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SIDELINES

Campus School gains national recognition

School premiers in Washington for outstanding programs

JOEY DAVENPORT
Staff Writer

Several Campus School programs were recently showcased at a meeting held by the National Association of Laboratory Schools in Washington, D.C.

Campus School was one of three schools invited by the NALS board of directors to showcase their programs during the Feb. 13-15 meeting. The programs were showcased to about 200 educators from across the United States.

Some of the programs shown included the learning environment, technology and the early childhood program.

"This honor gives us a chance to show other lab schools what we have to offer," said Dr. Rita King, principal at Campus School.

"We're proud of our program and pleased that others have an interest in it."

Campus School was established in 1929 for the purpose of training MTSU students to become teachers. The school consists of kindergarten through sixth grade and operates in cooperation with MTSU's College of Education.

Campus School is one of the few schools that focuses on clinical training of student teachers rather than research-based training. Clinical training gives students a chance to learn to teach in the classroom.

"We have so much involvement from the university students," explained King. "This helps to bring in a lot of new ideas and provides us with readily available resources."

MTSU students majoring in the elementary and early childhood education program conduct their practicum work at Campus School. These students work under teacher supervision and are required

to complete 160 hours of work at the school.

"Campus School helps you to deal with real situations in the classroom," said Candy Moss, junior elementary education major. "It teaches you things you can't learn from a textbook."

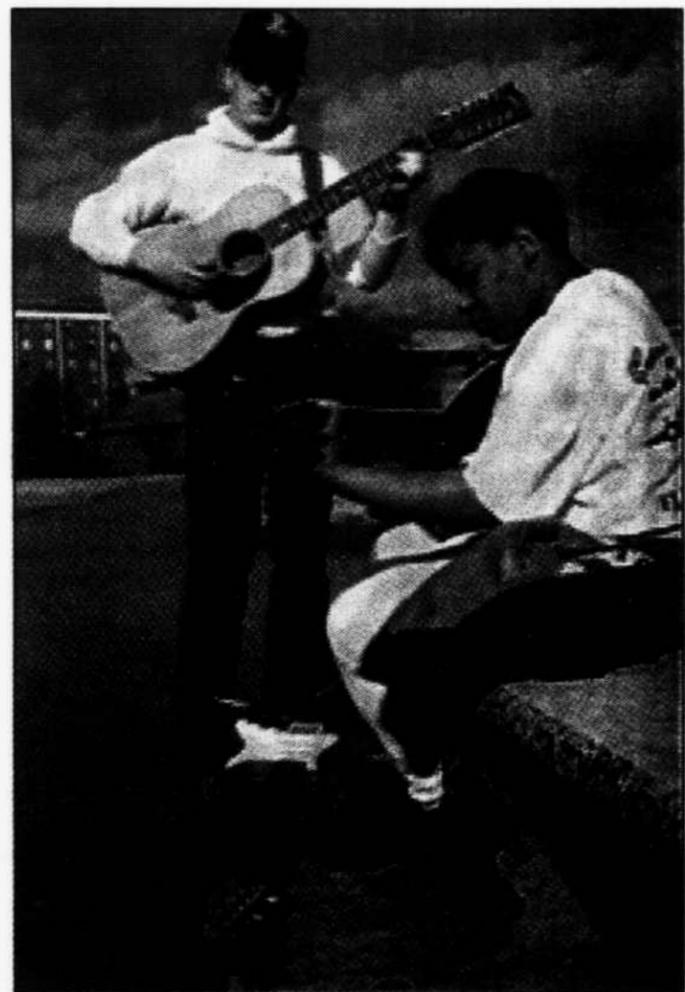
There are currently more than 100 laboratory schools in the United States. All of the schools are connected to colleges or universities and are used as part of the education departments' teacher training areas.

"The Campus School gives hands-on experiences in a real school with real children," said Dr. Robert Eaker, Dean of the College of Education. "This program offers the best balance between theory and practice."

According to Eaker, MTSU has one of the largest teacher preparation programs in Tennessee.

Campus School is funded by Rutherford County and any child living within the county is eligible to attend the school. ■

Courtyard of Blues



CHARLES HOGUE/staff

Senior Trevor Jones (L) and Rhonda Davis, (R) take advantage of the recent unseasonable weather to play a few tunes on the guitar in the KUC courtyard.

Panel discusses African-Americans in broadcasting

Local television broadcasters talk about getting a job

TRIPP BALLARD
Staff Writer

As part of ongoing African-American History Month activities, a panel discussion titled "A Different view in Broadcasting News: African-Americans in Broadcasting Industry" was held in the Bragg Mass Communication Building Wednesday afternoon.

The panel was made up of local TV broadcasters and

management personnel representing all three of the major Nashville television stations. The five person panel included: Vickie Yates, Channel 5 anchorwoman; Leland Staton, Channel 5 weatherman; Twanda Coleman, producer and editor of Channel 5's "Talk of the Town"; Craig Williams, Channel 4 sports; and Ken Strickland, Channel 2 senior manager and special productions manager.

A number of different topics were covered in the discussion but the emphasis was placed on how to get a job and maintain a successful career in the television

industry.

"It takes a challenge to get a job in television. A lot of times you just have to get your foot in the door," said Staton. "Even when you get in the door you usually will start out doing something you don't like but you have to work hard and climb up the ladder."

Another key to a successful career which all of the panelists agreed on was that many television stations are looking for people who know how to do a number of different things.

"Many television companies are downsizing, so

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Teacher Recruitment Week providing career opportunities

RACHAEL GUESS
Staff Writer

Recruiters from school districts across the United States are conducting campus interviews this week for prospective teachers in conjunction with the 11th annual Teacher Recruitment Week.

According to Martha Turner, director of MTSU's Placement and Student Employment Center, representatives from approximately 68 school

systems use these interviews as the first step in hiring new teachers.

"Teacher Recruitment Week provides an opportunity for students to get information about many districts and decide where they would like to apply," Turner said.

After interviewing on campus, students can submit applications to the school systems they are interested in. Applications are then pooled and second interviews

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MTSU NEWS

Forum to discuss new library plans

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

The Library Project Team will meet Monday afternoon from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the KUC Theater to reveal the architect's plans of the new library and take suggestions from the student body about its development.

The forum invites the student body, staff and faculty to attend. The architects will display the early designs of the library, including a simplified floor layout and suggested views of the exterior.

"We are still very early in the process," said Don Craig,

dean of Today Library. "That's why we are having this forum, to get some input from the users. We need feedback from the people who are going to spend time in there."

The Library Project Team is comprised of 12 faculty members: Karen Bingham, Don Craig, Al Cripps, Ellen Donovan, Norman Ferris, Andy Kelmers, Patty Miller, Jeff Hull, Carolyn Hopper, Lucinda Lee, Thomas Tang and Terry Whiteside. Two students, Bill Parker and Robert Woodworth, were elected by the SGA to represent the student body.

Dr. David Kaser, a library consultant, has worked with the joint team of architects of C. Thomasson and Thomas Miller & Associates on the design of the building. He reviewed the written plan, confirming it and making further suggestions on its functions and layout.

"People ought to try to come out and see the plans."

Craig said. "We need to see what they think about what we are doing. Students don't need to stay for the entire thing, but they should try to help us."

The library will be built with the \$25.7 million THEC approved earlier this semester. The new library will be located between the Mass Comm building and Deere Hall with the new Business/Aerospace Building at the north end of the street by the LRC and Corlew Hall. The completion date is set for 1997-98.

The new library will be 2.5 times larger than the Todd Library, designed with

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**-Don Craig
Dean, Todd Library**

the student's convenience in mind. The CD-ROM center will be increased from 15 to 60 computers. The architects have also planned for 48 small study group rooms that will allow several students to gather without disturbing the rest of the library.

There are plans to provide extended hours study rooms that will be accessible to students 24 hours a day. The rooms will probably be unstaffed, but windows will be positioned so that campus security can supervise from the road.

Even after the new library is complete, Craig expects that it will retain some space in Todd Library because fewer funds were granted than the university requested. Originally, the new library was expected to accommodate all the library holdings including the extended collections located in the LRC. ■

Campus Capsule

Today

The Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity is hosting its Quiz Bowl. All MTSU clubs and organizations are invited. It takes place at 6 p.m. in Room 324 of the KUC. Entry fee is \$15 and 1st place wins \$80, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$20. Call Dr. Hollman (898-2673) or Tom Stratton (895-5007) to enter.

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

The Native American Indian Organization will hold a general interest meeting from 5:15 - 7 p.m. in KUC Room 305. For more info. call 1-800-505-7078.

Upcoming & Ongoing

Contesting Library Fines: People who are being charged with library fines who do not believe that they are responsible for them can meet on the steps of the library on Mon., Feb. 27 from 12 - 2 p.m.

A College Republican Meeting will be held Mon., Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in KUC Room 316. Special guest Dr. Ralph Hillman will speak about "Time Management."

The Anthropological Society of MTSU will hold an organizational meeting for anyone interested on Mon., Feb. 27 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 318.

The MTSU Wellness Center will be sponsoring blood analysis screenings on Feb. 27 from 6:30 to 8 a.m. at the Nursing Building Room 109. The cost is \$8 (check or money order only). Call the Center at 898-5549 to schedule an appt.

A photography show by Jane Alden Stevens will be in the Photographic Gallery of the LRC from Feb. 26 - March 30.

Jane Alden Stevens will be lecturing on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104 and a reception will follow in the Photographic Gallery.

The PSI CHI/Psychology Club will have a meeting Feb. 28 from 4:30-6 p.m. in Peck Hall 208. Dr. John Pleas of the psychology department will speak about "Issues for Minorities & Women in Pursuit of Graduate Degrees."

