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IN BRIEF



Egypt pushes for inspection of Israeli nuclear facilities

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Egypt is using a 53-nation European security conference here as the setting for its campaign to have Israel open its facilities to international nuclear inspectors. Israeli diplomats described the dispute Sunday as "worrisome." They said they were also concerned about an Egyptian suggestion to the Clinton administration that the international force in the Sinai monitoring the 1979 Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty be reduced as too costly.



Woman slam dunks basketball in collegiate competition

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Charlotte Smith of North Carolina became the first woman in 10 years to dunk a basketball during a game Sunday, making a one-handed jam against North Carolina A&T. Smith, a 6-footer, went to the basket uncontested. Her right wrist cleared the rim and Smith pushed the ball through the basket just 17 seconds into the game. "The pass was just there," Smith said after the game. The last woman to dunk during a game was Georgeann Wells, who had two dunks while playing for West Virginia in 1984.



Sundquist says GOP Congress could end federal mandates

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Gov.-elect Don Sundquist says Republican control of Congress means states could see an end to federal mandates. "We have a Congress that for the first time in recent history reflects my philosophy," Sundquist said Friday in Chattanooga. "I think we will see some real reforms in Congress. I will do my best to end federal mandates for Tennessee and all other states. I think it's more feasible now than ever before," said Sundquist. "I will do my best never to sign any legislation that puts a mandate on cities and counties."

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Faulty enrollment figures force \$1.5 million budget cut

KRYS SPAIN
 Staff Writer

After the October budget revision there have been \$1.5 million in budget cuts for this year. Cuts were allocated to the different Divisions, based on their current percentage, with non-academics weighted 50% heavier.

The cuts will be made due to a decrease in student enrollment, thus revenue projections were not met. The budget and planning office does a budget reevaluation every Fall and compared actual enrollment with expected enrollment. Income was less than expected for this year.

"We planned on a 2.5% increase in

revenue, but actually had a 2.5% decrease," said Ramona Taylor, Director of University Resources. "Revenues were overstated by 5%, so we needed to cut \$1.5 million."

The budget is built in the spring then projections are looked at and they make their best guess on what they think will be made, based on growth in the past.

After fall registration was over, a decline in enrollment was apparent. Revenue had to be cut to reflect what actually happened.

Each division was informed that they needed to cut their budget, and it is up to the divisions to decide where the cuts will be made.

The majority of the budgets are salary

dollars. So department heads have to decide where to make the cuts, with the least impact. They may decide not to take a trip and/or not buy some equipment.

"I know it isn't easy to cut their budget, but on the other hand, you can't spend money you don't have," said Taylor. "In our office, we aren't taking a planned trip and are postponing buying equipment until funds are available."

Barbara Haskew, Vice-President College of Business, said, "We don't know exactly how to make the cuts. We will try to make the cuts, so that when enrollment increases we can put everything back the way it was when funds are available. We will be careful to make cuts so as not to impair educational services." □

Ride 'em, cowboy!

ALAN AIRS of Georgia fights to hang on during the Charlie Daniels Bull Riding Competition. This ride scored Airs 67 points. The contest was held Friday and Saturday nights at the Tennessee Livestock Pavilion.

Photo by **DON GOINS**
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Criminal Justice students win big in regional competition

WYLA M. POSEY
 Special to *Sidelines*

Members of the MTSU Chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association/Lambda Alpha Epsilon (ACJA/LAE) recently returned home from a regional competition in Fort Lauderdale, FL carrying an array of fourteen academic and professional practice awards. Universities and colleges from throughout the South competed in academic testing, physical agility, firearms and crime scene investigations.

ACJA/LAE was able to capture a third place team award in the highly contested category of crime scene investigation. Team members, Geoff Odom, Hunt Blair and Kevin Hodges, achieved high marks for their forensic professionalism in sweeping the crime scene and for writing a thorough and well-structured report in a limited amount of time.

The crime scene was a re-creation of an actual murder of a Columbian drug trafficker that was staged to look like a suicide. Crime scene participants had to decipher many clues and interpret forensic evidence such as blood stains and spent bullet casings to solve the crime.

Team member Hodges described the crime scene competition as, "Very interesting! It was fascinating to work on a replication of an actual case. You are graded on how well you work together and you only have fifteen minutes to do it. I think our teamwork really paid off."

The physical agility competitors also vaulted themselves

into the winners circle by withstanding several grueling endurance and strength tests. Competitors drove themselves to exhaustion with lengthy rounds of sit-ups, push-ups, squat-thrusts, mountain-climbers and pull-ups. Both LeeAnne Rucker-Reed and Laurie D'Amato won second place in their age groups and David DePriest placed third in the male 25 and under division.

In the academic testing categories, Hunt Blair swept every criminal justice subject test with either a first or second place award in the lower collegiate division. He won first place in Corrections and Police Administration and second place in Criminal Law and Juvenile Justice. Justin Bushnell, the chapter's only professional level competitor, placed second in academic testing on Corrections.

The organization as a whole was honored with a plaque for the highest participation rate of all the chapters that attended the competition.

"The participation award was a special honor because it showed that our members competed more actively than the members in all of the other chapters. Everyone took as many tests as they could in the time they were given. Our group really has a good attitude about wanting to be active and do their best at competitions," said Hunt Blair, ACJA/LAE vice president, said.

Members of ACJA/LAE had varying impressions of the competition.

"The competition was a great success in all categories; academic testing, crime scene and my favorite, physical agility proved to very fun and challenging. Besides, where better to spend the weekend before Thanksgiving than in South

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Raider Xpress provides holiday service to Nashville Airport

KRYS SPAIN
Staff Writer

The Parking and Transportation Department will be providing Raider Xpress shuttle service to the Nashville International Airport for students flying out of town for the holidays.

The bus will depart from Corlew Hall on Friday, December 16 at 11 am and 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, December 17, the bus will depart at 6 a.m., 11 a.m., and again at 4:30 p.m. Deadline to make reservations is Thursday, December 15 for the Friday trips and Friday, December 16, for the Saturday trips.

"The reason that I am accepting reservations until the last minute is in case it is running close for the procrastinators, I still want to provide the best service possible. I don't want to cancel out, when right at the last minute someone decides they want to go and it would put us at that magic number - the break-even point," said Gary Hunter, Parking and Transportation manager.

"This is an idea that we were thinking about. The bus drivers and I were talking about whether or not this would be a good service, and then students starting suggesting it to the drivers. So we started pursuing the idea," he added.

The cost of this service will be \$10 per student. No refund will be given unless the trip is canceled. A minimum of seven people must purchase a ticket in order to make the trip possible. Tickets can be purchased in the Parking and Transportation office until the office closes on Friday, December 16.

"Seven people is our break-even point, so not to lose money," said Hunter. "There may be another alternative if less than seven people go, but at the present time we are looking for the

seven. It will be a last minute decision as to whether we will need the alternative."

Students will need to leave their phone number with the office when purchasing the ticket. If the trips are canceled, students will be informed the day before the trip is scheduled to take place.

"I expect people to start purchasing tickets as time gets near," Hunter said. "We've sold three tickets already. Two were sold the day after the brochures went out to the housing students."

Students are encouraged to make their reservations in advance so that no one is left hanging at the last minute.

Suggestions have been made to run the bus from the airport to the campus after Christmas break. This may only be done if a number of students would like to return at the same time.

"I have not set up anything at this time but if I have enough students that want to return at the same time, then I'll do it. It has to be worthwhile to run the bus," Hunter said.

Students should inform Hunter of their intentions when they purchase the ticket. Hunter will make arrangements with the students that wish for a return trip. He said he will make no commitment at this time.

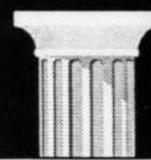
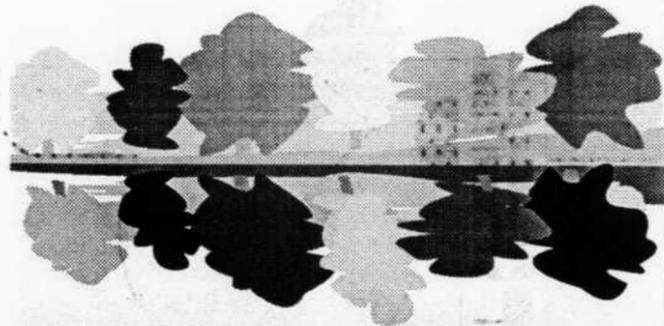
Chris Reno, Sophomore RIM major, said "I had to pay someone to take me to the airport for Thanksgiving. I think there should have been a shuttle then so I wouldn't have to worry. I'd at least know I had a ride. A cab is \$40, I called."

The Raider Xpress Mall Service is also going well; there has been an increase of usage.

"There have been 41 or 42 tickets sold, we are hoping to have a few more ticket sales this month because of Christmas," Hunter said. □

"To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else."

-Emily Dickinson



CAMPUS CAPSULE

Today

Voices of Praise Gospel Choir will hold its **Winter Concert** today at 7 p.m. in Wright Music Hall. Contact Latresa McCamoll at 898-3989 for more information.

The MTSU Theatre will hold auditions for **Beyond Therapy** today at 7 p.m. in the BDA Arena Theatre. Have a 1 minute monologue prepared. Contact Dale McGilliard at 2640 for more information.

The Honors Lecture Series will host **Tom Strawman** of the English Department today from 3:30 to 4:20 in Peck Hall Room 107. Strawman will speak on "Indigenous Peoples and the Institutionalization of American Violence. This will be the last lecture of the Fall Honors Lecture Series.

The College Republicans will meet today at 7 p.m. in KUC Room 322. Contact Glenda A. Hawkins for more information at 898-3281.

Tuesday

Omega Phi Alpha will be offering a **free self-defense workshop** today at 7 p.m. in KUC Room 324. The workshop will be taught by the owners of Mid-American Taekwondo, a local business. The workshop will cover topics from improving personal safety to safety devices you can purchase for your car or home. Contact Amy Jenkins at 895-1084 for more information.

The Psi Chi Psychology Club will host "**Career Options for Psychology Majors**" presented by Richard Moffett, of the Psychology Department, today from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 208. This is the last meeting of the semester. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wednesday

A Society for Human Resource Management meeting will be held today at 4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 212. Contact Angela Mowen at 890-2066 for more information.

Upcoming & Ongoing

If you are interested in attending **Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society** meetings contact Candace Moonshower at 646-4527 for information.

The Baptist Student Union holds Bible studies or fellowship every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at noon "Noonday" is held. All you can eat for \$2. The Baptist Student Union is located at the intersection of Faulkenberry and Tennessee Boulevard.

The MTSU chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 5 p.m. in Wiser Patton Science Hall room 201. Contact Leonard Walther at 895-3212 for more information.

The MTSU Theatre will present *The Importance of Being Earnest* in Tucker Theatre December 6-10 at 8:15. MTSU students free with I.D.: General Admission \$5. Contact Joseph Sturgeon at 2267 for more information.

The Final day to pay outstanding debts to the university to hear your grades via TRAM and/or receive a printed grade report upon request is December 16, 1994.

ATTENTION! Students, Faculty, and Staff: Your efforts are needed in the MTSU recycling program. The price of recycled materials is down, so we need every piece of white paper, computer paper, and every aluminum can possible. All proceeds fund academic scholarships. Call 2847 for pick-up.

A Christian gathering for singing and sharing is held every Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. in the KUC Courtyard.

International Student's Association meets every Thursday at 5 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

The Student Coalition for Animal Rights meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. Contact Kellie at 898-0457.

Speech testing or speech therapy services are available to MTSU students. Students should call the MTSU Speech Clinic, 898-2661, for an appointment.

The MTSU Symphony invites interested students to rehearsals Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Contact the Symphony office at 898-2484 or go to room 264, Wright Music Building.

MTSU Lambda Association is a local support group for bisexual, gay, and lesbian students, faculty, and community members. Meetings every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm. room 149. Call hotline at 780-2293.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. in KUC room 315. Everyone welcome. Contact Greg Logan at 3081.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship sponsors College Worship on Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. at the fellowship headquarters at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787 for more information.

A Cross Country Ski Trip will be held by Campus Recreation from January 14 to 16 at Roane Mountain. Contact Campus Recreation at 2104 or come by the AMG Room 201 to sign up before November 21.

The Christian Center hosts "**Raiders for Christ**" Devotionals every Monday at 7 p.m. and small group bible studies on Thursdays (times for Bible studies vary). Contact The MTSU Christian Student Center at 896-1529 or Eddy D. Dyer at 898-3216.

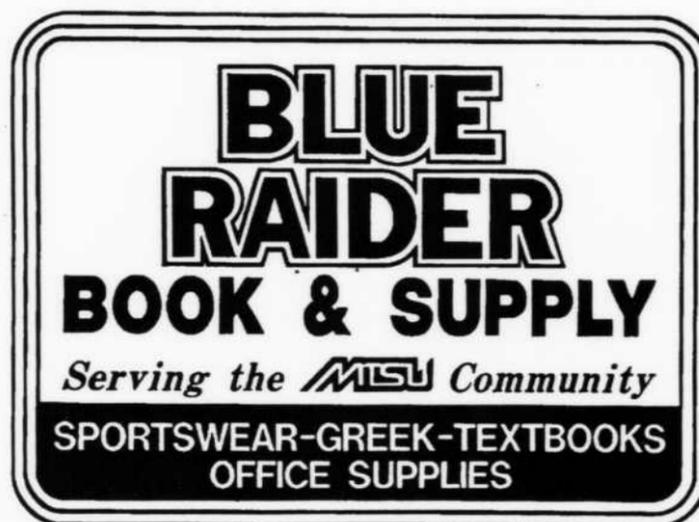
The MTSU Symphony will hold a **Christmas Concert** on December 12 in Tucker Theatre at 8 p.m. The concert will include orchestral selections from traditional Christmas music, the Ann Carroll Dancers from Franklin, Tennessee, a special guest soloist and a mixed quartet from MTSU's Music Department.

Do you need money? How about a summer job? How would you like to be a Student Orientation Assistant (SOA)? Applications are available in KUC 122 for these positions. Applications are due January 31, 1995. For more information, contact the New Student Orientation office at 5533, or stop by KUC 122.

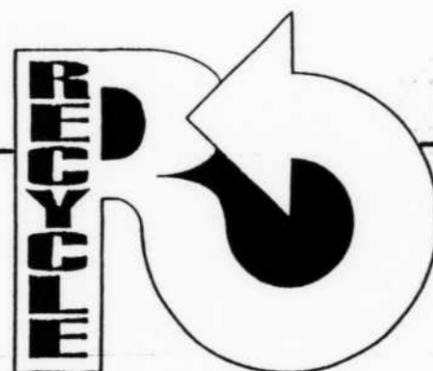
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MTSU students receive \$1,000 Peck Awards

MIKE REED
Special to *Sidelines*

Five MTSU English students were honored with \$1,000 stipends as part of the Richard and Virginia Peck Awards held November 22.

