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In the News

Charity settles deception lawsuit with Minnesota

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The United Children's Fund has agreed to pay the state of Minnesota \$125,000 and stop soliciting contributions there for two years to settle accusations of deceptive fund-raising practices.

The agreement settled a lawsuit that alleged the Knoxville-based organization had claimed to raise money for local cancer charities and had overstated the amount of money that went to help children.

"There was no admission of any wrongdoing," Rick Bowen, founder and president of the United Children's Fund, said Monday. "We just simply settled it. I feel personally, and the board does, too, that we did nothing wrong."

But Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III said "appeals like those made by United Children's fund are not only false, they threaten to undermine the trust we have in all nonprofit organizations."

Most of the settlement will go to the University of Minnesota Medical Foundation for medical research for children. A portion also will pay the state's legal fees.

Dogwood Festival makes 'emergency request'

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Attendance and revenues at the annual Dogwood Arts Festival fell with the rain in April. Now organizers are trying to stave off a deficit.

"This is an emergency request and should be considered over and beyond your normal contribution ...," says a letter organizers have sent nearly 500 local business leaders seeking donations of \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Revenues fell nearly \$400,000 during this year's two-week festival, which was plagued by rain and tornado watches, from the \$2.2 million generated by the 1997 festival. Attendance dropped from about 350,000 in 1996 and 1997 to 250,000-270,000 this year.

All told, this year's festival lost \$71,000 after making nearly \$21,000 in 1997. Executive director Bob Neel says cutbacks are being considered. "We are hoping that the public will understand that and come to bat and help us," he said.

Grand jury to get case against a man accused of lighting his friend on fire

LEXINGTON, Tenn. (AP) — The Henderson County grand jury will hear the case against a man accused of lighting his gasoline-drenched friend on fire.

Joshua Welch, 19, pleaded innocent to attempted second-degree murder for allegedly setting Jeremy Thompson ablaze July 10.

Thompson, 17, suffered burns over 90 percent of his body and remains in critical condition at Regional Medical Center in Memphis.

On Monday, Henderson County General Sessions Judge J.B. Johnson bound Welch over to the grand jury, which meets Oct. 5.

Record attendance expected this fall

□ Chad Gillis/ staff

MTSU is expecting another record year in enrollment numbers again this fall, with 15,946 students enrolled as of Monday morning.

The total enrollment projection for this fall is expected to be 18,733, an increase from 18,366 last year, according to admissions and records.

Cliff Gillespie, associate vice president for enrollment management, said the school expects

to pass the 20,000 student milestone in the next 4 or 5 years.

"I think it (enrollment increases) should continue as long as we can continue getting buildings and faculty," Gillespie said.

Fall enrollment has steadily increased over the last four years. The last year to experience an actual decrease was 1994 — when enrollment fell 263 students from the previous fall. Gillespie said that drop was mainly due to a small graduating

high school class, and that schools across the state experienced a lowered enrollment that year as well.

But contrary to the growing number of students, Gillespie said the trend is for potential students to stay in the job market when the economy.

"The economy is so good that some people tend to stay out of school and work," Gillespie said. "And when the economy is slow people tend to go back to school."

In recent years, the rate of

enrollment increase has slowed down from the pace it was on, Gillespie said.

And although enrollment cap rumors have been circulating at MTSU for years now, Gillespie said the university has set no official ceiling number.

Late registration and drop/add will be held on Aug. 19 through 20. Students who register late will receive a \$25 late fee. Fee payment for students enrolling late is Aug. 24.

Grand jury will get case of woman accused in husband's poisoning death

LEXINGTON, Tenn. (AP) — A Henderson County grand jury will hear the case of a woman accused of letting her estranged husband die of antifreeze poisoning.

Mary Sue Williams, 21, pleaded innocent to criminally negligent homicide in the death of David Williams. Apparently despondent over their broken relationship, he died last month after drinking antifreeze and gin, investigators testified Monday.

Police claim Mrs. Williams saw her husband, 27, drink the poison but didn't try to stop him or get help. He died three days later from liver failure.

On Monday, Henderson County General Sessions Judge J.B. Johnson bound Mrs. Williams over to the grand jury, which meets Oct. 5.

Mrs. Williams is free on \$5,000 bond.

Her neighbor, Anthony Byrd, testified that she called him July 5 and asked him to check on her husband.

Byrd said he found David Williams lying on the floor trying to smoke cigarettes and babbling incoherently. An hour later, Byrd said he returned to find Mrs. Williams talking with her husband.

Byrd said the next morning he found David Williams lying on the floor, his eyes dilated and his breathing weak. Byrd called 911.

Doctors say consumption of more than four ounces of antifreeze is fatal. Williams reportedly drank less than two ounces, which means he possibly could have survived if he received prompt medical treatment.

Grandparents wait weeks before telling girl of death

BUENA VISTA, Va. (AP) — A few weeks ago, after much procrastination, Rebecca Chittum's grandparents finally told her that the people she's known as mommy and daddy for three years had been killed in a car crash.

Kevin Chittum and Tamara Whitney Rogers were in heaven, they said.

Now, the grandparents may have to tell Rebecca something just as difficult: that there was a mix-up in the hospital where she was born and her biological mother is a total stranger who lives about 70 miles away.

"This is just awful," Rosa Chittum, Rebecca's paternal grandmother, said Monday.

"I don't have any idea how they're going to tell her," said Mary Watts, Rebecca's great aunt. "My sister's about going crazy."

Lawyers representing the families of Rebecca and the girl who went home with her biological mother told today's Richmond Times-Dispatch that they have agreed to work on an arrangement that would keep each child in the family she knows while allowing the other families to develop a relationship with the children.

Earlier, some of the family members raising Rebecca since the death of her parents had said they hoped to switch the children, though child experts had warned that could be traumatic for the young girls.

"All the parties have come together," said Cynthia A Johnson,

the attorney for Paula Johnson, who is raising the other girl, Callie Marie. The attorney, who is not related to her client, planned to accompany Ms. Johnson to a news conference this afternoon in Charlottesville.

The hospital has not said conclusively that Ms. Johnson is Rebecca's mother, or that Ms. Rogers was Callie Marie's mother.

Mrs. Chittum's son, her would-be daughter-in-law, a daughter, granddaughter and two neighborhood children were killed in the crash July 4th. Rebecca's grandparents waited about two weeks before telling her of the deaths.

The crash happened one day after Ms. Johnson, who gave birth at the same time as Ms. Rogers in the University of Virginia Medical Center, learned that the girl she has raised ever since is not the one she delivered back in July 1995.

In a statement Monday, Ms. Johnson said she had met Ms. Rogers at the hospital.

"I remember Whitney from the hospital as a warm and enthusiastic person. My heart goes out to the families for their losses. Their pain is more than anyone should have to bear," she said.

While initial blood tests indicated Rebecca is not the baby Ms. Rogers delivered, Rebecca's grandparents have so far refused to allow a DNA analysis that would show for certain if they are Rebecca's blood relatives.

"They want to know, but they don't want to know," their attorney,

Pete Robey, said. And either way, he said, the grandparents on both sides of Rebecca's family want to continue sharing custody of the child.

"The grandparents dearly love this child they have and they very much want for her to stay right here in Buena Vista where she's been loved and raised with the only family she has ever known," Robey said.

Ms. Johnson, whose court-ordered genetic testing produced the first hints of a switch, learned of Rebecca's whereabouts Sunday night and said she is looking forward to meeting with her biological daughter.

"Words cannot express the way I felt," she said. "This last month of not knowing has been agony for my family and for me."

Nadine Kaslow, an associate professor of child and family psychology at Atlanta's Emory University, said returning the children to their biological families could be harmful for both of them, especially Rebecca, who so recently lost the parents who had raised her.

"To then lose the extended family as well would be so emotionally overwhelming to her that she could be incredibly traumatized," she said.

Hospital officials have determined that the switch occurred and that it could not have been an accident, but said they don't know how it took place. Police are investigating the switch as a criminal act.

