice until the fall when they enroll in school.

1994 Schedule

Sept. 3	at Tenn. State
Sept. 10	at James Madison
Sept. 24	at Murray State
Oct. 1	Eastern Kentucky
Oct. 8	UT-Martin (HC)
Oct. 15	Morehead State
Oct. 22	at SE Missouri
Oct. 29	Jacksonville St.
Nov. 5	at Austin Peay
Nov. 12	Illinois State
Nov. 19	Tenn. Tech

The 1994 football schedule was also released this week with a strange twist. Usually, the Blue Raiders find themselves on the road but this season, MTSU will host six home games.

Eastern Kentucky comes to Murfreesboro Oct. 1 for the first home game, which will be played at night.

Lacking from this year's slate is a Division I-A opponent.

"If we can't play a Division I-A team, we're going to try to play six or even seven games at home in the future," Donnelly said. ■

The 'Magics' back in LA

John Nadel
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers, producing some of their old Showtime dramatics, recalled Magic Johnson from retirement to coach the team he led to five NBA titles Wednesday.

Johnson was the maestro of the Lakers for 12 seasons, then retired suddenly just before the 1991-92 season after learning he was infected with the virus that causes AIDS. Since that time, Showtime has been little more than a memory. Perhaps that will

"I'm happy to be back for however long it is going to be."

- Magic Johnson
Laker Head Coach

change, although it's uncertain how long Johnson will coach.

"Earvin Johnson will be the Lakers' coach for the remainder of the season," general manager Jerry West said yesterday, at a news conference in the Forum.

"Jerry Buse has always harbored the desire for Magic Johnson to coach this team," West

said about the Lakers' owner.

Johnson, 34, replaces Randy Pfund, who earlier this month signed a one-year contract extension with the team through the 1995-96 season.

"Oh, man. Well, I'm happy to be back for however long it is going to be," Johnson said.

"I'm just doing it for him," Johnson said about Buse.

"I don't need any medical advice," he said. "I'm healthy and ready to go."

His first game as the Lakers coach will come Sunday night at

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Rose garners NCAA championship

Staff Reports

Dionne Rose became the first Lady Raider in school history to win a national championship at the NCAA Indoor Championships on March 11. Rose took the title in the high hurdles with a time of 7.60, winning all three rounds in which she competed.

"To have a national championship from your school, and the first ever female at that, is

really good for Middle Tennessee State University," commented MTSU track coach Dean Hayes.

As a team, the Lady Raiders earned their highest finish ever, placing eighth at the event, scoring 21 points. Louisiana State won the crown accumulating 48 points.

MTSU also had several positive performances elsewhere.

Jacqui Brown earned All-American honors with an eighth place finish in the long jump at 20

feet, 1/4 inch.

Roland McGhee finished third in the men's long jump with a leap of 26-2 3/4. He has now earned All-American honors seven times and he's the first MTSU trackster to be a four-time All-American in the same event.

MTSU will begin its outdoor season April 26-27 at the Alabama Relays on the campus of the University of Alabama. ■

Baseball on the brink, predictions on target?

Atlanta Braves picked to go to World Series again

About this time of year, that sound gets in the air. Not the birds chirping or the warm breeze blowing, but the crack of bats, the spit of tobacco, and the Braves fans doing the chop.

Soon that sound turns into the crack of bones when someone charges the mound following an inside pitch, more tobacco spit, and Braves fans crying when Hot 'Lanta chops — oops, I mean chokes.

It's baseball season in about a week and, as with any year, the crystal ball comes out of my closet for my yearly predictions. Over the next week or so, we'll be printing other columns with everyone else's guesses, but naturally, the best takes the lead so here's the standard all those others will be trying to live up to.

This year features a new twist to baseball. Instead of two divisions in each league, there will now be three. That's a total of six divisions. At the schedule's conclusion, the divisional winners each advance to postseason play. Each league, the American and the National, will also produce a wild card team (a non-divisional winner with the best record), and based on several factors, there will be two five-game series played with the winner of each playing to go to the Series.