A Career Placement Orientation and Career Fair Tips will be held March 2 at 2 p.m. at KUC 322. Learn about Placement Services, Resume Expert, Campus Interviews and Employment Opportunities.

There will be an OES country ham breakfast at the Masonic Hall, 1206 SE Broad St., on March 4 from 6 - 11 p.m. The price is \$5/adult, \$2.50/12 and under. Call 898-2708 or 2409 for student special.

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Resume Writing Workshop on Wed. March 8 at 11 a.m. in KUC Room 318. Learn the basics for writing your resume.

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a n Interview Preparation Seminar (a workshop for developing interview skills and professional dress) on Thur. March 9 at 3 p.m. in KUC Room 318.

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Resume Critique on Fri. March 10 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in KUC Room 318. Bring your resume for personal critique.

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

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

Block & Bridle meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in SAG Room 125. Everyone is welcome! *Members should wear their B \$ B jackets to the Feb. 28 meeting for yearbook group picture.

If anyone is interested in studying Ayn Rand and the philosophy of Objectivism, write to: MTSU Box B-890. Email: m_c_000b@frank.mtsu.edu

MTSU Equestrian Team meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the TN Livestock Center Sales Arena.

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

Child Abuse Prevention

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

International Student's Association meets Fridays at 6 p.m. in KUC 318. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Dinner/Worship every Tue. at 5:30 p.m. at Wesley Foundation for \$2.50. Worship on Wed. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 8 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings at 7. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

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

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

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

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MTSU NEWS

Acclaimed Baritone to perform Sunday

GLORIA STANLEY
Special to *Sidelines*

The MTSU Concert Series season concludes with a performance by Grammy-nominated baritone Sanford Sylvan Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall.

Two of Sylvan's recordings have been nominated for Grammy awards. His debut recital album, "Beloved That Pilgrimage," incorporated an all-American program of music by Barber, Copland and Cahndler. Sylvan also recorded John Adams's *The Wounded Dresser*, written especially for Sylvan and recorded under the composer's direction.

As the chamber musician, Sylvan has performed with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the Boston Symphony Chamber Players and performed for several Music from Malboro tours. He also appeared with major orchestras across the United States.

"He is the best American baritone today," said Dr. Jerry Perkins, professor of music.

"One of the most wonderful things about the series is that all of these people do master classes for the students as well," added Perkins. Sylvan will conduct a master class on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Perkins said next season will include performances by pianist Kevin Kenner in October, the Kremlin Chamber Orchestra from Moscow in November, the St. Louis String Quartet in February 1996 and Italian flutist Andres Griminelli in April 1996. Perkins initiated the concert series in 1980 in coordination with Harold Smith, director of MTSU Ticketing at MTSU.

Tickets to the Sanford Sylvan concert are \$5.50. Senior citizens and students from the other schools are admitted for \$3.50. MTSU students are admitted free with a current ID. ■

Voting through TRAM postponed until 1996

LEANNE MOORE
Special to *Sidelines*

A SGA proposal to vote through TRAM will not be feasible this semester because of time constraints, according to Dr. Gail Stevens, the associate dean of students.

The Office of Information and Technology is working on converting computer systems by writing a program for voting through TRAM. The SGA hopes to have the program in place by next spring so it can be used in the 1996 Student Government elections.

The program will allow students to call TRAM using their social security number and personal identification number to enter the system. The candidates and the offices they are running for

will be stated, allowing the student to pick the candidate of their choice. Gail said that students will be encouraged not to give out their social security numbers and personal identification numbers so that it can be used to vote for another candidate. Gail warns that students giving out their numbers run the risk of someone using TRAM to mess up their schedule.

This year's SGA elections will be held March 14-15 at the JUB and the KUC. The students have to present their ID cards and have the card swiped. The card will reveal student information, such as the grade classification of the student and voting status. Students can vote at the JUB from 8:00-4:00 p.m. and the KUC from 8:00-6:30 p.m. ■

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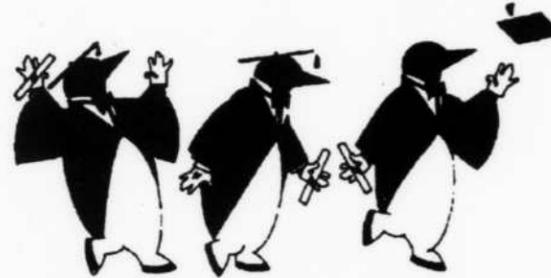
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MTSU NEWS

Milliner Mentors



CHARLES HOGUE/staff

MTSU seniors Dawn Carr and Matt Vinson instruct a kindergarten class on constructing paper hats. See related story, page 1.

PANEL

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they are looking for talented people who know how to do a number of things," said Coleman.

As would be expected, the question "Are there really jobs out there?" was asked quickly.

"It often takes a long time to get a job. Often times jobs are not always going to be in Nashville. You may have to go to Butte, Montana to get a job so you have to be very mobile," said Strickland, who is an MTSU graduate.

Many students already know the importance of internships. The panelists reinforced this importance by stressing an internship's role in building the valuable experience that television stations are searching for at entry level positions.

"Take internships when they are offered and do whatever asked to during these internships. They are so important in the experience building process at television stations," said Williams.

Overall, the panelists

emphasized desire and persistency as keys in getting and maintaining good jobs.

"What you want doesn't always come overnight. You have got to have a really good attitude. You have also got to be willing to make a lot of serious sacrifices and be willing to do as many things as possible," said Strickland.

Around 75 students and faculty attended the discussion and all seemed to be very interested and satisfied with the results of the discussion.

"This discussion was very effective. It was an excellent source

for very valuable information. Any mass communication student who missed it, missed a lot," said Calvin Jordan, sophomore Ra/TV major.

Dr. Al Moffett, associate Ra/TV professor and panel mediator summed the discussion up.

"I have led many panels, and I honestly believe this one has been the most productive and served as the richest source of information as any we have ever had." ■

TEACHER

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are scheduled, with most positions being filled in July or August.

Sharon Thomas, a graduate student in education, said, "I think this week offers students a good way to meet people from school systems and ultimately land jobs in education. Most new teachers say the hardest part of getting a job is making contacts."

Turner is expecting about

75 students to interview with five or six representatives each.

MTSU is among nine universities participating in Teacher Recruitment Week. Other area schools include: Vanderbilt, Belmont, Tennessee Tech, Western Kentucky and Tennessee State University.

Interviews will be scheduled through Friday, February 24. Interested students should schedule interviews in the Placement and Student Employment Center, KUC 328. ■

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

New Budget Plan aims to reconstruct Student Aid

WASHINGTON (CPS)—The Clinton administration has announced plans to restructure the Pell Grant program serving thousands of American college students and to increase the maximum amount available under the program.

Clinton's fiscal year 1996 budget plan would raise the maximum grant by \$280, from \$2,340 to \$2,620. However, it also would split eligible students into two groups, with those in academic programs seeking aid through Pell and many in vocational programs receiving aid through a new program at the U.S. Department of Labor.

The restructuring is part of Clinton's overall \$1.61 trillion budget plan, which was unveiled Feb. 6 and outlines \$144 billion in cutbacks for deficit reduction and middle-class tax cuts over the next five years.

Under the plan, Clinton has proposed consolidating 70 job training programs, mostly from the Departments of Education and Labor, and using the money to offer "Skill Grants" to students in vocational, non-degree programs. The grant amounts could reach \$2,620, the same amount as under Pell.

Administration officials call their Skill Grant proposal a fundamental element of the president's GI Bill for American Workers, which seeks to develop more cost-effective, better-targeted job training programs.

The proposal follows a year of intense debate in the Clinton administration and the higher education community about how best to reform student financial aid programs. Reports of abuses by for-profit trade schools who enroll unprepared students in costly, short-term vocational programs has eroded public confidence in Pell and other financial aid programs, say some educators.

"There's a clear difference between those in vocational programs and those in academic programs," said Arnold Mitchem, executive director of the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations.

However, some community colleges oppose the move, saying it would cause major changes for institutions that focus on both academic and vocational programs. The plan would dramatically affect "who these institutions are," one advocate said.

David Pierce, president of the American Association of Community Colleges, said

the proposed change would make administering grants to students much tougher and more complex for community colleges.

"If one-third of Pell Grants are shifted to the Skill Grant program, instead of dealing with one program, community colleges would deal with two programs and two agencies for the same total number of students."

Meanwhile, the increase in the maximum Pell Grant, if approved, would recover lost ground. Since 1992, funding for the programs has remained relatively flat.

"The Pell Grant is the basic lifeline to higher education for many working families and many Americans with low incomes," said U.S. Department of Education Secretary Richard Riley in announcing the budget blueprint.

Overall, the amount of money budgeted in Pell for degree-seeking students would increase by almost \$700 million, the budget plan states. As a result, an estimated 2.8 million students would receive grant awards in 1996, up from 2.7 million this year.

According to Department of Education officials, not only would more students receive Pell Grants in 1996, but the average student would receive slightly more money under Clinton's plan. The average Pell Grant would increase from \$1,545 to \$1,710, they said.

However, some education groups are taking a "wait-and-see" attitude on the entire Pell Grant package until they find out more details. Some educators are questioning administration estimates of how many students are enrolled in vocational programs.

"It's unclear where those numbers come from," said Sharon Thomas Parrott, vice president of governmental relations at DeVry Institute, which operates degree-granting vocational programs that presumably would not fall under the new program because of their degree emphasis.

Student groups also voiced caution. "We haven't figured out where the Pell Grant increase is coming from yet," said Jeannette Galanis, vice president of the United States Student Association.

Elsewhere, the administration's student aid budget would freeze most post-secondary education programs.