Newspaper director found guilty of insulting Khomeini

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The managing director of a weekly newspaper was convicted of insulting the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini by publishing a letter critical of his rule, Iranian newspapers reported today.

The court did not immediately sentence Mohammad-Reza Za'eri and he was freed on \$6,600 bail, the reports said.

The court found Za'eri guilty Monday of insulting Khomeini and Islam by publishing the letter, which criticized the late leader's role in the 1980-1988 war with Iraq. Za'eri was

arrested last week after the letter appeared in the weekly *Khaneh*.

Any criticism of Khomeini, the leader of Iran's 1979 revolution, is taboo.

The letter, submitted by an anonymous woman, said: "When I think of Khomeini, all that comes to mind are the horrifying sounds of the midnight bombs that used to fall on Tehran, and the blood of thousands of innocent young Iranians who died in that war."

"Do you call me to follow someone who has transformed Iran into an international terrorist state

with his order to murder Salman Rushdie?" the letter said.

Khomeini ordered Muslims to kill Rushdie for insulting Islam in his novel, "The Satanic Verses."

The letter was published as part of a free-press policy being pushed by Iran's President Mohammad Khatami, a moderate cleric who came to power a year ago.

Khatami's efforts to liberalize Iran have met strong opposition from hard-line clergymen in the

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TVA hires lobbyist to help push for nearly \$2 billion in federal funding

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Valley Authority has hired a former Arkansas congressman to help lobby for a Department of Energy proposal to spend nearly \$2 billion to complete a TVA nuclear plant so it can make bomb material for the government.

The DOE won't decide until December whether it will pursue the TVA option. But efforts already are being made in Congress to eliminate the TVA proposal in favor of building a \$4 billion linear accelerator for the same purpose at DOE's Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

Former U.S. Rep. Beryl Anthony, an Arkansas Democrat, told The Knoxville News-Sentinel he is giving

"strategic advice" to TVA on the best way to get funding to complete its Bellefonte Nuclear Plant in northern Alabama. The plant would make tritium, a hydrogen isotope that boosts the explosive power of nuclear warheads.

The TVA is angling for a nearly \$1.9 billion tritium contract from DOE. In return, the TVA could produce electricity from the commercial reactor for sale in its seven-state region, give the DOE a portion of net revenues, and also produce tritium for DOE defense programs by the year 2005.

A TVA letter sent to the DOE last week suggested that up to \$4.2 billion of Bellefonte's net revenues might

come back to the department over the plant's 40-year life.

Last May, TVA's chances of obtaining the funding seemed to diminish after two House members succeeded in getting a restriction in the annual defense authorization bill.

Their amendment said no commercial reactor (such as the Bellefonte reactor TVA operates) could produce the tritium and that DOE would have to delay a decision on the contract until December 1999.

The Senate, however, did not approve any such restriction, meaning the differences will be settled in a House-Senate committee that works out compromises.

Anthony, a 14-year veteran of the

House who lost his bid for re-election in 1992, said TVA might find it difficult to protect its proposal because the House and Senate committee chairmen heading the compromise work are from South Carolina.

"TVA is trying to use (all) available help," David Withrow, the manager of TVA's Washington office, said of the agency's decision to hire Anthony.

Withrow said Anthony has a great deal of experience in Congress and TVA already has a contract for legal work with his firm, Winston & Strawn, which handles much of the agency's legal work on nuclear regulations.

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Wednesday weather will be partly sunny with a high near 90. Winds out of the south at 5 to 10 miles per hour.

Money talk is key to a strong marriage

□ Donna Gehrke White/CPS

In June, Nick Villanueva and Kristine Piccoli walked down the aisle of the United Methodist Church of Plantation, Fla. Both were starry-eyed - a perfect way to start married life.

But they also had a streak of practicality that many experts say will do them a world of good in their marriage: For months, they'd been planning their financial future - as well as choosing flowers for the wedding and a DJ for the reception.

First goal: paying off credit cards and college loans. Another important mission: Seeing Nick, 26, obtain his master's degree in international finance.

"It's important to have a partnership, to work together," said Kristine, 23, a teacher.

Amen, said attorneys Burton Young and Mitchell K. Karpe, who as family-practice law partners have seen too many wrenching divorce cases in which their clients find that divorce is as traumatic as losing a spouse to death. And often, money battles can be a symptom of a marriage in trouble, they said.

Especially during June, the traditional month of "I do's," financial planning is easy to get lost in the romance of candlelight ceremonies, white satin gowns and orchid bouquets. Just paying for the reception can throw out of whack any newlyweds' budget.

Yet, if you are contemplating marriage or even if you've already tied the knot, financial planners and attorneys say a little practicality now can save heartache later.

With the divorce rate still an epidemic - half of American marriages will break up - it's important to sit down before the wedding and discuss your financial plans, said Meg Green, certified financial planner in north Miami-Dade, and keep the lines of communication open throughout your married lives.

"Don't fool yourself into thinking you can change another's basic money personality," she writes in a pamphlet, "Pre-marital Money Talk." "Mostly it's ingrained from the way we're raised. But you can certainly understand each other and come to terms before it becomes a sore spot in your marriage."

The need for financial pow-wows - both before and during marriage - is also important because life is much

more complicated these days. The average American is marrying later - and some grooms and brides have had time to acquire sizable savings accounts, retirement funds and even homes.

Today, both the groom and bride usually have jobs - and they already have set patterns of spending and saving. You may be a saver, but your Romeo - or Juliet - may be a big spender. You need to know how you're going to handle that or any other spats over money.

"In fact, financial battles between couples predate the barter system and vamping and at no time are you more vulnerable than as newlyweds," writes Nancy Dunnan, in her book, "Your First Financial Steps: Managing Your Money When You Are First Starting Out" (HarperCollins).

"Although you certainly don't need to agree on how every dollar is spent - in fact, part of your budget should be earmarked for individual goals - it is smart to set some basic ground rules early on, for example, not to spend more than \$500 or \$1,000 without discussing it first," Dunnan wrote.

It's also smart to start saving now. Having money set aside can relieve stress on a new marriage from an unexpected financial crisis.

"Saving takes discipline, its value is apparent by the time the first financial emergency occurs," said Cathy Egan, a family financial specialist for Minneapolis-based, nonprofit Lutheran Brotherhood.

Egan, Dunnan and other experts can't guarantee you happiness. But follow their tips - good advice even if you aren't still newlyweds - and you will have a more durable partnership: -Discuss money matters, don't sweep them under the rug. Yes, talking about money can be awkward, but if you or your beloved can't it may be a sign of a communication problem - and future marital woes, said attorney Young. He's seen too many marriages break up when communication falters - and resentment builds. Not letting resentment build up can be one of your best protections against divorce, he added.

-Have both partners aware of the family finances. You can divide financial responsibilities, but, said Coral Gables, Fla., certified financial planner Harold Evensky, still be a team. Include your new spouse on every major decision. Too often in the past, he

said, husbands would leave their wives at home when they came in the office to talk about their family finances and investing. That is changing, but still Evensky has to gently remind some clients to bring the spouse in.

-Have at least one joint account; it promotes a feeling of partnership. Use it to pay regular bills - rent, cleaning service, food, utilities, household expenses.

-Have separate accounts for those things you want to do on your own, from buying clothes to going back to school. This is especially important for women, who in the past were shut out of applying for bank accounts or credit on their own, said Mari Adam, a certified financial planner in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

-Plan goals jointly. Decide what is important to you and put them in writing

- with a timetable - on when you want to accomplish them.

-Get organized. Both of you should know where your financial papers are stored.

-Take turns paying bills and other financial chores. One advantage: One spouse doesn't feel resentful of doing all the work. Both of you also keep up-to-date about how much you owe.

-Hold a "board meeting" on your finances. Plan to talk about your financial plans at least twice a year.

Newlyweds Oliver and Janis Gross talked at length about their finances before they got married.