Carol Chapman, Lisa Davis, Timothy Henderson, Candace Moonshower, and Judith Russell were chosen as Peck Scholars for the 1994-95 academic year.

"The Peck Fund was established to give practical encouragement to worthy students," said David Lavery, chair of the English department.

The Peck Awards have been given annually since 1975. Outstanding students are nominated by English faculty members. The nominees (there were 20 this year) are then whittled down to five students.

Richard Peck was chairman of the English department from 1946 until his death in 1973. Virginia

Peck taught in the English department from 1946 until her retirement in 1976. She died in 1990.

Many of the recipients plan to use the award to continue their education.

Charles Wolfe, professor of English and one of the presenters at the ceremony, quoted Richard Peck on why students become English majors.

"The best and most interesting of them get into it for an unusual reason," he said. "They don't feel comfortable anywhere else."

The Peck Scholars are certainly comfortable with the honor. Besides the stipend, the names of the honorees are placed on a plaque in Peck Hall.

According to Charles Dean, associate professor of English, the Peck Fund now stands at \$150,000.

"The fund exists due to the vision and generosity of two people- Richard and Virginia Peck," Dean said. □

Continuing Studies offers new off-campus courses

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Staff Writer

If you commute to MTSU everyday, there's good news: MTSU is offering more off-campus courses in the spring.

Through the Division of Continuing Studies, MTSU will now offer courses at approximately 13 different off-campus sites. Some of the sites where classes will be offered include Sewanee, Lebanon, Gallatin, Dickson, Pulaski, Lawrenceburg, Franklin and Columbia State Community College in Columbia.

MTSU will also be offering courses at the Saturn Plant in Spring Hill, Nissan in Smyrna, Bridgestone in Lavergne and Arnold Engineering Development Center in Tullahoma. Although employees will receive the first opportunity to register for these courses, any spaces left in the classes will be open to the public. If you're interested in attending a course offered at Saturn, Nissan, Bridgestone or AEDC, contact James Thomas at 898-5611 for more information.

"With so many adult students returning to MTSU, flexibility is more than a trend; it is the key to

retention," says James Thomas, coordinator for Special Academic Programs, Division of Continuing Studies.

At least 37 courses will be taught at the off-campus sites. An additional eight courses will be taught at MTSU and sent to various off-campus sites via compressed video.

Both undergraduate and graduate courses will be offered off-campus. Some of the courses that will be offered include classes in education, physics, management, marketing, industrial studies, accounting, economics and information systems.

The times of the off-campus courses vary, but most are offered in the afternoon or evening.

"I think it [off-campus courses] is a good idea because some people can't drive to Murfreesboro everyday," said Rob Nunley, senior journalism major.

Students can find a partial listing of off-campus courses in the schedule book and can register for the off-campus courses by calling TRAM at 898-2000. To request a complete off-campus schedule, call the Division of Continuing Studies at 898-2177. □

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Florida?" D'Amato said.

"As implied, the competition was not all work and no play. We were able to meet a lot of new friends who have the same interests we do," David DePriest said.

"Our competitions are doubly beneficial. Not only do you get to meet other students but you also get to make contacts with and learn from experienced law enforcement professionals," Bushnell said.

Members Kelli Barger, Monica Morgan and Barry Hill all agreed with Bushnell and stated that all Criminal Justice majors should think about joining ACJA/LAE for the scholastic and social opportunities it offers.

"ACJA/LAE is open to students from any major who are interested in Criminal Justice. Organization membership can be a good option for students from other departments because LAE has something to offer everyone. We have had Aerospace majors become members because they wanted to learn about flying for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and we have had Nursing majors come to meetings because they were interested in forensic science. ACJA/LAE is a great club for anyone who wants to explore new and exciting careers," Blair said.

"The outstanding performance during regionals by the club as a whole and by individuals reflects the continued success and strength of the local chapter. My hope is that this success will generate even more student enthusiasm for ACJA/LAE in the future," William Shulman, ACJA/LAE Faculty Advisor, said.

"As a relatively new organization, I think we really surprised everyone there when we did so well. By everyone giving all we had, we were able to pull off upset wins against larger schools like Florida State!" Leigh Smith, ACJA/LAE president, said.

Smith went on to say that the local chapter was not expecting to be honored as the host of next year's regional convention.

"We're all very excited that the convention is coming here to MTSU," said Smith. "We will be able to show off our faculty and our school to hundreds of outside students and professionals."

The fourteen awards are on public display as a "wall of fame" in the Criminal Justice Department. ACJA/LAE will attend the National Competition in March in Philadelphia. Anyone interested in joining ACJA/LAE should contact the Criminal Justice Department at 898-2630 or P.O. Box 238. □

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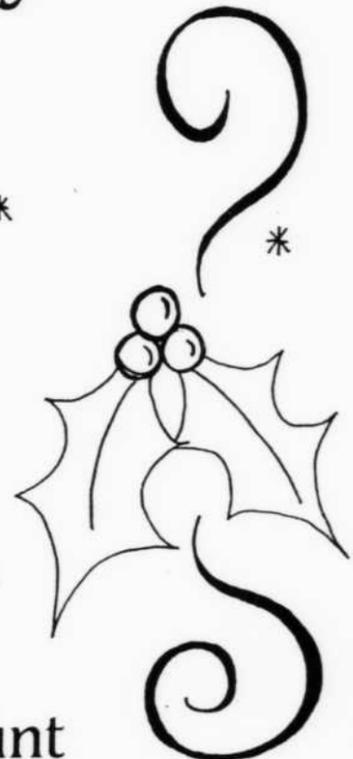
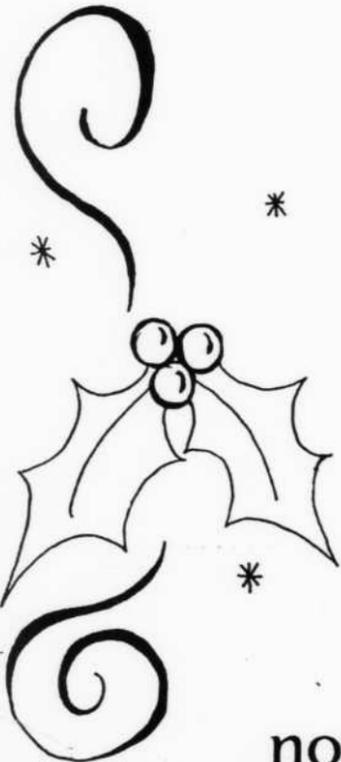
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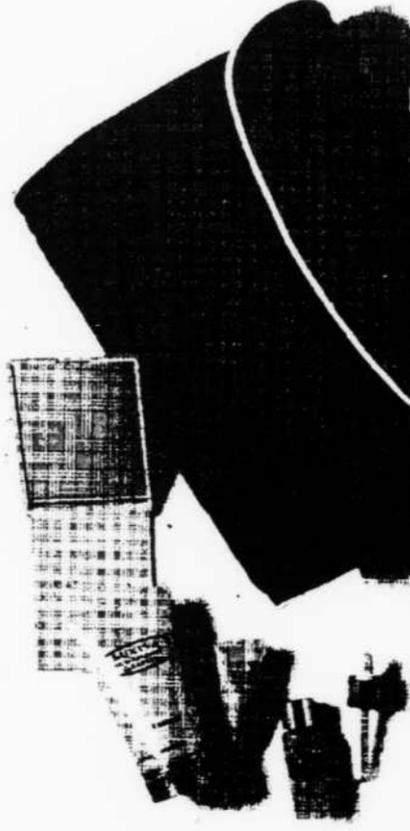
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Families accuse Scheie Eye Institute of taking eyes from dead babies

PHILADELPHIA (CPS) - Philadelphia resident Towanda Bright said she is being forced to relive the nightmare of her infant son's death.

Once again, the University and the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's Office are being linked to brains and eyes removed from dead patients without the consent of their relatives.

In the newest installment of this macabre story, the Philadelphia Medical Examiner has been accused of removing eyes and optic nerves from 19 dead children and infants for a study without seeking their parents' permission.

According to a published scientific report, the study was joint effort between the city Medical Examiner's Office and the Scheie Eye Institute, which is a part of the University's Department of Ophthalmology. The study covered a 23-month period ending in August 1990.

Eyes were allegedly removed from the children all under the age of three. The causes of death of the infants included blunt trauma to the head, shaken baby syndrome and sudden infant death syndrome, according to the report, which was published in the March issue of "Ophthalmology Magazine."

Bright, whose 17-month-old son died as a result of child abuse, said she is very upset with the city of Philadelphia. She said she was never told anything about her son's eyes.

"I picture myself lifting up his right eye to see if it's there," Bright said.

"I wish I never really found out," she added. "To remove his eye was not a necessity. They figured I'm not intelligent enough to find out the procedure of an autopsy. Since they are the City Philadelphia they think they can do whatever they want."

Bright said she never would have given consent if she been asked to. She added that the Medical Examiner's Office never had the right to remove her son's eyes without her consent.

"It's like they're dissecting frogs or something," she said, adding that she is thinking about taking legal action against the City of Philadelphia.

Scheie Eye Institute spokeswoman Harriet Levy said the whole story is being blown out of proportion.

"It's really not nearly what it sounded like," Levy said. "No permission is requested when an autopsy is for a criminal investigation."

A press statement released by the university stated: "As part of a police investigation into the suspicious death of a child, the Medical Examiner has a legal mandate to perform an autopsy in order to confirm or eliminate abuse as a causative factor. In such cases, standard autopsy protocol includes the removal and pathological examination of the eyes and optic nerves."

Levy said she does not think the medical examiner has acted inappropriately.

"To someone out there in the public, it's shocking," Levy said. "But there isn't anything inappropriate with what the (Medical Examiner's Office) did."

The purpose of the eye study was to do a comparison of the brain and optic nerve damage similar to those who died of blunt trauma. The SIDs victims did not have those injuries.

These new allegations come at a time when the university and the city are being jointly sued in six cases involving the mishandling of brains, given to the university by the city Medical Examiner's Office.

The brains in question were supposedly sent by the medical examiner to the university in an agreement between Deputy Medical Examiner Ian Hood and Professor Alan Rosenquist.

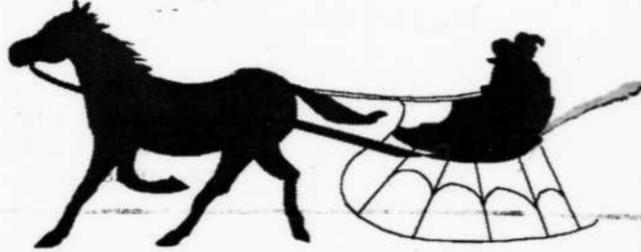
Records from the suits indicated that 26 brains were sent from the Medical Examiner's Office to the University Medical School between December 1990 and 1991. The brains were allegedly sent to the medical school so students could study the brains and determine the cause of death. □

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NYU law school offers scholarships in exchange for public service

NEW YORK (CPS) - The New York University School of Law recently announced that it will pay tuition and fees for students who agree to take low-paying legal jobs in the public sector after graduation.

And while tuition-for-public-service programs already exist at some law schools, the NYU proposal picks up all costs of a law degree, up to \$60,000, in exchange for 10 years of public service.

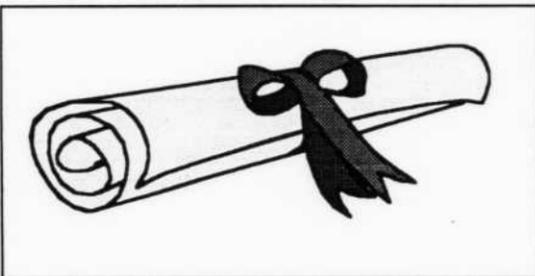
"Students have a real opportunity to pursue the career of their choice," said John Sexton, dean of the law school. "We're giving them a chance to do what they feel they are called to do, without fear of going into debt."

NYU's tuition and fee waiver is based on the amount of years the student spends in a public service occupation. The school will pick up a student's educational costs at a rate of 10 percent for each year the student works in the public service sector. For example, if a graduate works as an attorney for inner-city clients for three years, the school will pay 30 percent of all costs. If the graduate works six years, the school picks up 60 percent of the costs.

"If the student spends 10 years on the job, we'll pay for

the full cost of education," said Steve Brown, NYU's director of financial aid. "We want to offer the opportunity to become attorneys to those students who have commitment to public service."

The NYU Root-Tilden-Snow Program will award 22 scholarships to students entering the school in 1995.



The students will be selected on their academic background and their commitment to public service.

The free tuition program is made possible by a grant which is funding a study on how to encourage public service from students. Currently, about 15 percent of NYU's law school graduates enter public service. School officials are hoping that the new plan will allow more students to enter lower-paying fields.

According to the American Bar Association, some law school graduates enter the working world saddled with \$100,000 in loans. Considering

most legal public service jobs pay from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per year, graduates tend to avoid those jobs and opt for legal work with larger firms.

But according to John Tracey, a Detroit attorney who took a job with an inner-city social agency after he graduated, the experience that comes with public service is well worth the difference in money. "I wanted to get in the courtroom right away, so I thought I'd give this a shot," Tracey said. "I was supposed to work with landlords and tenants about complaints, but by the third week, I was doing everything. It was great experience."

Hector Vargas, coordinator for the National Association for Public Interest Law, said that more students are looking to public service, thanks to incentive programs from the various schools.

"After the American Bar Association asked law schools to offer more incentives for their graduates to take low-paying jobs, a lot of schools began to form their own programs," said Vargas. "Eligibility can be based on a number of things, but students who want to work for an agency in an inner city or rural area can usually find a program that will help them fund their degree." □

Former college president indicted for embezzlement

JACKSON, MS (CPS) - A former president of Mississippi College has been indicted on charges that he embezzled more than \$1 million to pay for activities that were not exactly in line with the school's conservative Baptist traditions.

Lewis Nobles, Jr., who resigned as president of the school last year, was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges that he used \$1.7 million from the institution to pay for prostitutes and risky personal investment. Nobles has pleaded not guilty to the charges, claiming that the money was used to help needy students.

After serving as school president for 25 years, Nobles, 69, resigned shortly after state auditors pointed out that \$3 million had disappeared from the school's financial accounts over the last 17 years. Since Nobles' alleged actions have a five-year statute of limitations, the indictment covers 1989 to

1993. As president, Nobles strengthened the academic curriculum and moral code of Mississippi College, which is the state's oldest educational institution and the second oldest Baptist college in the nation. Noble even testified before Congress in 1985, urging members to vote against legislation that would have prevented a private religious college from expelling a pregnant, unmarried student.

Nobles is currently free on a \$15,000 personal recognizance bond. He faces 19 felony counts that include mail fraud, money-laundering and income tax evasion.