Federal support for college work-study and Supplemental Educational

Opportunity Grants would remain at \$617 million and \$583 million, respectively. The plan also would cut State Student Incentive Grants (SSIG) in half to \$31.4 million, part of a two year plan to phase out this program, Education Department officials said.

Federal support for scholarships and fellowships also would fall dramatically under the plan. The budget would eliminate eight small programs, including Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships aimed at recruiting underrepresented minorities. The Department of Education said the program duplicates other federal programs with a similar aim.

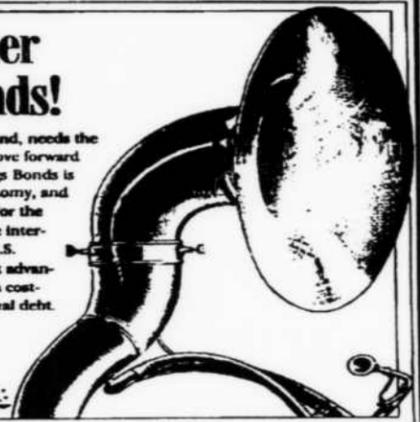
Federal support for National Science Scholars and Javits Fellowships also would end under the proposal.

Funding freezes would affect many other programs, including support for historically black colleges and universities and TRIO programs that help recruit low-income, disadvantaged students into higher education. ■

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THE NATION & WORLD

Baptist leaders say members will oppose Foster

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Southern Baptist leaders say their denomination's members will answer a call to oppose President Clinton's nomination for surgeon general.

Leaders of the nation's largest Protestant denomination held a news conference Wednesday to detail their objections to Dr. Henry Foster as U.S. surgeon general. They urged the 15.4 million members of Southern Baptist churches to write their senators.

Convention President Jim Henry, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Orlando, Fla., used his own church as an example of the possible response.

"Several hundred people will sit down and write with one word from the pulpit," Henry said. If he says more than a word, members would send several thousand letters, he said.

Clinton picked Foster, an obstetrician from Nashville, to replace Dr. Joycelyn Elders as the country's top public health officer. Elders was fired after saying educators should consider teaching schoolchildren about masturbation.

The nomination quickly ran into problems after the White House disclosed Foster had performed at least one abortion, then fewer than 12. That number was revised to 39, plus 55 women who had abortions in a study Foster supervised.

Some opponents objected to the abortions; others to the lack of reliable information coming from Foster and the White House.

Baptist leaders criticized Foster on abortion and support of contraceptives for teens.

"In Washington,

Republicans in the Senate have become very squeamish about dealing with this issue," said Richard Land, head of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, which deals with public policy issues for the denomination.

That is disappointing since many Southern Baptists voted for Republicans because of moral concerns, Land said.

The fact that abortion is legal shouldn't matter, he said.

"Smoking is legal, but can you imagine appointing a surgeon general who smokes?" Land asked.

James Smith, director of governmental relations for the commission, said there are a number of issues on which Baptists oppose Foster.

"But we would like to see the Senate Republicans take a stand that abortion is a reason not to confirm Foster," Land said.

Land said he regrets having to oppose the nominee of a Southern Baptist president and urged Baptists to pray that Clinton will nominate someone they can support.

He again stressed that the fact Foster is black has nothing to do with opposition to his nomination. About 500,000, or 3.3 percent, of the denomination's members are black, Land said.

"It would be obscene and obnoxious if Dr. Foster were disqualified by the fact that he is African-American.... We have come to the inescapable conclusion that any doctor who is willing to deny the Hippocratic Oath and extinguish human life, rather than protect it, is an individual whose moral vision for America is fatally flawed," Land said. ■

Nissan to use more U.S. made parts

TOKYO (AP) — Nissan Motor Co. said Wednesday it will use more auto parts made in the United States to help offset rising Japanese export costs related to the yen's rise against the dollar.

The Japanese company currently gets about 65 percent of its parts from U.S. sources. A Nissan official declined to specify a new procurement ratio, but said the change will be worth 4 billion yen, or about \$4 million.

The move is also in line with the company's overall goal of increasing local procurement, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

As part of the change,

Nissan will begin using control devices for automatic transmissions from Tokai Rika USA Inc., a Japanese firm operating in Battle Creek, Mich., starting early next year, the official said.

Procurement of torque converters, used in automobiles produced at Nissan's plant in Smyrna, Tenn., will be switched to Daikin Clutch Corp., a Japanese firm operating in Belleville, Mich., the official said.

The yen has gained more than 13 percent in value against the dollar over the past year, making Japanese exports more expensive abroad after currency exchange. ■

THE NATION & WORLD

Labor secretary begins drive for minimum wage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Labor Secretary Robert Reich launched the Clinton administration's congressional drive for an increase in the minimum wage today, denying opponents' contention that it would cost lower-income jobs. President Clinton has proposed raising the \$4.25 an hour minimum wage to \$5.15, with two 45-cent increases spread over two years.

"The evidence suggests that the minimum wage increase ... is safely below the range that would seriously deter employment," Reich said in testimony prepared for the Joint Economic Committee.

In fact, Reich added, some studies suggest a higher wage could lead to more employment because firms would not have to supervise their workers as much if they were better paid.

The committee chairman, Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., said he was not convinced there is any substantive economic evidence to support the administration's proposal.

"In fact," Saxton said, "I've reviewed dozens of studies

that indicate a loss of opportunities for those entering the job market for the first time.

"The facts, as I see them, are this: While an increase in minimum wage will encourage more people to seek jobs, it will also decrease the number of job offers," Saxton added. "Simply put, it's the law of supply and demand."

Reich said the current minimum wage is not a livable wage.

"A person who works 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year ... earns only \$8,500 for an entire year's work," he said. "That's just not enough to support a family."

The labor secretary contended a moderate increase is one of the few steps that government can take to improve the living standards of low-income workers in the short run.

"I use the word 'moderate' advisedly," he said, acknowledging that "an excessive increase in the minimum wage would indeed invite unwelcome economic results." ■

France accuses five Americans of spying

PARIS (AP) — France has accused five Americans, including the CIA station chief, of economic and political spying and asked them to leave the country, a rare move that put the allies on a diplomatic collision course Wednesday.

In Washington, White House spokesman Mike McCurry said "it remains to be seen" whether the Americans would leave. He suggested disclosure of the affair was linked to France's presidential campaign, in which a wiretapping scandal has embarrassed Premier Edouard Balladur, the front-runner.

France is seeking the "very rapid" departure of the five, four of them diplomats. A fifth was a non-diplomat who reportedly worked under cover.

Two other U.S. Embassy employees implicated in espionage had been sent home earlier, officials said.

The U.S. Embassy refused all comment. But in a demonstration of the sensitive nature of the affair, Ambassador Pamela Harriman held an unusual half-hour meeting Wednesday with Balladur.

The episode threatened to sour relations between the French and Americans, who could invoke the practice of

reciprocity to expel France's top agent in the United States — an unprecedented move among allies.

Industrial espionage is not uncommon but is usually wrapped in discretion when uncovered, according J.A.C. Lewis, a Paris-based specialist who writes for intelligence publications.

"The line in the sand is money," Lewis said. "It is not considered to be quite the gentleman's game to corrupt people and pay money. You dig (the information) out yourself."

Balladur publicly played down the affair.

"This kind of thing happens regularly on one side of the Atlantic or the other," he said, insisting the French and American peoples and governments remain friends.

The ministries' statement stressed that the departure of the Americans was a "recommendation ... that in no way constitutes an expulsion order." It said the affairs had not been meant to become public.

White House chief of staff Leon Panetta declined to comment on the spy allegations.

"We are in discussions with the French," he said. "I think our relationships still are sound." ■

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SPRING BREAK '95

South Padre Island, TX: first stop on tour of break possibilities

BRENT ANDREWS
Features Editor

A light easterly breeze caresses your sun-warmed body while the sound of waves crashing on the shore lulls you into a contented daze. Nearby, people laugh, while others leer at bikini-clad women walking in the surf. Further down the beach a band plays for a wild crowd, and someone not far away passes out from too much Budweiser.

At last, Spring Break '95 has come, and the drive to South Padre Island was just the beginning of the adventure.

South Padre Island, an average of 2.5 miles wide and some 34 miles long, is a barrier reef located at the southernmost tip of Texas at the same latitude as Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. It hosts about 1,800 year-round residents and welcomes the throngs of pale-faced students that visit each year for the annual ritual of Spring Break—"breakers," as the locals like to call them.

At times during the 19th century the island was a favorite hangout for pirates

such as Jean LaFitte; now the only pirates remaining are the ones that charge too much for cheap souvenirs. But if you use your imagination, you might be able to picture a time when big wooden ships navigated the waters of Laguna Madre Bay, the 2.5 mile-wide body of water that separates South Padre Island (SPI) from the Texas coast.

SPI has an average annual temperature of 74 degrees, but locals predict temperatures ranging from the 60s to the 80s for the time (March 20-24) when MTSU students might flock there en masse. Not bad, when your parents and friends are freezing their extremities off back home in Tennessee. And chances are that rain won't cause you to squander away precious vacation hours in your hotel room watching television, because SPI gets most of its 27.6 inches of rainfall in the months of May, June, and September.

Also going on during MTSU's Spring Break will be various corporate-sponsored events, such as Coca-Cola's "Jam Fest" at the Radisson Hotel. "Jam Fest" will feature continuous live music from local and national bands, dance contests, balloon tossing and lots of other activities. Coca-

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South Padre Island



The view from the top of one of South Padre Island's Hotel/Party complexes. In the Spring, thousands of students flock to the sands of this beach for its weather, entertainment options, and proximity to Mexico.