Whew! Basically, it means more television revenue and actually, some quite competitive divisions, so we'll start with the one that people want to know about the most.

N.L. East

Chop, chop, chop. Choke, choke, choke!

Braves fans, a large portion of which I must admit are bandwagon, are looking for that long-awaited World Series ring again this year, but getting out of their division is going to be quite a chore in itself. This is perhaps the toughest division in baseball with the likes of Atlanta, Philadelphia and the Montreal Expos.

Philly and Atlanta each were division winners last year, while Montreal has been on the rise over the past three seasons. Therefore, all three are legitimate picks and it should go down to the last few weeks of the season.

Look for Montreal to be in the race largely in part to the pitching of Ken Hill and the bat of Marquis Grissom. Great players, but not enough to win the title.

Look at Philadelphia and you see a bunch of overweight, grungy-looking slops who could



Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

stand to sign a deal for Tide commercials. That grit and grime is also a symbol of their play. Atlanta is pretty clean cut and loaded, even without Ron Gant. The Braves still have the best pitching staff in baseball (history?). The bats are led by potential league MVPs at nearly every position. Not even Ted Turner or Jane Fonda can ruin this team. I'll take the Braves again.

Oh yes, let us not forget that the Mets and the Florida Marlins are also in this division. Then again, maybe it is better that we do forget.

Order of finish: 1)Atlanta, 2)Philadelphia, 3)Montreal, 4)New York, 5)Florida.

N.L. Central

This could be the most balanced race in baseball.

Houston has a wealth of young talent. St. Louis has a wealth of winning history and a capable club. Chicago has a wealth of tradition at Wrigley. Pittsburgh used to have a wealth of talent and Cincinnati always has a wealth of injuries. Basically, any of these teams could go bottoms up or straight up.

Even with the aging Wizard of Oz (Ozzie Smith) holding the reins, the Cardinals have a young, talented team that can do some serious damage, yet all the pieces have to fall together. Gregg Jerreries has to prove last year wasn't a fluke. Bernard Gilkey and Brian Jordan must become consistent and the pitching staff, already a question, must solidify.

Houston is still a year away and Chicago is still Chicago — yawn. At least the Cubs have Harry Carey who is quite humorous after he's gotten about ten Buds down his throat by the fifth inning.

The Pirates have sunk since their funds ran out and Schottzie is back in Cincinnati. Whoopee!

Order of finish: 1)St. Louis, 2)Houston, 3)Cincinnati, 4)Chicago, 5)Pittsburgh.

N.L. West

Too easy.

San Francisco has too much for anyone else to handle. A solid rotation and Barry Bonds will produce the divisional title it blew last year.

Los Angeles' infield says enough. Colorado proved it was no pushover, but it's still an expansion team that could use some expansion in the win column. Meanwhile, San Diego's highlight is the return of Bip Roberts. Whoopie, whoopee!

Order of finish: 1)San Francisco, 2)Los Angeles, 3)Colorado, 4)San Diego.

A.L. East

Call this one the 'Battle of the Birds.'

Baltimore throws Mike Mussina at you. Toronto counters with Juan Guzman. The Orioles' bats are in the hands of Chris Sabo, Cal Ripken and Brady Anderson. The Blue Jays punish the ball via Roberto Alomar, Joe Carter and Paul Molitor.

Take note, though, that all of Baltimore's players have proven inconsistent. The Jays have been nothing but consistent winners in the past. Give the edge to Toronto.

New York and Boston could stay in the race for a while but instead of contenders in September, the Yanks will be pointing fingers at each other while Boston's Mo Vaughn will still look like a well-done Pillsbury Doughboy.

Detroit will defiantly make some noise with its batting lineup filled with class acts like Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker. Its pitching will make a lot of noise too, as the opponents crack their bats for hits quite often.