"We looked in terms of individual obligations and we came up with a plan," said Oliver Gross, director of development at the Urban League of Greater Miami.

They kept their separate checking accounts, but put both names on each. They also decided to concentrate on savings for retirement and are now looking into what they should invest in. Then they talked about where they would live. Janis, a secretary in the Miami-Dade School System, decided to give up her apartment and move into her husband's apartment.

Eventually they want to buy a home and are now house-hunting. Through all their discussions, they try to keep their marriage a partnership. That's why they decided they didn't need a prenuptial agreement.

Attorneys Young and Karpe said many couples, like the Grosses, may not need one, especially if they come into a marriage with no sizable assets.

But those with wealth already acquired before marriage should consider a prenuptial agreement carefully. We all think of John Kennedy Jr. as a romantic guy. But when he arrived at the church to marry his wife, Carolyn, they had already discussed their finances - and signed a prenuptial agreement, Young said. Those who have children from a previous marriage should strongly consider a prenuptial agreement to protect assets for the children.

In fact, Karpe tries to write into divorce settlements the stipulation of future prenuptial agreements to protect children.

It takes the pressure off a remarrying parent - he or she can blame the divorce settlement for having to ask for a prenuptial agreement.

"Without a prenuptial agreement or will, state law will decide where your money goes, and perhaps not as you would expect," Young and Karpe wrote in an article published in The National Law Journal last fall. "For example, in Florida, generally speaking, marital assets are divided in half upon divorce. Also, absent an agreement between parties to the contrary, a surviving spouse may receive less than one-third of the estate. In addition, a prenuptial agreement can save you a lot of money and heartache compared to a nasty divorce or will that is contested."

Thinking now before saying "I do" a second time will also save heartache for your loved ones, said financial planner Green.

One of her clients, a young woman, was devastated when she learned that her mother had signed over all her assets to her new husband. Much of the assets were from the young woman's late father and grandfather. When the mother died, her daughter inherited nothing of what had been in her family for decades, Green said.

"Bringing children into the marriage? Watch out," Green wrote in her pamphlet. "This subject needs to be well-aired - and be honest. When maternal and parental instincts are involved, sensibility can go out the window during a conflict!"

But talking over finances can build a strong marriage that will withstand turbulence. And, if you think about it, that's what we all want: marriage as strong as a rock in an age of uncertainty.

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government and their supporters.

On July 27, militants threw a small petrol bomb at the daily's office, then called editors to threaten further action if the paper didn't change its policies. No one was injured in the incident.

The Tous daily, a pro-democracy daily that has been at the center of the power struggle between hard-liners and reformists, was evacuated late Monday after receiving a bomb threat from an anonymous caller.

No bomb was found, and journalists resumed work, editor Mahmoud Shams said today. Shams was beaten by Muslim militants allied with the hard-liners earlier this week.

Tous began as the daily, Jameah, but was closed down last month by hard-liners opposed to President Khatami's reforms. The paper changed its name to Tous and continued publishing.

The authorities then ordered Tous to close, but later rescinded the order.



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Transplant leg cells may help heal damaged heart

□ Associated Press

Common muscle cells transplanted from rabbits' legs to their hearts boosted cardiac performance, possibly by having "learned" within days how to act like neighboring heart cells, a new study shows.

The transplanted leg cells were functioning well for as long as 16 weeks following their insertion into the heart muscle, far longer than expected, Duke University researchers reported.

Molecular biologists who conducted the study believe cells extracted from leg tissue even may have developed the special bio-electrical properties that enable the heart to contract and pump blood.

Precisely how the transplanted cells work isn't known, and other researchers warned that concluding the cells had changed was premature.

"We need to be very careful in concluding they turned into another type of cell," said Dr. David Diechek of the University of California, San Francisco.

Even if the transplanted cells didn't fundamentally transform themselves, scientists said the Duke procedure, reported in the August issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*, is a preliminary demonstration that one type of muscle cell can help another.

"Something is clearly happening when you put these cells in," said Loren Field, a molecular biologist at Indiana University.

Unlike most muscles, heart tissue does not regenerate after it is damaged because it does not contain a reserve of embryonic muscle cells, or myoblasts, that could quickly mature and restore the heart's normal function.

Instead, the dead cells form scar tissue that doesn't flex when the remaining

healthy heart muscle pumps. Blood flow and pressure is diminished, with potentially fatal results.

In the Duke experiment, biologist Doris Taylor and others purposefully damaged the hearts of 17 rabbits to mimic the scar tissue from heart attacks. Five of the rabbits were control animals that received no further treatment.

The researchers took muscle biopsies from the legs of the 12 remaining rabbits and grew myoblasts in cell cultures. The rapidly dividing cells were transfused into the rabbits' damaged hearts.

Within five to 10 days, the cardiac performance of seven rabbits was noticeably improved.

Microscopic analysis of the rabbits' hearts later showed the transplanted cells had developed intercalated discs, "a distinctly cardiac feature," Taylor said, that is involved in transferring from cell to cell the electrical charge that powers the heartbeat.

"What's surprising is the cells can change in response to a new environment," Taylor said.

Other researchers said additional experiments are necessary with higher ratios of successful transplants.

"There is ambiguity as to what the mechanism is," Field said. "Is the improvement a result from actual contraction of the transplant cells, or are the transplant cells just helping to make a more flexible scar? Is there really a conversion of cells or not?"

Cardiologists cautioned that several hurdles stand in the way of human clinical trials and noted that cardiovascular performance after a heart attack can already be improved using an array of drugs.

"It would have to be better than the current drugs to be clinically useful," Diechek said.

Mexico takes another step towards democracy

AGUASCALIENTES, Mexico (AP) — Mexico's leading opposition party captured the governor's seat in the central state of Aguascalientes today, a victory that gives it fresh momentum heading toward the 2000 presidential race.

More than anything, the gubernatorial contests Sunday in Aguascalientes and two other states underscored the growing competitiveness of elections in a country where for decades one party — the Institutional Revolutionary Party — easily won every vote.

"Mexico has made another important step toward democracy," said historian Enrique Krauze, an election-day analyst for the Mexican network Televisa. "The process was characterized by stability and tranquility."

With 79 percent of the vote counted in Aguascalientes today, Felipe Gonzalez Gonzalez of National Action was ahead with 53 percent of the vote, the State Electoral Council said.

The ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party's candidate, Hector Hugo Olivares Ventura, trailed with 36 percent, followed by Alfonso Bernal Sahagun of the center-left Democratic Revolution Party, with 7 percent.

"What we want for Aguascalientes is a transition that does not hold back its progress, that does not cause a scandal," Gonzalez told reporters after media exit polls gave him the victory.

Complete preliminary results in Aguascalientes, as well as in Oaxaca and

Veracruz, were not expected until later today. The final official results for all three races were not expected until later this week.

The vote in Aguascalientes came a month after National Action, known by its Spanish initials as the PAN, lost one of its six governor's seats. It was defeated by the ruling party, known as the PRI, in Chihuahua.

In Mexico City on Sunday evening, PAN national president Felipe Calderon Hinojosa opened a bottle of apple cider to toast Gonzalez's apparent win, saying it "advances and solidifies" the party's political position.

While the center-right National Action Party was headed for victory in Aguascalientes, the PRI was virtually assured the governorship in the gulf state of Veracruz.

With 54 percent of the ballots counted, Miguel Aleman, a wealthy businessman and the son of a former president, was leading with 49 percent of the vote. Luis Pazos of National Action trailed with 28 percent. The candidate of the center-left Democratic Revolution Party lagged behind with 17 percent.

Veracruz was seen as essential for the PRI. With its 4 million voters, Veracruz has the nation's third-largest electorate and could be crucial in the presidential election.

Aleman promised late Sunday to create "a social alliance" as Veracruz's new governor.

As elected leader of one of Mexico's most important states, Aleman

automatically would become a top contender for the PRI's presidential nomination for 2000.