Chevrolets, golf carts and MTSU escorts

JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

It was a rainy Tuesday night on the campus of MTSU. Lewis, my 1978 chalkboard green Chevrolet Impala, was running like a top. The music was coming out of my radio like honey out of a jar. All was good; all was well—at least until I looked into my rearview mirror. I had to look twice to make sure my eyes weren't playing tricks with me, but alas, what I saw was very real.

When I looked into my rearview mirror I saw a golf cart with a flashing green light, apparently trying to pull me over. As I pulled my car over, the thought of MTSU adding a golf cart to its mighty crime fighting arsenal was making my head spin. I know the budget is kind of small, but come on—our police need real cars, not the kind you plug into a wall.

After waiting to defend myself against whatever crime the golf-person said I committed, I noticed the cart

was gone. This event really changed my life.

I now know that I am an absolute moron.

It took me one phone call to find out that MTSU is not using golf carts to pull over traffic violators—we have golf carts for our escorts.

The call I made was to officer Dustin Miller, of the MTSU Police. Officer Miller told me that after the rape that took place last semester on campus last semester, calls for escorts jumped from 8-16 to 40-60 each night. In

order to accommodate such a large amount of student requests, Campus Police decided to motorize the escort service.

Officer Miller said that the requests for escorts have "leveled off to around 25 per night," but that is enough to keep 8 student patrol officers very busy. Miller said that the student patrols are in constant and direct contact with the regular Campus Police.

If you feel the need to have an escort walk you—or

give you a lift—to your car, then give Campus Police a call. The number to call in order to get an escort to your car is 2424. You can call anytime between 5 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Remember that the carts can only seat one driver and one student, so if you have a child with you you'll have to hop on the Raider Express or request a walking escort. And, unless you enjoy feeling like a moron, don't pull over when you see a golf cart behind you with flashing green lights. ■

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TEXAS**BREAK**

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also be offering a Coca-Cola Club Card, which can be used for discounts on attractions and merchandise, and a Spring Break South Padre Island '95 commemorative can that can only be purchased on the island during the Spring Break season.

Reebok, Sprint, Chevrolet-Geo, Discover Card Services, Hawaiian Tropic, and Lipton Original Iced Tea will be sponsoring the Collegiate Health and Fitness Tour to increase alcohol awareness. A pledge card that promises no driving while intoxicated will be offered to students, and a drawing will be held in April for one of the pledgees to win a Geo Tracker.

Events of the CH&F Tour will include sumo wrestling, basketball/volleyball tournaments, bungee runs, human bowling, artificial rock wall climbing and velcro wall jumping, which promises to be interesting.

Only 25 miles from Mexico, SPI also offers day-trips to the sister cities of Brownsville, Texas and Matamoros, Mexico. No passport is required to enter Matamoros, but a token 25

cents is charged for crossing the border. While in Matamoros, students can check out the Marketplace, where bargains can be reached on Mexican goods such as blankets, jewelry, sombreros, panchos and hand-made dolls. Captain Tommy Atkinson, of the SPI Police Department, says that safety is not a concern for students entering Mexico.

He adds that for those over 21, drinking is permitted in SPI, and that the city has no open container law on the books but glass is not allowed on the beach.

Also in Matamoros are bars and restaurants galore, some of which offer free tequila samples and \$1 margaritas. Mexican beers such as Tecate, Dos Equis, and Corona can be purchased here as well.

Crossing the border into the United States is an easy as crossing into Mexico, provided you don't try to bring a switchblade knife, clothes made from endangered species, marijuana or animals across the border. A 45 cent fee is required, and up to \$400 worth of merchandise can be brought back by border crossers. Also, up to 1 liter of alcohol and one carton of

cigarettes per person per month can be brought into the United States.

For those of you who think you might drink a bit too much on the south side of the border and don't want to run into Captain Atkinson while you're driving back to SPI under the influence, Gray Line Mexico Shuttle service offers round trip rides from SPI to the Mexican border for \$10 per person, leaving SPI at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. daily and picking up returning passengers at 4, 8, and 12 p.m. In Tennessee, call 1-800-321-8720 for reservations. Once in SPI, call 761-4343.

For surfers, water temperatures will be in the 50s to 60s, and with tubes ranging from 2' to 10', SPI offers something for everyone—from the beginner to the expert. Mike Kiff, Sports and Recreation writer for The Coastal Current, SPI's Weekly Tourist Guide, recommends that visitors bring a wetsuit, cool water wax, and "respect the locals and stretch before going out."

Fishing enthusiasts can enjoy pier fishing, surf fishing, party boat (bring several friends) fishing and cruising, and offshore fishing—which tends to get

expensive. SPI currently hold the state catch record for Wahoo, Spear fish, Tarpon, Blue Marlin, Bluefin and Maco Shark. According to the Coastal Current, some lucky angler hooked a 405lb Marlin last season. A license is required for fishing in Texas.

SPI can be reached via Valley International Airport in Harlingen or Brownsville International Airport. Valley is served by American Airlines, Continental Airlines and Conquest Airlines. Brownsville is served by Continental.

By car, SPI can be reached from San Antonio via Interstate 37 and U.S. Highway 77. Once in Port Isabella, the 2.5 mile Queen Isabella Causeway (the longest bridge in Texas) will take you to SPI. At the foot of the causeway, don't miss the Port Isabel Lighthouse, which offers a stunning view of the Laguna Madre and the Island daily from 11-11:30 a.m., and 1-5 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults.

For more information about what SPI has to offer, or for information about SPI's 5,500 hotel/motel/condo units, call the SPI Convention and Visitors

Bureau at 1-800-343-2368.

Editor's note: Spring Break '95 is almost upon us, and Sidelines would like to help make the "where to go, what to do" decision easier for MTSU students. Look for more hot Spring Break spots in this new four-part Thursday series. ■

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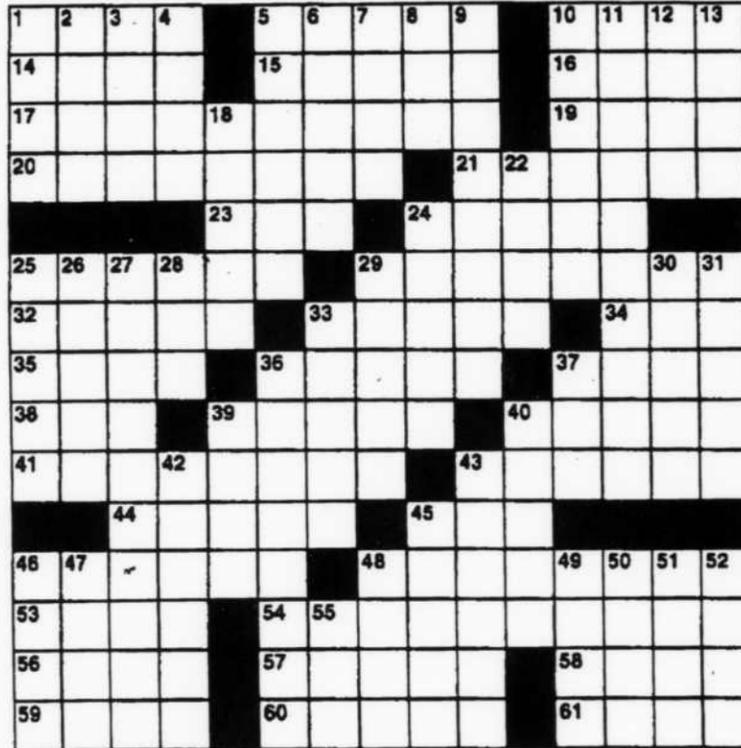
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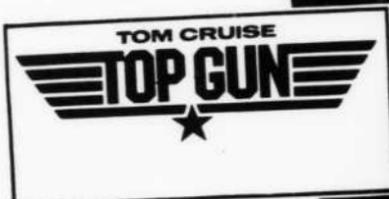
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Farrar's the man for Middle

Free from NCAA sanctions, coach can build a winner once again



Drew Butler, Janet Layman, and Ron Nunley, Sidelines Sports Staff

Four years ago, a man named David Farrar took over a basketball program shackled by NCAA probation and devastated by the misguided actions of others.

Today the same basketball program is off probation and the man chosen as the shepherd is dangerously close to slaughter.

Hampered by an up and down season, and with the expectations of fans hanging over his head like the numerous banners of a bygone Blue Raider past, Farrar recently has found himself the topic of discussion much too often.

Across campus and in the Murfreesboro community, people are abuzz about whether or not the coach should be allowed to keep his job.

"The worst problem about it is this is the fourth straight year and people are openly discussing my job security or lack of it," said Blue Raider head coach David Farrar.

"Today at lunch the topic of conversation was 'how is this part of it going?' and 'what are you doing with this?' instead of 'what can we do to get better?' My players

right now are wasting energy worrying about winning and losing relative to me or them rather than just enjoying the game."

Not only an issue on campus and with the local community, the mid-state media has made Farrar a hot topic of the season as not a day goes by without a new story, column or broadcast being thrown into the fray.

"I'm going to coach here as long as I can, as well as I can."

-David Farrar, MTSU head coach

Alongside many newspaper columns, numerous sports talk shows and television newscasts have commented on his current job situation.

While there seems to be much opposition to Farrar, the media have been surprisingly supportive.

One example is Joe Biddle, sports editor of the *Nashville Banner*, who called for Middle to "take a stand" and "do the right thing" [by keeping Farrar at MTSU] in his column.

Apparently, however, some people feel that

Farrar's won-loss record at Middle Tennessee is not what they believe it should be.

Granted, his overall record at MTSU is less than outstanding, but the circumstances under which he has been forced to operate are often forgotten.

Under the guidance of former Raider head coach Bruce Stewart, the men's basketball program violated several NCAA regulations resulting in a considerable amount of punitive sanctions being levied on the program.

Before completion of the investigation, Stewart conveniently resigned, leaving Middle for the professional ranks of the Continental Basketball Association.