Order of finish: 1)Toronto, 2)Baltimore, 3)New York, 4)Boston, 5)Detroit.

A.L. Central

Did we mention that Carey guy earlier? He might want to switch sides of town and wear a little black and white if he wants a winner anytime soon.

That's right, the White Sox will be back with the best in baseball, Frank Thomas and Jack McDowell, leading the way to another division title. From top to bottom, both with the gloves and bats to the pitching, the Sox may very well be baseball's best.

Cleveland isn't too shabby either. The fans in Cleveland deserve a winner too, but if they want that championship feeling, they'll have to settle for renting Major League.

Vince Coleman has landed in Kansas City and he could be a big asset to the team. While there are no superstars in the lineup batting-wise, a solid group of ballplayers could pay big

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Magic...

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home against the Milwaukee Bucks. Assistant Bill Bertka will coach the Lakers the next two games.

Rumors have circulated periodically since Johnson retired that he might return to coach the Lakers. He recently has been touring worldwide with his own basketball team.

After his retirement, Johnson made a brief comeback, playing with the U.S. Olympic team and in some NBA preseason games the following fall. But he retired a second time shortly before the 1992-93 season.

The Lakers haven't been the same since Johnson left. Johnson, one of the most popular players in the history of the league, will try to revive a franchise that likely will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1975-76. The team is just 27-37 and in fifth place in the Pacific Division.

With 18 games remaining, the Lakers trail Denver by 5 1-2 games

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dividends. The problem lies in the pitching. If Kevin Appier and Jeff Montgomery could pitch every day they'd be all right. Too bad that can't happen.

Minnesota and Milwaukee both start with M. Incredible you say. Well, I guess they should start with L because it's LAST they'll be battling for (Remember that when you read Travis M'illsaps picks next week).

Order of finish: 1)Chicago, 2)Kansas City, 3)Cleveland, 4)Minnesota, 5)Milwaukee.

A.L. West

Too bad Nolan retired last year. This is Texas' year to go somewhere.

Don't get me wrong. Expect Seattle and Oakland to contend. Sweet Lou has a knack for piecing together teams and making championship runs and he's got one heck of a big piece with Ken Griffey Jr. patrolling center field. Tony LaRussa is a mastermind at keeping his teams in the heat of the race, and with Mark McGwire and Rickey Henderson in the lineup, who's to argue they can't do it again?

But Texas is solid all around.

200...

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wins."

Since taking over the MTSU baseball program in the summer of 1987, Peterson has added plenty of hardware to the Blue Raiders' trophy case. His teams have won OVC championships in 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, and 1993. His overall record is 200-151-2 during his tenure at MTSU.

Peterson began at MTSU as an assistant to John Stanford from 1976 to 1978. In 1978, he left to

for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

Johnson joins a host of other NBA greats who have coached the teams they played for: Jerry West (Lakers); Bill Russell, Dave Cowens, K.C. Jones and Tom Heinsohn (Celtics); Willis Reed (Knicks); Wes Unseld (Bullets) and Billy Cunningham (76ers).

Johnson joined Larry Bird in leading an NBA resurrection in the 1980s, providing a lifeline at an uncertain time for the league.

His command on the court, his captivating smile and outgoing personality helped make the Lakers one of the marquee teams in professional sports. The Lakers appeared in eight of the 10 NBA finals in the decade, missing only in 1981 and 1986.

However, it wasn't until his scoring average soared from the teens to 23.9 in 1986-87 that Johnson was awarded Most Valuable Player honors. He also won in 1989 and 1990 and was named all-NBA first team every year from 1983 through 1991, his final season as a player. ■

Juan Gonzalez, Jose Canseco, Will Clark and Ivan Rodriguez could produce more power than TVA. The pitching isn't exceptional, but any average performance can be erased by the bats this team possesses.

California could be the sleeper, but its youth will need to prove worthy of contention for a full season.