The PRI strong-arm tactics and cheating at the ballot box, has seen devastating electoral losses in recent years following reforms aimed at stamping out vote fraud and making elections more competitive.

The PRI suffered its worst setbacks last year when it lost control of the lower house of Congress and was defeated in the Mexico City mayoral race. It won two of three elections last month, including in Chihuahua, where it defeated the PAN.

In the southern state of Oaxaca today, the PRI had a widening advantage over the center-left Democratic Revolution party for the governorship of the southern state of Oaxaca.

Democratic Revolution did better than many analysts had expected.

With 58 percent of the vote counted today, PRI candidate Jose Nelson Murat Casab had 47 percent of the vote and Democratic Revolution candidate Hector Sanchez had 36 percent. The National Action candidate had just over 14 percent.

Formed in 1989, Democratic Revolution saw its first important electoral win last year when Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, the son of late President Lazaro Cardenas, captured the mayorship of Mexico City.

It won its first state governorship — in the northern state of Zacatecas — last month.

Military trials scheduled for Marine aviators

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — Two Marine aviators will plead innocent to manslaughter and negligent homicide charges for flying their jet into an Italian ski lift cable, sending 20 people to their deaths, their lawyers said Monday.

Capt. Richard J. Ashby, the pilot of the EA-6B Prowler, will be tried Dec. 7-18, and Capt. Joseph P. Schweitzer, the navigator, on Jan. 4-15, a military judge said at their arraignment Monday.

Neither entered pleas Monday and instead will wait until their trials begin to plead

innocent, their lawyers said.

Ashby, 30, of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Schweitzer, 30, of Westbury, N.Y., each are charged with 20 counts of involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide, as well as dereliction of duty, destroying military property and destroying civilian property. If convicted on all charges, they could be imprisoned for life.

Prosecutors say they were flying too low and too fast Feb. 3 when their jet hit the cable, dropping a crowded ski lift gondola to the ground. The two men have denied that they were flying the Prowler

recklessly, and their lawyers said maps did not show the cable 370 feet above the ground.

Another hearing was scheduled for Sept. 8, the day prosecution and defense teams plan to visit Italy for 10 days to interview witnesses.

The judge, Lt. Col. Robert E. Nunley, said there were questions about whether the defendants should go because of fears Italian authorities might arrest them. The judge also said it hadn't been determined if the Italian government would permit the teams to visit the country.

In Washington, lawyers for seven Germans killed in the accident said Monday the United States should pay \$35 million in damages to their families.

Last week, the House passed legislation setting aside \$20 million for compensating victims and rebuilding the cable car system damaged in the tragedy. The Senate version contains no funding but recognizes a U.S. obligation to compensate victims and calls for a quick and fair resolution of the matter.

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Editorials

The ongoing controversy surrounding the USDA and the walking horse industry is continuing this week at the livestock arena.

And there are two decent arguments on the table.

One, the USDA is trying to place higher restrictions on walking horse owners, and the methods they use to train horses.

USDA officials want to implement more severe punishments to trainers and owners who are found guilty of soaring a horse.

For most people, abusing animals is considered wrong. To a horse show viewer, it may seem that horses do not get great pleasure from riding other animals around a ring on their backs.

But the bottom line is that you can't ask a horse what exactly it wants out of life. If you do, you will not get an answer.

Two, walking horse industry proponents argue that if a horse is not shown that it ends up working on a farm — which also causes stress to the animal.

So, either way the animal is having to do an activity that it probably does not prefer to do.

Proponents also say that horses that aren't shown end up in a can of delicious Alpo.

In their minds, the horse has a terrible life in the first place. Proponents say that if the horses are going to be used for labor and dog food they should be used to show off in horse shows.

This publication is definitely against animal abuse, but it seems that some people take things a little too far in the wrong direction.

In the end, it seems we may be paying the salary of USDA workers who have little effect on improving the quality of life for horses. Believe it or not, tax money is going to waste.



A list about lists of 'best' books

□ Clarence Page/CPS

When I overheard a couple of re-vested women in our neighborhood's volunteer security patrol discussing how many of the "100 best English-language novels" they had read, I realized several things:

1. My neighbors haven't found the list's No. 1 winner, James Joyce's "Ulysses," to be any more readable than I have.
2. My neighbors agree with me that the No. 2 book, F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" should have been No. 1.
3. Random House has pulled off one heck of an effective publicity stunt.
4. Americans love lists, even if only to give them something to argue about.

The "100 best English-language novels" list was decided by 10 members of the advisory board of the Modern Library, the division of Random House that publishes old classics and newer books that are becoming classics.

Predictably the list has sparked heated arguments among the literati. Greatness, after all, is largely in the eye and the heart of the beholder, and this particular group of beholders has tastes that apparently have changed very little since 1955.

The distinguished panel was all white and, except for British novelist and critic A.S. Byatt, all male.

It also included authors William Styron and Gore Vidal; biographer Edmund Morris; art critic John

Richardson; historians Daniel Boorstin, Shelby Foote, Vartan Gregorian and Arthur Schlesinger Jr., and board chairman Christopher Cerf. Their average age was 69.

I cannot help but wonder how much this group's age, gender and racial profile contributed to their omission of all but six books that have been published in the past 25 years.

Or why they included no non-whites except the very worthy Ralph Ellison (19), Richard Wright (20), James Baldwin (39), V.S. Naipaul (72 and 83) and Salman Rushdie (90).

Or why they left out such leading lights as Zora Neale Hurston and John Updike or such newer lights as Toni Morrison, Thomas Pynchon, Alice Walker and Don DeLillo.

And that's OK because Random House freely admits this was a publicity stunt or, as Ann Godoff, its president and editor-in-chief, called it, "a way to bring Modern Library to public attention."

It worked like a charm. Newspapers, newsmagazines, radio talk shows and other outposts of cultural criticism grabbed the list and thrust it to new prominence in the public spotlight, either to praise it or condemn it.

Why? Let me count the ways. Better, let's make a list of the ways.

1. Where a list does not exist, Americans feel compelled to make one. Long before the American Film Institute's 100 greatest films or David Letterman's "Top 10" lists that were the "Book of Lists," which back in the 1970s made the national best seller lists.

2. More than lists, Americans love rankings. What good is it to be simply good in this country if you don't know how you stack up next to everyone else, especially those who are not as good as you?

3. We are emotionally invested deeply in rankings that concern intelligence. We yearn for objective, numerical ways to judge merit in our society.

Nowhere is this argument more volatile than it is in the affirmative action debate. Critics of affirmative action in college admissions say colleges should rank admissions by grade-point averages and SAT scores. Colleges like the University of Michigan, in one currently pending high-profile case, want more freedom than that.

They want to be able to consider not just test scores but a range of other factors, including geographic origins, sports talent, music talent, family hardships and racial-ethnic background.

See, next thing you know, they'll be saying education doesn't only come from books. Won't that be a scandal.

Nevertheless, the Modern Library list serves at least one important redeeming purpose. It offers an alternative to the "best seller list," which is a measure of popularity, not quality, unless your idea of high art is Tom Clancy and Danielle Steel.

The "100 Best" list, then, should be viewed not as the last word, but as a beginning. It doesn't contain all the great books, but it contains enough to prepare you for a lifetime of discovering other great books.

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Servers too often get stiffed

□ Jennifer Boisvert/CPS

Whether you dine in a restaurant, get a haircut, or ride in a taxi, tipping for a service rendered is something everyone should do. Some people have a tendency to leave great tips, while others prefer to not leave anything at all. The unfortunate thing is that in many instances, tips are the only way some people earn a living.

Like countless students, I chose to be a restaurant server to pay for my education and living expenses. Servers work long, hard hours at jobs that pay only \$2.13 an hour in Florida. I opted for this career instead of working in retail or at an office because of the flexible hours. I have one year left in school and, if I can help it, I will never wait tables after graduation.