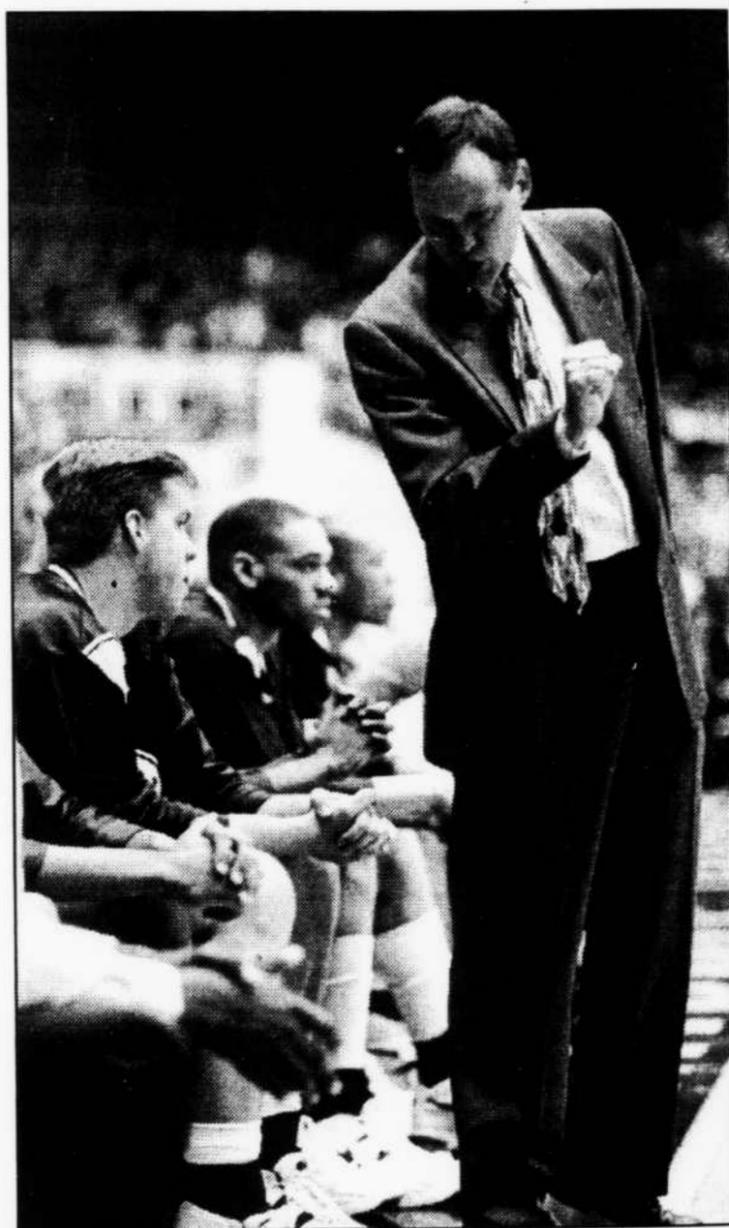
Farrar was then selected from an extensive pool of applicants to take over the Raider post to rebuild respect for the MTSU program.

Arriving in Murfreesboro in early September of 1991, Farrar had been here only a few short months when Middle learned the full consequences of the prior coaching staff's actions.

Probationary sanctions (both self-imposed and from the NCAA) included removal of postseason play for 1992-93, loss of two scholarships in 1992-93 and one in 1993-94, limited official recruit visits to the university to 12 in 1992-93, only one coach allowed to recruit off campus, loss of the \$50,000 share of NCAA tournament pool, and two years probation.

While these obstacles are not the only roadblocks Farrar has encountered at MTSU, they have been significant in his struggle to cultivate a quality basketball

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Blair Mitchell/Staff

Blue Raider head coach David Farrar OVC Meet at Murphy Center this weekend

MTSU, Eastern and SEMO are meet favorites for men and women

STAFF REPORTS

Murphy Center will once again be the site for the Ohio Valley indoor track Championships to be held this weekend.

Men's defending champs Eastern Kentucky is expected to be a strong contender again this year with most of their strength being in the distance runs.

Also considered to be in the running for a title are Middle Tennessee, last year's runner-up and Southeast

Missouri. MTSU strength lies in the field events and sprints, while SEMO has a rather evenly divided force.

On the women's side, there is a similar situation with Eastern, MTSU and SEMO being the favorites.

Middle was the OVC champ last year and EKVU the runner-up.

According to Coach Dean Hayes, Middle's place will be determined by the effort of the several freshman on the team, many of which have made significant contributions throughout the season.

The preliminary rounds will be held on Friday evening beginning at 4:30 and the finals will be held on Saturday at 10:30. ■

Open forums discuss I-A dreams

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

With MTSU's move to Division 1-A status in all sports, Athletic Director Lee Fowler held open forums on the progress of move.

Fowler answered questions from the audience about Division 1-A issues during two meetings earlier this week.

"The main reason for the forum is to inform the student body, staff and the general public about where athletics is moving," Fowler

said. "This a forum where we want people to express their opinions and ask questions about what they feel like is important. This is one of the steps to moving toward moving toward 1-A football."

One of the benefits that Fowler outlined was that the perception of the athletic program will improve.

"Athletics have been a major problem," Fowler said. "We're perceived to be a lower level than surrounding universities."

"My feeling is that once you go 1-A, people will

automatically want to become involved. The perception is that it is major and not minor league."

That perception is key for the students to support the program.

"If it's important to the overall community and the school, then students will come to it," Fowler said. "They don't feel like the teams we play are worthwhile for their involvement and take up their time to go to games."

The final meeting hosted by Fowler will be Monday afternoon at 4:30. ■

SPORTS



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On the Dribble

Lady Raiders Trella Thomas and Natalie Sneed lead the action in Monday night's game with Austin Peay's Lady Governors in the final home game of the year.

Lady R's down Peay to hang on in title race

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders took another step toward the regular-season OVC championship Monday night with a 87-64 thrashing of Austin Peay in the last home game of the season.

After Saturday night's loss to TSU, Coach Lewis Bivens' squad needed a win to keep a share of the OVC lead.

A MTSU victory would mean shutting down Peay's powerful inside play. With 5-foot-10-inch forward Colleen Polzin and 6-2 freshman center Amanda Behrenbrinker, the Lady Govies have one of the more dominating frontcourts in the conference.

"We knew coming into this game they were going to be really big," said Raider guard Sherry Tucker. "We decided to take it to them and get them in their trouble and get some of their smaller girls in there."

Middle gained control early in the game, as Tucker and Jessica Beaty connected on 3-point attempts to lead their team on a 10-2 run in the first three minutes of play. The Lady Govies never mustered up enough offense to significantly close in on the lead.

The Raiders strong defense under the basket led to the Lady Govies turning the ball over 14 times, and Tucker collected four steals in the half.

"We practiced a lot on keeping them from getting it from the high post to the low post," Tucker said. "That's one of their strong points, because they are so big, and we knew we would have to defend against it well."

Accurate 3-point shooting enabled the Raiders to build on their lead, getting on top by as many as 10 points.

Middle shot 63 percent from behind the 3-point stripe, and Tucker hit all four of the treys she attempted, to help give her team a 41-22 advantage at the break.

"We shoot 60 percent on threes and 30 percent on twos," Bivens said. "It's kind of strange, but we're a strange team at times."

Middle continued to dominate in the second half, largely due to accurate free-throw and 3-point shooting. Beaty was a perfect six for six from the charity stripe, and Julie Eve hit on nine of 10 attempts in the Raider win.

Four Lady Raiders scored in double figures. Jessica Beaty had 15 points and led the team with 12 rebounds. Heather Prater also had 15 as well as tying her career high with 11 assists, increasing her record-setting single-season total to 158. Trella Thomas contributed 13 points and 5 steals.

But the star performance of the night belonged to Sherry Tucker, who led the team with 20 points, as well as 10 rebounds, three assists, and two blocks in her final home game, while also setting a school record with nine steals.

"It feels great," Tucker said after the game. "I really wanted to play hard for coach Bivens for my last home game. I really enjoyed him coaching me this year, and I just wanted to show him that I appreciate him and everything he's done for me."

Coach Bivens was very happy with his team's performance, especially since they were not predicted to do very well this year.

"At this point I couldn't be any more proud of this team," Bivens said. "They came a long way and we're in a position to win it all."

The Raider win and Tennessee Tech's loss to first put Middle in a tie for first place with Eastern

Kentucky. The Raiders and Colonels meet Sunday afternoon in a game that could very likely decide the regular season championship.

"It's going to come down to this weekend between us and Eastern," Bivens said. "The championship's going to be won or lost up there, and that's all we want and all we can ask for." ■

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

MTSU downs Jags in thriller

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders got back on the winning track Wednesday night in Baton Rouge, La. with a 65-63 overtime victory over one of the nation's highest scoring teams, the Jaguars of Southern University.

After Monday night's home loss to Austin Peay, the Raiders definitely needed a change in momentum. Middle had defeated Southern earlier this season and hoped to use their tough defense to sweep the Jaguars

for the year.

The score stayed very close in the first half, with Middle shooting fairly consistently while preventing the Jags from making any large offensive charges. The lead kept changing back and forth between the two teams, until just before the buzzer when Southern connected on a long 3-pointer to go into the locker room with a 30-29 lead.

In the second half, the Raiders began to slowly pull away from the Jaguars. Torrey Moore connected on a 3-pointer with 13:52 remaining to put Middle up by seven, but sloppy play and turnovers allowed Southern to regain the lead.

"We lost our momentum a little bit there," Farrar said. "And we were very fortunate to get it back."