Despite his highly religious reputation on campus, prosecutors say that Nobles used the school's money to pay for prostitutes to travel with him while on fund-raising ventures in New York, Atlanta, Dallas and Washington, D.C. □



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Now because we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Therefore, let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

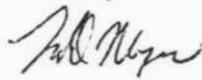
For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, that He would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

(Hebrews 4:12-16; Ephesians 3:14-19)

I hope and believe that my time as editor has been well spent, and I thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

Now, to my Lord and Savior, who, during the undertaking of this task, has sustained me amidst obstacles, disappointments, infirmities and depression, and who has given me strength and resolution to bring this work to a close, I present the tribute of my submission and praise. And if the talent which He entrusted to my care has not been put to the most profitable use in His service, I hope that any misapplication of it may be graciously forgiven.

Sincerely,



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Evaluations: are they really necessary?

school daze



WARREN WAKELAND
Managing Editor

The end of the semester is here, as well as the last issue of the semester for *Sidelines*. What does the end of the semester mean? Yes, I know—finals, then drinking for a month to celebrate the end of the semester. But I have something else in mind.

Instructor evaluations. Those scan sheets we fill out that are one of the

determining factors in whether or not instructors get rehired at the end of each year. Those things that kill 15 minutes of a class period once a semester.

Have you ever wondered about what these evaluations actually ask? I have. In my opinion, they are a pile of crap. In the student's eyes, they really don't give an opportunity to express their opinions of an instructor.

Let's analyze them. They ask something like 15 questions, maybe a few more. Among these questions are things like: Is the instructor adequately prepared for class?; Are tests graded and returned in an adequate period of time?; Is the subject

matter relevant to the course?

I know I had an economics class last semester and the guy came in and started teaching zoology. I can't say for sure if the subject matter was relevant to the course, but I did learn that buffalo have a better capability to understand the stock market than humans.

There is a question that asks about your GPA. I guess they figure if you have a low GPA you'll be less likely to give the instructor good reviews.

There is a question that asks about the grade you expect to receive in the class. The lower the grade, the lower the review, right? There is no chance that a student who

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Then, in the one rare moment you stray from your routine to save time, it happens: you become a victim. Some dirtball approaches you

with a knife or gun, demands money or sex or your possessions, and if you're lucky you live to report it to the police. You answer a million questions, feel violated, and see your name in the newspapers—all before your assailant darkens the courthouse door...if he ever does at all. Statistics show that seven of ten felons are never caught, and of the ones who are, those convicted of murder will serve an average of only 5.5 years; of rape, three years; of robbery, just over two; of aggravated assault, just over a year.

The police—already overworked, underpaid, and stressed from shift work—do all they can but can't be everywhere at once. The courts—fearing the ACLU, appeals, and backlogs—cut deals to clear the dockets. The lawyers—just "doing their jobs"—get many crooks off on technicalities...including the one who violated you. So now you decide to exercise your Second Amendment right to buy a legal firearm for protection of home and hearth.

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Straight Talk

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Graduation offers time for reflection

Next Saturday, like hundreds of other students, I will graduate from MTSU. This is a natural time for reflection, to think about how I got here and where I am going.

Let me say that I am extremely proud of MTSU. This is a great university that offers its students tremendous opportunities, many of which go unnoticed. Some of MTSU's programs and facilities are among the best anywhere, as are many of the professors. I had my choice of other schools—in fact, I came here as a transfer student—and I have never regretted my decision.

But my graduation will represent more than just what I've learned here at MTSU. Actually, what is really important in life I didn't learn here at school, and I would imagine that is probably true of most of us. Without the values and beliefs I had been taught before I came here, I would not have made it through to graduation.

Therefore, I probably deserve little credit—and possibly none—for the person I have become. It was the experiences and role models that were there for me through my life that made me who I am today. Those circumstances were largely beyond my control, and it is only by God's grace that I was fortunate enough to have such a good upbringing.

You never see people like me on 'Rikki Lake.' Without being gay, or having sex in some perverted configuration, or coming out with some emotional illness, you can't get on TV. Jerry Springer doesn't want "normal" people. Except when being normal becomes abnormal—like a show about sixteen-year-old virgins waiting for marriage.

But that's okay. I don't want to go on TV

anyway. I don't have any "trendy perversions" to share.

I'm just a guy who believes in right and wrong, who makes plenty of mistakes, but who tries to do his best. I'm someone who believes in God. I love my family. When I hear the national anthem at a ball game, I am proud. At the movies, I sometimes cry. I hold marriage sacred, and I look forward to raising a family and growing old with someone I love.

I know there's not much flash there—I may not be particularly "cool" or "fly." But I am dependable, loyal, and honest. And I hope I never compromise my values and beliefs. I feel very prepared to do battle in an increasingly hostile world.

Of course, I'm one of the lucky ones. I have two wonderful parents who have spent over half of their lives raising their children. They have given me more than just the necessities of life. They have given me their love, their time and attention, their respect, their values, their friendship and their respect. They have given endlessly at their own expense, without hesitancy or regret. And they have given me two shining examples of husband and wife, mother and father.

So when I receive my diploma, it will represent more than just the accumulation of college credits. It will be the culmination of the hopes and dreams of people who wished better for me than they ever have for themselves.

Mom and Dad, thank you so much. Thank you for being the best "teachers" in my life, and for being a part of who I am. I can never repay everything you have given me, but you know how much I love you. And when I walk across that stage to receive my diploma, be proud—you have earned it. □

TODD MEYERS

Editor in Chief



FOR THE RECORD

Holiday season has many meanings

This is a very special time of the year for people throughout the nation. Nov. 28-Dec. 6 is Hanukkah and December 25 is Christmas.

Many of my friends call themselves Christians and celebrate Christmas, and I have a few friends who are Jewish and are currently celebrating Hanukkah.

Each year I send Christmas cards to my Christian friends and Hanukkah cards to my Jewish friends. And each year my Christian friends send me Christmas cards but my Jewish friends don't send me Christmas cards or Hanukkah cards.

I have never really understood this. Is it because I am not Jewish so they can't send me Hanukkah cards but they aren't Christian so they don't send me Christmas cards?

My Christian friends have often asked me to attend Christmas services or mass even though they know I am not a Christian, yet my Jewish friends had never asked me to celebrate Hanukkah with them or attend the holiday services. That is until last year.

Last year I started dating a young man named Ken from Vanderbilt who also happened to be Jewish. We had only been dating a few months when Hanukkah came up.

Ken asked me if I would like to celebrate one night of Hanukkah with him, because he would be at school for the first night. He couldn't drive home to Manchester to be with his family because he had a test the next day.

When I said yes he seemed surprised.

I drove to Nashville and met him at his room. (Vanderbilt has twenty-four hour visitation, so this is possible there.)

He brought his "menorah", the candelabra-type object you see on all the Hanukkah cards at Hallmark, blue beeswax candles, a book of matches, and a scroll with a lot of what looked like Chinese characters to me.

We walked down the hall to a little study room, shut the door, turned out the lights and he asked me to help him light the candle.

I thought we would light the candle and set it in the menorah, but Ken picked up a second candle and put it in the menorah while I was lighting the other one. He told me to

use the one I had lit to light the other one. While I was doing this, he unrolled the scroll and began to read a prayer in Hebrew.

By the time Ken had finished, I was crying.

I have never been so moved by what one could call a "religious ceremony" or celebration. It was so simple, the sound of his voice, praying softly in words I couldn't understand yet felt their meaning deep inside of me in some place that I was no longer aware was there.

If you have a friend who is Jewish or you are Jewish and have friends who are Christians, share your holiday with one another. I've never had a better Christmas than the one that I celebrated with Ken later that month. (He had never decorated a Christmas tree!) □

LISA MARIE POMFRET

News Editor



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New congressional leaders prepared for confrontation

ALAN FRAM
 Associated Press Writer

Congress' next generation of leaders, Democratic and Republican alike, are setting independent tones that augur an era of sparring between the two parties as well as within them.

New, younger men have captured three of the four top leadership jobs in the GOP-controlled House and Senate that will convene in January. And though everyone spoke of bipartisan cooperation when possible, the leaders made clear that they will pursue their interests and protect their constituencies.

But no one can guarantee that there will be peace and harmony within each party.

The sole remaining chieftain from this year, Senate GOP leader Bob Dole of Kansas, will have combative conservative Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi looking over his shoulder as his top lieutenant. And the two new Democratic leaders, Tom Daschle of South Dakota in the Senate and Richard Gephardt of Missouri in the House, warned that they would distance themselves from the administration and President Clinton.

"We want very much to work with the White House," Daschle said in a typical statement. "We will not be led by them. We will not view ourselves as an extension of them."

Perhaps the most assertive new leader of all will be Rep. Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., to be anointed Monday by Republicans as their candidate for speaker, a choice that will be confirmed by the full House when it convenes Jan. 4.

Gingrich, 51, is one of the most conservative of Republicans and replaces the moderate Rep. Robert Michel, R-Ill., 71, as party leader. He wants to carry out the Republican "Contract With America," a campaign-season doctrine promising tax cuts, stark changes in welfare and other measures that are likely to spark conflicts with Democrats.

As for Dole, his colleagues by one vote stripped his longtime second-in-command, Whip Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., of his job and handed it to Lott.

The Mississippian is more doctrinaire than Simpson, and leads a growing flock of conservative GOP senators who constantly pressure the more moderate Dole to move to his right. That could portend more confrontation with Democrats. □

Gingrich claims a quarter of Clinton staff took drugs

JIM ABRAMS
 Associated Press Writer

Up to a quarter of White House staff may have used illegal drugs in the four or five years before they began their jobs, House Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich said Sunday.

Gingrich said those figures were proof that "you've got scattered throughout this administration counterculture people."

The Georgia conservative, speaking on NBC's "Meet the Press," said that he "had a senior law enforcement official tell me that in his judgment, up to a quarter of the White House staff, when they first came in, had used drugs in the last four or five years."

He said the administration had had "huge problems getting people through security clearance" because there were so many people "who had a lot of things that weren't very easy to clear."

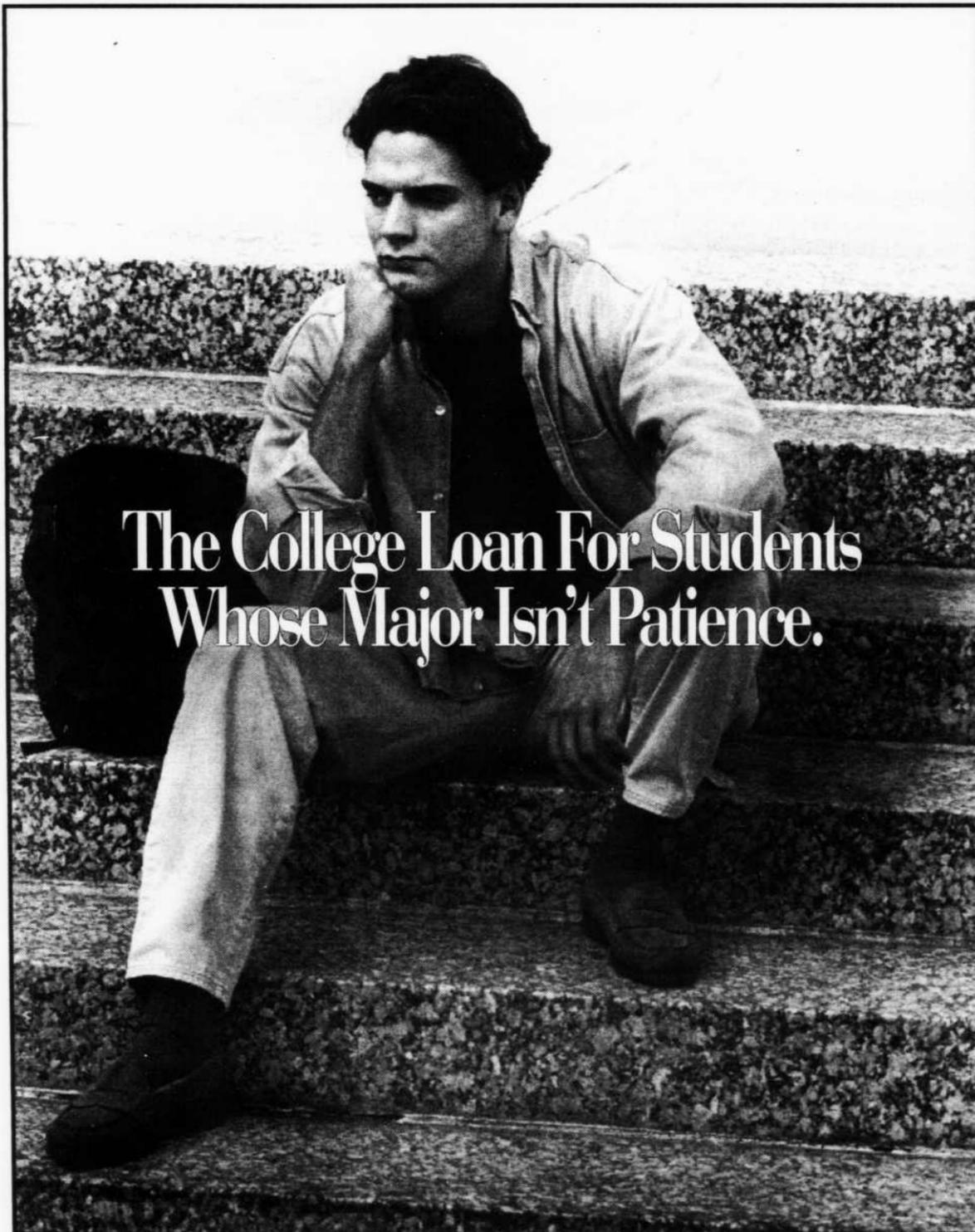
The White House had no immediate comment on the allegation.

Gingrich's remarks were in response to being asked why he recently referred to President Clinton and his wife as being members of the counterculture.

"Well, my suggestion is look at the preachments of the surgeon general and ask yourself how could a president have a surgeon general who has suggested we consider legalizing drugs, who said at one point that she didn't see that selling cocaine was necessarily an illegal act, who has basically taken positions that are not just anti-Catholic but they, in effect, represent an attitude towards permissive sexuality that by any reasonable standard in a middle-class sense is destructive, and ask yourself why does the president keep her? I assume he shares her values. I assume he thinks it's OK."

He said his point in referring to Clinton as a member of the "counterculture" was not about his attitude 25 years ago but about the people in his administration today.

Clinton's hiring of people who had used drugs in recent years is "a current attitude about a current position on a current problem." □



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Life lessons: A summer sports camp teaches kids about much more than baseball

TODD MEYERS
Editor in Chief

Mickey Lolich pitched in the majors for sixteen seasons. He was a twenty-five-game winner for the Detroit Tigers, and after hurling three complete game victories in the 1968 World Series, he was voted the series' Most Valuable Player. Lolich knew what it meant to be a winner.

He also knew what it was like to be different. Lolich was exceptionally tall and heavy for a major league pitcher. Sometimes fans would tell him it was nice to see him play because he didn't look like he belonged on the mound. That was something he had heard for years.

Lolich also loved kids and spent part of every summer running a week-long baseball camp for boys. While he enjoyed every year of coaching these kids, Lolich tells a story about the summer of 1977 that touched him forever.