For the most part, serving has been a fulfilling job because it has given me the opportunity to meet many interesting people. However, I have grown tired of people who can afford to dine out but refuse to tip their servers, or leave only a dollar on the table. I live in a city where many people are well-educated, but when it comes to tipping, many don't realize — or maybe they just don't understand — that servers do not make minimum wage.

For those who may not know, servers are required to pay income

taxes on 10 percent of their sales. This means that, if a couple dines out and their bill comes to \$40, their server must automatically claim \$4 in tips, even if the couple decides to stiff (a term used for not leaving anything on the table) the server, or leave only a few dollars.

If only everyone had to wait tables at least once in their life.

They'd find it is a very tedious job, discouraging at times, and very, very hectic. Guests in restaurants are not always in the best of moods. They ask a lot of their servers and sometimes expect way too much. But most of us are well-trained individuals who can handle every type of personality with respect and kindness.

I consider myself to be a very good server. I am upbeat when I greet my tables, I do the job that is asked of me — which sometimes requires me to bend over backwards for my guests — and the people I usually want to leave the restaurant feeling satisfied and happy.

But still, there are those who simply don't care how much effort I put into my work and thank me with a pile of pennies or a measly dollar bill — even when their check is more than \$50. I'm speaking for the entire population of servers when I say that we have had enough.

There may be times when a

server does a poor job, but we all make mistakes every now and then. We also understand how frustrating it is when you walk into a restaurant and expect a great meal and not get one. We all go out to eat and we know how it feels.

All we ask is that you take a minute to realize that your job may make a while, and it isn't our fault when it does. Or if your iced tea needs a refill and we don't fill it as fast as you'd like us to, there may be a reason. We may have had to make tea because someone else didn't do his or her job. Many things will happen that we have no control over as servers, but we try to do everything in our power to fix or prevent the problem so that you do have an enjoyable meal with your family, friends and loved ones.

Serving is not the most glamorous job in the world, but for many people it's an ideal job. Please remember your servers the way that you would your hairdressers, cab drivers, bartenders or anyone else you would tip for a service.

And consider this as good advice from someone who's been in the business for a while: We remember the faces of people who stiff us, just as people remember our faces when they receive bad service. If the service is up to par, thank us with the gratitude for which we work and deserve.

A strip tease: clubs promise students big money, but do they deliver?

□ Erika M. Anderson And Glenda Morrison/CPS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — She said: For money.

The smoke clears and a middle-aged man in a three-piece suit sits at the end of the bar, holding a half-empty glass of white wine. He may have told his wife a business meeting ran a little longer than he expected.

At the other end of the bar, a potbellied truck driver stands in a corner smoking a cigarette. It appeared the road was too long for him that night. This was his stopping point.

Throughout Danny's Diamond Fox, a go-go club on Columbus' east side, college-aged men, husbands and fathers dressed in business attire are scattered about the room. One thing seems to be certain: All eyes are on the long-legged, ebony woman dancing half-naked in a white thong bikini on center stage.

There is a certain glamour that follows strippers and strip clubs. If not, why would there be so many movies made about them recently? "Striptease." "Showgirls." "Player's Club." These girls are gorgeous with great bodies. They make a ton of money, and men adore them. Right?

Not always... A lot of the strippers and go-go dancers are wives, girlfriends and mothers. Their bodies have lost the elasticity and flexibility it once had, forcing them to smear concealer on cellulite, stretch marks and varicose veins. Many on center stage, dancing for the man flashing the \$20 bill as if he were the only one in the room, are lesbians or bisexual.

Some, like Dynasty (her stage name), are college students.

The 5-foot-11-inch, curvaceous go-go dancer and stripper began her "exotic" career

during her first year at Ohio State while living in the dorms.

"I knew I would always do it if a time came where I needed money," she said.

Dynasty, 20, signed up with a strip-a-gram company as a freshman. She said her first experience was almost like learning to walk - a lot of fumbling and embarrassing moments.

"This lady ordered me for her husband's birthday," said Dynasty, a junior majoring in journalism. "He didn't know I was there. When the music came on, I was so nervous that I couldn't get my dress off."

She eventually left the strip-a-gram gigs for go-go clubs and full-fledged nude bars, where she figured she'd make more money.

At the go-go club, Dynasty was required to peel down to a thong bikini. She said the experience taught her how to dance and make money. She eventually decided to dance in her birthday suit, thinking once again that she would rake in bigger bucks.

"There wasn't any pressure [from club owners and other dancers], and it was up to me," she said. "I didn't mind dancing nude."

But after working in four all-nude clubs, Dynasty decided dancing in the buff wasn't where the money really was. In Ohio, strip clubs are not allowed to serve alcohol to customers while a dancer is naked. Dynasty said that limits the amount of money a man at a nude bar will spend on a dancer because he is not intoxicated and is aware of what he is doing.

She decided to head back to the go-go clubs, where she can make money off of customers' drinks and tips.

"I think it's bad because the drinks cost too much," Dynasty said, adding that beverages range from \$6 to \$10. "They only give you a percentage of your drinks, and you can keep

your tips," she said.

On a good night, Dynasty can bring home about \$100, making about \$500 per week. But there have been times, she said, when she's barely pulled home \$50 in a week. When that has happened, Dynasty said her bills have piled up quickly.

"The dancers are self-employed," said Nina, manager of the Toy Box, an all-nude dance club on the city's northeast side. Nina said her dancers, about one-fourth of whom are college students, are paid very well during their eight-hour shifts.

"They come to us," Nina said. "It fits into their schedule easier. We're flexible, and they can work as much as they want."

Samantha was only 18 when she joined the Toy Box family and has not looked back since.

Like a lot of college students, the 20-year-old fine arts major said she is paying her way through school.

"My parents aren't paying for my college education, so I have to pay for everything," she said. Her parents do not know she is dancing in the nude. They think she's just a go-go dancer. "They were upset at first, but they like that I'm independent," she said.

Despite her parents' initial disapproval, Samantha works three nights a week, eight hours each night - sometimes more if she needs the money.

"I've got pets to feed," she said.

The 5-foot-8-inch, blonde bombshell has maintained a 3.9 GPA since she began stripping. Unlike Dynasty, she prefers dancing in nude bars instead of go-go bars.

"I found a lot more drugs in go-go bars," she said. "And the dancers here are more on my level. They are intelligent because they are students. And the clients are more business-like

in nude bars."

College-educated women, with the ability to turn men on during their acts and chat intelligently with patrons after the show, are a hot commodity for the moneyed, business set.

Dynasty agrees.

"It's a hustle," she said. "You really have to have the mouth work to do this job."

Samantha has it. A guy came into the club one night, and with a little hip and charm, Samantha had him wrapped around her little finger. He spent \$600 on her that night.

"I kinda lead them on because I don't want them to stop spending money on me," she said.

But Samantha is quick to set her limits on just how far the "act" will go.

"I wouldn't date somebody who saw me naked because I want them to know me first and not just be interested in me for my body."

Still, she concedes, men - even those she considers good friends - look at her differently now.

"It (exotic dancing) changes their perspective about me," she said. "They kinda want to get in my pants now."

Still, "I'll dance until I graduate," she said.

While Samantha has no trouble balancing her classes with her bump-and-grind routine, Dynasty said she is struggling.

"It's always been hard," to be focused on both dancing and school, she said, adding that "School is more important than this job."

Next year, Dynasty said she will put her g-string away and spend her senior year just being a Buckeye.

Students find way to make drivers stop at crosswalks on campus

□ College Press Service

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Drivers on Ohio State University's campus were more likely to stop for pedestrians when signs popped up where they least expected them.

Students in Professor Jack Nasar's city and regional planning class found that 58 percent of motorists on campus fail to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks. Tired of watching pedestrians weave through traffic, the students staked out two particularly busy intersections spaced only a few blocks from each other and observed more than 800 drivers over a three-week period.

During the first week, the student researchers simply counted how many cars stopped at both intersections as pedestrians tried to cross. During the second week, the students held up signs at one intersection saying either "Thanks for stopping," or "Please stop next time," as cars passed. They then counted how many motorists who received the reminder made an effort to stop at the second intersection.