Tim Gaither hit a trey of his own late in the game to cut the Southern lead to one, and with just under three minutes to play David Washington's layup gave the Raiders the lead. Middle threw the ball away in their frontcourt when down by two with 30 seconds left, but Gaither stole the Jaguars' inbounds pass and went in for a layup to tie the score at 58 and send the game into overtime.

Both teams were cold offensively in the extra period and turned the ball over frequently. With one minute remaining Southern took a one point lead, but a free throw by Paul Washington tied the score at 63.

With two seconds remaining in overtime, Roni Bailey put back a Gaither miss to give the Raiders a 65-63 lead and cap off the season sweep of the Jaguars.

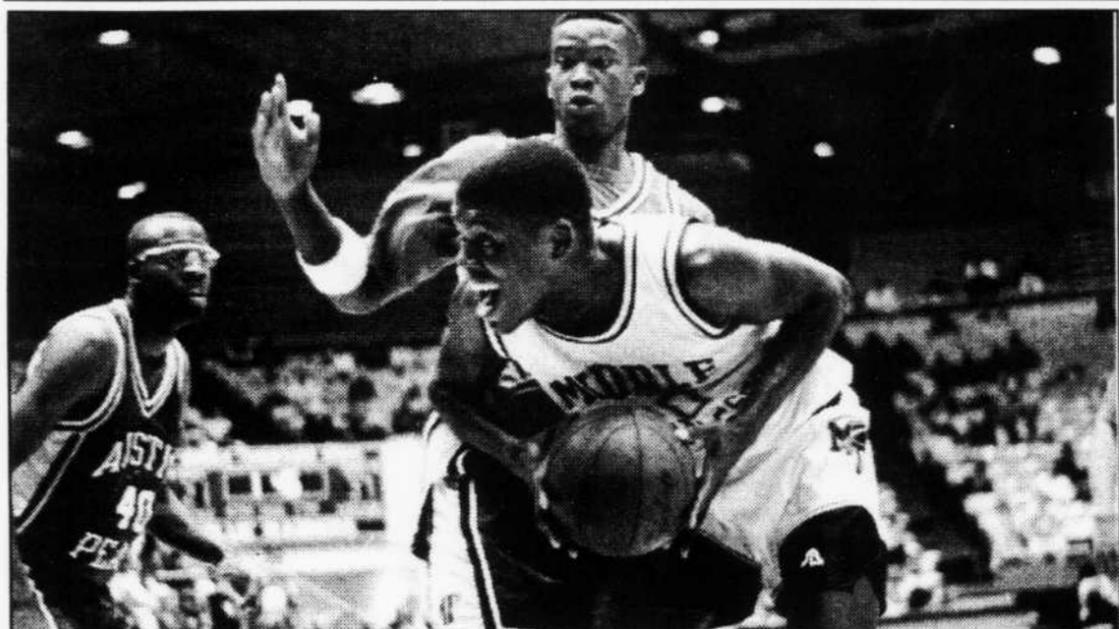
Senior Paul Washington led the Raiders with 19 points, and Bailey's game-winner gave him a total of 13.

"We had a couple of tough situations, but us was just a real gutsy win and a real hard-fought one," Farrar said after the game. "I felt like we were a lot more purposeful and had a lot more energy tonight."

The win moves the Raiders' overall record to 11-13, and after this weekend's games against Morehead and Eastern Kentucky, Coach Farrar would like to be able to finish the season at .500, as well as improve his squad's seeding in the OVC tournament.

"We need two conference wins," Farrar admitted. "There's no way we feel like we're the last place team in the OVC."

The Raiders take on Morehead this Saturday night, and Eastern Kentucky next Monday. ■



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MTSU Center David Washington works in the paint against a defender. Washington scored a team-high 12 points as the Blue Raiders lost to Austin Peay in Murphy Center Monday night.

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SPORTS

Golfers finish seventh at Mardi Gras Championship

ROB NUNLEY
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The MTSU golf team finished seventh this week out of a field of 16 schools at the Mardi Gras Collegiate golf championship at Mandeville, La.

The Blue Raiders shot a two-day combined score of 602, 24 strokes back of winning team Troy (Ala.)

State but took a share of seventh place with Southwest Texas University. Among the schools defeated by Middle were the host team, Southeastern Louisiana and Big Ten power Michigan State.

Junior Brian Higgins led the Raider squad with a 36-hole score of 146, finishing two over par and tied for 12th place individually.

Other Raiders contributing to the overall team effort were captain Nick Shelton (150), Mike Chesser (153), and Erick Paschal (157).

The Raiders were only able to spend one day at home before leaving for Tampa, Fla. to participate in the University of South Florida Invitational this weekend. ■

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program.

"That's the biggest negative of the entire situation we have encountered since we've been here — that we haven't been able to just take care of positive things; we've had to deal with the past and too many negatives," Farrar said.

Despite these circumstances, there is doubt as to whether or not Farrar will remain as head coach. Reports have surfaced that his performance is being evaluated and that his future rests on the outcome of the current season.

Even though this year's squad has defeated SEC power Vanderbilt, defending OVC champions Tennessee State and Southern University, who is consistently among the nation's top scoring teams, inconsistent play against other opponents has caused many people to call for Farrar's departure.

We believe, however, that because of the positive contributions which Farrar has made to the program and the quality of athletes he has brought to the university, despite NCAA sanctions, that he should be allowed to remain as the Blue Raider head coach.

One important element to consider in judging Farrar's progress with the basketball program is the athletes themselves. Are today's team members better students than those four years ago? The answer is yes.

Academically, five players and one manager are currently on the athletic honor roll. This marks the first time that many players have been on the list.

A responsibility for a coach is also to make sure their athletes are on course to graduate.

"He has to make sure athletes go to class," said Jeanne Massaquoi, Coordinator of Athletic Advisement. "He has always supported academics."

"If you listen to someone like Dr. Gillespie get out and speak, you see a person that loves the university. You see

a person that is very articulate and finds positive things to discuss and when you leave a talk by him, you are very impressed," Farrar said. "I think that anybody that deals with our players in a clinic and anybody that deals with our players in a class, hotel or in a game should come away feeling the same way."

Farrar makes sure his athletes have the courses they need to graduate by creating a "LACK" sheet and he also holds study halls on the road during the season.

"I believe that (men's basketball) is the only sport at MTSU that does it," Massaquoi said. "It is unusual here."

Lack of community support has been cited as a main reason for Farrar's possible dismissal. However, several key contributors to the program have expressed a desire to see him remain at MTSU.

"No one could have been a better representative in the community than he has been," said Ken Snell of Stones River Motors in Murfreesboro.

"I don't think that you'll see Coach Farrar out in various nightclubs and bars around town, shaking hands with people and drinking with them," Snell said. "And if that's what they're looking for in a coach then I don't think Coach Farrar is the man for the job."

"But if they're looking for somebody that's honest and straightforward, and represents the University in the right way, then I think he is the right man for the job," Snell continued. "I don't think they could have a nationwide search and find anybody that would epitomize what's right with people and what's right with a basketball coach."

"They're not going to find anybody better than the one they have right now."

Dr. Tom Johns, orthopedic surgeon and team doctor for the Blue Raiders, stressed the renewed sense of pride that Coach Farrar has brought to the program since the NCAA regulations.

"David was hired to clean up the mess," Johns said. "He's doing that, but how long does that take? It depends on how much

damage was done by the previous tenant."

"There is no trash in this basketball program to hide," Johns added. "How quickly it is forgotten, the embarrassment of the NCAA investigation. Those involved in that polluted program retreated."

"I personally hope David will be allowed to refine the program he has already purified. It's a clean program, an honest program, it's just not as refined as he would like it to be, that is he wants to be in the winning column all of the time."

Coach David Farrar deserves to remain as the head coach of the Blue Raiders.

He has restored honesty, pride and respectability to the MTSU basketball program. His team has made great strides in putting the 'student' back into 'student-athlete', and is working to create an environment for success and erase the memories of the scandalous program of his predecessors.

"You have to create an attitude for success-- you have to dress like a champion, you have to act like a champion, and you have to have the expectation of those things," Farrar said.

"Does that mean that I don't have a high value on winning? Not at all."

"I believe in this university. I think that there a number of unique and positive things about it not duplicated in Tennessee or anywhere else."

"I'm going to coach here as long as I can, as well as I can. Although I would have liked to have had a number of things easier here, I'm not sorry I came," Farrar said.

With the amount of talent expected to return next season, allowing another coach to receive the credit for their success is unfair to Farrar, his staff, and the athletes. He has assembled this team under adverse conditions and they have proven their potential.

Give him the chance to maximize that potential in returning the Blue Raider basketball program to its former place of prominence, this time as an honest competitor. ■

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Editorial

If there is a smoking restriction, enforce it

In today's world of health consciousness, there is a big push being made to ban smoking. Laws are being passed to make smoking illegal in many public places.

MTSU has a policy concerning smoking. It says there are designated smoking areas in and around campus buildings where people may smoke.

It also says that individual departments may set their own policies regarding instructor's smoking in their offices.

As a result, many instructors who smoke do so in their offices. Many of those instructors leave their doors open when they smoke, allowing the smoke to drift into the halls and creating an unpleasant atmosphere for some.

The university needs to revise its policies concerning smoking. If instructors are going to be allowed to smoke in their offices, require them to keep their doors closed so smoke does not bother those near their offices.

Studies have been done that show second-hand smoke can cause cancer in those who breathe it. For many who don't smoke, the smell of smoke is irritating and offensive.

If there truly is a restriction of any kind on smoking at MTSU, it needs to be fully enforced. Allowing instructors to smoke in their offices does not enforce this restriction. They should be required to move to the designated smoking areas as students are made to do.