Vince was a fourteen-year-old black kid who was overweight and mentally retarded. When he received his camp T-shirt, he put it on backwards, and the other kids began making fun of him, calling him "stupid" and "fat." Lolich's heart went out to the boy, but Vince's handicap made it impossible for him to perform with the other kids. There was also a concern that Vince might get hurt, and Lolich's attorney advised that the boy be sent home.

When the attorney called Vince's mother, she burst into tears. She said that Vince worshipped Mickey Lolich. Whenever he could, Vince would sit in front of the television and watch baseball games wearing his Detroit Tigers hat and baseball glove.

Vince's mom was a single mother struggling to raise her handicapped child on welfare. Her son had never been to a baseball game because she couldn't afford it, but she had worked odd jobs to scrape

together enough money so that Vince could go to camp. When Lolich heard the story, he decided to let Vince stay—despite the legal risks.

Of course, Lolich was trying to give something special to Vince. But he also hoped the situation might teach the other campers about something bigger than baseball.

Vince was taken for a walk by one of the instructors, and Lolich told the other campers about how it was Vince's dream to be there and that he would appreciate it if they could accept him and try

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to help him participate. Lolich wondered anxiously how the boys would react, but the results of his plea soon became evident.

The kids rallied in support of Vince. They helped him get dressed, they put food on his tray for him and they walked him to the ball field. A few kids would stand nearby to protect him in case of a line drive. He couldn't actually play—and he accepted that—but he was a great cheerleader. He was having the time of his life. The only bad thing about camp was that it had to end.

On the last day, Lolich was pitching to the campers and decided to let Vince bat. He was having major problems making contact, despite all the

advice he was getting—"eye on the ball," "keep your bat back"—so Lolich moved in.

It took several pitches, and Lolich almost gave up on Vince. But then a miracle happened—Vince hit the ball! And not just hit it, but hit it well, right toward the gap between short and third. It would have been a certain hit, except the shortstop got a great jump on the ball. He stretched out to field it, but at the last moment the ball took a bad hop and the shortstop lunged for the ball. After making an incredible diving stop, he sprang to his feet, stared at first base and set up to fire the ball.

Lolich was amazed at the shortstop's effort. It was just like he had shown the kids to do. That kind of a play showed plenty of heart—the shortstop could be proud of that. But suddenly, the boy's expression changed. His eyes sparkled and a smile spread across his face. He stopped dead in his tracks and bobbed the ball. Then he threw it to first just as Vince was a step away from the base.

Vince beat the throw and everybody went crazy. They were jumping up and down, yelling and screaming and cheering. The shortstop ran over to get the baseball and handed it to Vince. Lolich savored the moment, knowing that the kids had learned about more than baseball.

That evening there was an awards banquet for the campers, and Vince was named the most improved player. When he came up to receive his award, the other kids gave him a standing ovation. Vince wrapped his chubby arms around Lolich and said, "This was the proudest day of my life." And struggling for his voice against the tears, the World Series MVP, hero to millions, answered him—"Me too, Vince...me too."

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Washington, D.C., the anti-gun lobby is making headway in taking that right away from you. Led by the misguided and uninformed, these people believe that the best way to curb violent crime is to outlaw guns, not just automatics, but all guns of every type...even our grandfathers' game rifles and shotguns! (They tried the same thing with alcohol earlier this century, one difference being that the latter can hardly be used for self-defense or to drop a running deer.) Never mind that hunting firearms are used in less than one percent of homicides, and that the primary weapons used are actually knives and blunt objects. They want to take away all of our guns.

Thanks to the National Rifle Association's three million members and a groundswell of opposition, the anti-gunners' efforts have stalled in that area. However, they've taken a new direction by proposing heavy taxes on ammunition and its components to make it too expensive to shoot. In the words of Rep. Shumer (D, NY), "We'll tax them out of existence." Even worse, they want to levy additional taxes on hunters and shooters to pay for the hospital bills incurred by inner-city youth gangs and urban violence. It is absurd to suggest there is any connection between a duck hunter on a Louisiana bayou and a gang member in East Los Angeles!

Our Country's founding fathers had no intention of ever disarming the People, even in the face of rebellion. George Mason, Thomas Paine, Patrick Henry, Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Madison, John Adams—all believed that only an armed citizenry could remain a free one. At its ratification, Samuel Adams stated "The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the People of the United States who are peaceable from keeping their own arms." Even after Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Confederate officers were permitted to retain their sidearms, and enlisted soldiers were allowed to keep shotguns and small-bore rifles for hunting.

Granted, automatic weapons and machine

guns do not belong in the hands of the civilian populace; these should be reserved solely for the police and the military. The big problem lies in their availability: we left hundreds of thousands M-16 rifles and countless other weapons behind in South Vietnam. Those same weapons have been turning up ever since because the Communists needed the cash and sold them to buyers all over the world. My unit took several off guerrillas we ambushed on Central Luzon in 1981. Any automatic weapon of choice is readily available on the black market with a few bucks and the right source; a known criminal, ex-convict, or parolee certainly won't risk apprehension by waltzing into a store to buy an Uzi, MP-5 or Mac-10. Only the naive believe you can purchase the latter at Wal-Mart or that they can be eradicated by disarming only the law-abiding.

With computers it is fairly simple to perform instant checks on credit cards. The NRA has proposed mandatory "instant checks" on individuals purchasing firearms, ammunition, and reloading components. While this would seem like common sense, the anti-gun lobby disagrees because they prefer the outright ban of all guns.

Mandatory minimum sentences for criminals who use firearms in the commission of crimes is long overdue. It is irrelevant whether the suspect is insane, indigent, or underprivileged; it's asinine to commiserate that a guy is misunderstood, disrespected, or ignored when he shoots a store clerk, policeman, or his next door neighbor. Tearful defenses in such cases are moot and make rational people want to vomit.

Nobody wants to be a victim. Nobody wants to feel threatened or defenseless in their homes or on the streets of their town, day or night. Taking away the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms is not the answer to America's crime problem. Getting the criminals off the streets and keeping them off is. □

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expects to receive a D in the class could give a good review.

Then it asks how many classes you missed. The fewer classes you missed the better the review, I guess.

These questions are idiotic. They allow for no vital knowledge of the instructor's tendencies to be gained. I don't care if the instructor starts the class 20 minutes late and ends it 20 minutes early. If I learn something, that's a good instructor.

Shouldn't there be evaluations that allow the student to express opinions about the teaching style of the instructor; about the classroom atmosphere the instructor builds; about whether or not they consider that instructor to be competent? They have a form like this in the political science department and I am sure in other departments as well. But a form for students to express in writing (not by coloring in dots) their feelings about the class and the instructor is not university policy. It should be.

Now let's talk about the answers from which you may choose. In descending order, they are: almost always, usually, rarely, never, not applicable.

I had always thought that "almost always" and "usually" were pretty close to the same thing, so I went to *The Random House College Dictionary* for definitions.

According to the dictionary, almost means "very nearly." Always means "every time; on every occasion; without exception." That says to me that almost always means "very nearly on every occasion."

Usually is defined as "expected by reason of previous experience with the same occurrence, situation, person, etc." That says to me you can expect something to always happen.

Doesn't that say that "almost always" and "usually" mean just about the same thing? If you said yes, then tell me how you can differentiate between the two on these evaluations. I can't.

How about "rarely" and "never." Rarely means "on rare occasions; infrequently; seldom." Never means "not at all; absolutely not."

To me, this says that "rarely" and "never" are pretty close in meaning. It is tough to decide between the two when faced with an objective question where the answer is based on your own thoughts, as these evaluations do.

These answers we have to choose from are absurd. What if you come across a question about an instructor and you feel the answer lies between "usually" and "rarely?" That's a huge gap. There are words like "sometimes," "occasionally," "more times than not," and others that would fall between the two choices currently offered.

The point is that the way these evaluations are made up lends them to be stupid and incompetent. Without the student's voice in the evaluation, the whole process is irrelevant.

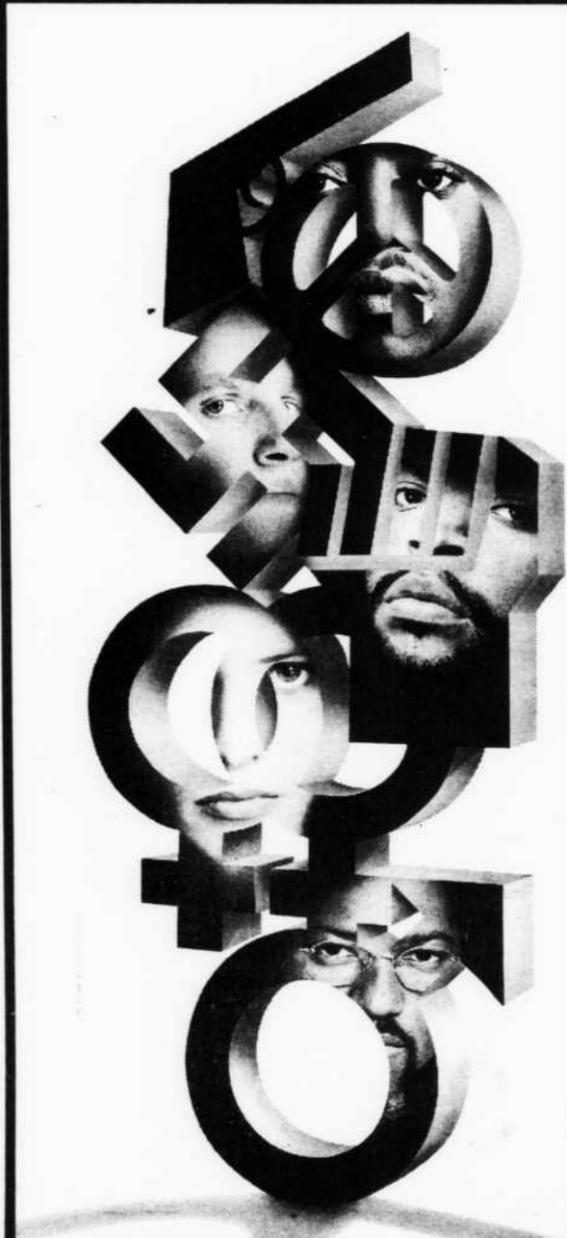
Who cares if the instructor gets assignments back to the student in adequate time? Some instructors have things to do outside of class, like going to conferences to which they have been invited to speak or doing research for their tenure track. If they don't get me my quiz back the next day, I'm not going to shoot them and go to the head of the department with complaints.

One of my instructors collected term papers the day before Thanksgiving and told us not to expect them back until the last day of class. That's fine with me. Just as long as he does a fair and accurate job of grading, I don't care if I get it back in 2156.

Last year (the last two semesters), I was given five to fill out—in four classes we were not given evaluations to fill out. This semester I have had to do these in all five of my classes. How is it determined who gets evaluated and who does not? Shouldn't all instructors be evaluated every semester? I know someone who claims he hasn't received one to fill out yet this semester.

I was told the other day that tenured instructors cannot be fired unless it is for budgetary reasons. If this is true, why did I have to fill out one form on an instructor who has been here since before dirt was brown? That seems like a waste of time and money to me, if it is true that he cannot be fired.

I think it is time that student's voices be better heard concerning their opinions of instructors. These evaluations are now available to any student wishing to see them for purposes of choosing sections of classes in which to enroll. It would be nice if students could decipher something important from these evaluations, not just if the instructor lets you out of class early. □



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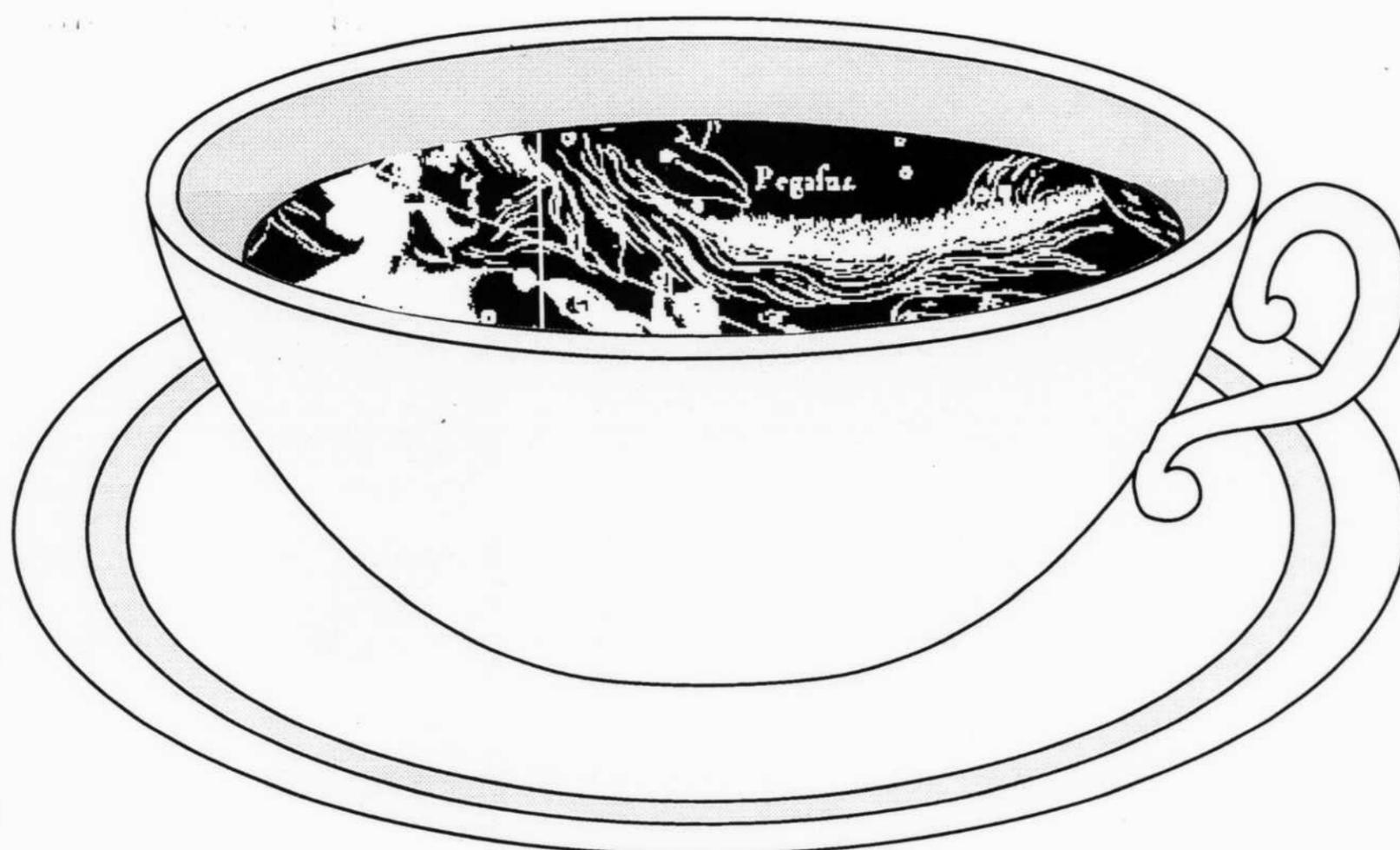
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YEAH I'M LOUD, SO WHAT!: Peter Klett, guitarist for Candlebox.