During the third week of the study, students went back to counting how many drivers stopped at both intersections. The percentage of drivers who did rose from 38 percent to 44 percent.

"I think the study shows there is a reaction to the signs," said Marie Cackowski, a student in Nasar's class. "It draws attention to the problem. There are other ways to change the behavior of people besides ticketing them."

Students said they want university officials to consider their findings when addressing the problem. They suggested posting along major roads signs that instruct drivers to stop for pedestrians and distributing hand-held signs to students that either thank drivers for stopping or ask them to stop next time.

Similar studies have been conducted on other campuses. At Virginia Tech, students held up signs reminding drivers stopped at intersections to use their seat belts. Students reported an increase in seat belt use over a period of weeks.

"We are hoping something on a smaller scale, like this, can be done

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Cradle of women's rights movement

150 years ago, Seneca Falls, N.Y., was the site of the first Women's Rights Convention, the start of the long fight for the vote and other rights for women.

1848: Women could not vote, speak in public, hold office, go to college, make contracts, own property, divorce an abusive husband, earn a living except as teacher, maid, mill worker, seamstress

Social reform: Women fighting to free slaves found themselves hampered by their own lack of freedom; many lived in central N.Y. near Seneca Falls, home of radical Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Stanton and Quakers Lucretia Mott, Martha Wright, Jane Hunt, Mary Ann M'Clintock planned the convention and made a list of grievances; 300 men and women attended including abolitionist Frederick Douglass; 100 signed the "Declaration of Sentiments" on July 19

Today: Women's Rights National Historic Park in Seneca Falls includes the remains of the convention site, the homes of the organizers, an exhibit on the fight for women's rights

More info: 150th anniversary of Seneca Falls Convention, women's history <http://www.legacy98.org>

SOURCES: National Park Service, National Women's History Project; Celebrate '98, Library of Congress; research by JUDY TREIBL



Top down:
Lucretia Mott,
Elizabeth
Cady Stanton,
Stanton's
house in
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Information interviews can propel one's career

□ Sherri Eng/CPS

Here's a simple quiz. Are your chances of landing a job better if you: (A) Blindly send your resume to a company, where it will join a stack of hundreds of others? Or, (B) Ask a contact you have at the company to hand-deliver your resume to the hiring manager?

If you answered A, be prepared for a long job search. If you answered B, you may be on your way to a new job. Networking is the key. Nothing beats having a real person lobbying for you to help you get that dream job, career counselors say. And if you don't know anyone who can help you...well, that's where information interviews come in handy. These interviews are powerful tools for meeting the right people, learning about a new field or keeping current on the career you're already in.

"Career development and the ability to change jobs quickly end effectively is a function of who you know," said Michael Mergen, a career counselor and owner of The Lifework Institute in Alameda.

Just ask Heidi Gilman. The linguistics and education student at Stanford University figured she'd have a difficult time finding a job after graduation. She knew she wanted a job that would combine her interests in computers and kids. So she tapped into Stanford's alumni network and sent five letters requesting information interviews to alums living in the Boulder, Colo., area where she was planning to move.

Besides gaining useful information about different companies, Gilman landed a job shortly after her 1993 graduation at the University of Colorado-Boulder when one of her contacts asked her to work on a study of how computers can be used to teach reading to children.

Anne Greenblatt, a counselor at Stanford's career center, said 40 percent of Stanford grads land their first jobs by using information interviewing as a networking tool.

"When you expand your network, you expand the number of eyes and ears looking out for you," she said.

When Gilman decided to return to the Bay Area three years ago, she once again engaged in information interviewing. Through her Stanford connections and referrals, she talked to about 20 local software companies. She picked up industry lingo, learned about organizational structure and got the inside scoop on the nature of different jobs - all valuable tools in

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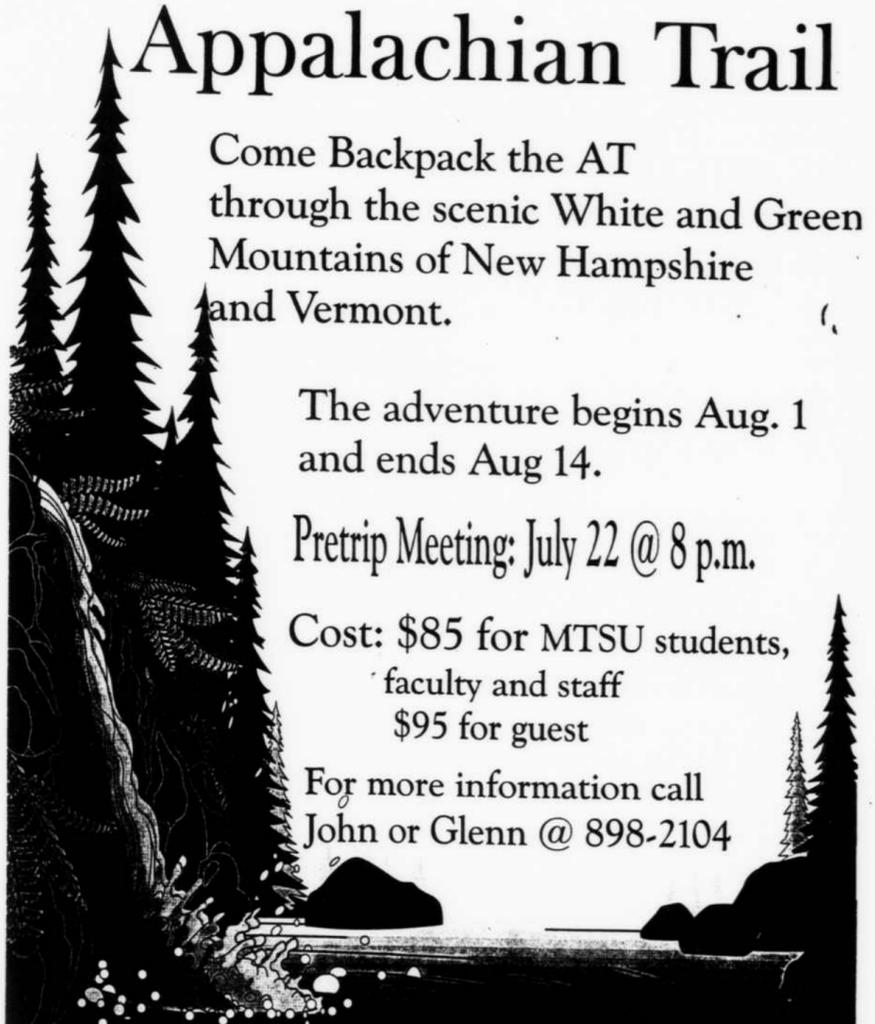
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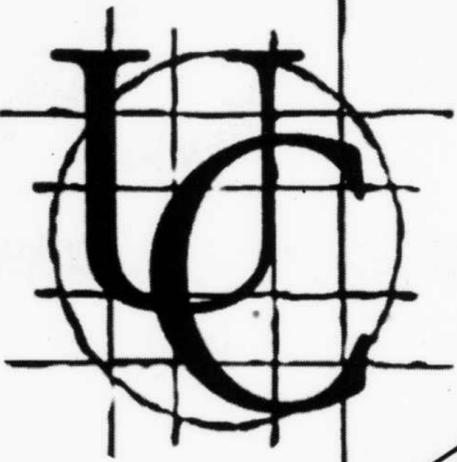
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No matter what happens, Fowlers should be commended

Carol Fowler said that there were many skeptics and doubting Thomases out there, and I was one of them. She's pushing the ticket sales, making me and others fools who were to quick to judge. I'm glad I was wrong.

In the June 3 issue of Sidelines, I basically said I had little faith in the alumni and the students. I thought people were too wrapped up in SEC football on Saturdays and they could care less about an OVC battle.