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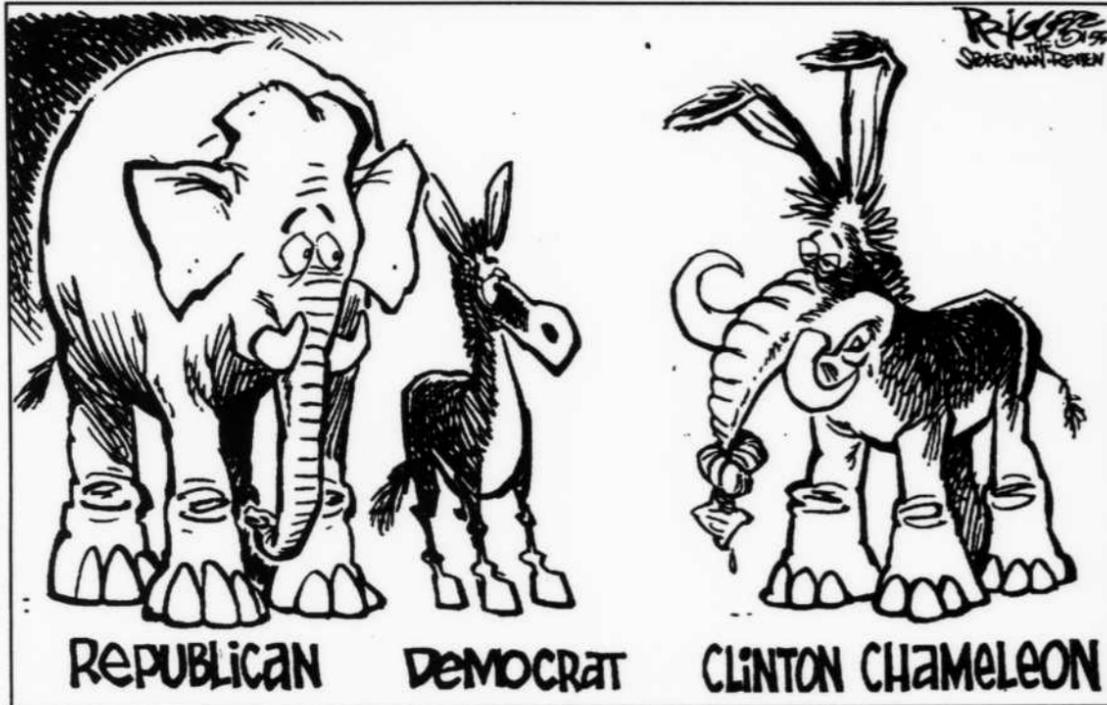
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Chalk: the teacher's best friend and worst nightmare

school daze



Warren Wakeland

only thing that could qualify as a textbook is the Tennessee Blue Book, which you have to get from your state representative. Because it is a public document, it's free.

I like classes where the textbook is free, even if I have absolutely no knowledge of the subject at hand nor wish to have knowledge of the subject. I am not from Tennessee, had never lived in Tennessee before coming to school, nor wish to live in Tennessee after I leave this hallowed ground.

But the instructor isn't a dry old stooge who's been teaching since dirt turned brown and the class finishes my political science minor, so I'm there.

The other day he had problems getting class started because he couldn't find a "good" piece of chalk to use on the board. I guess when you've been in school long enough to have a Ph. D. it does something to your mind, and things have to be a certain way or you can't function.

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This semester I am taking a Tennessee Government class. I'm not sure why I decided to take the class, other than I like the instructor.

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So he gets into class, gets situated, turns to the board and picks up this piece of

chalk about one inch long. Not long enough. He is kind of eccentric that way—if the chalk isn't long enough, he can't write with it.

I then offered the idea of going outside for class. That day it was maybe 60 degrees outside; a beautiful day. No response.

We never have class outside, and we've asked before. I think he likes the security of the chalkboard, kind of like Linus' blanket.

He searches for new chalk, then spots a box of chalk under the podium he uses to hold his class notes. He takes out a piece and it's still not long enough. This time it's maybe two inches long.

"How are you supposed to write with a piece of chalk like this," he queries.

He then looks at me and says, "You know, you should write a column about how there is no decent chalk around here."

I had never thought about this before. Chalk is chalk, right? You write on the board with it, it gets on your hands and dries them out, and your hands have this icky feeling until you wash the chalk off them.

After three classes it's all over your clothes, and there's this big white line down your forearm where you can't see it so you don't know it's there.

So after class I went around to all the rooms on the second floor of Peck Hall and, sure enough, all the chalk was really short. I picked up a piece in one room that was about an inch long and tried to use it. I'll admit, it was tough to use. Not impossible, but tough.

In this age of technology,

why do we still have chalkboards? The great majority of students no longer go to school in one-room schoolhouses. We don't need chalkboards anymore.

I guess I have gotten used to the way things are in Mass Comm. That building is a 20th Century building. It has tables instead of those awful right-handed wooden things that can splinter your butt if you wear shorts. It also has boards you use magic markers on instead of chalkboards.

This is an ingenious idea. And I'll bet the person who created this didn't get a Ph. D. or anything like that.

With the magic marker boards you can't run your fingernails down them and make those hideous squealing noises that cur your spine and take five years off your life. You also can't get chalk on your fingers and clothes, which is really nice.

And, the magic marker don't whittle away. They stay the same length, so they are easy to write with for instructors who can't handle those whittled down pieces of chalk.

So the next time I see my instructor, I'm going to tell him that he needs to talk to someone about getting magic marker boards in the classrooms at Peck Hall. He'd never have to worry about the chalk being too short again, and he wouldn't have to wash his hands and clothes after every class.

By the way, he finally did find a piece of chalk about five inches long that day. He started writing and broke. ■

OPINIONS

Just say no to Amendment 2

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In 1992, Colorado adopted an amendment to its state constitution known as Amendment 2.

The purpose of Amendment 2 is to prevent legislation which would give the state's homosexuals preferred legal status. Although the amendment was passed by a popular vote of Colorado's residents, it is being challenged by gay rights activists who claim that it is unconstitutional, and the U. S. Supreme Court has agreed to consider the claim.

As is predictable, the controversy of the case lies in the issue of whether or not homosexuals should be forced to accept homosexual practices as normal behavior. While gay groups such as the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund assert that their opposition to Amendment 2 is based on its violation of the 14th Amendment of the United States' Constitution, their charge is at least slightly dishonest.

The 14th Amendment states, "No state shall make or enforce any law which

shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any States deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...."

The 14th Amendment is essential to the protection of human rights within the United States and its importance cannot be justifiably challenged; however, does Colorado's Amendment 2 really violate the 14th Amendment? No.

Amendment 2 does not deny human rights to homosexuals. The state rightly claims that because of the 14th Amendment, homosexuals' human rights are already protected.

Amendment 2 simply states that laws granting special privileges to individuals on the basis of sexual preference is unconstitutional in Colorado.

Amendment 2 protects the deep seeded moral and religious beliefs of individuals who believe that homosexuality is a perversion of natural practices. By taking away the rights of these individuals to refuse to accept or assist homosexual practices would be an even greater violation of personal rights. The right to accept or reject what is, to some, offensive behavior is the most basic of human rights.

Homosexuals have the right to live without threat to

their person; this is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment. They do not have the right to force their values upon others; this is guaranteed by Colorado's Amendment 2.

If equal protection under the law is the aim of groups challenging Amendment 2, then why would the amendment be challenged? The amendment does not deny equal protection. The issue is forced acceptance. If homosexuality is an inherent trait, such as red hair or freckles, the preference cannot be denied. However, homosexuality is a choice, as is political affiliation, and refusal to accept the doctrine of Communists or Fascists does not deny those individuals of their basic human rights.

The citizens of Colorado are not hate mongers who have passed legislation to promote discrimination. The citizens of Colorado have adopted Amendment 2 to prevent the unfair practice of protecting homosexuality at the expense of personal beliefs. If Colorado's homosexuals seek nothing more than equality, which is already provided by the 14th Amendment, then their grievances lack justification. The Supreme Court will soon decide the validity of their claims, and hopefully the Court will recognize the truth of the conflict. ■

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Can you remember where you were when you first heard this:

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"Uh, excuse me?"

"This is A.C., man you know me!"

"Um... what?"

"Al Cowlings man! I got O.J. in the back and he's got a gun to his head!"

I was in the worst place in the world when I heard this—an establishment I will lovingly call Redneck Heaven.

I knew it was a bad idea for me to walk into Redneck Heaven in the first place but, thanks to one of my friends, I was dared into it. As soon as I stepped inside, Budweisers froze in mid-air, Yee-Haw's just became Yee's and I distinctly remember someone in the back saying, "Git tha truck ready Jim!" Needless to say, I was out of any element. I sat down at the stool closest to the exit just in case Jim decided to take me on a ride down by the river).

The bartender gave me a aren't-You-In-The-Wrong-Place look and asked me

what I wanted to drink. Since there were only two kinds of drinks, Bud and Bud Light, I decided to go with the latter. If I was going to make a run for it later, I thought it would be wise not to be bogged down with extra calories.

When I looked at the TV screen, I saw O.J. and A.C. cruising down a highway with the entire LAPD behind them. The anchorman made several references to O.J.'s WHITE wife and Nicole's MYSTERIOUS murderer (I must remember to send him a thank-you letter). The next thing I remember was a slap across my back.

"That 'ol boy sho can run! Cain't he?"

Normally, I would have taken offense to a statement like that—mainly because of the bastardization of the English language—but, once again, I was out of my environment.

"Yes sir, he 'sho' can."
After a few more quasi-intelligent statements by this man—I think his name was Bubba—he waved for the rest of his entourage to join in on the conversation.

"Lookit that boy go! 'Em Broncos are hell on tha highway!"