What's a Candlebox
anyway?



THE EVER GROWING FANS: The crowd at Murphy Center before the concert. All were in awe from the massive speakers looming above.

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FROM THE DARKNESS: Kevin Martin, the lead singer of Candlebox, singing to the audience on Wednesday night.

SUNNY L. BEASLEY
Assistant Features Editor

Three vocalists performing on one stage, but not a single one can be understood because of the decibel level of the guitars.

My ears were ringing when I left the Candlebox concert on November 30. Loud, louder, and loudest. This is the concert in a nut shell. This was the worst concert I have ever seen.

The opening band for Candlebox was Rob Rule and they were LOUD. The audience didn't seem to mind the overbearing guitar amps and heart-shattering drums, but something was definitely missing. I was hoping that as the concert progressed, the

music would get better, but my hopes went down in flames.

After Rob Rule finished what they called singing, Flaming Lips came on. LOUDER! They were decked out in Christmas lights and boxer shorts. They sounded like a moose in heat. How in the world they got any kind of record deal is beyond my comprehension.

Candlebox was next. WHAT DID YOU SAY I CAN'T HEAR YOU? After five songs I had a headache from all of the guitars and left. Although, I do have to say that they didn't make me want to vomit, at least.

When I left I saw the glass panes in Murphy Center rattle and vibrate with the music. My question to you is, if you went can you hear anything? ☐

A bit too Earnest in Tucker

Oscar Wilde's classic play is now showing at Tucker Theater

MELODY BOYD
Feature Writer

To see Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, is to enter an era of high English society. Along with deceptive, yet humorous, characters.

Directed by Dale McGillard, this play involves a comical mix-up in which Jack Worthing (Tee Quillin) claims to have a brother by the name of Earnest, who resides in the city. His reasoning behind this deception is so he may leave his country home to visit town as often as he likes. When in the city, he goes by the name Earnest.

In the city, he proposes to his love, Gwendolen (Cassandra Husky), who accepts—exclaiming the main reason for her affection is his wonderful name, Earnest. Jack is also the guardian of Cecily (Jenny Rainwater), who lives in the country and is fascinated with the idea of Jack's "brother" Earnest. Upon learning this Jack's crafty friend, Algernon (Bo Perry), who has wanted to meet Cecily, visits the country home posing as Jack's "brother,"

Earnest. He proposes to Cecily who, like Gwendolen, declares that his name alone makes him utterly charming. All four of these characters meet up in the country home, where two women believe to be engaged to "Earnest." Of course, this causes much confusion and the plot takes several turns before it is resolved.

As a play, Oscar Wilde's script is cleverly written and overflows with witty lines. However, to see it performed on-stage was somewhat tiresome. The first act was very slow, and though it picked up in the following acts, things moved at a relatively slow pace. This was not because of the performances, but the work itself. The entire play is conversation, with very little action and movement.

The set, costumes and make-up was the most

impressive element in the play. Since it takes place in the 1800's, the scenic design depicted a classic, Victorian style. The costume design was incredible, with actors adorned in rich velvet and elaborate dresses.

Most of the performances were convincing, with genuine-sounding dialects and good interaction. Tee Quillin and Bo Perry, the two "Earnests," were expressive, yet controlled and they played well off each other. The part of Cecily (Jenny Rainwater) was a bit overdone and her voice often became very high-pitched and

disturbing.

One of the best performances given was a supporting role played by Heidi Eland. Eland played Algernon's pompous, older aunt, Lady Bracknell. This moving actress conveyed her character's age and her stiff, refined attitude perfectly. Eland's voice inflection was

The entire play is conversation, with very little action and movement.



THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAYING EARNEST: Tee Quillion (Jack Worthing), Bo Perry (Algernon) and Cassandra Huskey (Gwendolen) rehearse a scene from Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

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especially good, for she knew exactly what to emphasize with her crisp accent.

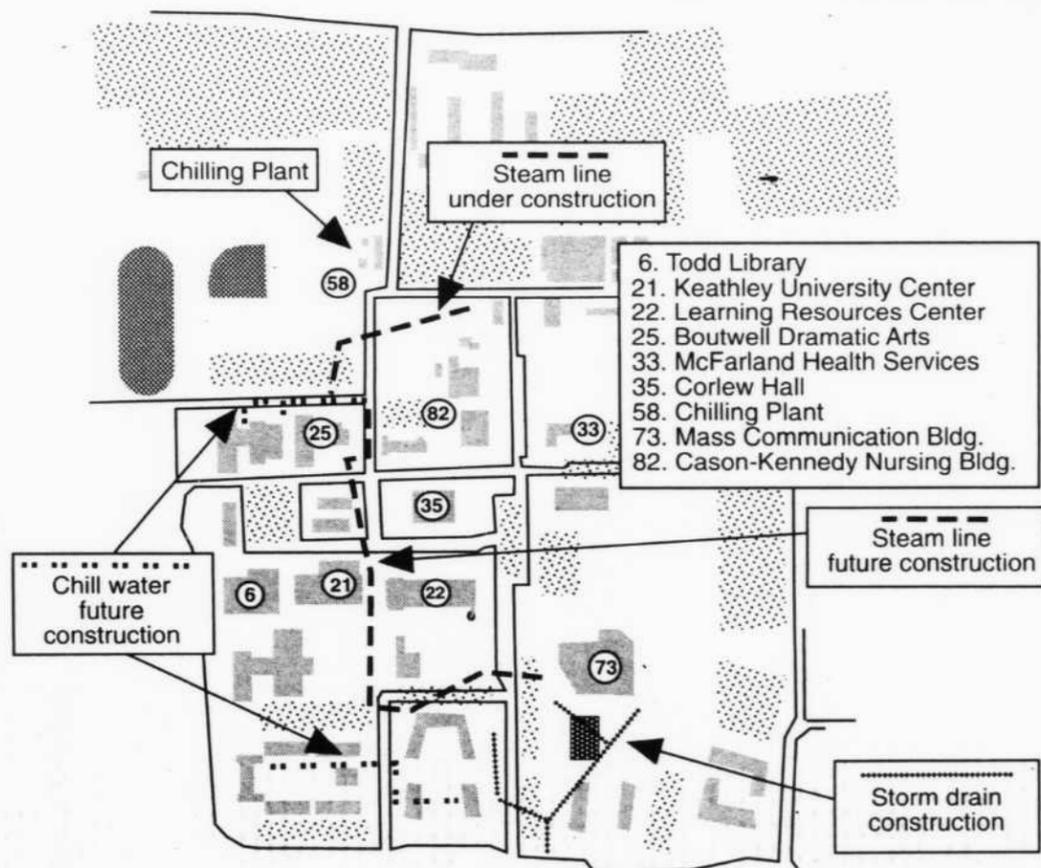
Oscar Wilde's play evokes a cultured, tasteful mood in which nothing is outright funny, but everything is amusing. For readability, it is wonderful, for there are imperceptible puns and hidden meanings behind words. That, however, is the

controlling force in the play and despite how clever the script maybe, it is tedious to sit for two hours watching people practice the art of conversation.

The Importance of Being Earnest can be very much appreciated for its dry humor and literary value, but that did not necessarily make it enjoyable. □

Repairs to close Chilling Plant through January

December 5, 1994



Not that we'll need it much, but there will be no air conditioning on campus from Dec. 18 through the end of January. Bill Smotherman, director of facilities services, said the chilling plant, located on the north side of the campus, will be shut down "so we can change the pumping system and repipe the chilling plant for greater operational and cooling efficiency."

Smotherman noted that despite the cool winter temperatures some buildings may experience higher than normal temperatures. "This will be especially true," he noted "in cafeterias, since they have such a heavy heating load."

Some areas with sensitive equipment will need special attention. "We are requiring the utility contractor to install temporary chillers in the Mass Comm Building and the LRC due to the high internal heat load generated by equipment in these areas."

The contractors will work throughout the months of December and January to finish the chilling plant project.

There will be a great deal of other digging during the winter months according to Smotherman. He noted, "Considerable construction will be concentrated along two heavily traveled corridors. The first corridor runs from north of Jones Hall, along Second Street, through the KUC parking lot, and in front of Forrest Hall. The other corridor will extend from BDA, going south beside B Street, extending between KUC and the LRC, and on through the KUC courtyard."

Smotherman said, "This phase of the project should be finished by late spring and will be followed immediately by a campus wide project to install ductwork for future underground electrical wiring."

There is now Room at the Inn

A place for the homeless to seek shelter from the storm

AMY SENTELLE
Special to Sidelines

For the homeless, winter is the cruellest season of all. But thanks to area churches here in Murfreesboro, there is now room at the inn. Room at the Inn is an area missions project that seeks to meet the physical as well as spiritual needs of the area's homeless.

Murfreesboro's Room at the Inn coordinator Christine Huddleston says no one is left out in the cold or hungry. "Lots of people we minister to do have jobs, but nowhere to stay," Huddleston explains. "They are fed and stay the night at the church, then go to the next church to stay."

Third Baptist Church is one of six other churches in Murfreesboro participating in Room at the Inn. This is the second year Third Baptist has participated, and Suzanne Adams, Third's coordinator for Room at the Inn, says that the program last year was a great success. Suzanne explains that, "Last year we were able to minister to hundreds of families who were down on their luck. We had a great outpouring of love from many in the church, and the people that came to the program were a real blessing to me."

Room at the Inn not only provides shelter for the area homeless. The

program seeks to help people rebuild their lives by providing them with clothes, jobs, food, and most importantly, hope.

Homeless people are just like everybody else, they just need a break, and Room at the Inn gives them hope. Each church volunteers their facilities for one night of the week. The people are picked up in the afternoon and taken to the church. When they arrive they're given a home-cooked meal that's prepared by members of the church. After the meal is completed, everyone gathers to fellowship and spend some time in praise. Within these walls there is no status, there's much love and human compassion.

Many of the volunteers agree that

Room at the Inn has ministered to them as well as to the homeless. Volunteer and member of Third Baptist Church, Amy Crimm, explains that, "There is such a spirit of hope and thankfulness among the people that we minister to. They are so blessed by the little that we do, and in return I have received a blessing. The Bible says that before we minister to their spiritual needs, we must meet their spiritual needs and I just thank God for letting me be involved."

-Suzanne Adams
Coordinator for Room at the Inn

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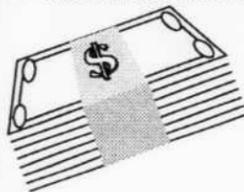
Last year at Third alone there were more than 50 people that showed up looking for shelter and hope. Many of the people found jobs and places to live. Amy explains that, "We lost many people who came to the program, but it was a blessing because they had gotten their lives back. The ones who stopped coming

were the ones who had found jobs and homes and even then, many of them kept coming to worship and give those who were still without homes hope for the future. It was a very effective ministry and it ministered to them in a way that I will never forget. It showed me how truly blessed I really am."

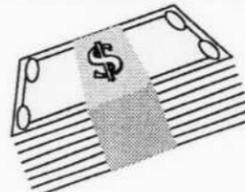
The blessings were bountiful November seventh as Third began its second season of Room at the Inn. Eight people came to the program. Among the people that came were a family of four, a husband and wife with their two sons who had only recently moved into a house. They came to praise God for their good fortune and to give the others hope. This family is one of many other testimonies of the power of human compassion and good will.

We're living in a day where it's normal to see the homeless everywhere. But this isn't normal and we should never get comfortable or apathetic about one of our own suffering. November is a time of thanksgiving, and I know that I'm going to be giving thanks for the simple things in life, place to lay my head at night, and good food to eat. And thanks to Room at the Inn, the area homeless can give thanks for the best gift of all ... the gift of hope. □





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Students Coalition for Animal Rights, SCAR, Fights for Recognition and Life

CASSANDRA MURRAY
Special to *Sidelines*

It was an event that occurred more than three years ago that changed Deborah Jackson's life.

Ask her why she helped establish the Student Coalition for Animal Rights and immediately she will tell you what happened that day.

"It was my first semester at MTSU and I found a dying pigeon on campus. This upset me, and I began asking around telling people about it."

She was told the pigeons were being intentionally poisoned in their roosting areas. The reason? People were complaining about pigeon droppings on their cars.

This upset me to no end," declares Jackson. "Birds were being killed for the sake of people's cars."

Shortly after that, Jackson became an environmental activist, joining groups such as Students for Environmental Action. But animal rights, she says, "has always been the reason."

Jackson wasn't alone. She and a few friends got together to form the Student Coalition for Animal Rights (SCAR). Kellie Cason, president of SCAR, was one of the founders.

"We discuss issues pertaining to animal rights," explains Cason. "Our constitution states we are in pursuit of the welfare of all species locally."

SCAR is concerned with local and campus issues, like the dissection policy at MTSU. Particularly in question is the policy that the core course, Biology 100, requires dissection.

"It's asinine that Biology 100 students have to dissect. Everyone shouldn't have to look at a fetal pig," declares Cason.

SCAR would also like to improve the vegetarian menu

in the cafeterias; particularly for vegans, who eat neither meat nor dairy products. Cason explains that it's difficult to fill all dietary requirements with the current menu.

"We recently had an open meeting to discuss how to become a vegetarian healthfully," adds Jackson. "We handed out newsletters and cookbooks,"

At the local level, the group has protested at a

"Birds were being killed for the sake of people's cars."

-Deborah Jackson
A founding member of SCAR

circus. SCAR is against the treatment of circus animals—in their training and in the fact that they are, according to Cason, "displayed for fun."

Asked what the protest entailed Cason explains, "We just passed out fliers informing people of what goes on with the training. We are not radicals, we just want to inform."

Indeed, they are not a radical group, just one that feels very strongly about the protection of animals. If you ask about stray "animal companions" (members of SCAR do not "own" animals or pets) Cason will passionately explain the group's feelings.

"We want to hold down on the slaughtering, going on at the Humane Society. We would like to work with them to set up a cheap spaying and neutering clinic, and also find good homes for strays."

Another local case the group is following is one that occurred in Manchester involving alleged abuse of

Tennessee Walking horses.

"To get the horses to walk correctly," explains Jackson, "you have to create pain in their hooves. This is done by acid, spikes and barbed wire. There is no reason for it except aesthetics."

"This is something we as Tennesseans are supposed to be proud of. But our pride is based on horrible cruelty."

SCAR wants to stamp out cruelty to animals in many other areas. Cason says the use of animal fur as clothing is one of SCAR's top priorities, but the group has not yet discussed what can be done locally.

The organization is still young and hasn't had time to cover everything they want addressed. They have only been in existence for a few months, but they have submitted their constitution to the student government and hope to become a permanent fixture at MTSU. Assistant Professor of English, Thomas Strawman, is their faculty sponsor.

Still relatively small and informal, SCAR has about 15 members and Cason remarks that her officer status is just a formality.