(So I messed up. That was the first mistake I ever made in my life. Sue me, I don't care.)

The alumni and the community have been very supportive of the possible move to Division I-A. Local politicians, bank presidents, the pillars of the community, you name it were calling all the many acquaintances they have, begging them to buy season tickets. By the end of the "Blue Raider telethon", 8, 025 season tickets were sold.

"O.K.," I thought, "not bad. There's still almost 9,000 tickets to sell each home game."

But athletic director Lee Fowler announced to the Daily News Journal Friday 13, 189 season tickets were sold. "How 'bout that?" Harry Caray would say.

I never imagined sales to boost this fast, but then again, I'm not surprised.

Whenever the school wants support for an athletic event, they will get it. Think back to last basketball

The athletic program will need a scheme: come see the Blue Raiders play their inaugural game in their newly renovated stadium.

season, when Lightning struck. Monte Hale Arena saw its first ever sell-out crowd for a basketball game.

Instead of a small handful of fans being scattered here and there in the stands, it was hard enough to find a spot in the nose-bleed section.

With the changing of mascots and a new logo, MTSU begged for the community's support and they got it.

The message was come see "lightning strike(s)." MTSU generated the curiosity in the Murfreesboro-area and it was fulfilled with a laser show and a spectacular performance by the dance team.

Some of the fans may have gagged at the new mascot, but they were in attendance; they were there filling up the seats.

Folks in the athletic department hope the opening home game with Tennessee State on Sept. 5 will have an almost sell-out crowd, so the school won't have to sweat as hard reaching the average before the season's end.

That's a sensible plan and the athletic program will need a scheme: come see the Blue Raiders play their inaugural game in their newly renovated stadium.

I've been inside the almost renovated stadium in early June. Well, it's nice. But it would be nicer to see many students, alumni and community residents filling it up. If they're not going to show up anytime later in the season, at least they will be there that first game.

A stadium doesn't look like a stadium, until there are people in it.

I don't mean to be tough on our student body, because I'm a student myself. BUT, my faith in the student body in supporting the Division I-A move is not there. I'm not saying the students will not support it; I am making no prediction. I just wouldn't lay my money down on it.

Fraternities and sororities will be

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Manning enticed by potential tight ends

Weak offensive line not big worry with Dilger and Pollard

□ Hank Lowenkron/AP

ANDERSON, Ind. - Peyton Manning becomes a target for opposing NFL linemen for the first time this week and he's anticipating the tight ends of the Indianapolis Colts will help ease his adjustment.

Hitting Manning in training camp and in last week's practice and scrimmage with the St. Louis Rams was a no-no. The ban will be off on

Saturday when the Colts open their exhibition season at Seattle.

"It's got to happen sometime. That's the only way you're going to get better," Manning said Monday.

Seattle has an advantage of having already played its first game, defeating Dallas 20-19 on Friday, while the Colts will be playing their first exhibition game.

"It will be a challenge on both sides of the ball. No matter what happens, I think we'll get a lot of benefit out of it," Manning said.

Tight end Ken Dilger, 6-foot-5 and 259 pounds, is one reason Manning is optimistic about his NFL debut. Tight end Marcus Pollard, 6-4 and 257

pounds, is another.

"I had a lot of good receivers in college, but never really had a tight end like those two guys. They've got good hands. They're so big, it's easy to spot them in a pattern," Manning said. "And they're both excellent blockers."

"I look for them to be a very big part of our offense."

Tight ends became basically blockers last year as an inexperienced line had the team's quarterbacks scurrying for their lives consistently. Tight ends had only 50 of the team's 317 receptions, accounting for 609 of the 3,560 passing yards.

"Both guys are capable of making big plays in the passing game, and

they're also excellent blockers," said new tight end coach Tony Marciano. "We're going to emphasize run to take the pressure off the quarterback and they're going to be a major key."

They both are expected to frequently line up together.

"Marcus and I are pretty good tight ends as far as running and blocking. The more talented people we have out there on the field, the better it is for the team," said Dilger, a former Indiana high school star as a quarterback, who spent much of the off-season preparing himself mentally and physically for an added workload.

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Heath Shuler was once in Peyton's place

□ Mary Foster/AP

LA CROSSE, Wis. - Heath Shuler has to chuckle when he sees what's happening with Peyton Manning. Shuler was the big-time quarterback Tennessee sent to the NFL before Manning - same hype, same expectations, same excitement.

It was the last big moment in Shuler's career.

"I had no idea how the road I was headed down would turn out," Shuler said. "I was on the top of the world - drafted by the team I wanted, with the coach I wanted to play for. It looked like everything was golden."

It didn't take long for the shine to wear off.

While fans and media follow Manning and his rookie-record \$4.2 million contract with the Indianapolis Colts, Shuler limps through another round of rehabilitation and his New Orleans Saints teammates are led by a journeyman quarterback who replaced him as the starter.

"I've always been a hard worker and always believed that was the key to success," said Shuler, who finished second in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy in 1993 after a

record-breaking career at Tennessee. "It always was the key, for a long time, anyway."

His success made him the top draft pick for the Washington Redskins in 1994, where quarterback-friendly Norv Turner was expected to develop Shuler into an NFL star.

But a 13-day holdout while a \$19 million contract was completed turned Redskins fans against him. He followed that up with poor play, forced passes and fumbles. Finally a shoulder injury benched Shuler and allowed Gus Frerotte, a seventh-round pick out of Tulsa, to take over.

Just last year Shuler's fresh start soured in almost the same manner.

Brought to New Orleans by Mike Ditka, Shuler was praised by his new coach and handed the starting job when veteran Jim Everett was cut.

The starter for nine games, Shuler completed just 52 percent of his passes, threw only two touchdowns and was intercepted 14 times. He was also sacked 21 times in 10 games before being put on injured reserve Nov. 19 after hurting his left foot.

"I've had all the injuries a quarterback worries about - throwing arm, my shoulder and hand, and my

foot," Shuler said. "The things I use to make my living with."

This time it was Billy Joe Hobert, a quarterback who was perhaps best known for being cut by Buffalo after joking about not knowing the play book, who snatched the starting job.

"Billy Joe Hobert is the least of my worries," Shuler said as he limped between rehabilitation work and the dining hall at training camp. "What has Billy Joe done? Where has he established himself?"

So far just in New Orleans, where Hobert took the starting job by going 2-2 as the starter in the final four games of 1997.

"I'm not worried about another player," Shuler said. "Competition has never scared me. I just need to get my foot well and things will fall into place. I really believe that."

Shuler had offseason surgery on his foot. Surgeons removed the bones that make the ball of the foot and repaired

the damage by attaching ligaments from a cadaver. He was in a cast for months, unable to work out, lost about 60 percent of the feeling in the foot and must wear an orthopedic device to compensate for the missing bones.

Shuler hobbled through two minicamps, but seemed to be close to 100 percent when training camp opened. Then he strained a calf muscle in his left leg, an injury related to a lack of flexibility in his foot as a result of the surgery. He was sidelined again.

"He was throwing with more accuracy than last year, doing everything a lot better," said quarterback coach Tom Clements. "This new injury sets him back. I just hope he can return and show the same things."

The Saints decided late in the week to send Shuler back to the surgeon who operated on him, fearing he has

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Cycling faces hard ride with drug scandal

□ Andreas Evagora/AP

PARIS - Flat tire or broken frame?

A drug scandal followed the Tour de France every step of the way. Now the sport must try to rebuild its image and reassure its fans and sponsors.

And the question for cycling is this: Can it bounce back?

"In the short term, we will suffer badly from this crisis and our image will suffer," says Daniel Baal, vice president of the International Cycling Union, the sport's governing body. "But we can rebound positively. The sport is strong enough."

Other sports, such as track and swimming, have been rocked by drug revelations. None depends so heavily on a single event for its global reputation. For many, the Tour de France is cycling.

Aware that sponsors could turn their backs on the sport, governing federations are pledging to redouble their efforts to stamp out drugs.