Order of finish: 1)Texas, 2)Seattle, 3)Oakland, 4)California.

Awards: N.L. MVP — Dave Justice; A.L. MVP — Frank Thomas.

N.L. Cy Young — Jose Rijo; A.L. Cy Young — Kevin Appier.

N.L. Flop — Andy Van Slyke; A.L. Flop — Jimmy Key.

N.L. Comeback Player — Kevin Mitchell; A.L. Comeback Player — Jose Canseco.

N.L. Wild Card Team — Philadelphia; A.L. Wild Card Team — Kansas City.

And the winners are....

In the N.L. the Braves will escape the playoff system and face Chicago from the A.L.. One can only wonder how that ring has escaped the Braves' fingers for so long, and how much longer that will last after the White Sox take it in five. ■

take over the head coaching job at Roane State Community College in Harriman, TN.

His record at Roane State was 153-96 and his 1981 team won the Tennessee Junior College Championship. He was twice the TJCAA Coach Of The Year in 1981 and 1984.

Peterson rejoined Stanford's staff as an assistant head coach in 1984 before taking over the program in 1987.

"It is because of good players and good assistant coaches," said Peterson of his milestone. ■

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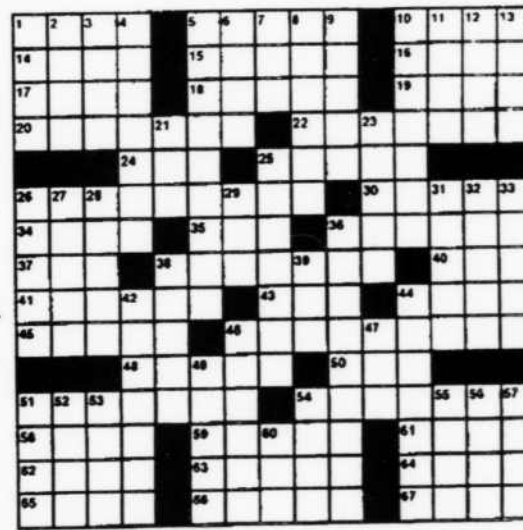
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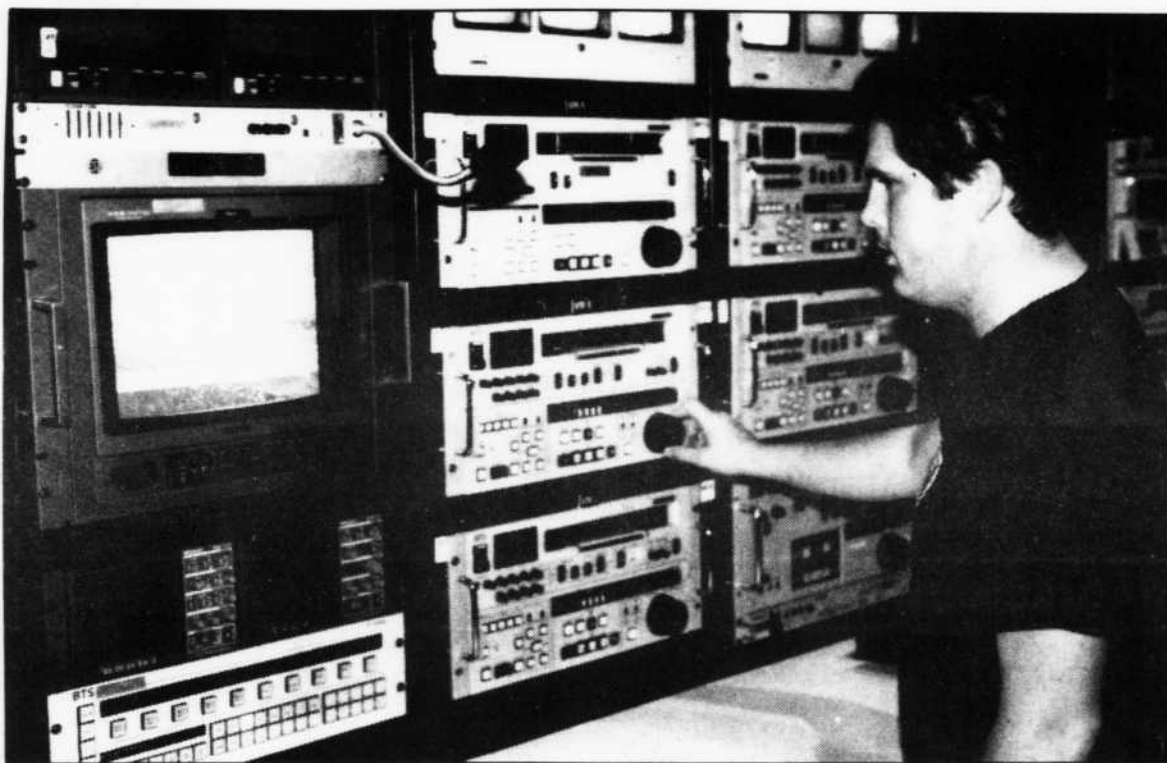
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DIALING IT IN: Senior Mass Communication major Kyle Thigpen works on editing in the Master Control room of the Mass Comm building Wednesday afternoon.