"The only reason we have officers is because the university requires it," she explains.

Despite their newness, they aren't the first group to tackle animal rights at MTSU.

"There used to be an animal rights group on campus," Jackson remembers. "But it disintegrated when I came to MTSU."

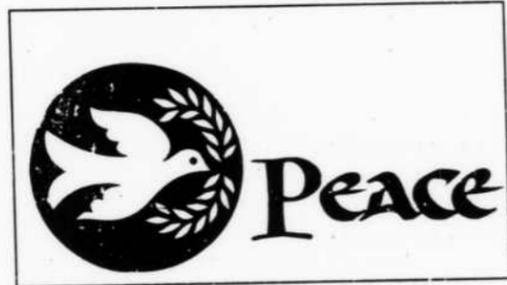
Jackson still has the same desire to care for animals as she did the day she found the dying pigeon. The same desire that helped her start SCAR.

"There were lots of people who wanted SCAR for a long time," Jackson believes. "We just decided it had been long enough." □

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The gift that keeps on giving
Become an organ donor this Christmas

SUE MULLIN
Staff Writer

The Christmas holiday season more than any other time of the year reminds us to think of what good we can do for others. An ultimate gift of generosity and commitment is becoming an organ donor.

As of Sept. 30, 1994, 822 people in Tennessee were waiting for a donor organ. As recently as last week, there were 36,655 people in the United States waiting for an organ.

The sophistication of medical procedures are snowballing, and quality of life is now probable for transplant patients. But only if they get the needed organ *in time*. Time is of the essence. All too often, we do not lose these patients to the transplant procedure; we lose them to pre-transplant for want of a donor organ before they become too debilitated to fully benefit from transplantation.

"The public needs to be made aware of the organ shortage," said Jan, a Michigan resident and kidney recipient, "and we need to get the public to see that the people who have had transplants

are normal people leading normal lives.

"As a rule," she said, "organ transplant recipients are not invalids, and are not handicapped after recovery from surgery. They're back to work in three to six months. Most heart transplant patients under retirement age work 40-hour weeks after the first year. Women can have normal childbirth after transplants.

"The public is beginning to come around to accepting transplant as an option," Jan said. "What we need is people to donate, and for prospective donors to talk to their families, and let them know their wishes.

"The wait for a donor varies, but the average wait for a blood type O-positive donor—get this," she emphasizes, "can be two and a half years because it is so common. Not all patients can afford to wait two and a half years."

Patients have their lives on hold while they wait. The patient must be surgically prepared and able to receive the organ within four hours for a heart, and eight to 12 hours for a liver. Kidneys have up to 48 hours to be matched with a patient. But many patients die before they can receive the needed help.

Most major religious faiths support organ and tissue donation. The Amish specify that there must be a reasonable chance for the recipient to have a favorable outlook following

transplantation. Christian Scientists state that organ donation and transplantation are a matter of personal choice. Most Protestant faiths see organ donations as the Roman Catholics do, as a matter of personal choice, and an act of charity and fraternal love.

Judaism take the strongest stance, stating that saving a human life takes precedence over maintaining the sanctity of the human body.

"If one is in the position to donate an organ to save

of kin are: spouse; then adult son or daughter; parent; adult brother or sister; and then legal guardian—in that order.

Deciding to become an organ or tissue donor in no way impedes how aggressively medical personnel work to save the patient's life in the event of an accident, illness or any other life-threatening crisis.

In Tennessee, most usually using the Harvard University criteria for brain death, no organ is removed until brain death has occurred, and the next of kin

have authorized the procedure. The donor chooses in advance, by listing on his or her donor card, what they wish to donate. Donations may include the dura, corneas, lungs, heart, liver, kidneys, pancreas, bone marrow, fascia, skin, bone, cartilage and tendons. Single organ or multiple organ donations may be considered. If the prospective donor wants to change their mind and not be a donor after all, there is no problem. Simply void the donor card and notify your next of kin of your decision.

Surgical procedures to obtain donated organs are done carefully, and a traditional open casket funeral may still be

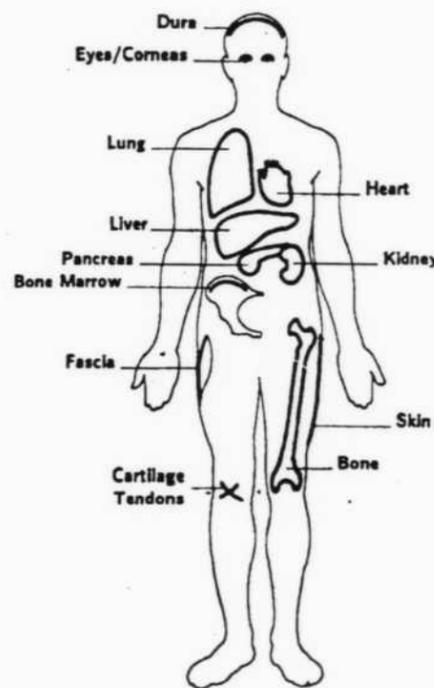
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used as desired. There is no charge to the survivors for the organ removal, nor is there any payment to the family for the organ.

Organ donations can be made by most individuals who are between 3 months and 75 years of age. Recipients are selected through a national computer system mandated by the National Transplant Act, and they are chosen according

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Various Gifts Of Donation



another's life, it's obligatory to do so, even if the donor never knows who the beneficiary will be," said Moses Tendler, Ph.D., an Orthodox rabbi. "It is given that the donor must be brain dead in accordance with the standards set by the Harvard University criteria and the President's Commission on Brain Death," he adds.

Gypsies generally oppose transplantation and organ donation because they believe that, for the first year after a person dies, their soul retraces its steps, and all the body parts must remain intact because the soul retains physical shape. Thus, the sanctity of the human body must be maintained.

Islamic followers may donate organs, but the donated organs must be used at once, and not held in an organ bank.

Many would-be donors have a variety of practical questions in addition to ethical and religious concerns. Organ donation has numerous safeguards. For example, it is not enough that the prospective donor fill out a donor card; it is also necessary that the next of kin be supportive of this decision and authorize it when the donor dies. Therefore, the donor must both fill out the card and make his or her wishes known to his or her next of kin. Tennessee, as with most organ- and tissue-procurement agencies, will not act without the permission of the next of kin of the donor. Legal priority of next



There is an organ procurement agency in every state. In middle Tennessee for further information call: Tennessee Donor Services 615-327-2247 or 1-800-969-GIFT

For national information call: United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) 1-800-292-9548

Cyclosporine: A miracle for all seasons

SUE MULLIN
Staff Writer

The miracle drug Cyclosporine prevents the body from rejecting transplanted organs. It was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in September 1983 after nine months rather than the two years it generally takes to approve a new drug.

Research that resulted in the development of Cyclosporine began in 1969 at the Microbiology Department of Sandoz Pharmaceuticals in Basle, Switzerland. Tests focused on two new strains of fungi imperfecti isolated from soil samples obtained in Wisconsin. Originally seeking

"Cyclosporine has changed transplantation from an experimental procedure to an accepted therapy,"

-Dr. Mark Grebenau
Sandoz Pharmaceuticals

to develop an antibiotic and not getting the desired results, there were just enough curiosities in the testing to encourage researcher Jean F. Borel and his colleagues to persist. In 1972, Borel identified that the compounds he was working with had an immunosuppressive effect. By 1973, he was having to convince management that his research with these compounds needed to continue. In 1977, still plodding forward and systematically overcoming hurdles, he became the first human to ingest Cyclosporine, swallowing "a distasteful drink" as he described the solution.

"As a consequence, I got tipsy," he said, but when serum levels were taken "the drug was certainly absorbed in pharmacologically active concentrations."

Borel modestly sets aside his personal role in the development of Cyclosporine and quotes Louis Pasteur, saying, "A scientific

discovery...is never the work of a single person and each of those who collaborated in it has contributed many sleepless nights."

Work continued, and finally with the approval for Cyclosporine to be used on transplant patients in the United States in 1983, it began saving countless lives and dramatically revolutionized transplant surgery.

"Cyclosporine has changed transplantation from an experimental procedure to an accepted therapy," states Dr. Mark Grebenau, spokesman for medical operations at Sandoz Pharmaceuticals.

Cyclosporine, a potent immunosuppressive acts selectively, and while it inhibits the body from rejecting the transplanted organ, it does not inhibit the immune system from preventing or combating infection. This was the problem with previously used immunosuppressive drugs.

As a result of the impact of the introduction of Cyclosporine, kidney transplant survival has increased from 50 to 90 percent. Liver transplants have increased from 35 percent to 70 percent successful. Heart transplants have about a 75 percent survival rate.

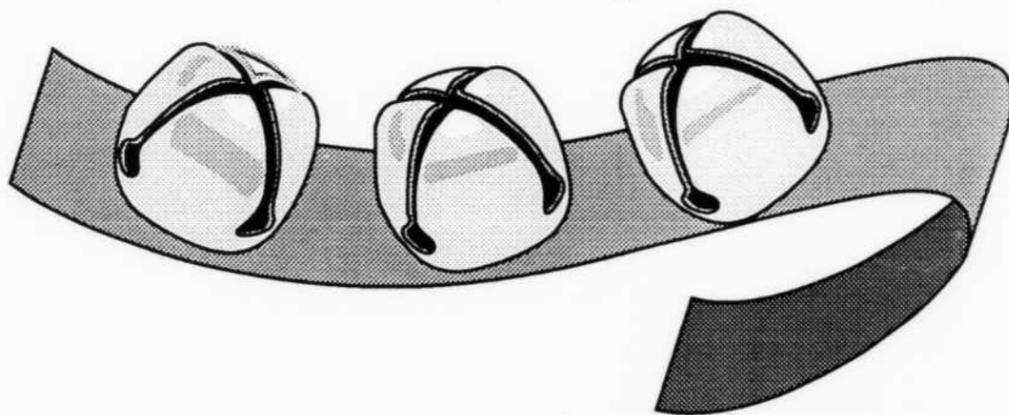
Though pre-Cyclosporine and post-Cyclosporine figures may differ from different sources, they are nonetheless spectacular. Varying ages of transplant recipients at the time of surgery can affect longevity statistics, and also statistics are given for differing time lengths following transplantation.

With the introduction of Cyclosporine, transplantation is not only saving lives; former transplant patients are now regular people living quality lives.

Jan, a Michigan kidney transplantation patient from Kalamazoo, expresses the post-Cyclosporine transplantation patient situation succinctly.

"Once transplanted, still viable. You don't have to sit around. You can go out and do whatever you want." □

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Mike Mosier has a change of heart

Lewisburg guitar player strums with a new beat

SUE MULLIN
Staff Writer

This wasn't a Scrooge conversion from bad guy to good guy. Mike is a really nice guy who got even nicer and no Scrooge about it. On March 22, 1994, Mike Mosier had a heart transplant.

"I feel so good I hardly realize anything has happened to me," said 40-year-old Lewisburg, Tennessee resident Michael Mosier. "I know that sounds insane, but that's the truth."

Mike had been basically healthy all his life. Then, "A virus got into my system about a year before symptoms began," Mike said the doctor speculated. "The virus affected my heart. The first symptoms felt like a touch of the flu. They began about Thanksgiving 1993. At first it was just like a flu that you don't get over, then the symptoms got worse. In fact, they weren't just worse, they were downright evil."

It's hard to believe that Mike was ever short of breath. Smooth tenor-pitched words poured from him with a fluid speed and casual coordination during this telephone interview that was akin to a long-distance running

champion who has perfected the art of running fast while breathing easy.

Shortness of breath was the symptom that gave Mike more and more problems, finally provoking him on Sunday, January 23, 1994 to go to the emergency room in Lewisburg. Doctors began tests and found that his heart was functioning 30 to 50 percent below normal in maintaining his blood oxygen levels. They sent him to St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville on Monday, January 24. By this time Mike's kidneys and liver were failing from lack of oxygen. Doctors induced a deep coma to keep Mike perfectly still, and he was put on a respirator to attempt to get more oxygen into his system and see if he could respond. But the outlook for him was grim. Doctors advised his family that he most probably would not survive longer than 48 hours.

But he did.

With the oxygen assist from ventilatory support, Mike's kidneys and liver began working again, and Mike held on. "I didn't know it, of course," Mike said, "but I was on the list [for a donor heart] as soon as my kidneys and liver restored functioning."

In March, the doctors "woke" Mike up and let him know what his situation was.

"What I got was," Mike laughs, "is a lethal dose of positive thinking."

"I was awake 10 or 11 days when on the evening on March 22, two hearts went into the cardiac unit at Birmingham, Alabama. The first one went to someone else.

"I know it's insane, but even waking up from surgery, I felt better than I had in two years. I felt good!"

—Mike Mosier

The second one was B-positive, my type, and I was next on the list." Mike's voice while relating this was serious, then a persistent mischief was back, and he said, "Late in the night on March 22, 1994, I had a change of heart." It's a good joke at just the right moment, and clearly Mike knew it.

"I know it's insane, but even waking up from surgery, I felt better than I had in two years. I felt good!"

"The transplant team is in your corner before, during and

after surgery. They condition you spiritually, physically and emotionally. I was ready.

"Surgery wasn't the hard part. It was after. Most challenging of all was rebuilding physically. I had to learn to walk all over again. The only thing I had going for me is I remembered I had walked before. I had to relearn regular hands-on skills like holding a glass and using a knife and fork. I kept spilling and dropping things. I was ferociously clumsy. But it wasn't from the transplant, it was from everything before it.

"Right now [December 2, 1994] I'd say I'm 80 to 90 percent functional with about 70 percent of my strength back."

The average recovery time for a heart transplant patient to be back to work is a year, and Mike, a guitar instructor and musician, is already back to work and in sight of his normal capacity before surgery.

"When I got out of the hospital, I stayed with my Mom at the Imperial House. The hospital keeps a couple of apartments for patients to get out of the hospital and still be close by. It's kind of a transitioning thing. If anything sneaks up on you,

you are right there. They just zap you right into the hospital, and take care of you. I was there about a half a week.

"Then I stayed with my sister, Lisa Davis, in Murfreesboro for three and a half weeks, and I did sort of an apprenticeship in housekeeping there. On May 23, I moved into my own apartment in Lewisburg where I live alone.

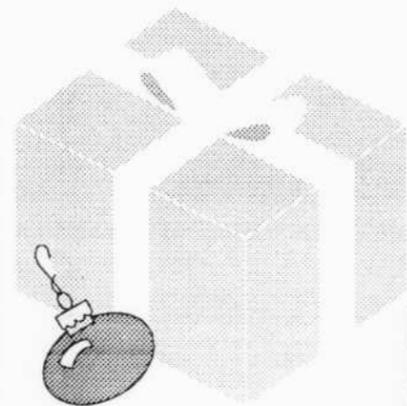
"I'll have to take medication for the rest of my life," Mike said frankly. "The main ones are Cyclosporine, Imuran, and Prednisone. These are the anti-rejection drugs. I'm on a really low dose of Prednisone now. They [doctors] played with it [blood levels], and tapered it down. My last ten biopsies have been negative, and I've had no change in medication for a good solid two months."