"Yaw think he kilt his 'ol lady?"

"Naw, his youngins was in tha house."

"I won some money wit

that 'ol boy one time. He sho can run."

"Yaw want anotha pitcher?"

"Awwright!"

I was stuck in the middle of a Jeff Foxworthy skit.

The next thing I remember was a man pushing a button on the jukebox. Bubba, upset that his favorite football player was being interrupted, kindly asked the man to turn down the music.

"Cut off 'at dang blasted music Billy! Cain't you see we'z watchin this?"

"Aw, who cares."

Billy made the wrong move.

Bubba, who I later discovered was a Bud short of a six-pack, picked up a chair and smashed it against Billy's face. Billy and his friends took this as an insult and decided to make a Blitzkrieg-like retaliation on Bubba and his friends.

Luckily, I wasn't considered anyone's friend. I used my neutral status as an alien entity in Redneck Heaven to sneak out, while more chairs, fists and bottles flew in the air.

I learned three things after that incident. Never judge a book by it's cover, never accept dares from "friends" and never interrupt someone who's watching O.J. Simpson (because there's a little of Bubba in all of us). ■

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Unidentified woman recognized by severed head

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A woman whose painted body parts were found scattered around town was identified after a photo of her severed head was shown on television. Police arrested her husband Tuesday.

James Patrick Bradley was charged with murder and jailed on \$1 million bond after police questioned him at the home he shared with his wife, Suzy Hahn Bradley.

El Paso residents had followed the bizarre case for days as parts of a woman, some spray painted different colors, were discovered at various locations over the weekend.

On Monday, police released a photograph showing the woman's

severed head resting on a cloth, eyes wide open. After most local television stations showed the photo, several friends and relatives called to say the woman was Mrs. Bradley.

A neighbor, Pauline Leshman, said that at first she didn't want to believe what she saw.

"When something this horrible happens, I guess a person's first denial is, 'It can't be,'" she said Tuesday.

But as she watched from her front stoop while police guarded the Bradley house, Leshman confirmed that the head belonged to the 34-year-old woman she had seen just two weeks ago when she dropped by to chat and borrow an egg.

Lt. Paul Saucedo said authorities knew of no motive for the killing.

Neighbors said they hadn't seen anything unusual at the home, which is located in the city center, in a moderate-income neighborhood of nondescript tract houses.

Neighbor Margarita Arias said she seldom had any contact with the couple, who moved in after Thanksgiving. She said the husband, who is 47, walked with the aid of a walker and sometimes used a wheelchair.

A preliminary autopsy report from the county medical examiner's office said Mrs. Bradley was shot to death, then dismembered. Authorities said she was killed last Wednesday and

cut up with an ax.

Some of her remains were found Friday just a few miles from Interstate 10 in El Paso's Lower Valley. Her head and more body parts were found nearby a day later.

Her torso was found on Sunday in a cardboard box left in the desert about 3 1/2 miles across the state line in southern New Mexico.

Later Sunday, a cardboard box with a small amount of human tissue was found outside an apartment complex on the city's east side.

The woman's fingertips were discovered Monday, not far from the Bradley home. ■

Having a famous name isn't all it's cracked up to be

IOWA CITY, Iowa (CPS)—University of Iowa sophomore Susan Smith always thought her name was boring, but lately people act like she's pulling a fast one when she signs her John Hancock.

Smith said her life has changed since a Susan Smith from South Carolina confessed to drowning her two young boys by locking them in her car and rolling it into a lake.

Proving her name is actually Susan Smith has become a hassle, Smith said.

"I was ordering some food on the phone while some employees watched the news

(about the event)," she said. "They didn't believe me when I said my name."

Smith said she knows every facet of the case because her friends have left numerous news clippings about the incident on her dresser.

"My sorority thinks it's pretty funny by doing that," she said. "I've kept them all, too."

Overall, she doesn't mind the newfound attention.

"I think it's pretty funny," she said. "Not many others can say the same thing about their names."

However, UI senior Michael Jordan doesn't find

much humor in his name, which he shares with the former Chicago Bulls star.

"It's a curse," he said. "I always hear stupid lines like, 'You look shorter in real life.' It gets old."

If people aren't making fun of his name, they are usually asking him how he got it, Jordan said.

"Once in a while, people ask me if I was named after Michael," Jordan said. "I think he was only 10 when I was born. They need to get a clue."

Although he is mostly annoyed with the name, Jordan said he puts it to good use when he can.

"It's a good pickup line for chicks," he said.

One person who may not want to use her name as part of a pickup line is UI senior Amy Fisher, whose troubles began with the infamous "Long Island Lolita" incident in New York.

"People think they're creative when they say, 'How's Joey?'" she said. "Like someone hasn't done it before."

Fisher said she also doesn't like the first day of classes.

"I dread when they call attendance," she said. "People are like 'Who's that?' when my name is called."

Fisher said trying to make friends has become a challenge.

"It's really frustrating when you meet somebody, and they don't believe who you are, so you have to whip out an ID," she said. "Even now, after two years, the last time I went to buy groceries the cashier asked me."

All in all, when people make jokes about her name, Fisher said she usually goes along with it.

"Hey, aren't you supposed to be in jail?" they would ask me," she said. "And I would answer, 'I just escaped.' If people ask a stupid question, I'll give them a stupid answer." ■

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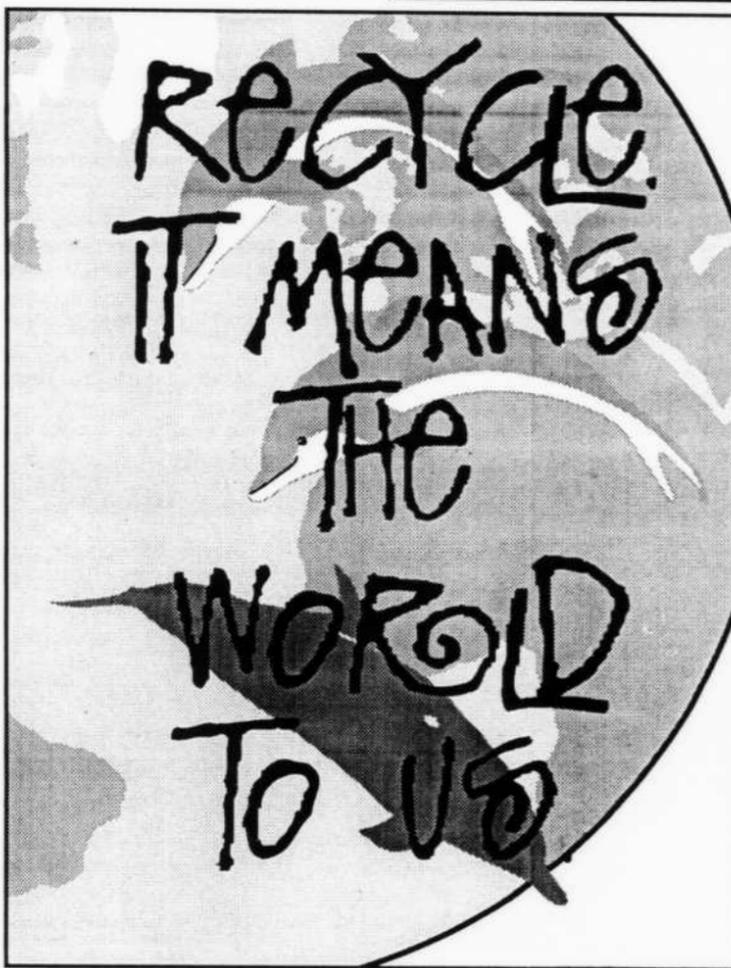
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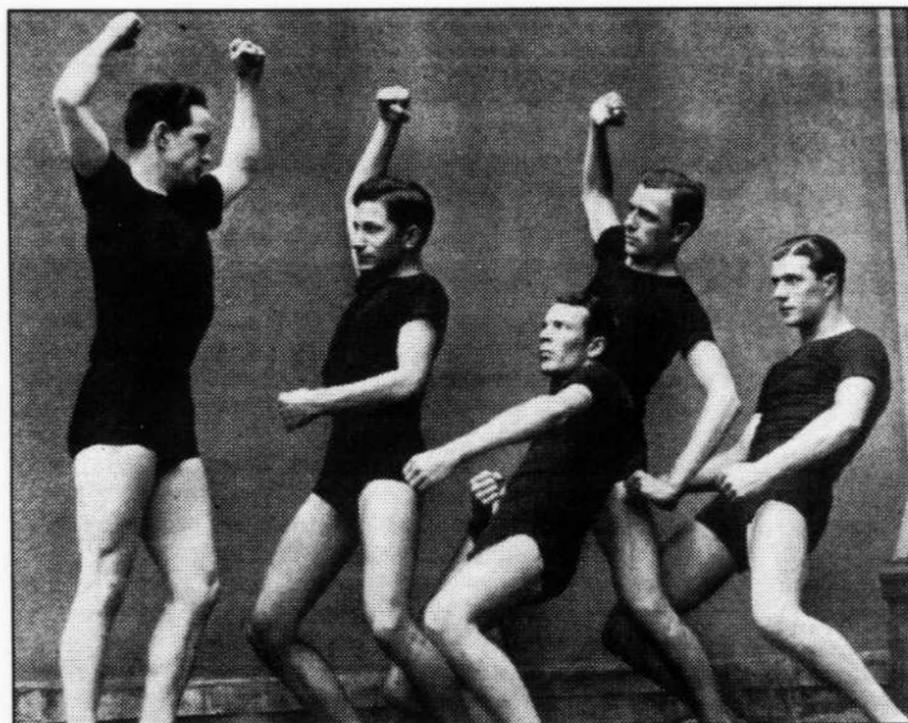
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