College of Mass Communication close to gaining full accreditation

Tina Denise Harvey
Assistant News Editor

MTSU's College of Mass Communication anticipates full accreditation after a successful evaluation in February, according to the dean of the college.

"We're very pleased with the report," said Dr. Deryl Leaming, dean of the College of Mass Communication. "But we will continue to assess strengths and weaknesses of the program to keep improving the college for the students."

Tom Bowers of the American Council on Education in Journalism seemed pleased with what he found in his Feb. 25 visit.

"My visit confirmed that the college and university have taken significant and effective steps to correct the deficiencies noted in the visit report by last year's team," Bowers said.

The college was put on probation last year by the ACEJ after Bowers reported deficiencies within three areas of the departments of Radio-TV/Photography and Journalism.

These areas included advising, lack of a plan to hire minorities and women, and administrative organization.

Bowers presented his recent report to a committee of ACEJ, which accepted it unanimously. A vote by the full council May 7 could finalize the request for full accreditation.

"We expect to be taken," Leaming said. "The visit was very positive."

Bowers' report praised the college's progress in the past year.

"The advising and record-keeping situation has been greatly improved, a new dean has fostered a new sense of purpose and cooperation at the college level and the college has adopted an affirmative action plan," Bowers said.

Currently the college seeks a chair to the Department of Journalism to replace Dr. Al Nagy, who has served as interim chair for two years.

"We've made an offer pending approval to the Tennessee Board of Regents to fill the chair of the department," Leaming said.

The advising and record-keeping systems have made the most commendable adjustments and improvements, according to Bowers.

Advising workshops have previously been held for journalism faculty, which includes professors of advertising, graphic communication, magazine journalism, news-editorial journalism and public relations. Before the end of March a workshop will be available to the faculty within the Radio-TV/Photography Department.

Every student who declared a major in the College of Mass Communication prior to March 1 should have an

assigned advisor which will appear on personal data forms sent by the records office last week, according to Lauree Burnette, academic advisor to the college.

"If you are unsure who your advisor is, call or come by the department," Burnette said.

An electronic message board was placed next to the central staircase in the Mass Comm building Mar. 21.

"This is a fun way to communicate with students," Burnette said. "Deadlines, special dates, speakers and messages will be put on the board."

"So far I haven't encountered any problems with the advising program. My advisor and I have become friends," said Recording Industry major Wesley Hall.

Another student has had problems.

"I've only seen my advisor once. I scheduled another appointment with her which she rescheduled - when I showed up on the rescheduled date, she wasn't there," said senior Nick Sanders.