"I've had a couple of really minor rejection episodes, but they were nothing serious. They just adjusted the blood levels of my medication and that took care of it."

"To find out if I'm rejecting, they draw four samples of blood every two weeks. One is to test my level of Cyclosporine, one to test liver function, one to test kidney function, and I don't

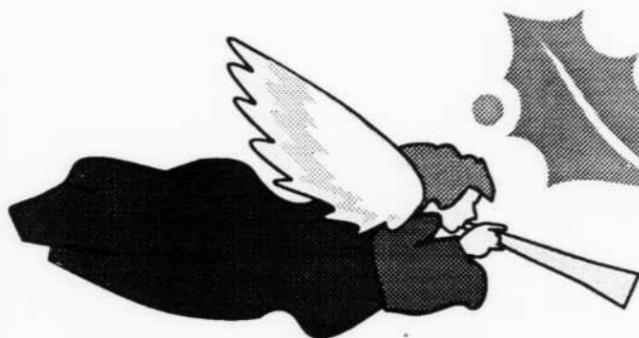
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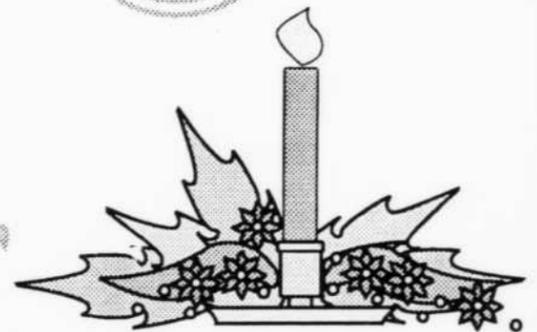


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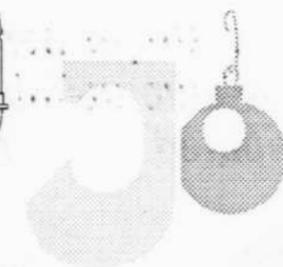
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Merry Christmas



Seasons Greetings



HEART

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know what the fourth is for."

Biopsies are once a month.

"They're interesting to watch," he said. "I have a local anesthetic—I get an extra six-pack of that," Mike laughs, "and they make an incision in my neck and stick in a guide wire and get the catheter close to the heart. It has these crawfish tongs on the end that grab one to three samples of tissue. It's no big deal. Biopsies and I are old friends. The first time I saw the crawfish prong go down I told Dr. [Mark] Wigger that I got a craving for seafood. I really like seafood. Jambalaya!

"Dr. Wigger is the chief of my transplant team. He has a seventh sense, and he works at about at least 125 percent all the time. Dr. Wigger wanted to see if my kidneys and liver could prove themselves which is how he got involved with me when I first got to St. Thomas.

"My surgery took 3 hours and 40 minutes. The average time for a transplant is 4 hours. I used 5 units of blood. Some of it was my own that they recycled."

Mike, with his practical upbeat attitude to his life change, ticks off his medication like he's reading a fast food menu at McDonald's. They serve a variety of purposes he said: To prevent viral infection, to increase heart rate, to regulate blood pressure, a potassium supplement, a child's aspirin once a day to keep the blood flowing, a diuretic, an iron supplement, some stomach medicine to prevent ulcers and some medication to prevent thrush.

"Cyclosporine and Imuran can affect liver and kidney function and when I need more Prednisone it causes me to retain fluids. Then I have to murder the salt in my food to the max.

"I'm taking good care of this life. Although I'm not completely recovered yet, I'm in better shape than ever before. Now I'm going to cardiac rehab three days a week which provides a structured manner for me to rebuild.

"I spent this Thanksgiving in Florida. I traveled alone, and drove straight through 7 1/2 hours, and was not in any way beat. I believe I could have just kept right on going to Miami and not gotten tired!"

Mike looks at the way in which medical necessities has changed his life with the same practical way he takes his medicine.

"Biopsies are for life. They're once a month now. Soon I think they'll be once every three months, then once every six months. After two years is when I think I only have to have them once a year.

Even though all this changes your way of life, it becomes a way of life right away as you begin to recover. It's okay.

"The fact is," Mike notes, "I just a little bit short of died. I was born again [with my transplant], and raised again [with therapy and recovery]."

When you listen to Mike tell his story you realize his story is not just good luck, it's good will, and his willingness to do what it takes to be well.

"That's what it takes," Mike said. "Good will." □

DONATION

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and they are chosen according need and availability.

Perhaps the single most difficult factor when discussing becoming an organ donor is that, in most instances, there is the tragedy of the donor's death. There is no way to diminish the horror of this fact. Nonetheless, for some individuals, there is some comfort in the knowledge that, in spite of this great loss, there is the possibility that one or several lives can be saved through an unavoidable tragedy. Each organ given, each skin graft and each bone marrow donation can be life and hope for the recipient. Another person may become sighted for the first time.

Becoming an organ donor is an intensely personal decision. When a person decides to become a donor, they must make a written commitment, and they must tell their next of kin of their decision to make sure their wishes are met.

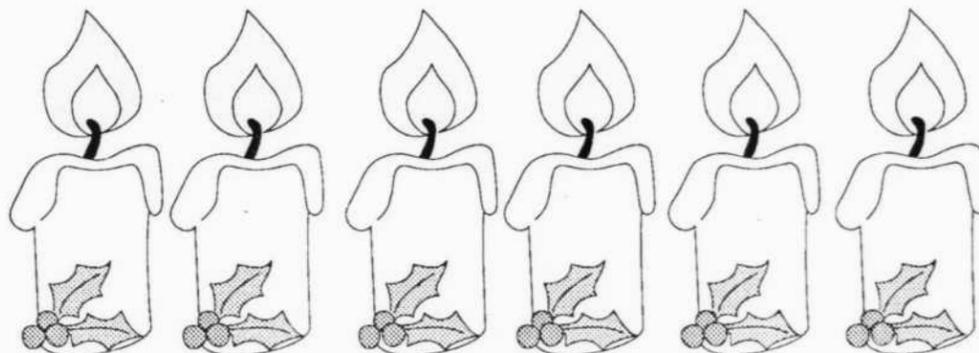
For both donor and recipient, it is a matter of living in the moment and enjoying it, and living in tomorrow, and enriching it. □

QUOTE

"A scientific discovery...is never the work of a single person, and each of those who collaborated in it has contributed many sleepless nights."

—LOUIS PASTEUR

Merry Christmas



Dumb happens.



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Blue Raiders struggle to beat Lyon College 75-68

DREW BUTLER
Sports Writer

Good shooting and defense were the main ingredients for the MTSU men's basketball team as they beat Lyon College 75-68 at Murphy Center on Saturday night.

MTSU had to overcome a short bench because only nine players were available to play in the game and only six Blue Raider players broke into the scoring column by the end of the game.

The Blue Raiders struggled early in the game against the NAIA foe but came through in the second half. With the help of 51 percent shooting (30-58), MTSU improved to 2-0 by pulling away from the Scots.

MTSU started the game with cold shooting while Lyon College used three-pointers and opportunistic scoring to jump out to a 13-4 lead five minutes into the first half.

"Mentally, no matter what your doing, you have to be ready to play," said MTSU Head Coach David Farrar. "We still have to execute things a whole lot better, regardless of who's playing."

MTSU used defense to cut the Lyon

lead to one, 21-20, with five minutes left in the half, but they would still trail 34-29 at the half.

"We didn't play with as much enthusiasm as they did, and that usually has a big effect on anything you do," said Farrar.

The second half saw the Blue Raiders' shooting improve. MTSU took a 39-37 lead with a 10-3 run in the first four minutes of the half.

The Blue Raiders added a strong defense that held Lyon to 33 percent shooting for the game and caused 22 turnovers.

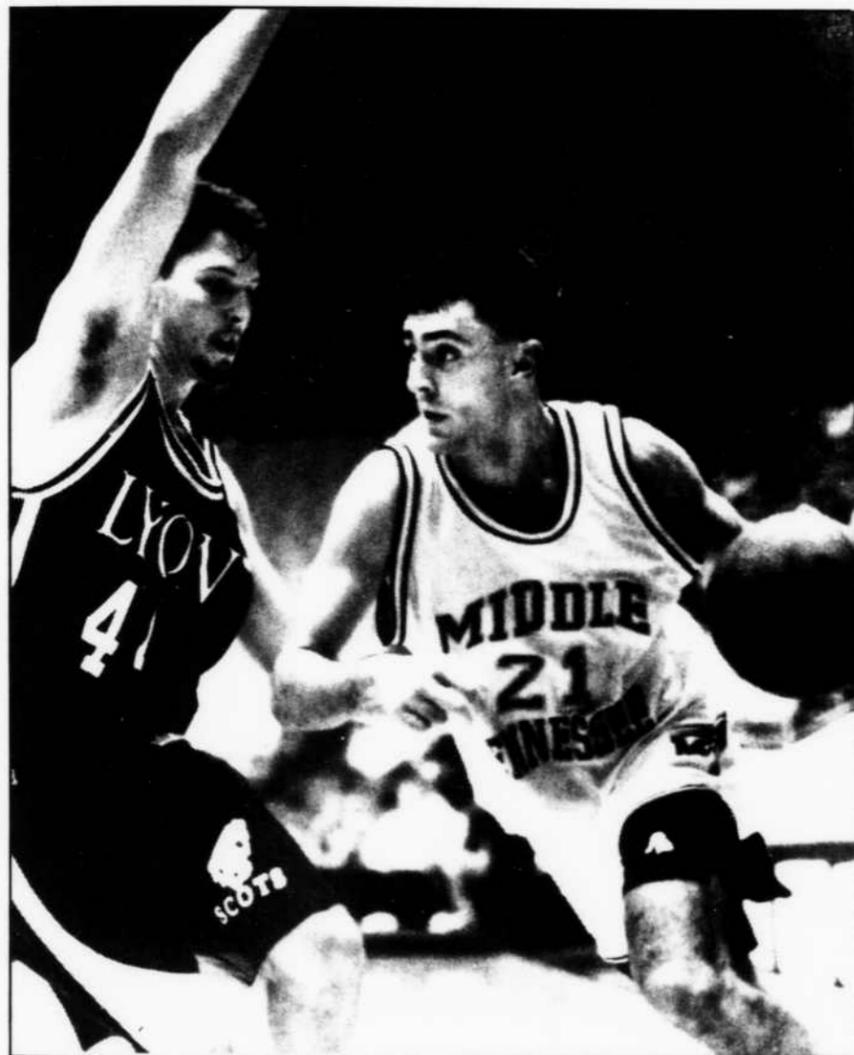
Lyon kept the game close by out rebounded MTSU and by making their free throws.

The Scots won the rebounding battle with the bigger Blue Raiders 44-37. Lyon also hit 88 percent of their free throws while MTSU only hit on 48 percent (13-27) of their free

throws.

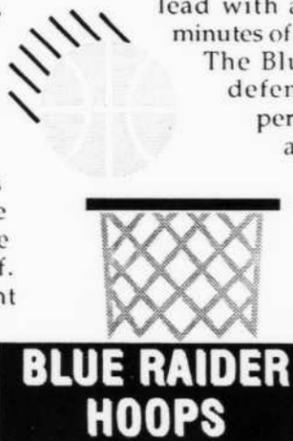
MTSU pulled away to lead by as many as 12 points late and eventually won by seven.

The Blue Raiders were led by Forward Velvius Goodloe who scored a team-high 21 points. Tim Gaither connected for 19 points while Bobby



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LOOKING FOR A LANE - MTSU freshman forward K.J. Harden looks to move around a Lyon College player in MTSU's 75-68 come from behind victory over the Scots. MTSU trailed at halftime before taking control in the second.



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ON THE LINE	TONY ARNOLD Sports Advisor	SCOTT STEWART Sports Editor	JESSICA CLAYBORN Asst. Sports Editor	DREW BUTLER Sports Writer	SCOTT LEAMON Sports Writer	EMERI GORDON Student Champ
Florida vs Florida St.	FSU 28-27 State unstoppable this time	FSU 45-42 Spurrier can't beat the Bowdens	FSU 26-25 SEC 0-1	Fla. 35-31 Gators chomp in overtime	FSU 44-43 Overtime will be great	FSU 30-24 Wide right for Gators
Penn State vs Oregon	Penn 24-10 I'm all quacked out	Org. 35-30 I believe in Duck power	Penn 100-0 True #1	Org. 28-21 Go quack attack!	Penn (whatever) Lions roaring, Ducks quacking	Penn 37-14 Ducks can't fly this far
USC vs Texas Tech	USC 20-10 Run OJ Run; Drive AC Drive!!!!	USC 45-10 OJ should've played at UT	USC 74-7 Who cares?	USC 35-17 USC puts end to SWC, Cotton Bowl	USC 42-3 SWC lower than the WAC	USC 28-17 Even Notre Dame could beat Tech
Colorado vs Notre Dame	ND 17-14 Irish will be ready	ND 21-20 Can't beat Holtz with month preparation	Col. 28-3 No luck for Irish	Col. 38-10 Luck got ND there, won't get em out	Col. 35-10 Why is ND in this bowl?	Col. 28-27 Buffs stomp out Irish luck
Alabama vs Ohio St.	Bama 25-21 Stallings actually goes for two	Bama 23-20 Why would it be any different	Bama 18-12 SEC breaks even	Bama 35-3 Tide cracks Buckeyes	Bama 17-14 Should be in the Sugar Bowl	Bama 24-17 Nuts washed away by the Tide
Miami vs Nebraska	Neb. 35-21 Huskers haven't let me down	Neb. 33-32 Huskers get the 2-pointer this time	Miami 28-27 I love my 'Canes	Miami 22-13 Miami National Champs	Miami 44-40 El foldo for Osborne	Miami 26-23 'Canes shuck some corn
W. Virginia vs S. Carolina	WV 10-7 SC still didn't beat Vandy	SC 28-24 They shouldn't even play	WV 9-7 How quick they fall	WV 21-20 So. Carolina sucks	WV 35-17 Gamecocks can't climb mountain	WV 21-14 Gamecocks my butt
Miss. State vs NC State	NC St. 14-7 Bet ya State wins	MSU 21-17 Dawgs break from the pack	MSU 21-10 Dawgs over 'Pack'	NC St. 6-3 Close game	NC St. 20-17 Pack runs down dawgs	MSU 31-21 Dawgs castrate wolfpack
Va. Tech vs Tennessee	Tenn. 28-10 Players released on work program	Va. Tech 24-23 Hoakies whip the convicts	Va. Tech 12-5 Where's Johnny?	Tenn. 21-17 Vols have court afterwards	Tenn. 34-21 Where's Auburn playing?	UT 45-17 Just wait til next year
Kansas St. vs Boston Col.	BC 17-13 Is Doug Flutie still there?	K St. 35-33 I'd rather be in Hawaii too	K St. 42-35 This ain't ND	K St. 28-17 Wildcats bask in Hawaii sun	Date 52-0 Best trip for bowl teams	BC 21-17 Farmboys bite the dust

Final staff picks gives all new life in bowl games

It is time for the final picks, and our prognosticators are excited about going into a 10-game match for the bowl games.