Cycling officials recognize it is virtually impossible to eradicate performance-enhancing substances. Drugs such as EPO, a hormone that increases oxygen to red blood cells, can't be detected, and new substances are being developed faster than ever.

Organizers insist there is no thought of canceling next year's Tour de France or, for the moment, even making major changes.

They reject suggestions that cyclists need banned substances because the ride is too grueling.

"The Tour will continue as normal," race spokesman John Lelangue said. "I've heard the cyclists say that, if anything, some of the stages are too easy."

The Tour's travails have sparked wider debate, with IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch calling for a reduction in the number of banned substances in sports and proposing an international conference to seek new ways of tackling the problem.

The cycling federation also said Monday it will hold a "brainstorming conference" this week with top officials, cyclists and team managers.

Cycling is as thorough as other sports in testing competitors, and was the first to introduce blood tests.

"Drug controls in cycling are already stronger than for any other sport. That's the worrying thing," said

Alan Rushton, managing director of Sport For TV, which organized the Irish leg of this year's Tour. "I would estimate that 50 percent of all global sports testing is carried out on cyclists."

Tour de France drug scandals are nothing new. In 1967, British cyclist Tommy Simpson died on a climb up Mont Ventoux after taking amphetamines.

"The problem has been known within cycling for a long time," said James Startt, a former member of the U.S. cycling team, told The Associated Press. "It is part of its history."

The problem clearly has worsened. From day one, the 1998 Tour was dominated by drug revelations. Six teams pulled out, protesting police tactics. One team, Festina, was expelled after admitting systematic drug use.

Italy's Rodolfo Massi became the seventh person - and the first cyclist - to be placed under formal investigation during the Tour, which ended Sunday with Marco Pantani of Italy the winner.

On Monday, police in Reims began questioning members of the Dutch team TVM about drugs found in their possession. TVM riders pulled out of the race two days before the end, saying they had neither the physical nor the mental strength to continue.

The scandal has prompted infighting among cyclists. In a column for the German newspaper Bild last week, 1997 Tour champion Jan Ullrich criticized some fellow riders, including Laurent Jalabert and Luc Leblanc, for pulling out of the race once they had no chance of winning.

"A great race has been stolen from all of us," he said. "Inside, I'm deeply angry at Festina, at the justice, and also at pros like Jalabert and Leblanc. They failed at the Tour and now they're stirring up trouble prematurely."

Dan Osipow, operations director for Montgomery Sports, which runs and manages the U.S. Postal Service team, pointed to the scandal's ripple effect.

"It's a shame for the audience, it's a shame for the cyclists, it's a shame for everyone involved," he said.

Startt called the scandal "one of the darkest periods in the history of cycling," but he thinks some good can come of it.

"If it doesn't," he said, "we really are in a sorry state."

Defensive line being challenged to step up sack total

□ Teresa Walker/AP

NASHVILLE - Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher isn't asking much of defensive end Kenny Holmes. He just wants the second-year defensive end to try to match one of the best performances in Oilers' history.

"Kenny's got to be double-digit sacks this year," said Fisher. "I'm not talking 10-11. He's got to have a significant number of sacks for us."

But Fisher isn't just singling out the Oilers' top draft pick of a year ago. He wants the whole defensive line to put more pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

The Oilers managed just 35 sacks in 1997 with the defensive line providing 25 1/2 of those. Only five NFL teams did worse, with Tennessee just ahead of Arizona (34), Miami and Oakland (31), the Jets (29), and San Diego (27).

The Oilers defense was fourth in the league in stopping the run, but ranked 27th against the pass.

"We've got to have more sacks than we did last year. More sacks, more hurries, more hits on the quarterback than we did last year," Fisher said.

The pressure is getting to the young line, which includes tackles Gary Walker, Henry Ford and Pratt Lyons and ends Anthony Cook and Holmes.

Two fights broke out in one day last week after the defense was challenged

to step up its play in training camp. Fisher said the defense has been frustrated facing one of the NFL's best offensive lines.

The biggest pressure is on Holmes, whose pass-rushing skills are why the Oilers made him the 18th pick overall in 1997.

The 6-foot-4, 270-pound lineman had 29 sacks during his career at Miami, and the Oilers like his speed off the line and the way he pushes around blockers.

"Kenny Holmes is our bell cow, and he's got to set the tone," said defensive coordinator Gregg Williams.

Holmes tied with Walker for the team lead in 1997 with seven sacks, despite playing much of the season with a soft cast on his right wrist after breaking it in the opener. He didn't work his way into the starting lineup until the 10th game of the season and wound up starting five.

If he can double his sack stats, he could threaten the franchise record of 17, set by eight-time Pro Bowler Elvin Bethea in 1973 a year before official sack totals were kept.

Holmes doesn't mind the standard that Fisher is setting for him.

"I'm glad he has the confidence in me ...," Holmes said. "I hope I can prove that he's right. If I can, I know definitely we'll be a contender this year. If I can go in and get 12 sacks, I know we can be a contender as far as

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Fisher gives Matthews, Stepnoski alternating rest breaks

□ Teresa Walker/AP

NASHVILLE - When you're starting your 16th season in the NFL, a little rest now and then can't hurt. That's the Tennessee Oilers' philosophy when it comes to right guard Bruce Matthews.

Coach Jeff Fisher let the veteran lineman watch the second practice Sunday afternoon of the Oilers' first two-a-day session. Center Mark Stepnoski, who passed his physical after having his knee scoped in June,

watched the morning session and played in the afternoon.

"It's a wise idea," Fisher said. "Bruce came out this morning as good as he's ever looked, knocking people down. It just makes sense to do those kind of things."

Matthews, who has one of his sons with him at camp, didn't stick around after the afternoon practice. He started all 16 games last season to extend his club record of consecutive starts to 168. He will tie Elvin

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there for the Blue Raiders, but that's not enough. There are still many students who are not "Greeks".

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"We've had a pretty good tempo in camp. It's been a carryover from off-season work both on and off the field," said Dilger. "Obviously, I'm excited about catching more balls and gaining more yardage than last year. But, the important thing is to win more games."

Dilger had only 27 receptions for 380 yards last year, compared to 42 catches in his first two NFL seasons. A versatile athlete who earned all-conference laurels in football, basketball and baseball at Heritage Hills High School, he saw his receiving yardage fall to 380 yards after averaging 569 his first two years.

"Everyone here is very enthused about improving over last year, individually and col-

The football program is still receiving orders for season tickets. And if the Blue Raiders don't hit the average, which I would be surprised if that happened, I still think the Fowlers should be commended for the risks they have taken and the boundaries they have already crossed. The fact the Blue Raiders have sold over 13,000 tickets is amazing in itself.

Lee Fowler never admitted to me the pressure he and his family feel through this whole endeavor. But if you talk to him, you know it's there. And for a man to put down a lot at stake, just to put a program on a higher level, is admirable.

lectively. Our record (3-13) was an embarrassment," he said. "With the new offense, the arrival of Peyton and a new coaching staff, we have to improve."

The new coaching staff assembled by Jim Mora, who was hired after Lindy Infante's firing one day after last season concluded, has been boosting the revived spirit.

"The coaches are more vocal than last year and we've all got a lot to learn," Dilger said.

Dilger worked at reducing his body fat and weight before he reported to training camp on July 23.

"I'm in pretty good shape. I wanted to come in light and my body fat is down," he said. "I'm about seven pounds lighter and my body fat is probably the best it has ever been since I was a kid."

Wuerffel and Wuerffel for third-stringer Doug Nussmeier, sometimes running quarterbacks in and out between downs.

"Ditka would scream at me," Shuler said. "He fired me a dozen times, telling me to take off my jersey and get away from him. I was a disgrace. He never wanted to see me again. The first time it made me sick to my

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nerve damage.

"I still have faith in him," offensive coordinator Danny Abramowicz said. "I can't get into his head, but I think one problem he had last year was trying to do too much. He felt he had to win and he forced the

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