"We have improved the quality of advising, tried to provide a new and positive direction for the departments in the college, we're undertaking strategic planning, trying to improve the quality of instruction and developing plans to add to our graduate studies," Leaming said. ■

Congress votes to hold Whitewater hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) —

President Clinton now faces the troublesome prospect of televised Whitewater hearings in both houses of Congress.

The investigation that has plagued the Clinton administration, meanwhile, won its first plea bargain, from former Arkansas municipal judge David Hale in Little Rock.

The 408-15 House vote Tuesday, coupled with a unanimous Senate decision last week in favor of hearings, amounted to a retreat by majority Democrats.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt indicated concern that hearings could disrupt an ambitious congressional agenda, commenting: "While we cannot and should not ignore Whitewater, neither can we allow it to flood the chamber."

Until last week, Democrats in both houses were content to ignore the issue, preferring to let special counsel Robert Fiske conduct his probe without any competition.

But the Republicans' daily drumbeat for hearings finally paid off with the Senate vote.

Both chambers instructed their leaders to negotiate the appropriate time and place for hearings, leaving open the possibility that talks could fall apart.

But House Republican leader Bob Michel said, "If something doesn't happen in the right direction, you'll hear from us."

In the House, a bipartisan agreement for hearings provided two chances for an inquiry.

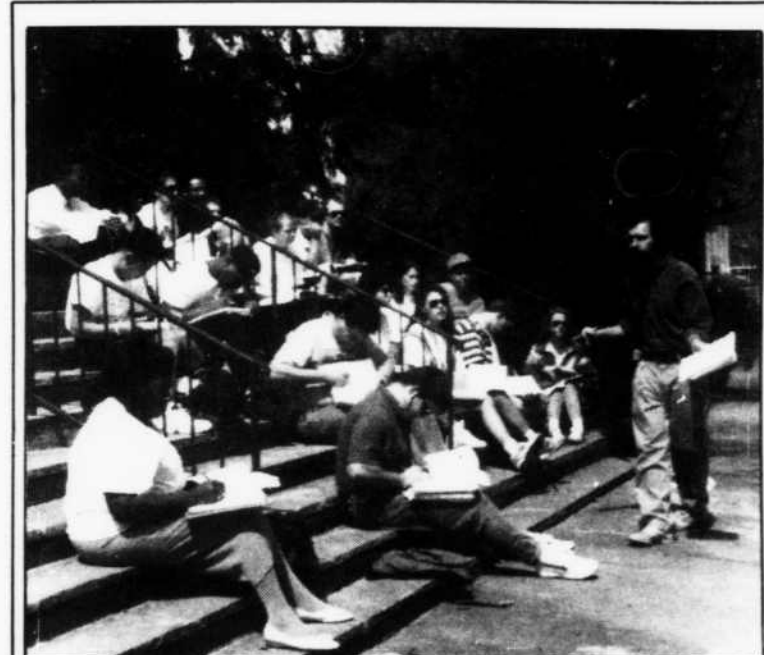
Republicans will be permitted to exercise their right, under House rules, to invite witnesses to a Banking Committee hearing to review operations of the savings and loan cleanup agency.

GOP members have already invited key witnesses with knowledge of the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan. Investigators are trying to determine whether Madison sent money to Clinton's Arkansas real estate venture and paid some of his gubernatorial campaign debts.

In addition, the House resolution instructed leaders to "determine the appropriate timetable, procedures and forum for appropriate congressional oversight." No immunity would be granted to witnesses and hearings would not interfere with Fiske's criminal probe.

Clinton, in an interview published today in USA Today, said it has been "a little bit difficult" to have the right attitude about the controversy surrounding Whitewater.

"I think we can all admit that there is no previous president who has been asked to undergo this level of scrutiny about something that happened so long before he became president in the absence of any credible evidence that any violation of the law occurred," Clinton said.



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ENJOYING THE DAY: Dr. Michael Principe teaches his logic class from the steps of the JUB Wednesday afternoon.