Tony Arnold and Emery Gordon will be favorites to win since both finished as champions of the regular season, with Arnold winning the staff picks and Gordon winning the student picks.

"This is what we've all been looking for," Arnold said. "Emery is going to find out what it's like with the big boys."

Gordon's response with sheer confidence.

"Those guys haven't got a chance against me, I've had to pick 16 games a week to their ten, I'm in condition."

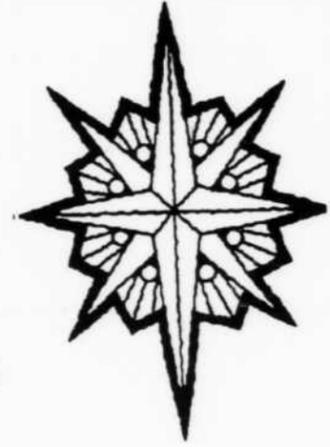
However, Assistant sports editor Jessica Clayborn can't be left out, since she was able to give Arnold a close race on the strength of two perfect weeks.

"I've had two perfect weeks and nothing is stopping me from what is rightfully mine," Clayborn said.

Scotty Leamon, Drew Butler, and Scott Stewart will try to put on a one pick flurry to salvage their dignities.

Enjoy your holidays and get ready for the basketball picks coming up in the Spring. □

People Still Seek Him!



Just as the people before Jesus' time anticipated the Messiah,...

"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

And Just as the wise men of Jesus' time sought the baby Jesus,...

"Wise Men from the East asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?' On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him." Matthew 2:2, 11

People of today still seek him ...and He may be found!

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." John 5:24

This Holiday, if you are looking for Peace, we have the perfect gift.

As we celebrate another season of hope for "peace on earth", remember that true peace can only be found in the person of Jesus Christ.

Wishing MTSU Students, Staff and Faculty the blessings of the Christmas season and inviting all to get to know The Reason for the season.



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IN OUR OPINION

FROM THE SPORTS EDITORIAL STAFF...
MTSU athletics need your support

Last Saturday, The Blue Raider football team ended their season with a disappointing 49-14 loss to the Marshall Thundering Herd.

The loss was disappointing, but some of the responses were even more disheartening.

"Why don't they play some playoff games at home?" or "You knew they wouldn't get out of the first round."

Did anyone stop to think that last Thanksgiving weekend, Boots and his boys were at home?

Sidelines managing editor Warren Wakeland wrote an enlightening column about our football team in the last issue of this paper, but we want to take it a step further. In our opinion, we think you should **SUPPORT MTSU ATHLETICS.**

Yes, you heard us correctly, support your football team. Better yet, support *all* of the teams that represent our school. That includes men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, golf, track, cross country, rugby, and all the other sports we couldn't think of off the top of our heads.

We are positive if you just take a few hours out of your time to tell an athlete he or she is doing (or did) a good job this semester, it would be well worth it.

Athletes aren't just people who come to school for free (and let's remember, some *don't* come for free); they're here to represent our school and (believe it or not) to entertain you. They are part of the college experience.

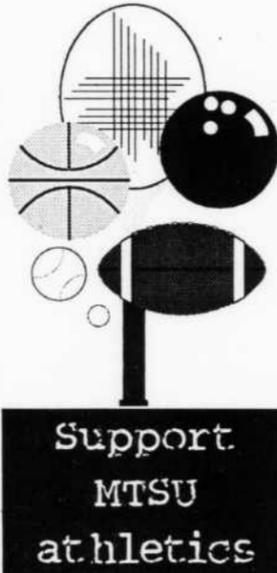
Be grateful for the 8-3-1 record the football team had this year instead of complaining. Remember how disappointing it was not to make it to post-season play last year. They can make it next year, but they need your support. No, you don't have to go to West Virginia, but you can take time out to go to a home game!

If you want to make an impact immediately, both the men's and women's basketball teams have new faces, new game plans, and they need your help!

There are other sports that will need your help next semester and next fall, and it's up to you to make a difference. Who knows—you might even have a new excuse not to do homework (sorry, instructors)!!

Sidelines, unfortunately, is not able to cover every sport here at MTSU, but that shouldn't stop the community from attending or wanting to attend sporting events. We strongly urge you to participate. □

*Written by Jessica Clayborn
 Assistant Sports Editor*



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Clark used the second half to score 10 of his 12 total points.

Roni Bailey had a triple-double night with 17 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

Even with the win MTSU was still plagued with mistakes and turnovers.

"We had no reason to play with the lack of involvement that we did or to make the

turnovers we did," said Farrar. "We learned another valuable lesson about college basketball while winning. We took very, very poor care of the basketball."

MTSU will take on the University of Alabama-Huntsville, a NCAA Division II school, at Murphy Center. Tip-off is at 7:30pm. □

**The sports staff
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FOOTBALL

ARMY 22

NAVY 20

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kurt Heiss' 52-yard field goal with 6:19 left gave Army a 22-20 victory over Navy on Saturday, the Cadets' fourth victory over the Midshipmen in the last five years.

Heiss, a senior whose previous best was a 37-yard field goal, also hit from 21 and 35 yards as Army took a 45-43-7 lead in the series.

Quarterback Ronnie McAda rushed for 126 yards as Army (4-7) won by running up the

middle against the Navy (3-8) defense. The Cadets ran for 373 yards on 70 carries. Kevin Vaughn carried 20 times for 92 yards, 80 in the second half.

Jim Kubiak, Navy's career passing leader, was 24-of-34 for 361 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions.

An impressive catch and run by Navy tight end Kevin Hickman gave the Midshipmen a 20-19 lead late in the third quarter before Army marched for the winning field goal. □

BASKETBALL

PENN STATE 95

VANDERBILT 73

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Glen Sekunda scored 26 points and led a 25-0 Penn State rally Saturday as the Nittany Lions defeated Vanderbilt 95-73.

John Amaechi, who transferred to Penn State from Vanderbilt after his freshman season, scored 21 in his first game against his old school.

Sekunda, a transfer from Syracuse, pulled seven rebounds and scored 13 points in the first 6 1/2 minutes of the second half as Penn State built a 78-42 lead over the Commodores.

Penn State (3-0) led 48-35 at the half, but the Commodores lost their shooting touch and missed 14 shots in a row, staying stuck at 42 for nearly nine minutes.

Sekunda finished the game with 13 rebounds and was 8-for-12 from the field.

Vanderbilt (2-1) battled foul

trouble all game. Starting forward Malik Evans, the first of four Commodores to foul out, left with 13 1/2 minutes remaining.

Frank Seckar led Vanderbilt in scoring with 13.

Freshman Pete Lisicky helped put Penn State break open a tight game in the first half. After Vanderbilt took a 21-20 lead, Penn State went on an 18-4 run, punctuated by two 3-pointers by Lisicky, who finished the game with 15 points.

Vanderbilt, of the Southeastern Conference, is probably the toughest opponent Penn State will face until a possible matchup with Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl Tournament Dec. 30.

The Nittany Lions have four more home games before they begin their Big Ten schedule in January. □

UCLA 82

KENTUCKY 81

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — UCLA freshman J.R. Henderson hit two free throws with six-tenths of a second remaining Saturday, giving No. 5 UCLA an 82-81 comeback victory over No. 3 Kentucky.

The two schools hadn't played each other since the 1975 NCAA title game, which the Bruins won 92-85 for the last of coach John Wooden's record 10 NCAA championships.

With Wooden in the stands

watching the doubleheader named in his honor, the Bruins took advantage of Kentucky's foul trouble to come back in the final minutes.

Kentucky (2-1) led by 10 with about 11 minutes to play and was up 77-71 with 3:40 to go before UCLA (2-0) rallied.

Ed O'Bannon led UCLA with 26 points, while George Zidek had 16 points and 10 rebounds. Kentucky got 16 points from Rodrick Rhodes and 14 from Jeff Sheppard. □

ARKANSAS 94

MISSOURI 71

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Scotty Thurman scored 27 points and hit two of his five 3-pointers in a 32-second span in the second half to break up a close game as No. 4 Arkansas defeated Missouri 94-71 Saturday.

Thurman has 79 points in three games against Missouri, all victories, and played a large

role in ending the Tigers' 17-game home winning streak. Clint McDaniel added 20 points for Arkansas, which has won its last three trips to the Hearnes Center.

The Razorbacks went 11-for-21 from 3-point range, including a bank shot by Darnell Robinson in the waning seconds. □



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Seahawks cope with player tragedy

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Star running back Chris Warren saw his Seattle Seahawks teammates Saturday for the first time since being involved in a traffic accident that left defensive tackle Mike Frier paralyzed.

"I gave the brother (Warren) a hug just to let him know that he's not out there by himself and said, 'I'm praying for you and will continue to pray for you,'" free safety Eugene Robinson said.

"He feels better today than he did yesterday," coach Tom Flores said. "Yesterday, he was exhausted. But he's still sore."

Thursday night's car crash left Frier, 25, a third-year player from Appalachian State with a 34-game NFL career, hospitalized with a severe spinal injury. He is unable to move his legs and has little movement in his arms.

Warren, the No. 2 rusher in the AFC, suffered two fractured ribs when the car he was in slammed into a power pole on a street near the Seahawks' headquarters.

Rookie running back Lamar Smith suffered a chip fracture in his spine and a foot injury, that Flores said Saturday was more serious than the Seahawks originally believed.

Warren, 27, was arrested at the crash scene by Kirkland police for investigation of vehicular assault. But the agents of Warren and Smith said Smith, not Warren, was driving the 1992 Oldsmobile Bravada with Indiana license plates that belonged to the 24-year-old Smith.

Police said they were recontacting witnesses, but still believed Warren was driving the car. Police said alcohol was a likely factor in the accident and that empty beer cans were found in the vehicle.

Flores, who also serves as Seattle's general manager, said there was a lot of confusion after the accident.

"All of them were in shock," he said. "None of them knew the extent of the injuries of anybody else. Chris was probably knocked out for the

moment. There were a lot of things that went on." Flores said there was too much media speculation about who was driving the car.

"Instead of all this conjecture, I think we ought to allow the Kirkland police to do their investigation and then come up (with a conclusion) for the sake of the people, not just a story," he said.

The Seahawks (5-7), who play the Indianapolis Colts (5-7) Sunday in the Kingdome, went through a walk-through practice Saturday.

Robinson said the Seahawks' players may wear No. 92, Frier's number, on their shoes or on wristbands in the Colts' game.

"Our condolences and our prayers are definitely with Mike," Robinson said. "Your heart is heavy. It's going to be real good to see 'Big Fry.'"

Seahawks players haven't been allowed to see Frier, who underwent surgery Friday afternoon to fuse two neck vertebrae.

Flores said Frier's father, Ulysses, a former Marine, had been located and notified of the accident. He is flying in from North Carolina to see his son, Flores said. Frier is from Jacksonville, N.C.

Warren and Smith were at the Seahawks' facility for treatment and to

talk to Flores. Warren, who is questionable for the Colts' game, and Smith, who definitely won't play, did not go through the walk-through.

Flores said it will be up to Warren to decide if he wants to play.

"Under normal conditions, he could play padded properly," he said. "But these are not normal conditions. He's played with injuries before, all players have. It has to be his decision because I can't say, 'I know what you're feeling.' I don't."

Warren has rushed for 1,000 yards for the third straight season and was a Pro Bowler last season. □

SOUND BITE

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Seattle Seahawks coach

1994 NHL season hopes in jeopardy

CHICAGO (AP) — Gary Bettman is frustrated. Harry Sinden is discouraged. Mike Gartner is tired. Bob Goodenow is wary.

The NHL owners' lockout has entered its 10th week and, more than ever, emotions have replaced discourse — yet another obstacle negotiators face as they scramble to save the season.

"They don't think our changes are movement and we don't think their changes are movement," said Sinden, the Boston Bruins' general manager. "Discouraged? Yeah. Yeah, I am. But hope ... hope springs eternal. We hope both sides can think about it over the weekend."

The parties met for only about an hour Friday, decided they had nothing more to talk about, and agreed to meet again Monday in Chicago. Most agree that if a deal isn't done by mid-December, the season probably will be lost.

Asked if he was discouraged, Bettman, the NHL commissioner and lead management negotiator, said: "I don't know if that's the right word. I am getting a little frustrated. Obviously, there's not enough movement."

When Bettman and the owners talk about movement, they pretty much mean on the part of the players. They want the union to agree to restrictions on earnings and freedom.

"It is getting a little tiresome in the sense that this has been characterized so far as a negotiation of concession," said Gartner, the NHL Players Association president. "I guess if we would have given enough, there would be hockey right now."

Goodenow, the NHLPA's chief negotiator, wonders when there will be compromises — instead of demands for union concessions.

"There's no question what the league's approach has been," he said. "It's been an attack, a lockout, to force the players to agree to things they otherwise wouldn't agree to in negotiations."

"You wonder why it takes long and gets to be difficult. That's because of the position the league has taken and the way they've conducted themselves from the outset."

Neither the players nor the owners have stated a deadline for when a collective bargaining agreement must be in place to guarantee a meaningful season of at least 50 games.

But it is approaching fast.

"The days are ticking by," Toronto general manager Cliff Fletcher said. "With every passing day, it just brings us that much closer to the edge of the cliff."

Said Goodenow: "At a certain point of time, even if the parties don't agree, the calendar will ultimately decide if there's a season." □

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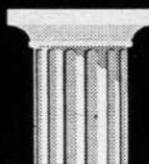
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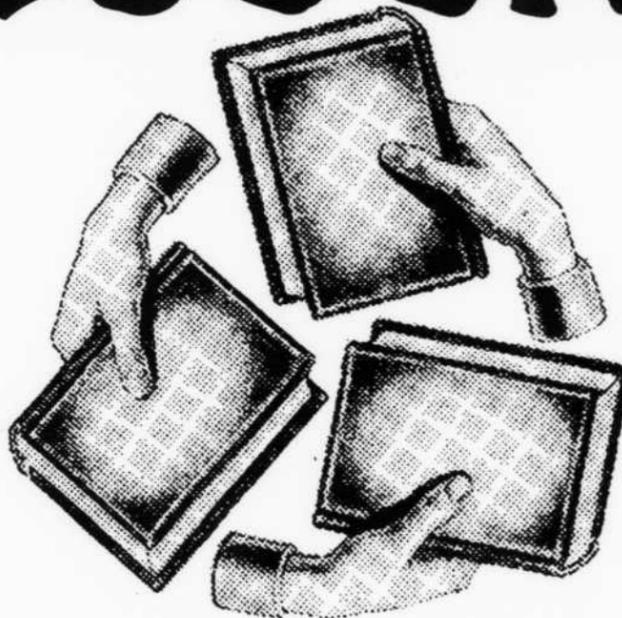
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